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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
May 19, 1950 (Friday)
Martial music, military fighter planes and numerous marchers will help Medford celebrate Armed Forces day tomorrow.

20 YEARS AGO
May 19, 1940 (Sunday)
Medford High school capture 14th annual state high school track and field championship at Corvallis with a point total of 224; Scappoose finished second.

30 YEARS AGO
May 19, 1930 (Monday)
Official count of primary election votes show voters are decisively in favor of the Washington school site for the new courthouse.

40 YEARS AGO
May 19, 1920 (Wednesday)
County sentiment appears much in favor of "good roads" bonds which will appear on ballot tomorrow for voter consideration.

50 YEARS AGO
May 19, 1910 (Thursday)
Nothing happened when earth passed through comet's tail last night and many persons locally seem disappointed.

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

Measure Recommendations
These are the Mail Tribune's recommendations for the measures on the ballot at the primary election Friday:
(Measures Ballot)
No. 1—Salaries of state legislators—yes.
No. 2—For dogs running at large in the county—no recommendation.
No. 51—For dogs running at large within the city of Medford—No.
(Special City Ballot)
No. 51—To annex a small area, entirely surrounded by the city of Medford in the Big-Y area, to the city—Yes.
No. 51—To annex a small area, entirely surrounded by the city of Medford in the residential area north of Jackson st. and east of Barneburg rd., to the city—Yes.

Census Figures
Wails of anguish are being heard from chambers of commerce and city officials the breadth of the state these days.
The reason: Census totals aren't coming up to expectation, or even to state board of census estimates.
It happened in Medford, too. Our preliminary census figure of 24,246 is more than 2,000 fewer than the estimate as of last July. (Final and "official" figures may boost this a bit—particularly if those missed by enumerators will make themselves known.)

THE reason for the anguished howls is prosaic enough—money.
Certain funds collected at the state level are distributed to both cities and counties on a per capita basis. Thus, the more people a city (or county) has, the more money it receives from the state without the agonizing process of extracting it from local taxation.
For this reason, each city provides an estimate of its own population just as big as it can possibly justify. And these estimates, when "certified" by the state board of census, become the basis for the distribution of funds.

THIS is one of the reasons why overestimates were almost universal throughout the state—some of them far more optimistic than Medford's, incidentally.
Eugene, Salem, Portland, Pendleton, Klamath Falls—all of these and others fell short of their expectations.
As a result, no one is going to get hurt too much.
If one city fell short of its estimates, while all others were on the button, it WOULD be hurt. But when all, or almost all, are short, and by about the same percentage, it simply means that all will wind up with about the same amount of money they have been receiving.

WE ARE awaiting with interest the results of the count in Jackson county as a whole. Last July, the board of census estimated the county's population at 72,000. This may be high, or low, or right on the mark—we'll have to wait and see.
But on the basis of some of the comments of census enumerators, we'll be mildly surprised if the figure is low.
One enumerator told us that the count was considerably delayed in one suburban area, simply because there were "about four times as many people" as had been estimated previously.
This seems to reflect the nationwide trend to suburban living—and these figures will show up in county totals, not those of incorporated cities.—E.A.

Ashland and Medford
Over the past dozen years, we have watched with pleasure as Ashland and Medford have gradually shed their old hostilities, and formed an ever-increasing community of interest.
This old city rivalry bit is sort of stupid.
Each of Jackson county's two major communities has much to offer, and much to be proud of. There is no occasion for rivalry or jealousy, and these emotions have been fading.
Medford strongly supported Ashland, as an example, during the fund drive a year ago to build a new Shakespearean Theater building. Support for Southern Oregon college is strong in Medford. And citizens of both communities work side by side on a variety of committees and groups seeking to improve the over-all community, of which both are a part.
FOR this reason it is a bit irritating to watch as a newcomer to this area attempts to stir up the old, somewhat stupid, arguments as to which city is the "best."
We are exceedingly fond of both cities, but for different reasons.
Ashland's accomplishments over the past dozen years have been great, and have been a source of pleasure to residents of both cities who realize that both of them, as well as all others in the county, and the unincorporated areas, too, are important, and have their own distinctive merits and advantages.
And for the Johnny-come-lately Ashlander to sneer at Medford as "Smoggy Bottom" doesn't alter these facts, either.—E.A.



"HOW'S YOUR HEAD FEEL, MR. WILSON? DAD SAYS THAT'S WHERE MOST OF YOUR TROUBLE IS."

Communications
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Strange Creatures
To the Editor: We humans are strange creatures. We make a big to-do about a few dogs coming in the yard, and many of us can remember when we rode in a horse and buggy behind a horse that had just been brought in from green pasture. We were forced to cover our laps to keep our clothes clean, and thought nothing of it.

His Money 'Stolen'
To the Editor: Boating is a family sport for all ages. Fishing, skiing, cruising, or just plain rowing, it is still fun. It is a sport that almost anyone can partake of, in some way. I have foreseen this boating law for several years. I felt we needed a tax of some sort to help enforce boating regulations and to improve our recreational areas. After all, gas tax and license fees go for improving and maintaining roads and law enforcement.

Morse Support
To the Editor: Let us put Oregon on the political map of the United States as being more than a way station.

Confusing Measure
To the Editor: It's been called to my attention that the dog control measure can be misinterpreted as I did.

PREDICTS SUPERSONIC
Washington—The head of the Federal Aviation Agency predicts that before 1970 a U.S. supersonic commercial airliner will fly between New York and Paris in about two hours.

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF
A COUPLE of female golfers had taken two hours to play seven holes, and their caddy—not to mention the male foursome behind them—was on the verge of an apoplectic fit.

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Is K In Trouble at Home? Malinovsky's Appearance in Paris Indicates He May Be
By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
To Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's suggestion that he would prefer to deal with President Eisenhower's successor rather than with the President himself, a middle-road Paris newspaper has raised a provocative question: "Who will represent the Soviet Union at such a future conference?"
The question arises because of speculation over circumstances surrounding Khrushchev at the Paris meeting.
One such circumstance is the belief that Khrushchev acted as he did because he is in trouble at home.
Another was the presence at Khrushchev's side of a burly marshal of the Red Army who is one of the Soviet Union's most decorated soldiers. He is Ridion Yakovlevich Malinovsky, Soviet defense minister.
Stalin Party Man
Malinovsky was a strong factor in the speculation that Khrushchev no longer is the master of his house.
Paris observers believed that Malinovsky, representing the diehard Stalinists, may have been the force which caused Khrushchev to reverse his so-called "mir miru" peace in the world campaign for a revival of the cold war.
Malinovsky was close to Stalin, and although not a member of the party, his presence in Paris suggested he was there for one purpose only—to keep a firm hand on Khrushchev.
Malinovsky, World War II "liberator" of the Ukraine and Crimea, has lived the rough and tumble life of a soldier since he was 16. He joined the army by the simple expedient of hopping a troop train.
Malinovsky once turned to an American reporter during a stormy day and said: "It's not bad weather. It's good for war."
That Malinovsky would accompany Khrushchev to Paris startled many observers in Moscow.

Today & Tomorrow
By Walter Lippmann

THE U-2 IN PARIS
The summit meeting has broken up. The President will not go to Russia, the invitation having been withdrawn. This is a blow to the administration. The issue on which the conference has been disrupted is the flight of the U-2, or more precisely the position taken by the President and his Administration. We must remember that when the plane was captured, Mr. Khrushchev opened the door to the President for a diplomatic exit from his quandary. He did not believe, said Mr. K., that Mr. Eisenhower was responsible for ordering the flight.
Undoubtedly Mr. K. knew that Mr. Eisenhower must have authorized the general plan of the flights but he preferred to let the President say, what in fact was a sorry kind of truth, that he did not authorize this particular flight. The diplomatic answer would have been to say nothing at the time or at the most to promise an adequate investigation of the whole affair. Instead, Mr. Eisenhower replied that he WAS responsible, that such flights were necessary, and then he let the world think, even if he did not say so in exact words, that the flights would continue. This locked the door which Mr. Khrushchev had opened. It transformed the embarrassment of being caught in a spying operation into a direct challenge to the sovereignty of the Soviet Union.

THE BALANCE REEMPHASIZED
Paris—At this highly emotional moment, it is both sobering and reassuring to take a quick look at the present balance of terror between the Soviet and a Western world bloc.
There is no doubt at all, of course, that the Soviet air defense system includes some anti-aircraft rockets. And these undoubtedly reach the B-52's operating altitude. Yet these rockets are employed in hedge-like formations around Moscow, Leningrad, and a small number of other major targets. B-52's equipped with the "Hound Dog" air-ground missile can lob their bombs through the rocket-hedge. In sum, the Strategic Air Command can do its full job if it gets the fatal order.
As already pointed out in this space, the very fact that U-2's have been regularly overflying and photographing the Soviet land mass also has another meaning. It gives the best possible confirmation of the very low American intelligence estimates of the numbers of operational Soviet intercontinental rockets. If the estimates are correct, the Soviets have enough of these rockets to do severe damage in the United States. But they have nothing like enough of them to prevent a Strategic Air Command counter-strike, which would do far more terrible damage to the Soviet Union.

THESE ARE the reasons why one can rather confidently hope that Khrushchev will do nothing that really risks war at this time. He is not in fact ready for war, unless he is also ready for suicide. But one can also be confident that Khrushchev is making great efforts to increase his military power, especially in long range rockets. He may well believe that he will be better able to bully the Western allies six to eight months from now, at the time of the renewed summit he mentioned in his statement.
Thus it is more urgent than ever to inaugurate a maximum air-borne alert of the Strategic Air Command's B-52's, so that SAC's great planes will surely be out of reach before the moment comes when Khrushchev may think he has enough ICBM's to destroy SAC on the ground.

BEFORE the affair of the plane, there had been, as Mr. Reston wrote on Monday from Paris, a strong indication that Mr. Khrushchev was very uneasy about the prospects of the summit meeting. I myself was one of those who talked to his personal emissary, Mr. Zhukov, when he came to Washington in April. The burden of Mr. Zhukov's complaint was that about March 15 American policy had suddenly hardened against a negotiation about the status of West Berlin, and that this was a reversal of the understanding given to Mr. K. by the President at Camp David.
Almost certainly, therefore, the affair of the plane offered Mr. K. an opportunity to make a diplomatic gain against the small encircling allies from Norway to Japan. If he had the chance to recoup elsewhere. We have not heard the last of the troubles of the encircling allies.

CONFESSION of lack of capability was clearly implied by the scene Khrushchev made. This deduction is confirmed, moreover, by the additional information about the fall of the U-2 that is now available.
There was always a fishy smell about the claim that the reconnaissance plane was shot down by a rocket at its normal operating altitude of 65,000 feet. After all, if the Soviet air defense system is equipped with great numbers of rockets that can reach 65,000 feet, why was the U-2 not shot down until it reached Sverdlovsk, which is about like reaching Kansas City?
The fishiness of this claim is now confirmed. It can be stated, on an undoubted authority that the American analysts have convincing evidence that the U-2 was shot down at between 25,000 and 30,000 feet, instead of the claimed 65,000. Engine failure probably brought the plane down to this lower altitude.
Most probably, too, the plane was brought down by a Soviet fighter aircraft rather than a rocket. A rocket would have blown the U-2 to little bits. A fighter would have left what the Soviets recovered.

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