

Nippon Pilot Who Bombed Oregon In First Landing On U. S. Soil

PORTLAND (AP) — Nobuo Fujita, 51, one-time Japanese pilot, made his first landing on the continental United States today and said he was filled with gratitude as he reached the country he once had bombed.

Fujita, who dropped bombs on southern Oregon forests from a submarine-based float plane in 1942, came here en route to Brookings, Ore., where he will be guest for several days of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Brookings is not far from Mt. Emily on which Fujita's first bombs landed Sept. 9, 1942.

As the big jet plane approached the mainland today, Fujita's lined, leathery face was turned almost constantly to the window.

"From dawn he was looking outside," said his son and interpreter, Yasuyoshi, 25. "He was terribly interested."

And through it all as he made his fourth approach to the land he had attacked three times, Fujita was filled with gratitude that he had been asked to make this visit.

"At first we were very worried," the son translated, "but after an exchange of letters we felt assured and there was no longer a worry."

When the Jaycees decided to invite Fujita to attend the Brookings Azalea Festival Saturday and Sunday as a gesture of international

good will, there was a flurry of protest. The commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said he opposed it. So did a few others. This talk died down and Gov. Mark Hatfield said he considered the invitation a fine thing.

Fujita, his smiling wife and their son were the last passengers off the Pan American jet plane that came in from Hawaii this morning. A group of cameramen and reporters made a cluster at the foot of the ramp as they walked down to an official greeting under cloudy skies. A light rain had just let up.

Brookings Mayor Fell Campbell was waiting along with Dr. William McChesney, Brookings Jaycee president, and Howard P. Traver, assistant to Portland Mayor Terry Schunk.

A large bouquet of deep red roses was handed to the smiling Mrs. Fujita, dressed in a deep green kimono marked by polka dots, the traditional obi around her waist and the customary tabi on her feet. She bowed deeply.

The men were in Western clothes. Fujita carried hand luggage and a couple of packages. His Samurai sword was in the plane's baggage compartment to be brought out later for the nearly eight-hour motor trip to Brookings.

The sword will be Fujita's gift to the people of Brookings.

It is an ancestral sword, handed down for generations. "It would have gone to me," the son said. Fujita carried it in his plane on his World War II missions. But he will give it to Brookings and the son, who will lose it, said.

"I agreed. If the sword is given to me it is only my possession; but if all the people of Brookings have it, it has much meaning."

Fujita's first approach to the Oregon Coast was aboard the submarine 1-25. It shelled Fort Stevens near the Columbia River mouth without result—in June, 1942. It returned in September, and Fujita made two bombing attacks, on Sept. 9 and Sept. 28, in the hope of setting forest fires. The bombs went off but the forests did not burn.

Fujita's navigator on both Oregon bombing attacks was Shoji Okuda, who was shot down later in the war off Formosa. His death left Fujita the only aviator ever to have bombed continental United States in wartime.

He said he hopes his visit now will help strengthen the bonds of friendship.

"And I too, hope for an exchange of views with young people," put in his son. "That is most important for world peace."

And Mrs. Fujita, who stood smiling but unable to understand, put her hand on her son's arm and asked him to say again how grateful she was that the family was here.

Those working on the committee are: Miss Gladys Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Page, Mrs. Frances Crawford, Mrs. J. F. Byrd, Mrs. Emma Thomason, Mrs. Gertrude Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Tom Neal, the pastor, Dr. Eugene F. Gerlitz, and the church secretary Mrs. Smith.

The church was organized on Jan. 22, 1887, with 17 charter members. The first year, meetings were held in the old South Methodist Church located on Washington St. For 74 years the church has been located on the corner of Rose Street at Lane Avenue.

County Receives State Boat Fund

Douglas County received \$5,475 from the Oregon State Marine Board this month. The amount disbursed was based on the total number of boats in the county which have been numbered by the board. Douglas had 1,825 registered boats. Disbursement is figured at \$3 per numbered boat.

The board reports that checks totaling \$130,296 were mailed to the counties in the state. Multnomah County, with 11,073 boats registered, received the largest amount. Douglas County was seventh.

Sheriff's Posse Slates Western Show June 8

The Douglas County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring the presentation in Douglas County of the western show The Cactus Kid and His T.V. Pals. The show will be at the Fairgrounds Community Building June 8 in the evening.

The program stars Kay Arnold, Buster Doss and many others, including five top recording artists.

The "Cactus Kid" is a legendary story of a man of the great Southwest who traveled the famous "Chisholm Trail," entertaining Indians and cowboys along the way. He played the guitar and did acts of magic. The show is patterned after this character.

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ROSEBURG RURAL FIREMEN battled this fire in a vacant house on Tipton Rd. Early today which caused "extensive damage." The home is owned by Ella Clark who lives at 604 Tipton Rd. The fire occurred at 12:56 a.m. in the one-story frame house. Firemen said they had no idea as

yet how the fire started. Three pieces of equipment answered the alarm with 19 members of the fire department. Approximately 1,800 gallons of water were used by firemen to quench the blaze.

Tri-County Zoning Group Eyes Coast Land Use

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Active concern for local land use planning measures to protect and develop the existing values of a unique coastal area and insure a balanced and orderly development was expressed by the participants in Tuesday's meeting of the Tri-County Land Use Planning Advisory Committee at Reedsport.

The committee, chaired by Richard S. Ivy, of the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, University of Oregon, was employed by the participating counties to coordinate the coastal area planning project.

Representatives of county courts of the three counties also participated in the discussion, directed toward providing general guidelines for the preliminary mapping and zoning recommendations. Jess Hill of Lane County, J. J. (Bob) Geaney, chairman of the Coos County Board of County Commissioners, and Ray Doerner of the Douglas County Court actively participated in the discussion.

Factors emphasized and generally agreed upon included the real-

ization of the increasing urgency of provisions to protect the existing potentials of all kinds, including scenic, recreational, industrial and commercial, and to prevent damage by unregulated and indiscriminate developments.

Balance in the over-all, long-range development to insure the inclusion of a reasonable industrial, recreational and commercial land use was the keynote of Ivy's advice to the citizen's advisory group.

The area concerned is one recognized as unique in quality and potential and presents special problems in development planning. Ivy told the committee. He pointed out that a close look at the coastal strip dispelled some misconceptions: That the Highway 101 front-

age bridges the Florence and Coos Bay bridges existed largely in private ownership, rather than being under the protection of public ownership as many people believe. Out of the 41 miles in the three counties, he pointed out, only 7 1/2 miles on both sides is publicly owned, and one side on a 1 1/2 mile stretch. All the rest is in varied private ownership, including large corpora-

tions and small parcel owner-

ship.

That the area is confronted with sharply accelerated population growth and development was generally agreed upon. The International Paper Co.'s Gardiner pulp and paper plant announcement was discussed as but one of the factors contributing to the area pressure. Coos County Commissioner Geaney emphasized that increasing leisure, with the development of automated industry, will mean a continued growth of recreational demand.

Geaney also stressed the need for insuring a realistic recognition of the industrial potential of the area.

The group discussed various methods of land use regulation and the need for coordinating the three counties. Lane and Douglas counties have zoning ordinances, and zoning regulations are under consideration by Coos County. However, it was pointed out that the county zoning regulations are of little effect in the special coastal area under discussion.

Tuesday's meeting placed spe-

cial emphasis on the area bordering on Highway 101 as of most urgent concern. Consideration was given of the area in depth, with a view to housing development control and recreational land use encouragement.

A meeting was slated for June 26, at 10 a.m. (PST) in the conference room of the Umpqua National Bank, at which time consultant Ivy will submit land use and planning maps and recommendations.

Taking part in Tuesday's meeting were chairman Ragan, Jess Hill, substituting for Keith Shelton, William Ternyk, Florence, who has replaced Sydney Chandler, all of Lane County; M. H. Durbin, Harold T. Lewis, Frank L. Taylor and Vic Pomeroy, all of Douglas County; Robert Hogan, Angus Crawford, L. G. Scharfer, all of Coos County. Commissioners Doerner of Douglas and Geaney of Coos, planners R. Blford of Lane County and James Slatery of Douglas also participated.

Present as observers were Carl Juhl, Smith River District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service, and Orin Collier, Reedsport.

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Local Contractors Bid Low On State Highway Projects

Apparent low bidders on several Oregon State Highway projects for which bids were opened Wednesday include the following of interest to Douglas County residents and contractors:

Grade and pave .36 miles of Bellows St. - Spruce St. section of Route 241 in Roseburg. Roseburg Paving Co. Roseburg, \$88,402. This job includes the approaches at either end of the Washington Ave. bridge and the Harvard Ave. connection. Several houses in the right of way path on the west side are now being torn down. Completion is anticipated for late summer.

Construct maintenance building at Canyonville, Jack Mathis, Roseburg, low bid of \$24,274.

Construct bridge over Davis Slough on Coos Bay - Roseburg Highway, six miles south of Coos Bay, North Bend Dredging Co. low at \$93,602.

Hamer Corp., Portland, which has a field office in Roseburg and has highway contracts on the North Umpqua Highway in its final construction phase, was low at \$158,860 for slide correction on the Old Oregon Trail Highway, one

mile east of Pleasant Valley in Baker County.

Carte Bros. Co., Myrtle Creek was low at \$37,023 for production of 14,350 yards of crushed rock 15 miles east of Oakridge in Lane and Klamath counties.

Bell - Isaacson, Roseburg, bid low on grading 2.53 miles of Little Nestucca Highway seven miles north of Neskeon in Tillamook County.

Access Construction, Roseburg, was low at \$30,225 for grading 8.94 miles of Clarno-Porcupine Route section of Shanks-Fossil Highway in Wheeler Co.

Sutherland TV Speaker To Talk At Glide Meet

A representative from the Sutherland Community TV, Inc., will be present at the Glide Community Club meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Glide Community Hall.

He will discuss the translator system located on Mt. Scott which now brings Channel 11 to the Sutherland area. He will answer questions as to how the translator could affect the Glide vicinity.

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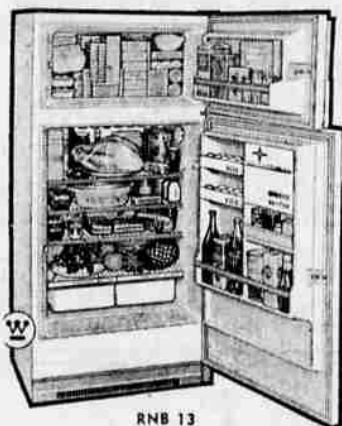


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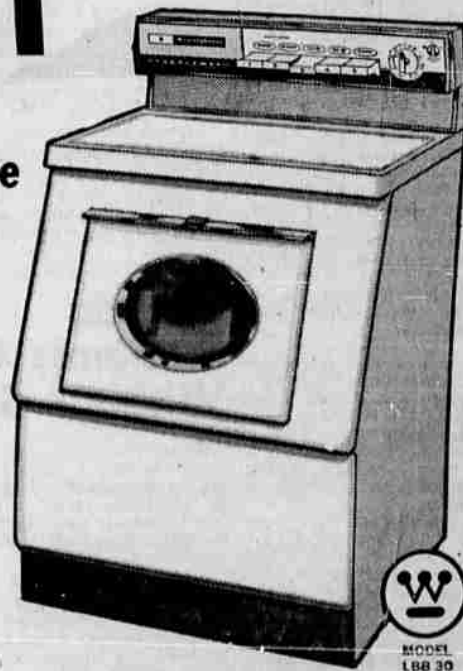
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