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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 June 18, 1952 (Wednesday)

Mrs. Eva Boyd, South Pacific highway, named Grand Champion Catfisherman at 18th annual National Catfish derby at Touhy State park; she caught 37 catfish.

A three-hour downpour of rain halted operations at White City Lumber company at Camp White by filling pits and shorting out motors and transformers.

20 YEARS AGO June 18, 1942 (Thursday)

Capt. Floyd Hart called to active duty with U.S. Army air corps; is officially credited with shooting down German airplane in World War I.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The first day of summer has come and gone. Was it (censored) enough for you?" was the question of the day."

30 YEARS AGO June 18, 1932 (Saturday)

Medford merchants stock up on taxable items before billion-dollar federal tax bill goes into effect.

New Jackson county courthouse at Main st. and Oakdale ave. expected to be ready for occupancy by Oct. 1.

40 YEARS AGO June 18, 1922 (Sunday)

Women's Christian Temperance union and Medford and Ashland Ministerial association start movement to recall Jackson county sheriff.

Total of 51 persons in 17 cars arrive at Medford city camp grounds to spend the night.

50 YEARS AGO June 18, 1912 (Tuesday)

Portland man arrives here to investigate possibility of building road to Oregon caves and constructing a lodge there.

Man held for San Francisco police on forged charge escapes from "unbreakable" Medford city jail.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Does the population of North America exceed that of South America?

2. In what body of water is the Isle of Man?

3. What is the name of the league organized in 1943 among Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen?

4. Is Arizona classed as a plains state or a mountain state?

5. In what sport did Helen Wills Moody gain her greatest fame?

6. What happened to Benedict Arnold after his treason was discovered?

7. What country is the largest producer of wool?

8. Who, in American political life, was known as the "Kingfish"?

9. From what language are the Romance languages derived?

10. How many sensations of taste are there?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. The Irish sea. 3. The Arab league. 4. Mountain state. 5. Tennis. 6. Became a British officer. 7. Australia. 8. Huey Long of Louisiana. 9. Latin. 10. Four: sweet, sour, bitter, salty.

Nkrumah's Conference

A "World Without the Bomb" conference opens in Accra, Ghana, on Thursday and extends through June 28.

Without questioning the sincerity of Kwame Nkrumah's desire for nuclear disarmament as a means of reducing world tensions, the world conference in Accra must be viewed in the light of the great ambitions of the President of Ghana. Nkrumah is a champion of pan-Africanism. Characteristically, he envisions himself as the head of an African federation. And almost every act of The Saviour (Osagyefo), as Nkrumah likes to be styled, appears to lead in that direction.

NKRUMAH is staying home from a meeting of the Casablanca group of African nations in Cairo to be on hand to welcome the delegates to the "World Without a Bomb" conference.

It was he who called the group together through a preparatory committee headed by the Rev. Canon L. John Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Although virtually bankrupt, Ghana is paying the local expenses of the guests.

The conference will by no means be limited to nuclear disarmament. Those attending will engage in a broad discussion of what might be done to lessen the most important international tensions and reduce pressures among nations.

Invitations were sent to scientists, informed laymen, and savants. A non-governmental group of 11 Americans will attend, among them James J. Wadsworth, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Groups are expected from all the other atomic powers, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and France, as well as from nations in Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Europe and Latin America.

NKRUMAH's own neutrality of late has looked to be a neutrality in favor of the Soviet Union. Not long ago he visited Russia and while there made remarks deeply resented in Britain, though Ghana remains within the British Commonwealth. (The warm welcome accorded Queen Elizabeth II on a visit to Ghana last November somewhat mollified the British.)

Ghana has been accepting Russian aid and technical advice. And at the Belgrade conference of nonaligned nations last September he sounded like anything but an unaligned statesman. At that time he expressed only mild "shock" over the resumption of Soviet nuclear testing.

Subsequently, on Oct. 19, the Ghana embassy in Washington, in an apparent ploy to raise Nkrumah's stock here, released a letter he had sent to Soviet Premier Khrushchev asking him to reconsider his decision to explode a 50 megaton nuclear bomb.

AT A U. S. trade fair in Accra last November, Nkrumah declared that his nation follows "a policy of positive neutralism and nonalignment." He said Ghana made no apology for trade and aid from the Soviet Union, China, and the Soviet bloc.

On the other hand, he declared it would be "profound tragedy" if the press and others in the United States led any "section of opinion" to support or conspire "with those who are intriguing against African unity."

The dark side of Nkrumah's pan-Africanism is reflected by his discard of the British tradition of individual liberties he inherited. Scores of political opponents have been arrested for "dangerous activities." Ridiculing the Saviour President cost up to 15 years in jail.

The press has been tethered. If this is a foretaste of an African federation led by Nkrumah, however neutral it might be, Britain—and indeed the free world—have just cause for alarm.—E.R.R.

Competition in Steel

The United States, with far and away the world's greatest capacity for production of steel, continues to import more steel than it ships. And the competition is going to get tougher.

Steel users here brought in a record 4.4 million tons in 1959 to make this nation a net importer, in part because of the prolonged strike in the domestic industry. Imports slipped to 3.3 million tons in 1960 (no strike) and 3.1 million tons last year.

BUYING to hedge against a strike shot imports for the first three months of this year to 953,000 tons as against 512,000 tons in the similar 1961 period. But demand for foreign steel plummeted after steelmakers reached their agreement with the union. Indeed, domestic production is off as well. For 10 straight weeks production has sagged. In the first full week of June output was down to 54 per cent of capacity.

The menace of foreign competition was dramatized in early June when the U.S. Navy admitted having bought 3,500 tons of high-grade armor plate for guided missile frigates from West German mills. The price averaged 30 per cent below American bids. Under the Buy American Act U.S. firms receive an advantage of only 6 per cent (12 per cent for small business and distressed areas) on open advertised bids.

THESE are some of the relationships President Kennedy must have had in mind when he told his news conference, April 11, that a steel price rise would make it "more difficult for American goods to compete in foreign markets, more difficult to withstand competition from foreign imports, and thus more difficult to improve our balance of payments position, and stem the flow of gold."—E.R.R.

"And Here Is Laos, We Hope—"



COMMUNICATIONS

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A Form of Insurance

To the Editor: The propaganda barrage of the American Medical Association in its attempt to defeat the King-Anderson bill in Congress reminds me of the old Spanish proverb: "It is better that a man die on his feet than that he be compelled to live on his knees."

Probably every state in the Union has some form of indigent relief program. In many states an attempt is made to palm it off on the unemployed as a state pension. In most states it is administered by an army of political appointees who have almost a power of life or death over the aged, the disabled and the children who, through no fault of their own, are forced to crawl to one of these appointees to beg for the means of sustaining life.

The Kerr-Mills bill is nothing more than a provision whereby the Federal government offers help to the state on a matching basis if or when the state complies with the requirements of the law, and in no way removes the stigma of indigence from those who are compelled by ill circumstance to beg for relief. Its provisions have been accepted by only about half the states and most of the funds provided for have been spent in Massachusetts, New York and Michigan.

The King-Anderson bill provides for a form of insurance, paid in advance during the working years, something the citizen can demand as his right in his hour of need, that he can accept without sacrificing his self respect. True, it only partially fills the need, since it partially covers only hospital and nursing care, and does not extend to doctor's bills. Social Security, itself, is not perfect, but is being improved with it, and it is the best plan of protection for old age and disability yet developed.

The AMA claim that the King-Anderson law would cause a deterioration in the quality of medical care is unrealistic since it has nothing to do with doctor's care or doctor's charges, it is one of the weak points in the bill that it does not, but even if it is

amended at some future time to include doctor's bills, 71 per cent of British doctors say their system of nationalized medicine has helped them prevent serious illness by giving the patient attention in advance of emergency, which is almost never done in private practice. That such health plans have failed in other nations is belied by the fact that 59 nations, including all the major nations of the world, have adopted a nationalized health plan of some kind, and none have abandoned it.

To call it a form of Socialism is only a plea to prejudice. So is our Post Office, our public schools and our public highway system, but can anyone conceive of us attempting to turn them back to private enterprise. The criterion by which to judge each forward step in self government is not in name calling, but in what it will do for those it seeks to serve.

D. Ivan Fritts
Ontario, Ore.

Ships End Stay At Rose Festival

Portland (AP)—The U.S. Navy left Portland today, heralding the end of the 1962 Rose Festival.

The festival fleet has been moored at the Willamette river seawall and provided the setting for church services Sunday for many Portlanders.

The only official event remaining on the schedule is the Queen's baseball game Tuesday night between the Portland Beavers and the Hawaii Islanders.

On Saturday an estimated 370,000 persons saw the Grand Floral parade. POPULATION PROBLEM—Cambridge, England (AP)—RSPCA officials want whoever loosed 48 rabbits on the lawn of Trinity college as a prank to come get their bunnies before the inevitable happens. Inspector Stanley Tynan estimates that each of 40 females among the rabbits could produce five offspring and the RSPCA would have 248 bunnies in a month.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TO THE SURPRISE of everybody at a recent stupendous, all-star benefit performance, the hit of the evening was scored by a miniature talking poodle who brought down the house with a series of superb imitations and snappy new jokes. While the applause of the audience was at its height, however, a large dog shot out of the wings, grabbed the triumphant poodle by the scruff of the neck and pulled him off the stage. "Sorry, folks," yelled the poodle as he disappeared into the wings. "It's my mother. She always wanted me to be a doctor."

A noble experiment of Pat Callahan, owner of a midtown saloon, has ended in failure. Pat hired a full-blooded Indian to serve as assistant bartender, but had to let him go at the end of a fortnight. He couldn't be broken of a habit of charging \$24.00 for a Manhattan.

The very day a new burglar alarm was installed in the box office of the Loon Valley Movie Palace, a robber poked a pistol through the window and demanded the day's receipts. Lem Tuttle, the cashier, pressed his foot on the alarm pedal, and a moment later his telephone rang. The robber grabbed the receiver and heard an annoyed voice complain, "This is police headquarters, Lem. Will you kindly get your foot off the pedal that rings that fool new alarm of yours over here?"

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Foreign News: Rusk's Trip Dictated By Uneasiness in Nation's Capitol

By PHIL NEWSOM
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Notes form the foreign news cables.

Rusk's Visit
In London it is believed that Secretary of State Dean Rusk's visit to Europe is dictated by Washington's uneasiness that West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French President Charles de Gaulle will



Newsom "gung up" when they meet in Paris early in July.

Adenauer has been sulking over the rebuke he received from Washington after Bonn leaked American Berlin peace plans. He has been hinting lately that he may give closer support to some of de Gaulle's ideas on Europe, which run counter to the U.S. viewpoint.

Red Strategy

Military sources in Saigon expect the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas to launch campaigns soon to cut off major rail and road arteries. The campaign will take advantage of the monsoons in an attempt to disrupt the rural economy by keeping farmers from getting their goods to market.

The sources say if the guerrillas succeed in cutting or seriously disrupting traffic along the few major roads in

the highlands and the coastal railway, it will be extremely difficult for the farmers to get rice from the fertile delta area to the poor farming areas in the central and northern portions.

Trade Pressures

High government sources in Tokyo say Japanese businessmen are pressing the government to increase trade with

Communist China by offering a deferred payment plan. They believe the Peiping regime might look favorably upon such a plan for two reasons.

Publican Party

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International
Washington—This is the season for deploring and condemning the scattered pockets of conservative-minded voters who seek to put some conservative backbone into the Republican party.



Wilson

These conservatives are announced as rightists, now a dirty word. They are accused of reckless rule-or-ruin intent. All of them are tagged with the shoot-the-mooner of full-time seeking to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren or of picturing Dwight Eisenhower as a Communist sympathizer.

The bill of particulars is phony. Their alleged intent to rule or ruin is unproved. It is a fact, however, that in some areas little pockets of homeless conservatives are examining with interest the success of organized leftists in shaping Democratic party policies.

For example, the Liberal party in the State of New York, for another, organized labor in Michigan. For several more, any of the heavily industrialized states. In these areas, the organized left-of-center can be a tail that was the dog.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller last week the effort to organize a conservative splinter party in his state. Unless the shoot-the-mooners obtain control of that proposed splinter, its effect merely would be to give New York's conservative Republicans some leverage on party policy.

What the conservative organizers seek in New York is the kind and degree of leverage on the Republican party that the splinter Liberal party imposes on the Democratic party of New York state. When the Democratic and Liberal parties in New York support the same nominees, it often happens that their man is elected with the aid of Liberal votes and would have been defeated without them.

That Liberal party is to the left of the Democratic party. It is a party with an organized labor foundation. It pressures the Democratic party toward candidates and policies the older party might not otherwise accept. It is no more ridiculous to accuse the Liberal party in New York State of Communism than it is to accuse all unhappy conservative Republicans there or elsewhere of seeking to impeach Warren.

In Michigan, the AFL-CIO is no splinter group. Instead it dominates the Democratic party and is part of it. Among the heavily industrialized states, the left of center pressure on the Democratic party comes from organized labor and to some extent from racial groups.

IN ALL this, the GOP is taking calculated risks. There is always the danger that Republican viewing-with-alarm may turn out to have been wrong or may be seen as unjustified defeatism—gloom-and-doom stuff. But these are also unavoidable risks, because there is no other general issue the Republicans can usefully raise.

Group Attending Beef Congress

A delegation from Jackson county is attending the Beef Performance Congress and the Seventh Annual convention of Performance Registry International on the Oregon State university campus today through Thursday, according to Earle Jossy, county extension agent.

Tuesday the program will be the annual beef field day. It will include such subjects as beef carcass standards, the new dual grading of beef, range improvement techniques, and other related subjects.

Wednesday the program will be on production records and record keeping. The first and last day will be devoted to business meetings. Jossy said.

Tuesday, June 19, is the monthly Cal-Ore Cattlemen's association meeting at North's Chuck Wagon.

NEW CLINIC NEEDED

Watford, England (AP)—This town needs another prenatal clinic but not because of a rising birth rate. Women doing physical exercises in the clinic are so vigorous they have weakened the floor and officials fear it will cave in.

Tightening the Screw
In Berlin it is being predicted that the Communist East Germans will tighten still further East-West Berlin travel restrictions.

West Berliners already are banned completely from East Berlin. People from West Germany may visit the eastern part of the city only for 12 hours at a time.

Time for Condemning Pockets Of Conservative-Minded Here

All of these alliances, strategies and tactics add up to the political dominance enjoyed now by the Democratic party in the United States. As the pressure groups nudged the Democratic party increasingly left-of-center, the Republican party was drawn in the same direction.

Washington Report

By William S. White
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STATE OF BUSINESS

Washington—To the usual ifs and maybes of any congressional election year has now been added a large, uncomfortable query which few politicians had thought only three months ago could be present this time. What will be the state of American business come late October?

All hifalutin' lore to the contrary, congressional campaigns are usually fought not on great issues applying horizontally across the country. On most occasions there is no single, merged nationwide campaign; rather there are hundreds of little campaigns, often quite separate in nature and tone.

This year, however, there is some prospect of something approaching a national referendum, as distinguished from the customary series of essentially local political encounters, on the general issue of the country's economic condition.

Foreign aid is getting into politics—in rather unexpected ways. The solidly Democratic senate, for example, voted last week to prohibit all but surplus food assistance "to communist or Marxist-dominated countries." Yugoslavia and Poland fell into that category. Both are dominated by USSR.

NOT willingly, perhaps—but VERY EFFECTIVELY. The effect of the senate vote is to prohibit all U.S. aid to them other than by sending them surplus food from our vast surplus stores.

The view of our state department is that in Yugoslavia and Poland our job is to WEAN THEM AWAY from Moscow. It thinks we can do that most effectively by helping them to stand on their own feet without Moscow's aid.

THE state department is concerned also about a restriction by the house ways and means committee into President Kennedy's bill. This restriction would deny to Poland and Yugoslavia the preferential tariff treatment accorded to "friendly" countries under the most favored nation principle. The house has not yet taken up this bill, but is expected to shortly.

In foreign aid and trade matters, Yugoslavia has been treated by this country as a friendly nation, and Poland has been given special concessions.

WHY these two proposals—one in the house and the other in the senate—that seem to go contrary to state foreign aid policies?

This answer suggests itself: Members of the house and the senate have been hearing from their constituents on the subject of foreign aid—which, to say the least, isn't TOO popular out among the voters.

IT'S a big problem. It has wide ramifications. What of the starving Chinese, for example? Should we feed them, thus removing from their communist rulers the burden of doing so?

ONE suspects that few of us out in the wide open spaces are qualified to give the last and final answer. But—outside the original Marshall Plan aid to our friends and comrades-in-arms during the last war, with which NO ONE disagrees—most of us get puzzled when we try to figure out any vast and lasting benefits that have come to us through foreign aid as it has been administered more or less all over the world.

There are times when it almost appears to us that those we have aided most have the least genuine friendship for us. Buying friends just doesn't seem to pay off.