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Flight o' Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune

10 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1952 (Friday)

Employment in Jackson county remained at a high level throughout October.

20 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1942 (Saturday)

Medford city employees electrocuted when loose power wire falls across Jackson st.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Nimrods have started running over to Klamath county to bring down a goose and take a chance themselves on coming down with pneumonia."

30 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1932 (Monday)

Medford Mayor E. M. Wilson apparently reelected as incomplete returns give him a lead of 360 votes.

East Side Improvement league formed; plans to widen East Main st., put in new street lighting, cover abandoned street car tracks and to get all property owners to modernize and improve store fronts.

40 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1922 (Tuesday)

George Dunn, Ashland, gets largest majority in Jackson county in bid for election as state senator.

Medford Mayor C. E. Gates proclaims Armistice Day observance in Medford.

50 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1912 (Thursday)

Serbia issues defiant answer to Austrian note; "probably precipitates general European war."

Special Grants Pass Committee recommends that saloons in that city have only one entrance; not be allowed to have tables or chairs, and pay an annual license fee of \$1.50.

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

- 1. What does an octagonal highway sign always mean? 2. When does a bill become a law? 3. From what is rum made? 4. What republic was formed by freed American slaves? 5. What did the ugly duckling turn into when he grew up? 6. Which of the National parks was first established? 7. Has a Vice President ever been tried for treason? 8. In music, what is a chromatic scale? 9. Who wrote the American's Creed? 10. What is the square root of one? Answers: 1. Full stop. 2. When signed by President. 3. Fermented molasses. 4. Liberia. 5. A swan. 6. Yellowstone National Park. 7. No. 8. Scale including all half-tones. 9. William Tyler Page. 10. One.

"Bubbleheaded Inspiration"

Yesterday's election was the 18th we have been involved with as a working newspaperman. There were a couple of others in which we were involved politically. In almost all of them there have been last-minute flurries and cries of "smear," "fraud," "unethical tactics," and so on.

Therefore it came as no particular surprise to see the same thing happen Monday night. It took the form of a long anti-Morse TV tirade from two representatives of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Association. The best description of it was provided by another director of the association, who called it a "bubbleheaded inspiration."

IT ALL stemmed from an advertisement which appeared in southern Oregon newspapers the last days of the campaign, pointing out that Senator Morse had been instrumental in obtaining the authorization for the Rogue Basin project.

The ad reproduced a letter from the president of the association, thanking Morse and praising him for his work. The ad also (and we must confess we thought this was stretching a point) reproduced the sponsoring organizations of the Association, most of which are non-partisan and non-political.

The advertisement spoke for itself — an office-seeker claiming credit for what he had done for his constituency. There was no implication that the sponsoring organizations supported Morse. Indeed, any normally-bright person could see that the Granges, chambers of commerce, and others, would be violating their own rules to offer such support.

HOWEVER, some members of these groups felt that there was such an implication, and sought to counter it, as they have every right to do. They did so via ads in the Grants Pass Courier.

(The Mail Tribune came in for criticism because it did not accept similar ads because its deadline was past. The criticism is unjustified. Our Advertising Director reports: "The only approach for space, to my knowledge, was a call from Grants Pass simply in the form of an inquiry. No further comment was offered when the caller was informed that it was too late. There was not the slightest indication of urgency, no request to disregard deadlines. We would certainly have made an exception in our deadline rules if any side at any time feels an injustice has been done and would seek an advertising outlet for rebuttal.")

So far, so good. Then came Monday night's program during which F. I. Bristol tore into Morse for listing these non-political organizations — thus involving them in politics far more thoroughly and partisanly than the ad itself did.

A SIMPLE disclaimer from the offended organizations would have been appropriate. But to draw them into an all-out anti-Morse clamor was something else again, far more serious than the mere listing of their names on a letterhead.

(We also mildly resented the criticism of the Mail Tribune's story about the affair because it gave Senator Morse's side of the question, as well as that of the protesters. Presumably Bristol would have been happier if we had printed the one-sided handout — which was prepared at county Republican headquarters, incidentally — without change and without addition.)

Thus this "bubbleheaded inspiration" had two results:

- 1. To involve far more than they already were the non-political organizations in partisan politics, and, 2. To effectively place the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Association in strident opposition to the man who had been so instrumental in obtaining authorization for the project they have sought.

NOW that Senator Morse has won reelection by a substantial margin, and will be joined by Democrat Bob Duncan in the House of Representatives representing the Fourth District, what does the Association propose to do now?

As Bristol himself pointed out, authorization of the Rogue project is only one step. Appropriations must be obtained from the Congress. We hope this last-minute partisan attack in the name of the Association will not influence Morse against the project, but it still is not the best argument for him to go out of his way to aid the Association in its quest for construction money.

IN SUMMARY, Morse may have stretched a point in listing the Association sponsors in his advertisement — although it is not unusual practice in a hot political contest to do this sort of thing.

But it was inexcusable for Bristol and a few others to bring the Association and its sponsors into what was patently a Republican "get-Morse" hatchet effort at the last possible moment, using the ad as an excuse.

Unless we are sadly mistaken, Bristol's ill-considered action has jeopardized the Association's effectiveness, and has certainly put an end to Bristol's usefulness to the group. — E.A.

Uh --- Fellas...

The Oregon department of motor vehicles announces that, in 1964, it will change Oregon auto license plates to three letters and three figures. They're running out of usable combinations of figures.

The telephone company is switching from letters and numbers to all numbers. They're running out of usable combinations of letters and numbers. License department, meet telephone company; telephone company, meet license department. — E.A.

"What Was All The Excitement About One More Nuclear Weapons Base?"



... 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.

Autumn Leaves

To the Editor: I walked in the autumn woodland. As the leaves came drifting down, clad in their gala costumes of red and gold and brown.

County Fair Thoughts

To the Editor: May I suggest all persons interested in a Jackson county fair check with the Douglas county fair people. They have a lovely layout and when we lived at Winchester, five miles north of Roseburg, last year, we attended the show every evening, and we all agreed we enjoyed it more than the state fair.

Editor's note: Amen!

Lumber Industry's Dilemma

To the Editor: Before Gifford Pinchot appeared on the U.S. forests horizon, RR robber barons and lumber looters of the public domain held field sway. They scorned Pinchot, feared and hated him. Millions of square miles of U.S. lands had been stolen. The halls of congress, U.S. Land Offices, Courts were havens for and bedlams of political corruption. The Great Lakes states' forest were a shambles and/or the land a scorched earth.

From the Olive Grove

To the Editor: Some of my friends perhaps wonder if I've taken off for Siberia. No, not quite. Just got tired of looking at pears and decided on olives for a change. Out in the orchards some one razed me for being a Webfoot. They also let me know that the rain which had caused the unprecedented quagmire in the olive groves was Oregon mist and had missed Oregon. I soon put my native son friend on the right track. They were told that the webs between my toes were what was keeping me afloat in the sea of California mud. Also that this wet of the wettest early October storm had come from the south. The hundreds of bent over trees leaning north were ample proof.

Is THAT What We Said?

To the Editor: Your incredibly fertile imagination has once again taken a contemporary world situation (with respect to Cuba), and produced a fantasy, conforming to your mechanistic idea of what the United Nations should be. According to your Oct. 31, 1962 editorial, Cuba was a dangerous situation because President Kennedy had to "let off steam" and fortunately the U.S. was available to act as a safety valve. Alas! you have

bridged greed of big business and its corruptive influence on politicians is causing the masses of the people to not even vote and seek relief in communism."

John E. Gribble 139 Kenwood Medford, Ore.

Word of Prophecy

To the Editor: In your editorial section you supported those who say that much of the Bible is false. As a patriotic American, I am glad for the freedom of press which gives you the right to express your thoughts either for or against the truth of the Bible. I firmly believe that truth will stand more convincingly as it is challenged and will give its own answer to those who diligently and with a pure heart seek for it.

Daisy's Back

To the Editor: I'm sure most of us are sorry to see John Snider vacate the mayor's job. However, I'm also kind of glad! It means that (and haven't you noticed?) Moo-oo-oo and Musings are back and better than ever.

Editor's note: Amen!

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Chinese Reds' Tactics in India Remind Of Korean War, Which Began 12 Years Ago

BY PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

It was 12 years ago, a little later in the year than now, that the Chinese Communists undertook their first great military venture beyond their own boundaries. It was Korea then. Today, it's India. But the front line reports trickling down from the Himalayan peaks reveal no great change in Chinese tactics in those 12 years.



Then as now, the most effective Chinese tactic was the human wave assault which moved relentlessly upon its objective regardless of the cost. Many an American veteran of the Korean Punch Bowl, the Bowling Alley, Pork Chop Hill and the Iron Triangle remembers those Chinese.

They came out of the morning mists like ghostly sleepwalkers, advancing almost shoulder to shoulder. They seemed to come out of the ground itself and, like rice shoots, when one fell another took his place.

The arms they carried were simple ones. They liked the Russian burp gun. It wasn't much more than a barrel with a trigger attached, but at fairly close range it sprayed bullets with deadly efficiency.

The winter months of 1950-51 were not happy ones for the Americans in Korea, fighting a new kind of enemy in miserable terrain, against unfamiliar tactics and in bitter cold.

Before the United Nations forces there were to be welded into one of the world's most magnificent fighting machines, costly lessons were to be learned.

The Chinese soldiers advanced like deadly automatons but they had not been trained to improvise nor to take advantage of sudden opportunities.

Bob Gibson was a UPI correspondent who lived through one of those human wave assaults. The vivid dispatch he filed told how one Chinese soldier walked straight through an overrun American machine gun post, simply kicking the gun aside as he continued his slow pace forward.

In a surprise night attack, the Chinese captured a U.S. artillery position complete with guns and ammunition. Two weeks later when the Americans recaptured the position, the guns still stood with their muzzles pointed north, ready for use and with ammunition still stacked neatly nearby.

This correspondent recalls a Chinese soldier horribly burned by napalm. For two weeks after his fellows had fallen back he had hidden in a Korean pig sty, clinging to life and stolidly ignoring his pain.

This is the nature of the

finally realized the U.N. is not the "world's greatest hope for peace." In your own words it is merely a "safety valve" for letting off steam.

Well, you have the situation in very clear perspective: President Kennedy demonstrated great courage and even statesmanship in agreeing to let U Thant go to Cuba to work out a system of demantling and removing offensive nuclear weapons.

While all that preceded this-President Kennedy calling to Washington his top military aides and cabinet members, congressional leaders, etc.; declaring the quarantine on Cuba with notice to the whole world and the Soviet Union, that no offensive nuclear material would be allowed through to Cuba and what was already installed must be removed; the fact that the President and Secretary of Defense moved and prepared the Armed Forces for possible action; the fact that almost immediately after the President declared himself he had all of South America pledging support, with England and France and our other allies doing likewise (many of these countries had ships and/or material affected by the quarantine); the fact the President had the immediate support of virtually all responsible Americans and especially the support of his political opposition; the fact that President Kennedy had demonstrated traditional courage, faith, determination, responsibility and will; the extremely important fact that Khrushchev subsequently, in the face of this concerted demonstration, quickly backed away, retreated (momentarily though it be) — all this, and more, in the humanistic eyes of Eric Allen was nothing more than an effective method of generating dangerous steam!

Aah! But I have not even mentioned the United Nations. Perhaps I should — hooray! for Eric Allen's "safety valve."

Robert J. Howard 702 Beekman st. Medford.

Gentle Explanation

To the Editor: and Mrs. Ray Doran. With the kindest regards for you and your deep concern over the plight of the Southern Negro shown in your letter (M.T. Oct. 11) may I explain to you as gently as possible that the 1954 desegregation decision, which applies only to the state of Arkansas is not "the law of the land." But even if it was, the tragic invasion of Mississippi with federal troops is a brutal and indefensible violation of state's rights, the 10th Amendment, and Article 4, Section 4 of our Constitution. You see, the states created the Constitution and the federal government, and they did not delegate the power to send armies to crush its creators.

Bear in mind that the terrible result of this illegal invasion, as stated by eyewitness

enemy which now faces the outmanned and outgunned Indian fighters in the high Himalayas as the Red Chinese move for domination of the whole of Asia.

American arms are flowing into India to bolster Indian defenses. Indian women are contributing their gold trinkets.

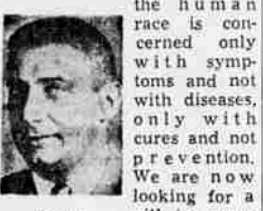
But neither can make up soon for India's lack of preparedness.

And over the week end came confirmation of a fact already suspected. In the hour of crisis, Nikita Khrushchev's proclaimed friendship for India counted for less than kinship in conquest with his Communist allies.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

SYMPTOM AND DISEASE Like a dilatory patient who goes to see the doctor six years after the onset of a hacking and chronic cough, the human race is concerned only with symptoms and not with diseases, only with cures and not with prevention. We are now looking for a pill to cure



our cosmic cancer.

"What can we do about Cuba?" asks the worried citizen

ness students, was the shooting of several students by federal marshals; one shot in the arm; one shot in the stomach with a sawed off shot gun; and one of whom, shot between the eyes, died. (Smoot Report, Oct. 15). If this can happen in Mississippi, it can happen again, at any time, in any state, endangering the rights of all citizens, including Negroes.

It may come as a shock to you that the majority of Negroes do not favor race mixing and intergration. As a whole they do not welcome physical, psychological, educational, or matrimonial intergration with the white race. In Atlantic City housing projects they insisted on racial segregation when allowed to choose the project where they desired to live. Also Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York City, where every desegregation law that can be dreamed up by political demagogues has been passed, are all fast becoming the most segregated cities in the nation. In these and other great cities of the North many Negroes hold good jobs. Their children are in school. They drive good cars and live in good homes. But they are segregated. And here where the big white churches are wide open to them, Negroes seldom go to white churches. They go to their own.

Those who would force race mixing and destroy the white and black races by throwing the blacks and whites together will never succeed. For it is contrary to nature. It was not the South that started segregation. It was Almighty God who made the human race yellow, brown, white, and black and put them each on a continent by themselves. And His determination to protect His people the way they were created will prevail.

L. C. Powell 316 S. E. Eighth St. Grants Pass, Ore.

Pear Utilization

To the Editor: Now that election is over maybe we can all start thinking of other things. In other words we must always keep looking ahead, so many things need to be done, and goodness knows there's a plenty.

So what's on my mind is this pear business. So hard to see these tons and tons of our Rogue valley pears dumped here and there, big piles of them, to rot. My question is, why can't there be a group formed to start up a

new business among our local people to experiment in various ways, such as pies, candies, jellies, juices, gum drops, and see which group can come out best. Or put on a fall pear festival and give prizes for best methods to use up this surplus wasted product.

Nevah Clifford, Route 2, Box 200F, Central Point, Ore.



"Maybe it's the 'let-down' after a campaign. Maybe it's the feeling you could have done more when your man loses. I don't know—but I always get the post-election blues . . ."