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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

Aug. 11, 1950 (Friday) All volunteer Army enlisted reservists in the Medford area have been ordered to take physical examinations starting next week.

The federal government is expected to issue an order soon that will make possible a switch of land between the city and federal government so the city will be able to build a second water pipeline from Big Butte springs.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 11, 1930 (Sunday) The state game commission in court today contended that a diversion dam being constructed on the Rogue river near Gold Hill interferes with migratory fish.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "National emergencies continue to spring up like mushrooms and service stations. This land, if one possesses a nimble imagination, is in constant danger of a 'blitzkrieg' from everybody by the Hudson Bay Eskimos."

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 11, 1900 (Monday) President Herbert Hoover has cancelled his scheduled visit this summer to Crater Lake.

Extra fancy Bartlett's are bringing \$40 a ton in the East, to the delight of local growers.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 11, 1920 (Wednesday) The Bank of Jacksonville has been shut down and its president confined to jail.

Ken Lilly of Ashland has been signed by the New York Giant baseball team.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 11, 1910 (Thursday) Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger has decided to make a two-day inspection tour of Klamath Falls but will pass up a visit to this city.

A Medford couple was married here in a Chalmers-Detroit auto yesterday and are probably the first ever to do so.

What's Your I.Q.?

Miss or too correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Is vanilla bean the fruit of a species of orchid? 2. The name of the London residence of the British Royal family is Buckingham, St. James, or Hyde Park? 3. At 12 o'clock noon Eastern Standard Time in the U.S., what time is it in Moscow, Soviet Russia? 4. Who invented the pendulum?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Buckingham. 3. 8 p.m. 4. Galileo. 5. Napoleon. 6. By hanging. 7. Ermine. 8. Abraham Lincoln. 9. Cok. 10. White House.

"Special Warning"

"All U.S. civil aircraft, without exception, are to be grounded during the night of September 9-10, 1960. So will all military aircraft not actually participating in Air Defense Exercise Sky Shield."

This quotation is from a "Special Warning" carried in the current issue of the AOPA Pilot, magazine of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

It goes on to explain that the entire North American continent north of the Mexican border will be the target of a simulated enemy attack, with the North American air defense system opposing them.

It says "this exercise will make all U.S. and Canadian airspace unsafe for any other flying."

ONE can say, "Aha, our defense forces are on the alert. Good for them. They need the practice. And grounding all non-military aircraft is a little enough price to pay."

Then come the second thoughts. If Russia decides to attack us, it won't send out an order grounding all civil aircraft in the U.S. and Canada.

North American defense forces will have to cope with the emergency as and how they can. So what is the good of grounding all civil aircraft? Just to make it deceptively easy for the "defenders"?

THE test is unreal. And for an unreal and thus unproductive exercise, the U.S. and Canada are asked to give up all civilian flying for a period of six hours.

This will be between 3 and 9 a.m. on the Eastern seaboard, and between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Pacific Standard time.

Schedules of commercial airlines will be fouled up beyond all recognition, travelers inconvenienced, and hypothetical millions of dollars wasted so the fly-boys can play cops and robbers.

Emergency air traffic will be delayed. Forest Service planes will be grounded—and six hours can be a long time in the life of a forest fire.

Air ambulance planes (including our own Mercy Flights) will be unable to carry out their errands of mercy—and six hours can be crucial in the life, or death, of a sick or injured patient.

WE'RE all for military preparedness, and have said so many times. But this exercise, of extremely dubious military value, will not only create havoc with air schedules (including air mail), but also will very definitely threaten lives and property.

All in all we'd say it is a pretty stupid project. And while on the subject, who in heck has the authority to tell several thousand Americans to stay out of the sky, anyway? Some general who thinks it's a good idea? And under what statutory authorization?

The whole thing smacks of military bragadocio, leavened with not a little unconcern for civilian convenience, and a certain unreality as to what any future war—and Soviet intelligence—may be like.—E.A.

Forest Signs, Again

A week or so ago we were taken to task for a "remarkable" suggestion voiced earlier in this space that the lumber industry, and the federal forest management agencies, could do a lot for their public relations by putting up signs explaining what they are doing.

This suggestion was, in particular, for informational signs at logging operations where they were visible to the public.

So it is with particular interest that we note the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association has plans for this very thing.

THE August 6 issue of "Tree Farm News Notes" published by SOCTFA reports:

"Roadside signs will be used by SOCTFA to explain to tourists and local residents the logging activity they see along main traveled highways."

"The sign idea has been kicking around for some time, but this marks the first action on it in this area. . . It will explain the type of logging being done, the economic story of the wood being harvested, some comments on the job of reforestation being carried on, and a big plug for Keep Oregon Green. This information should be of interest to those who use the highway and see the logging operation. Too often, through a lack of understanding of logging practices, the average person will think an area is being denuded when actually the timber, like a field of grain, is being harvested properly and the area is being reseeded for future crops."

Good for SOCTFA. Combined with attention to good logging and clean-up practices in public areas, this should do a great deal to modify the "woodman spare that tree" type of thinking.

WE ALSO noticed, on a recent trip through parts of the Shasta, Lassen, Tahoe, Toiyabe and Inyo National Forests, a variation in the effectiveness of National Forest signs explaining matters to the public.

In one of them, where the highway went through a clear-cut patch, was a sign saying "Ponderosa Pine Plantation," which drew attention to small reproduction growth otherwise not noticeable.

Smaller signs elsewhere also encouraged good forest practices, pointed out forest camps, gave road routes, names and destinations, and other information of use to the traveling public.

It all helps.—E.A.

Everybody is busy claiming his "rights." Does no one have responsibilities any more?—Oregon Statesman.

Dennis the Menace



"YOU BETTER WATCH OUT FOR ALLIGATORS!"

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop

MORTGAGING THE FUTURE Washington - President Eisenhower has now passed over the recommendations of his Secretary of State and ignored the Republican platform's promise to "intensify, accelerate, and increase" the national defense effort.

Quite naturally without saying so in plain words, the President's Message to Congress indicates he has merely decided to unfreeze the last Congressional session's added appropriations for special defense projects.

These funds were voted against the President's wish. They were instantly frozen by the President's and the Budget Bureau's order. And now the act of taking these funds out of the refrigerator again is presented as important and significant.

The best way to gauge the real nature of this decision of the President is to take a look at the problem of the airborne alert. A maximum airborne alert was urgently requested last winter, by the brilliant man who has personal responsibility for the American deterrent, the Strategic Air Commander, Gen. Thomas S. Power.

IN THE PERIOD of the missile gap, which we have now entered, the SAC air bases in the U. S. and overseas are nakedly exposed to the Kremlin's long range and medium range rockets. Existing systems provide viewer warning against a missile strike.

Hence the only way to have a truly invulnerable deterrent during the period of the missile gap is to keep the maximum feasible number of SAC's B-52 bombers constantly in the air, with bombs aboard and ready to fly to their targets.

According to General Power, a maximum airborne alert is needed now. The mood will be vastly more acute in 1961 and 1962, when the missile gap will be very much wider. This need in 1961 and 1962 will not be cancelled out, either, by a Presidential order for construction of more Polaris submarines, which cannot be at sea before 1964 or 1965.

A maximum airborne alert is now impossible, however, for the simple reason that aircraft in flight wear out their engines and other parts. SAC does not have a spare parts backlog big enough to maintain a serious airborne alert without continuous attrition of its B-52 forces. With extreme caution, the last session of Congress therefore appropriated an additional \$85 million to buy a larger reserve of B-52 spare parts for SAC. This is one of the appropriations that has now been unfrozen.

UNLESS Budget Bureau pettifoggery negates the unfreezing (which is quite possible) SAC will therefore be permitted to acquire the capability of mounting a continuous airborne alert. BUT THE JOB WILL ONLY BE COMPLETED NEXT SPRING, since nine months have already been lost because of the President's obstinate resistance to Gen. Power's recommendation. AND AN ALERT OF 80 BOMBERS IN THE AIR WILL BE THE MOST THAT SAC CAN HOPE TO MOUNT. EVEN BY NEXT SPRING.

There is a simple measure for the feeble inadequacy of this belated gesture. The former SAC commander, Gen. Curtis LeMay, has never been one to overestimate the effectiveness of air defense. YET GENERAL LEMAY USED TO MAINTAIN THAT SAC NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO SEND OFF A FIRST

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.

An Encounter To the Editor: Some few years ago we were in Jacksonville, wearing a scotch-plaid shirt, suspenders and a knapsack with a gold pan, and met up with a young energetic news reporter who asked us if we were a long time prospector. We answered in the affirmative, and he began to talk by asking ponderous questions about how many figures in four ciphers of gold we could account for finding?

Not wanting to be plagued with a conscience of being a cheerful liar, we perhaps ruined an illusive gold story that could have been a yard wide and all gold studded right out of the mother lode district.

Well, as we began to tell him in a modest way that we only managed to eke out a living—and no more—our candid reporter friend brought the versatile dialogue to a rather sudden ending and a muffled close.

We never did hear or read of our short interview of venture or adventure, and added up the facts that it takes to turn out the elements of a sensational story plus evidence and realism, too.

Truth is stranger than fiction. Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st. Medford.

Poured Water—and Rain To the Editor: I would like to say a few words about Dr. Durno's letter in the Mail Tribune Aug. 4.

I am disabled for work. Have been for over two years. I get over \$100 a month Social Security, just me and my wife.

But as Mrs. Gillaspie said in her letter, I know of people that are not getting but \$40 and \$50 a month. Would Dr. Durno feel financially secure if that was all he had coming in to live on? He says it is not political. Why does he want to wait until January, 1961, after the elections, to decide on it? We know the Medical association is not going to do anything unless it is for the good of them. That is why they fight the Forand Bill.

Even if Dr. Durno says it is not political, if we read the papers and listen to the news, we know they have made a political football out of the Forand Bill.

Dr. Durno says, "I would further recommend that need be determining factor and that this investigation be carried out on a local level by local agencies that presently exist."

That also looks like politics to me. I know people that are on relief, and some are getting pensions, that say they are afraid to vote, that they might lose what they are getting.

I feel different about that. I feel if we don't get out our own battles, we are going to lose what we have got. I think we should speak up and vote for what we think is right.

Let's stop having water poured on us, and the candidates for public office tell us we were raised on.

I don't know about Dr. Durno's wealth. I have seen his home. If he paid his debts he said he owed when he came here and has what he has now in 30 years, the people here have paid him well for his services.

You can't blame him for wanting to protect it. If he is elected to congress, I am sure he will. Also the Medical association.

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Housing Mathematics To the Editor: On Friday, July 22, your paper carried a story regarding the visit here of Robert Campbell, director of the Lane county Housing Authority and his talk to the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, about public housing for low income senior citizens.

According to the account in the paper, each unit costs \$12,000.

In order to be eligible to live in one of these units, the individual must have an income of \$3,200 a year or less, and his rent will be set at 20 per cent of the income. Thus, a maximum of \$640 per unit will be charged as rent, ranging presumably as low as \$200 per year. The project is financed by a 40 year mortgage at 4 1/2 per cent interest.

The annual payment required to retire a \$12,000 mortgage at 4 1/2 per cent interest is: \$624.96. A \$12,000 dwelling in Medford, if it bears its fair share of the tax load, would be taxed at \$243 per year. Thus principal, interest and taxes would amount to \$867.96. If the maximum annual rental is \$640, it is obvious that the balance of

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is on vacation. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

JOHNSON AND ROCKEFELLER Washington - Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller are the "secret weapons" of the Kennedy and Nixon Presidential campaigns.

There are remarkable parallels in the roles they will be playing—and in the stake they have in the result.

Each will be campaigning to elect the man he tried to defeat for the nomination.

Each is going to give everything he's got to help his party's ticket win. Neither Johnson nor Rockefeller is a half-way, half-hearted political ally.

One, or the other may well exert a decisive influence on the outcome, so close is the election expected to be.

Finally, neither can lose! If he is able to help elect Mr. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, as his Vice President, will occupy a strategically powerful position in the Administration, influential with the President, influential with Congress, influential in the nation. If Mr. Kennedy is defeated, Senator Johnson will emerge as a formidable and nationally established claimant for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1964.

If he is able to help elect Mr. Nixon, Governor Rockefeller will emerge from the campaign with enhanced prestige. He can either accept a high post in the Administration or run for re-election in New York in 1962. If Mr. Nixon is defeated, Mr. Rockefeller will become the outstanding

Philadelphia eleven years later—in 1971.

Jefferson's much quoted figure of speech, "the wall of separation of church and state," is taken from a letter Jefferson wrote to a Baptist minister, in Danbury, Connecticut, 30 years after he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

In 1776, Harvard college was 140 years old. Established in 1636, with a \$500 grant from the "public funds" of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, it adopted as the college motto "Christi Gloria" (For the Glory of Christ). Today, many of Harvard's professors and students have adopted their own motto, "Nullius in Verba" (not bound to reverse "the word of any particular master").

Is it any wonder that private religious schools' enrollment since 1950 have increased 14 per cent, while public school enrollment has increased only 42 per cent. Why to 400,000 attend Jewish parochial schools in New York City?

Few liberals will ever quote Jefferson's use of the expression, "Swedish Multitudes," which he wrote in a letter to Mann Page, August 30, 1795.

Today, both political parties claim Jefferson. He would not feel at home in either. Jefferson was an aristocrat, who desired an agrarian republic, governed by an "educated elite." He feared "the mobs of great cities" that "our governments will remain virtuous for many centuries; as long as they are chiefly agricultural."

O'Shaughnessy, the Irish poet, once sang: "For each age is a dream that is dying, or one that is coming to birth."

Stephen E. Gillis White City, Ore.

GOVERNOR Rockefeller has a comparable relationship to the Nixon campaign. The Vice-President thinks the election so close that the electoral votes of one sizable state will decide it.

Rockefeller annoyed his party and helped Nixon by insisting upon a more progressive, outspoken platform. If he can help Nixon carry New York's 45 electoral votes, he will have demonstrated his good faith and party loyalty. Whatever the national result, Rockefeller will have a valuable legacy.

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MOVIE DIRECTOR DIES Santa Monica, Calif. - (UPI) - Academy Award winning movie director Frank Lloyd, 73, died Wednesday in St. John's hospital. Lloyd's "Mutiny on the Bounty" won the best picture of the year award in 1936. He also won Oscars for direction of "The Divine Lady" in 1929 and "Cavalcade" in 1933.

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