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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 April 23, 1953 (Thursday) Fluoridation of drinking water received wholehearted backing here last night from Dr. David N. Witter, Portland, director of the dental health of the State Board of Health.

20 YEARS AGO April 23, 1943 (Friday) Sams Valley man fined \$25 and costs and forfeits gasoline ration book for traffic violation.

30 YEARS AGO April 23, 1933 (Saturday) Four hundred Jackson county men expected to obtain relief jobs in Crater Lake National park during summer.

40 YEARS AGO April 23, 1923 (Sunday) Klamath Indians warned they must give up liquor or forfeit payments from government.

50 YEARS AGO April 23, 1913 (Tuesday) Jackson County Sheriff August D. Singler dies in gun fight with Lester Jones, 19-year-old desperado; Jones also killed; William Singler appointed to succeed his brother.

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

1. John Wesley was the founder of what religious denomination? 2. A name assumed by an author as a pen name is known as what? 3. In British legend, what King was the son of Uther? 4. In the nursery rhyme who would a-wooing-go? 5. In what war did John Paul Jones gain fame? 6. Are live lobsters red or greenish-brown in color? 7. An albatross is a plume of feathers from what bird? 8. "The People versus Frederick Manion" is the central theme of what popular modern novel? 9. Is the Republic of Chile on the west or the east coast of South America? 10. How many red stripes has the American flag? Answers: 1. Methodist; 2. Nom de plume; 3. Arthur; 4. A frog; 5. Revolutionary War; 6. Greenish-brown; 7. Egret; 8. Robert Travers; 9. West; 10. Seven.

Highway Hornets' Nest

Over on the Oregon coast, a lot of people are mad at the Oregon State Highway Commission for not devoting a larger share of highway construction funds to the coastal area. (They're trying to force a bond issue through the legislature to provide additional highway funds for them.)

The people along Highway 42, which runs between Roseburg and the coast, and particularly those along the western end, are mad at the commission for lack of funds for that route.

Up in Lake Oswego, a lot of people are mad at the commission for planning a freeway through the community. The city council recently passed a unanimous remonstrance.

IN PORTLAND, a lot of people are mad at the commission because of its decision to run a freeway along the foothills route. Their peeve is that the commission should have chosen a route that they favored.

In Medford, some people are still rankled by the fact that the freeway runs smack through town, instead of by-passing it, as it does all other communities.

These are samples of the passions and pressures and tensions with which the commission must deal. Spending, as they do, millions of dollars of tax money, and making decisions, as they must, which affect the lives and property of thousands of citizens, the commission is "fair game" to anyone with a gripe.

A SOMEWHAT similar hornets' nest is now buzzing in Jacksonville. This is a case where the commission is going to be soundly damned no matter what it decides to do.

This is the situation: Highway 238 runs right through Jacksonville up Fifth Street to California, and west on California to the canyon which takes it on up the hill toward the Applegate area. A large timber sale in the Applegate poses the probability that log trucks in large numbers will be using the highway this summer. The thought of dozens of big, loaded trucks roaring through the middle of town at the height of the tourist season caused considerable alarm among a number of residents.

THEY appealed to the highway commission, which was responsive to the problem. A rush job of surveying was done, and the engineers picked a route along the south side of Jackson creek as the most feasible.

At a public hearing called to discuss the route, considerable opposition was made known. This came from people who felt that this route threatened the integrity—historically, scenically, and municipally—of the little community.

The town is sadly divided, and tempers and emotions are at a peak. Even the city council is not all of one mind. And outstanding figures throughout the United States who are interested in historic and architectural preservation and restoration became concerned.

THUS the commission is, once again, on a spot. If it responds with immediate construction along the proposed route to avoid the log truck problem, it will upset those who have a genuine and deep concern about the future of the city.

If it says, in effect, "a pox on both your houses," it will succeed in alienating both sectors of opinion.

If it delays, and attempts to find a way acceptable to both sides in the controversy, including perhaps an alternate route—perhaps on the north bank of Jackson creek, (still inside the city limits) or, even better, through a gap in the hills north of the cemetery—it is laying itself open to criticism, and perhaps additional costs.

THIS, then, is the three-pronged problem the commission faces. And no matter which course it chooses, it will be criticized.

But of the three choices, the first, in the studied opinion of many people who should know, could do irreparable harm to the city.

The second is no solution at all.

The third, while it may involve more problems and more talk, more delay and more bickering, is the only one which will take into consideration all the factors in this situation.

WHAT, after all, is the tearing hurry? Surely, no one wants logging trucks rumbling through Jacksonville's main street. But there are other possible solutions to this—including the construction of a temporary log-truck-only by-pass road, of inexpensive design, which later could either be eliminated, or, if the decision is made, become the right of way for the future highway.

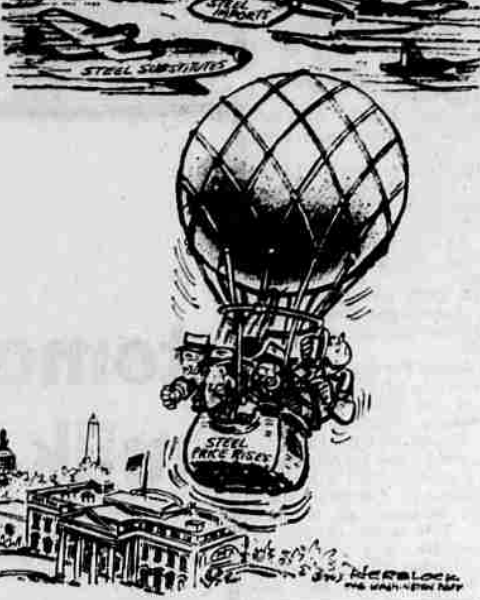
And, as has been pointed out by many far wiser in the ways of history, historic preservation, and community well-being than either the highway commission or, for that matter, most local people, once a town is chopped in two by a four-lane highway, it will not be rejoined.

OREGON'S highway commission might well learn a lesson from California, where the commission and its engineers have come into almost universal contempt for their utter disregard of scenic, historical and community factors in ramming freeways through where the engineers say they should go, without the advice and guidance of architects, historians or city planners.

The Oregon commission, God wot, has problems enough at the present.

If it gains an added reputation as a city spoiler, and a rammer-through of plans which have not received the fullest study, it will be laying up a king-sized supply of future hornets' nests. —E.A.

"Oh, Boy—We're In The Clear!"



... Communications ...

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Economic Forces

To the Editor: My response to the front page story of the speech by Dr. Richard H. Byrnes of Southern Oregon college, delivered at the Medford Public Library recently, in which the "more learned" protagonist than I, stated, "The struggle today is not really centered on missiles, space flights, and Polaris submarines... the struggle today is a struggle of ideas, a struggle of books, if you will, a grim, determined, ideological war to gain possession of men's minds."

This we were told before; this I used to believe, but this assertion now I dispute. It is at this time, not a military struggle of military forces and powers, though these have influence as threat and creation of fear; but it is an economic struggle because who, pray tell, determines who shall read what books, stories, poems, articles, listens to what radio announcers, and watches what television shows, and hear even what speeches, all by what masterminds (those of higher than average ability and understanding)? Please make no mistake, it is owners and controllers of those mass media of communication (and officials who permit public gatherings as in the above reported instance) who are indeed those same capitalists under attack by the communists and socialists, or in sympathy with them.

Thank you for this opportunity of contributing to your column again, and for the privilege of meeting you as I sit in your office at this moment and write this.

Paul D. McKinnis P. O. Box 321 Ashland, Ore.

Annual Meeting

To the Editor: The Jackson County TB and Health association will hold its annual meeting and no-host dinner in the Pioneer Room of the Jackson House on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. The program for the evening will be a panel discussion of the TB victim and his problems.

Mrs. A. J. Kanelier, supervisor of Jackson county public health nurses, will discuss case finding; Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder, social service worker at the State TB hospital, will discuss the hospitalization and social problems of the TB patient; Miss Beverly Armstrong, supervisor of collections for the State Board of Control, will discuss the financial responsibility of the patient and his family for his care; David Kuhns, administrator of Jackson County Public Welfare commission, will discuss assistance given the family of a TB patient, if need be; and Donald Hansen, rehabilitation counselor, State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, will discuss retraining the TB patient, if need be. Robert Dames, Medford attorney, will moderate the panel. A question and answer period will follow.

The public is cordially invited to this meeting. You may have dinner with us, a cup of coffee or simply come in to hear this interesting and educational discussion of this highly infectious disease and its problems for the patient and his family.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Henry Byer, chef at the Jackson House, at 773-8271.

Chester Irish, President Jackson County TB and Health Association Medford

Why?

To the Editor: In your paper of Thursday, April 18, 1963, I found the following small article at the bottom of the second column on page 6A:

"Before discarding men's or children's socks, cut off and save a top of each color."

Dan Hays, Southern Oregon College, Ashland, Ore.

Editor's note: The story would have made considerably more sense if all of it had been used, instead of just the first paragraph, which was dropped in by mistake to fill a "hole" at the bottom of the column. The rest of it went on to explain that mothers who buy socks for their children in quantity can obtain a supply of the right color darning yarn by saving the tops of worn out socks.

Propaganda

To the Editor: Re "U.N. Report" - or Dr. Ross's Dog Food:

Shrieks fly when someone challenges the press! A press purported honest, fair, and free- (At least that's what most papers claim to be!) But let me tell you, 'ere I more digress, About this claim of "freedom of the press":

"U.N. Reports Katanga" - that, I'd see! "Tahombe Attacks U. N." - turned out to be! "Twas naught but dog food" - handing out a mess!

Who sponsored it? You guessed it! Someone crude, Who hands out propaganda in a tube. My dog's uncanny! - smells things with his nose - And shuns decay-'ev'n that buried 'neath some rose! The old, stale cry of "Red" should not distress The world's United Nations OR our press!

* The last Friday and Sunday editions of the Medford Mail Tribune listed in its "Sunday Television Programs" column for 7 p.m.: "UN's Katanga Report." It turned out to be an anti-U.N. pro-Tahombe propaganda film, one-sidedly lopsided, sponsored by a dog food company.

** Dr. Ross's Dog Food was announced as the sponsor of this propaganda film, which was anything but "news reporting" of a faintly "objective" character.

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Ferocious Battle

To the Editor: No battle is as ferocious as the social one waged eternally to ward off the encroachment of a "newcomer's" ideas. To Name on file, "Rx for a Chronic Condition," M.T. April 18, this situation appears much like a local static state engendering "impoverishment of spirit."

This state is the effect of a misunderstanding and misdirected law of survival - it is a complex operation, and it is universal.

Not only does the instinct for self-preservation operate in the objective world but it also extends itself into man's mental concepts and ideals. Since the structure of a culture or group rests on the foundation of its particular ideas and ideals, these must be relentlessly and unendingly wooed, nourished, and sustained by any measure whatever.

The fact that in order to "keep what is ours" we must be prepared to accept change as inevitable and unavoidable, is a painful paradox we rigidly refuse to recognize or con-

NATO Force Future in Doubt; Britain Will Retain Aircraft Carrier Role

By K. C. THALER United Press International

London - (UPI) - Britain will remain an aircraft carrier island for many more years to come, with an imminent new American air strike buildup this side of the Atlantic.

New and more up-to-date U.S. planes equipped with nuclear weapons are to be flown to bases in the British Isles over the next few months.

The developments belie earlier suggestions that the United States was planning to pull down its bases in this country.

This impression of a fade-out has been strengthened lately by U.S. plans to withdraw Thor long-range missiles from Europe, including Britain, as Polaris-carrying nuclear submarines come into operation on a growing scale.

American atomic strike fighters will play an important part in this new U.S.

move. Current assessments in London are that by Oct. 1 depleted American bases will be back to their former strength, probably even with their striking power increased.

The fighters will, at least partly, take over from the long range B-47 strategic bombers which are to be gradually withdrawn.

Supersonic fighter bombers with operational ranges of more than 1,000 miles are held less vulnerable than the B-47's - apart from serving additional purposes.

The program for the buildup in Britain includes a new operational control and command center and other long term arrangements which are seen as an indication of planning for a long stay in Britain.

Whether some of this new air strength will eventually be added to the projected inter-allied nuclear force now in the state of preparation remains to be seen.

The United States and Britain are speeding arrangements for the inter-allied force which, as a start, will include the British V-bomber nuclear force, three American Polaris submarines, and tactical air forces of NATO

allies. There is still doubt whether the two French air squadrons, recently equipped with American nuclear weapons, will be allowed by General de Gaulle to join the inter-allied force.

But there is speculation in European diplomatic quarters that some of the American strike forces may sooner or later also be linked within the inter-allied force.

European interest has been turning lately to the inter-allied nuclear force concept, as expectations of an early emergence of the American-proposed multilateral force of Polaris-armed, mixed-manned surface vessels fade.

The NATO allies who showed interest in the American project in varying degree when canvassed earlier this year by presidential envoy Livingston Merchant, have begun of late to shy off because of its cost.

A new round of talks now in progress in Europe may generate fresh interest, and the European view may emerge more definitely at the forthcoming NATO Council meeting in Ottawa next month.

But, in the interim, the United States is going ahead with its plans in Britain, irrespective of what may or may not emerge ultimately in terms of an integrated NATO nuclear force.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

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CURIOSER AND CURIOSER

Vienna - The noises creeping out of the Communist bloc are getting curiousest and curiousest, as it were, as it was so well put in "Alice."

The loudest and most persistent of these noises suggests that the years of Nikita S. Khrushchev's supremacy in the Soviet Union are drawing to a close. The French press has just published a rather confident prediction that Khrushchev will yield his place as head of the Soviet government to Frol Kozlov, when the Central Committee meets in Moscow in a few weeks' time.

These stories by able French reporters reflect a near-spate of hints, insiders' tips, and direct warnings that Western European intelligence services have lately been getting, from European satellite sources, from talkative members of the Italian and other Western Communist parties, and even from sources in Moscow itself.

The hints and tips take many forms, as is natural. But the majority suggest that Khrushchev will retain the more important of his two offices, his place as First Secretary of the Communist Party, while handing over control of the administrative apparatus to Kozlov.

IN PARALLEL, so to say, is another near-spate of more firmly based reports from the Far East. The Chinese Communists first denounced Khrushchev by name at party meetings, including meetings at very low levels, a good many months ago. Another round of comparable denunciations has now started significantly AFTER the Soviet invitation to Sino-Soviet negotiations and the conditional Chinese acceptance.

The theme of the new meetings is, quite simply, that Khrushchev must go. Some weeks ago, the Communist theoretical journal, the World Marxist Review, published in Prague, charged the Chinese with attempting to promote changes in "leadership" of the Communist party. But it is a considerable step from the kind of underground intrigues the Marxist Review seems to be talking about to party rallies with "Khrushchev must go" as their theme.

How to interpret these strikingly peculiar noises from the Communist bloc remains a question much debated among the European experts on Soviet affairs. What happens to Khrushchev personally is less important, of course, than what happens to the Soviet Union over which he has presided for so long.

Maybe we should be less impressed by the rumors about Khrushchev's difficulties than by his Crimean vacationing. Maybe the symptoms of the change in direction in the Soviet Union are merely indications that Khrushchev has been paying a rather heavy price to the opposition, in order to keep his power and his place. No one will really know what the situation is until the Central Committee meeting in mid-May.

YET the two questions are interlinked. Khrushchev on the whole has stood for letting more air into the airless Soviet society, for decen-

tralization of power, for lightening the dead hand of authoritarianism, for considering the people's welfare as well as the state's strength.

If this direction in the Soviet development is now being trend towards airlessness, being reversed - if there is a authoritarianism, and general harshness and toughness, as seems to be the case - the change of national direction may well have involved a change in Khrushchev's personal position.

The seeming change of direction in fact lends some additional credence to the rumors that Khrushchev's position is about to change. The reports from the Far East are also semi-confirmatory.

Concerning these last, it is hard to see why the Chinese Communist leaders are going out on the limb denouncing the ordinary cadres of the party that "Khrushchev must go," unless the men at the top in Peking have considerable hope that Khrushchev really is about to go. In short, all the elements in the pattern are mutually consistent, except for the fact that Khrushchev seems to be tranquilly vacationing in the Crimea.

EVEN if Khrushchev retains the party Secretaryship and merely yields the Premiership to Kozlov, Khrushchev's setback will be severe. Kozlov was designated by Khrushchev as his most probable heir to Gov. Averell Harriman, rather more than two years ago; but it seems fairly clear that Kozlov has been the real leader of the opposition to Khrushchev.

Kozlov was indicated in this role at the very height of the Cuban crisis, when Pravda prominently and mysteriously published a poem by Yevushenko on "Stalin's Heirs." The poem contained a pointed mention that some of Stalin's heirs had had heart attacks - as Kozlov notoriously has had. According to reports, he is a narrow, sly, stodgy, intensively conservative "apparatchik" - a Communist Karelin who has got fat, as a Polish Communist once told this reporter.

Such a man might well rally the elements in the party and the armed services that have been shocked by Khrushchev's goings-on and angered, especially since Cuba, by his failures. But this having been said, there must also be added that Khrushchev has shown an unsurpassed knack of survival in the most murderous political contest on earth.

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

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NURSES' JOBS

As expected, and predicted, the loud cries of protest are rolling in from the nursing profession about my recent piece on the changing (and diminishing) role of nurses in modern hospital procedures. Many of these protests, however, are from "official" nurses - that is, officers and administrators in nursing associations who have a vested interest in defending such practices. More typical of the working nurse's reaction is an interesting letter I received today:

"I am a registered nurse in one of Chicago's largest teaching and research hospitals and I spend my day making assignments for personnel, answering the telephone, checking doctors' orders, filling out requisitions, pushing pills, checking diet cards, making out reports, and take care of financial affairs and repairs.

"If most of these functions are nursing, then nursing certainly has changed. A great length of time has not elapsed since my student days and I assure you I did my share of explaining about the work expected of me, but at least I was doing nursing. Why do I continue with my job? Believe me, the question prunes me more every day."

In the same mail there arrived a letter from the president of one of the most respected colleges in the middle-west, who said in part:

"I fully concur in your observation that hospitals are organized and operated on schedules established to suit the convenience of the nurses and the doctors, rather than to serve the needs of patients. It requires great effort on my part to resist quoting chapter and verse by way of substantiation."

Then he goes on to say: "As for the matter of nurses' training, I can report that our college no longer participates in a program of training nurses. One of the major factors in our decision to abandon this program is to be found in the fact that in actual practice, nurses do not have an opportunity to utilize the demanding education which is forced upon them by nursing association, physicians, etc."

What he is saying, in his tactful academic prose, is that the college would provide the nurses with a comprehensive training, and then find that they were doing mostly detail and administrative work that has little, if any, connection with the patients' medical welfare - which is left mostly to the over-worked and under-paid nurses' aides.

If an eminent college decides it is wasting its time in training nurses who will dispense paper clips, it is time for hospitals to take a hard and candid look at the way they handle patients, or mishandle them.



"Come, come, your fears are imagined. You don't know for sure that TV will be inundated with shows like 'The Beverly Hillbillies' next season!"