

UO Student Receives Canada's Silver Cross

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A modest hero—more anxious to talk about construction projects and power possibilities in Canada than his own heroic deed, is Bill Hromyk, sophomore in education from Vancouver, B.C.

Hromyk last week received a telegram from C. T. Batten, provincial commissioner for British Columbia, informing him that he will receive the Silver Cross from the Governor General, as chief scout for Canada, for saving a man's life last summer.

There is one investiture held per year for all such medals given—it will be held at Ottawa later in the year. That such awards are rare is evidenced by the fact that only three were given in the entire nation last year.

What Bill did was this: he swam through icy waters of the Nechako river, 150 miles from the coast, to save a drowning man who had been upset from a raft in the rapids area of the river.

The man, in his middle twenties, had been on the raft with two others, who were pushed to the opposite side of the river by the tide and later taken from the area in a helicopter.

The three, and Hromyk, were all members of an engineering crew of approximately 2,000, working on the Nechako dam. The dam itself is the third-largest earth-filled dam on the North American continent, and has been planned since 1945.

The dam and its purpose are on a very large scale, and Bill calls the project "one of the greatest things undertaken in this magnitude."

For its construction, 11 miles of tunnel were dug, from the coast to the mountain area. A small corps of engineers and geologists were pioneers for it, going to the region in 1948.

High secrecy surrounded their work for some time, especially after rumor spread that the Aluminum company of Canada was employing the engineers.

Power proved to be their motive, and they were investigating the vast untapped resources of the area. It is now used for an aluminum-producing plant, which is 46 miles from the dam's

50 Dead, Many Missing After Flood

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Evacuation of about 10,000 persons from three flooded towns in New South Wales began Sunday night.

The new evacuations will boost the number of persons driven from their homes to about 50,000 in four days of floods.

Police put the death toll at near 50, including persons who have been missing for more than 24 hours. Hundreds of other persons are listed as "unaccounted for."

All 3,500 inhabitants of Narrabri, 360 miles northeast of Sydney, began leaving town as floodwaters surged higher.

In the other two towns being evacuated, Maitland and Singleton, the water level dropped four feet but the menace of disease grew. Maitland and Singleton are about 250 miles south of Narrabri.

The town of Warren, on the Macquarie river, was threatened as rising waters broke through sandbag barriers. Only tree tops showed above the muddy water in the farming area around Warren.

Nearly 100,000 square miles of land have been inundated and at least 50 communities have been hard hit.

now-completed, huge generator. Bill thinks of the dam and its work as an example of the resources and opportunities in Canada, which will expand in relation to the building-up of cities."

"Canada and South America will be the frontiers," he says with a smile. "Expansion in the United States has almost come to a halt. Everything here has been discovered."

Willoughby Party Aids Charities

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—Walt Willoughby's all-night house party for charity ended Sunday with more than 2,200 guests signed in and a monster hang-over for the host.

Willoughby said guests pledged more than 200 pints of blood to the Red Cross, bought more than 1,000 tickets for a crippled children's benefit basketball game, dumped more than two truck-loads of old clothes and toys in his nine-room home, and pledged several hundred dollars to various charities.

The 36-year-old insurance salesman provided all the food and drink for the shindig. Guests were asked only to pledge a donation of some kind to some charity. Everyone in the city was invited through a newspaper advertisement.

The cleanup detail swept out a hundred broken glasses and 100 broken beer bottles but Willoughby said that none of the damage was "malicious." He reported there wasn't a cigarette burn in the place.

Willoughby estimated his tab for the party at about \$3,000.

AOPi Housemother Is Honored at Tea

More than 150 alumnae, faculty members, housemothers and friends of Mrs. Andrew F. Rapp, Alpha Omicron Pi housemother, attended a tea Sunday afternoon given for her by members of the active chapter and alumnae.

Mrs. Rapp, who has served the chapter for fourteen years, will retire at the end of this term.

Co-chairmen of the tea were Mrs. Gordon Reeves, president of the alumnae, and Mrs. Frank B. Reid. Members of the active chapter served as hostesses.

The lowest official temperature recorded on the North American continent was 82 degrees below zero. It was recorded in February 1947 at a lonely air force base in the Yukon called Snag.

Meeting to Be Held On Hawaiian Tour For All UO Women

An informal gathering for all co-eds interested in a University of Hawaii tour, as planned by Pan American Airways, will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Carson hall living room.

Mrs. Betty Mendenhall, tour leader from Oregon State college, will be on hand to answer questions concerning the Hawaii tours and to show films put out by Pan American on Hawaii. Mrs. Mendenhall has planned and operated the Hawaii tour for Pan American for six years.

A style show of appropriate tour clothing will be presented informally by Kauffman's of Eugene. Hawaiian co-eds will also present part of the entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

All University women interested in Hawaii are welcome to attend the affair, according to Mrs. Agnes Biotti, Carson house mother and tour chaperone.

Racing Driver Dies After Four-Car Smash

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Al Briggs, Lake Worth, Florida, racing driver who was critically burned in a four-car smash-up here Saturday, died shortly after midnight Sunday.

The accident sent two other drivers and three spectators to the hospital and cut short the 125-mile Nascar race for modified stock cars.

Hospitalized in addition to the 30-year-old Briggs were drivers Jack Bowsher of Springfield, Ohio, and Jimmy Thompson of Monroe, N. C. The injured spectators were W. A. Wood and Donald Pemberton, both of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Jack Smith of Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Bowsher and the spectators have been released from the hospital. Thompson is suffering from back and possible head injuries.

Miss Monroe Named Chief Night Editor

Mollie Monroe, freshman in journalism, has been named Emerald Chief Night Editor by Jerry Harrell, Emerald Editor.

Other new members of the Emerald night staff are Bev Chamberlain, freshman in liberal arts; Tish Lambert, sophomore in liberal arts; John Sheaffer, junior in business; Elton Engstrom, sophomore in liberal arts; and Elliot Carlson, freshman in journalism.

Japanese Democrats Lead in Election Returns

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's Democrats, favoring closer ties with the Communists, took an early lead Monday in returns from Sunday's national election — which broke all voting records.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democrats captured 93 of the first 215 seats decided in the race for 467 seats in the lower house of the Diet parliament.

Liberals Second
Second were the equally conservative Liberals with 60. The left wing Socialists had 35, the Right Socialists 24 and minor parties and independents 3. The Communists had not yet won a single race.

The early vote counted was from rural districts, which are conservative.

The rural vote was supporting Hatoyama's policy of trying to be friends with the Communist powers as well as the United States. He also favors rearming Japan.

77 Percent Voted
Unofficial tabulations showed 37,990,034 voters—77.4 per cent of those registered—cast ballots. This eclipsed the previous high

Sweden passed a law making health insurance compulsory beginning this year.

of 36,100,401 in 1952 and underscored the keen interest of voters.

The Socialists, who vigorously oppose rearmament and are against Japan's current close ties with the United States, were holding their own in rural districts.

Liberals Downed
Hatoyama's Democrats dumped incumbent members of former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's Liberal Party in several races. The Liberals held the most seats, 180, in the old house.

If Hatoyama's rural vote strength carries over into the cities he could collect as many as 200 seats. This would be short of a majority but enough to earn him another term as Prime Minister.

Conservative Party
Political observers predict that if the Democrats overpower the Liberals, the two groups probably will combine into one large Conservative Party, on Matoyama's terms.

The Right Socialists tend toward a neutral role in the cold war. The Left Socialists range from neutrals to pro-Communists. The two Socialist wings also plan to merge after the election.

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