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## YOUNGSTERS IN HARMONY

The combined fourth, fifth and sixth grade choruses of Greenwood and Ackerman schools presented a concert for parents and teachers yesterday afternoon. Above, a small portion of the group, which consisted of 150 students; breaks forth into song. (Observer Photo)

## DEMOCRATS PASS OWN BILLS DESPITE EISENHOWER'S REQUESTS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower scolded the Democratic-controlled Congress this week for not acting on his "very badly needed" proposals to solve the housing, highway and wheat problems.

The Democrats reacted by stamping committee approval on their own housing, wheat and aid-to-schools bills.

In a rare special message to the Senate and House Eisenhower called for passage of his recommendations to boost the gasoline tax 1 1/2 cents a gallon, add money to the government's dwindling authority to insure home mortgages and cut the giant wheat surplus by reducing price supports.

The next day the House Rules Committee approved a \$2,100,000,000 Democratic housing bill containing the mortgage funds the President asked. But the measure also has a number of public housing and other provisions Eisenhower opposes.

A coalition of conservative Republicans and Democrats hoped to trim the measure by \$600,000,000 when the House takes it up Tuesday. Eisenhower had proposed a \$1,650,000,000 housing plan.

**OK'd Wheat Plan**

The House Agriculture Committee okayed a plan to cut wheat planting allotments 30 per cent in 1960 and 1961 and increase price supports to 90 per cent of parity from the current 75 per cent.

The Senate Agriculture Committee voted to let farmers choose between a similar scheme which would cut plantings 20 per cent and boost supports to 80 per cent of parity, and a rival idea in line with Eisenhower's thinking which would keep present wheat acreage and crop supports to 65 per cent of parity.

The House Education Committee approved a four-year, \$4,400,000,000 Democratic program which would provide federal grants to the states for school

construction and higher teachers salaries.

**Ended in Tumult**

As for the President's plea for a bigger gas tax to put the federal highway building program on a pay-as-you-go basis, there appeared no chance for approval.

The Senate Commerce Committee hearings on Lewis L. Strauss' appointment as commerce secretary ended in tumult after 16 sessions. A shouting woman speaker was ejected by police from the final hearing after she accused Strauss of financing the Russian revolution.

Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said he hoped to take a vote Tuesday.

The confirmation of another Eisenhower appointee, Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon, hit an unexpected snag. A vote was postponed until next week after Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) threatened to use "deliberate, dilatory tactics" to delay the confirmation unless he was given time to explore Dillon's role in the foreign aid program.

Other congressional news this week:

**States rights**—The House Judiciary Committee approved a broad states rights bill aimed at nullifying a Supreme Court decision which held that sedition and certain other laws were exclusively a federal responsibility.

**Fair trade**—The House Commerce Committee approved a "fair trade" bill to permit manufacturers to set minimum retail prices for their products.

**Unemployment**—The House Ways & Means Committee tentatively rejected a labor-backed proposal to set federal minimum standards for the amount and duration of state unemployment payments.

any damages by Bohnenkamp's insurance firm. Bohnenkamp's attorney immediately entered an objection and later made a motion for a mistrial. Ruling on the motion was not made until just after the jury verdict was returned.

The question of an insurance firm being interested in the case first became legally known when Helm questioned Allen about pictures taken at the accident area by an insurance adjuster following the accident. Allen had denied that such pictures had been taken.

Burleigh in his final statements said Allen had been "warned" about saying anything about insurance and for this reason had at first denied the picture taking episode. Just before he sat down Burleigh made his statement about possible payments for damages by an insurance company.

**JUDGE RULES MISTRIAL IN LOCAL DAMAGE CASE**

W. A. Allen of Milton-Freewater was awarded a \$2,692 verdict by a Circuit Court jury last night but Judge Wesley F. Brown threw the case out of court because of "improper statements" made by Allen's attorney during the closing minutes of the case.

Allen, who had asked \$6,092 damages, sustained leg injuries when a car, driven by William H. Bohnenkamp Jr. crashed into a pickup on which Allen was putting chains during the Feb. 9, 1958 accident on the Elgin-Weston highway near Spout Springs.

As a result of the midnight ruling by Brown the case will be tried again. The 10-2 jury decision was brought in about midnight following seven hours of deliberation.

S. H. Burleigh, Allen's attorney, in his last sentence of final arguments before the jury made reference to payment of

## Serious Research On Issues

NEW YORK (UPI) — Steel wage negotiators, under Washington pressure to come up with a peaceful, non-inflationary pact, today began some serious homework on basic contract issues.

The negotiators—four from each side—recessed their joint bargaining talks until Tuesday to give them time to prepare arguments and counter-arguments.

The "brass tacks" bargaining talks which began on Monday have produced no apparent progress on a new contract covering 500,000 steelworkers. The present three-year agreement expires at midnight June 30.

At a joint press conference Friday, the negotiators told reporters they would spend the next three days doing some "serious" research on basic contract issues.

**Union Wants Increases**

Neither side has given an inch on the stands they took prior to the start of the joint talks. The industry wants a one-year contract extension as a means of halting inflation. The union wants substantial increases in wages and fringes and says the industry can afford to grant these demands without resorting to a price hike.

President Eisenhower has called upon both sides to come up with a new pact that will not necessitate a price increase. The industry said there is only one way to accomplish this: freeze wages. The union called this suggestion economic nonsense.

Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) Friday again urged the White House to call both negotiating teams to Washington in the event they fail to reach a new agreement or if they come up with a pact that threatens to increase inflation.

**A Look Towards Washington**

The negotiators are conducting their crucial contract talks with one eye cocked on Washington.

In 1956, White House pressure was responsible for ending a 34-day strike and bringing about a three-year agreement which has given steelworkers a 62.5 cents an hour increase in wages and fringe items. The industry says that contract was a primary factor behind the last wage-price spiral.

Informed industry sources said the President will keep pressure on both sides during the negotiations but will interfere directly if he can help it.

The industry has taken the government's interest as a mandate to hold the line on employment costs and prices in 1959. But the union insists its demands are not inflationary.

Neither David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers Union, nor R. Conrad Copper, chief industry negotiator has given any clue as to what they have discussed or what progress has been made.

## Wheat Surplus Problem Faces Congressmen

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress faced a two-week deadline today in its effort to agree on a program acceptable to President Eisenhower to reduce the nation's mammoth wheat surplus.

Eisenhower signed a stop-gap congressional resolution Friday extending from May 15 to June 1 the final date for the Agriculture Department to announce 1960 acreage allotments and market quotas under the current wheat law.

He called on the Senate and House to use the two weeks to enact "realistic and constructive" wheat legislation, and not a mere stopgap plan.

The President signed the extension as the Senate Agriculture Committee approved a bill to give farmers a choice between the rival wheat programs of the Eisenhower administration and democratic farm leaders.

Under the measure, wheat farmers would be given their choice of these two programs for their 1960 and 1961 crops:

—Farmers who choose to continue plantings at present levels would receive price supports of 80 per cent of parity instead of the present 75 per cent.

—Farmers who cut plantings 20 per cent below present levels would receive supports at 80 per cent of parity.

**PRESIDENT TOURS**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower flew to Colorado today for a quick tour of the Air Force Academy and to visit with his mother-in-law.

The president took off at 7:59 a.m. ed.



DAVID B. COLLINS Is Nominated.

## David B. Collins Is Nominated For Fellowship

David B. Collins, Eastern Oregon College senior, has been nominated for a \$2500 fellowship to the University of Washington, according to C. Leo Hitchcock, the University department of botany executive officer.

Collins, who will receive his degree from EOC in June, will study plant genetics. He is the son of J. E. Collins, Milton-Freewater, and a 1951 graduate of McLoughlin high school.

Previously, Collins was announced as the recipient of a graduate assistantship to Washington. The new grant, under a program of National Defense Education Act Fellowships, would supply \$500 per dependent in addition to the \$2500, in lieu of the original assistantship.

## Youngsters Die After School Prom

MATTOON, Ill. (UPI) — Seven youngsters on their way home from a high school prom were killed today when a Chicago-New Orleans passenger train plowed broadside into their car.

Six of the car's eight occupants, all clad in party formals and dinner jackets, were pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital here, including three girls, Dorothy Thomas, 18, died at the hospital several hours after the crash.

The boy believed to have driven the car, Ivan Moon, 22, remained unconscious and in "very bad shape," hospital authorities said.

The victims' bodies, some hurled 100 yards, were so badly mangled Shelbyville High School Principal C. R. Segley said he could not even recognize Girls' dresses he had seen at the prom a few hours before.

The six apparently killed instantly were identified as Jerry Hill, 16, Irene Moon, 16, Lyle Pfeiffer, 18, his sister Loraine Pfeiffer, 17, Judy Keen, 18, and Jerry Ray Hays, about 19.

No one was injured on the southbound Illinois Central train that struck the car at an unguarded country road crossing two miles north of here.

Coles County Deputy Coroner J. E. Caudill said frenzied confusion spread through town when police and hospital personnel, attempting to identify the dead, called parents to ask if their children had arrived home.



FLYING HIGH—Dave Carman, junior broad jumper, flies high at the district Class 7A-1 track meet this morning. Carman didn't fly high enough—and took a fifth in the finals. Finals in other events will be held this afternoon. (Joe Diehl Photo)

## FRIENDS FEAR DULLES LOSING ILLNESS FIGHT

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Friends of John Foster Dulles expressed fears today that he may lose his battle with cancer in a matter of days.

These friends said his strength was slowly ebbing. They said he was growing weaker daily in his suite at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Reliable sources gave this information following an announcement Friday by the State Department that there had been "some further decline" in the condition of the former secretary of state.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said the pneumonia attack that Dulles suffered last week had not completely cleared up.

The 71-year-old former Cabinet member has been confined to his bed for a week. Members of his family were called to Washington last Saturday when the case of pneumonia was diagnosed.

Doctors reported at first that he was responding satisfactorily to the treatment for the pneumonia. But more recent medical bulletins have reported a decline in his general condition.

## Woman Killed In Accident; Husband Hurt

Mrs. Lola Jean Jensen of North Powder was fatally injured in a single car accident about 7 p.m. yesterday and her husband Buckley E. Jensen, driver of the car, is being released today from a Baker hospital.

Mrs. Jensen was killed instantly when the car failed to negotiate a curve on the Anthony Lakes road, a few hundred yards south of Highway 30. State police said the car skidded more than 200 feet on a gravel shoulder and 78 feet on the highway before rolling several times.

Deputy County Coroner Everett C. Abbott this morning said a jury would be impaneled to view the body of Mrs. Jensen today. Whether or not a full coroner jury's inquest will be held is to be determined after further investigation, Abbott said.

Officials at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker this morning said that Jensen would be released.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, according to North Powder residents, have a trailer house parked on the John Davis ranch where they were working. The couple was on their way to the Durwood Hill ranch for dinner at the time of the accident, area residents reported.

The car door on Mrs. Jensen's side apparently opened during the crash, pinning Mrs. Jensen in that section of the automobile, investigating police reported. This was the sixth Union county highway fatality thus far this year according to state police who commented that this is an unusually high number for Union county.

Mrs. Jensen's body was brought to the Daniels Funeral Home where arrangements are being made for services by the Beatty Funeral Chapel in Baker. Jensen was taken to the Baker hospital in a Baker first aid car.

Mrs. Jensen is the former Mrs. Mike Kemper of North Powder. Jensen is a former Wasco, Ore., rancher.

## Russians Reject Western Package For German Peace

GENEVA (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev today rejected the western "package" plan for Germany as a whole but said it contained some points that could be discussed.

The Soviet leader spoke at a ceremony in Moscow at which he received the Lenin Peace Prize.

The award came less than two weeks from the May 27 expiration date of Khrushchev's ultimatum to the western allies to get out of West Berlin, an ultimatum which led to the present crisis atmosphere surrounding Berlin and to the present Foreign Ministers conference here.

His rejection of the package plan came as the foreign ministers were in week-end recess and scattered among the capitals of Europe.

**Previous Predictions**

But it bore out previous predictions that the Soviets were so anxious for a summit meeting with President Eisenhower that they would not reject out of hand western proposals and would keep the talks going.

Meanwhile, American sources here said the West would be willing to discuss Berlin as a separate issue but still would insist any settlement of the crisis over the former German capital must be tied in with the sweeping western package plan.

In any event, this source emphasized, there is no question of the western plan being split up now to allow negotiations on Berlin alone. These could come only later, if the Geneva Big Four conference becomes completely deadlocked, or possibly even at the summit.

**Blazing Haystack**

Khrushchev said the western powers knew their package plan for Germany, linking the Berlin problem, German reunification and European security, was unacceptable to Russia. But, he said, they submitted it because they wanted to provoke sharp Soviet criticism and then blame the Soviets for failure of the Geneva Conference.

Earlier, Moscow Radio had quoted Khrushchev as describing West Berlin as a "blazing haystack which can start a fire." "The interests of East and West are intertwined in Berlin," he said, "and in these conditions any friction leads to the aggravation of relations between them."

"We therefore propose that a start be made toward resolving the questions on which depends the elimination of such a dangerous situation."

His remarks were made in an interview with R.K. Karanjia, Editor of the Indian newspaper Blitz according to the broadcast.

## Anthony Lakes Discussed Here

Potential developing of the Anthony Lakes area as a year-round recreation spot was discussed here last night with residents of Baker on hand to tell of their work on this project.

Jack Smith, Wallawa Whitman forest supervisor, was also on hand and V. W. McCormack of Pendleton, a member of the state park commission, was selected to present a brief for development of the area to the state park commission.

Ed Bennett, Claude Anson and Ralph Gerards of La Grande will be working with a Baker committee to work up the brief.

## POLICE BELIEVED READY TO BREAK LYNCHING CASE

POPLARVILLE, Miss. (UPI)—A break in the Mack Charles Parker lynching case was reported imminent today.

An authoritative source close to the FBI's probe of the three-week-old murder said at least seven Mississippians would be arrested "pretty soon." The feeling was prevalent that the break would come this week-end.

Activity has increased during the last three days by the more than 40 FBI agents here on the case. For the first time, unidentified persons were hauled to FBI headquarters. They were seen lying down in the back seats of automobiles and were quickly taken inside for questioning and photographing.

J. P. Walker, a garage owner at nearby Piquayune, Miss., freely told a United Press International newsmen the FBI had accused him of being a member of the mob which lynched the 23-year-

## Delegates Take Recess For Weekend

GENEVA (UPI) — Delegates to the East-West foreign ministers' conference fanned out across Europe during a week end recess today, leaving technical experts to work on proposals for easing the deadlock that developed during the meeting's first week.

High American officials were still hopeful that the Russians would consent to substitute secret sessions for the publicized meetings that have been held so far in the conference.

Diplomatic observers said the West probably would moderate its demand for "all or nothing" acceptance of its package peace plan if Gromyko indicated in secret sessions that he is willing to yield some ground.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter flew down to Rome for the day for policy talks with Italian leaders, and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville flew to Paris for the week end.

West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano remained in Geneva today—he is scheduled to dine with Herter tonight—but he was expected to leave late tonight or early Sunday for Zurich to visit friends.

East German Foreign Minister Lothar Bolz flew to Berlin last night, and West German Press Secretary Felix von Eckhardt left early today for Bonn to brief Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on developments.

Only two top delegates—British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko—were expected to spend the entire week end in Geneva.

## Guardsmen Leave For Fort Ord

Five members of the local Battle Group of the Oregon National Guard left at noon today aboard an Air National Guard C-47 transport plane for Fort Ord, California where they will undergo six months active duty training. These men are Charles H. Carper, Cove; Vernon O. Fisher, Union; John D. Clark, Lostine; Allan J. Fossud and Jerry D. Litteral of Baker.

After completion of the training which includes basic training and advanced training in communications, personnel administration and infantry tactics these men will be assigned to these positions in the new Battle Group organization.

These men who will serve their country in the National Guard, chose Armed Forces Day, which is being celebrated throughout the country today, as the day to enter active duty training.

## ALMOST BREATHTAKING PICTURE

# H-Bombs Can Make World A Better Place To Live

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The United States gave the world today an almost breathtaking picture of how the earth can be made into a better place with the help of H-bombs.

This picture was contained in 55 scientific treatises at the second Plowshare Symposium, a meeting of 500 enthusiastic, youthful scientists.

It was sponsored by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The papers included detailed information never before made public or only circulated piecemeal in restricted circles.

Altogether the papers suggested

ways of blasting harbors in undeveloped areas, turning deserts into gardens, making chemicals inside the earth and producing electricity from nuclear explosions underground.

Jack W. Reed of Sandia Corp., Albuquerque, N.M., said at the meeting's close Friday that bombs, launched by submarines, could be used to change the course of hurricanes.

A more spectacular scheme was offered in a paper by Lester Machta, U.S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D.C. He said bombs might blow moisture into the troposphere to form a permanent cloud over polar regions, thus

melting glaciers, warming the earth and evening its temperatures.

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint businessmen with what the bombs could do in the hope they would think up new possibilities.

"We're telling them how holes can be dug and obstacles removed," said Dr. Wilson J. Frank of the Livermore, Calif., radiation laboratory.

The AEC scientists invited businessmen to buy bombs for approved projects, explaining that an A-bomb only costs \$500,000 and that H-bombs cost \$1,000,000 each "in small quantities."