



### THE AUTOGRAPH TABLE

Michel Rubini signs autographs for some of La Grande High School's young autograph hounds. The concert performer and his father, Jan Rubini, gave a concert at the school Tuesday. The elder Rubini played the violin while the son accompanied on the piano. Girls, left to right, Dorsa Ziegler, Janice Pipes, Donna Viola, Carlene Johnson, Margie McLaughlin and Bonnie Scott. (Observer Photo by Joe Diehl)

### Police Chief Reeve Elected To State Unit

Police Chief Oliver Reeve was elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police at the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland. Reeve was elected to the board along with Philip Averill of Tillamook and Floyd Clover of Springfield.

Reeve has been a member of the organization since its founding in 1931. Prior to joining the association in 1951, Reeve was on the board of directors of the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and was vice-president of the group in 1953.

In 1949 Reeve was on the training committee and named to the board that same year.

Reeve's present appointment will run for approximately two years or until he has moved up in the organization's ranks.



**HONORED**—La Grande Police Chief Oliver Reeve has been elected to the directorship of Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police at Portland League of Oregon Cities confab. (Observer Photo)

### SERIES OF INCIDENTS

MC CLOUD, Calif. (UPI) — Janet Thomas, 16, of Red Bluff, Calif., was hospitalized as the result of the following series of events:

- A porcupine dropped from a tree, scaring her horse. . . .
- The horse reared, causing Janet to drop her rifle. . . .
- The horse stepped on the rifle, causing it to discharge. . . .
- And the bullet struck the girl in the left leg.

### Bond Vote On Sewage Plant Set

Voting on a special sewage bond referendum is scheduled for La Grande citizens Friday, Nov. 5, between noon and 8 p.m.

The referendum calls for \$360,000 in general obligation bonds to be voted on as a means of financing the disposal system and property on which the plant would be located.

Voting places will be the Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Spring (for all legal voters residing south of the right-of-way of the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad); La Grande Garden Club, 1309 Y Ave. (for all legal voters residing north of right-of-way of main line of UP Railroad).

### Two Young Auto Drivers Involved In Minor Wreck

Two teenage drivers were involved in a minor automobile accident at the intersection of Maple Street and Washington Avenue last night.

Mary Linda Comstock, Rt. 1, was traveling west on Washington in a vehicle owned by her sister while John Ponti, 8, Weston, was traveling south on Maple in a pickup truck when the accident occurred at 9:20 p.m.

There were no injuries reported, according to police.

Aldwin Joseph Oliver, Wallowa, was cited by La Grande officers for failure to sign his driver's license yesterday. Officers stopped Oliver at Adams Avenue and Elm Street at 9 p.m. last night. He signed a waiver to not appear in court and will forfeit his \$5 bail.

### 'Sticks And Stones' Failed To Dunt Undercover Agent

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A Los Angeles woman told House Un-American activities subcommittee probes Wednesday her home was stoned and she was "villified on all sides" when it was publicly revealed she joined the Communist party as an FBI undercover agent.

Mrs. Marian Miller, 38, the second Los Angeles housewife in two days to tell the subcommittee of her undercover work against Communism, was applauded by the audience at the hearing. The subcommittee holds its final hearing of the current series today.

Mrs. Miller said she served in her dual role of Communist and FBI undercover agent for five years. She told the probes she testified at subversive hearings in Washington shortly after leaving the party in 1955, and then returned home to find:

"I had become the object of controversy, my home was stoned, the lives of my husband, myself and children were threatened," she said.

Mrs. Miller told members of the

## Bombs Rock Havana In Anti-Castro Move



### CHECK FOR UNITED FUND

Milo F. VanBlokland, personnel manager at Mt. Emily Lumber Company and UF division drive official, presents \$1,574.24 check to Florence Hardy, secretary of UF drive in La Grande. The Mt. Emily check was from the company. The lumber firm's employees are expected to contribute also to the drive. (Observer Photo)

### Tomorrow Busy Day For 'Reprieved' Man

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UPI)—Tomorrow will be a very busy day for Caryl Chessman—rather than his last one.

The 28-year-old convicted robber, kidnaper and rapist was granted a stay of execution by the U. S. Supreme Court Thursday, just 50 hours before he was scheduled to die in San Quentin's gas chamber.

It was the seventh stay granted Chessman since he was condemned by a Los Angeles jury in 1948. The convict-author said he would use the new time to seek "eventual vindication."

Chessman met with newsmen Thursday after the high court's action was announced.

"I have already gone on record as waiving my rights to double jeopardy or anything of that nature," he said. "I want, and I always have all these years, a new trial and eventual vindication."

Chessman said he heard of the stay from another inmate of death row, Lawrence Wade, who heard the announcement on a news broadcast. The two men were involved in a fist fight several weeks ago.

"He was as excited as any of them (the death row inmates)," Chessman said. "So much death is always present with us that any time one of us can escape it, it encourages all of us."

George T. Davis, one of Chessman's attorneys, submitted an application for Thursday's stay to Justice William O. Douglas, who referred it to the entire court.

Warren Disqualifies Self

Chief Justice Earl Warren did not take part in the decision. He was governor of California when Chessman was convicted and denied clemency to the condemned man.

Chessman was convicted as the "Red Light Bandit" who terrorized couples parked in lovers' lanes. The bandit-rapist approached his victims in a car equipped with a red light such as used by police cars.

The fact that no murder was committed—plus the fact that California law has since been changed so he could not now get a death sentence for such crimes—has brought worldwide attention to his case.

During his 11 years in Death Row, Chessman has written four books, studied law and prepared thousands of pages of briefs and appeals in his own behalf.

### BULLETIN

HAVANA, Cuba (UPI)—Police said an assassin attempted to kill Premier Fidel Castro with a knife today. He was not successful.

### Leaflets Denounce Premier

HAVANA (UPI)—An air battle over Havana and bombings throughout the city Wednesday night climaxed an upsurge of opposition to Premier Fidel Castro that put one of his top aides in prison and drove another to suicide.

At least two Cubans were killed here and more than 30 were injured by gunfire from warplanes trying to shoot down a plane that flew over the city at dusk, dropping leaflets that denounced alleged Communist influence of the Castro regime.

So far as is known, the leaflet raider was not hit. Other persons were believed to have been injured by motorized raiders who sped through the city later Wednesday night, tossing home-made bombs or hand grenades out of the windows of their cars.

Delegates to the convention of the American Society of Travel Agents that opened here Monday watched excitedly as warplanes roared low over Havana, their machine guns spitting fire. None of them was injured.

The air battle and the bombings caused momentary panic in the heart of Havana but the city's life went on much as usual. Night spots and gambling places remained open although there were few tourists on hand.

The leaflets that showered down on Havana were signed by Maj. Pedro L. Diaz Lanz, a former commander of the Cuban air force who resigned and fled to the United States last spring in protest against what he described as growing Red infiltration of Castro's revolutionary regime.

Thousands of leaflets fell in the vicinity of the hotels where the ASTA delegates are staying, but few of the American visitors could read them because they were written in Spanish.

Earlier Wednesday, Castro flew to Camaguey to deal with a new "Diaz affair"—the resignation of Maj. Hubert Matos, military commander of Camaguey Province, in protest against "Communist influences within the government."

The suicide was Capt. Jose Manuel Hernandez, commander of the Florida post 25 miles from Camaguey. He faced a crowd which threatened to march on anti-Castro elements at Camaguey, told them Castro would settle their problems, entered his office and blew his brains out.

In an island-wide broadcast, Castro denounced Matos as a "traitor" and an "ingrate." The bitter attack recalled the broadcast last July which forced the resignation of President Manuel Urrutia.

## Judges Decide Soon Appeal By Steelmen

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—A panel of three federal judges finished hearing arguments today on a back to work order appeal in the 100-day steel strike and said it would "dispose" of the case early next week. The court continued a stay to the back to work order until it reaches a decision.

Chief Judge John Biggs Jr. heard more than three hours of arguments from representatives of the United Steelworkers Union and the government.

"We will not be able to reach a decision, of course, in this case today or tomorrow," Judge Biggs said. "We will however endeavor to dispose of the case early next week."

Union President David J. McDonald, who had promised to fight the injunction in the highest court of the land if necessary, said the union made a "substantial argument" to have the Taft-Hartley injunction dismissed.

"Now we will wait for the decision of the court—which I understand will be sometime next week," McDonald said.

### 2 Marriage Licenses Issued At Courthouse

Two marriage licenses have been issued at the Union County clerk's office.

Licenses were for Walter W. Penney, Elgin, and Nellie Eleanor Jacky, Elgin; Ivey Robert Hewitt, 1804 V Ave., La Grande, and Laurel L. Townsend, Rt. 2, La Grande.

### State Schools Set Exercise On 'Demon Rum' Crusader

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon schools must hold exercises Friday in memory of Francis E. Willard, a crusader against demon rum during the 1890's.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said the law requiring the celebration is still on the books. It was passed in 1917, two years before the country voted in prohibition.

Thornton said most school officials probably are not aware of their responsibility in the matter. The education committee of the 1957 Legislature tried to get rid of the 1917 law, but backtracked when temperance advocates demanded continuance of the ceremony.

### Truck Parked With TNT Towed Away

A truck loaded with explosives was found parked on a downtown street at 7:30 this morning by La Grande police officers in violation of the city ordinance. The truck was towed outside the city limits from its parking place.

Ordinance No. 1659, series 1953, prohibits the parking of motor vehicles loaded with explosives within the city limits.

Unlawful to Park. The ordinance states it is unlawful to park or stop except for lawful traffic signs, or in an emergency, any motor vehicle loaded with explosives within the city limits. Punishment for violation of the ordinance calls for a maximum fine of \$300 or 150 days in jail or both.

"La Grande police officers will rigidly enforce the ordinance to prevent a disaster similar to Roseburg," Police Chief Oliver Reeve said today.

### Lanetta Carter Wins Second Place In Beef

Lanetta Carter, La Grande, placed second in light Hereford 4-H beef competition at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland.

### Cat Loses All Nine Lives In Shorting Wire

A cat on the transformer at the Creston Shaw farm near Allice caused a temporary power outage at 7:30 last night. The cat's tail made contact with the 7200 volt wire and tripped the automatic switches on the electric line serving several farms and the TV translator installation on Mt. Harris.

California-Pacific linemen removed the electrocuted cat and power service was restored before 9 p.m.

### La Grande Student Jean Wick Given \$300 Scholarship

Jean Wick, 17, La Grande, has been awarded a \$300 college scholarship from the Standard Oil Company of California. Miss Wick is one of five Oregon 4-H club members who will receive the scholarships.

David Schaad, 18, also of La Grande, has been named an alternate in case winners are unable to use a scholarship.

Miss Wick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wick and has been a 4-H club member for eight years. Her major projects have been forestry and clothing.

Recipients were chosen for 4-H achievement and leadership, community service, personal development and scholarship. All had to be at least high school seniors. Scholarships may be used at any college and in any subject matter field.



JEAN WICK

### Asks For T-H 'Amendment'

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell called today for a Taft-Hartley law amendment to let presidential fact-finding boards step into labor disputes before they reach the deadlock stage.

Mitchell said he would "promote a discussion" of his proposal within the Eisenhower administration. If the idea is approved, Mitchell said he will ask Congress to adopt the amendment when it convenes in January.

### Wants Study Made

The labor secretary said that President Eisenhower had not specifically approved the proposal. But he said the Chief Executive "has indicated to me he would like the whole area studied."

Under the 1947 Taft-Hartley law, the President may appoint a fact-finding board to determine the issues in a strike only when the walkout appears to threaten national health and safety. He then may seek a court order to force the strikers back to work for 90 days.

Eisenhower used the provision recently in the steel and dockworkers strikes.

Mitchell proposed in a TV interview that the Taft-Hartley law be amended to permit the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to ask the President to name a fact-finding board at any time during union-management negotiations, "perhaps before a strike occurs."

### EAST-WEST SUMMIT SETBACK

## Big Four Top Level Meeting Soon Doubtful As French Balk

LONDON (UPI)—An East-West summit conference seemed certain today to be postponed.

President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev all had indicated their preference for an earlier meeting. But French Premier Charles de Gaulle's suggestion Wednesday to postpone any summit conference until next spring apparently has short-circuited that prospect.

These were the developments in the fast moving summit picture: President Eisenhower told his news conference in Augusta, Ga., that he still strongly favors a

western summit conference as soon as possible. But he said he does not feel the same sense of urgency about a full scale summit meeting with the Soviet Union.

Eisenhower's Proposal.—Soviet Ambassador to Paris Sergei Vinogradov told reporters after an interview with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville that "President Eisenhower has proposed a summit conference for the end of the year. We are in agreement with this."

However, Eisenhower emphasized at Augusta that he had not made concrete proposals, but had outlined his personal feelings in the matter in communications to the

other world leaders.

—A Foreign Office spokesman in London disclosed that De Gaulle released his views on the summit in the form of a Cabinet communique Wednesday without warning Britain beforehand.

—George F. Kennan, former U. S. ambassador to Russia, told a lunch meeting in Washington that the West's stand on Berlin today is "stilted, cramped and inflexible," and said a compromise is necessary. Berlin is one of the principle questions which must be dealt with at any summit session. Kennan also said the West "need have no doubt" about the sincerity of Khrushchev.

## Ike Eyes More Funds For Space Program Following Controversy

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—President Eisenhower told a news conference today that he plans to ask Congress for higher appropriations next year for the American space program.

The chief executive also said that if Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, who has announced his retirement as head of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, has any complaints he would like to hear them personally.

The President touched on a broad range of space and missile topics today as reporters pined him with numerous questions stemming from his announcement Wednesday that the Army Ballistic Missile Agency will be shifted to the civilian control of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency "to strengthen the national space effort."

Mildly but still plainly, Eisenhower rejected the theory of Medaris as stated by a reporter, "that we are straddling the issue of competing with Russia in space."

The chief executive said he does not think the space program should be regarded purely as a competition with some other nation.

Army Program Curtailed

He had no apologies whatever for the military missile program and said the agency's switch ordered Wednesday merely represented the fact that the development of the "super-boosters" rockets for outer space should now be the sole concern of the civilian agency, with the Army continuing its own development of strictly ordnance missiles.

As for Medaris' use of the word "straddling," Eisenhower said with a trace of annoyance that he does not know exactly what this meant, but he thinks Dr. T. Keith Glennan, administrator of the space agency, well defined the American program for major space exploration and that this was a "positive, progressive program."

On the question of money, he was asked flatly whether he planned to ask for an increase in

space funds. He said definitely he would seek something more than Congress provided in the current fiscal year.

The president recalled that for fiscal 1960 he asked 590 million dollars. Congress cut this, he continued, by about 68 millions, and then restored some of the cut.

Praises Rocket Experts

The President could offer no specific figures, but he said his request for fiscal 1961 definitely would be something more than the government got for the current year.

He paid particular tribute to what he called the brilliant scientific work of Werner von Braun and his team of rocket experts, saying they were now free to concentrate on the development of one powerful booster. Presumably this was a reference to the Saturn Project.

In the meantime, he said the strictly military projects of the Army ordnance research program which would proceed with all possible help from NASA.