



PLAN RANGE CAMP VISIT

John LaVerdure points to the site of the range management camp south of Prairie City that the boys will visit next week. Robbie Fallow, left, Bob Peacock, James Hicks and La Verdure will attend the Society of Range Managers camp through the courtesy of the Union County Livestock Association, Union County Farm Bureau, Union County Seed Growers and the Soil Conservation Service. (Observer Photo)

La Grande Youth Dies In Wreck

A La Grande youth was killed and two passengers injured when their car crashed into a concrete culvert near Lostine early this morning.

Orville Allen Rogers, 19, died at approximately 12:10 a.m. when he was thrown from his car into a water filled ditch and the car rolled on top of him.

Larry Vermillion, 21, 2012 Oak St., and Gerald McCoy, 23, of Route 1 were taken to Wallowa Memorial hospital where their condition was reported as good.

Vermillion has a shoulder dislocation and McCoy has a broken ankle and skull concussion.

Rogers car was proceeding toward Enterprise, traveling at 55 mph, when he attempted to pass another car according to Wallowa County Coroner Lenthal Bollman.

The car struck the culvert head on and threw Rogers from the car, the coroner continued. The other two occupants of the car, one riding in front, the other in back, were found in the grass outside the car.

Rogers is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers of La Grande.

Nixon Proposes Plan To End Tensions On Russian Radio

Kennedy Tells Running Plans Next January

PORTLAND (UPI)—Sen. John Kennedy (D-Mass.) today designated next January as the time when he will formally announce whether he will seek the Democratic nomination for president in 1960.

He said a good reason for not making an announcement before was that he was now embroiled in the Senate session, particularly since the Kennedy-Ervin labor reform bill is now before the House.

He said most of the changes in the bill so far have been "improvements" but he was afraid of unreasonably tough anti-labor amendments "in the name of reform" that would defeat its purpose.

"But I'm sure we will have a bill," he added.

Kennedy said the Oregon primary race would be "significant" because all nationally prominent candidates would have their names on the ballot under a new state law.

The law passed by the 1959 Legislature gives the Oregon Secretary of State sweeping power in placing on the ballot names of persons generally advocated.

Asked if he would campaign actively in Oregon provided he announces his candidacy, the senator said, "Quite obviously if you're going to be a candidate, you're going to be in Oregon."

Kennedy said he thought Vice President Richard Nixon's trip to Russia was "good" but doubted its political significance except for an "immediate advantage."

The youthful Democrat said he himself had no plans for visiting Russia but hoped to go to Africa after the end of this Senate session.

Kennedy arrived in Portland at 8:15 a. m. He has a busy three-day schedule which includes attending the Oregon Centennial this afternoon and speaking tonight at the Dave Epps Memorial dinner.

He meets with local Democrats and has two television appearances scheduled Sunday and on Monday goes by car to Gearhart to speak at the Oregon AFL-CIO convention. He drives back here and flies to Washington Monday night.

POLITE SPEECH CALLS FOR INCREASED CONTACT

MOSCOW (UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon today laid before a nationwide audience of 10 million Russians a broad plan to ease tensions between the United States and Russia through mutual trust and understanding.

In a polite but hard-hitting address on a nationwide radio hook-up and a special combine of 10 television outlets, Nixon called for increased contact between Soviet and American leaders as a means of insuring the peace.

(Soviet broadcasts to North America on different wave lengths total 40 hours daily.)

Nixon did not mention the possibility that President Eisenhower may invite Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to the United States but indicated he personally favored such an invitation.

Besides calling for more contacts between leaders of the two countries, Nixon has advanced these proposals to ease tensions:

—Regular radio and television broadcasts by Khrushchev to the American people, in exchange for Eisenhower being given the same privilege to talk to the Russian people.

—Agreement that all of Khrushchev's speeches on foreign policy be printed in the United States and all of Eisenhower's speeches on the same subject be printed in the Soviet Union.

—An end to Soviet jamming of American broadcasts "so that the Soviet people may hear broadcasts from our country just as the American people can hear many hours of broadcasts a day from the Soviet Union." This proposal also included a plea for "a freer flow of newspapers and magazines here just as we Americans purchased (one and one-half million) Soviet publications in the last year alone."

—A greatly expanded program of exchange of peoples and of cultural programs.

—Removal of the language barrier by having millions of American and Russian students learning one another's language.

Nixon also called for "peaceful competition, not only in producing the best factories but in producing better lives for our children."

"Let us cooperate in our exploration of outer space," he said. "As a worker told me in Novosibirsk, let us go to the moon together."

Although the general tone of the Nixon address was conciliatory, he did not hesitate to lay it on the line when he came to the question of Soviet objections to the presence of U.S. military bases near the Iron Curtain.

"Whenever the fear and suspicion that caused us and our allies to take measures for collective self-defense are removed, the reason for our maintaining bases will be removed," the vice president said.

"A striking illustration of why we maintain bases and strong military forces is the fact that one-fourth of the entire production of the U.S.S.R. goes into armaments."

Western Allies OK Khrushchev's Trip

GENEVA (UPI)—The western allies have approved a possible invitation to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to visit the United States, reliable sources at the Big Four Foreign Minister's Conference said today.

Britain, France and West Germany were informed in the past few days that President Eisenhower is considering such an invitation—possibly before the end of Vice President Richard M. Nixon's Soviet trip or, more likely, soon after he returns home.

The western allies were said to have expressed no objections to such a visit, the sources said.

Ike May Visit Russia

However, there was no confirmation of rumors that Eisenhower might himself visit Russia later, possibly in November or December, prior to an East-West summit meeting.

The western powers seemed to have abandoned hopes of any Berlin settlement on the foreign ministers' level and looked instead for a settlement from higher up, possibly in talks between Eisenhower and Khrushchev.

West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt said before he flew back to Germany today that he expects no unilateral Soviet action against the isolated city after the conference ends Wednesday.

"I feel quite confident about the situation as it was explained to me by the western foreign ministers," Brandt said.

Only Five Days Left

With only five days left to negotiate before Secretary of State Christian A. Herter returns to the United States, the foreign ministers talks have taken on the appearance of a hold-the-fort operation.

Although they intend to strive for some sort of agreement up to the last minute, the western powers mainly are concerned now with how to end the meeting on a "friendly basis" so as not to generate an atmosphere of crisis.

Three key demands by the Russians were holding up an accord: Sharp reduction of the western garrisons in Berlin; an 18-month time limit on guaranteeing western rights in the former German capital; and elevation of East Germany to equal status with West Germany in working out a plan for reunification.

Bands At Centennial Can't Play For Free

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Portland local of the Musicians union Friday tossed cold water on a Centennial Exposition plan to have two bands play free at the Centennial grounds here. The bands involved are one from Beaverfoot high school and an Air Force group from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Howard Rich, union business agent, indicated the union might change its mind at a meeting next week about the Beaverfoot band.

Wayne Dillard, Centennial Shows executive producer, said the union gave no reason for disapproving the request.

Stray Dog Reported

A stray dog was picked up Friday at the home of Mrs. Beard, 1306 F avenue. It is a small male, part cocker, with a bad rope burn on his neck. There is no other identification on the animal.

R. M. Scott Retires From U.P.

Robert M. Scott put in his last day's work as chief clerk in the assistant superintendent's office yesterday, after 39 years with the Union Pacific railroad. Scott will begin his retirement today.

The railroad presented Scott with an outboard motor and portable gas tank.

Scott has worked on railroads for a total of 44 years since he worked for the Santa Fe line for five years before joining the U.P.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have three daughters. They are Winifred Braden, Shirley Davis, and Evelyn Fuller.

Now that he is retired, Scott plans to "just loaf" and catch up on some hunting and fishing.

Mrs. Scott retired from her teaching profession this year. She was a teacher at Greenwood school last year.

Four Persons Drown Friday

By United Press International

Blistering heat took Oregonians to the lakes and rivers Friday and four persons drowned.

A 16-year-old Portland youth, Jack Tyler Thomas, drowned in the Clackamas river at High Rocks Friday while swimming with a companion. Richard Saller said Thomas was crossing the river behind him and when he turned around Thomas had disappeared. His body was recovered about two hours later.

Another drowning took the life of 22-year-old Bob Willis, Corvallis, in Colorado Lake four miles from Corvallis, officers said the man was working on an outboard engine on a boat when he fell.

Leland Claire Young of Medford drowned in the Rogue river while fishing with a teen-age companion. Authorities said the man apparently fell and bumped his head.

Issac Davis, Portland, drowned in the Clackamas river while fishing with his wife. The woman said he waded out to untangle some of his tackle and vanished. His body was recovered two hours later.

Nixon Calls Pravda Liar

MOSCOW (UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon called the Communist party newspaper Pravda a liar in his nationwide radio-TV speech tonight.

He said there was "not a shred of truth" in a Pravda report that on the morning after he arrived here, he tried to give a poor man some money so that western photographers would take a picture of the incident and send it around the world.

Nixon said that what really happened was this:

As he was about to leave the open air market, several people with whom he had been chatting asked him for tickets to the American Exhibition.

"I told them I did not have any with me but that I would be glad to buy some tickets for those present who wanted to attend the exhibition," he said.

"One of the group explained that it was not a question of their not having money for the tickets but simply a question of their not being able to obtain them. I told him I would be glad to check in to the matter and see if I could get tickets for him."

"These are the simple facts... and I can only add that irresponsible reporters should never forget that in the end truth always catches up with a lie."

Father Flies To Bedside Of Rescued Boy

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (UPI)—John Manson Owens Jr. today flew here from Georgia to the bedside of his 15-year-old son who survived seven days in the wilds and heat of the Grand Canyon.

The reunion verged on tears.

"Boy, am I glad to see you!" they said in unison immediately after the father entered his son's hospital room. The youth was resting comfortably and was drinking a lime sherbet when his father walked into his room.

"Do you hurt anywhere?" the father asked.

"Just my stomach—from eating," the boy replied. "It must have shrunk."

First they shook hands. Then they embraced, face to face.

Owens flew to Phoenix from Savannah by commercial plane and then to Grand Canyon in a chartered United Press International plane.

The boy said from his hospital bed that he prayed constantly during his ordeal in the heat and dryness of the wild canyon area.

"I prayed and prayed, all day, every day."

Appointment Approved By Queen Elizabeth

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (UPI)—Queen Elizabeth today approved the appointment of Maj. Gen. George F. Vanier as governor-general of Canada in one of the final official acts of her 43-day Canadian tour.

The Queen, who leaves here by plane for Britain tonight, formally approved the appointment of the 71-year-old soldier-diplomat to succeed retiring Vincent Massey at a meeting with Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and all but three members of his Cabinet this morning.

Keep Oregon Green Program Intensified

The Keep Oregon Green campaign is being "intensified in Eastern Oregon this summer" Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association told Riley D. Allen, Union county KOG chairman upon his arrival in La Grande from Salem.

"We not only want to prevent man-caused fires in our forests, but we are also anxious to stop costly range fires which have taken a heavy toll of feed from cattle and threatened homes, power-line poles and fences," Wiesendanger said.

"We can expect little relief until fall rains come, so Keep Oregon Green is appealing to every citizen to be on the alert and promptly report any fire sighted which may be man-caused or started by a lightning storm. The quicker the report is received by wardens and rangers the better chance they have in promptly controlling the spread of the fire," said Wiesendanger.

Wiesendanger is enroute to Bend, Lakeview, Burns, Ontario, Baker and Joseph to contact KOG chairmen and committees.

A forest fire prevention float was entered in the Chief Joseph Days parade today.

Governors Agree On Nixon's Trip

NEW YORK (UPI)—Three governors, all on their way to the Governors' Conference in Puerto Rico, unanimously agreed today that the Soviet tour of Vice President Richard M. Nixon will contribute to better Soviet-American relations.

The governors were Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey, Christopher Del Sesto of Rhode Island, and Robert E. Smylie of Idaho. They left Idlewild Airport this morning for the conference which is scheduled to open in San Juan Sunday.

Smylie, who toured the Soviet Union with Meyner, said he thought Nixon has had "a very great success and has enhanced his stature very considerably in the United States and throughout the world."

Tire And Wheel Theft Reported To Police

Leo N. Streit, 1311 N. Ave., reported for the West Coast Telephone Co., the theft of two tires and wheels, Friday at the local police station.

The tire and wheels were taken from the West Coast Telephone Company's two pole trailer, parked in back of the Van Fetter Lumber Co. at the company's pole pile.

Timber Fires Continue To Blaze In State

By United Press International

A brush, grass and timber fire that destroyed three homes and the post office at Wilderville Friday continued to rage out of control today over from 600 to 850 acres, mostly state and private land.

The State Forest Patrol in Grants Pass said two other Josephine county fires, both about 10 acres, were controlled late Friday night. One was about one mile east of Selma and the other four miles northwest of Merlin.

The Wilderville fire also involved some Bureau of Land Management territory, the patrol said. The homes and post office had been evacuated as the flames raced unchecked.

Rebel Creek Fire

A fire of more than 200 acres in the Rebel Creek area of the Willamette National Forest continued today to eat up old growth timber and brush and forest officials said they hoped to get 200 or more men on the firelines.

Eight smoke jumpers dropped into the area this morning and two planes loaded with borate slurry were standing by at Eugene.

David Gibney, forest supervisor, said he felt the blaze was definitely man-caused, possibly by careless fishermen. The fire erupted about 3 p.m. Friday along Trail Creek about 50 miles from Springfield. The area is near the Cougar Dam construction site on the south fork of the McKenzie river.

No Let Up

U. S. Weather Bureau reports indicated no let up in the fire danger in Southwestern and Eastern Oregon but a forecast for the Northwest part of the state and through the Coast range downgraded the danger to moderate with cooler weather expected through Sunday.

High School Records Ready At Faulkners

La Grande Senior High chorus and band students may get their records at Mrs. Betty Faulkner's home at 2210 Oak st., during the next two weeks.

Communist Slaps Girl At Festival

VIENNA (UPI)—A burly Communist guard at the seventh World Youth Festival today hit an American girl delegate across the face for distributing leaflets on U.S. agriculture outside a festival meeting hall.

Anita Tanner, 20, Van Wert, Ohio, said "200 pounds of Austrian man let me have it right across my face. It's been a little swollen ever since."

Two other Communist guards stood by and watched as the guard hit Miss Tanner.

Miss Tanner, who is five feet five inches tall and weighs 120 pounds, was undaunted by her experience. She said she would be back distributing anti-Communist leaflets and she informed Austrian police of the incident.

Miss Tanner had put a packet of booklets entitled "A Guide to Agriculture in the United States" outside the festival building. She had been standing there for about 15 minutes before the Communists moved in.

She said they demanded her delegate's card and then tried to snatch the booklets away. When Miss Tanner bent down to save them, the guard came over and slapped her. The leaflets were lost in the skirmish, she said.

After the incident, Miss Tanner went to other festival officials and demanded her card back. It was returned, but the officials refused to apologize or to discipline the guard who struck her.

Miss Tanner is a student at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., where she majors in English. She plans to teach after leaving college.

The incident was the worst of six reported involving American delegates and festival guards.

Drew Pearson's Daughter Sues For Divorce

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Ellen P. Arnold, 32, daughter of political columnist Drew Pearson, sued for divorce Friday from attorney George L. Arnold, 37.

Mrs. Arnold charged her husband with extreme cruelty and asked custody of their three children, Andre, 11, George, 8, and Joseph, 5.

Mrs. Arnold and Arnold, son of former Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall, were married in Washington, D.C., in 1947, and separated April 15, 1958.



FISHIN' IS FINE!

W. H. Miller of La Grande said it "looks like we'll catch our limit" as he sat by the shore of the recently stocked Morgan Lake. Miller and his wife took relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tracy of Glendale, Calif., to the lake for a day of fishing and relaxation. (Observer Photo)

Nikita Will Come To U.S. 'When The Time Is Ripe'

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita Khrushchev indicated today that he would like to pay a visit to the United States "when the time is ripe."

Khrushchev made the remark in response to a question from this correspondent while he was inspecting the U.S. Air Force 707 jetliner that brought Vice President Richard M. Nixon here from the United States.

Khrushchev was asked whether he would like to fly nonstop to America in Nixon's plane.

"This one or some other one," he replied. "That is not a ques-

tion of principle—that is, the type of plane to be used."

"When?" this reporter asked. "When the time is ripe, in good time," Khrushchev said.

The remark was the latest expression of Khrushchev's known desire to visit the United States. Some members of the Nixon party—and perhaps the vice president himself—are known to favor such a visit.

U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson accompanied Khrushchev on his leisurely tour of the plane.

The Premier tried out the pilot's seat, went over the plane from nose to tail, and eventually

took a seat in the cabin. He munched a few peanuts, sampled some American whisky, and questioned the pilot about the performance of the 707 as compared to Russian jets.

"I would like to suggest a toast to the government of the United States, the President, the vice president and his representative here, the ambassador," Khrushchev said.

Thompson replied with another toast:

"This is a civilian use of a military plane to civilian use. I'd like to propose a toast to the time when we can convert all military planes to civilian use."