



UNION PREPARES FOR SHOW

Flags and bunting bedeck Union streets as the city prepares for the 51st annual Eastern Oregon Livestock Show set for June 4-5-6. (Observer Photo)

Free World's 'Mr. Valiant' Laid To Rest At Arlington

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation and the world paid last tributes to John Foster Dulles today.

Diplomats from around the globe joined President Eisenhower in a funeral service which packed the great Washington Cathedral to capacity.

Leaders of the East and West stood side by side to pay their respects to the former secretary of state who died Sunday at the age of 71. For one day, at least, they paused in their cold war to honor the man whose pastor in the service called him the "Mr. Valiant" of the Free World's quest for peace.

They gathered in the vaulted sanctuary of the cathedral to participate in the simple rites of the Presbyterian Church, of which Dulles was an elder.

From the Far East, from Russia, Europe and Latin America came dignitaries — a chancellor, a prime minister, nearly a score of foreign ministers and others of high station — to join hundreds of American leaders and friends of the Dulles family.

From the cathedral the body of the man who had traveled more than a half million miles in the cause of peace then was borne to a grave in the hallowed soil of Arlington National Cemetery.

There, a 19-gun salute and the sounding of "taps" ended the saga of John Foster Dulles.

Before the services, Dulles had lain in state in the Bethlehem Chapel of the cathedral for 24 hours. In that time, more than 20,000 persons filed in solemn respect past his closed coffin.

James Berkeley of the cathedral staff said it was "the biggest crowd of people that has passed through here on such an occasion since the Woodrow Wilson funeral in 1924."

At the request of his family, there was no sermon or eulogy for Dulles. There were prayers, readings from the Old and New Testaments, some of Dulles' favorite hymns sung by the cathedral's famous boys choir with the congregation joining in, and a reading from John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" by Dr. Roswell P. Barnes of New York, U. S. secretary of the World Council of Churches.

"Then, Mr. Valiant for truth said, I am going to my father's and though with great difficulty I am going to get to him, yet now I do not regret me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage... my marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought his battles who now will be my rewarder."

An hour before the service began, the flag-draped casket bearing Dulles' body was borne from the chapel to the main part of the cathedral. There, the coffin lay bathed in soft golden light at the foot of the steps of the choir.

All of the 2,818 seats in the vast Gothic cathedral were reserved. Original plans to set aside about 400 seats for the general public were abandoned because every seat and all available standing room was needed to accommodate the important guests.

Eisenhower conferred this morning with Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies of Australia, who was already here for high-level talks, and was to see West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer who flew in from Berlin Tuesday night for the Dulles funeral.

Niki Says He'll Establish Rocket Base For Albania

LONDON (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev called Tuesday night for an atom-free Balkans. But he threatened to establish rocket bases in Albania if the United States went ahead with its plan to set up missile bases in Greece and Italy.

Khrushchev also paused in a speech at Tirana, Albania, to call John Foster Dulles an "outstanding politician" and to express condolences for his death. But he told his Communist audience Dulles appeared to be softening toward Communism along toward the last.

Khrushchev did not mention expiration of his May 27 ultimatum for the West to get out of Berlin but he said the West was trying to avoid agreement at Geneva and said Russia would sign peace treaties with East and West Germany if no Geneva agreement is reached.

There still was no official word on the purpose of Khrushchev's 12-day trip to Albania. A Communist report said the Russians and Albanians had reached full agreement on all problems in their talks but did not say what the problems were. There still was speculation about a Communist summit meeting there and new Soviet efforts to make friends with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

On the rocket situation Khrushchev said:

"We suggest that the Balkan peninsula be made a peninsula of peace without any missiles or nuclear weapons. That would be more useful both to the Greek and to the Italian peoples and in general to all the peoples inhabiting the Balkan peninsula and the Mediterranean shores."

"If the governments of Italy and Greece allow the Americans to set up missile bases on their territory, perhaps we shall have to reach agreement with the government of the People's Republic of Albania to put something here to counter them."

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Big Four Meeting With Ike

Gromyko Going To White House

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower will meet Thursday with the Big Four and foreign ministers of other nations who came here to attend the funeral of John Foster Dulles, the White House announced today.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will be among those attending a luncheon at the White House.

Announcement of the affair came after Eisenhower met with Secretary of State Christian Herter to receive a first hand report on progress of the Geneva Foreign Ministers Conference. Under secretary C. Douglas Dillon also sat in on the meeting.

Herter flew here from Geneva with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville. Gromyko had arrived by plane less than an hour before.

Both Herter and Gromyko expressed hope that progress can be made when the Geneva talks resume. Gromyko said he hopes the conference will be successful but noted it is "too early to say" if they will lead to an end of the cold war.



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Joan Diehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Diehl, of La Grande, has been named valedictorian of La Grande Senior High school. Miss Diehl maintained a grade point average of 3.97 during her four years at the high school.

She served as president of the Tri-Hi-Y club and is vice president of the Honor Society. Joan is a member of the student council this year and is co-editor of the school paper. She is a past Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls.

Mary Lee Klomp, salutatorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard J. Klomp, of La Grande. She maintained a grade point average of 3.93.

Miss Klomp is president of the Girl's League this year. She has been active in several other clubs including Tri-Hi-Y, Honor Society, and Pep Club.

Mary Lee is a representative to Girls State and she is a member of the student council. She is active in church activities.

Discussions Continue Between Timber Firms

BOISE (UPI) — Negotiations are in progress by Boise Cascade Corporation to obtain two Pacific Northwest lumber firms, it was announced today.

Conducting the negotiations are R. V. Hansberger, president of Boise Cascade, and Hal Templeton, president of Valselt Lumber Company of Portland and also head of Herbert A. Templeton Lumber Company of Portland and Spokane.

If negotiations are successful and approved by the directors and shareholders of the three companies, the two presidents said, Valselt and Templeton would become subsidiaries of Boise Cascade.

They said the two firms would retain their individual corporate identities.

Templeton and Hansberger emphasized that in the event of a stock exchange, the management and personnel of Valselt and Templeton would continue as in the past, as well as their policies and channels of distribution.

They said objective of the negotiations was to improve the positions of all three companies in the utilization and distribution of the products of their forest resources.

Valselt operates sawmills at La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise and Joseph, Ore., and at Lincoln, Wash.; a new plywood mill at Valselt, Ore.; and a millwork factory at Spokane, Wash. The Templeton company distributes throughout the nation plywood, lumber and millwork products produced by Valselt and other sawmills in the Northwest.

Boise Cascade operates sawmills in south-central Washington and southern Idaho, a large building material retail division through the Northwest, and a building materials wholesale company with headquarters in Salt Lake City. Boise Cascade has recently placed a new 150 ton per day pulp and paper mill in operation at Wallula, Wash., which utilizes waste wood produced by sawmills in southern Idaho, northeast Oregon and south central Washington.

Portland Firm Is Low Bidder For Paving

Rogers Construction Company of Portland was low bidder for 7.34 miles of paving on Highway 30 between Glover and Perry, as part of the building of the highway into a complete four lane roadway.

The Portland firm, which holds other contracts on the local highway work, bid \$900,973 on the paving work. Bids were opened by the State Highway Commission in Salem yesterday. Contractors are now working on an estimated \$7,350,000 worth of highway construction between La Grande and Dead Man's Pass at the top of Cabbage Hill.

The Morrison-Knudson combine has the \$1,417,000 contract for grading the section of the highway to be paved by Rogers Construction Company, the MK firm has the grading work about two-thirds complete. The Portland firm is to complete the paving between Glover and Perry by late 1960.

Boys Swallow Poison Pills

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two small brothers were reported in critical condition today after swallowing insect poison tablets. Parents of 150 other youngsters were warned to be on the lookout for 29 poison-tablets still missing.

Gary, 5, and Michael Nieburg, 4, went into convulsions Tuesday shortly after returning home from a playground. They were taken to Morningside Hospital suffering from strychnine poisoning.

JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE CALENDAR

Western Allied Traffic Moving Smoothly In And Out Of Berlin

BERLIN (UPI) — Western allied traffic moved smoothly in and out of West Berlin today and the May 27 deadline the Soviets set six months ago for swallowing the city was just another date on the calendar.

The uninterrupted flow of trains and automobiles was in a way a memorial to John Foster Dulles who shaped a united Western stand against Soviet threats and thus stayed the executioner's hand.

Western allied military trains crossed 110 miles of Communist territory between West Berlin and West Germany as usual. The vital highway link to the West still was open. There were no new changes on the East-West city border. Allied planes flew through the three 20-mile air corridors above the Soviet zone of Germany.

Nevertheless, the Communists continued their propaganda campaign against Berlin. The East German newspaper Berliner Zeitung devoted nearly a full page to an attack on the Western sector, demanding that Allied troops leave and that West Berlin be neutralized.

Last Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day for Americans, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev declared that in six months the Russians would turn over to the East Germans all their occupation functions, including control over Western access routes.

Subsequently, in the face of united Western opposition, the Russians insisted they never had meant this to be an ultimatum, that there was no significance to the date May 27.

There was no move in Moscow to carry out the original Soviet Berlin plan today. Khrushchev was out of the country on a visit to Albania. In a speech at Tirana Tuesday night he did not mention the May 27 date.

Frank H. Bartholomew, president of United Press International and this correspondent tested the border as the original deadline fell Tuesday night.

At the stroke of midnight we drove toward the Brandenburg Gate, dividing East and West Berlin. One hundred yards from the gate, a West German customs officer glanced at us briefly and waved us on.

There were no sentries at the arch as we went through. A hundred feet into the Soviet sector an erect military figure waved us on. We went a few blocks, made a "U"-turn and started back for West Berlin.

At the gate, our license plates were examined briefly and then we were allowed to continue. Nothing out of the ordinary.

The 2,200,000 people of West Berlin had gained a breathing spell but danger was not yet over.

The Soviets have not abandoned their demand that West Berlin be made a "free," demilitarized city with its lifelines controlled by the East Germans. They have only postponed the deadline.

Greenwood School Construction Assured

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Funds for the construction of a new Greenwood elementary school and remodeling of Riveria has been assured with the authorization of the sale of \$416,000 worth of bonds to the First National Bank, La Grande branch.

The La Grande School District agreed to pay an effective annual rate of 4.276 percent interest on the unpaid balance of the bonds over a 20-year period. Interest on the bonds for the 20 years will total \$212,998.05.

The only other bidder for the bonds was the United States National Bank, La Grande branch, which offered to buy the bonds for an effective interest rate of 4.2914 percent.

The bonds will be printed and delivered about July 1, School Superintendent Lyle Riggs reported.

The city school officials also reported that final plans for the new Greenwood school are now being drawn by architects who should have them ready for school board approval by the middle of July.

Riggs said it will then take about three weeks to advertise and open bids.

Construction is slated for about the first of August. It is anticipated that the Riveria modernization will be completed before next winter.

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Injury Cancels EOC Recital

An Eastern Oregon College voice recital scheduled for tonight has been postponed until next Wednesday night because of an injury sustained by Ardye Garrett one of the accompanists.

Instructor Neil E. Wilson, recital director, reported that Miss Garrett was hurt while doing some gymnastic exercises.

Four EOC students, Barbara Myer, Nancy Brooks, David Skeen, and Johanna Hardwick will present their recital next Wednesday at the college.

Thieves Loot Armored Car

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (UPI) — Authorities had few clues available today in their quest for two thieves who looted an unattended armored truck of \$165,450 cash.

A woman witness to the daylight robbery Tuesday could give officers only a sketchy description of one of the men. Law officers refused to reveal whether they had obtained any fingerprints from the truck or from a stolen automobile used for a getaway and abandoned.

Their only clue to this area's biggest robbery since the \$200,000 heist of a federal reserve bank truck at the U.S. Mint in 1922 was apparently a broken key chain.

The thieves needed only one minute to open with a key an automatic lock on the truck and toss four bags containing the currency—\$1700 in \$100 bills and the remainder in bills of \$20 denominations and smaller—into the stolen car and drive away. Two veteran guards assigned to the armored truck had gone inside the Jefferson County Bank 20 yards away to haul out bags of coins.

Leonard Delue, president of the armored car firm, said the guards, R.K. Peterson, 49, with 12 years service with the company, and John Jeffery, 54, with 15 years service, followed proper procedure.

"The truck was locked—the doors lock automatically—and they were only a few yards away for just a few minutes," Delue said. There was no explanation as to how the thieves obtained the key.

Police found the stolen car about 30 minutes later. That's where the trail ended.

SEEKS IKE MEETING

MOSCOW (UPI) — First Deputy Premier Frol Kozlov probably will seek a meeting with President Eisenhower when he visits the United States this summer, observers said Tuesday. Kozlov, 51, is scheduled to leave Moscow at the end of June.