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WEATHER
Partly cloudy thro ıgh Tuesday with scattered showers in mountains; low tonight 40-46; high Tuesday 72-78.

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COFFEE BY THE GALLON

Blue Mountain Grangers gathered at Hilgard State Park for their annual Fourth of July picnic. There were 36 members and guests in attendance. Shown above discussing which pot to try is Annabelle Muilenburg and Sharon Bloom. Time was spent playing games, eating and visiting. (Observer Photo)

Record Holiday Deaths

Fatality Free Weekend Here

Union county had a fatality free Fourth of July weekend in contrast to other sections of the state and nation. The state police have received no reports of death from any cause in either Union or Wallowa counties.

There was a two car accident in the La Grande area shortly before the count for the mid-summer holiday began.

Two cars, one driven by Ray McCory, 1801 Cedar and the other operated by Douglas A. Abbot, 2708 N. Birch, both of La Grande collided at the intersection of highway 30 and Geckler Lane east of the city shortly after 4 p.m. Friday.

McCory was making a left turn into the lane when the car, driven by Abbott attempted to pass. The two vehicles collided at the intersection, the state police reported.

Abbott was cited for passing at an intersection according to the state police.

The biggest Fourth of July weekend killer in Oregon, as in the rest of the nation, was traffice. Highway accidents claimed at least seven persons. One drowning was recorded, one electrocution and a man fatally crushed in a bridge accident in Portland.

Elsewhere in the nation traffic deaths and drownings set new records for a two-day Independence Day weekend.

A press service count showed 272 deaths in traffic, 171 drownings and 52 from miscellaneous causes for an over-all total of 495. No deaths from fireworks were reported.

The previous high for traffic deaths during a two-day Fourth of July weekend was in 1953—when 271 lost their lives. The previous high for drownings was also in 1953 when 121 drowned.

Texas led the state in traffic deaths with 25. Illinois and Virginia reported 16, New York 15 and Pennsylvania 14. New York led in drownings with 16. Texas had 14 and Michigan 13.

The National Safety council said that although the traffic death toll exceeded that of the Fourth of July, travel since 1953 has increased sharply. It is estimated there were nine million more cars on the road than there were in 1953 and that they traveled 25 per cent more miles.

DR. HAROLD R. W. BENJAMIN
Centennial Series Lecturer

Connecticut Educator To Make EOC Address

Dr. Harold R. W. Benjamin, director of the Connecticut Study of the Role of the Public Schools, will speak at La Grande Wednesday, in the EOC Theatre.

The 8 p.m. lecture will be part of a series of Centennial lectures sponsored by the Committee on Higher Education.

Benjamin is a 1921 graduate of Pacific University. He has served on education missions to South America, Afghanistan and Japan and was chairman of the U. S. education mission to Korea in 1954-55.

He is presently on leave from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., where he has been chairman of the division of social foundations of education since 1951. He served on the teacher education commission of the American Council on Education 1939-1942, on the defense commission of the National Education Association 1948-51, the army field forces board on the defense commission of the National Education Association 1948-51, the army field forces board on the education of regular officers 1948-49 and the advisory board of the Air Training Command, 1953-57.

He served with the Army on the Mexican border in 1916, in Europe in 1917-19 and in the Pacific in 1942-45.

Speakers for the series were selected by a board of five citizens of the state from among some 75 nominations submitted by the state's public and private colleges. They are being paid $100 per lecture plus their expenses. All the lectures are open to the public free of charge.

Dr. Benjamin is the only Centennial Lecturer who will appear in La Grande.

Dogs, Rabbit Safe After Space Shot Soviet Radio Says

LONDON (UPI) — Two dogs and a rabbit were fired into space by the Soviet Union and returned to earth in "good" condition, Radio Moscow said today.

The broadcast said the dogs were named Otvazhnaya and Sneshinka which translates into Daring and Snowflake. No name was given for the rabbit.

The broadcast said the "space vehicle" carrying the animals was launched into the "upper layers of the atmosphere" by a single-stage geophysical ballistic rocket of medium range July 2.

The United States May 28 shot two small female monkeys — named Able and Baker—to a height of 300 miles and recovered them alive after a 1,500-mile journey. Able died during an operation for the removal of an electrode from under its skin a few days later.

The Moscow broadcast did not give the height to which the two dogs and rabbit were fired.

It said "the launching took place normally."

"The recovery system ensured the landing of the section and container with the scientific instruments and the test animals, which was separated from the rocket," the broadcast said.

"The condition of the animals after landing is good."

It said Daring was making its third rocket ascent.

The last previous announced Russian rocket firing of animals toward the upper stratosphere took place 11 months ago. It was not known whether Daring participated in that experiment.

The space vehicle carried apparatus for several relatively common high-level scientific experiments, such as study of the ionosphere, micro - meteorites, air current speeds and directions, temperatures and composition of the atmosphere.

The experiment announced today apparently was not an attempt to place the animals into orbit in an earth satellite.

The last such Soviet experiment known to the outside world came on Nov. 3, 1957, when Sputnik II carried a dog named Laika into space. The Soviets announced the death of Laika, the first known space traveler, Nov. 10. The 1,120-pound satellite disintegrated April 14, 1958.

Democrats Fire Back At Butler

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Democratic leaders in Congress today returned the fire of their party's national chairman. They accused him of hurting the party with his criticism.

Senate Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield (Mont.) rejected Chairman Paul M. Butler's charge that the party's moderate stand in Congress is undermining Democratic chances in the 1960 elections.

"It's going to be much tougher if our own people keep on shooting at us," Mansfield said. Butler himself is doing the harm, he added.

Speaker Sam Rayburn agreed with Mansfield's statements, but declined to expand upon them. "Just let him (Butler) stew with Mr. Mansfield's statement for a while," he said.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson issued a brief statement to the effect that he gave no more weight to Butler's statements than he would to complaints from the Republicans.

Butler said Sunday that unless the Democratic leadership in Congress showed some initiative and came up with a "positive progressive attitude," the party would face a "tough situation" in the next election.

Reds Gather Force Within Formosa Striking Distance

TAIPEI, Formosa (UPI)—The official military information service said today the Chinese Communists have concentrated 2,200 planes — about two-thirds of the entire Red air force — along the East Coast within striking range of Formosa.

The report came after four nationalist Sabrejets shot down five Communist MIG-19s Sunday in a blazing dogfight over the offshore Matsu Islands. Twelve of the Red jets — newest version of the MIG-15 — attacked in what could be the first phase of a new Red offensive.

The information service said 70 per cent of the threatening planes are jets. It said they were deployed in 47 coastal bases, none of them more than 850 miles from President Chiang Kai-Shek's fortress island, a flight of only an hour or so.

Rear Adm. Liu Ho-Tu, defense ministry spokesman, said the Communist MIGs fired first in an "entirely unprovoked attack" on the Nationalist patrol. He said one F-86 flew cover while the other three shot down five of the enemy planes. A sixth plane may have been destroyed by anti-aircraft fire as it was strafing the Matsus.

Liu said the Nationalists suffered no loss in increasing the victory score over the MIGs to 36 in seven aerial battles. Sunday's battle was the first since last October.

The Sunday Sabrejet pilots reported the planes they shot down looked like the new MIG-19, the second improved version put out by the Russians since their heavy losses to American F-86s in the Korean War. No previous MIG-19 destruction had been reported.

Nationalist Chinese officials have predicted a Communist offensive to coincide with the resumption of the Geneva foreign ministers conference July 13. Today they reported an ominous buildup of Communist forces along the straits.

There were strong possibilities the United States would become involved in any flareup. Peiping Radio has made a series of charges in recent days of alleged U.S. air violations of Communist territory. Sunday it said a U.S. warship intruded into Communist waters. It issued what it called its 54th "serious warning" against "these military provocations."

Ben-Gurion Continues To Guide Government

JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI) — Resigned Premier David Ben-Gurion will continue to guide Israel's destiny because of the tense international situation and the growing Suez Canal crisis with Egypt, informed sources reported today.

Ben-Gurion turned in the resignation of his cabinet Sunday night when four rebellious left-wing cabinet members ignored his ultimatum to them to quit. The cabinet crisis was brought on by Israel's sale of $3,500,000 worth of grenade launchers to West Germany.

In his letter of resignation to President Itzhak Ben - Zvi, the Premier said the debate on the arms deal had damaged Israel's security and political position and its international standing. The debate arose because some Israelis opposed selling arms to a country whose Nazis exterminated six million Jews in World War II.

Under Israeli's laws Ben-Gurion and his ministers retain their posts in a caretaker—or lame duck—cabinet till a new cabinet is chosen. Once Ben-Zvi has his formal consultations out of the way he will approach Ben-Gurion, head of the Mapai Party, the largest in Parliament.

Israel holds general elections in a few weeks and most informed sources believed Ben-Gurion would reform a cabinet with the same ministers.

Police Report Double Thefts

Two complaints of stolen tires and one of money were reported to the La Grande police department over the weekend.

Mrs. Bernard Swart, 305 Fourth St., reported the theft of a spare tire and wheel from the trunk of her car sometime during the night. The car was parked in front of the residence. The tire and wheel were valued at $17.

A similar report was received from Theodore Wyatt, 1604 First St. He reported the theft of a tire and wheel from the trunk of his car between 9 p.m. Saturday and 4 a.m. Sunday. The tire and wheel were valued at $15.

Mrs. Hilda Perrine, 203 Cedar St., reported the theft of $50 from her home Sunday. Her son left the money from his paper route on the kitchen table in a bank sack and left the house. When he returned later the money was gone and the doors to the house were open police said.

Youth Is Arrested On Driving Charge

A 16 year old student was arrested for reckless driving and operating a vehicle with an improper muffler at 9 p.m. last Saturday.

The arrest was made by Police Chief Oliver Reeve at the corner of Spruce and Monroe.

A hearing was scheduled for today at 3 p.m.

Fire Department Has Two Weekend Calls

The La Grande fire department answered two calls over the Fourth of July weekend.

The first call came at 11:40 p.m. Thursday when smoke from a stoker filled the Lyman Apartment building.

Yesterday morning at 9:50 the fire department put out a grass fire in the 500 block on Third st.

Cause of either incident was not reported.

Sukarno's Backers In Full Power

JAKARTA, Indonesia (UPI) — The Indonesian cabinet resigned today, giving President Sukarno, and his army backers full executive powers to run the country. He immediately denied any intention to become a dictator.

Observers believed the army, largest in Southeast Asia, would be the guiding force when Sukarno puts into operation his "guided democracy." This has been likened to the operations of a politburo, but the army itself is the strongest anti-Communist force in Indonesia.

Sukarno dissolved Indonesia's Parliament, discontinued the provisional constitution and returned to the 1945 constitution under which he plans to set up his guided democracy soon, but it was no victory the President could shout about.

The army was clearly the biggest winner so far. Army commanders under the leadership of Lt. Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution the chief of staff, probably will decide within their own political differences what sort of guidance they will give Sukarno's guided democracy.

Sukarno was disgusted with developments in Indonesia but he acted under heavy army pressure in issuing the decrees. Nasution said the ban imposed on political activities in June will remain in effect.

Long Rests After Talks In Campaign

WINFIELD, La. (UPI) — A tired looking Gov. Earl K. Long rested in his "little pea patch" today from the rigors of campaigning for re-election.

The Louisiana governor, sleeping under covers in a fully-lighted bedroom of his tin-roofed farm retreat at Winnfield, got in the most sleep yesterday and last night since his release from the last of three mental hospitals June 26.

Dr. John T. Mosley, Long's Winnfield physician, visited with the governor early Sunday evening. Mosley joined Dr. Paul Pratt, a psychiatrist who has not left Long's side since his release from mental hospitals, but it was reported the visit was considered only a "friendly visit," and had nothing to do with the governor's heart condition.

Long, who is ineligible to succeed himself, served 11 months to fill out one term and is completing his second full term. He plans to resign, however, to make himself eligible for a record fourth term.

A hog fence guarded by state highway patrolmen kept newsmen at their distance Sunday. Long made five appearances Saturday. He made short speeches at Cameron, Lake Arthur, Eunice and Ville Platte. He also appeared at Lake Providence and asked the voters to send him back to the capitol at Baton Rouge.

SHORT-CIRCUIT SPEEDING PINCH

DULWICH, England (UPI)— A dozen motorists will receive letters of apology this week from the policemen who arrested them for speeding. All were clocked on a 440-yard hill. A court has ruled that speeding tickets may be issued only after a motorist has been clocked speeding for at least 528 yards.

Police Raid Cock Fight

ALBANY (UPI) — About 30 Linn county sheriff's deputies and state police Saturday raided a cock fight in a barn on a farm in the Sodaville area 19 miles east of here. Twenty-three persons were charged with betting at a cock fight and more than 75 were cited for vagrancy.

The raid was led by Sheriff George Miller. Assistant Linn County District Attorney Jim Lewelling said five dead birds and a betting board were confiscated.

The cock fight was in a barn on the Vern Bridges farm. Those cited included persons from Oregon, California and Washington, Lewelling said all were scheduled to appear in district court here Wednesday.

Lewelling said 10 fights had occurred before the signal was given for the raid to begin. He said Oregon residents were released on their own recognizance and out-of-staters were released on bond.

Extension In Service For Airline

West Coast Airlines has received approval from the Civil Aeronautics Board on certain proposals made in the Montana Local Service Case to extend its services in Idaho and Utah.

Present routing between Boise and Idaho Falls will be augmented with service to Sun Valley-Hailey-Ketchum for a two-year trial period and would be extended beyond Burley-Rupert to Salt Lake City via Logan and Ogden on a permanent basis effective Sept. 1 of this year.

The Board deferred action on the certification of West Coast to serve a new route segment extending between Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Kalispell, Cut Bank-Shelby and Great Falls, pending the submission of the matter to president Eisenhower, since it involves an International route from Cut Bank and Great Falls to Canadian points.

11 New Cities

West Coast Airlines' president, Nick Bez, pointed out that the board order, after the Montana stops are finally approved, "will not only give West Coast an opportunity to welcome 11 new cities along 916 new route miles, but thus will increase our available service to all the cities we now serve."

West Coast also was granted one-stop authority between Boise and Salt Lake City, and both one-stop and non-stop authority between Boise and Idaho Falls after basic service is provided at intermediate points.

A new segment was established placing the Boise to Lewiston-Clarkston non-stop service on a certificated basis with Pullman-Moscow as a co-terminal with Lewiston-Clarkston. This certificated authorty is to be effective for three years. Such service had been provided by WCA under a temporary exemption order.

Eleven new cities will be on the West Coast Airlines route and flights to most of them will begin July 31.

This route extension added 916 route miles to the 2,200 previously served by WCA in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. WCA gained entry into San Francisco-Oakland by way of Sacramento and will be permitted to extend service to Salem, Bend-Redmond, Burns, Lakeview and Newport-Toledo in Oregon and Omak in Washington.

Kozlov Blames Truman For Poor Relations Between Two Nations

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Soviet Deputy Premier Frol Kozlov said Sunday night former President Harry Truman was responsible for "spoiling good relations" between the United States and Russia.

The Kremlin's No. 3 man made the comment during a quiet stroll before retiring to his hotel. He did not elaborate.

Newsmen accompanying Kozlov on the Nob Hill walk pointed out that his route was similar to that which Truman usually takes when he visits San Francisco.

That drew a chuckle from Soviet Ambassador to the U.S. Mikail Menshikov, who accompanied Kozlov.

"The same route, yes — but not the same road," Menshikov said. The deputy premier nodded in agreement.

"Truman was responsible for spoiling good relations between our countries," Kozlov said. "Roosevelt was a great man and established very good relations. He had the greatest respect in our country."

Either Kozlov nor Menshikov could be drawn into a more detailed statement.

The deputy premier, who leaves for Detroit this afternoon, had sidestepped political issues since he arrived in northern California with his delegation on Friday.

The deputy premier interrupted his walk Sunday night long enough to ride one of San Francisco's cable cars.

Kozlov browsed through a cigar store and finally bought seven post cards. An aide stepped forward and paid for the cards with 40 cents. He left the three cents change.

"He's the capitalist," Kozlov joked.

SECOND TIME JUST AS GOOD

HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y. (UPI) — Roland J. Earl and his bride, Rose Marie, were married again Sunday, just one month after their first wedding. The non-legal ceremony was performed for a photographer, whose films of the first, real wedding, were stolen from his car before they'd even been developed.

'WHOOPS! WHERE'S MY TIRE?'

Jack Ricker, La Grande heads for the infield at the JC's race track near La Grande after losing a tire in a heat race. To make matters worse it was theh second tire that Ricker in his merry spinning around the oval lost in Sunday's races. (Obserever)