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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. 12, 1953 (Wednesday)

Medford Architect Ben H. Todd has been retained by the Jackson county court to draw plans for an annex to the county courthouse.

David Don, chief utilities commissioner's public engineer, will preside at a hearing in Medford Aug. 18 on application of California Oregon Power company to increase its rates an average of about 20 per cent in Oregon to bring in an estimated \$2,459,000 a year.

20 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1943 (Thursday)

Supplementary fire fighting equipment received here from federal government.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Reports from the rural regions say some newlyweds were caught unawares recently and ruthlessly shivareed by friends."

30 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1933 (Saturday)

L. A. Banks local agitator convicted of murder, to be sentenced Monday. Motion for new trial denied.

Price for early tomatoes fixed at six cents per pound here.

40 YEARS AGO Aug. 12 1923 (Sunday)

Ice cream wagon horse stages runaway on Riverside ave.

Fair and warmer, high 95, low 54 degrees.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1913 (Tuesday)

Assistant state highway engineer here to head survey work for new road over Siskiyou mountains.

Chris Hanson appointed county sealer of weights and measures.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. With which President do you associate the slogan, "Back to normalcy"?
2. The U.S. was the first country to grant nation-wide suffrage to women, true or false?
3. Anuscion is the capital of which Latin American country?
4. A million is how many thousand?
5. Are sheep born with long or short tails?
6. With what activities do you associate a peavy; a taw?
7. The movement that led to the organization of the Confederate States of America was begun in which southern state?
8. The epithet, "the nine old men," was once applied to which body of officials?
9. What is the capital of South Dakota?
10. What is a corsair?

Answers: 1. Warren G. Harding. 2. False. 3. Paraguay. 4. 1,000. 5. Long Tails. 6. Logging and marbles. 7. South Carolina. 8. U.S. Supreme Court. 9. Pierre. 10. Pirate.

Bad Medicine

A weekly newspaper publisher at Albany, J. Francyl Howard, has until Sept. 1 to get 23,185 signatures on petitions which call for a special election on the tax program enacted by the 1963 Legislature.

The odds are in favor of Howard getting enough signatures. Many people will sign a petition without being sure what it says.

It is important in this case, we think, that Oregonians understand all the possible consequences of signing a petition.

IN THE first place, a special election would be very costly. But that is the least important of several considerations.

Much more important is the result of an election that rejected the Legislature's tax program. If that occurred the governor could reduce budgets the necessary amount to bring expenditures into balance with income.

It is a virtual certainty he would call the Legislature back. He would not want to take a responsibility he could place upon them.

A SPECIAL session of the Legislature would be very costly. The results of a special session could be very painful.

What would they come up with? It isn't likely they would develop a program that would be in the nature of tax reform.

It follows, then, that the Legislature would either enact a handful of special taxes and/or substantially reduce appropriations for education.

A QUICK way out for the Legislature would be to reduce the state's basic school support contribution.

What would be the result of that? Local school districts would either have to increase their revenues through special elections or sharply reduce their expenditures.

The tax program enacted by the 1963 Legislature leaves much to be desired. But the consequences of living with it through a biennium are more pleasant, we think, than another round of legislation at a special session would be.

We urge you to keep your pen in your pocket when the petitioners call on you. We are convinced that a special election would be bad medicine.—East Oregonian, Pendleton.

Vignette

It was one of those scenes so unfamiliar to Oregonians.

The dignified, well-dressed gentleman of middle-50s stood quietly near the cash register in the Oakridge restaurant.

After quite a while, the waitress stopped her booth-hopping to ask if she could do something for him.

"Do you serve colored people here?"

THE waitress, either wasn't prepared for the question or didn't hear, so he asked:

"Will you serve me and my family here, please," came the low voice.

"Oh, sure," came the surprised answer.

Out to the car with the Texas plates went the man, to return with two Negro women and a youngster.

They sat in a booth and ordered and then ate quietly.

DID the waitress know the Oregon law prevents discrimination?

Maybe so, maybe no. We'd rather think that she just believes that all people get hungry on the road and it's her job to serve them.—D.H.S. in the Eugene Register-Guard.

Anniversary of the Wall

A look at the Berlin Wall, started by the Communists two years ago tomorrow, shocks even the most sophisticated observer.

This was only 16 days after the President's speech on world peace at American University. He had told the American people "not to fall into the same trap as the Soviets, not to see only a distorted and desperate view of the other side."

"Who Needs It? We're Still Moving, Aren't We?"



Strictly Personal

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

INTANGIBLES

Among the tens of thousands of business failures in the U.S. each year, the great majority are small retail establishments.

It is in making face-to-face contact with the customer that the average merchant is short-sighted to the point of near-blindness.

Today's consumer is a good deal more sophisticated than in the past. He knows that stores charging about the same price offer about the same grade of merchandise.

A good hostess in a restaurant, for instance, is worth two or three times what she customarily makes.

Actually, a retail establishment itself is, in psychological terms, the basic "commodity" the merchant is selling.

There is a shop in my neighborhood that a number of housewives, quite independently of each, decided not to patronize some time ago.

them. It had nothing to do with his prices or the quality of his merchandise; yet to his dying day, he will never understand what in his "policy" prompted them to go elsewhere.

The greed, the inflexibility, the total lack of imagination among the small shopkeepers, make it something of a minor miracle that so many of them do manage to survive.

A friend of mine who heads a large industrial concern has estimated to me that as high as 70 per cent of the retailers who sell his merchandise have no business being in business.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, there is ONE big story. It is as old as mankind. It is the great leveler.

It reminds us that we are all human beings, living TOGETHER on this ball, spinning through space, that we call The Earth.

WITH that, let's leave it. It is a story that mere words can't tell.

FROM Cheddington, England: A gang of masked bandits ambushed a mail train near here and escaped with at least \$2.8 MILLION in cash and gems.

SHADES of Robin Hood! And Dick Turpin. And Jesse James.

That is more money than the three of them—rated as perhaps the greatest robbers of all time—hijacked in all of their lives—one reason being that back in their days there

COMMUNICATIONS

Cold Noses, Warm Hearts

To the Editor: The Sanctuary, a refuge for homeless dogs on an old hill-farm, comes again with asking hand.

We need food (of any sort), old blankets (or pieces), old sheets and towels. Just about anything can find a place here and will be used with care and appreciation.

Cold noses and warm hearts remember!

Louise Wood, The Sanctuary, Route 2, Wilbur rd., Martinsville, Ind.

You Were Saying?

To the Editor: I was highly amused at your editorial concerning the National parks. You do not like the idea of the parks being supported by

all the taxpayers when only a few take advantage of them. May I remind you that we all pay taxes for the fire department, but only a few benefit.

We all pay taxes to support city, county, and state offices under the same terms. Finally, every single taxpayer in the United States is financing a rocket to the moon.

How many of us are going to take the trip? You were saying, Mr. E.A.? R. A. Tilley, 707 West 11th st., Medford.

HE JOINED in the game.

His timing was bad. HE GOT DOUSED.

THE Russian children adored it. They howled with glee. They took to the American secretary of state in a big way, laughing and applauding.

Editor's note: E.A. was saying that those who use our parks should be willing to pay a larger share of the cost than those who don't.

Foreign News: Quiet Optimism Noted For Ecumenicism; Outlook for Berlin

By WILLIAM J. FOX United Press International Notes from the foreign news cables:

Quiet Optimism

There is quiet optimism in liberal circles in Rome that there will be a continuation of the "dialogue" between the Roman Catholic and non-Catholic churches.

election, but he has indicated that he will carry forward the late Pope John XXIII's double goals of bringing the Roman church into line with the times and working for Christian unity through the Ecumenical Council.

The approach to Christian unity under Pope Paul may be more an intellectual one, through the head, than through the heart as it was under Pope John.

tremely sensitive about the possibility of subversive pro-Russian elements within its own ranks. The first sign of this came in a communique issued by the Peking central committee after a meeting last fall.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

(Joseph Alsop will be on vacation this month—and gathering material both in this country and abroad for future columns.)

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no price—the Russians and Chinese, as Communists, are united in a common hostility for capitalism and the West.

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THE LONG BORDER

London—The shrill and astonishing spectacle of the Russians calling the Chinese Communists warmongers, and the Chinese howling towards the Russians still causes some bewilderment here.

But even as they rip into each other in print and by microphone, using words, charges, and terms which even Stalin and Tito did not employ and which seemingly should call for a complete break in relations, the Russian and Chinese Communists still have at least five links in common.

Moscow and Peking still maintain tenuous but trailing Communist party relations. It is difficult to see how these can be continued when the two parties diverge so widely on some ideological fundamentals—but not the basic one.

The two countries still maintain diplomatic relations. But if their dispute deepens as expected, some observers here would not be surprised if the Chinese and Russian embassies in Moscow and Peking were reduced in protocol stature to missions.

RUSSIA and Communist

China still have some economic ties and trade relations, but the Chinese, enraged by reduced Soviet aid, technical help, and commerce, seem to be trying to shrink them as quickly as possible.

But two of the Moscow-Peking links are not expected to shrivel like the other three. Despite Russia's seeming show of amiability in signing a partial nuclear test ban— as advantageous to Moscow as to the West and obtained at

SIR William Hayter, former British ambassador to the Soviet Union, pointed out recently in a London newspaper that neither Moscow nor Peking has disavowed or repudiated the Moscow declaration of December, 1960, which proclaimed:

"Peaceful coexistence of countries with different social systems does not mean conciliation of the socialist (communist) and bourgeois ideologies."

"On the contrary, it implies intensification of the struggle of the working class, of all the Communist parties, for the triumph of socialist (communist) ideas."

The other Moscow-Peking link, which cannot shrivel but may indeed fester into an even greater cause of tension between the two countries, is their common border.

For several years now there have been shadowy and inconclusive rumors, hints, and suggestions of trouble along that frontier—even in Moscow.

A FEW years ago the Soviet government showed in a public theater not far from Pushkin's statue on Gorky street a brief documentary film on Russia's border guards.

The film was remarkable for its portrayal of the near-severity with which the border guards checked a train entering the Soviet Union from Communist China.

In the past year, before the Sino-Soviet dispute flared so fiercely, there were other rumors of trouble along the Russian-Chinese border.

A rumor had it there was a minor uprising in 1962 in China's Sinkiang province, which borders Soviet Kazakhstan. According to the rumor, a Soviet consul befriended some of the Chinese malcontents and the Soviet Union, in effect, encouraged others to skip over the border into Kazakhstan.

AS THE Sino-Soviet dispute widened the past few months, there have been other hints of border trouble.

Like an iron curtain diplomat's remark here the other day that Russia is considering moving some of its garrison from Hungary "to the Soviet Far East."

And the rumors from such admitted rumor and trial-balloon mills as Taipei and West Berlin that both the Russians and Chinese have reinforced their border guards and tightened their "vigilance" along the Sino-Soviet frontiers.

No responsible official here thinks there will be clashes along those frontiers, but some half expert "incidents," not necessarily involving shooting.

Historically and racially, both Central Asia and the Far East have been actual or potential trouble areas for Russia and China.

THE xenophobic Chinese did not welcome Imperial Russia's thrust to the Pacific; nor do they delight in the imperial Soviet Union's continued stay there.

And in modern times the Chinese, even the Chinese Communists, bitterly resented Russia's entry into and looting of Manchuria at the end of World War II.

As Russian and Chinese nationalisms mount with the expansion of the dispute between the two Communist countries, as the dispute takes on an increasingly racial flavor, the borders certainly will become more sensitive.

If any of the Soviet East European satellites ever decide to thin out the minefields and watchtowers on their western frontiers, they may find buyers for them in Moscow or Peking.

Berlin Outlook

West Berliners feel the Moscow talks and their aftermath of a partial nuclear test ban treaty and exploratory discussions on lessening East-West tensions will once again focus world attention on their city and its problems.

However, there is little expectation in authoritative quarters that there will be any spectacular moves forward toward a solution of the Berlin situation. A long standing Western proposal for a mixed international commission to supervise the West's access right to Berlin is expected to be relieved, but little else.

Red China

The word from Hong Kong is that there are definite indications that Communist China's party leadership is ex-

Stikker Plan

The so-called "Stikker Plan" which would have given responsibility for Western Allied strategy in Europe to a group of international civil servants under NATO Secretary General Dirk U. Stikker, has been quietly pigeon-holed. Diplomats say it will stay that way, at least until the NATO Ministerial Council's spring meeting next May.

All Bad Reds Are Yellow

By Arthur Hoppe



Woe, woe, woe. One of our nation's key multi-million-dollar growth industries is skirting the financial rocks. I'm speaking, of course, of the once-flourishing anti-Communism industry.

Already, the Christian Crusade has had to lay off half its 50-man staff. Already, the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade (no relation) is finding it tough to make investigations meet. The Birch Society is reportedly losing its sap.

What, let us soberly ask ourselves, all this traditional American home industry? Is it the product? The market? Is the merchandising? No, it is, let us soberly answer ourselves, changing world conditions.

For Mr. Khrushchev is now being very friendly. The experts are even talking hopefully of an end to the old cold war and of how Russia and America may one day stand united. For a new cold war against Red China, so Mr. Khrushchev agreed to serve as honorary co-chairman with Mr. Robert Welch.

Best of all, we'll have no more debatable cases where the evidence is still in dispute years later, cases like those of Mr. Alger Hiss or Mr. Morton Sobel. For there can be no denying that whatever they were, they weren't Chinese Communists. And thus, in one fell swoop, every American will be safe from being ratted on by his neighbor. Every American, that is, but Americans of Chinese descent.

Oh, I know the title's trifle unwieldy. But think of the merchandising possibilities. How many Chinese Communists have infiltrated the White House? How often is chow mein served in the State Department cafeteria? Who knows? Shockingly enough, no surveys have ever been made. It's a virgin field.

And now my only worry is that some day we may learn to live in peace with even Red China. What group of Americans will we find to hunt down then? Well, I'm confident our Crusaders will think of someone. They always do.



"I don't know — it must be 'reduced tension' ever since the nuclear test ban agreement!"