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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 Feb. 10, 1950 (Friday) Dr. Klaus Fuchs signs confession in London admitting to giving U.S. and British A-bomb secrets to Russia for past seven years.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 10, 1940 (Saturday) Medford first in state's traffic safety contest for cities over 10,000; Portland second.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 10, 1930 (Monday) Pacific highway to Central Point will be straightened, and "Death curve" near Prospect to be eliminated.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 10, 1920 (Wednesday) Jackson county issues 1,600 dog licenses so far.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 10, 1910 (Thursday) There are now two applications for a gas plant franchise here to build plant providing cooking gas to residents; may go to voters.

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

1. Would a myopic person be near sighted, or far sighted? 2. Daniel Webster was Secretary of State during which President's administration? 3. Is a sunspot cooler, or hotter than the rest of the sun? 4. Did Cyrus McCormick invent the reaper, the cotton gin, or the sewing machine? 5. Are peonies annuals, biennials, or perennials? 6. Who saw the Holy Grail? 7. In what principality is Monte Carlo located? 8. Eros is the Greek mythological god of what? 9. Name the three heads of governments who signed the famous Yalta Agreement in February, 1945. 10. What are the three primary pigment colors? Answers: 1. Near sighted. 2. Millard Fillmore's. 3. Cooler. 4. Reaper. 5. Perennials. 6. Sir Galahad. 7. Monaco. 8. Love. 9. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Josef Stalin. 10. Yellow, blue, red.

On Military Strength

A friendly and thoughtful letter from a reader of these columns makes a point.

The writer says a piece here the other day, entitled "Gambling Our Future," shocked her. She adds:

"Your list of publications, columnists and military men who want more weapons is very disheartening when we should be concerned only with solving the problems that face us at the next summit meeting. Anyway, the administration has said we are strong enough."

"Our problem is to stop this crazy competition in nuclear weapons and missiles, not to continue it."

WE agree wholeheartedly with this sincere expression - up to a point.

The point where we begin to differ is at the unspoken but implicit assumption that we can trust the Russians' word.

Tragically, they have shown, repeatedly, their word cannot be trusted.

And therein lies the difficulty of working out an accommodation for which the whole world is crying. Unless and until the Russians demonstrate conclusively that they have abandoned their declared aim to conquer the world, or unless and until we can work out ENFORCEABLE disarmament agreements, we see no alternative but to remain strong militarily - strong enough to deter any ambitious Russia might be harboring for conquest.

THIS is the crux of the problem - can we trust Russia's word?

If we could, the armaments race would end. But Russia has shown (and, unhappily, is still showing) that she will honor an agreement, or a treaty, only so long as she considers it to her interests to do so.

Let us grant that there has been a great change in Russia since the death of Stalin. Let us grant that Khrushchev is a far more likeable fellow. Let us grant that he talks (at least part of the time) in a more reasonable manner.

But the grim fact remains that Russia has never renounced her world-wide ambitions; has never given any evidence of good faith toward a real reduction in military power; has never felt bound by any international agreement it served her purpose to break.

NOR has she hesitated to use force to gain her objectives.

Witness Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary.

We happen to believe that the masters of the Kremlin today are realistic enough to fear the devastation of nuclear warfare, and will avoid it at (almost) any cost.

But we also believe that the masters of the Kremlin are still bent on world-wide power, and are not a bit queasy about how they achieve it.

The United States' capability of nuclear retaliation is, we regretfully conclude, the chief means at hand still restraining them.

WE agree with our gentle correspondent that the armament race is a crazy and senseless thing.

But the alternative is to evidence weakness. And if the day comes when, in the Kremlin's judgment, our weakness is such that we cannot immediately and effectively retaliate, to an extent which would make a Russian military gamble prohibitive, then, we are convinced, the Kremlin wouldn't hesitate a moment to strike, and strike hard.

If that day comes, the United States and its traditions of responsible government will vanish. The world as we know it will end.

MEANWHILE (as we also indicated before), we must, while remaining strong, continue to seek accommodations which may lead to an end of the armaments race.

We must maintain contact with Russia's masters, in the hope that they may, in fact as well as in outward gesture, be inclined to abandon their world-wide ambitions.

We must seek the friendship of free men and free nations throughout the world, for alone our power and prestige are not sufficient to deter Russia's ambitions.

We must continue and expand programs of international exchange, educational, cultural and in other fields, hoping that by increasing contacts we can broaden understandings on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

BUT none of these things will avail if, in speaking to the Kremlin, we speak from a position of weakness.

Would Khrushchev have any more compunction about bombing Washington or New York than he did in sending Soviet tanks in to crush the rebellion in Hungary little more than three short years ago?

We'd like to believe he would, but his own actions belie any such hope.

These are the reasons why we argue that this nation must remain militarily strong beyond any reasonable doubt.

These, coupled with strong evidence that our defenses are not and will not be strong enough, are the reasons why we called for increased defense appropriations.

We are as anxious for peace and disarmament as our friendly correspondent. But to divest ourselves of military strength under today's conditions would, we fear, be an invitation to suicide.

—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"SEE WHY I DIDN'T WANNA SHAKE HANDS? THAT'S GREASE."

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.

Are We Cowards? To the Editor: Are we being too lenient with Castro in Cuba? Do we have the moral if not legal right to protect United States interest in Cuba?

Castro in his new land reform is taking land away from the large land owners and, like Robin Hood, giving it to the less fortunate people of Cuba.

The League never endorses any candidate and takes a position only on those issues chosen by the members to which it has given intensive thought and study.

Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, President, Medford League of Women Voters.

Slash Burning Destructive To the Editor: Years ago loggers cut the big timber, leaving the small and the slash, and moved on. The slash and humus from decayed foliage and logs held the moisture.

Who will be next? Venezuela, Brazil, or possibly Colombia? Will these nations begin to nationalize U.S. investments when they discover that the United States is afraid to do anything to protect our rights?

Are we cowards that we have to hide behind the words, "friendly relations"?

Roger W. Doak 847 East Ninth St. Medford.

Wants Taxes Cut To the Editor: I am very much concerned about the people living on Social Security and low incomes being taxed out of their homes.

I have seen the time in Medford when many people lost their homes and lots, and others, near City Hall, were able to buy them up cheap, ignoring the law as stated in the city charter.

The Budget Committee will soon be meeting for the 60-61 budget. Let's demand that they forget that they can raise our taxes another 6 per cent without our vote and start cutting our taxes. IT CAN BE DONE.

When Medford brought the outlying school districts into the Medford system, they cut the school tax in the outlying district, but Medford got another raise.

Is this to continue and many be forced out of their homes? I have said before, and I repeat, wake up taxpayer. You could, with misfortune, be one of them.

Mrs. Edward U. Canose Jr. 55 Ross Court Medford

Stop It Now To the Editor: I am writing to you in connection with an article in the Tribune of Friday, Feb. 5, concerning the use of billboards for advertising in our area.

The money saved could be used to build more fire and access roads.

Years from now, future generations will look back on today as the dark ages of forest conservation.

Robert Conger, Prospect, Ore.

Israeli, U.A.R., Forces Clash; Neither Side Wants War, But Incidents Continue

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor In a demilitarized valley three miles wide and 10 miles long near the southern end of the Sea of Galilee, Israeli and Syrian farmers have tilled their acres side by side since 1951.

An irrigation ditch divided them and the Israelis claimed that ditch had been recognized, if not the final, boundary between the two sides.

Last week the sword took over from the ploughshare, and along the ridges of the red brown hills on either side, Israelis and troops of the United Arab Republic took up positions across from each other in the closest thing to a mid-east war since the Suez crisis of 1956.

The Fighting Starts The Israelis claimed that the Syrians illegally were stationing troops in the Arab village of Tawafik, which lies within the demilitarized zone, and that farmers working the Arab lands actually were U.A.R. troops in disguise.

The Arabs claimed the troops merely were there to protect the farmers against a long series of Israeli encroachments, during which Israel gradually was taking over the whole of the valley.

Then, a week and a half ago, the Syrians shelled the nearby Jewish village of Beit Katzir, and in retaliation Israeli troops razed Tawafik.

That there was not a full scale war may be credited to two forces, one of which usually receives too little credit in its attempts to pre-

serve world peace. That force is the United Nations whose armistice observers operate on both sides of the line, and therefore can pinpoint responsibility for aggression, and whose emergency force of 5,000 men stands along the southern Israeli-U.A.R. border from Gaza to the tip of the Aqaba Peninsula.

Another factor preventing a large-scale fight now is the fact that neither Israel nor the U.A.R. wants a war.

Israel charges that stepped-up U.A.R. hostility is politically motivated.

On the other hand, the Arabs charge that Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion deliberately builds up incidents to focus world attention and sympathy on Israel.

Writer Learns More About Pigeonholes Than He Wants

By DICK WEST Washington - UPI - I have been over to the office of Rep. Thomas Pelly (R-Wash.) watching a pigeonholing demonstration.

It was all very educational and I came away feeling that I had learned more about pigeonholing than I had wanted to know.

The exhibition was staged by 11 vice presidents of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, which is trying to convince Congress that extra pay ought to be given for pigeonholing home work.

I never even knew that pigeonholers had to do home work. But the 11 vice presidents soon set me straight.

40 Letters A Minute Outside of designing stamps, pigeonholing is probably the highest art form in the postal service. It takes a mail clerk about three years to become a good pigeonholer. And it takes a lot of study for him to stay that way.

A clerk must learn by heart more than 4,000 combinations of mail routes and schedules in order to put letters in the proper pigeonholes. This is roughly equivalent to memorizing 100 pages of a telephone book.

Once he has mastered the system, the average clerk can pigeonhole about 40 letters a minute. The trouble is that mail routes and schedules are constantly changing. Each time that happens, the clerk has to break his old pigeonholing habit pattern and develop a new one.

billboards to do much of their advertising, however, one must realize that the Rogue Valley is not just another area. Some parts of this valley are abundant in scenic beauty, others could stand improvement.

I propose that rather than deface the vicinity further with unsightly billboards, we work to improve the situation as it now stands. Let's leave advertising in magazines and newspapers where it won't deface scenery or disgust people who are not interested.

I'm sure that if enough people are interested in stopping this form of advertisement it will never become a problem. Let's stop it now, before it does get out of hand.

Richard Andre 449 Fairmount st. Medford

Federal Aid To Schools To the Editor: I am writing in regard to a recent letter which you received concerning the students of Crater paying for their lunches.

I agree fully that, the parents should pay for their children's lunches, but I do not believe that we shouldn't rely on Federal aid for schools and buildings.

As for the reason, whenever we need a new school or additional rooms on one, we have to hold a bond election to be able to get these bonds, whereas, if we had Federal aid the chances of obtaining the action we need sooner would double.

Doug Paddock 2262 West Prune st. Medford

Only Solution To the Editor: As I am writing these lines the sound of falling rain is reaching my ears. To some the dark, moisture-laden clouds may bring a gloomy experience. To me the sound of the pattering raindrops is music.

The other day a friend jokingly said, "When you get through with the wind, you can send it back." Yes we've been having some blustery weather, especially here in the south end of the valley.

A little earlier we were actually thankful for it but we did feel a bit sorry for you poor people down the valley who found yourselves under a heavy blanket of fog. When

is not uncommon for them to spend a week or more of their annual leave boning up for pigeonholing exams.

Contrary to what you might think from the number of letters that go astray, a pigeonholer must be at least 97 per cent accurate to hold his job.

I asked one vice president if the Post Office might develop an automatic pigeonholer which would make so much human memory work unnecessary.

"Absolutely not," he said. "Nothing is going to substitute for the human brain."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics: Over the week end, Senator Karl Mundt (Republican, South Dakota) and Representative George H. Mahon (Democrat, Texas) kept the defense controversy boiling.

Mundt, in a report to his constituents, charged that the Democratic critics of the administration have been playing "not so powerful politics on a critical issue—our national security."

Mahon, appearing on a television program, said the United States faces a "frightening situation because of Soviet missile superiority."

WE HOME folks, of course, understand it all. This is an election year, and in election years we Americans do strange things.

Still— This question can't help arising at times in our minds: Is it, or isn't it, a good idea to keep telling the enemy all the time how weak and helpless we are?

He just MIGHT believe it. In that event, the consequences could be TRAGIC.

MORE politics: For the past four days Democratic leaders (some 750 of them) have been meeting in Albuquerque to put together planks of benefit to the West for inclusion in the structure of the Democratic national platform.

These planks dealt with development of the national resources of the Western states, with transportation problems and with small business. The news services reported that this purpose "was achieved quietly amid the hullabaloo which centered around the Presidential aspirants."

These aspirants included Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, who said he isn't seeking the nomination; Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minn.

I'm tempted to complain because it's windy, well, I think what would we do without the wind? Those moisture laden clouds out there over the Pacific need some way to get inland. Without the wind, well my guess is, they'd just stay there.

So instead of growling and complaining, let's smile. Just think of the beautiful spring flowers that will soon be coming out. Our Heavenly Father has indeed given us a beautiful place in which to live. Yet there is enough of the sordid and dark side to help us realize that all is not well. With the tension and unrest, the wanton destruction so prevalent today, and the fears that grip men's hearts, it all makes us long for something better.

Many people feel as though a new order of things can be brought about with new heads of government. This I fear is only wishful thinking. The motives of men may be well and good but until the God in Heaven sets up His everlasting kingdom, which will never pass away, all will be unrest and trouble. Only in the Holy Scriptures can we hope to find the solution to all of our problems. Many may scoff at this view. If a better answer can be found, I'd be happy to have it.

Henry Johnson Jr. 2400 Highway 76 Ashland, Ore.

Education Group Votes School Bill

Washington - UPI - A House education subcommittee has given tentative approval to a three-year \$975 million school construction bill, about half the Senate-approved total.

The measure would provide grants of \$325 million annually to the states for classroom construction only.

The House subcommittee agreed Tuesday that states should put up matching funds in the third year of the program. A final vote was postponed until next week.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. (D-N.J.) was said to have the backing of House Democratic leaders.

It was considerably below both the two-year, \$1,833,000,000 school aid bill passed by the Senate last week and the four-year, \$4,400,000,000 measure approved by the House subcommittee in 1959.

Both these bills provided aid for teachers salaries as well as construction. School aid supporters conceded there was little chance that the House would vote aid for salaries.

WELL 'LAID' PLANS Memphis, Tenn. - UPI - Willie Wagner Moore, 46, lost his freedom and his nest egg Monday. Police jailed Moore after finding seven quart bottles of illegal corn whiskey under the setting hens in Moore's hen house.

could pass New York in 1964."

Regionally, the census bulletin adds, "the Far West is the big gainer with 29.1 per cent. The North Central was up only 14 per cent, the South was up only 13.5 per cent and the Northeast up only 9.8 per cent.

We're doing pretty well, thank you, without going all out on the political limb.

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