

Kennedy Opens Salt Water Unit

FREEMONT, Tex. (AP)—President Kennedy touches a button today and officially starts a project he has called more important than putting a man into space.

Kennedy's button was in Washington. The machinery was in the nation's first salt water conversion plant at the little Texas Gulf Coast town of Freeport, 50 miles south of Houston.

Kennedy, in pushing the button on his White House desk, said the research program holds high promise for the improvement of human life.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall expressed optimism that this country's efforts in research some day would help bring water to arid regions around the world.

Udall and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson headed the delegation of Washington officials at the plant dedication.

However, Udall added, "There is a need for words of caution today, also. We should not forget that after all this is an experiment. We have much yet to learn about the technology of desalination, just as there is much that we need to know about the basic properties and behavior of water."

C.F. MacGowan, director of the Interior Department's Office of Saline Water, was the master of ceremonies. He said: "It is obvious that in the not-too-distant future full and efficient use of available fresh water resources must be planned and accomplished. Even this, however, may not cover the growing fresh-water demand of the human race."

The \$15-million plant, first of five being built by the federal government, converts sea water into water so good it is purer than the water in most municipal water systems.

The plant has 12 evaporators that heat the sea water to about 250 degrees. The steam, when condensed, makes the fresh water.

Water produced at the plant will cost about \$1 for each 1,500 gallons. If the plant turns out as well as government officials expect, it may be the pilot model for other plants that would convert the earth's deserts into lush gardens.

That's why Kennedy called the conversion project more important to more people than putting a man in space.

Water from the plant will be used by the city of Freeport and by the Dow Chemical Co.

The Navy has been converting sea water for years on ships, but even aboard the nuclear submarines the cost is about \$5 or \$10 for each 1,000 gallons.



ALDA BRUMBACH, 15, the daughter of Lt. Com. and Mrs. J. W. Brumbach is a candidate for the Miss Teen Fair event Saturday. Returning to Glide High School next fall as a senior, she'll become Queen of the Rally Squad as well as editor of the school paper. Her activities include National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, and drum major of the school band. She resides at 1414 1/2 Rd. Box 500. (Bob Leber)

Laos Accord Said Reached On Uniting Fighting Forces

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—The military strongman of Laos' pro-Western government announced today that virtual agreement had been reached on uniting the fighting forces of his nation's three rival factions.

"Some points remain to be discussed, but they are minor ones," said Gen. Phoumi Nosavan after a working session of key advisers to the politician prince who are holding a summit meeting in this Swiss city.

Nosavan said the three sides had agreed on most problems connected with integrating the country's armies.

This indicated that one of the most important obstacles to agreement among the three sides had been virtually overcome.

But it appeared to leave unsettled the problem of administering provinces now under military control by the pro-Communist forces.

Phoumi's statement was echoed by Quinim Phosena who repre-

sents Prince Souvanna Phouma's neutralist faction. "There are more reasons to be optimistic today," he said.

Phoumi Vongvichit of the pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels acknowledged that there had been a "certain rapprochement." But he declined to assess the chances for success of the meeting.

In Geneva, 200 miles away, delegates from Western and Communist nations argued about ways to make Laos independent and neutral, with the Communists adamantly opposing anything that would prevent the Reds taking over the little Southeast Asian kingdom.

In Laos, on the other side of the world, officials of the pro-Western government in Vientiane reported that troops of the pro-Communist Pathet Lao were making probing attacks on the royal government troops and Meo tribesmen who withdrew from Padong June 7 after a Pathet Lao artillery and infantry assault.

Kennedy In Move To Halt Further Shipments Of Molasses From Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House sought today to halt any further shipments of molasses from Cuba, describing this trade as "not in the public interest."

The White House said negotiations are under way to provide the Publiker Chemical Corp. with surplus corn so that its New Orleans plant will not have to close down if Cuban molasses shipments are halted.

A principal product of the plant is industrial alcohol which can be made from molasses or corn. The plant also produces cattle feed in which molasses is used.

In announcing the White House moves, press secretary Pierre Salinger emphasized that President Kennedy does not regard the molasses deal between Cuba and Publiker as in the public interest.

Salinger said the Treasury Department now is looking into a complaint that the Cuban molasses is being sold at "dumping prices," or at a price not reflecting actual cost.

If it is found that this is so, further shipments can be halted under tariff laws.

Myer Feldman, a White House lawyer who has been looking into the matter for the President, said one objection to purchases of Cuban molasses is that it provides Fidel Castro's dictatorship "with some additional funds."

Salinger said 2,018,428 gallons of molasses unloaded near New Orleans Tuesday represented only a small part of the original order placed by Publiker.

The shipment was valued at \$201,842.40 by customs agents compared with an original \$12 million order, Salinger said.

The shipment just unloaded brought protests to the White House from Louisiana members of Congress.

The White House promptly announced that Kennedy had ordered an investigation.

Assistant news secretary Andrew T. Hatcher implied that Kennedy was unhappy about the shipment. He recalled that Kennedy

said at a news conference in February that he hoped the deal would not be completed.

A spokesman for Publiker, which processes industrial alcohol from molasses at its New Orleans plant, said the Cuban molasses was destined for shipment outside New Orleans and said further comment would have to come from the parent company, Publiker Industries in Philadelphia. Officials there declined to comment.

The corporation and its subsidiary aris produce cattle feed in addition to alcohol.

Vandals Throw Garbage At Zoo

There's just no accounting for the way some individuals amuse themselves.

Garbage-throwing vandals broke into the feeding pens at the zoo at the fairgrounds over the weekend. They threw ripe and over-ripe fruits and vegetables at the animals and onto the pens. Paper and other trash were strewn about.

Actual damage was slight, according to grounds manager Jack Smith. Just cleanup of the mess will cost about \$500 and will entail a lot of painting to cover up the stains.

Fair Manager Dick Turley had opened the zoo ahead of time so that rodeo patrons could enjoy its facilities, but has now ordered it closed until fair time. It will remain open during regular working hours during the week, however. "Just not enough money to hire a guard," said Turley, shaking his head at the way some people get their "kicks."

Coach Thrills Viewers

Among the many entries in the Pioneer Day Parade last Saturday in Roseburg, the Sheldahl pony stagecoach delighted the children and adults alike in its miniature detail.

The entry was owned and driven by Henry Coder from Glide. A picture caption had previously described it as driven by George Burnette.

TB Clinic Wednesday

A Tuberculosis X-Ray Clinic will be set up in front of Penny's store from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, according to the Oregon State Tuberculosis Assn.

Hospital News

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Discharged
John Marr, Mrs. Bill Oakley, Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Lloyd King, Etta Swanson, Sharla Everts, Paul Femenze, Claude Esselstom, Kathy O'Toole, Royal Low, Louis Josse, Mrs. L. H. Fitzsimmons, Roseburg; Mrs. Warren Good, Sutherlin.

Mercy Hospital
Admitted
Medical: Darla Griffin, Winston; Mrs. Thomas Smith, Glide; Mrs. Lloyd Schwab, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Wendell Truitt, Oakland.
Surgery: Leonard Lundy, Riddle.

Discharged
David McElmurry, Linda Coder, Roseburg; Victor Cornutt, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Frank Bowman and daughter, Sharon Rae, Sutherlin; Mrs. David Kilmer and son, David Lester, Winston; Mrs. Donald Dowell and daughter, Pamela Jean, Ray Holliman, Riddle.



THE MALE QUARTET of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle, Wash., will present a sacred concert at Faith Lutheran Church in Roseburg, Saturday at 8 p.m. The group is presently on a five-week tour of the Pacific Northwest. They are: left to right, George Larson, David Thoreson, Don Berheim, and David Hedman, center front.

Eichmann Disclaims Credit For Nazi Slaying Of Jews

JERUSALEM, (AP)—Adolf Eichmann took his Israeli judges through the jungle of the Nazi wartime government machinery today and emerged with the claim he had less to do with the slaughter of the Jews than almost anyone else in the sprawling setup.

The former Gestapo lieutenant colonel, testifying for the second day in his own defense, declared: "I, His office, Section IV-B-4 of the Reich Security Office, dealt only with 'emigration and evacuation' of the Jews."

The extermination plan which resulted in the deaths of six million Jews came from the top police and Foreign Ministry levels and was administered by them.

Eichmann's own deputies in the field took their orders from the Gestapo commanders, there "subject to the jurisdiction of the chief of the Nazi diplomatic mission."

With amazing memory, Eichmann expounded at length on the exact chain of command. Twice Presiding Judge Moshe Landau chided him for the "exaggerated length" of his sentences. Defense counsel Robert Servatius urged Eichmann to be a bit briefer.

The defendant flatly denied the charge that he was the sparkplug of the Nazi death mills. On the contrary, Eichmann said, his bureau was only a tool of the higher SS and security police, both in the Berlin headquarters and in the occupied countries.

Eichmann submitted his own detailed plan of the Gestapo framework.

It showed various aspects of the anti-Jewish program handled by other offices: II-B, which he said "dealt very closely with the gas vans and the gassing;" II-A, "responsible for preparing the legal basis for various operations;" III-B-3, 4 and 5, which he said ruled on mixed Jewish marriages and "what was to be done with the offspring."

Eichmann said that Hans Globke, an official of the Nazi Interior Ministry who now is West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's personal aide, and another Interior Ministry official named Herring initiated "efforts toward withdrawal of citizenship (from Jews) and confiscation of Jewish property."

A former Nazi official in Greece previously had charged that Globke persuaded Eichmann to reject a proposal to let 10,000 Greek Jewish women and children go to Palestine, but the West German state prosecutor's office cleared Globke of the charge last month.

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