

Spooky Starters



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The Season Of Shooting Stars

This is the season of "shooting stars." Vacationists at mountain camps, away from the bright lights of cities, will see possibly as many as 50 of these objects in a single hour. They will be moving fast. Some will be tailed.

And they will appear to radiate from the same part of the heavens, the constellation Perseus, low in the northeast when darkness comes to the Oregon country.

The "falling stars" are the Perseids, a swarm of meteors. Each year at the same time the earth, swinging around the sun in its orbit, slashes through the orbit of the Perseids.

Some 60 or 70 miles up, the Perseids blaze into incandescence as they bore into the earth's atmosphere. Tonight the earth will be near the center of the Perseid stream, and the celestial show should be tops.

There should be a moon in the western sky, but it will not be bright enough to dim the sky show. Amateur astronomers are looking forward to a fine night.

Some of the amateurs will make an hourly count of the Perseid for the American Meteor Society.

Back of the Perseids is a story. Astronomers believe the Perseids are remnants of a comet which disintegrated long ago, leaving in its old path a "flying gravel bank" of meteors. Most of

them are tiny, not much larger than a grain of sand.

Of course, some meteors are vastly larger. A few have reached the earth. Some of those, including one found in Oregon, the Willamette meteorite, weigh tons. These big ones, however were not members of the Perseid stream.

Meteors may appear of no significance to earth people. At least this was the belief in former years. But in this space age, the bits of sand and their larger companions are of much interest. Some fear that man's attempt to reach the moon will be slowed by a meteor barrier, components of which may destroy space ships.

In probing the outer atmosphere, scientists have noted that their equipment has recorded the impacts of some bodies with their rockets. Yet these bodies apparently did not dent the rockets.

This has led to a new theory: Remnants of comets are composed of frozen gases. If this is true, there are three types of meteors—iron and nickel, stone and solidified gas.

But regardless of the stuff of which Perseids are made, they are interesting to watch.

They will be impressive against the summer stars and planets, with great Jupiter blazing near Scorpius with its distant suns.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Lobbyists Swarming Over Capitol Hill On The Labor Bill

WASHINGTON—Big business and labor lobbyists are pulling out all the stops on the House of Representatives as it approaches a showdown vote on the labor bill. Congressmen are being button-holed by businessmen and labor leaders, deluged with letters and telegrams. The latter come chiefly from the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce urging the passage of the tough Landrum-Griffin bill.

Democratic Congressman John Dent of Pennsylvania, for instance, has averaged 100 letters a day, 70 per cent of the mail coming from business firms and bankers outside his coal-mining district, almost unanimously favoring the Landrum-Griffin measure. The remaining 30 per cent, from his own constituents, overwhelmingly opposes the restrictive bill.

Most big corporations don't show their hand in congress, though some, including General Electric Corp., Western Electric and the Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., sign their names to telegrams. General Electric lobbyists also made phone calls to some congressmen.

One of the most active U.S. Chamber of Commerce lobbyists has been Jack Reich, executive vice president of the Indiana chamber. Reich put the pressure on Indiana congressmen and even attended a hearing by the House rules committee, at which the labor bills were discussed.

Though they showed up a little late, Capitol Hill also has been swarmed with AFL-CIO lobbyists opposing the Landrum-Griffin bill. In a desperate effort to offset the NAM-Chamber lobby, AFL-CIO President George Meany summoned union officials from a number of states in

order to get support for a bill sponsored by Rep. Jack Shelley of California aimed primarily at stopping racketeering without interfering with the basic rights of union members.

Mr. Sam Lobbies

Speaker Sam Rayburn also was working feverishly against the anti-labor Landrum-Griffin bill. He made individual appeals to 30 or more doubtful House members from the South and Midwest, urging their support for Congressman Elliott's anti-racketeering bill, which was approved by the House Education and Labor committee. It is far less restrictive than the Landrum bill, though not as liberal as the Shelly bill.

The speaker frankly informed Shelley: "I disagree with this legislation you are sponsoring, Jack, but I will help you all I can to get it to the House floor for a vote. You and your associates have a right to that, though I doubt that you can win. I also think you have performed a service in helping to open up a full debate of this labor reform issue."

Shelley has been a trade unionist all his life, once served as head of the Teamsters union in San Francisco, and led a move against both Dave Beck and Jimmy Hoffa.

While his bill is too liberal for Rayburn and many other Democrats, it wasn't liberal enough for the Teamsters union, whose financial operations triggered the strong demand for labor reform.

A Teamster lobbyist called on Shelley to suggest that he change his bill to provide greater leeway for secondary boycott and "hot cargo" practices in union agreements.

"You can go jump in the lake,"

Shelley replied. "Jimmy Hoffa is not writing my program."

Ike Breakfasts

President Eisenhower told a breakfast of GOP congressmen the other day that he is convinced Nikita Khrushchev will return to Russia even more a "man of peace" after his visit to the U.S.A.

Ike explained to the 25 Republicans led by Tom Curtis of Missouri, that a "firsthand view" by Khrushchev of what free enterprise has done for America should go a long way toward promoting world peace.

"His visit will have much deeper ramifications than those of Mikoyan and Kozlov," said the President. "When they returned to Russia, Khrushchev could tell them that they were 'taken in' by what they saw here. But it will be different when he himself is able to see firsthand, and for the first time, the true picture of what we have."

"He can't help but be impressed with our enormous productive capacity, our greatest boon for preserving world peace."

The President added that Khrushchev had received a preview of this at our exhibition in Moscow, which no doubt had whetted his curiosity for a fuller, firsthand look.

"The more Soviet people tour America and conversely—something like 18,000 Americans will

visit Russia this year—the easier it will be to keep our countries at peace," Eisenhower told the congressmen. "But it is even more important for Khrushchev himself to see what freedom has accomplished here in improving living standards, as compared with the recommended life of his own country."

Capital Chaff

Correction: Though the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company has made reservations at the Sheraton park hotel for a dinner and reception during the meeting of the Army Association, this was cancelled. This column, which reported the original reservation, is delighted to make this correction. . . . The Army assigned four public relations men to be on hand constantly during the Army Association convention. . . . It costs \$1,000 for a business concern to join the Army Association. The Association in turn helps both the Army and its members by lobbying on Capitol Hill for appropriations which help the Army.

La Grande Man Receives Aid For Education

Marvin H. Beeson of La Grande is among 26 students in Oregon to be awarded a graduate fellowship under the National Defense Education Act passed by Congress last year.

Beeson attends the University of Oregon and under the program will receive \$2,000 in the first year, \$2,200 in the second year and \$2,400 in the third, plus a \$400 allowance annually for each dependent. The college will receive \$2,500 per year for each student under the program.

Fellowships were awarded to 997 graduate students in 272 graduate programs throughout the country.

The type of shoe known as bluchers was named for a Prussian field marshal, Blucher.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Gov. Orval Faubus, denouncing integration plans on the eve of integration at two Little Rock high schools, but advising against violence:

"To all of you who love Christ, who love freedom and who love your children, I see nothing to be gained tomorrow by disorder and violence."

CHICAGO — Msgr. Joseph Cussen, charging that an arsonist set the Our Lady of Angeles school fire last Dec. 1 that killed 92 children and three nuns:

"There's no doubt in my mind that somebody set that fire. There's some nut loose."

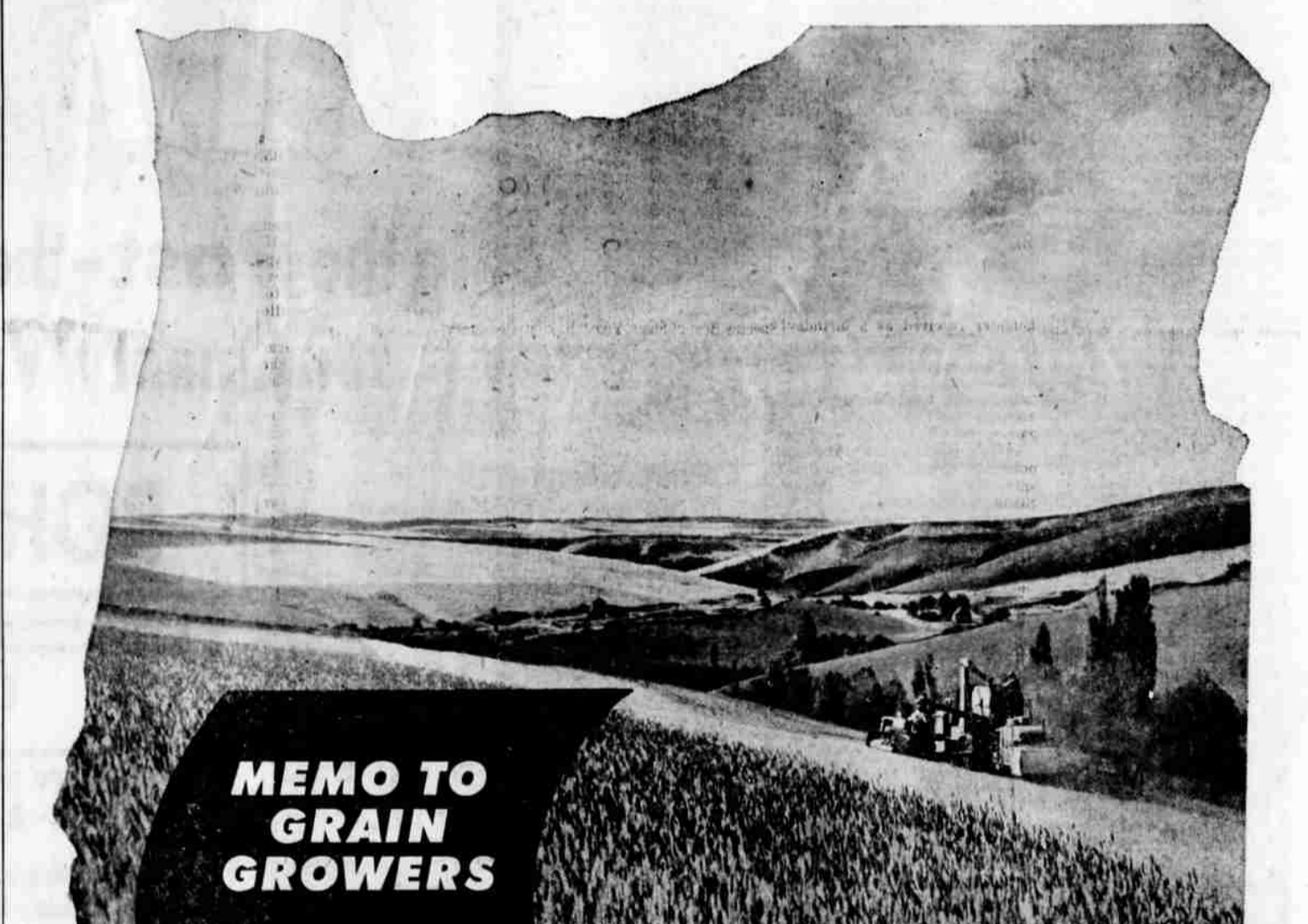
SANTIAGO, Chile — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, expressing confidence that the American Hemisphere foreign ministers conference will help the peoples of the hemisphere develop a better life without sacrificing freedom:

"We have the opportunity in the spirit, friendship and respect characterizing our relations to give new vigor to the inter-American system and progress to our hemisphere."

DES MOINES, Iowa — Four-year-old Billy Curtis, speaking from a hospital bed after he had been dug out of a sewer ditch cave-in where he had been buried for 40 minutes:

"It sure was dark in that dirt."

MARGARET TO HONOLULU HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Newlyn actress Margaret O'Brien, 22, and art student Harold Robert Allen Jr., 24, sail today for a month-long honeymoon in Honolulu. The former child star and Allen were married Saturday in St. Martin Tours Catholic Church.



MEMO TO GRAIN GROWERS

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Even Most Partisan Should See Light

Opponents of an effective union regulations bill in Congress argue that it would be wrong to give rank and file union members the right to take legal action against union officers who misuse their powers. They say soreheads in unions would misuse such a right by taking their petty grievances to court.

While this kind of argument is presented, the Senate Rackets Committee turns in its evidence that James Hoffa used \$3,000,000 of Teamster funds to pay off an underworld obligation. Hoffa could divert funds at will, just as Dave

Beck did, because he had nothing to fear. There is no law against it. Furthermore there is no way that a member of the Teamster union can get at Hoffa for what he does. His position has been and is secure. Beck toppled, not because of his misdeeds against the union, but because he violated Washington state statutes relating to theft.

The House is in the midst of debate on various versions of a union rackets control bill and it is inconceivable that the object lesson furnished by Hoffa will be lost on even the most partisan of the Congressmen.

More Friendly Climate For Future

Dick Nixon did a lot of good for himself on his trip to Russia. Public opinion polls show he rates better than ever as a presidential candidate as a result of the able way he handled himself while dealing with the world's most difficult international figure, Premier Khrushchev.

But the vice president must be credited with having done the cause of better relations between Russia and the West considerable good also. For one thing the visit was well timed. It came just as the Geneva foreign ministers conference was heading for a dismal failure. But no one is thinking about that. They

think of the warmth of the greeting given Nixon in Russia, Siberia and Poland, and of the forthcoming exchange of visits between Ike and Khrushchev—an exchange that might not have been agreed to if Nixon hadn't gone ahead and broken the ice.

No problems were solved by the Nixon trip. That must be admitted. But it may well be that he helped create a sufficiently more friendly climate to permit the solving of some problems in the near future that otherwise would have gone unsolved.