

Sparkman Accuses Butler

Betrayal Of Duty Charged By Solon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) accused Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler today of unfairness and betrayal of duty for criticizing Democratic leaders in Congress.

He demanded that Butler work for party unity or resign.

Sparkman gave his views on the current dispute between the party chairman and Democrats in Congress in a letter to Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, one of Butler's targets.

Another Southern senator, Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), called for Butler's resignation. He said that if Butler fails to quit voluntarily, the national committee "ought to fire him at the first opportunity."

Talmadge, in a radio interview (Martha Rountree's Capitol Close-up), said Friday night he personally believes Butler "has long since outlived his usefulness."

"As someone said, we are paying Butler \$35,000 a year to try to destroy the Democratic Party while (Republican National Chairman) Thruston B. Morton would be glad to do it for free," Talmadge said.

In a television interview last weekend, Butler said the party needed to influence the congressional leaders to work for a "conservative and moderate" one. He also objected to watering down Democratic legislation in an effort to escape vetoes by President Eisenhower.

Sparkman, a member of Congress for 22 years and 1952 nominee for vice president, wrote that Butler's action was unwise, unjustified and unfortunate. He said it could only furnish ammunition for Republicans.

Gov. Stratton Says Russians Desire Peace

SAN DIEGO (UPI)—Gov. William Stratton of Illinois is convinced the average Russian "genuinely wants peace."

The Illinois Republican, who recently returned from a two-week tour of the Soviet Union arrived here for an overnight visit Friday. He will fly to Los Angeles later today to address the national mayor's conference.

Stratton said the Russians "keenly remember the last war. They are just beginning to build up many of the cities that were destroyed."

He said he didn't believe any Russian would advocate jeopardizing the cities again.

"The average Soviet citizen is friendly," he said, "and wants peace as much as the United States."

Stratton also urged that the U.S. encourage Russians to tour this country.

"Such trips would be of tremendous value, because we must get those people over here to see for themselves."

He explained that the Russian people were curious about the United States but it was hard for them to believe the high standard of living reports.

Resident Loses \$200 Downtown

A La Grande resident lost \$200 in bills in the business section of the city Thursday.

Henry W. 'Doc' Riley, 1409 Madison Ave., had been carrying the money in two envelopes while shopping. About 4:30 in the afternoon he discovered the envelopes containing eight 20's, three 10's and two 5's were missing.

The envelopes were marked with Riley's name in the upper left hand corner.

Jail Bars Keeping Sweethearts Apart

LONDON (UPI) — Jail bars separated playboy Edward Langley from his heiress sweetheart Katherine Dowsett today. She was in. He was out.

The 21 year old Katherine was jailed Friday for disobeying a court order forbidding her to see Langley. They had run off to Scotland together, her father, millionaire shipbuilder Harry Dowsett, in hot pursuit either personally or through private detectives, lawyers and writs.

A hearing for Katherine was set for Tuesday.



JUST OLD FASHIONED GIRLS
Pat Morton, left and Mrs. Gayle Cork

La Grande Garners Swim Win

By GEORGE CHALLIS
Observer Staff Writer

Five hundred fans were slightly wild last night as the La Grande Swim Club came from behind to go out in front of the favored teams and win the four-way swimming meet at the Veterans Memorial Pool.

La Grande's winning margin over Hermiston, district champions, was 21 points. Final point scores for the four clubs were: La Grande, 344; Hermiston, 323; Boise YMCA, 268; and The Dalles, 191.

Twenty-seven new pool records were established in the meet, largest aquatic event ever held here.

The two bleacher sections were jammed, fans stood five deep behind the wire fence and even climbed along the sides of the west and northside 10-ft. high fence donated last year by Mt. Emily Lumber Company to the city.

An added attraction at the 50-event meet was the appearance of the club's water ballet group, made up of older girls of the organization. Coached by Marilee Meppen and Dot Ann Anson, the group gave a crowd-pleasing exhibition of synchronized swimming in file, circle and starburst formations. Members of the group are: Donna Dodge, Judy Bever, Pat Fisk, Sharon Beckel, Michele Mousel, Nancy Gray, Joy Haun, Randi Johnson, Marilee Meppen, Carolee Cochran, Bonnie Scott and Dot Ann Anson.

The La Grande swim team appeared for the first time in its new red warm-up suits, purchased this season out of its share of United Fund allocations to the Youth Activities Council, sponsoring group of the club. The suits arrived from the manufacturer at noon yesterday.

(For additional details of the meet please turn to Page 2.)

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Wallowa County Names Sheriff

ENTERPRISE (Special)—Mark Marks, 43, Enterprise, Friday night was named new sheriff for Wallowa county.

Marks was appointed to fill the vacancy created last week by the death of former sheriff, R. N. O'Brien in Las Vegas.

Marks' term will expire next year.

Marks previously filled another interim appointment at the death of C. D. Booth, former Wallowa county sheriff.

Not Much Chance For Long To Rest

WINNFIELD, La. (UPI) — A much-needed vacation and rest from the travail of Louisiana politics was planned by Gov. Earl K. Long today.

It seemed highly unlikely that Long would escape politics, the press or even get much of a rest on the vacation, however.

The governor plans to drive to Shreveport, La., and then board a plane for points west for a vacation which an aide said earlier in the week would last "several weeks."

Long returned to his Winnfield, La. "pea patch" farm home early today from a nine-hour reported trip to Hot Wells, La., where a mineral spring is located.



LOOK-ALIKE DRESSES
Karen, left, and Kathy Nunn



FEATHER FLOWER FINERY
Mrs. Pauline Johnson



CIRCUIT PREACHER
David Schaad

(Observer Photos)

Steel Industry Negotiator Sees No Possible Agreement

Sec. Herter Carrying New Western Proposals For Big Four Session

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter leaves for Geneva today carrying a Western proposal on Berlin that offers no major concessions to Russia but keeps the way open for further bargaining.

The new plan was reported to spell out the final steps the Soviet Union must take if it expects a heads-of-government summit meeting later this year.

Herter will meet with the British, French and West German foreign ministers Sunday afternoon in Geneva to work out final details of the Western strategy. The deadlocked Big Four foreign ministers conference resumes Monday after a three-week "cooling off" recess.

Herter discussed the proposal with President Eisenhower for 70 minutes Friday night. Earlier in the day he talked with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, British Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia and French Ambassador Hervé Alphand.

Will Stop in Ottawa
Herter will not fly directly to Geneva. He has scheduled three hours of talks with Canadian officials at Ottawa, Canada, on his way to the Swiss capital.

Western officials do not expect an East-West agreement on the Berlin and German issues will result at Geneva. The talks are not expected to last more than three weeks.

There were indications of disagreement between the United States and Great Britain over what constitutes enough progress to justify a summit conference. British officials believe it would be valuable to deal directly with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev because he is the only one with any real authority in Russia.

But the Allies were reported in firm agreement that they maintain their rights to free access to West Berlin.

U.S. officials said the new proposal contains nothing basically different from the Western plan presented to Russia during the first six-week session in Geneva.

However, one Western proposal that is open to negotiation is the proportion of East and West German representatives on an "all-German" committee that would try to work out German reunification during a period of any interim agreement with Russia.

The Soviets have insisted on equal representation. The West, up to now, has stuck with a plan calling for 25 West Germans and 10 East Germans. This conforms roughly with the population ratio.

La Grande Students On UO Honor Roll
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene (Special) — Students from La Grande who have been named to the spring term honor roll are Marvin H. Beeson, Laura E. R. Spray, and Rose L. Wheeler. Laura Spray received perfect A grades.

A total of 328 university undergraduate students received grade point averages of 3.50 or higher and 48 of these made all A grades for spring term.

Mattison Pleads Guilty To Charge Involving Child
Archie Ray Mattison pleaded guilty to a District Attorney's Information charging contributing to the delinquency of a minor yesterday when he appeared before Judge W. F. Brownton.

Judge Brownton issued an order committing the defendant to the Eastern Oregon State Hospital for 60 days for observation. At the end of that time the hospital will make a report to the court which will be considered by the judge before passing sentence.

It is found that he is "disposed to commit crimes like that," District Attorney George Anderson said, he could be sentenced to life imprisonment. Otherwise the charge carries a maximum penalty of five years.

During the hearing the judge heard statements from the defendant, the District Attorney, and C. Richard Neely who appeared as a friend of the court.



JAMES R. HOFFA
More Charges

Rackets Group To Question Hoffa Monday

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Rackets Committee will confront Teamster President James R. Hoffa Monday with a new range of charges of wrongdoing by himself and his union aides.

Groundwork for Hoffa's appearance was completed Friday with testimony designed to show abuse of workmen by Teamster and management officials.

A dash of mystery was added when Louis Goldblatt, secretary-treasurer of the West Coast Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, refused to say whether he "made any approaches" for removal of an anti-Hoffa monitor of the Teamsters.

Goldblatt invoked the Fifth Amendment's protection against possible self-incrimination when asked if he had tried directly or indirectly to get Godfrey Schmidt to resign from the three-member board appointed by a federal court to ride herd over Hoffa.

The California labor leader told of several "understandings" his union had reached with the Teamsters. But none seemed within the scope of Hoffa's proposal to combine their forces into one powerful transportation union.

Other highlights of Friday's testimony:

Wally Butler, head of a Detroit local of the Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Union, said he refused an indirect offer of \$50,000 and a direct offer of a "blank check" from two pro-Hoffa Teamster leaders if he would turn over his 350 members to their locals.

Union Range Riders Set Play Day Sunday
The Union Range Riders are planning a play day Sunday. Activities for the day which include musical ropes and barrel races are scheduled to get underway at 2 p.m.

Tryouts for the junior rodeo will be held in conjunction with the play day festivities. Any boy or girl wishing to try out for the court and who is between the ages of nine and 18 is invited to attend.

Only members will be allowed to participate but the Stock Show grounds will be open to the public.

ANSWERS ALARM
The La Grande fire department was called to put out a grass fire in the 500 block of Seventh St. at 10:35 this morning.

Union Rejects Proposal

NEW YORK (UPI) — Industry's chief negotiator R. Conrad Cooper today announced that "we see no possibility of an agreement" which would avert a nationwide steel strike at Tuesday midnight.

Cooper, looking solemn, made this statement to a large number of newsmen following a one hour conference with union negotiators this morning.

"We have again proposed an extension of the contract to enable further negotiations and prevent a disruption of production," Cooper said.

Today's negotiating session had begun in an atmosphere slightly more optimistic than previously. But shortly before noon Cooper told reporters:

"The union has rejected industry's proposal. It did not state what that proposal was. Heretofore the industry has been standing by its policy calling upon the union to accept a one year wage freeze.

The industry had contended it would resist any effort to increase total employment costs which it contended would be inflationary.

Cooper said another meeting will be held Sunday.

"But the outlook for an agreement is not hopeful," said Cooper.

Cooper was asked if any preparations had been made to close down the blast furnaces at the various steel mills.

"We will have no recourse but to close down the plants," said Cooper. "It may become necessary to send out instructions along this line. That's all I have to say now. There may be a statement later."

A slightly optimistic air had prevailed when the union and management bargaining teams began their meeting this morning.

Cooper said then that no instructions had gone out to start banking blast furnaces, but he said the step could not be delayed much longer if a strike seemed imminent.

An exchange of data between the negotiators Friday had raised hopes that a new agreement would be reached without a strike.

Cars Involved In Accident

Two automobiles were involved in a collision at the intersection of Spruce and Adams yesterday.

About 5:40 p.m., a car driven by Dorsey Lee Miller, Box 75, Milton-Freewater and owned by John D. Crews, 505 Second St. collided with a vehicle operated by Jean C. Erickson, 1603 M. Ave.

Miller was proceeding west on Adams in the right lane when he attempted a left turn south onto Spruce according to the police. The left front fender and bumper of the Miller vehicle came into contact with the front fender of the car driven by Mrs. Erickson who also was traveling west on Adams in the left lane, police reported.

Damage was estimated at \$125 to both vehicles.

Premiere Of 'Ten Thousand Miles' Is Described As Rousing Success

By JOHN W. EVANS
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Last night's world premiere of the folk opera "Ten Thousand Miles," which played to a packed house at the La Grande High School auditorium, can only be described as a rousing success.

Its composer, John De Merchant, has drawn upon several well-known folk-song themes for a portion of his material and adapted them to his purposes without losing the special quality which characterizes them. Rather, he has infused the entire composition with it, and the overall effect is one of great charm and deceptive simplicity.

The plot is quite simple, as it normally is in the operetta or light opera; the story line is secondary, and the opera seeks first of all to give its audience a fresh new look at our pioneers — to reveal them as they were: people from all walks of life,

migrating for a multitude of reasons.

"Ten Thousands Miles" reminds us that they and the earlier pioneers who crossed the Atlantic to found our country were one in spirit and purpose.

The cast was well-chosen and in good voice, and without exception turned in commendable performances. Howard Anderson's clear robust tenor was well-suited to his part and most enjoyable; and the feminine lead, Patsy Hutchison, demonstrated a soprano voice of considerable sweetness and unusual carrying power.

David Skeen's warm baritone and Evadne Kelsoe's remarkable contralto were equally appropriate, while Florence Miller and her group of youngsters were truly captivating. The supporting cast was entirely adequate, and the composer's skill in writing for choral groups of varying size was evident.

To this reviewer, the opera's only deficiency lay in the lack of an orchestra. The accompaniment, though adequate, should be supplemented. Mr. DeMerchant said that the opera was available for rehearsal in the present.

The addition of an orchestra to back up the choruses, to add volume in prologue and finale, and to provide fiddling for the dancers, will make the opera truly impressive. No doubt this will be accomplished in time for the New York production.

However, last night's performance of "Ten Thousand Miles" is still proof that these improvements are not really essential.

Here we have seen again that a gifted composer and dedicated performers can, without elaborate means, create a genuine work of art.