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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: Oct. 8, 1953 (Thursday). Eight witnesses were presented in the federal court trial of the United States vs. Walter H. Leverte, Medford businessman, being heard here.

Medford chapter of Oregon State Society of Certified Public Accountants received its charter and conducted election of officers at a meeting held here Tuesday.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1943 (Friday). War blazes as Crater Lake tourist count drops to 27,656 for season.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1933 (Sunday). Oregon liquor sales to be through state stores.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1923 (Monday). Hawley paper mill at Oregon City destroyed by fire.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1913 (Wednesday). Damage suit of R. H. Alexander against Copco for injuries starts.

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

- 1. Is pure lead a relatively hard, or soft, metal? 2. Does the month of February ever have five Sundays? 3. Does tactile sense refer to the sense of taste, sight, touch, hearing, or smell? 4. Correct the following: "If he would have come earlier, he would have been on time."

BRIDGES AUCTIONED: CHICAGO (UPI) — The Defense Department was to auction off five bridges today.

Ignorance and Fear

Ignorance and fear are a deadly combination. One begets the other, and vice versa. The result is often a striking-out at that which is strange, or not understood, or vaguely threatening.

It is this combination, we are convinced, which gives the right-wing extremists their coloration. Sen. Kenneth Keating, R-N.Y., has been keeping a tally-sheet of the "individuals, ideas and institutions" which the right-wingers tag with the "subversive" label — the most recent of which, believe it or not, is folk singers.

SENATOR Keating recently mentioned this odd bit of warped thinking on the floor of the Senate, and in the course of his remarks he also gave his current list of the ultras' objects of fear or derision.

It included: "The United Nations, the income tax, the chief justice, the Girl Scouts, fluoridation, the last four presidents, beatniks, Harvard, civil rights demonstrations, expenditures for mental health, the arms control and disarmament agency, coffee houses, every secretary of state since William Jennings Bryan, professors of anthropology, back-door spending, metro government, Jews, Time magazine, the Council on Foreign Relations, firearms registration, the Protestant clergy . . . and so on and so on."

Now we can go along with the "fright peddlers" (as Senator Keating called them) on a few of these (such as, for instance, anthropology professors, firearms regulation, and Time magazine). But most of them are simply part of America, and as such are merely to be tolerated, understood, applauded, or ignored.

ONE OF the oddest items on this list is "metro government." This, of course, is the name applied to experiments and attempts to bring order out of the conflicting, overlapping and often footless governments at the local level — city, county, fire districts, water and sewage districts and all the others — which make a confusing and frequently frustrating melange in urbia and suburbia.

Its symbol is an address in Chicago, which houses the offices of the American Municipal Association and other groups which function to serve local governments on a national basis.

Somehow or other, these attempts at self help by local governments have come to be tagged as pinko, leftist, part of the "intentional conspiracy" by those who tend to suspect the worst of anything they don't understand.

THIS phenomenon has puzzled many, among them Charles A. Sprague, former Oregon governor and editor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman in Salem. He said recently, in regard to this odd twist:

"Where and when this notion originated I do not know; but it has been zealously propagated by persons and organizations dedicated to fighting 'un-Americanism,' many of them without balance of judgment to distinguish between 'un-American' and simply being different . . ."

"The fact is, that the movement for better organization of metropolitan areas is an attempt to arouse local citizens to solve their own problems, rather than to have the state or the federal government step in and do the job. Urban problems have grown acute because of the migration from the incorporated city to the suburbs. These people demand urban services. Unless their area is annexed to the adjacent city they must either form independent municipal districts or depend on county government, which has been geared to rural rather than urban conditions, or 'do without.'"

FEAR compounds ignorance; ignorance compounds fear.

(Our own antipathy for professors of anthropology, if the truth were known, is probably a measure of our anthropological ignorance. We object to firearms regulation on Constitutional grounds.)

And it is so easy—too easy—when confronted by something one does not like or does not understand, simply to categorize it as "pink" or "Commie."

This doesn't solve anything, except in the mind which thus refuses to work when confronted with something new or different.

BUT, in some manner, it appears to give comfort to those right-wingers who so fiercely denounce that and those they mistrust, and who read subversion into every attempt to use rational processes, rather than blind fumbling, in solving the changes which force themselves upon us.

Change is the order of the day in this 20th Century. And change is what frightens the ignorant. It upsets them. It destroys their orderly little worlds. And thus they refuse to accept the reasons for the change — such as population growth, rapidly advancing technology, and new patterns of living — and confuse the change itself with the attempts being made to cope with it.

The challenges are vast and complex. And they will not be met by fixed and fearful minds. They will be met only by men who are unafraid, and who dare to use their brains to find new solutions to new problems. — E.A.

Where's That Slogan?

With the John Birchers lined up with those who referred and will vote against the state income tax bill — which was enacted by our elected representatives — what ever happened to the slogan, "This is a Republic, not a Democracy. Let's keep it that way?" — E.A.

What is a threat and what is a warning? A threat is "the expression of an intention to inflict evil or injury on another." A warning is "giving notice of approaching danger or evil." In the heat of an election campaign, they should not be confused. — E.A.

Carrying Goldwater On Both Shoulders



By HERB LOCK THE WASHINGTON POST

... 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.

States Rights

To the Editor: States Rights has been a controversial subject since the early days of our nation, and it now rears its ugly head again.

The chief reason for creating the Constitution in its present form was to establish a stable central, a supreme head to the new nation which could not be changed to suit trivial, passing opinions of minor groups of people or states. It provided the legislative (Congress), executive (President), and Legal (Supreme Court) as arbiter, such checks and balances as were absent in the Articles of Confederation, which the Constitution replaced.

The first seven words of the preamble to the Constitution, "We, the people of the United States," preclude any contention that the Constitution was born by consent of the several states, but rather by the consent of the people as a whole. Amendments may become law by consent of two-thirds of both houses of Congress and when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States.

The above is the very fabric that binds the several states into a single nation for the preservation and mutual protection, giving full status to the United States.

A careful perusal of the preamble and the Constitution itself will readily reveal our national sovereignty.

The doctrine of States Rights, if followed to the ultimate, could dissolve the nation into a group of un-united states, thus breaking down our national status. I am convinced that States Rights is the most dangerous threat we face today. It could be a convenient tool in hands of an enemy, a wide open avenue for infiltration, and set up the old principle of conquer, divide and destroy.

In the coming election there is one who embraces States Rights. I can not believe that such a person has the best interests of the nation in heart or that the office of President should be given into his hands. C. R. Burrill 834 1/2 Cherry St. Central Point, Ore.

Roles of Women

To the Editor: Women of history, ancient and modern, have had their place, an important one as wives, mothers, advisors and helpers to their husbands, to their children, to their friends in the neighborhood circle, in the church.

Some have been a credit and an honor in each place filled. Some have not been. Some have been so much less than a credit that they were a debit, a curse in any or all places they have filled. Some, because of their integrity and Christian integrity have been—very instrumentally so—mothers of the world along with its meaningful course: towards heights God intended people to reach.

Calling to mind but a few of each, note the Christian experience of Mary, the mother of our Lord as she exulted with Elizabeth. John's mother, in the words, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

Susannah Wesley, a most illustrious woman, was mother of two great men, John and Charles Wesley, who had their hands in the founding of that Christian movement which brightened and shook the world. John with his leadership, and Charles with his immortal hymns sung round the world to this day.

Words are inadequate to do deserved honor to such women, though attempts to do so have graced history's brightest pages. In contrast let us note but two non-Christian women. An authentic account of the mother of Nero, the thrice guilty and cruel tyrant whose axe severed

the head from Paul the apostle, shows her to have been a notoriously wicked woman who finally suffered death at the hands of Nero, her own nefarious son.

Byron's mother was an exceedingly proud and vain woman, a veritable Jezebel. Her son, Lord Byron, though he became a literary genius, wasted his substance by the same riotous living in vanity and pride; and wrote at the end in his 36th year, "My days are in the yellow leaf. The fruits and flowers of love are done; The worm, the canker, and the grief Are mine alone."

Contrast John Wesley's words at the end in his 88th year with his peers surrounded his death-bed, "The best of all is, God is with us." Yes, women had and have most vital and important places to fill in their appointed sphere, but how discordant and disconcerting to note vain and unworthy votaries of pride and selfishness who disgrace not grace their spheres!

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Persuasion by Threat

To the Editor: The present campaign for a "YES" vote for the personal and corporation in-

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

DETERRENCE OR WHAT? HONG KONG — Everyone would now be waiting breathlessly for the worst sort of trouble on the Chinese - Russian border if this were still a normal world, or even if Communist China and the Soviet Union were normal modern states.

Accumulated signs of trouble are decidedly impressive. The Soviets have accused the Chinese of 5,000 border violations "systematically" committed since 1950; and they have also stated that the Chinese have been trying "in the most flagrant manner to appropriate individual sections of Soviet territory."

The Chinese have accused the Soviets of subversive activities in the Ili valley in Sinkiang province — since Czarist times, the area most consistently in dispute between China and Russia. And they have said the Soviets "enticed and coerced tens of thousands of Chinese citizens into going to the Soviet Union."

The Russians have boasted, in reply, that they were indeed compelled by sheer human loving kindness to receive great numbers of pitiful refugees from the misery and terror now prevailing on the Chinese side of the border. At intervals, the Soviets are also publishing horror stories about conditions in Sinkiang which are purportedly written, by members of these refugee groups.

Since a little after the mid-19th century, Russia has made a renewed grab for this great Central Asian Chinese province of Sinkiang on the average of about once every 20 years. Some of the grabs have come very close to success, too, mainly because Sinkiang is largely populated by Karakhs, Uighurs, Tadzhiks, and other non-Chinese minority groups which are wide open to Russian subversion.

Across the border, the Russians now have an individual Soviet republic for each of the five most important racial minorities in Sinkiang. The horror stories seem to be chosen to represent these groups — first

one from a Kazakh, then one from a Uighur, and son on.

If YOU put all the assorted facts together in this manner, the pattern becomes pretty startling. Furthermore, charges of border violations generally fall into a special class, even when used by Communist propagandists.

To be blunt about it, border violations are like adultery, in the sense that the injured parties do not normally complain about their injury unless they mean to do something reasonably drastic about it. The question is, then, what all this rumormongering portends.

Red Chinese Statements Indicate That 'Changed Image' About Warfare Sought

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Among those assigned to watch the twists and turns of Communist foreign policy there is at present a wonder whether Red China is making some attempt to change her image as the great advocate of war. The speculation arises from a statement last Sept. 18 by Liu Shao-chi, president of Communist China and Mao Tse-tung's chosen successor. Visiting North Korea, he said:

"It is impermissible for any socialist country to be the first to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances." The speculation received further impetus from a speech delivered by Peking Mayor Peng Chen at a parade marking the 14th anniversary of the



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founding of the Chinese Communist Republic. He said world war could be prevented through united effort and "concerted struggle" by the peoples of the world, including those of the United States.

Both statements seemed designed to cast a different light on Chinese foreign policy which has held that force is the only means of settling differences with the Western world and that in the event of nuclear war it would be the Communists

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In this column the other day, the proposal to sell our surplus wheat to Russia—getting paid for it, presumably, with Russian gold—was discussed at some length, and the opinion was expressed that it would be a good deal all the way around because the Russians need our wheat and we need the Russian gold.

The mail a day or so later brought a clipping of the column with this question typed at the top of it:

"Who will get the job of BITING THE GOLD BRICKS to see if they are genuine?"

IT'S a good question. It's an especially good question because it brings out the suspicion we instinctively feel regarding ANY proposal coming from the Soviet Union, which is a communist nation.

As a communist nation, Russia's policies and procedures are presumably ruled by the teachings of Marx and Lenin. Marx, in his day, had preached the doctrines of communism. Lenin was the leader of the communist movement in Russia and the FOUNDER OF THE SOVIET UNION.

LENIN explained communism to the people and devoted his life to putting it into practice. He was the author of the grim and cynical Ten Commandments of Communism, which have been frequently referred to in this space.

Among his Ten Commandments are these: "There are no morals in politics; there is only expediency. Truth does not count unless it serves an end. Promises are like piecrusts; made to be broken."

QUESTION

How can a nation founded upon such cynical concepts of human behavior be trusted? That, I take it is the question that is in the back of my anonymous correspondent's mind when he asked: "Who will get the job of biting the bricks?"

IT IS obvious that a dedicated communist wouldn't hesitate to pay for American wheat with phony gold bricks if he thought he could get away with it.

So— How will we know that the gold we get for our wheat (assuming that we make the deal) is REAL?

It's a logical question.

WELL, if the deal goes through, it will probably be handled by some big London banker, London being the big buyer of gold at the present time.

Here's how it will work: The Russians will use their gold to buy American dollars, and with the (paper) dollars thus purchased they will pay for the wheat they have bought. That will be the equivalent, in practice, of actually exchanging their gold for our wheat.

IT WILL amount to the same thing because when the Russians buy American paper dollars (in London or elsewhere) and use them to pay for wheat they have purchased from us it will mean that there will then be just that many FEWER dollars outstanding that will eventually have to buy back WITH GOLD.

Since we won't have to use our GOLD to buy back our dollars, we will have just that much more gold left.

So—

You see— The job of biting the gold bricks to see if they are genuine will have to be done by the London bankers—or the bankers somewhere else.

may therefore be using the menace of really bad trouble on China's Sinkiang frontier as a most powerful additional deterrent of an Indian adventure — which it must certainly be.

Finally, of course, the Soviets may actually be preparing to do something drastic on the Sinkiang frontier. The outside world would probably know no more of such preparations than was known about the great Soviet-Japanese battle of Nomonhan in the early 1930s, news of which only leaked out two years later.

If this is really the Soviet purpose, the trouble ahead for the Peking leadership is impossible to estimate too high. It just may be the Soviet purpose at that. But deterrance looks like a more prudent bet for the present.

who would inherit the earth. Since previous attempts over the last 20 years to forecast day-to-day turns of Communist policy have been markedly unsuccessful, it would be a mistake now to take statements by even two such high officials to mean that Red China is changing its coat.

But as items of temporary expediency they may have some meaning. This stems from what is known as Red China's own internal situation.

Red China's "great leap forward" in 1958, with its emphasis on heavy industry was a known failure. Official statements, reports in Chinese newspapers and the accounts of travellers coming out of Red China all indicate that the present darlings of the Chinese bosses are agriculture and light industry in that order.

Since heavy industry is recognized as the key to any nation's ability to wage all-out war, this would mean that Red China is moving away from the possibility of any immediate threat to world peace.

In past years the Reds have not been backward about boasts of their advances in the fields of steel planting and factory construction. Lately the talk has been of steel tubing for fertilizer plants, and for small tractors and diesel engines.

Bicycles have taken precedence over manufacture of automobiles. Other reports have told of the manufacture of so-called luxury goods such as clocks, tableware and glassware. Indicating difficulties, there also have been reports of complaints stemming from shortage of replacements for agricultural machinery.

None of this should be taken to mean that the Red Chinese are turning swords into plowshares. Nor does it minimize the Red Chinese capacity for creating difficulties in such areas as Korea, South Viet Nam and Laos. And certainly it does not mark a change in Chinese long-range ambitions.

Strictly Personal

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

COMMERCIALITIS On the chill and rainy days this past summer in the country, I spent some time watching television in my living room.

ing television in my living room. I had ever done before, and today I'd like to discuss some of the moral and intellectual ramifications of this medium.

But first... word from my syndicate. Do you know that the Harris column is more widely syndicated and read than any other column written by a man named Harris? Young wives say, in interviews from coast to coast: "I prefer Harris because his verbs are so clean, his adjectives glisten for hours with a lustrous sheen, and his conjunctions fit so superbly and luxuriously."

To get back... What most fascinated me about the medium is its ritualistic attitude of imitation. There is not the slightest deviation from the accepted canons of each stereotyped program; all the parts seem interchangeable, including the MCs, the panel contestants, the family groups, the comedy routines, even the poignant dramas of...

I'd like to interrupt to remind you to watch for next week's columns, which will plumb the depths of the human mind, soar to unprecedented heights of speculation and offer a well-rounded, warm, human, gripping and yet funny overview of the cosmic situation today.

Where was I? Oh, yes. It seems clear to me that a quite new moral and intellectual frame of reference is being created by the medium, in terms of mass manipulation of the basic emotional clichés. I'd like to quote some pertinent studies made by Talcott and Parsons, as well as a most illuminating paper presented last year by Gordon Allport at the International Psycho-Social Conference in Berne. But now...

All your friends are talking about the new improved Harris column—so refreshing, just mild enough, but full of flavor. Try Harris for a week and see if your literary taste-buds don't perk up, if you don't experience a new surge of pure joy, if you don't say to yourself, "Where has this wonderful man been all my life?" Remember, Harris uses only the most expensive words, hand-picked, in a secret formula combination. MAGWORD, that no other writer can duplicate. Try him today, won't you?

In the Talcott and Parsons study, it was shown that the age-level from 6 to 11 was the most profoundly influenced by the emphasis on violence, and by a wholly pragmatic and empirical approach to ethical problems. Thus, the traditional values in the Western world, which have heretofore been transmitted institutionally, are now undergoing a rapid transformation in terms of...

But my space is up. Remember, I'm followed on the next page by the Obituary Column Club, with new personalities each day. Don't miss it!

THE INCOME TAX MEASURE

This is one of a series of brief presentations of some little-known aspects of the income tax measure on which Oregon voters will decide at a special election on Oct. 15.

A "yes" vote approves the law; a "no" vote defeats it, leaving insufficient revenue to cover this biennium's appropriations. QUESTION Why are we losing the federal tax deduction? ANSWER Eliminating the federal deduction allowed the Legislature to lower the state structure from 3 to 9.5 per cent to 2 to 7.5 per cent, while bringing in more revenue. This accords with practice in 16 of the 31 income tax states which have no federal deduction, and of the sales tax states where your federal tax bill is of no help to you. Oregon has been embarrassed by its high stated rates which are published and compared nationwide. This is one of the few provisions in the 1963 Tax Law which claimed and held broad support in both houses of the Legislature from the start of the session.

QUESTION How will the loss of this deduction affect me? ANSWER It is not wholly a lost deduction to you, since any increase in your state tax bill gives you a larger deduction on your federal return. This means that the federal government "contributes" at least 20 per cent of your state tax increase in this way.

