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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

Dec. 1, 1949 (Thursday)
John W. Taylor will open
drug store at historic old
Marble Corner in Jackson-
ville.

San Francisco 49ers, after
pulling first strike in pro-foot-
ball history, decide to play
anyway.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 1, 1939 (Friday)
District Attorney Thomas E.
Dewey of New York formally
enters campaign for Republi-
can presidential nomination.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "Couples
of old-fashioned kids learning
to smoke cigarettes, set fire to
the barn instead of smacking a
phone pole with the family
auto."

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 1, 1929 (Friday)
Old Dollarhide stage station
in Siskiyou destroyed by fire.
Drive re-opened for railroad
to Crescent City.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 1, 1919 (Monday)
Local dairies adopt rule
that no milk will be delivered
unless customer leaves empty
bottles on porch.

Good highway is urged for
Crater Lake to boost tourist
travel.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 1, 1909 (Wednesday)
An average of 75 letters a
day are pouring into the Com-
mercial club, inquiring about
apple opportunities in Rogue
valley.

Former Medford city re-
corder owes city \$115.88 for
shortages, council decides.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior;
seven or eight is excellent; five or
six is good.

1. What are adult male seals called?
2. What insect is the particular enemy of cotton?
3. Which President of the United States was nicknamed "The Great Engineer"?
4. What was the name of the Scottish economist, author of "Wealth of Nations"?
5. What three little animals lost their mittens?
6. "Pelican State" is a nickname for which State of the Union?
7. Would you say that Columbus, Akron, or Youngstown is the industrial center of the nation's rubber industry?
8. Correct the following: "The aviator saw the lake while flying."
9. Which disciple baptised Jesus?
10. Is a mouser a spotted dog, a magazine rifle, or an undertaker?

Answers: 1. Bull. 2. Boll weevil. 3. Herbert Hoover. 4. Adam Smith. 5. Kittens. 6. Louisiana. 7. Akron. 8. The aviator, while flying, saw the lake." 9. None. (John the Baptist was not a disciple.) 10. Magazine rifle.

DUKE ENDS VISIT

Marham, England—The Duke of Edinburgh returned to England Monday from a six-day visit to the new African Republic of Ghana.

Medford's Champions

To the athletes under his supervision, a former Medford coach stressed this: "There's just a small difference between a competitor and a champion—Desire!"

That the Medford and St. Mary's High school football teams possessed this all-important quality was evidenced time and again on the gridiron through the fall. The trait stands out, also, in the season's end results. For the Black Tornado and the Crusader aggregations reaped for this town and area unprecedented laurels with Oregon diadems in their respective classes, A-1 and B.

A SCANNING of Oregon School Activities association records discloses that not before in the athletic history of the state have schools from the same city captured state championships in the same sport in the same year.

State titles are not new to Medford high but, after the frustrations in the 15 years since the last one in football, 1959 is indeed a banner season.

For St. Mary's this has been its greatest year in sports. Its grid co-championship and its mantle last spring in track are its first state honors in athletics.

THE achievement of these two teams has brought to Medford and the Rogue valley much fame and recognition. Their success has come through three long hard months of work. It takes diligent application in practice to produce the teamwork and finesse which makes a winner.

For their efforts, for the entertainment they've provided, and for the distinction they've brought to Medford, the football athletes of both schools richly deserve high praise and much congratulation now, and strong support in the future.—R.D.J.

Food-Chemical Study Needed

In commenting recently about the great cranberry farce of 1959 we made two points:

1. That the to-do was greatly overdone, and resulted from a lack of coordination between governmental agencies charged with responsibility for the national health, and
2. That, despite this, it would all be worth it if more attention were, as a result, focused on the danger to the nation's health from chemicals used as weedicides, pesticides, herbicides and food additives — a field too much neglected.

OUR wish (No. 2) apparently is to be granted. A United Press International story from Washington the other day reported:

"The agriculture department's research policy committee has urged immediate expansion of government research on pesticides."
"The advisory group's recommendation came on the heels of the nationwide scare involving a chemical residue in cranberries."
"The research policy group... made no reference to the cranberry episode in its report. But it said there were major problems in the use of fertilizers, pesticides, hormones, antibiotics, feed additives, plant growth regulators, and drugs."
"The committee said modern farming needs these chemicals and without them, farmers couldn't supply consumers with enough food and fiber to maintain this country's high standard of living."
"Agriculture department scientists told the committee they're already at work on several new approaches to the problem of fighting animal and plant pests."

THIS is good news. In this area, concern has been mounting over a period of years over the indiscriminate use of chemicals, which do so much to improve the quality and quantity of the pear crop, and other crops, too, but the effect of which on humans is either bad, or unknown.

Mankind's success in becoming the dominant life-form on this planet resulted, first, in his ability to adapt to his environment, and second, his ability to change his environment to suit him.

But let us be sure that he doesn't kill himself off in the meantime — either with nuclear weapons, radioactive fallout, or by poisons in his food supplies. — E.A.

Four More Cranes

On November 11 last it was reported in these columns that the whooping crane population of 29, which had returned to the Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas, left five of the nearly-extinct birds unreported.

Now, thanks to the National Wildlife Federation, we can report that the count has gone up to 33, including two babies.

This means that four of the missing adults finally made the dangerous flight south in safety, and that the flock is gradually — ever so gradually — increasing. Only one member is missing and presumed dead.

THE whooping crane, tallest bird native to the North American continent, has been waging a struggle against extinction for the past two decades.

This fall's news, indicating the flock is one (1) larger than it was this spring, lends a faintly brighter hope that the birds may, indeed, survive.

The birds are big, beautiful, slow, vulnerable to enemies (including humans with guns) and slow at reproducing.

It's still touch-and-go with the whooping cranes. — E.A.

Dennis the Menace



... AND HE NOT ONLY REFUSED TO SING, BUT HE TOLD ME IF I WANTED MUSIC, I COULD BUY A RADIO!"

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.

Championship Game

To the Editor: What a wonderful state championship game! If you couldn't attend you missed one of the best games this year. I felt such pride when our team came trotting on the field. You could feel the vitality of our team like static electricity, and they played a great game under difficult circumstances. The sportsmanship shown was wonderful.

Medford's band, majorettes and pep group were really spectacular with red uniforms, black belts and white trim. Everyone watching could certainly see why they are invited to play at the out of state games. Half time they displayed real precision in the different formations, such as the lighted star, Santa's sleigh and to me the very prettiest, the lighted Christmas tree with the brass circle forming the top of the tree. If you could describe the complete group, from players to pep groups, in a few words it would be "Snap-Crackle-Pop."

Only one thing dampened our spirits and we still don't understand how it could happen, especially in a high school game, but the referees seemed definitely biased to us and a great majority of the spectators. Several people who were impartial and only coming to see a great game remarked on this and left with a great respect for our Medford sportsmanship in spite of this. For details ask any person who attended the game.

Also the reserve tickets in Medford were sold out before we could obtain ours so we took our chances on buying ours at the game. At 6:15 p.m. we bought them at the silent seats and they were excellent on the 50 yard line, numbers 1-23 in from the end. The same thing happened to the people behind us. I heard people passing by to go far to the side and almost to the top remark about the tickets sent to Medford being very inferior. Is this possible, or were they only disgruntled remarks? I'd like some comment from others who attended the game.

Just for the record I lived in Portland and went to grade school and high school there. So I'm not trying to cast shadows on Portland, only for future games played there I'd like to know the facts.

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Not Just Noise

To the Editor: Thank you, Mr. McCabe, for bringing up the subject of radio music. For a long time I've been debating whether or not to write the local stations a mad letter for apparently considering all housewives capable of enjoying only the lowest type of music. At least I presume the daytime programs are directed mostly to housewives, and rock 'n' roll with other cheap forms of popular music are about all I can find.

However, I hit on an idea which announcers seem to appreciate. They played something I liked the other day, so I called the station and told them how much I enjoyed it. It may get us nowhere, as E.A. says, but at least it's the positive approach.

As for taste, I agree with Mr. Editor that no one can dictate for all. Personally, I could enjoy some of Mr. McCabe's country music, and a lot of semi-classical. However, when it comes to rock 'n' roll and much of the popular music, I find it impossible to be tolerant of others' tastes and just switch off the radio. I, too,

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

ABOVE THE CLOUDS-DWELLERS

Washington-In ancient Japan, the Emperor and his courtiers were sometimes called the "Above the clouds-dwellers," to denote their high remoteness from the coarse realities of every day life. The phrase nicely describes the well-meaning, intelligent and often quite highly placed persons who advocate a new American approach to Communist China at this time.

This much, at least, needs to be said as a kind of final footnote to the long bout of inquiry across the Pacific which this reporter has just completed. It needs to be said, particularly, because of the signs that some leading Democrats, such as Adlai Stevenson and even the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas, are tending towards open advocacy of a new approach to Communist China.

At the behest of Senator Fulbright for instance, a San Francisco public relations firm, Conlon Associates, was somewhat oddly assigned to review our Asian policy. The just-published Conlon Associates report does not go the whole hog. There is no call for recognition of the Chinese Communists and their admission to the United Nations, but the report proposes a policy of "exploration and negotiation" as the next best

ON THE SPOT, meanwhile, the best opinion is now just about unanimous that the circumstances could not be less favorable for any change at all in the American policy towards the Chinese Communists. A mong the very large group of extremely able Englishmen and Americans who study Communist China from the vantage point of Hong Kong, there are many who disapproved of the American China policy when it was adopted. Among the English business leaders in Hong Kong, several even played a leading role in persuading London to recognize the Peking government without waiting for Washington.

By no means all these men who disapproved of our China policy when it was adopted have been converted to the view that it was the right policy in the first instance. Quite a number still feel that it would have been better for the United States to extend de facto recognition to Peking 10 years ago. But all of these men, or at least all of them known to this reporter, believe that nothing will be gained, and a great deal will be lost, by any softening of the American attitude towards the Chinese Communists at this time.

THE REASON for this opinion is quite simple. The Chinese Communists have now entered a phase of building ferocious Stalinism, all their energies are now concentrated on building military-industrial power on a foundation of their peoples misery while this grim experiment wholly preoccupies them, there is nothing to be done with them. In particular, there is no way at all to negotiate with them, about the problem of the Formosa Strait or any other outstanding problem.

In their present mood, at once neurotically suspicious and paranoiacally arrogant, the master of Peking would at once greet the smallest feeler from Washington as a sign of weakness and admission of defeat. The risks that the advocates of a new approach desire to minimize would in fact be increased. For if they thought they detected signs of weakness in the American government, Mae Tse-tung and his colleagues would only be emboldened to commit further aggressive acts.

The idea that these ruthless men, in their present mood, can be mollified or tamed by "exploration and negotiation," or by American recognition, or by an invitation to join the U.N., is on a par with a scheme for taming a hungry tiger by putting a baby in the cage with it. By the same token, this kind of misguided attempt to tame or mollify the masters of Peking will not merely do positive harm in Peking. It will also convey an impression of American weakness and retreat to all the millions of Asians who now fear the Chinese Communists, including even the Indians who go on prating in the opposite sense.

WHILE CHINA'S agony continues, in short, no new

How Much Longer NATO Can Be Held Together is Questioned

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign Editor

How much longer can NATO be held together?

It's a real question, and one that President Eisenhower must ponder in the coming days as he moves along the route of his 11-nation good will tour toward a western summit meeting in Paris on Dec. 19.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, put together in the Spring of 1949 as the backbone of Western defenses against Communist expansion, is getting tattered.

Last week, a powerful newspaper voice in Britain, Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, said editorially "Britain would be well advised to move out of NATO altogether."

On a different note, but pointing up current NATO difficulties in fulfilling its assigned task, was a statement by French Air Force Gen. Jean Valluy, NATO commander in central Europe.

In event of Soviet attack, he said, NATO would find its Belgian and Dutch troops "unusable" and its French forces all in Algeria.

... said NATO's first line of defense is manned entirely by the Germans and there "would have to be some delay before the arrival of British and American troop reinforcements."

Valluy went on to condemn "the moral disengagement" of certain NATO nations "apart, perhaps from the United States and Canada."

NATO's founding cornerstone was fear of Communist aggression. And the unity of NATO members has ebbed and flowed with the ebb and flow of the cold war. Now that fear once more has receded, NATO's weaknesses become the more apparent.

The London Daily Express was expressing common British resentment at "all the blocking tactics of diplomacy" used by France and West Germany to delay a summit meeting with Russia.

Condemns Retreat Practices

Valluy condemned the practices which have forced a steady retreat from the 50-dimension goal first set up for NATO, the skeletonizing of divisions which are left, and the internal quibbling whereby nations refuse to contribute either the money or manpower which NATO commanders believe are a minimum for European defense.

West Germany will fall 150,000 men short of original target figures.

French President Charles de Gaulle has served notice that his land, sea and air forces are not answerable to NATO in case of emergency.

Coupled with the "moral disengagement" of NATO nations has been mounting disagreement in the changing concepts of missile warfare, and the rising hope that in any such war it would be the United States and Russia blasting away at each other with others escaping if they are cautious and lucky.

NATO commanders say it won't be that way.



Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is again traveling abroad. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

Washington - The anxious question in the minds of many Republican leaders today is whether Vice President Nixon and Gov. Rockefeller can escape getting into a divisive, lacerating, mutually-betwixting, personal battle.

Part of the answer - and it is reassuring - is that neither of the two principals, if I am correctly informed, wish or intend to get into a disparaging, name-calling campaign designed to undercut each other's stature.

The other part of the answer - and it is far from reassuring - is that already some of the active supporters of each are trying to foment a feud between Nixon and Rockefeller and to goad them into hitting the other below the belt.

There are two good reasons why the Vice President and the Governor themselves draw away from any such tactics. One is that on the basis of their intimate association during the first Eisenhower term, they developed a high regard and esteem for each other. Rockefeller was often a "minority" adviser in the White House staff but he found Nixon on his side more often than any other member of the Cabinet. But apart from considerable admiration for each other, they also realize that if they try to cut each other down to size, they are likely to end up convincing too many voters that both are undersize for the Presidency.

If there is to be a real Nixon-Rockefeller contest, what each wants is to use it to help make the Republican nomination worth having, that is, to improve the prospects of election.

ROCKEFELLER has twice shown that he is not disposed to be pressured into disparagement of Nixon. When a purposeful reporter asked him to comment on the "facts," as the reporter put it, that Nixon had said Rockefeller would not have advocated resuming nuclear tests if he knew what he was talking about, the Governor corrected the reporter's statement, pointed out that Nixon had suggested that Rockefeller did not have all the facts and agreed that, as a Governor, he might not have had all the facts. Rockefeller could easily have been goaded into a feud on that one, but wasn't.

He has also strongly disapproved any "Nixon can't win" operation. He called such a tactic "immoral," and not borne out by the polls. But quite a few Republicans, who think they can

thereby curry favor with Rockefeller, constantly drop suggestions that the public "hates Nixon," they pass along banter about the 1952 "Nixon Fund," and in the Rockefeller entourage on his trek to the Pacific coast you more than once hear dark implications about that "bad actor from California."

In Oregon one Rockefeller backer tried to start an "ABCD Club" which he gleefully said meant "any body 'cept Dick." A Rockefeller supporter in California implied to reporters that Nixon was anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-minority.

THIS kind of thing is not all one-sided by any means. There are Nixon devotees who both imply and sometimes say openly that Rockefeller is not quite bright, that everything about him is "synthetic." That word crops up often among pro-Nixon people.

There are also dark whispers - easily heard across the room - that Rockefeller is plotting to "buy" the nomination, that Rockefeller is not really a Republican at all, that the Rockefeller interests are putting people on payrolls like mad for later use in the campaign.

What I am reporting is that the short-sighted, ill-advised, over-zealous Nixon and Rockefeller supporters are doing their best to get the two Republican leaders at each other's throat.

There are some mixed motivations in both camps. Rockefeller has got some allies who are more anti-Nixon than they are pro-Rockefeller and some of Nixon's boosters are more anti-Rockefeller than they are pro-Nixon. These allies can do more harm than good.

Nixon and Rockefeller will need to restrain themselves and their supporters if they are to avoid a kind of humiliating battle which could end up making the next Republican nominee no more than a titular leader of the party. (c) 1959 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

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