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GAMBLERS, GUNMEN AND LADIES

Today is "Centennial Dressup Day" for students at La Grande Junior High School and a variety of colorful costumes were donned by youths and instructors alike. Four students above were caught coming down school stairs by the cameraman. In rear, left, is gambler David Hallmark while "gunslinger" Paul Riggs stands to his right. Two damsels in front are, left, Lanetta Carter and Nancy Chandler. (Observer Photo)

Outlook Dim For Peaceful Agreement Before Deadline

NEW YORK (UPI) — Steel wage negotiators, nursing frayed feelings, resumed their joint contract talks today against a decidedly pessimistic background for a peaceful settlement before the July 1 strike deadline.

The talks erupted into a heated debate Tuesday when negotiators for the steel industry and the United Steelworkers Union violated a basic grammar school arithmetic principle.

They tried to add and compare horses and apples in a futile effort that dramatized the differences of opinion that separate them on basic contract issues.

The eight negotiators—four from each side—still are poles apart on agreeing on a new contract for 500,000 steelworkers. The current three-year agreement expires at midnight June 30.

Use Different Figures

David J. McDonald, president of the USW, accused the steel industry Tuesday of putting out "pure fiction" to support its view that wages should be frozen for a one-year period. He charged the industry has created a "fictitious monster in a cage—inflation to mislead the public."

R. Conrad Cooper, chief negotiator for the industry, accused the union of making "invalid and phony" comparisons.

Both Cooper and McDonald rattled off statistics at a joint press conference to support their economic arguments.

The crux of the problem was that they used different sets of figures for their comparisons. Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel for the union, brought the sometimes angry debate to a halt by

Herter Delivers Sweeping Denunciation Of Red Plan

GENEVA (UPI)—Secretary of State Christian Herter branded Russia's draft peace treaty today as a "package proposal for the permanent division of Germany."

Authoritative conference sources said the secretary delivered this sweeping denunciation of the Russian plan to the Big Four Conference after pressing privately for secret and intimate talks designed to open genuine East-West bargaining over Berlin and Germany.

The sources said Herter spoke for about 15 to 20 minutes and gave another detailed review of the West's own cold war package peace plan which offered Russia global troop cuts and security in Europe in exchange for a Berlin new deal and reunification of Ger-

BATTLES ARE RAGING IN BOTH HOUSES OVER IKE'S BUDGET

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Battles raged in both houses of Congress today over President Eisenhower's budget.

The hottest skirmish was in the House, where administration forces were trying to scuttle a Democratic housing bill GOP leaders described as "budget busting."

In the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) announced plans to offer an amendment to the President's foreign aid bill which would lob off all military aid to Latin America and impose other deep cuts in the program. The reduction would total 426 million dollars.

The foreign aid measure also was under consideration in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Assistant Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) has asked the committee to make sweeping changes in the way assistance programs are administered.

The House was expected to take its first vote today on the housing measure. Democrats predicted they had enough votes to ram through their \$2,100,000,000 measure and more than enough to kill a \$1,300,000,000 compromise bill the administration accepted.

The compromise figure was con-

HE DIDN'T LIKE KISN

PORTLAND (UPI)—Steve Brown, a five-foot, one-inch disc jockey at radio station KISN here, went to a drive-in for dinner Tuesday evening.

Seated in the car next to him were a man and woman, listening to the station.

Brown got out of his car and walked over to the young lady and asked, "How do you like KISN?" The man, about six-foot-six, feeling his companion had been insulted, got out of the car and grabbed the disc jockey.

Brown explained that he was referring to the radio station and meant no offense.

Putnam Warns Of 'Crisis' In Education

SALEM (UPI)—The State Education Department, especially its secondary education section, faces a "crisis," Dr. Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board of Education at a special meeting here Tuesday.

Three vacancies among the four general supervisory positions in high school education caused Dr. Putnam to ask the board to choose between two alternatives:

Either to employ persons of inferior qualifications which would result in poorer service and loss of prestige for the department, or to maintain present standards even though positions are left unfilled and the department is unable to carry on all its responsibilities.

The board indicated it favored maintaining present standards rather than employing less qualified personnel.

Vacancies were created when John Conway was promoted to director of the section, Clyde Martin resigned as a secondary supervisor to become curriculum director of Milwaukie high school and Clifford Moffitt resigned a similar position to become principal of South Eugene high school.

"There is no guarantee that we will not lose others," Dr. Putnam said.

The new jobs taken by the resigned men all paid more money.

McDonald retorted the industry was talking about inflation in an effort to hide the fact that its rising profits and productivity would permit a wage increase without a corresponding price increase.

The joint bargaining talks now are in their second week.

Iron Age magazine said a nationwide steel strike would have a greater impact on the economy this year than it did in 1956 because more steel companies, including Kaiser Steel on the West Coast, have contracts which expire at June 30 this year than was the case in 1956.

Livestock Show Queen Selection Due On Saturday

Queen candidates for the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show and one sponsor from each of the four sponsoring organizations will meet at the Union Hotel at 8 p.m. Saturday night to count the number of tickets sold by each of the four girls.

The queen will be announced at approximately 10 p.m. at a dance at the high school gym. Candidates include Rosemary Zaugg, 16, Union Commercial Club; Ella Mae Denton, 17, Union Range Riders; Jordyce Tameris, 16, Elgin Stampede and Janice Lorenzen, Maverick Riding Club of La Grande.

Vern White, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association emphasized that just one representative from each of the sponsoring clubs would be allowed in the voting room, with the girls, so the vote would be "fair and square."

The queen named, and the other three girls who will reign as princesses, will rule over the show set for June 4-5-6 at the Union show grounds.

Storm Violence Is Tapering Off

United Press International

Weather violence was expected to taper off today following a flurry of tornadoes in the Midwest and Florida.

Several tornadoes struck in Central Wisconsin late Tuesday, and two twisters touched down in Florida, one of them skirting the big Pensacola Naval Air Station.

A farm was damaged near Lancaster, Wis., by a twister which touched down three times, ripping down utility lines and blocking highways with fallen trees.

At least three other tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin, but damage was confined to rural areas and no one was injured.

Flash floods caused heavy damage in Missouri, Wisconsin and Iowa. Floodwaters from the swollen Black Snake Creek in St. Joseph, Mo., claimed a second life when a man was electrocuted while repairing telephone lines. Earlier, a man drowned when he was swept away by the waters which climbed as high as six feet Monday night and early Tuesday.

Damage in the St. Joseph flood was estimated at more than one million dollars.

Police Seeking La Grande Man In Embezzlement Case

Two Die In Battle With Man

LAFAYETTE, La. (UPI) — A crazed Negro armed with an ancient shotgun killed a woman and two policemen today before he died after an hour-long battle.

Joe Victor killed Mrs. Joseph Duchome and then dragged two white children into a nearby house. Police rushed to the house and two of them were shot dead on the front porch. Two others including the chief of police, were wounded.

Victor was found shot nearly 10 times with pistol and shotgun fire in the charred ruins of the house, which caught fire during the battle.

He freed the two white children at the height of the battle. They escaped unharmed.

Assistant Police Chief Leroy King and Capt. Harold Abadee died of shotgun wounds on the porch of the besieged house. Chief Carlo Listi and Sgt. Donlon Richey were wounded.

Victor riddled them with an old double-barrel 410-gauge shotgun that was held together with black tape.

It was not immediately learned what sent Victor on his rampage. Police said he went into the home of Mrs. Duchome this morning and killed her. He dragged the children into a small frame house two doors down the street and the battle began. Victor's charred body was found an hour later.

Officers hid behind police cars and ambulances and crouched at house corners. One group of officers operated from the roof of a house across the street.

They surrounded the besieged house and poured in a withering cross-fire. Victor held his fire until the police sent through a volley, and then would return with two blasts from his shotgun.

The children, Walter Langlinis and James Roger, were not harmed.

"He didn't hurt us at all," they said.

Victor untied them and pushed them out the front door during a lull in the shooting.

The two dead policemen lay on the front porch for the duration of the gun battle.

Police ran loudspeakers into the area to warn the crowd. But the crowd pressed to within nearly three houses of the line of fire.

DEBBIE DANCES WITH THE KING

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Bachelor King Baudoin of Belgium met an array of glamorous movie stars Tuesday but he seemed to have eyes only for Hollywood's newest bachelor girl, Debbie Reynolds.

The 28-year-old ruler twice had the petite film beauty as his table partner, and both times he had little conversation with anyone else.

He and Miss Reynolds danced into the early morning hours at a dinner party Tuesday night held in his honor.

Earlier, at a luncheon in the MGM commissary, the King also met such beauties as Mamie Van Doren, but his attention was fully taken up with the 27-year-old Miss Reynolds.

Only last week she was divorced by Eddie Fisher in Nevada so he could marry Elizabeth Taylor.

Miss Reynolds was one of the few unescorted women to attend the private dinner party for the King at producer Mervyn Leroy's secluded home in nearby Bel Air.

BOWLING OFFICIAL HAS DISAPPEARED

By H. E. PHILBY
Observer Staff Writer

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Elmer R. Swart, 40, La Grande, secretary-treasurer of the La Grande Bowling association and Western Bowling League, charging him with embezzlement of association funds.

Swart, recognized as one of the top bowlers of the area, has disappeared, leaving his wife and seven children in La Grande. He is charged with the theft of \$580.10 from the Western Bowling League and \$165 from the La Grande Bowling Association.

The warrant was issued this morning by District Attorney George Anderson who is working with the State Police on the missing funds case. Louis Stalter, president of the city association which administers the leagues, reported the funds missing and signed the warrant.

The case of the missing funds is also causing local bowling league officials to delay payment of prize money and a city association meeting slated for Thursday night to elect new officers has been postponed until June 2, according to Robert Hermann, manager of the Blue Mountain Bowling Lanes.

Hermann said league officials are covered by a \$5,000 bond, so the Western Bowling League's \$580.10 is "safe." He said the bonding company has been advised of the shortage and payment to league players is pending settlement with the bonding company. Hermann said he was not certain about a bond covering the city association's funds.

Trophies were recently awarded league winners but prize money checks that have been made out are being held until the league funds are replenished.

The Western Bowling League is a Wednesday night men's bowling league, Hermann explained.

The funds in the two associations represent money paid by bowlers during the recently concluded 24-week winter season of bowling.

It was also reported this morning that Arnold Thompson has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the associations by Stalter. Thompson replaces Swart.

Swart, according to authorities, recently notified the Mt. Emily Lumber Co. that he was quitting his job. He collected his salary before disappearing.

Jet Crash Kills Six

FUKUOKA, Japan (UPI) — A crippled U.S. Air Force jet prop air freighter crashed into an Air Force barracks at Ashiya Air Base while landing today, killing six men and injuring 13.

One of the eight men aboard the plane was killed and seven injured. Five men in the barracks died and six were injured when the huge four-engine C130 Hercules overran the runway and plunged into the barracks.

The barracks, built in an "E" shape, were set afire by the exploding plane and destroyed. The buildings belonged to the 483rd Flightline Maintenance Squadron at the base outside this south Japanese city.

An airman second class was credited with saving the lives of fellow airmen aboard the plane. He stood at the door of the burning plane, slapping his friends on the back and urging them to hurry.

"If it wasn't for this guy," said one of the survivors, "we wouldn't have made it."

The name of the heroic airman was not disclosed.

One of the plane's engines was disabled when it crashed. Fires burned for several hours afterward.

An Air Force spokesman said all but three of the between 175 and 225 men housed in the barracks were accounted for.

Names of the critically injured and dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Air Force announced the names of the less seriously injured, suffering lacerations, bruises and minor burns.

They included Capt. James Smith, Santa Paula, Calif.; and Airman 2C Donald M. Kennedy, Tacoma, Wash.

All of these men were assigned to the Ashiya Air Base.

The plane was returning from a flight to Iwo Jima when it overshot the runway. It was trying to pull up for a second landing attempt when it crashed.

Fumes Kill Albany Man

ALBANY (UPI) — A furnace operator died of suffocation at the Wah Chang Metals Co. reduction plant here Tuesday when he apparently stuck his head into a chamber used for processing metal and breathed argon gas fumes.

The victim was Donald Willis Raymond, 29, Albany.

He was preparing to remove some metal from the tank when the accident occurred, plant officials said. Raymond's body slumped through the door to the tank, was noticed by two fellow workmen. A physician called to the scene pronounced him dead.

An autopsy performed later in the day by Dr. William Lidbeck, Salem pathologist, showed asphyxiation as cause of death.

Officials said the metal purification procedure on which Raymond was working was to first deposit the metal in the tank. Then argon gas is piped in and when the metal has been processed, pumps take the gas out and the metal is removed. Raymond apparently reached into the chamber before the pumps had cleared the tank of the gas, they said.

STASSEN WINS ELECTION BID

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Harold E. Stassen, once a presidential hopeful, has won the Republican nomination for mayor.

The former governor of Minnesota and former disarmament adviser to President Eisenhower will oppose Democratic Mayor Richardson Dilworth in the November elections.

Stassen, backed by the GOP organization, won easily Tuesday over two rivals. Dilworth was not opposed for renomination.

Girl Electrocuted In Malin Accident

MALIN, Ore. (UPI) — Deanna Cacka, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cacka of Malin, was killed Tuesday afternoon when she picked up a live wire while playing with four other small children in her own back yard.

State police said the father had strung a 220-volt wire along the ground by the fence from his shop in the yard to a potato cellar a quarter of a mile away where men were cutting seed potatoes. Cacka is a prominent potato grower in the Malin area.

Chamber of Commerce Selects Snodgrass

Francis Snodgrass was appointed secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at a board of director's meeting this noon.

Snodgrass will replace Fred Schneider who is slated to become secretary of the Walla Walla commerce group.

BUDGET MAIN TOPIC

The 1959-60 budget will be the main item of business for City Commissioners at their regular meeting tonight. The group will receive a report on sewage lagoons from the city manager, and a progress report on La Grande sidewalks.

'INADEQUATE THOUGH IT IS'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower has bestowed on John Foster Dulles, his ailing former secretary of state, the nation's highest civilian decoration—the Medal of Freedom.

The decoration was disclosed by the White House today as Dulles lost more ground in his struggle against cancer and pneumonia.

The chief executive, in a warm, personal salute to his ailing friend dispatched his son, Maj. John S. Eisenhower, to Walter Reed Army Hospital Tuesday night.

Young Eisenhower, assigned to the White House as assistant staff secretary, handed it to Mrs. Dulles who took it to Dulles in his hospital room.

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TONIGHT

The White House Conference on youth and children will meet at 7 p.m. at La Grande High School tonight to discuss the formation of committees, Chairman Lt. Oakley Summers said this morning.

The group, which consists of 35 area citizens, will be formed into committees headed by Dorothy McPhetridge, Harvey Carter, Gaylen Searies, Dolores Uria and Jim Huber.

Committees are parental education, youth recreation, facilities by social agencies, youth education and youth employment.

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With the medal, a bronze disk suspended from red and white ribbon, went a one paragraph note which said:

"Dear Foster: "It is an honor and a privilege to award you this Medal of Freedom. Inadequate though it is to express my gratitude and the gratitude of the nation you have served so well, it does stand as a small token of the affection and esteem that the people of America and of the world hold for you and your tireless efforts on behalf of freedom. With warm regard, "As ever, "D. E." Eisenhower has visited Dulles with some frequency at the hos-

Nation's Highest Civilian Honor Bestowed On Dulles

But he apparently wanted to confer the medal through Mrs. Dulles to avoid any ceremony which might tax the little strength left to the secretary.

Dulles spends much of his time in a drugged sleep because of analgesics administered to offset the gnawing pain.

The Medal of Freedom, originally established at the end of World War II, is awarded by the President "to any person for performance of a meritorious act or service in the interests of the security of the United States."

The State Department said Dulles "continues to grow weaker," was receiving pain killers and was "in general, comfortable."