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Flight 'o Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Aug. 27, 1949 (Saturday)
Bliss Helme's Juniors are sponsoring the appearance soon of Charlie Barnett's famous band at the armory.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 27, 1939 (Sunday)
Dr. Robert W. Sleetor announces he will open an office in the Fluhrer building to practice here.

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 27, 1929 (Tuesday)
Betty Jean Frey wins \$5 for the best decorated doll buggy.

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 27, 1919 (Wednesday)
The American Legion declares war on Bolshevists in Jackson county.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 27, 1909 (Friday)
A survey party sets out to finish work for the P. and E. railroad.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

Morgan on Party Politics

Sometimes we think that Howard Morgan was (and is) the most refreshing thing to hit Oregon politics in a long time.
It will be recalled that he was a member of the House in 1949, and chairman of the Democratic party during the crucial years of 1952 to 1956—the time of the party's renaissance. Later he was public utilities commissioner under Gov. Robert Holmes.

Morgan has never minced words, never run away from a fight, and never failed to state his position with clarity and force.

IN POLITICS, where there are many mealy-mouthed words, his vigor and bluntness come like a snuff of ocean air.

Recently he addressed a meeting of the state central committee of his party. It went largely unnoticed in the daily press.

The quotations below are for the edification of Republicans, Democrats and independents alike. His talk was a criticism of his party, and a prescription for its health.

WE QUOTE, in part:

"... Prior to remedial measures taken in 1952, the (Democratic) party was fatally burdened by crooks, drunks, has-beens, never-wases and stumble-bums. Our party was not taken seriously by the voters in those days. Too many of them knew that it served as an auxiliary to the Republican party, drawing its financial backing from moneyed Republicans, who thus guaranteed themselves a docile adversary which could be either defeated or managed."

"My job as state chairman... consisted mainly, then, of riding the bums out, recruiting first rate candidates and giving the public competing points of view to choose between. The merit of this approach shows in the election results..."

"The party is in danger... of falling back into its old ways because certain of its elected representatives in the Legislature are appeasing rather than competing with the opposition..."

MORGAN'S strongest criticisms were aimed at Walter Pearson, president of the Senate, but he also sniped at other unnamed members of the legislature. Then he goes on:

"If people discover they're going to get conservatives no matter which party they support, they'll vote for real conservatives—Republicans—rather than for carbon-copy conservatives."

"The nature of politics is that it is a substitute for war—the use of persuasion in place of armed force. The function of the opposing political sides is to provide competition. People like a fight and they are wise to do so, because lack of competition means sloppy government at best and corrupt government at worst..."

"The Republican party has been far more responsible to its philosophy and far more hard-working since it got whipped a few times. Democrats might have to learn this lesson the hard way, but they need not if they will get busy now."

"There is only one reason to be a Democrat—because our party is for the people. All other reasons (memberships in good fellowship groups such as service clubs, acceptance in high society, accumulating of business fortunes, etc.) impel people toward the Republican party. If our party fails in its historic obligations to the people, there remains no reason why they should support us..."

MORGAN then went on to offer his prescription for the party, which sounded remarkably like the program which he, as state chairman, instituted and fought for.

It is, in many ways, a shame that he has now retired from active politics to ranching. Like him or dislike him, agree or not, it cannot be denied that he is one of the more colorful and stimulating figures in Oregon's public life. And 1962 isn't far away!—E.A.

What About the Ditches?

Last Friday near Ashland, a little boy toddled from his yard, tumbled down an embankment into an irrigation ditch, and drowned.

The ditch was not fenced. Within Medford's city limits, there are at least three miles of unfenced irrigation ditches.

There are also numerous unfenced drainage ditches, trickles in summer but potential torrents in wet months. And there is Bear creek.

IN THE interests of public safety, the Medford city council last month passed an ordinance requiring that private swimming pools and fish ponds be fenced or otherwise enclosed.

The ordinance was not, and could not be, extended to require fencing of irrigation district ditches. Nor do state regulations or other local laws require such fencing.

But if the drowning of a little girl in a Eugene swimming pool June 13 brought home one danger, surely the drowning of the little boy near Ashland brings home another.

MANY of the irrigation and drainage ditches within Medford's city limits run through recently-annexed areas that are only now seeing concentrated residential development.

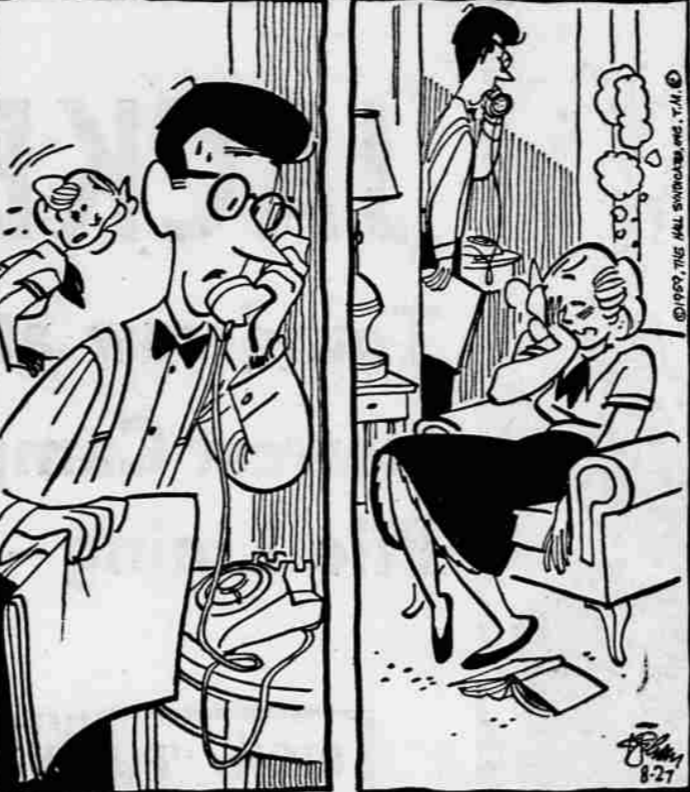
As new houses spring up in these outlying subdivisions, more and more children are going to be playing or wandering near these ditches. The chances of tragedy will greatly increase.

While the pool-fencing ordinance was before the city council, we questioned it on several counts. We believed, and we still believe, that swimming pool safeguards should be a moral responsibility of those who own the pools, rather than an expensive legal obligation.

BUT if nothing is to be done about the city's other water hazards, this ordinance becomes both a double blow to the pool owners and a half service to the public.

It is now the turn, and the moral responsibility at least, of irrigation district officials and owners of property crossed or bounded by drainage ditches to consider positive steps. What about the ditches?—E.W.

Dennis the Menace



THE OTHER BOY HAD ONE EAR? AND DENNIS HAD AN EAR IN HIS ROCKET? I SEE. WELL, WE'LL PAY FOR THE CORN, SIR, AND I'LL SEE THAT THEY STAY OUT OF YOUR GARDEN...

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

More Clarification

To the Editor: We should briefly reply to a letter from Mrs. Beulah Dusenberry concerning a family that she said was refused aid by The Salvation Army.

After talking with Mrs. Dusenberry, we understand she personally had not talked with this family to find out if we had or had not helped them. Thus, her information was not complete in respect to aid they had received.

Our records indicate that this family has received aid from the Salvation Army as far back as Dec. 2, 1958. This included meals and lodgings at our Shelter, some 60 articles of clothing from our clothing department, a Christmas basket and grocery order. Also, they were referred to the welfare commission for transportation back to their legal residence of St. Louis, Mo. (which they refused).

Due to insufficient funds we were unable to offer help to this family for the full year for them to establish legal residence in Oregon, nor are we in a position to pay doctor fees or hospital expenses.

As a private agency our funds are limited, but, it cannot be said that all aid was refused this family of eight. We welcome any inquiry concerning any family that is in need as we keep complete records as to the aid that is given. By calling SP 3-7335, we would share this information with those interested.

Thank you for helping us to make this information available to those who may have wondered about this situation after reading Mrs. Dusenberry's letter.

Captain Wm. Ricken, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army, Medford.

Strange Values

To the Editor: Perhaps there has already been too much publicly written about the lady whose desperate situation Mrs. Dusenberry described in Tuesday's Tribune. It does, however, seem unfair to let yesterday's (Wednesday) summary of the case by a Red Cross worker pass without a brief comment.

I have seen the woman, I have talked to her and she is, I hope, my friend.

Doesn't it take some special brand of raw courage to hold together a family of six little children to feed, clothe and love them dearly when there is no income of any kind except from the generosity of a few neighbors? Doesn't it take a little resourcefulness when one is eight months pregnant, without electricity because the bill wasn't paid and no food is in the house, to keep hopefully planning a future? Isn't there anything special at all about a woman who can make one bed and one blanket do for five children and still thank the human race for the bed and the blanket?

It is true as stated that she was offered a ticket to Missouri some months ago before all aid to her was cut off. But other things are also true. Had she made the trip with her six little children it would have been on the very general unspecified assurance that "somebody back there would look after them," it would have left behind 2000 miles the husband and father they love, and it would have, she sincerely believes, risked the life of her unborn child. Maybe she should have gone. I'm not prepared to judge.

Much has been said about various agencies and what should have been done or shouldn't have been done, but shouldn't we only be destructive and there is a more important thing to consider. Namely, her future. We live in a world characterized by some strange sets of values, but let us hope that here in our Centennial year we will be remembered for the covered wagon trek from Missouri to Oregon and not as the people who used the weapon of starvation to force an innocent woman to make the return trip. Good people live in this valley. Some have come forth to help this woman who are hard pressed for means of their own. Others, unfortunately, seem to forget just what it is the Bible says composes the kingdom of Heaven. But practically all who have met her think she is a very gallant lady... and we hope she stays. Jane Gillaspie, 636 West Fourth St., Medford.

Medford Praised

To the Editor: I wish to congratulate Medford on its fine parks and attractive business district street trees.

During a recent drive through Medford I noted the clever use of a motor scooter to haul quick couple sprinklers to speed up the work of irrigating large park areas. I noticed how organizations contribute gifts to Medford parks. It was very much in evidence that Medford is progressive and has real community pride.

Merritt A. Nelson, Director, Redding Recreation and Parks Redding, Calif.

What About "Exchanges"?

To the Editor: Your editorial, Mail Tribune, Aug. 25, 1959.

About Senator McCarthy we feel a need to be brief. You, as a newspaper man, have aligned yourself with that group which has poured upon the people of this country a flood of material condemning McCarthy, the MAN. But for nine years the idea of infiltration of our government of subversive individuals, whose sole purpose is the complete destruction of our American Way of Government, has been avoided. For now, suffice it to say there exists a wealth of evidence to prove the stand taken by Senator McCarthy. We, as rational beings must at least investigate both sides of the case.

Again briefly, for now, your criticism of American Mercury, and McCarthy, has been conspicuous in the absence of one word. And that word is truth. Why? Now, then, some words about your comments on atheistic communism. Your reasons for declaring communism dangerous must remain wholly inadequate because "manpower, submarines, new land-based weapons, H-bombs and the missiles to deliver them," are only some of the means used by the Soviets. Except for H-bombs and the missiles to deliver them, the other means were used in part to conquer most of the backward nations, and it is because of the fact, as you say, Americans are made of "sterner stuff," that the Soviets have had to employ other, new means. They are trying to gain control of men's minds. May we point out here that Russian communism is more dangerous if we continue to choose to be ignorant of it in all its false ramifications.

And now, in regards to your almost unbelievable understatement... "It (communism) is dangerous in its sometimes-successful attempts to infiltrate and take over other countries." Since the end of World War II the total number of human beings living under the Soviet communist yoke of slavery has swelled to nearly 800,000,000 souls. At this rate Mr. Allen, they could soon own the world (their avowed goal), and they won't have to be successful many more times...

Robert J. Howard, 828 B. West 14th St., Medford.

INVESTMENT HEAD DIES

San Francisco—Charles R. Blyth, 76, head of the nationally known investment firm bearing his name, died Wednesday night. Founded here in 1914, the company now has 24 offices throughout the nation.

'Foul Balls' in Uniform Constitute One Of America's Big Problems Overseas

Tokyo—U.S. Servicemen stationed overseas perform a vital duty for their country. But sometimes they can be America's worst ambassadors.

In most countries, particularly in Asia, there is little quarrel on the higher level over stationing of troops in a nation, either as "defense" forces or as a military advisory group training that nation's troops.

Most responsible leaders recognize the service these U.S. troops perform and the reason for it.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

EN ROUTE TO VIENTIENE

Washington—These words are written amid the bustle and confusion of homely things that always rise, in any household, when a long journey has to be prepared. This reporter is off to Laos, to have a look at the new Communist aggression there.

Since this country has been fed so long on patented, government-issued tranquilizers, the trouble in Laos has as yet caused hardly a ripple. Maybe the aggression will soon be repelled, although it seems more likely that the key city of Sam Neua will soon turn into another Dien Bien Phu. In any case, what one will see in Laos probably will not be dramatic, if only because looking for jungle-fighting in those particular jungles is usually far worse than searching a haystack for a needle.

Nonetheless, just as a symptom, this trouble in Laos is really dramatically serious. It is bad enough as a symptom of what the future may hold in store in Asia. It is very much worse a symptom of the ill-concealed contempt for the strength and will of the United States and its President that is plainly felt by the President's prospective guest, Nikita S. Khrushchev.

To prove this shocking point, a comparison offered in a previous report may perhaps be repeated. In brief, when Khrushchev first wanted a meeting with President Eisenhower, in 1955, he willingly paid for the meeting with the liberation of Austria and the restoration of normal relations with Yugoslavia. This time, threats to Berlin have got Khrushchev what he has always wanted most of all—an invitation to meet along with the President, with no other some allies at the table. And this time, the invitation to meet was hardly extended by Eisenhower, when the Communist attack on Laos was launched with Khrushchev's blessing.

What, then, is the explanation of this enormous and ominous change in the manners and methods of our enemy? In part, perhaps, the explanation lies in Khrushchev's consolidation of his personal power. Yet even in 1955, he needed very great personal power, in order to persuade Vyacheslav Molotov and the other Stalinists to agree to the ostentatiously "peaceful" Austrian and Yugoslav gambits.

Nine-tenths of the explanation of the change in Khrushchev must therefore lie elsewhere. It lies, beyond doubt, in the massive, unfavorable shift in the East-West balance of power that has occurred since 1953. In the Kremlin, the prevailing estimate of the power-balance is always the mainspring of policy. Nothing less than a great change in this Kremlin estimate can explain the great change in Khrushchev.

THE stark fact of the change in the power balance is almost unbelievable understatement... "It (communism) is dangerous in its sometimes-successful attempts to infiltrate and take over other countries." Since the end of World War II the total number of human beings living under the Soviet communist yoke of slavery has swelled to nearly 800,000,000 souls. At this rate Mr. Allen, they could soon own the world (their avowed goal), and they won't have to be successful many more times...

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It is on the lower, personal level where the trouble comes. Let a U.S. serviceman get in a drunken brawl, rob a taxi, assault a woman or get involved in any numerous other scrapes with Asians and the "Yankee go home" spirit gets stronger.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

HALLECK'S AVAILABILITY

Washington—Charlie Halleck's story is the Republican success story of this year and of this session of Congress. It has now become the story of a man openly in a year or 12 years later, of a Republican Vice Presidential nomination which until the bitter end he had believed was his in 1948.

It would have been, as it turned out, a poor prize then. For 1948 was the year Harry S. Truman confounded pollsters, pundits and his theoretically unbeatable opponent, Thomas E. Dewey, and House. The Dewey running mate, chosen after Halleck thought he had it in the bag, was Earl Warren, now Chief Justice of the United States. Still it is a prize Halleck now seeks for 1960, and in the most unashamed way. He has it to be known that he would be happy to take second place on the 1960 Republican ticket no matter who he is, Vice President Richard Nixon or Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York. You can't, as the politicians say, get more "available" than that.

REP. CHARLES A. HALLECK is the hard-nosed, iron-fisted product of the tough and exceedingly realistic politics of Indiana. He is not one to deny his own virtues as a politician—which in truth are very considerable. Nor is he one to hang about and unduly defer to others.

At the opening of this Congress Halleck grew tired of the heretofore unavoidable waiting on the aged Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts to step down as House GOP floor leader. So Halleck simply moved in. He organized an anti-Martin rebellion—a revolt in which the avowed "neutrality" of the White House amounted to a pro-Halleck position. And he ousted "Old Joe" who went down fighting with a

daily drowned, in this country, in floods of official soothing-syrup. Less than a year ago, the then-Secretary of the Navy was happily denying that there were any indications of Soviet missile-launching submarines. Now Adm. Arleigh Burke has announced that the Soviets are building a serious force of these vessels.

Our "Polaris" submarines, Adm. Burke added, will of course surpass the Soviet submarines when we finally get them—several years from now. The admiral did not add that the program that could have given us extremely useful missile-launching submarines now was cancelled because of the administration's budget mania. But Khrushchev then gleefully boasted with all the politeness of an oncoming house guest, that the new Soviet underwater craft, which he has now, would cover any target in the United States from the waters of Hudson's Bay.

By the same token, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Nathan Twining, was telling all and sundry only a few months ago that the Soviets probably did not have a true intercontinental ballistic missile, because no Soviet ICBM had been tested at full range. With his usual hearty bluntness, Gen. Twining brushed aside the scientists' warnings that the Soviets were using special instrumentation to test their ICBM's over reduced ranges.

These recent ugly surprises for the administration's professional (one might even say careerist) optimists by no means convey the true extent of the shift in the world power balance. It would take a book to tell that story in full. It is an ominous but not yet quite fatal story—a story of diminution of our striking power and weakening of our deterrent, balanced by Soviet gains in the same crucial areas.

Much can yet be done to give this story a better ending than now seems likely. But if Berlin and Laos mean anything, they mean that the needed action should not be delayed for another year, or another month, or even another day.

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came in Japan where a U.S. Air Force officer was accused of entering a house while drunk and raping a 32-year-old housemaid.

This was an incident that a certain segment of the press relishes.

Whether the officer did or did not rape the woman and whether he will even be formally charged was beside the point.

To millions of Japanese, the officer is guilty. Newspapers have already quoted the alleged victim as calling him a "beast" whom she could never forgive.

The result—a drop in U.S. prestige. Numerous Shootings Occur In Korea, hardly a week goes by without a report of the shooting of a Korean by American troops. Most of these have developed from attempted thefts by Koreans at U.S. installations.

But even though thefts have been involved, there has been criticism of trigger-happy U.S. servicemen for shooting first and thinking afterwards.

If a man is fleeing, why shoot? And if the guard has to shoot, why shoot to kill, is the Asian view.

In the Philippines there is a current controversy over the alleged "murder" of Filipinos who were shot and killed when they attempted to escape after being caught pilfering at the U.S. Clark Air Force Base.

The pilferers actually were shot by Filipino guards hired by the Air Force. But this fact is glossed over by America's critics who blame the Air Force.

Spends Billions Aiding The United States has spent billions of dollars in Asia since the end of World War II in an attempt to better the life of the area's people.

But one irresponsible act by one serviceman can destroy the benefits that thousands of others worked for.

One basic trouble is that too many youthful servicemen still retain the "gook" complex that once was prevalent among U.S. servicemen in Asia.

Too many servicemen, many too young to have fought in World War II or in the Korean War, look down on the people in the nation to which they are posted.

A Classic Example A classic example of the service man who seriously damaged relations between his country and the people of an Asian nation was William S. Girard, the soldier who shot and killed a Japanese woman on a U.S. firing range.

This one action brought Japanese opinion of America to one of its lowest points since World War II.

It is the Communists who greet such incidents with glee. Communist China's New China News Agency, in its broadcast beamed to Asian points, takes great delight in giving its listeners reports, usually slanted, about the Americans in Japan, Okinawa, Formosa or the Philippines. They are usually accompanied by another demand for U.S. troops to get out of Asia.

Asians say that the U.S. government, like most Americans, wants to be liked and to be respected and perhaps works too hard at it.

But it's a difficult desire to achieve with foul balls in uniforms walking around.

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