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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 Sept. 24, 1949 (Saturday) Orbin Cooksey and Hank Pringle, Medford businessmen, return from Kodiak island with the hides of two indigenous bear and several hundred feet of film.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1939 (Sunday) Pictures of the 1940 cars arrive from Detroit, with reports from manufacturers stressing "completely new design" and "ultra modern features."

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1929 (Tuesday) The editor of the Grants Pass Courier is aroused by the Williams creek cut-off road proposal, and announces he will muster opposition.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1919 (Wednesday) The high cost of living continues, and grumblings and rumblings are heard hereabouts and thereabouts.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1909 (Friday) "Hard lookers" and "bad ones" are migrating south through Medford.

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

- 1. During what war did the Trent Affair occur? 2. If you saw a newborn elephant, would you call it a cub, calf, or pup? 3. The expression "put your John Hancock on this" is derived from the large, firm signature of John Hancock on what document? 4. The woodchuck is a vegetarian; true or false? 5. Name the capital of Kansas.

Answers: 1. War Between the States. 2. Calf. 3. Declaration of Independence. 4. True. 5. Topeka. 6. Oregon. 7. Hernando Cortes. 8. Music. 9. Swimmer. 10. Spanish-American War.

Confusion Along the Rogue

The state water resources board made a lot of sense last week when it attempted to bring order into the apparently confused picture of what is going on relative to the development of the Rogue River basin.

The confusion, of course, is more apparent than real, and comes from the fact that more than a half-dozen agencies—federal, state and private—are interested in the proposals.

Each, at one time or another, has made statements and recommendations. And if Joe Citizen is confused as a result, it is understandable.

THE ROGUE basin is ripe for further development.

It needs dams for flood control, power, irrigation, recreational purposes, and to enhance the river's declining fishery.

The problem is, who is to do this, and in what manner. And how are the benefits which will be derived, and costs of construction and operation, to be allocated.

Each agency, and many individuals, have come up with differing points of view, and with differing emphasis on the problems with which they are most concerned.

THE CORPS of engineers, which has made the most recent study, is primarily concerned with flood control.

The bureau of reclamation, which conducted earlier studies of the basin, and which is constructing the Talent project, is primarily concerned with irrigation.

As of now, these are the only two agencies which can actually do any dam construction.

The fish and wildlife service, understandably enough, is concerned with the preservation and improvement of fish runs. Although in the past it has failed to participate in advance planning, limiting itself to appraising plans made by other agencies, it is now showing signs of assisting in such planning.

OTHER GROUPS, such as the Izaak Walton League and the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, have special points of view.

Apparently the only official agency which has accepted the responsibility of looking at the basin from a rounded, balanced viewpoint is the state water resources board.

It advocates basin development. But it wants it done in a way in which the best interests of all groups will be served, with as little damage as possible done to any.

TO THIS END it has recommended:

That the fish and wildlife service continue with their water temperature studies and complete them as soon as possible so that there will be some basis for plans to aid the fishery.

That work proceed on studies to see if additional storage is possible in upstream sites.

That studies of timber cutting practices along streams be made to determine if they have any effect on water temperatures.

That the non-controversial dams already surveyed and found to have a favorable cost-benefit ratio be authorized and constructed.

ONE of its most important recommendations, to our way of thinking, was for a determination of realistic benefits to be secured from fish, wildlife and recreational aspects of federal projects.

Up to this point, federal benefit-cost ratios have been based in most part on flood control, irrigation and power alone.

But these do not constitute a true picture of the worth of a project. They are important, of course. But as population increases, and the cities encroach on the suburbs, the rural areas, and the camper, fisherman and tourist on everything else, the other aspects of benefit-cost allocations must be given a higher priority.

AS HAS been said here before, there has been a lack of coordination and intelligent cooperation, particularly among federal agencies, in thinking out what the Rogue basin needs.

Perhaps the agencies, on a local level, could form a Rogue basin interagency committee (it has been done at higher levels) to thresh out their respective roles, and come up with a logical program.

Perhaps tomorrow morning's meeting of people interested in the basin, called by Congressman Charles O. Porter, one of the staunchest supporters of sound basin development, will result in more effective coordination—or at least liaison.

IN ANY event, the state water resources board up to this point has taken the honors for level-headedness in looking at the basin's potential as a whole, and not from any small or special viewpoint.

It is only such an attitude, on the part of all individuals and agencies involved, which can result in concrete action. Nothing will happen if dissention and bickering continue.

Dennis the Menace



"I ALWAYS BUY THIS KIND. IT'S A THINKIN' KID'S CANDY."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THUNDER OVER CHINA

Washington—At this crucial juncture, on the very eve of the Khrushchev-Eisenhower talks, the symptoms of bad trouble in China have a special, extra meaning. The line Khrushchev takes at Camp David, especially about the obscure but ugly threat in Laos, is bound to be deeply affected if Khrushchev is haunted by worry about China.

On the face of the evidence, moreover, Khrushchev ought to be decidedly worried. Ever since the Communies program was announced, certain observers have argued that Mao Tse-tung was risking the future of his government, by trying to repeat in China in 1959 the brutal experiment that Stalin began in Russia in 1929, with the first five-year plan. This minority view now has strong factual support.

The changes in the Chinese Communist Armed Forces constitute the most dramatic single item of evidence. The Chinese hero of the Korean war, Marshal Peng Teh-Huai, has been abruptly removed from the Ministry of Defense, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Huang Ko-Cheng, has also been unceremoniously dismissed. In themselves these two simultaneous changes would be quite remarkable enough.

IN FACT, however, the newly named Minister of Defense is Gen. Lin Biao, once famous as a revolutionary commander, but absolutely unheard of since he was badly wounded by strafing American airplanes in the early phase of the Korean fighting. And the new Army Chief of Staff is none other than the former Minister of Public Security—in other words, the head of the Chinese Communist secret police—Gen. Lo Jui-Ching.

In every totalitarian society in our time, just as much in Nazi Germany as in the Soviet Union, the relations between the regular armed forces and the secret police have always been venomous and embittered. Thus the choice of the secret police chief to run the army under the ailing Lin Biao, is a truly astonishing event. Think of Hitler naming Himmler to head the German General staff. Think of Stalin naming Beria to head the Red Army. These comparisons give you the event's true measure.

This strange event can only mean that grave and widespread disaffection is believed to exist in the Chinese Communist armed forces. This

SOME PEOPLE, says Premier Chou En-Lai again, "greatly underestimate and even deny the great achievements of the great leap forward and of the people's Communes. They exaggerate... shortcomings and efforts in the work... This kind of thinking and sentiment has grown in the past two months."

ADD to these open admissions of the existence of disaffection, the changes that have now been made in the armed forces. Add other evidence, too, like the implied but quite easily detectable recent criticism of the deified Mao Tse-tung himself. Consider such signs as the curious absence of any pronouncement from Chou En-Lai's theoretical superior, the Chairman of the Chinese Communist government, and reputed chief advocate of the Communes experiment, Liu Shao-Chi.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SIDNEY JAMES, of Sports Illustrated, thinks football coaches of big university teams are about as insecure as it's possible to be. He cites this story to emphasize his point.

After one of Red Sanders' UCLA eleven had enjoyed a spectacularly successful season, a horde of students and happy alumni gathered outside of Sanders' house and hollered until he came to the window to greet them. As he opened it, the coach whispered apprehensively to his wife, "I wonder which one's got the rope!"

An elderly millionaire had died, and the family was gathered for the reading of the will. The children were pleased to learn that the entire estate was divided equally among them, but the husky who had hooked him in marriage was outraged. "To my young fourth wife," read the will, "who insisted that her health was more important than my money—and my happiness—I leave my second-hand sun lamp."

Trouble Again Brewing in Two States Of Perennially Troubled Middle East

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

Trouble once more apparently is brewing in two states of the perennially troubled Middle East.

In Baghdad, the "moment of truth" may be approaching for Iraq.

The Cairo and Damascus broadcasts are significant because they appear to mark the end of an uneasy truce in the war of words between the Kassem and UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser that Iraq finally is falling wholly into the hands of the Communists.

Advocating Overtthrow Radio Damascus said that Baghdad demonstrators chanted: "Let Kassem follow Nuri."

Nuri was Nuri As-said whose mutilated body was dragged through Baghdad streets in the revolution which overthrew the Iraq monarchy.

It meant that UAR propaganda outlets once more were advocating Kassem's violent overthrow. These controlled outlets would not repeat such sentiments unless they followed closely along the lines of official thinking.

The 17 men executed in Iraq were convicted of playing a part in last spring's abortive Mosul revolt in northern Iraq. It is a section of Iraq known to be most sympathetic to Nasser's brand

of Arab nationalism. In fact, Iraq's foreign minister in an interview with this correspondent in Baghdad last spring, blamed Nasser for fostering the revolt.

The UAR will not be alone in watching the trend of events in Iraq.

The Cairo and Damascus reports say Kassem is thinking of reviving the Communist-influenced "popular resistance forces" to deal with the violence. If he does so, he will have gone far toward meeting demands which Western diplomats last spring said would be the measure of Communist power.

Those demands were that he carry out death sentences passed by the people's court and that he "arm the people," specifically, the popular resistance forces.

Communism is not involved in the reports of new troubles for Jordan's King Hussein.

In May, in a move to become his own man, Hussein threw out his long-time premier, Samir Rifai, and appointed a man of his own choice and thinking, Bazza Majali.

Both Rifai and Majali were friends of the West, but Rifai was notably anti-Nasser. Hussein has moved closer to the UAR regime of late, and Rifai and Hussein's autocratic moth-

er, Queen Zein, are said to have joined forces to restore the old order of things.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Leaving the Pacific Coast where he spent three days he seems to have enjoyed—Mr. K lets go a statement that, coming from him, is at least interesting.

Speaking in San Francisco, as he enters his plane to head for Iowa's tall cornfields, he says he would like to help build a society in which all men would be brothers. He reiterates his plea for total disarmament. He says he seeks complete equality and no empire.

He adds: "You may not agree with us, but we are guided by noble aspirations in our struggle for communism, and we are going to wage this struggle not by the force of arms, but by our words."

He professes to be no longer MAD AT ANYONE—not even Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles with whom he quarreled roughly and publicly Saturday night.

HMMMMMMMMMMMM. Over in the high country, where this is written, his words remind us of K. Sugarman, whose famous slogan was "I ain't mad at nobody."

There's a difference, of course. K. Sugarman was just a little man, making a living—like all the rest of us. He realized that to make a good living he must get along with the people around him.

K. Sugarman meant it. We are compelled by circumstances to doubt Mr. K's sincerity. He is exposed to all the temptations of world conquest. He holds too much power in his two hands. History tells us that is dangerous. It warps men's minds.

WHAT TO DO? Well... we MUSTN'T go off the deep end. We must keep our fingers crossed and our powder dry. We must stay strong. We must stay super-strong. We must stay grim. We must stay prepared to launch AT ANY MOMENT fleets of atom-bomb-bearing planes. Things like Mr. K talked about this morning as he was leaving San Francisco don't just happen. They have to be MADE to happen.

CAN THEY be made to happen? Let's put it this way: If they are made to happen, MEN will have to make them happen.

THAT BRINGS US to Josiah Gilbert Holland and his deathless poem "The Day's Demand"—in which he says: "God give us men! A time like this demands 'Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands...'"

"Men who possess opinions and a will; 'Men who have honor; men who will not lie; 'Men who can stand before a demagogue 'And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; 'Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog 'In public duty and in private thinking."

Odds Increasing That Mitchell May Have to Eat His Hat

Washington—UPI—The odds are increasing that Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell will be called upon to eat his hat.

Labor economists said today chances were growing slimmer each day the steel strike continues that unemployment in October will fall below three million.

Mitchell, predicting that it would decline below this level, pledged to an AFL-CIO unemployment rally last

April that he would eat his hat if his forecast did not come true.

The secretary has been silent on his five-month-old promise recently, but it's a topic of lively interest among the statisticians who work on the monthly job report.

Disrupted By Strike Unemployment was estimated at 3,426,000 in August, the latest figures available. Normally it would decline in September and hit its yearly low in October.

But the steel strike has disrupted "normal" trends because of its job-destroying secondary effects in steel-using and steel-servicing industries. This is true even though the 500,000 strikers are counted at having jobs.

As a result, Mitchell's in trouble. Even if the strike ended abruptly, it might take some time for laid-off workers to be recalled. And there's no guarantee that the strike will end in the immediate future. Federal mediators have reported "absolutely no progress" in negotiations since it began last July 15.

Beginning To Snowball Mitchell's own fact-finding reports show that the effects of the 71-day-old walkout are beginning to snowball in industries depending on steel supplies. Caterpillar Tractor, for example, announced it will close its plants and lay off 11,000 workers on Oct. 3 unless the strike ends before then.

Aside from the strike, one labor department economist said, Mitchell's prediction undoubtedly would have been correct. Even now, he added, it will be "touch and go" whether the jobless figure is above or below the three-million mark.

GM Has Month's Supply of Steel

Detroit—UPI—General Motors said today it could produce at least 475,000 1960 automobiles and trucks, and continue operations through the last days of October before the steel strike forces a shutdown of its assembly lines.

However, the pinch of steel shortages already is affecting the pipelines of component parts.

John F. Gordon, president of General Motors, announced today that "supplies of steel on hand will permit continued production of passenger cars and trucks through the latter part of October."

The statement added: "By then we will have produced and shipped to our dealers, a total of 475,000 new 1960 model cars and trucks. Our non-automotive operations have a sufficient steel to produce some time beyond the latter part of October."

However, layoffs in some of our plants producing automotive components, parts and accessories already have begun. These plants normally produce material four to six weeks ahead of final assembly.

Non-automotive operations which Gordon said could continue beyond October include Frigidaire and other electrical goods.

Rockefeller Movement Opens

Concord, N. H.—UPI—The New Hampshire draft Rockefeller committee opened temporary headquarters here today in the belief the New York governor "will have to respond to the mounting pressure to be a candidate" for the GOP presidential nomination.

State Sen. Robert English is a leader of the 40 New Hampshire Republicans who earlier this month urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to enter this state's first-in-the-nation primary next Mar. 8. He said that as far as he knew, no other presidential hopeful, Democrat or Republican, had opened headquarters anywhere in the nation.

English said he had no inside information on whether Rockefeller would be a candidate.

"I doubt the governor has made a final decision," English said, but "we believe eventually Gov. Rockefeller will have to respond to the mounting pressure to be a candidate."

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