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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
Jan. 11, 1950 (Wednesday)
Madame Chiang Kai-Shek complains that effective communist propaganda prevented U.S. from helping Nationalist Chinese on mainland.

Tuesday night's wind destroyed a brand-new refinishing mill at Camp White just hours before it was to go into production for the first time.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 11, 1940 (Thursday)
Roy Gardner, ex-convict, committed suicide in San Francisco last night. He appeared in Medford in 1938 on a lecture tour and in 1939 hid from federal agents near Eagle Point while bullet wounds in his legs healed.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Oregon Wool Grower's association asks removal of reciprocal trade treaties and wool pulled over their eyes by the same treaties."

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 11, 1930 (Saturday)
"Prink" Callison, local high school coach, is leading candidate for vacant head football coach position at the University of Oregon.

Gov. Norblad protests cartoonists depicting "Old Man Oregon" with chin whiskers. Wants state figure smooth-shaven.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 11, 1920 (Monday)
Oregon legislature ratifies women's suffrage.

William Jennings Bryan urges senate to ratify League of Nations so U.S. can join.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 11, 1910 (Tuesday)
First attempts to fly a monoplane in U.S., failed today when plane crashed on take-off at Los Angeles.

Oregon Federation of Labor passes a resolution calling for proportional representation, both legislative and councilmanic.

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

1. Tungsten is an element; true or false?
 2. What is the name of the longest wall in the world?
 3. What is the bulldog edition of a newspaper?
 4. Since 1860, Germany began five wars; can you name three of them?
 5. On what river did the steamboat "Clermont" make her trial trip 152 years ago?
 6. Was New Hampshire one of the original thirteen States of the Union?
 7. In what city is the Great White Way?
 8. What branch of the armed forces has the motto "Semper Paratus"?
 9. Horseshoes were invented several centuries B.C.; true or false?
 10. What is the smallest breed of dog?
- Answers: 1. True. 2. Great Wall of China. 3. Early edition for distant points. 4. Danish. Austro-Prussian, Franco-Prussian, World Wars I and II. 5. Hudson River. 6. Yes. 7. New York City. 8. Marine Corps. 9. True. 10. Chihuahua. 1 to 6 lbs.

Pretty Kettle of Fish

This is addressed to our friends who, in the Communications column today, take exception to a piece appearing here last week called "Suicide Amendment."

What Willis Stone SAYS the proposed 23rd amendment would do doesn't make the slightest particle of difference.

What the amendment WOULD do is what we were talking about.

Have you read it? Have you thought about it?

IF NOT, here is it: "Section 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial, or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution."

"Section 2. The Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of the United States, shall not be subject to the terms of any foreign or domestic agreement which would abrogate this amendment."

"Section 3. The activities of the U. S. Government which violate the intent and purposes of this amendment shall, within a period of three years from the ratification of this amendment, be liquidated and the properties and facilities affected shall be sold."

"Section 4. Three years after the ratification of this amendment the sixteenth article of amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall stand repealed and thereafter Congress shall not levy taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts."

NOW... If that bit of absurdity became part of the constitution, it would do everything we said it would do. We suggest our friends read the proposed amendment carefully, then go back and read the "Suicide Amendment" piece again.

The constitution (Read it lately? We have.) specifies the nation may collect taxes (we'd keep the internal revenue service), may provide for armed forces (we'd keep the Army, Navy and Air Force), shall conduct a census (we'd keep the bureau of the census), and establish a post office and post roads (we'd retain the post office and, perhaps, the bureau of public roads). And, possibly, the department of justice.

Everything else would be prohibited. To name just a few, the forest service, bureau of land management, bureau of reclamation, social security administration, public health service, national aeronautics and space administration, soil conservation service, extension service, experimental stations, federal deposit insurance corporation, and a host of others.

And that would be a pretty kettle of fish.

Don't Take It Off

The best thing that's happened to the auto business since the hydraulic brake, in our opinion, is the Automobile Information Disclosure Act which went into effect a year ago.

This is the federal law that requires a factory to post the itemized price on each car and the dealer to keep the price slip there until the buyer assumes possession. It's that white slip usually found on a rear side window.

And we're pleased to note that the tags are likely to stay there even after the newness has worn off the law.

THEY will if there are many federal judges around like the one in San Francisco who this week fined a San Francisco dealer the maximum—\$2,000—for removing slips.

The law came into being because the business failed to police itself. Buying an auto still can be a pretty slippery undertaking for the average person and it's a relief to have one solid bit of information to grasp.

Actually, a dealer has to be a pretty shaggy sort to want to take the tag off. Dealers we've talked to say the law has proved to be a help, not a hinderance, to their business. They say it increases buyer confidence and saves a lot of talking time.—Capital Journal, Salem.

A Good American Voice

The Ohio American Legion brass should have known better than to tackle Sen. Stephen M. Young, whose Milquetoast appearance hides a very tough character indeed.

But not having known better, the Legionnaires presented Senator Young with a golden opportunity to get a load off his mind. The Legion big-wigs met in Cincinnati and adopted a resolution call on Mr. Young to cancel a speech he was to make to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee in New York. They said the group was a Communist-front organization, though it is not so listed by the Attorney General.

IN REPLY, Senator Young wrote to the Legion Americanism chairman:

"I repudiate your resolution, Buster, and your pompous, self-righteous, holier-than-thou title of 'Americanism chairman'... Do you self-appointed vigilantes demand that I submit a list of speaking engagements for clearance by your outfit before I, as a Senator of the United States, may open my mouth in public? ... Many of you loud-mouthed, publicity-seeking, professional veterans were chairborne in the Pentagon or elsewhere while millions of us were overseas in combat... You demand that I cancel a speaking engagement. I'll make that speech in New York."

This is a good American voice speaking and if the Ohio Legionnaires have not heard it before they have not been listening. — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Dennis the Menace



"WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING. WE JUST CAME IN TO MAKE OURSELVES DIZZY!"

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 initial 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.

Influences on Children
To the Editor: Many persons are becoming alarmed over the increase in crime and seeming lack of parental restraint. Wanton disregard of human rights is at every hand.

The blame is placed here and there. One preacher even went so far as to say "Television is the Devil's sewer line." Personally, I am convinced TV as it is being used, for a large part, is just one result or sign of the age in which we live. I shudder for the youth who have been penned up almost like animals in our cities, and are being brainwashed by this modern medium of communication. We talk about the brain-washing tactics of other countries.

I ask, what are we subjecting our precious children to? Are we going to sit placidly by and continue to let money-greedy interests rob our children of a future prosperous life? Before youngsters are hardly able to talk, they are now lisping some brewer's ditty or finding which cigarette has the least tars and nicotine.

How surprising to live in an age when pretenders of human good and outright liars are given more attention than those who stand by the right.

I am thankful that we have access to a source of information that speaks out far stronger than any words I could convey.

No longer is the Book of Books kept from the common people. Like a well spring of life, its counsels and precepts are available to all. Like weary mountain climbers, with parched tongues, coming upon a bubbling spring, so are the precious, wisdom-filled pages of Holy Writ to humans. We've tried almost everything else. Why not go to the true Spring of Life?

Instead of attiring our babes in dime store cowboy outfits, with a gun at each hip, why don't we place the real things of life before them? All the gold we may have acquired will avail us nothing in that day when final accounts will be made. Our children need us and we need our children.

Henry Johnson Jr.
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He's For Private Enterprise
To the Editor: You finally aroused me sufficiently in Thursday's editorial, "Suicide Amendment," to break out pen and paper in retaliation.

I believe you should reconsider. "It would reduce the U. S. to a fifth rate power almost overnight, alone and without friends in the world, bankrupt, destitute."

First, is it possible to buy friends in the true sense of the word? I say NO, not now or ever. Stop all foreign aid! Our true friends would still be with us. Bankrupt the U.S.? Nonsense. By passing the 23rd amendment we would be immensely stronger and much closer to a balanced budget.

By selling the 700 odd government owned corporations, the value of which is estimated at from 50 to 100 billion dollars, that amount of money could be applied to the national debt and the same corporations would go on American tax rolls, and incidentally eliminate an annual loss of 38 billion dollars which is the amount of personal income tax paid. Then, in the good years after private enterprise has taken over, these corporations will be paying the federal government 8 1/2 billion dollars a year which could be used to reduce the

staggering national debt. All of this added up and we should be debt free in 25 years. Bankrupt! Destitute! Bosh!

Example of present trend in Federal Government: Non-defense spending has increased from 2.6 billions in 1930 to 28.1 billions in 1959, an increase of about 1000 per cent.

I like this thought of Woodrow Wilson in 1912. "The history of liberty is a history of limitations of Governmental powers, not in the increase of it. Therefore, when we resist the concentrations of power we are resisting the processes of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties."

Ed Olsen,
190 Clover Lane,
Medford.

Spank the Writer
To the Editor: I have just finished reading your tirade against the speech Mr. Willis Stone gave at the Medford High School on the evening of Jan. 6. I have come to the conclusion that you did not have your information and facts in very good order and that your publisher would be highly commended by the citizenry of our town if he took you out to the woodshed and spanked you as a parent would any guilty youngster.

Foreign Notebook: Anti-Semitism; French Split; Suez Memoirs; Japanese Trade

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

Notes from the foreign editor's notebook:
New Angle

West Berlin expects the Soviet Union to seize upon the recent anti-semitic outbreaks in West Germany as a reason to issue a stern warning to the Western Allies and West Germany.

In Bonn, the West German government is believed reeling against the anti-semitic but to be waiting for the story to drift out of the headlines. Informed sources say Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government believes that, in the present atmosphere, critics would accept nothing but extreme measures which only would drive right-wingers underground.

However, once the story has died down, the government is expected to move for legislation shackling them more effectively.

Politics, French Style
France, under President Charles de Gaulle may be moving toward an even more authoritarian government than it has now. De Gaulle's cabinet now is badly split over the economic program of Finance Minister Antoine Pinay who is determined to hold to his austerity line against other powerful Gaullists who demand a greater say in industry both for the government and the workers, including Communists. But the powers granted De Gaulle under the new Fifth Republic place him in an unassailable position, and should his present cabinet dissolve, it probably would be replaced by an even more iron-fisted one.

Suez Wounds Reopened
Wounds left by Britain's disastrous invasion of Suez in 1956 still are far from healed, and a new political rumble is expected in the wake of this week's publication of former Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's Suez memoirs. Previous "inside stories" have caused brief flareups but these are expected to be as nothing compared to Eden's own version of one of the most controversial incidents in British history.

Red Ties
Look for the Japanese government to come under increasing pressure to restore economic and cultural relations with Communist China. The Reds broke off contact with Japan last year in a huff when Japan refused to combine trade with diplomatic relations. At least two high-ranking politicians—with their eye on the presidency of the ruling Liberal Democratic party and the automatic premiership — are advocating economic and cultural relations with the Peiping regime. It's a popular issue and likely to be the only major one after the U. S.-Japan security treaty is signed.

Winston Churchill
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Paul Hornbeck
321 East Pine st.
Central Point, Ore.

Trusts Big Business
To the Editor: The writer is one among many regular readers of the Mail Tribune who do take seriously a favorable attitude towards the proposed 23rd amendment to the U. S. constitution. We are gratified to believe that your estimate, that we are neither sensible nor informed, does not necessarily describe our intellectual status; we accept your opinion as amusingly condescending.

We are among many who are well informed about the U.S. constitution and its intent to protect our freedom of thought and action and enterprise. We are most jealous of the heritage it gives us, and strenuously rebellious against the abridgements of that constitution which are robbing us of our property and personal freedoms.

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"Such Journalism"
To the Editor: I read your editorial in the Dec. 7 (sic) issue. Having met you on one or two occasions, I judged you as being an intelligent, well-educated man.

The statements you made were very misleading and an insult to the audience and the cattle people of this county who sponsored this meeting. I am sure had you attended the meeting or conversed with Mr. Stone as you were requested to do, being only 20 feet away from the man at the time, or if you had made any intelligent attempt to ascertain the facts you would not have succumbed to such journalism.

Ed Olsen,
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Highway Surfaces
To the Editor: A couple of weeks ago I wrote a letter about the unnecessarily slippery roads here in Oregon. Last week I read where five people were killed on "99," four north of Eugene and one south of Medford. These deaths were blamed on "icy roads" but ice was only a contributing factor. The bulk of the blame lies with the surface of the road. True enough we need better driver habits and attitudes, but with the best of drivers we also need the safest possible roads, which we are not getting.

When a surface that is already as smooth as glass becomes wet or frosty, or acquires a very thin coat of ice, all normal control is gone. Such was the case at Eugene and south of Medford; at Eugene fog freezing on the road killed four people; at Medford a thin layer of ice killed another, or so it says.

I suppose I will be called a crank by some, and a crackpot by others but I know that these accidents would not be nearly so numerous if the proper type of surface were applied to all of our highways. A good example of this type of surface can be found between Glendale Junction and Azalea, Oregon. On that stretch

of road, under the same conditions, reasonable caution assures you of safe control of your car, while almost all of our new, four lane freeways are surfaced with a smooth slippery material. Why? We have the material, we have the methods and we are paying plenty; why are we getting more and more miles of the same slick, dangerous roads? Why is the highway department spending in thousands to burn off excess oil and still building more of the same?

I drive between Medford and Portland over 200 times a year and there are many more like me who will agree when I say that a large part of our winter accidents are directly and solely the fault of our highways. Let those who decide what type of surface shall be applied to our roads re-examine their reasons and see if they are really worth the price.

The next time you drive, look at the surface of the road you are on, compare the different types of material used, and judge for yourself. Should it be raining or frosty, drive as if your life depended on it. It does.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

NAZI MEMORIES
Washington—The most dangerous problem now before the Western allies is not their differences over how to negotiate at the summit with the Russians. And it is never officially admitted to be a problem at all.

Responsible people here and abroad have understandably played down this situation, for already it serves Soviet interests as few things could. All the same, its gravity is becoming compelling and it needs to be mentioned out loud.

The plain fact is this: there is a steadily rising antagonism toward West Germany within the free world. This is especially, and critically, true in Britain—which is now the actual Western leader in policy-making for the coming summit conference with Premier Nikita Khrushchev of the Soviet Union.

A close association with West Germany has been at the very heart of Western policy since the cold war began about 1947. What is now going on is seriously straining these vitally necessary ties.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ike, in his State of the Union message to the congress:

1960 can be our most prosperous year.

IT WILL be if we make it so. Prosperity won't just fall into our laps—in 1960 or any other year.

CUBA offers to give back to American tourists one-half of their round trip fares in order to attract them to the luxurious and now mostly vacant-Havana vacation hotels. The 50 per cent was pioneered on flights from Florida to Cuba and has been extended to flights from New York. The Cuban tourism commission calls it "Operation Friendship."

WHAT does it mean? At least, it means that American money is highly esteemed in Cuba even if Americans aren't.

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