



ADMINISTRATIVE DESK

Wilbur M. Osterloh has officially assumed new duties as Union County school superintendent, his appointment coming this week by the county school board. He succeeds Mrs. Veda Couzens in the post following her announcement of retirement here. (Observer Photo)

U.S. Wonders How Far Nikita Will Go

WASHINGTON (UPI)—U.S. officials wanted to know today whether Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev would accept full instruction and control as ingredients of his sweeping formula for total world disarmament.

They frankly doubted a mixture acceptable to the Western Allies would be forthcoming.

President Eisenhower was giving careful study to Khrushchev's plan in the quiet seclusion of his Pennsylvania farm. A copy of the premier's United Nations speech was sent to Gettysburg a few hours after Khrushchev called for total disarmament by all nations within four years.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter expressed the general view of American officials and political leaders. He said in a statement:

Herter Stresses Controls
"Speaking in general terms, I think I can say that the United States will go as far on the path towards controlled disarmament as any other country."

"I stress the word 'controlled' because up to now the previous proposals have foundered on the Soviet government's refusal to agree on an effective control."
Other U.S. officials unofficially viewed the Khrushchev plan as little else but an attractive pie in the sky. But they were willing to talk it over with the Soviets to find out how high in the sky it really was.

These officials think the Soviet premier may have overdone it in trying to gain a propaganda victory at the United Nations. They expressed confidence that sober reflection would cause most diplomats to look on the Russian leader's disarmament plan as unrealistic.

To Pin Down Soviets
The United States, these officials said, is determined to try to pin down the Soviets on their definition of controls to police a disarmament plan. Present plans call for the United States and Soviet Union, as well as four other Western nations and four other Communist countries, to take up the issue once more at Geneva early next year.

American officials were wondering what Khrushchev meant, for example, by his U.N. statement that the Soviet Union is in favor of "strict international control over the implementation of a disarmament agreement, but all ways against the system of control being separated from disarmament."

"We favor general disarmament under control, but we are against control without disarmament," Khrushchev added.

Some U.S. officials feared Khrushchev meant that he would not agree to controls until disarmament actually was under way. The U.S. position has been that any arms control plan must be accompanied by a foolproof inspection system to insure that disarmament is lived up to. The Soviets have balked at this.

'SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES'

United Nations Delegates View Khrushchev Talk As Propaganda

NEW YORK (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's Utopian proposal "to turn swords into plowshares" within four years was dismissed Friday by veteran United Nations delegates as another astute propaganda device of world

Plane Forced To Land When Fuselage Rips

SHANNON, Ireland (UPI)—An Air France Super-Constellation en route from New York to Paris with 21 persons made an emergency landing here today with its fuselage ripped open by a runaway propeller and only two of its four engines working.

Passengers said the plane plummeted to wave-top level within seconds after the propeller flew off and buried itself in the fuselage. No one was injured, however.

The huge airliner flew the last 400 miles over the Atlantic to a safe landing here with only its two portside engines operating.

Airport officials called it a "rare feat."
The plane was carrying 12 passengers and nine crew members. Pilot Andre Compere said his outer starboard engine developed trouble and "we had just got it feathered when...whoosh...No. 3 engine propeller just whipped away."

The propeller buried itself in the fuselage on the starboard or right side just above the wing.

'LITTLE' MAN, MANY FRIENDS

NORTH HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Danny Mono, 70, was only a waiter with a wife and three children at home, but he had friends.

On Monday Danny's friends will return his 20 years of courtly service at the Beachcombers Cafe in Hollywood by serving as pallbearers at his funeral.

Friday, the friends, including Bob Cummings, Fred Astaire, Cornell Wilde and Phil Harris, were trying to decide who will be given the honor of delivering a graveside eulogy for Danny in Valhalla Memorial Park.

Danny died in General Hospital last Thursday.

Crackdown Continues On Drivers

La Grande police continued their crackdown on traffic violators, with the arrest of 15 more drivers Friday for violation of the basic rule. Officers moved the radar site to Spruce and W Streets in the afternoon where the majority of the violations were recorded.

Bail was set at \$1 for every mile over the speed limit and hearings were scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Those arrested were: Donald James Verstrate, 21, 1612 Z Ave.; Adrian Theodore Rimbey, 26, 1422 Z Ave.; Fred Charles Hofman, 56, 2716 Ash Ave.; Wilma V. Nebeker, 32, Rt. 1; Bruce Edgar Westerfield, 33, Rt. 1; Rey Leslie Heden, 42, 1504 M Ave.; Allen Thomas Smith, 2101 O St.; Cullen Edward Kelson, 19, 1810 Fourth St.; Joyce Marilyn Fertig, 34, 2114 Adams Ave.; Florence Elaine Prescott, 31, Rt. 2, Box 192; George Frederick Beeman, 21, Box 52, Island City; Gerald Dewayne Roe, 23, 802 J Ave.; Charles Franklin Rothwell, 26, 704 Ash St.; Kenneth Earl Williams, 24, 2301 Fir St.

A teenage girl was also arrested by police for violation of the basic rule.

Police also arrested a Utah man for running a red light at Fourth and Adams at 12:15 a.m. Saturday.

John Royal Stone, 21, Orem, Utah, was released on \$10 bail.

Victor Lamont Thompson, 22, 311 Division, was arrested on a separate VRR charge at the intersection of Greenwood at 12:53 a.m. Saturday. Thompson was released on \$15 bail.

Henry J. Buck, 602 Crook St., reported to police Friday that someone had stolen a buzz saw, valued at \$35, from the back of a flatbed truck parked by his house. The theft occurred between 3 and 5 a.m. Friday morning, police stated.

Nikita Khrushchev Steps Off Plane At LA For West Coast Visit Today

Nikita Views Tall Buildings In Last East Coast Junket SEES NEW YORK SIGHTS FROM EMPIRE STATE TOP

NEW YORK (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev takes off today on a sightseeing tour of the United States aboard the same jet airliner that recently flew President Eisenhower to Europe.

Before leaving New York, where he went to the top of the 102-story Empire State Building after making a disarmament speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Khrushchev planned to ride through Harlem.

The plane that will fly Khrushchev and his party to Los Angeles for lunch in Hollywood with movie stars, a tour of Disneyland, if time is available, and an inspection of a housing development, is a VC-137, military version of the Boeing 707.

TU114 Stays Behind
The huge TU-114 turboprop plane that brought Khrushchev to the United States from Moscow last Tuesday was left at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., near Washington.

Khrushchev did not get to see much of New York during his two-day visit because of the elaborate security precautions taken to protect him.

He was driven through the city's streets to his various destinations at fast speeds and got only fleeting glimpses of the new buildings in the constantly growing metropolis.

Gets Panoramic View
But Khrushchev enjoyed a panoramic view of the city Friday from the observation tower of the Empire State, the world's tallest building. He later expressed a preference for Moscow.

"When our soldiers came back from the World War, they had a song which went something like this: 'Bulgaria is certainly a fine country, but Russia is best of all,'" Khrushchev said. "So, of course, I could paraphrase that and say, 'New York is a fine city, but, of course, Moscow is best of all.'"

Khrushchev, almost apologizing, said it was only natural for a person to prefer his own home town to another city.

Co Henry Crown, owner of the Empire State, thanked Khrushchev and gave him an 11-inch silver replica of the building.

U.N. Speech Highlight
The highlight of Khrushchev's New York visit was his 73-minute address to the U.N. General Assembly in which he proposed abolition of all armies, navies, air forces and foreign bases in four years.

"This means that land armies, navies and air forces shall cease to exist, that general staffs and war ministries shall be abolished, that military schools shall close, that military bases on foreign territories shall be withdrawn, that all nuclear weapons shall be destroyed and fissionable material used for peaceful purposes only, that rockets shall be liquidated and rocket facilities shall remain only as a means of transport, that outer space shall be used for peaceful purposes, and that there shall remain only limited contingents of police and militia to maintain internal order and protect the citizens," Khrushchev proposed.

Khrushchev's disarmament plan generally was considered as a rebirth of Kremlin arms reduction proposals of recent years. One diplomat said it was "like British trifle (desert)—the best of yesterday's leftovers."

Nevertheless, President Eisenhower was carefully studying the text of Khrushchev's speech at Gettysburg where he is resting before resuming his talks with the premier at secluded Camp David when the Soviet visitors return.

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NEW TO EOC FAMILY—Not new to the La Grande area is the Gerald E. Young family. From left, wife Arlene, son Douglas Edward, and Gerald, newly appointed instructor in physical science at Eastern Oregon College. Young, from La Grande, attended EOC and received both his bachelor and master of science degrees from the college. (EOC Photo)

Planning To See The Stars

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A sleek U.S. military jet airliner landed Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at International Airport today for a whirlwind courtship with excited Hollywood movie stars followed by a plush civic banquet.

The plane, the same one used recently by President Eisenhower on a trip to Europe, landed at 12:10 p.m. p.d.t. after a 5 hour 28 minute trip from New York's Idlewild Airport.

Police and secret service men surrounded the plane when it halted at an isolated section of the airport barred from the public.

Premier Khrushchev stopped briefly in the doorway of the plane squinting at the bright sun then he and his wife, Nina, stepped smiling down the stairway to be greeted by Mayor Norris Poulson. Mrs. Khrushchev accepted a bouquet of bird of paradise flowers as the couple stepped forward into a ring of civic dignitaries. Television cameras peered over the shoulders of the pressing officials to glimpse the Premier smiling, nodding his head and fluffing his hat in the crowd.

The Premier took a brief prepared statement from a pocket of his tan suit.

"I am happy to avail myself to the opportunity to visit your city, I thank you for your generosity in inviting me," Khrushchev said through his interpreter.

For security reasons the Khrushchev party landed at an isolated section of International Airport, and the public was held outside miles of fencing.

After a brief welcome at plane-side by Mayor Norris Poulson, the Khrushchev entourage was bundled into a waiting motorcade. Guarded by squadrons of motorcycle officers, they drove with sirens sounding to the hilltop 20th Century-Fox studios.

After a luncheon attended by the elite of moviedom, including late-arriving Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher, the Khrushchev family and party toured the studio lot and visited the production set of "Can Can."

Master of ceremonies Frank Sinatra sang a song from the picture and introduced the new duet of co-stars, Louis Jourdan and Maurice Chevalier.

Then, while the Soviet Premier toured such mundane sights as housing projects, his two daughters, a son and son-in-law left with their official escorts for a quick but fun-filled afternoon at America's fabulous playground, "Disneyland."

Some 800 invited representatives of business, labor and industry will join the 300-member traveling party for the banquet and hear opening remarks by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge before the Khrushchev speech.

On Sunday the entire party will board a morning train for San Francisco and continue the barnstorming tour to Des Moines, Iowa, the Roswell farm at Coon Rapids, Iowa; and Pittsburgh.

Khrushchev was to round out his tour in a series of "cold war" talks with President Eisenhower at the quiet retreat of Camp David, Md.

Quit Rescue Efforts For 'Trapped' Miners

CHRYSTON, Scotland (UPI)—Officials today began flooding the Auchengreich coal mine, ending the last hope of relatives of 47 miners trapped since Friday in the

"pure hell" of fire and deadly fumes a mile underground.

Daring rescue crews brought six other men to the surface alive and one dead before being forced to end operations because deadly carbon monoxide gas began filling the shafts.

The death toll of 48 made the disaster the worst in Scottish mine history of the century.

Anxious relatives maintained a vigil at the pithead until the early hours of this morning. Wives, children, parents and sweethearts heard the announcement Friday night that the mine would be flooded to put out the fire.

But they stood there patiently until Abe Moffat, president of the Scottish Miners Union, told them there was no purpose in waiting and to go home.

They went reluctantly. They were fully aware that any of the men who might have survived the fire and fumes were doomed when the water began pouring in.

A short circuit in a ventilating fan touched off the explosion at 7:30 a.m. Friday while the day shift was moving through the shaft to the coal face.

For 16 hours, rescue teams braved death in the attempts to reach the 47 entombed men. When the deadly fire damp made further rescue attempts impossible, officials abandoned hope and announced the pit would be flooded to put out the underground blaze.

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If home owners intend to make compost of the material, nitrogen need not be added although addition of nitrogen will hasten the decomposition of the material. Prospective users of compost and mulches, should keep in mind the limitations of these high organic materials. They are not a complete fertilizer as ordinarily made and their physical action is generally more important than nutrition, he explained.

Wood Shaving And Sawdust Available Here

Wood shavings and sawdust is again available from Mt. Emily Lumber Mill.

Farmers and city dwellers are advised that trucks will be loaded free of charge by Mt. Emily workers, according to Ted Sidor, county Extension agent, who said that the material available can be used for composts, mulches, soil conditioners and animal bedding.

Next to animal bedding, probably the greatest use for these wood products is as a source of organic matter and soil conditioner. Many materials are used for building up organic matter in the soils.

This may meet with some skepticism, continued Sidor, because it is generally known that wood, straw and similar fibrous matter in raw form rob the soil of nitrogen. It is a fact that wood and other materials will cause a nitrogen deficiency when added to the soil.

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La Grande Toastmasters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the Sacajawea coffee shop, Gerald Strickler, club president announced today.

Robert McCroskey, Mel Loree and Strickler are scheduled speakers, with Kelly Moore as toastmaster. The nominating committee will report on candidates for office for the next club term, Strickler said.

Young-Looking Grandmother In Return Trip To La Grande After Absence Of 50 Years

By GRADY PANNELL
Observer Staff Writer

Florence Bain dropped in on La Grande for a short stay a couple of days ago.

It had been 50 years since she left town and that day she traveled by horse and wagon.

She was less than a year old, was a premature baby by the name of Florence Parr, and her birth, then in an old frame house here which emitted winter's whistling winds and drifting snow, attracted many visitors.

"I was so tiny that everyone gave up hopes of my living," she recalls. "Today I would be classified as an incubator baby," she added.

Covered Wagon
Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Parr, came to La Grande 50 years ago by covered wagon. Her dad was a trader who drifted from town to town, never settling too long in any one spot.

But the Parrs are remembered here by some of the older citizens. "When I told a few of them who I was, how long I had been away from the town of my birth, etc., they remembered us," Mrs. Bain says.

She mentioned J. H. Peare, a local businessman, Norman Desilet, a barber, and Andy Brown, custodian of the local Eagles lodge, as three of "the nicest people I have met, and they remembered us," she said.

Florence Bain was here with her husband for only two days, but she fell in love immediately with La Grande and its people.

Friendly People
"It's nice to walk down the street and have people speak to you," she pointed out, explaining that in Seattle where she now resides, you can live on the same street for years and yet not know your neighbors or hardly ever have them speak to you.

She doesn't remember which street her folks lived on here for those several months of residence, and a trip to the county courthouse didn't help any, as her birth had not been recorded in 1900.

She and her parents went by wagon to Livingston, Mont., and until 1915 resided there during which several other children were born. Her mother and dad then parted marital life and her mom took the children to Portland where they all resided until 1951.

The very young looking and vivacious brunette admitted that she had three grandchildren now.



MRS. TWILLA CARSON

Bill Carson's Wife Covers Perry Area For The Observer

PERRY (Special)—Mrs. Twilla (Bill) Carson of Perry, is now a member of the Observer correspondent's staff. She will be covering news from Perry, Upper Perry and Hilgard. She expressed her desire to serve these areas to the best of her ability, and asks that persons with news items call her at anytime.

Mrs. Carson is the mother of two sons, Billy, six years old, and Ricky, who is three. They live at Lower Perry.

She attended La Grande High School and lived in this area most of her life with the exception of a short time in Idaho and Elgin.

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REUNION HERE—Mrs. Florence Bain, 50, of Seattle, re-visited La Grande several days ago after an absence of 50 years. Her parents came here in covered wagon. Her second look at this area was a surprising one... the growth of the town and its many nice people. (Observer Photo)