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Medford and Jackson County

History from the files of The

Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40

and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1950 (Wednesday)

A majority of Medford

residents favor the reactivation

of Camp White as a training

installation, it was indi-

cated by a random poll made

today by Mail Tribune re-

porters.

Dick Applegate, a well-

known newspaper writer and

United Press correspondent,

arrived in Medford Christmas

evening to spend a few days

with his family before re-

porting to the UP Tokyo bu-

reau for assignment in Korea.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1940 (Friday)

A special election has been

called for Jan. 17 to vote on

a \$80,000 bond issue to fi-

nance the city of Medford's

part of an airport improve-

ment project; the CAA has al-

lotted \$282,000.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye

Smudge Pot" column: "The

Japanese foreign minister is

a former student at the Uofo.

It often looks like he should

be painted green, and thrown

in the Old Mill Race."

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1930 (Saturday)

Crescent City defeated Med-

ford 24 to 21 in the local high

school's first basketball game

of the season.

An increased interest in

mining has been shown re-

cently in Jackson county with

22 applications for mining

claims having been filed with

the county on one day alone

last week.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1920 (Monday)

The last of a record amount

of Christmas packages and let-

ters are being distributed by

the local post office today.

The local Elks club will

hold an open house on New

Year's day.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1910 (Tuesday)

A move is in the offing to

change the name of Jackson

st. to Jackson blvd., on both

sides of Bear creek.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior;

seven or eight is excellent; five or

six is good.

1. What did Currier and

Ives make?

2. Which of the following

books are in the Old Testa-

ment: Mark, Luke, John?

3. Name the first four let-

ters of the Greek alphabet?

4. Correct the following

sentence: "He don't know as

he can come."

5. Is Bill Odom famous as

a golfer, round - the - world

speed flyer, or football play-

er?

6. In the final vote tally,

did President-elect Kennedy

win over W. P. Nixon with ap-

proximately 113,000 votes,

650,000, or 312,000?

7. The monetary gold stock

of the U.S. is deposited in the

Federal Reserve Bank, in New

York; true or false?

8. What is caoutchouc?

9. In baseball, which base

is called the rubber?

10. How many fluid drams

to a fluid ounce?

Answers: 1. Prints (engrav-

ings). 2. None. 3. Alpha, Beta,

Gamma, Delta. 4. He doesn't

know if . . . 5. Speed flyer,

6. 113,000. 7. False. 8. Rubber.

9. Home plate. 10. Eight.

Dismal "Development"

There are several things which should be clearly understood about the recently-advanced proposal to build a high dam across the Rogue river at Copper canyon below Agness.

First, it is not a new proposal, but it is one which has been emphatically rejected, for a number of reasons, when it has been made. No one with any conception of the realities likes the idea.

Second, it should never be confused with the Rogue Basin Project, which involves only the upper river.

Third, it is being proposed this time, not by any responsible government agency or organized group, or even an experienced utility. It is being proposed by a brand new group of some 50 people in Josephine county, whose motives and objectives are unclear and even suspect.

HANK DeVOSS, our award-winning outdoor writer, puts it this way:

"Sound the call to arms! The enemy is attacking! Now is the time for all brave conservationists to come to the defense of the Rogue river and fight for what is theirs!"

And Hank's alarm isn't too far-fetched, either. For if such a proposal ever got as far as serious consideration, it would bring on a fight which would make past battles over river use look like the proverbial tea party.

Over a period of many difficult years, our present concepts of water use have been developed. It has involved many fights, and this concept of multiple use of water resources has not, even yet, reached a stage of perfection and harmony.

BUT it HAS reached a point where it is recognized that no longer can we afford to permit single-use monopoly of our major resources. And such a high dam across the main stem of the lower Rogue would do violence to this hard-won concept.

It would generate a lot of power; it would have certain limited recreational uses; and it would "open up" a lot of timbered country.

But it would end the Rogue as a fishing stream; it would have no flood control benefits; it would not irrigate an acre of land; it would utterly despoil some of the most magnificent country in the west; and it would foreclose forever the intense enjoyment of the Rogue as a more or less "natural" stream.

This kind of dismal "development" we can do without.

It would be asking a sacrifice of everything the Rogue has come to symbolize for a pot-full of unneeded kilowatts.—E. A.

There's a Difference

The difference between this proposal for "progress" and the wholly separate proposal for development of the upper Rogue Basin is a vast one—in concept, in use, and in execution.

The one—the Copper canyon dam proposal on the lower Rogue—is to sacrifice the Rogue for the equivalent of a mess of pottage.

The other—the Rogue Basin development plan for the upper river—is a carefully prepared study, still in progress, which will take into account all real and potential uses of the river, and which will carefully safeguard existing values.

THIS is no happenstance.

Up to this time, the development of the upper Rogue has been stymied by conflicting interests. And it was not until all interests were consulted and considered, that a plan approaching an optimum use of the river could be devised.

The key to this optimum plan, the turning point in the whole ancient controversy, appeared when the fish and wildlife interests became convinced that they stood to gain more by intelligent planning of the upper Rogue than by letting summer water flows continue to decrease, with resultant damage to the fisheries.

NOW, for the first time in history, there is real promise of a plan of development which not only will retain and enhance existing values (scenic, fishing, streamflow, recreation, and so on), but which will, at the same time, make possible added irrigation, power development, and, to a limited extent, flood control benefits.

That this has become possible is due to the long, hard work of the bureau of recreation, the Corps of Army engineers, the U.S. fish and wildlife service, the Oregon water resources board, the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, and dozens and dozens of interested individuals and groups who have participated in the studies.

Let us keep it clearly in mind, therefore, that there is no relationship whatsoever between the developing Rogue Basin project plan still under study, and the ill-conceived, hastily proposed, single-shot dam proposal at Copper canyon.

THE first gives promise of being an important contribution to the entire area, and to the diversified interests which make it up.

The second would destroy many of these same benefits, all for the dubious purpose of power generation and timber cutting.

The Rogue Basin project can become a community endeavor in the best sense; the Copper canyon proposal looks like nothing but a grab for the river, a "give away" of the most flagrant kind, for the benefit of a limited few.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CHURCH AND BORAH

Washington—Twenty-odd years ago it was Borah of Idaho who led our isolationists against any "entanglements" with the tricky and "colonialist" British.

Now, from the very seat of old Sen. William E. Borah, a man young enough to be his grandson, 36-year-old Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, is developing a new, unintended form of isolationism of an equally high-minded kind.

It may be as difficult to combat as the old, For, again, it has ready appeal to the emotional and missionary strain within us. The mountain west seems somehow to produce politicians of decent purposes—and with a way of so oversimplifying world problems as to produce the very last thing they want—a weakened free West against all totalitarianisms.

WHILE Hitlerism was rising in the '30s, William E. Borah, from his powerful post in the Senate foreign relations committee, fought every effort to meet that evil reality. And he sometimes felt he knew more about unwarlike German intentions than presidents.

His great influence—he was an able man of honorable purposes, as is Church—gravely hampered our preparations for a war which we would, all the same, have to fight. Borah was very hard to overcome. For a crisis about "keeping out of war" were easy and popular then—as are about "anti-colonialism" are easy and popular now. It was easy to say, two decades ago, that we should take a high, aloof moral position and just let the bad British and French and the worse Germans fight it out.

IT IS easy now to say, as Church is saying, that we should completely throw in with the various African "independence" movements, beginning with that in French Algeria. We should no longer vote in the United Nations, says Church, with "such notorious colonial powers as Spain, Portugal, South Africa, France and Great Britain."

"Notorious?" Well, as to Spain and Portugal and South Africa, perhaps yes. (It is a little hard on Britain, by the way, to bracket her with extremely racist South Africa. Britain has made a thousand-fold more effort, at immense cost to herself, to moderate racism there than all the world's "anti-colonialist" critics put together.)

But is Britain, is France, really quite so "notorious"? Are these ancient lands, where modern freedom was born, really more "notorious" than say, the Kremlin agents who have an undeniable part in all these African "independence" movements?

And if they are—though surely only a mind bemused by slogans could actually believe this—are they not then too "notorious" to be accepted longer as faithful allies? And, if so, where will we find the troops and fleets to replace those of Britain and France for the common safety against Soviet imperialism? From an "independent" Algeria? From a "liberated" Congo?

BUT was France really "notorious" in the long agony of Nazi occupation? Or was she only the first victim of a marauding force which the West at first was powerless to resist because the West had listened too long to the Borahs of that day?

Was Britain "notorious" when left alone under Nazi bombs because of a Western weakness created by parochial isolationism?

Will Church of Idaho, in his honest zeal, become the Borah of this generation, righteously separating Western-world sheep from Western-world goats so that the last, inevitable winner will be the Russian bear, as once it was the grisly German eagle? It might be so. For Church is very likely to ascend now to the chairmanship of the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on African affairs. (Copyright, 1960, by United Features Syndicate, Inc.)

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Sinister Forces

To the Editor: Whether we have faced the facts or not, Americans are constantly being besieged by forces far more sinister than Communism.

Let's consider the "sinister" forces working like termites underground and like lions above.

It appears that the liquor, tobacco and preverted music interests have by their actions shown their purpose. From video screens voices are bewitching tender hearts with hypnotic propaganda that ultimately leads to both physical and spiritual ruin.

Television alone is not guilty. Every means seems to be put to use to lure more and more individuals into downward paths. Even Christian homes are not exempt. What many a few short years ago turned in horror from, now by their apathy, have accepted as commonplace.

To the tune of rock and roll and jazz multitudes watch and listen while the merits of poison are extolled. So many minds are benumbed and befuddled by nicotine and alcohol that they fail to realize what is happening. Actually our nation is reeling on a drunken, smoking crowd, rushing on in a mad race toward eternity. Not satisfied with their own inventions, expeditions have actually been sent into the heart of Africa to capture the bop and rhythm of the heathen devil dancers.

Missionaries were sent to convert the heathen. Now their bewitching rhythms, for the love of money, are helping to transform our nation into a sensual, crime loving band of villains. Not satisfied with worldly outlets the enemy has even incorporated his jazz rhythm into much what is panned off as sacred. David danced, but not to the love sick, sensual rhythms now so popular.

Yes, the clever counterfeiter, Satan, if you please, even disguises himself into fast pace religious jazz. Yes, sinister forces are working. We must beware.

Henry Johnson Jr., 2315 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

The Maxwell

To the Editor: My uncle left Bement, Illinois, and finally settled in Ridgway, Colorado. He bought a slightly used two cylinder Maxwell and started one of Colorado's first auto mobile stage lines between Ridgway and Ouray.

This wux a long route for a Maxwell, in the summer, he tried to make a round trip every day. He didn't, but he tried. In the winter the Maxwell wux froze up. After sev-

Foreign News Desk: Moscow vs. Pentagon; NATO Soul-Searching; Reds To Stay Home

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Notes from the foreign news cables:

Moscow vs. The Pentagon:

Moscow radio is making a distinction between President-elect John F. Kennedy and American generals. It is an apparent campaign to convince Ken-

ney that all carry the same burden. There also is the fear that Russia might use the program as a pretext to push her own missiles closer to Western Europe. The question of control also is an important one. Opponents of the plans say that 15 fingers on the trigger would make it too clumsy to be effective.

Stay in Own Yards
One result of the recent Red "summit" conference in Moscow may be that both the Chinese and Russians have agreed to stick closer to their own back yards. Khrushchev called off at the last moment a scheduled visit to North Korea. Chinese President Liu Shao-Chi accepted invitations to visit east European nations more than a year ago. But he has come no closer than Leningrad and Minsk. Liu has accepted an invitation to visit Cambodia and probably will fulfill it.

Save the Dollar

Reliable banking sources in Frankfurt report it is almost certain that West Germany's Bundesbank (federal reserve) will chop the discount rate again in January in another effort to stop the U.S. dollar drain. These sources put the proposed cut as high as one per cent but no lower than one quarter per cent from the present 4 per cent. The country has built up a reserve of more than \$7 billion. The

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE U.N. IN CRISIS

The General Assembly of the United Nations having adjourned, we see only too clearly that it is

the center of a double crisis. The one involves the usefulness, if not the very existence, of the United Nations itself. The other registers a serious change in the position of the Western powers in the world balance of power.

Both crises turn on the Congo. When the trouble broke out after the Belgians left, all the nations, the Western, the Afro-Asian, and the Soviet Union were agreed in calling upon the United Nations to restore order. The purpose of restoring order was to avert turning the Congo into a cockpit of the cold war.

If this original intention had been realized, if this original intention could conceivably still be realized, the Congo would become isolated from the international power struggle, neutralized while it acquires the know-how and means of self-government.

ALL this has been a great and daring hope, and it may have been beyond the civilization which the world we live in has as yet achieved. But could it be made to succeed, it would provide a precedent and an example by which other backward countries could pass from subjection to independence. The whole future would be brighter.

Although it is just possible that the situation in the Congo is not irretrievable, it is certain that it cannot be solved by the kind of tactical infighting which we have been practicing. In my view it can be made to succeed only as part of some overall understanding with the Soviet Union to contract, rather than to expand, the theaters of the cold war.

The brutal fact today is that Mr. Khrushchev's assault on the U.N. has cut deeply into the support on which the whole enterprise depends—the support of the Afro-Asian nations and their sympathizers among the neutralist countries. The U.N. has been brought to a point where the Soviet Union has sufficient support to nullify its operations in the Congo. It has been brought to a point where a U.N. action can be taken without Soviet consent and collaboration.

IN OTHER words, the Soviet Union has extended its power of veto from the Security Council, where it exists under the charter, to the General Assembly and the Secretariat.

eral years, my Uncle was thinking of retiring, then one day a man got off the train in Ridgway and wanted to go to Ouray. My uncle felt sorry for this 39 year old man from Waukegan and gave him the Maxwell.

The Maxwell is 52 years old and poor old Rochester is still driving it up and down Wilshire Boulevard.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

would take another \$20 million for the naval craft to carry them. There also is the fear that Russia might use the program as a pretext to push her own missiles closer to Western Europe. The question of control also is an important one. Opponents of the plans say that 15 fingers on the trigger would make it too clumsy to be effective.

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