



FREEWAY OFFICIALLY OPENED

"Tex" Serpo, wagonmaster, cuts his way through the red ribbon stretched across the new freeway section to officially open the road. Sharon Noyes of La Grande has a worried look on her face as Serpa whips the knife through the ribbon. (Observer)

Bunting Flying As Annual Chief Joseph Days Begins

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JOSEPH (Special)—More than 2500 rodeo fans will pour into Joseph today for the Annual Chief Joseph Days spectacular and about 6000 are expected tomorrow. Queen Darlene Tucker along with her princesses Pat Emmons and Karren Howerton will reign over the fourteenth annual affair.

The bunting is flying, 40 Indian tepees are up, and the weather is fair for three big days of rodeo. The show officially got underway this afternoon at 1 o'clock with the start of the junior parade. The Meeker carnival has set up its rides near the Hells Canyon hall where dances will be held both tonight and Saturday. Music will be provided by a Nez Perce Indian band.

There will also be dancing tonight at the Holiday Inn at Wallowa Lake. At daybreak Saturday the Shriners will begin serving breakfast at their stand near the Joseph theater. It's "all you can eat" for \$1.00 per person or \$2.50 for the family with proceeds going to the Crippled Children's hospital in Portland.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. the big parade will start up Main street in Joseph. Jay Dobbin, who was honored as "National Father of the Year" two years ago, will be the parade marshal. Five bands will be featured in the parade, the Shrine club Oriental band, the Portland Scottish Pipe band, the Drum and Bugle corps from Walla Walla and the Baker and Enterprise school bands.

The Scottish bagpipe band will also perform at the arena and at the cowboy breakfast Sunday morning. The parade will feature the clowns this year with many interesting floats and costumes.

Fire Burns Home In Summerville

SUMMERVILLE (Special)—Summerville was the scene of tragedy Wednesday night when a fire broke out in the Kenneth Sanderson home. The whole back of the house was in flames when it was discovered by Sanderson who was welding in the shop close by.

Imbler fire department and men from all over the valley battled the blaze alone for some time, but had to call Island City after a large oil tank blew up. The fire was quickly brought under control and both fire departments returned home. A large blaze was still burning at one o'clock Thursday morning. The house and all its contents were a total loss.

The surrounding buildings were kept wet down and the dry grass checked to keep the hot sparks from starting additional fires.

Big Four Talks End Nearing

Experts Working On New Truce Bid

GENEVA (UPI)—The Big Four speeded up their Geneva talks against a fast-narrowing Aug. 5 deadline today. Conference sources said the West probably will propose resuming them at the United Nations in September to avoid a dangerous East-West break-off.

Western and Soviet experts worked this morning on technical details of a possible Berlin truce agreement, which they were presenting to the ministers this afternoon in another secret get-together at the villa of Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko.

If such a truce were worked out it probably would include a ban on rocket and nuclear weapons in Berlin. The experts' job was to define exactly what kind of weapons would be included.

However, the West and Russia remained such poles apart on all major issues of principle that it appeared only a miracle or a major backdown could wrest agreement out of their present deadlock before Wednesday night's final deadline.

Want To Avoid Crisis

The West, however, still hoped to head off a break-up in anger that might drive the Russians into some hasty move such as signing a separate peace treaty immediately with the East German Reds, as Nikita Khrushchev repeatedly has threatened to do if the Geneva talks collapse.

This could touch off another Berlin crisis.

The western allies, conference sources said, probably will propose to Gromyko before leaving here that the talks should be resumed in September at the U.N. where all the foreign ministers will meet again for the General Assembly opening Sept. 15.

Meanwhile, the West Germans flashed urgent red light warnings to the U.S. and the other western allies not to cave in and make dangerous last moment concessions in an effort to produce at least a scrap of East-West agreement out of the Geneva deadlock.

Five Youngsters Attending Camp

Five youngsters left yesterday accompanied by Lt. Summers for the Salvation Army summer camp 22 miles from Portland.

This is the second group of campers that the La Grande corps has sponsored to camp Trestle Glen which is located on a 55-acre wooded area. Lt. Summers expects that by the end of the summer around 35 children from this area will have attended the camp.

The children attending from here are George Cox, Janice Doud, Barbara Brewer, Willard Doud, and Ruth Cox.

The camp which runs continuously from June to September offers swimming, fishing, hikes, trips, handicrafts, sports, and chapel for the children.

Accelerated Program For National Forests Development Assured

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Appropriations Committee has voted to add 27 million dollars in new funds to the 1960 supplemental appropriation bill for the Forest Service, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today.

Neuberger said the additional money would allow start of implementing an accelerated program for National Forest development, including \$775,000 for construction of a forest insect disease research laboratory at Corvallis.

Neuberger said the administration wanted to wait until next year to seek new funds. But he and Sen. Carl Hayden, Appropriations Committee chairman, with the unanimous support of western Democratic senators, added the funds needed to start the program which he said was vital to Oregon's economy.

Forest Research Included

Included is \$2,500,000 for forest research laboratories of which \$775,000 will be allocated to Cor-

vallis. The Committee added seven million dollars for forest access roads, five million of which goes into a special fund above the current authorization to permit purchase of key roads needed to unblock National Forest timber intermingled with private holdings.

Neuberger said forest recreation received an increase of six million dollars reforestation, insect and disease control and fire protection got one million, and new housing for Forest Service personnel \$1,500,000.

Of special interest to Oregon, Neuberger said, is approval of a \$1,700,000 increase to step up sales of National Forest timber. In addition, at Neuberger's request, the Committee restored a cut made in the House for the Bureau of Land Management timber sales program providing \$525,000 in new money for the O & C program.

A Senate report is expected early next week on the supplemental fund increases, Neuberger said.



HOWDY PARTNER—Dave Gastman shakes hands with an unidentified member of the Blue Mountain Boys at the highway ceremony near Kamela Junction yesterday. "Wild Bill" admired the Boys' smoking technique. He wondered how the Boys could smoke without starting a brush fire. (Observer Photo)



NOW IT'S LEGAL—Thyra Pelling from Oswego holds the camping permit issued by the Blue Mountain Boys to the Oregon Centennial Wagon Train as it reached its camp site. Seat of the wagon is made comfortable by an animal skin. (Observer Photo)

U.S. Officials May Adopt Legislation To Stop Future Steel Strikes

NEW YORK (UPI)—The government appeared today to be heading toward possible legislation to prevent recurrence of the steel strikes which have shut down the nation's production six times since the end of World War II.

There was speculation the massive fact-finding undertaken by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell might produce a proposal for a separate law dealing with labor-management relations in the steel industry, as the Railway Labor Act now deals with disputes involving railroads and airlines.

But such legislation, at which Mitchell hinted in a Washington statement Thursday, could have no more than indirect bearing on settlement of the present strike, now in its third week with no agreement in sight.

Chief Federal Mediator Joseph F. Finnegan was to meet here today with representatives of the striking United Steelworkers of America (USW).

He scheduled a joint meeting of union and industry negotiators for Monday. Their first joint meeting since the strike began, July 14, broke up quickly last Monday. Finnegan held out no particular hopes for the next one, but said "you can't settle anything without talking."

He noted, however, that "the

Nixon Flies Back To Moscow At End Of Siberia Jaunt

PREPARING RADIO SPEECH FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE

MOSCOW (UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon returned to Moscow today after a four-day tour of Siberia that included huge demonstrations of friendship and some heckling.

The vice president's plane was preceded by a large press party aboard two TU104 jet airliners that landed at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport.

Nixon flew here from Beloyarsk where he told Soviet atom scientists that statesmen must work out their differences so that American and Soviet scientists could create a better world for all.

Nixon was met at the airport by acting Soviet Foreign Minister Vasily Kuznetsov and other officials. There were no speeches at the airport.

Asked his plans, Nixon replied: "I am going back to Spaso House (the U.S. ambassador's residence). I expect to work for six hours on the radio speech to be delivered Saturday, and then go to bed."

Says Trip Too Short

Nixon added that he expected to be up at 6 a.m. to "work on my speech again."

A correspondent for Moscow Radio asked Nixon for his impressions of his trip to Leningrad and Siberia. Nixon said:

"I liked it very much. It was an interesting trip. My only regret is that I could not spend at least two weeks more."

In answer to another question by the Moscow Radio correspondent, about whether he talked to people on his trip, Nixon replied:

"It was never, never dull. I found that people had lots of questions. When I speak on the radio Saturday, I will try to answer for all the people all the questions I heard during the trip. I also want to give my impressions of the Soviet economy and of the Soviet people."

People Want Peace

Nixon also said: "I found the Russian people very friendly. Just as in America, Soviet people have a common interest in keeping the peace and in finding a way to solve our problems. Everywhere I heard the words 'mir i družba' (peace and friendship)."

Mrs. Nixon was asked what she was going to do this evening. She said: "I'm going home to do my laundry."

Nixon went to Beloyarsk from Sverdlovsk where he loosed a string of hints that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev may be invited to the United States after the vice president winds up his tour of this country and returns to Washington.

Demos Holding Meet Saturday

PORTLAND (UPI)—The State Democratic Central Committee will meet here Saturday but election of a chairman to succeed the late David C. Epps will not be on the agenda.

Mrs. Beulah Hand, vice chairman and acting chairman, said there was "no active candidate seeking the position."

She said careful and thoughtful selection of the chairman "cannot be done on the spur of the moment."

Democrats Saturday will welcome to Oregon Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) who is a possible candidate for the presidential nomination next year. He will speak in Portland Saturday night and in Seaside at the state AFL-CIO convention Monday afternoon. He also has television appearances and several meetings with Democratic leaders scheduled during his three-day visit.

HE'D BE WILLING TO ACCEPT

Khrushchev May Receive Bid In Few Days To Visit U.S.

GENEVA (UPI)—Western sources reported today that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev may receive an invitation in the next few days to visit the United States.

Khrushchev was said to have already indicated he would accept any such invitation.

It was learned that the western allies here already have been informed of the possibility that President Eisenhower might in-

voke Khrushchev to pay an early visit, possibly this fall.

Some diplomats were expecting a final decision on the trip, possibly before Vice President Richard M. Nixon leaves Moscow this weekend—or shortly thereafter.

The visit may prove to be a preliminary to a full summit conference later this year with British and French participation. It could be linked with a trip of the Soviet leader to the U. N. General Assembly opening in New

York in mid-September.

It was believed that a Khrushchev visit to the United States would broadly follow the pattern of Nixon's current tour of Russia.

It would therefore be primarily a "look-see" operation with no formal negotiations on any of the major cold war issues.

Allied quarters felt that a Khrushchev meeting with Eisenhower could, however, be a vital preliminary to a subsequent summit meeting.



CAMP TRETTLE GLEN BOUND

Three of the five children who left for the Salvation Army summer camp yesterday look over the camp folder explaining the activities and fun they will have at the camp near Portland. From the left are Barbara Brewer, Willard Doud and Ruth Cox. Lieut. Summers accompanied the group.