

Khrush In Jovial Mood As Test Ban Treaty Meet Opens



ROYAL COURT of the Fleet Days celebration held over the weekend at Reedsport is shown on this colorful float with Queen Patti Todd and her princesses being escorted by the Royal Rosarians of Portland. Heck Harper, television personality, was grand marshal of the parade. The queen's float was an eye-catching sight as it led off the parade. Selection of the queen was made Friday night as the opening event of the big annual celebration. (News-Review photo by Andy Fauthere)

Crowds Jam Reedsport For Gala Celebration

It was the calm after the storm for the coastal city of Reedsport this morning with the conclusion Sunday night of the big weekend of festivities of the annual Fleet Days celebration.

Beginning Friday night with the selection of Patti Todd as queen and ending with a mammoth salmon dinner served to a crowd of over 2,000 persons Sunday, the three-day event was packed with color and gaiety.

The parade held Saturday was viewed by thousands, and Saturday night's bonfire on the Umpqua south beach was another spectacular event. Featured was the "world's largest bonfire." People thronged around the fire far into the night, according to Dawn Peseau, correspondent. All other events, from breakfasts to late dances, were filled to capacity, Mrs. Peseau said.

Depth and meaning to the Fleet Day celebration was given by the Blessing of the Fleet which was a highlight of Sunday's schedule. Father Otto Scheffold of the Church of St. John the Apostle gave the blessing and the Umpqua River Lifeboat Coast Guard unit provided a color guard for the ceremonies. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Queen Patti and her court boarded the Coast Guard patrol boat skippered by Elmer Stevens and scattered flowers on the waters of the bay.

The planting of roses honoring Orin Collier, president of the Reedsport Jaycees, sponsors of Fleet Days, and the queen and her court, was a colorful event Saturday.

Douglas County Court members, V. T. Jackson and Ray Doerner, accompanied by Mrs. Doerner, were special guests at the Gardeners-Reedsport Lions Club sponsored salmon dinner.

Top honors in the parade Saturday were won by McKay's Market, commercial division; Lillebo Construction, industrial division; and Florence Boosters, fraternal division.

Climbers Found Safe On Slopes

TALKEETNA, Alaska (UPI) — Seven mountaineers from Harvard were continuing their climb up 20,230 foot Mt. McKinley today, no longer the objects of an air search.

Veteran bush pilot Don Sheldon popped his light plane through a cloud cover at the 17,000 foot level Sunday and spotted the climbers for whom a search had been conducted since last Wednesday.

Sheldon reported that all members of the expedition were in good condition and that they appeared to be in no danger.

Concern for the members of the expedition arose when the climbers could not be located on the mountain. Dense clouds enshrouded the slopes, hampering efforts to locate the climbers from the air.

Among those participating in the air search was Lowell Thomas Jr., son of the famous commentator. He was in another plane at a lower level of the mountain when Sheldon located the climbers.

Five members of the party began their ascent June 18. Two others followed June 25, reports said.

Members of the party were leader Henry L. Abrams, 22, Searsdale, N.Y.; David Roberts, 20, Boulder, Colo.; Peter Carman, 21, Nashville, Tenn.; Christopher Goetz, 23, Randolph, N.H.; John Graham, 21, Tacoma, Wash.; Richard G. Milliken, 21, Kensington, Calif.; and Donald C. Jensen, 20, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Tacoma Pier Hit By Blaze

TACOMA, Wash. (UPI) — Firemen continued today in an attempt to douse small fires in the still smoldering timbers under Pier 7, scene of a huge waterfront blaze here Sunday which claimed one life, injured 17 and caused a great amount of property damage.

The fire roared over the million dollar pier Sunday afternoon, killing Fire Department battalion chief Arthur Strong, 57, and scorching four gigantic cranes. The cranes were left standing over weakened and still burning timbers that threatened to give way and topple the 45-ton machines into the bay.

Seventeen firemen were injured and one, Dave Wilfong, 34, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital with smoke inhalation. His condition was listed as satisfactory today. Nine others were treated and released at hospitals.

The fire started when a crane ran over an electric cable and caused a short, sending sparks and flames onto the wooden pier area.

Pickets Picket Pickets At Byrd's In Dispute Of Contract Clause

Pickets and counter-pickets promenaded in front of Byrd's Market on W. Harvard Ave. this morning.

Retail clerks International Association No. 201 stationed pickets in front of the market at about 7 a.m. in what was reported to be a dispute over a contractual clause in the labor agreement serving the store and union.

Representing the union in the picketing were workers of U.S. Plywood Co. who have been idled by the logging industry strike.

Signs carried by the pickets presented the information: "On Strike Over Wages And Working Conditions."

Store employees, however, carried placards with the explanation: "We Have No Wage Dispute. We Are Happy."

Customers Confused

All of which was a little confusing for customers to the store which was operating on a business-as-usual basis.

Roy Byrd, partner in the store, said the dispute had nothing to do with wages or working conditions, as the pickets signs suggested.

He said the issue involves a clause in a union contract involving an assistant manager position and whether or not this staff member should belong to the union.

The store management contends it does not have to. Byrd said the store's original agreement with the union was that this would be a non-union position. Management contends the assistant manager position should not come under

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Variable cloudiness today, tonight and Tuesday. Continued cool today, warmer Tuesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 79

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 53

Highest temp. any July (61) 106

Lowest temp. any July (55) 40

Precip. last 24 hours 0

Precip. from July 1 .18

Normal July Precip. .62

Normal Precip. 9.1 to 7-1 32.51

Precip. from Sept. 1 35.05

Sunset tonight, 8:51 p.m. PDT.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5:48 a.m. PDT.

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Pair Held Here As Murder Suspects

Grants Pass Man's Death Being Probed

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Two Grants Pass area men were being held in the Douglas County jail today on suspicion of first degree murder.

They were arrested Saturday morning by a state police officer from Roseburg in the death of a 48-year-old Grants Pass man.

The two men, 25-year-old Gerald Richard Oden of Wolf Creek and 22-year-old Norman Stewart Thomas of Grants Pass, were arrested by state police officer Byron Winningham near Rice Hill on Interstate Highway 105 about 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Man Dies

They are being held in connection with the death of Lloyd Miles Harper, 48, also of Grants Pass. Harper was allegedly beaten during an attempted robbery late Friday night and later died, Josephine County District Attorney Lawrence Aschenbrenner said.

Oden and Thomas were scheduled to appear before Douglas County Circuit Court Judge Don H. Sanders Monday morning for a preliminary hearing. That hearing, however, was postponed until 9 a.m. Tuesday because neither of the men was represented by an attorney Monday morning.

Judge Sanders appointed former Dist. Atty. Robert Stults to defend Thomas. Oden requested the services of Medford attorney Robert Boyer.

Charges Read

The two men appeared before Judge Sanders Saturday afternoon to hear charges read against them and the hearing was continued until Monday morning. Purpose of the hearing is to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe a crime has been committed and if there is reasonable cause to believe the accused committed that crime.

Aschenbrenner said Oden and Thomas were accompanied by a 16-year-old girl from Walla Walla, Wash., at the time of the alleged fight which resulted in Harper's death. She was with the two men when they were arrested Saturday morning and was held in protective custody by Douglas County juvenile authorities over the weekend. She was scheduled to be returned to Grants Pass by Josephine County juvenile authorities today.

Death Investigated

According to state police from Grants Pass, Harper was found lying in a ditch on Foothill Boulevard at the east edge of Grants Pass near Jones Creek Road and rushed to a Grants Pass hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Cause of the death is still under investigation.

Aschenbrenner said Oden, Thomas and the girl were at the scene when another car arrived and that they later told police they had driven along and discovered Harper lying there. They were questioned by police officers and released. Subsequent investigation by state police and sheriff's officers in Grants Pass, however, turned up evidence indicating the two men had been seen with Harper in Grants Pass area taverns that evening.

Bulletin Sent

An all-points bulletin was put out Saturday morning and the two men and the teenage girl were being sought by Winningham and brought to Roseburg for questioning.

After statements had been taken from all three, the two men were lodged in the Douglas County jail on suspicion of first degree murder and the girl was taken into protective custody.

WOULD BE PURSE SNATCHED

LaPLACE, La. (UPI) — Thieves broke into a snake farm over the weekend and stole 150 alligators, five of them seven feet long.



NORMAN STEWART THOMAS, 22, of Grants Pass, is shown being led from the state police headquarters in Roseburg to the Douglas County jail Saturday afternoon where he and Gerald Richard Oden, 25, of Wolf Creek, were lodged on suspicion of first degree murder in connection with the death of Lloyd Miles Harper, 48, of Grants Pass, late Friday night. Shown, left to right, are Josephine County Dist. Atty. Lawrence Aschenbrenner, Thomas, Josephine County Deputy Sheriff Claude Hunter and Roseburg state police officer Byron Winningham. (News-Review Photo)

400 Lumber Workers Strike Georgia-Pacific At Toledo

A strike by two Northwest lumber unions against the Georgia-Pacific Corp. began this morning with a walkout by 400 gang saw and plywood mill workers at Toledo.

Earl Hartley, executive secretary of Region 3 Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSW), said more men will be off the job Tuesday.

In addition to the Toledo operations, the LSW represents workers at Coquille, Springfield, and Pilot Rock, Ore., and Eureka, Feather Falls and Woodleaf, Calif.

An LSW spokesman said the big Springfield operation, which includes two plywood mills and a fiber-ply plant, would be closed Tuesday. The union has 750 members in those plants.

IWA Still Working

The International Woodworkers of America (IWA) kept all its members on the job at Georgia-Pacific operations today. President Harvey Nelson of the Western Regional Council reported.

The IWA represents workers at Coos Bay, Springfield and Toledo in Oregon; Olympia, Wash., and Woodleaf, Calif. Members at Toledo are in the woods crew and were not affected by the LSW walkout there. The plants at Coos Bay, Coquille and Olympia were not scheduled to resume work after the Fourth of July vacation until Tuesday.

The strike was called after negotiations with the company broke down Wednesday. Company officials estimated 7,000 employees would be affected if all G-P operations in three western states were struck.

Some 21,000 lumber workers are already idle because of the contract dispute in the Northwest but there were some hopeful signs in the situation today.

Big Six, Unions Talk

Representatives of the unions met in Portland with negotiators for the so-called "Big Six" bargaining group, representing U.S. Plywood, St. Regis Paper Co., Weyerhaeuser, Crown Zellerbach, International Paper Co. and Rayonier.

It was the first time the two unions have met jointly with that employer group. All other meetings have been conducted with one of the unions while officials of the other sat in as an observer.

A strike against U.S. Plywood and St. Regis June 5 and the resulting shutdown by the other four firms accounted for much of the idleness in the industry.

The unions also are scheduled to meet jointly with Simpson Timber Co. Tuesday. Simpson, like Georgia-Pacific, has been negotiating independently.

BON JOUR PARDNER

LONDON (UPI) — Gun-slinging cowboy spoke French Sunday night during the British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) telecast of "Laramie."

BBC officials explained later the sound from a French television station intruded into the broadcast because of frank weather conditions.

Chiloquin Woman Shot In Nevada

GARDNERVILLE, Nev. (UPI) — A 29-year-old woman from Chiloquin, Ore., was shot through the heart and killed Sunday in what authorities said was the climax to an argument over who should buy the next bottle of liquor.

She had been a guest at the home of Mrs. Thomas Ruez, 31, for the past month.

Douglas County sheriff's deputies said the woman apparently got into an argument when Mrs. Ruez told her she did not have money for more liquor. Undersheriff Dave McCreary said the two women had been drinking most of the previous night.

The victim was shot twice, once in the right arm and once in the heart.

Mrs. Ruez was held for questioning in county jail and a coroner's inquest scheduled.

Youth Dies In Plunge From Auto

Larry Vincent Sade, 20, of 940 W. Luellen St., Roseburg, was fatally injured in a fall from a moving vehicle about 1:30 a.m. Sunday on Lookingglass Road, city police report. The accident occurred within the city limits.

According to the officer's report, Sade was riding in a car operated by Evan Harris Willis, 19, of 359 SE Ella St., with John William Neal, also 19, of Rt. 1, Box 200, Roseburg, as another passenger.

Head Struck

The youth was said by the other two to have opened the door of the car on the right side, stood up and despite efforts of Neal to hold him, fell out of the car. He apparently hit the back of his head on the roadway shoulder.

The city policeman, on arrival, stated that Sade was lying on his back, bleeding profusely from the back of his head. He was rushed to Douglas Community Hospital and pronounced dead on arrival by an attending physician.

County Medical Examiner Dr. B. R. Shoemaker was called and the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee V. Sade, notified.

The other two youths with Sade reported they had been at a restaurant north of the city and took Sade with them when they left. They drove out on Melrose Road, then through to the Lookingglass Road and were returning to town when the accident occurred. Willis said he was driving north at about 35 to 40 miles per hour.

Served In Navy

Sade was born Oct. 28, 1942 at Auburn, Wash. He had lived in the Roseburg area the past 17 years, coming here from Willows, Calif. He was graduated from Roseburg High School in 1961, and had served two years in the United States Navy. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Roseburg.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee V. Sade; one sister, Mrs. Randall (Doris) Baumgardner; two nephews, Scott and James Baumgardner, all of Roseburg, and his grandfather, G. C. Jung of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel, with Dr. Eugene Geritz of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Cabin Cruiser Hits Rocks At Depoe Bay

DEPOE BAY (UPI) — A 19-foot cabin cruiser ran aground on the rocks at the entrance to Depoe Bay Saturday afternoon when its outboard engine failed.

Six persons left the boat by climbing the rocks.

The \$1,500 vessel, owned by the Calkins Charter and Dory Ocean Rental Service at Depoe Bay, was being operated by Ray Moore of Portland.

The boat later was beached inside the bay.

Reached For Rifle

Alford told the children he could no longer afford to take care of them, but the youngsters said they would never leave him. Alford said he got angry again and reached under the floorboard of his truck for the rifle.

He said Carol Ann started to run and he fired at her. Alford told authorities that the next thing he remembered was that he was sitting on the ground with the two guns in his hands — both fired until they were empty.

Alford said he did not even look to see if the children were dead or alive. He jumped into the truck and drove back to Santa Rosa, disposing of the children's possessions in Barstow, Calif., and the guns in Stockton.

He was arrested at the trailer camp after authorities in Fallstaff, Ariz., Stockton and Santa Rosa had combined their resources with the FBI in a painstaking investigation to track him down.

Authorities said Alford had a police record and had served sentences for child molestation convictions.

Construction Laborer Admits Shooting Three Negro Children

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (UPI) — A construction worker confessed to sheriff's officers Sunday that he killed three children, who had known him affectionately for years as "Uncle Robert", and left their bodies in an Arizona forest south of the Grand Canyon.

FBI agents and sheriff's deputies from Coconino County, Ariz., said Robert Alford, 56, a Negro, confessed the slayings after 12 hours of interrogation. The confession climaxed a month-long investigation by authorities in two states.

The bodies of the three Negro children were found June 6 in a heavily wooded area several miles north of Williams, Ariz. Each child had been shot in the head with a 32 caliber rifle and in the heart with a 45 caliber pistol.

The victims were Teddy Walker, 12; his sister, Jacqueline Walker, 11, and their half-sister, Carol Ann McCain, 14. They lived with their foster mother, Mrs. Bernice Fobbs, in Stockton, Calif.

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New Meeting Could Break Long Dispute

MOSCOW (UPI) — Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in a jovial, wise-cracking mood, met for 3 1/2 hours today with high U.S. and British negotiators in the opening of a Kremlin conference that could break the East-West deadlock on a nuclear test ban.

U.S. chief negotiator W. Averell Harriman and British Minister of Science Lord Hailsham, drove after the meeting to the U.S. Embassy where they presumably compared notes on the talks.

There was no immediate comment from either Western delegation.

Nor was it disclosed when the next meeting would take place in the talks which are expected to last about 10 days.

But Khrushchev's surprise move in heading the Soviet delegation at the opening of the negotiations raised Western hopes that some form of agreement—perhaps an accord for a limited test ban—might emerge from the crucial conference.

Khrushchev, in opening the three-power conference this afternoon, enthusiastically pumped the hands of presidential envoy Harriman and Lord Hailsham and remarked: "Where do we begin? Perhaps we should begin by singing an agreement first."

In a bantering aside, the Soviet leader turned to Harriman and said: "You did right when you kicked the British out of America."

Khrushchev then turned to the British chief negotiator and said: "They acted with wisdom, they kicked you out."

Mumbles Reply

Hailsham's mumbled reply was not heard distinctly.

The Soviet leader had especially warm and personal greetings for Harriman, U.S. undersecretary of state who had dealt face-to-face with Joseph Stalin, ambassador to Moscow during World War II.

Khrushchev, 69, vigorously shaking the 71-year-old Harriman's hand, exclaimed: "You are absolutely blooming, what are you doing? Are you counting the years backwards?"

"I began doing that a long time ago," answered Harriman with a broad grin.

In the light-hearted exchange before the doors were closed on the first session of the historic conference, Khrushchev told Harriman: "I am surrounded by the imperialists."

Less Conference Room

The three-power negotiations aimed at reaching agreement on at least a partial nuclear test ban opened in one of the large Kremlin conference rooms adjoining Khrushchev's office.

The Eastern and Western negotiators occupied 12 chairs on both sides of the table, with translators sitting at either end.

On the walls of the room were a map of the Soviet Union and portraits of Marx and Lenin. U.S., British and Soviet flags were arranged on the center of the negotiating table.

American GI Held In Germany Slaying

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — A young American soldier sought in connection with the street-fight death of a Frankfurt teenager surrendered to U.S. military police early today.

Spe-4 James Michael Smith, 20, of Longview, Wash., stationed at Gulltief Barracks in Frankfurt, said he was a civilian — a claim American who punched 19-year-old Harald Vilzmann in the stomach Wednesday night, an Army spokesman said.

Vilzmann was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital a few minutes later.

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