

"Well, Motherhood Means Something to ME!"



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Danger! Fire Hazards Ahead

With cool weather almost a reality here and in many other sections of the nation, the danger of house fires is pointed up. There were nearly 80,000 fires in U.S. cities during last year, many of them occurring in early fall and throughout the winter months. Fires were everywhere—in businesses, churches, schools, industrial plants, hospitals—and in the homes. An average of 800 home fires—large and small and with deaths and injuries—a day was the toll in American house dwellings last year, almost 300,000 such fires altogether. The death trap number totaled 11,500, with main victims being youngsters

(school children) and the aged and infirm. And that's not all. Fire destroyed a billion dollars worth of property for an average of \$2,890,000 damage a day. That's equal to \$6 a year for every man, woman and child in this country. Fire underwriters claim that three-fourths of the fires could have been prevented. They cite carelessness as the underlying cause for the blazes. La Grande home owners, now stoking the furnaces and laying in wood for the fireplace, or possibly overloading electrical circuits, best take heed of this fire hazard ahead.

Red Cross Invaluable In Disasters

It is fashionable, and money-saving, too, to criticize the Red Cross at this time of the year. For the Red Cross is an essential ingredient of the various United Fund organizations. And criticism of the Red Cross—or some other UF component—frequently precedes a complete turnaround of the UF solicitor. And, although the Red Cross on the whole is an extremely fine organization, it is not altogether without blame in some respects. This doesn't apply to the ARC's fine disaster relief program, however, as banker Harold Schmeer from Roseburg told an audience a few days ago. Schmeer described the work of the Red Cross in his home town, hit early in August by a gigantic explosion which levelled eight downtown blocks and caused damage in the millions of dollars.

The Red Cross had special disaster teams on the job within a very few hours, Schmeer said. Specially-trained personnel took over relief leadership at a time when the entire community was dazed and grief stricken, he said. The same was true in the big Yuba City, Calif., flood less than four years ago, when hundreds were homeless when the Feather river burst its levees. The Red Cross took care of people, and helped them get back in their homes. Some of the Red Cross programs are not so widely known. But the disaster relief program is a good one, and gains much favorable attention. Those who have made up their minds not to give to the United Fund should use some excuse other than the Red Cross this year.

How About Rooseveltville, Oregon?

The Dalles Chronicle recently took a man-in-the-street poll to see what residents of that city thought about the suggestion of a Portland labor union official that The Dalles Dam be named Franklin D. Roosevelt Dam. As was to be expected, residents of the city didn't like the idea. The dam sort of puts their fair village on the map, now that the Indians no longer can

fish at Celilo, and becomes the biggest tourist attraction in the area. Even if it fights the idea, The Dalles might find the name changed in spite of community wishes. In which case, the only "out" would be to change the name of the town. How about Rooseveltville, Oregon, for a starter? (The Bend Bulletin)

Gun Is Good But Name Painful

Some time back a news item told about a new "gun" that enables doctors to shoot a dose of serum into a person without breaking the skin, as is the case with a hypodermic needle. The Army was using it. A reader wanted to know why something so obviously good wasn't put into use right away for the benefit of the public generally. We couldn't find out why and heard no more about the gun until last week when news came that the "Multidose Hydro-spray Jet Injector," as it is called, is to be put into production soon to make painless shots possible for polio and other diseases. By eliminating the psychological fear many have of the doctor's needle, it

should be a great help in controlling disease. Still unanswered, however, is why this device, used to combat a cholera epidemic several years ago in far away Thailand, is not yet in the hands of doctors generally in our own country. Barbs An Indiana farmer in the honey business was stung 20 times when a hive tipped over. Risky bees-ness! The time saved by crashing traffic lights or trying to beat a train is often lost waiting for an ambulance.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Argentina's President Has Weathered Political Crisis

WASHINGTON — Argentina's President Arturo Frondizi weathered his latest military-political crisis—by far the most serious of his 16th-month administration—thanks in part to a warning given rebellious army leaders by U. S. Ambassador Willard Beaulac. When Gen. Carlos Toranzo, dismissed Sept. 2 as army chief of staff, holed up with a group of supporters at a military school in the heart of Buenos Aires and defied the government, open civil war seemed unavoidable. Frondizi ordered an armored column from Camp DeMayo, the big military installation 25 miles south of the capital, to move in and capture the rebels. But from other army headquarters all over the country, word came that 90 per cent of the officers corps would back Toranzo. The dismissed chief of staff had publicly disclaimed any political motives for his defiance, but as messages of support from military colleagues poured in, friends urged him to demand Frondizi's resignation and proclaim himself provisional president. Frondizi, seeking to avert bloodshed, beat him to the punch by offering to quit and let Toranzo take over. While the general was considering this proposal, four pro-Toranzo officers paid a late-night call on Ambassador Beaulac at his suburban home. Top Mediator Heading the visitors was retired Gen. Rodolfo Larcher, who had been trying to mediate between Frondizi and Toranzo, both his good friends. Larcher told Beaulac that the rebel movement was not aimed directly at the president, but against his minister of war, Gen. Elbio Anaya, who had fired Toranzo. Anaya, Larcher said, was too friendly toward members of the Green Dragon Lodge—a secret organization of younger officers who are hand-in-glove with followers of ousted dictator Juan D. Peron. But now that Frondizi was standing behind the war minister, he added, and had sent tanks to combat Toranzo's forces, it might be "best for the country" to accept the president's resignation and let Toranzo form a new military junta to govern temporarily.

What would be the reaction of United States authorities to such a move, General Larcher inquired? Beaulac replied firmly that while he could not speak for the State Department, it was his opinion Washington would refuse to recognize any regime which seized power from the constitutional government. Forget Coup When this warning was relayed to Toranzo, he quickly decided against any coup. Back went Larcher to the presidential offices (Frondizi had remained there throughout the night) to report that Toranzo had "no personal ambitions but only wished to preserve public order." Frondizi, realizing then that Anaya had to go as minister of war, asked Larcher: "Will you accept the post of war minister?" The retired general agreed. The tank column was then stopped at the outskirts of the city and the crisis was over. Toranzo, a 57-year-old naturalized Argentine born in Turin, Italy, was sworn in again as chief of staff and emerged as the new "strongman" in that country's turbulent politics. Note: Next target of the victorious generals is likely to be Alvaro Alsogaray, Frondizi's minister of economy and labor. Toranzo and other military leaders of the revolt that toppled Peron four years ago distrust Alsogaray because he collaborated with Peron.

OBITS United Press International NEW YORK — Omer Simeon, 57, famed New Orleans jazz clarinetist, died Thursday of cancer. NEW YORK — Charles H. Hall, 85, board chairman of Charles Hall, Inc., importers of antiques and giftwares, died Wednesday. LOUVAIN, Belgium—Bery Leyssen, 39, director of the Flemish section of the Belgian television, was killed Thursday when his car hit a tree.

REMEMBER WHEN

25 years ago Nome, Alaska burned to the ground and left practically the entire population homeless. Son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dal Hudspeth. Youngster was named John Dal, and came into world at Grande Ronde Hospital. New officers were elected by the women of Our Lady Of The Valley Catholic Church. They were Mrs. DeLile Green, Mrs. A. McWilliams and Mrs. Bernice Ransolf. Mercury climbed to 89 degrees as local citizens sweated. 15 years ago Enterprise led the state in safety contest sponsored by Oregon Highway Department; Imbler youth, Earl G. Hopkins, was wounded at the front while fighting with U.S. Marines. He was son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hopkins. American airborne troops invaded Holland, and Nazis were losing heavily on the Italian front; Stillwell's forces were in contact with Chinese troops battling Japanese in Southwest Pacific. Special tribute was accorded Pfc. Howard Franklyn Blakeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeney, 503 Lane Street, La Grande, in Observer column devoted to servicemen and women. Irl Robert, Imbler, married Weldon Downing in the Zion Evan Lutheran Church here.

NEWS CHUCKLES

PICKLED—ANKLE DEEP PERRY, Fla. (UPI) — State Road Department employees were in a pickle today—ankle deep. A truck dropped 80 cases of pickles on a highway near here Thursday, snarling traffic until state troopers could re-route motorists. Road Department workers are cleaning up the mess. WHO (IS) (WAS) WHO OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine ambassador to the United States, told an audience Thursday night that if Russia published a "Who's Who" it probably would have to be in two volumes: "Who Is Still Who" and "Who Was Who." "EXOTIC" HOLD-UP LONDON (UPI) — Strip tease artist Thelma Smith, 18, is exotic even when executing a crime. Thelma, who is billed as Silma Ahmet the Turkish delight, was jailed for three months Thursday for holding up a friend's rich uncle, using a long, bamboo cigarette holder as a make-believe gun. DIDN'T MAKE IT KNARESBOROUGH, England—(UPI) — Terry Gargon, 14, ran away from home, leaving this note to his parents: "Don't call police. I'll be the first man on the moon." Police found Gargon about 45 miles from home, 238,857 miles short of his destination.

Worldwide Feeling That Ike, Nikita Talks To Ease Crisis

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Staff Writer Despite all notes of warning, there seems to be on all sides a rising note of optimism that the talks between President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev actually will herald the beginning of the end of the cold war. Official Washington seems to have maintained its equilibrium. Many newspaper editorials have pointed out that on the basis of Khrushchev's record alone, any broad meeting of the minds seems impossible. Yet the optimism persists. Outside the United States, it is especially notable. In Britain, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan bases part of his chance for success in the forthcoming general elections on the fact that he went to Moscow first and thus can lay claim to establishing the groundwork for the present Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting. Flower on Clouds United Press International dispatches from Moscow tell of Muscovites floating on rosy clouds of anticipation. UPI correspondent Robert J. Korengold reported: "Soviet citizens seemed to be sure that Khrushchev's trip and the return visit of President Eisenhower were steps toward increased cooperation and peace. 'The difference between the atmosphere in Moscow today and at the height of the Berlin crisis a few short months ago was breathtaking.' Since the sentiments of the Soviet man-in-the-street largely are under control of the state, his present feeling of optimism obviously has been whipped up by the state. And that should constitute a real warning against over-optimism among the Western nations. Khrushchev has taken out a sort of double-indemnity insurance. If a better understanding does

develop, it will have been accomplished by Khrushchev, the man of peace. If disappointment is the only outcome, it will be because the war planners of the West once again have blocked international Communism's drive toward world accord. Major Issues Discussed Basically, Khrushchev must come to the United States with three things in mind. They are Germany and the question of Berlin, disarmament and increased U.S.-Soviet trade. Eisenhower already has announced the West will not abandon two million West Berliners. Since it is unlikely the Communists will give up their bargaining point on Berlin, the best that seems likely is a stalemate. Disarmament presents a possibility, in that East and West might come together on the point of an inspection system connected with a ban on nuclear tests. But so far as abandonment of Western bases around Russia is concerned, there is no chance at all. So far as trade is concerned, the Soviets principally need our help in such industries as chemicals and heavy goods. The Soviets recognize neither copyright nor patent laws. Give them one machine and they can produce thousands. U.S. industry won't buy that either.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International NEW YORK — F. Dell-Agnese, manager of the tower section of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, describing how Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev reacted to an elevator breakdown that forced him to walk five flights of stairs: "Khrushchev took it in excellent humor. He joked." NEW YORK — Arthur Canton, publicity manager for the Matoristic Theatre commenting on the sellout that resulted from Mrs. Nina Khrushchev's decision to see "The Music Man": "She sold out the house. She should come here every night." FORT WORTH, Tex. — Maj. Kenneth Lewis, of Denver, Colo., pilot and only survivor of the B-58 Hustler that crashed and burned on takeoff Wednesday night, sizing up the supersonic jet bomber: "It's a good ship and I'm ready to fly it again." SAN FRANCISCO — Rep. John F. Shelley (D-Calif.), urging labor leaders at the opening session of the AFL-CIO convention to oppose vigorously any congressmen who supported strong labor reform measures: "Chase out of the halls of Congress everybody who worked for the Landrum-Griffin Bill."

Many Hollywood Stars Want Luncheon Date With Nikita When He Visits Film Colony

By VERNON SCOTT UPI Staff Writer HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Russia's Premier, Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States, including his junket to movieland, brought forth two reactions from the stars: A battle royal to have lunch with the Communist mogul Saturday, and a dread of being quoted about his visit. 20th Century-Fox Studios has been inundated by TV and film stars demanding invitations to the lunch, reminiscent of what most stars encounter when they tour the boondocks. It wouldn't be surprising to find some of the celebrities equipped with autograph books. Despite their curiosity, the glamour folk are afraid to state their opinions, not wanting to go on record one way or the other. Stars Speak Minds Some, however, did speak their minds: Danny Thomas—"Let us conduct ourselves in such a manner that when Mr. Khrushchev departs he is shaken in the knowledge that among these happy, prosperous and strong people he will find no converts to his godless cause." Natalie Wood—"The President has invited him, and I'm sure the President knows what he is doing." Burt Lancaster—"Mr. Khrushchev's visit is a wonderful idea. Everyone can't just stay in his own backyard and expect to find peace." Ann Sothern—"I hope Mr. K. likes the U.S. as much as I do." Glenn Ford—"Mr. Khrushchev will be here as the guest of our President and government, and it is anticipated he will be extended the same courtesies and considerations we expect our President to receive when he visits Russia." Refuses to Attend Ronald Reagan—(who refused to attend the luncheon) "The President erred in asking Americans to accept Khrushchev's visit as a friendly gesture. This nation does not have the moral obligation to repay the courtesy extended Vice President Nixon in Russia." Jimmy Durante—"I'm always happy to see somebody with less hair than I got." Art Linkletter—"I'm glad Khrushchev is visiting this country because I think he's a shrewd man and will see for himself what others can only tell him." Janet Leigh—"I'm for anything that's going to make the world a safer place in which to live." Joel McCrea—"I hope Mr. K's visit will be without incident that would have a derogatory effect on

his opinion of the U.S. I personally am not enthusiastic or optimistic about the visit." Hopes For Good Raymond Burr—"If any of this gets back to the Russian people through Mr. Khrushchev it will be all to the good." Milton Berle—"Considering the speed with which the Russians reached the moon, how come Khrushchev was a half-hour late arriving in Washington?" Most outspoken of the stars was crusty Ward Bond of the TV's "Wagon Train" series, who blasted: "I cannot understand how so many actors and producers whom I've known for 25 years can break bread with this man Khrushchev. I can't understand what's in their minds. The State Department must have coerced some of them

into doing this. The flag on my house flies at half-mast as of Tuesday morning, and will remain that way until he leaves."

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