



SENATOR, COLLEGE HEAD MEET—Dr. Frank Bennett, left, greets U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, D-Mass., as the youthful sleet addressed an assembly of Eastern Oregon College students in La Grande this morning. (Observer Photo)

Red Chinese Head Proposes India Frontier Buffer Zone

NEW DELHI (UPI)—Communist Chinese Premier Chou en-Lai today proposed creation of a 25-mile buffer zone to prevent further bloodshed along the disputed Indian-Red Chinese border.

He also suggested a meeting with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in the "immediate future."

It was the first concrete Red Chinese proposal for settling the increasingly bitter border quarrel between the two nations.

Indian sources said, however, that the Peiping note reiterated Red Chinese claims to certain Indian territory which Nehru is pledged not to give up.

Nehru called his cabinet into session at 11 o'clock Sunday night, apparently to consider the Chinese note which was dispatched from Peiping on Saturday. Also attending the three-hour cabinet meeting was Indian Army commander K.S. Thimayya.

"Force With Force" A source close to the cabinet said Thimayya had been ordered to meet Communist force with force, but not to begin an offensive.

The order to Thimayya would indicate Nehru considered the Chou proposal not entirely satisfactory, but open to consideration, was one of two whose contents were disclosed today by the New Delhi and Peiping governments, whose relations with each other have deteriorated steadily under a barrage of charges and counter-charges.

The Chinese note said it was regrettable that India had adopted attitude of disregarding the facts.

Peiping Radio's broadcast of the note coincided with the release in New Delhi of an earlier note from Nehru to Chou.

India's note to Red China rejected as a "travesty of the truth" Chinese claims of Indian responsibility for the clash between Indian and Chinese troops Oct. 21 in the Lachung region of the border states of Jammu and Kashmir. Nine Indians were killed in the battle.

Sen. Langer Stricken By Fatal Heart Attack

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Funeral arrangements were being completed today for Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.), a political maverick who died in his sleep Saturday night of a heart attack.

His death left the political lineup of the Senate at 65 Democrats and 34 Republicans. However, GOP Gov. John E. Davis of North Dakota was expected to name a Republican to succeed Langer.

Florida Safecrackers And Cops In Gunfight

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI)—A gang of safecrackers holding a country club caretaker hostage shot it out with 75 policemen early today and then escaped.

The caretaker's wife, who had locked herself in the clubhouse office, kept an open telephone line to police throughout the gun battle.

Officers swapped shots with the gang until one fled using the caretaker, John McDonald as a shield.

At first light, police rushed the club but found the other gunmen had slipped away. They believed there were three or four in the gang.

When the officers entered the club, they found Mrs. McDonald where she had stayed throughout the 2½ hour fight—lying on the office floor with an open telephone line to police headquarters.

She and her husband were unharmed. One policeman suffered a cut on his hand when he and one of the bandits exchanged shots through two glass doors.

St. Petersburg police, reinforced by highway patrolmen and sheriff's deputies threw up a cordon around the entire Lake Wood residential section of southeast St. Petersburg. They believed the gunmen were hiding in woods in the area.

Police reported they found a car hidden in bushes near the club and broadcast a pickup order for the vehicle's listed owner, Lyle T. Ennis. Police also requested local television and radio stations to broadcast appeals for citizens to report any wounded persons spotted in the city.

Mrs. McDonald was taken to a hospital where she was put under sedation.

The club is the Lakewood Country Club, scene of many of the annual St. Petersburg PGA open tournaments.

There was \$1,850 in the safe but the bandits never got it.

La Grande Motorist Injured In Accident

Herald Dean Stanton, 21, La Grande, was injured Saturday night when his car failed to negotiate a curve on Highway 201 about 2 miles west of Union.

State Police received the call at about 7:40 p.m. Stanton was brought to St. Joseph Hospital in La Grande where attendants said he had regained consciousness this morning. He suffered head and left arm injuries.

The car travelled 317 feet after it left the highway and came to rest in a pasture, officers said.



SCOTT'S SEES—Don "Scotty" McLean completed 47 years of railroad work with a trip to Elgin, Mo., today. He lives at 1002 B Ave., plans to spend his spare time enjoying hunting and fishing. (Observer)

'Scotty' McLean Makes Last Railroad Run, Now Hunting

By NEIL ANDERSEN, Observer Staff Writer

Don McLean, "Scotty" to the boys, completed 47 years of railroading a week ago with a run to Elgin. He then packed his gear and went elk hunting.

McLean first went to work for the Union Pacific railroad in 1911. He started as a sign writer but transferred to brakeman two months later. In 1941, he was promoted to conductor and has served the past 18 years in that position.

Hunting, Fishing "I think it's swell," Scotty said when asked about his retirement. McLean, who is 66 years old, plans to spend his free time doing what he likes best, hunting and fishing.

Elk hunting was the big item on the agenda following his last run. Scotty and his wife will pack their trailer house and try their luck with the big game before setting down at home, 1002 B Ave.

McLean began his railroad career with the Great Northern in 1912 as a brakeman in Montana. He served in the Army during World War I. He moved to La Grande in 1921, and went to work with the UP.

The McLeans have two children, Margaret, now Mrs. Stanley Steffen of Seattle, and Kenneth, who now lives in Salt Lake City.

McLean is a member of the Masonic lodge and Veterans of World War I.

"I think it's swell," Scotty repeated with a sigh.

Area Cattle Breeders At Hereford Sale

Several Union and Wallowa county Hereford breeders will participate in the annual Roundup Pooled Hereford Sale at Pendleton Wednesday.

John Byers, Pomeroy, Wash., will judge animals for the show which is scheduled for 10 a.m. On display at the Roundup Sale pavilion Sunday through Wednesday will be 55 blue ribbon animals which will be entered in the Wednesday show.

Breeders from this area who will be showing registered polled Hereford cattle are J. Dale and David R. Standley, La Grande; D. B. Fleet, Alicol; Dick Hibberd, Imbler; S.E. Starr and Son, Summerville, and Willie Hereford Ranch, Wallowa.

St. Williams, Pendleton, serves as manager of the show and will auctioneer the sale to follow the show in the afternoon.

Japanese Mountain Expedition Returns

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI)—The Nepal Government announced today that 32 members of a Japanese mountain-climbing team feared killed in an avalanche actually "are safe and are returning to Katmandu shortly."

The 32 climbers were reported missing while trying to scale the sheer slopes of 23,440-foot Gauri Sankar peak west of Mount Everest in the Himalayas on the Nepal-Tibet border.

HIM \$1.50 MINIMUM NEW YORK (UPI)—AFL-CIO leaders in New York state have asked Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to help them obtain a \$1.50 an hour minimum wage in the state. State minimums are now fixed on an industry-by-industry basis.

'BIRTHDAY' UNHAPPY ONE

BELLEVILLE, N. J. (UPI)—"Happy Birthday," croaked the four men as they knocked on an apartment door at 16 South Wilbur St.

"Who's there?" asked John Simboli.

"Just some of the boys who want to wish you a happy birthday and help you celebrate," was the response.

Simboli opened the door and the merry-makers rushed in. Instead of leaving presents, they grabbed \$579 in cash and horse playing slips and arrested Simboli on a book-making charge.

The detectives had learned before they made the raid that it was Simboli's 30th birthday.

City Dads To Canvass Bond Votes

City commissioners this week will canvass the balloting on the defeated \$300,000 sewage bond vote here last Friday, according to Dr. Gordon Clarke, commission president.

It is also anticipated that with in 30 to 60 days another bond election for a sewage disposal facility—presumably a mechanical type plant—will be held here.

Clarke said the second bond election was necessary because of state pressure from health authorities to "get something done here."

State Pressure

He had stated previously that this was the sole purpose for the special referendum last week for a new sewage facility, "firm pressure" from the state to get something done on the city's sewage problem.

The bond issue was soundly defeated in the lighter than expected voting in the 13 precincts here following a somewhat hectic and heated display of opposition shown by property owners of the Island City area who objected to "lagoon type oxidation ponds" outside the city limits.

It is anticipated that the city's sewage problem—still unsolved—will be discussed at tonight's commission meeting set for 7:30 o'clock.

Oregon Cranberry Crop 'Poisoned' By Weed Killer

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, warned the public today that the 1959 and 1959 cranberry crop in Washington and Oregon contains a cancer-producing residue from a chemical weed killer.

Flemming told a news conference that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) turned up evidence last week that a weed killer called Aminotriazole which causes cancer in the thyroid of rats, had been used on the cranberry crops in those two states.

23 Killed In Wreck

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (UPI)—At least 23 persons were killed in a bus-truck collision on a high bridge about 60 miles from here.

The crowded bus and the pickup truck both fell into the water from the bridge. Thirty injured passengers were rescued.

Houston Port Tanker Blaze Claims Lives

EIGHT DIE IN INFERNO; NEAR DISASTER AVERTED

HOUSTON, Texas (UPI)—A towering gasoline fire aboard the 20,000-ton tanker Amoco Virginia appeared today to be under control after claiming the lives of at least seven crewmen and a fireman.

The fire had threatened to be another Texas City disaster, in the area for 18 hours Sunday.

"We have managed to keep it contained through the night," Fire Chief C. M. Hollock said. "But we still have an impending danger."

At least 41 persons were injured in the series of eight blasts, including 19 of the 43-man crew and 25 firemen and rescue workers.

A spokesman for Amoco said three other crewmen still were unaccounted for. They had checked off the ship Saturday for shore leave and hadn't been heard from since.

New Flareup There was another brief flare-up about midnight Sunday night, but firemen sprayed more foamite and water over the area and the billowing clouds of black smoke were snuffed out again. However, the blackened ship continued to smolder today in its hold.

Firemen were able to get aboard late Sunday night and found the bodies of seven crewmen. But while other firemen were spraying water over the deck to keep it cooled down early today, one of them, H.D. Chandler slipped and fell into a hold partially filled with oil.

He drowned in the black pool of oil before fellow firemen could fish him out.

The body of Capt. R.E. Combs, the senior captain of the Amoco fleet, was found at the foot of a catwalk aft of the No. 7 cargo hatch. The Amoco Virginia was the fleet flagship.

The ordeal that brought death to at least seven men, possibly more, and endangered 30,000 to 60,000 who live along the waterfront where the gasoline is stored began early Sunday morning.

At 12:30 a.m. a barge was feeding gasoline to the 20,000-ton tanker Amoco Virginia, out of New York and ready to leave for home port at 4 a.m.

Eyewitnesses said a fire danced across the water from the barge to the ship.

Explosion Rocks Houses The first explosion on the Amoco Virginia shook houses five or six miles away.

Jim Edmonds, 46, is a cargo inspector. Sometimes he is absent-minded. Edmonds started to go aboard the Amoco Virginia minutes before it happened. Then he remembered he had not brought his inspection papers with him. He went back to his automobile to get the forms. The first blast sent him diving for cover.

Then there were two more blasts. Then three more.

"I guess the good Lord was watching over me," Edmonds said. "If I hadn't forgotten the forms I would probably be dead now."

The Amoco Virginia was believed to have had a crew of 43 aboard when it burst into flames. Her decks became so hot that one of the crewmen who hopped across them, Howard Searcy of Houston, said the soles of their shoes sizzled like steaks on a griddle.

'Cadillac' Play Opens Nov. 12; Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the Eastern Oregon College production of Teichmann and Kaufmann's "The Solid Gold Cadillac" go on sale today at the College Bookstore, according to Richard G. Hattie, director.

The two-act comedy is scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Robert Osterling, bookstore manager, indicated that tickets would be on sale until noon beginning Monday, and that orders could be placed by calling WO 3-2171, extension 16. Bookstore hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Kennedy Urges Active Political Leadership

Intellectuals should take an active role in current events and contribute to the affairs of the state and nation not just remain on the sidelines as critics, Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) declared here today.

Speaking before an overflow of Eastern Oregon College students and townspeople in the college theatre, the youthful looking Democrat urged young people to take an active role in politics.

Kennedy defended political careers and stressed the need for qualified and educated citizens in politics. He pointed out the disdain of most citizens for politicians and things political.

He listed them as population, the farm problem, technology and energy, standard of living, underdeveloped nations of the world and nationalism.

Big Growth Cited He said the population increase has not been matched in public plans and programs. Fifteen million families live in substandard homes, he said.

Kennedy said a Democratic farm program would express the nation's conscience by sharing abundance with the needy of other nations and with needy at home.

Steps Urged He also said this country should make maximum use of national resources, increase and extend minimum wage laws, and help underdeveloped countries with the Development Loan Fund.

He said peoples on other continents "eventually will and ought to be free and equal" and that "once that freedom is achieved they will regard the United States as friends or foes."

Favorite Sons He said that most mothers want their favorite sons to grow up to be president but the majority of them don't want their sons to become politicians in the process.

Turning to the world scene, Kennedy called for continued negotiations with the Russians concerning nuclear warfare.

Commenting on the steel strike situation, Kennedy indicated his distaste for government intervention, but pointed out that sometimes it is necessary.

He said that it would be much better if those involved in the negotiations could reach agreement without the government taking a hand. Changes in the emergency clause of the Taft-Hartley Act are in order, he declared, and he said he will work for that goal in the Senate.

Kennedy, a possible 1960 Democratic presidential nomination candidate who has touched on a wide variety of topics, said Sunday night in Baker that six great



SEN. KENNEDY Addresses Students

WORKERS STREAM TO JOBS

Steel Trickle From U.S. Mills Following End Of Bitter Strike

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The first post-strike steel trickled from the nation's mills today as workers returned to their jobs after almost four months of idleness.

Workers, grumbling about the Taft-Hartley injunction which ended their 116-day walkout, tapped a few furnaces while maintenance crews toiled to repair damage to other facilities caused by long idleness.

Although smoke belched from furnaces from coast to coast, less than half of the 500,000 strikers were called back to work and full production appeared as much as six weeks away, half of the 80-day duration of the Supreme Court directed injunction period.

In addition to millhands, recall orders went to rail workers. Great Lakes ore ship crews, and coal and iron miners.

Auto Layoffs Continue But as steel men returned gradually to their jobs, the steel-short

automobile industry prepared to lay off even more workers as supplies dwindled and no appreciable supply quantity from reopened mills was in sight soon. Some 250,000 auto workers, mostly General Motors employees, are idle and management warned it would be some time before they could be ordered back.

U.S. Steel and Jones and Laughlin, the major producers in this steel center, said the bulk of their workers would be called back within a week.

More than 50 per cent of the mill workers in the Chicago-Gary area already were back. Some 46,000 workers will be recalled by Tuesday at Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s sprawling Sparrows Point, Md., works. Other major producers across the nation also reported rapid recalls.

But a strike of 200 railroad workers against the U.S. Steel's Tennessee Coal and Iron Division in Alabama threatened to keep 25,000 steel workers from resum-

ing work. United Steelworkers officials said their members would not cross picket lines of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

Express Disgust, Resentment But as workers donned mill togs and their wives packed lunch buckets for the first time since the strike started July 15, union members nationally expressed disgust and resentment at being ordered back to work under the injunction against their will. They vowed to resume the strike in 90 days if agreement was not reached. But workers admitted they were looking forward to their first pay checks.

Workers echoed the "slave labor" charge by USW President David J. McDonald.

"They freed the slaves under the first Republican President and have slavery again under this Republican President," grumbled John Bajuzick, a carpenter for 33 years at U.S. Steel's Homestead, Pa., plant.



'SOLID GOLD' The model, portrayed by Jo Anne Reeder (center) of Pendleton, gets the board of director's approval in the Eastern Oregon College production of "The Solid Gold Cadillac," which begins in a three-night run Thursday. Board members are portrayed by, (from left), Robert Scott, Richard Domey, Milton-Freeter, and Larry Wilder, Pendleton. (EOC Photo)