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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. 28, 1950 (Saturday). As a result of favorable hearings here, the state soil conservation committee may order elections in the county to decide whether or not people want a soil conservation district in Jackson county.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1940 (Sunday). Vice President Garner told friends today that John L. Lewis' opposition to him is the best political asset he has.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1930 (Tuesday). Price of milk in city to be reduced to 12 cents a quart in February.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1920 (Thursday). The formation of a third Oregon political party is planned by upstate workers.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1910 (Friday). Paris beset by terrible floods, fears are that disease and pestilence will be widespread.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. What is a glazier? 2. Does the sun revolve around the earth; or the earth around the sun? 3. Does the moon revolve around the earth; or the earth around the moon? 4. Who are more closely related by blood; mother and daughter, or two sisters? 5. The Attorney-General of the U. S. is the executive head of which Department of the U. S. Government? 6. Does Great Britain recognize the Communist government of China? 7. Mankind is the only animal that blushes; true or false? 8. What is the name for the container in which an archer carries arrows? 9. How many cabinet officers are in President Eisenhower's cabinet? 10. On what island do the descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers live?

Answers: 1. Glass cutter and setter. 2. Earth around the sun. 3. Moon around the earth. 4. Two sisters. 5. Department of Justice. 6. Yes. 7. True. 8. Quiver. 9. Ten. 10. Pitcairn Island.

Dirty Air--And the Law

Progress in alleviating some of the chief sources of air pollution in the Rogue valley is, in a word, amazing.

Top officials of Elk Lumber Co., Timber Products, Medco and Kogap each gave a report on their efforts toward that end the other night, and the reports were heartening. They showed that a great deal of thought, effort and money have gone into their plans.

Greater utilization of wood by-products, in one way or another, accounted for almost all this progress.

The orchardists, too, deserve commendation, progress is being made in securing signatures of a majority of orchard owners here which will bind them to replace smoky-type smudgepots with less smoky orchard heaters over a five-year period.

UP TO this point we agree whole-heartedly with Jack Foster, who presided at Monday evening's meeting of the Air Pollution Control and Abatement League, and who showered praise on these actions.

Where we part company is where he said he (and presumably other members of the league—although we know for a fact not all) believes that the progress made voluntarily so far has eliminated any need for air pollution control legislation.

We believe that Jack is incredibly naive if he thinks that the problem can be solved by these four major mills, plus the orchardists, alone. He is incredibly naive if he thinks that other sources of air pollution are going to be eliminated voluntarily, and without at least the threat of control legislation.

IT SO happens that each of the four lumber firms mentioned above is a well-operated company, with a civic conscience. And it is also true, as several of them mentioned the other night, that they had seen the handwriting on the wall—handwriting which says that the rapidly growing population of this valley simply will not long put up with flagrant air pollution abuses.

There is another point which was skipped over too quickly the other night. That is that these four mills are not the only ones in the valley. And some of the others have shown little nor no "voluntary" interest in minimizing their own smoke nuisances.

And, while we believe that most orchardists are good citizens, we wonder just how long their "voluntary" program of minimizing smudge smoke would last if it were not for the threat of legal compulsion in the background.

FOSTER made a big point, during his talk, about how much air pollution is caused by backyard burning of leaves and other yard refuse.

True enough. But does he think that the ordinary householder is going to find some other method of disposing of leaves unless he has to? There are two other major sources of air pollution in the valley. One is seasonal, the other is year-around.

The first is slash-burning in the fall. When this is mentioned, most people just shake their heads as much as to say it is an evil with which we'll just have to live.

The other is automobile exhausts. BOTH of these are, or will be, amenable to some degree of control. But they won't without some further thought and research done on the problem.

Work is now going forward on the automobile gasoline exhaust problem, and it is hoped that in another year or so the engineers will have it licked.

There must be an answer for slash, too—one which would be economical, and effective. We don't know the answer.

But watching the little portable "hogging" machine (which chews up branches and limbs into chips) that has been following the Copco tree-trimmers this week, gives us the impression that even this problem could be solved if some thought is given to it.

THIS much we do know: —Air pollution is a serious problem in the Rogue valley, as it is elsewhere in the nation.

—Men of good will in the lumber and fruit industries are working (and spending hard-earned cash) to clean up their part of it.

—It is incumbent upon the rest of us to keep at it and do what we can.

—But there will always be a minority, be they lumbermill operators, orchardists, or (like us) leaf burners, who must face compulsion—direct or implied—before they comply.

—And if the Air Pollution and Abatement League depends entirely on soft talk, and ignores the big stick, dirty air will be with us for years to come.

IT IS perfectly true that air pollution is a national problem. But it is also a local problem. And it will never be solved nationally until it is solved locally first.

Pittsburgh did it. Los Angeles hasn't yet, but it's working on it. So is Portland. So is Eugene. And they're doing it in an organized, community manner, under the laws of the state designed for this purpose.

If we don't follow suit, now or fairly soon, we're simply asking that the problem be continued into the indefinite—and smoky—future.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HAVE YOU SEEN A WHITE RAT NAMED FLOYD?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop. (The following article is the third in a series of six.) THE MISSILE GAP: OUR GAMBLE

Washington — The Eisenhower administration is gambling the national future on the assumption that the Soviets cannot possibly have a number of operational ICBMs equivalent to 10 months of capacity output at our own Atlas missile plant.

The fact sounds incredible when stated in this blunt manner. It is a hard fact nonetheless. The man who should know best, the brilliant Strategic Air Commander, Gen. Thomas Power, has flatly said that the Soviets can "virtually wipe out" our nuclear deterrent with no more than 150 intercontinental ballistic missiles, plus the IRBMs they already have in plenty. The Atlas plant has long been capable of turning out 15 ICBMs per month, if ordered into three-shift production.

Yet no serious emergency measures are being taken to forestall the "wiping out" of our nuclear deterrent, on which our national survival depends. According to Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates, such measures are not needed, because the National Intelligence Estimates do not give the Soviets even the very limited number of ICBMs that General Power says could win the war for the Kremlin.

THERE are several things to note about this gamble on the micrometric accuracy of the National Intelligence Estimates. In the first place, it is certainly not justified by the past record. This record shows a consistent series of gross American underestimates of Soviet weapons achievements from 1946 onwards.

From the atom bomb, to the first Soviet jet engine for aircraft, to the first Soviet long range jet bombers, to the ICBM itself, the estimators went on making the same kind of error. On average, the Soviets were always expected to make each major advance a good two years later than the actual moment when the advance was made.

Once, and once only, there was an over-estimate, of Soviet heavy bomber output. But this belated correction of previous mistakes about Soviet bomber capabilities was only an over-estimate because of still another gross underestimate. At that time, the Soviet missile program was being all but ignored. The Soviet change-over from bombers to missiles was therefore wholly unforeseen.

IN THE second place, these persistent, often-repeated errors have clearly resulted from the very nature of the process by which the National Intelligence Estimates are still produced. The intelligence collector, the Central Intelligence Agency, does not produce the estimates. The C.I.A. may do, and by every feasible test the C.I.A. apparently does, a remarkable job of intelligence collection. But when data come in, say about the rate of Soviet missile tests, the C.I.A. must go into committee with the armed services and the State Department. The committee decides the meaning of the newly collected data. The committee's interpretation of the data is the "national" estimate.

C.I.A. director Dulles, a devoted and exceptional public servant, has struggled to overcome the tendency to error in the estimates. But Dulles is not in the weapons-producing business, along with the armed services. He hardly has a more effective answer than this reporter had, long ago, when the late

De Gaulle Facing Sternest Test as Rebel Forces in Algeria Continue Opposition

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.

Emergency Care To the Editor: Medford is already a large city, and is still growing. We have two well-equipped hospitals and a great number of wonderful doctors in our city. Could they arrange by taking turns—to spend perhaps just one-half day at a time at the hospitals? That way there would be a doctor on duty at all times to take charge of any emergency.

Last August my father died of a "heart attack" about 30 minutes after being taken to the Sacred Heart hospital. His doctor was out of town, and it took at least 15 minutes for another doctor to arrive. The only treatment he received was a small amount of oxygen administered by a nurse, and this was discontinued before a doctor arrived. Also he was moved from the emergency room to an upstairs ward, before the doctor arrived.

Did this factor help to bring on the second attack he had? He died at 12:30 p.m.; just a few minutes after the doctor arrived. Could he have been helped, had there been a doctor on duty at the hospital? Perhaps not, but possibly some one else might in the future.

Why take an emergency case to the hospital—if they can't receive immediate medical treatment? Mrs. Glenn Bowles, 1130 West 10th st., Medford.

He's Disgusted To the Editor: Upon reading the account of Harry Truman's speech at the Democratic party's campaign kickoff dinner, and his remarks to the effect that "if we had anybody with guts, the Russians wouldn't be conducting their tests where they are," a few incidents that took place during Mr. Truman's administration came to mind.

At this point, let us remember that Russia is conducting her tests in International waters, a practice which we have followed in the past. Now, let us ask, where were Mr. Truman's "guts" when American forces were ordered to hold back and allow Russia to occupy all of what today is referred to as East Germany and East Berlin? This is one of the chief causes of world anxiety today. Where were Mr. Truman's "guts" when the tragedy of Korea took place, with loss of thousands of American personnel both killed and maimed for life in a war we could not win? A war in which he stripped one of the greatest military leaders of all time of all his rank and honor, simply because General MacArthur knew the only way to win a war is to cut off an enemy's supply lines, which in this war was "off limits" because they originated north of the Yalu river. Where were Mr. Truman's "guts" when the Communists were making such great strides toward engulfment of China?

It would appear that Mr. Truman had sufficient opportunities to display his intellectual fortitude during his tenure of office. Mr. Truman goes further to say the Democrats should elect the next president, and he should be a man "who must know what to do besides run around the golf course." This remark serves to demonstrate that Mr. Truman not only has a vocabulary which is limited, for the most part, to four letter words, but he has an extremely short memory. Has he so quickly forgotten his frequent cruises on the Potomac in the presidential yacht?

Such asinine remarks from an ex-president who has as sorry a record in the White House as Mr. Truman, about a man who has worked as hard as President Eisenhower has to achieve world unity, leaves one thoroughly disgusted with Harry's underhanded campaign tactics.

Glenn A. Archibald, 534 De Barr ave., Medford.

Good or Bad To the Editor: The Democratic Party of Oregon agrees with Governor Mark Hatfield in his recent statements to the effect that Oregon has a favorable tax climate for new industry.

We have said this consistently. The tragedy is the reckless attacks made by Governor Hatfield during the 1958 campaign when he repeatedly criticized and loosely condemned the Oregon tax struc-

ture for keeping industry out of the state. The tax structure which he now applauds is identically the same that he attacked so irresponsibly during his 1958 campaign.

The tax program which Oregon now operates under is the result of the Democratically controlled special session of the legislature in 1957 courageously called by Governor Robert D. Holmes. The voters will remember that this move was vigorously opposed and condemned by the then Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

Nothing that governor Hatfield has done during his term of office, except now to smile with favor, has contributed the slightest bit to Oregon's favorable tax program.

Robert W. Straub, Chairman, Democratic Party of Oregon, Eugene Ore.

Labor and Holy Writ To the Editor: The combined Sunday Journal and Oregonian carried quite a spread on last Saturday's happenings in Portland. A clerk from whom I purchased this paper said, "Oh, that's exaggerated. Someone probably got a bloody nose." I didn't say much, but some serious thoughts were running through my mind.

It has been hinted in Portland, that more of the same will follow. All of us well know that some printed stories as well as vocal gossip get quite a build up. Yet I doubt what we have read has been too exaggerated.

The chap who was hospitalized with broken ribs, the fellow who got kicked in the groin, and the insulted police officers probably have a feeling that something did happen. It is sad indeed that human beings find themselves resorting to such means.

Reminds me of my school days when red headed, freckle-faced "Johnny" punched me in the nose for something I wasn't even guilty of. I well remember how a group of my "friends" and I waited for him in a secluded spot. My bloodied nose had aroused a spirit of retaliation. We would fix Johnny.

Some of his friends were tipped off and with their appearance our intended victim was saved being rolled in a Grants Pass mudhole. "How terrible," you may say. And it was downright mean thinking on our part. True, Johnny had misbehaved and we were letting the same hateful spirit rule our own thinking.

I might add that our school teacher took things well in hand. Sad to say, our friend Johnny in later life found that even police officers are needed to take care of lawless citizens. He had come from a home where, as we understand, one of his parents had gone through some terrible things. The spirit of revenge and hate had passed on to the boy.

Someone recently dubbed me a religious fanatic for some lines I had written. When my friend who had been told this checked up, he found this party hadn't even read what I wrote, but just heard. When he was shown the clipping, he had nothing more to say. Sure I make mistakes and stand ready to be corrected. I would think it well for those reading these lines to take their Bibles and read the 5th chapter of St. James. See if perhaps this doesn't give a graphic picture of our present labor difficulties.

Let us be sure that on whichever side we find ourselves our hearts are attuned to the principles laid down in God's Holy word.

Henry Johnson Jr., 2400 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

From Deserted Mother To the Editor: I went to see the D. A. about a warrant for non-support. I haven't heard from my husband for eight months. I have a 2-year-old child. I told him all the facts and to my surprise he told me this. They neither had the money nor time to spend looking for him. He is wanted by the police, so he told me, let them find him. The police tell me, let the D. A. find him.

The amount of money they pay out in assistance to dependent children should warrant some time looking for these so-called "fathers."

I earn \$35 a week and it just covers basic necessities.

With my support money, I could live decently. I suppose if I had money or was "somebody," the D. A. might try to find my husband. Until you find yourself in this situation, can anyone really understand the problem?

Thank you so much for reading my letter. (Name on file) Ashland, Ore.

Ambulances and First Aid To the Editor: In regard to your editorial Jan. 24, I think it is time to state the other side of this matter. As for Dr. Feves' statement that speeding ambulances to the hospitals are uncalled for, I agree, BUT I would like to have Dr. Feves explain to the families of the loved ones that are lost because the ambulance can't get there in time to give the proper first aid that it requires to save lives.

On-the-spot first aid is the important factor. How many cases do you have that there is a qualified first aid person on hand? Very few times is there a doctor there. Yet there are a few senators and a few doctors like Dr. Feves who feel that the people of this state are not entitled to the proper care that the trained personnel on your ambulances can and are willing to give. Let it be one of them or their loved ones, believe me it will make a difference.

I don't think they should have the right to toy with the most valuable thing we have, human life. Would you be in favor of this bill if you or one of yours was in need of help? I know some families here in this valley who feel that if the ambulance could have arrived sooner, one member of their family would still be with them today. This is my feeling too.

The ambulance companies do not care about how fast they can get to the hospitals, as Dr. Feves states. All they ask is to be able to reach the patients in time to save lives. That much the people of this valley and the state are entitled to. (Name on file) Medford.

Portland — The State Sanitary Authority said today \$53,393,000 should be spent on 142 projects to control sewage pollution in Oregon.

The Authority, in a 1959 progress report, said 30 communities needed improvement of existing sewage treatment plants, 53 needed new plants, nine needed interceptor sewers and 50 need entire sewer systems.

The report said improvement in both domestic and industrial pollution control last year resulted in slightly better stream conditions in the Willamette river. But it held out little hope for better fishing in the near future.

Major progress listed for 1959 included awarding of six million dollars in sewage works contracts by 41 communities, completion of 12 new treatment plants to serve about 66,000 persons, expansion of other improvements to five existing plants, installation of new or extended sewer systems in 20 communities, formation of eight sanitary districts, improved pulp and paper waste disposal facilities, and start of the Portland metropolitan area Tri-County sewer system.



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