



## KENNEDY ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Sen. John Kennedy, Democratic presidential nomination hopeful, answers question put to him yesterday by The Observer. Asked if his Oregon tour was helping his chances, the Massachusetts solon said he doubted at this time if he could tell. He did admit that his Oregon trip was a very cordial one.

## Kennedy Weighs Impact Of State Tour On His Political Ambitions

By GRADY PANNELL, Observer Staff Writer

Democratic Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts told The Observer yesterday that he wasn't sure what impact his tour through Oregon had made on his possible announcement by January for the presidential nomination.

He was asked the following question by an Observer staff writer:

"Senator, has your Oregon tour of the past several days convinced you more strongly than before of seeking the Democratic party presidential nomination?"

The youthful and vigorous lawmaker, considered one of the front-running Democratic party hopefuls for the presidential nomination, said that he was certain of one thing while in Oregon:

"I find that my trip through your picturesque state has been beneficial and certainly useful. I have been very cordially received. But what impact the trip has made on any decision I may have cannot be determined at this time."

Kennedy addressed a group of Eastern Oregon Democratic party leaders and members of the press at a special luncheon held at The Wheel at noon yesterday. The luncheon followed hard on the heels of a lengthy talk he delivered at an Eastern Oregon College assembly.

The senator did say, however, that prospects of the Democrats scoring the presidential victory next year seemed bright.

Neuberger In  
"I am confident that Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) can be elected again," he emphasized.

## City Ponders Plan For New Sewage Installation Here

Sewage lagoons, a gone but not forgotten issue, was the major topic of business at last night's city commission meeting. Commissioners canvassed the ballot of the Nov. 6 special election and sought a solution to La Grande's sewage problems.

No final action was taken but the commissioners discussed the possibilities and alternative steps open to the city.

Commissioner President Gordon W. Clarke reminded the commission of the three alternatives open: a more suitable site; renovation of the present plant, and the building of a new system.

Keep Issue Alive  
Dr. J. F. Deatherage, 1302 West St., urged the commission not to drop the lagoon proposal as a solution to the problem.

"Lagoons sounded good, so much like the right answer to the small city's sewer problem that I hate to see the issue given up. I'm still for it," Dr. Deatherage said.

Deatherage said he had read on the matter and had kept posted on the situation in La Grande.

and proposed that the commission find a more acceptable site.

"I don't see any members of the 'Citizens For Fair Play' committee willing to play fair the other way," he concluded.

Island City Plan  
Commissioner William Herrmann raised the issue of Island City's sewage facilities and wondered what type of system would be installed in the valley city if they were pressed.

"All they have is cesspools now," Herrmann said.

Dave Slight, city manager pro tem, raised the possibility of condemnation by noting that several sites were practical but unavailable.

"If an ideal site is available why back off condemnation proceedings?" asked City Attorney Carl G. Helm Jr.

Helm advised the commission that the cost of condemnation proceedings probably would not cost more than acquired land by sale.

Citizens Group  
Slight proposed that a citizens committee be established to determine what type of sewage facilities should be put in. He cited a similar situation in Baker.

The commission agreed to postpone any action until next week after they have an opportunity to consult with citizens about the alternatives.

The commission voted to accept and place on file the abstract of the special election. The abstract noted a total of 1,347 votes in addition to one defective ballot. The total was 1,136 negative ballots to 211 in favor.

## NOT A BARK AMONG THEM

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (UPI) Thirty stray dogs were being cared for today at the Marin County Humane Society—but apparently there isn't a watch dog in the bunch.

The doglar broke into the society's office, knocked over a chair, and stole \$175 in cash. The 30 free-lancers didn't even bark a greeting.

## Portland Papers Hit By Strike

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Stereotypers went on strike against Portland's two daily newspapers early today. Other crafts respected their picket lines and the Oregon Journal, the afternoon paper, abandoned plans to publish.

The strike began at 5 a.m. p.m. after the final Tuesday edition of the morning Oregonian rolled off the presses. Picket lines were thrown up in front of both newspaper buildings.

The Portland Newspaper Guild voted 66-30 Monday night to observe the picket lines, and only a skeleton force of department heads and editorial writers appeared for work in the Journal newsroom this morning.

The Stereotypers' Union, Local 48, said the walkout was over working conditions rather than wages. A federal mediator participated in the fruitless bargaining talks up to midnight Monday. There had been 13 negotiation sessions.

Portland stereotypers now receive \$3.61 an hour and have a 35-hour work week. Only one other city among the 31 largest in the United States has a higher hourly scale. The strike was authorized despite the unusually high scale.

## Cranberry Spokesman Doubts Contamination



HONORED ON RETIREMENT—Lt. Col. Alan W. Christensen, Summerville, is presented with a certificate, signifying his retirement from the U.S. Army reserves, from Maj. Gen. Edwin Carns. Gen. Carns made the presentation yesterday afternoon at a special luncheon held in Christensen's honor.

## Canned Berries Are Safe

NEW YORK (UPI) — A spokesman for the nation's cranberry growers said today that to the best of his knowledge all canned and fresh cranberries on growers' shelves are free of contamination.

But at least one state and one major city put restrictions on Thanksgiving dinner sales.

The growers' spokesman demanded that the federal government "take immediate steps to rectify the incalculable damages caused by your ill-informed and ill-advised press statement" which warned that some of the crop was contaminated with a cancer-producing agent.

Meanwhile the state of Ohio and city of San Francisco ordered a halt to sale of cranberries from Washington and Oregon, the states named in Monday's federal warning.

Hits Warning

At a news conference here, Ambrose E. Stevens, executive vice president and general manager of Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., a cooperative representing about 75 per cent of the nation's cranberry growers, charged that the government was "killing a thoroughbred to destroy a single flea."

Stevens made public a telegram to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming charging that Flemming issued his warning knowing there was no evidence that anyone had ever been harmed by eating allegedly contaminated cranberries; no evidence that the weed killer Aminotriazole causes cancer in human beings, and no indication that any Aminotriazole-contaminated cranberries are actually on the market.

Stevens said he had been notified Sunday afternoon that Flemming was going to hold his news conference Monday and had been refused when he asked if he might be present.

"I can only assume that somebody didn't want to let the truth spoil a good story," he said.

Stevens acknowledged that few if any of the cranberries now on the market had been tested for Aminotriazole contamination.

Tiny Earthquakes Hit Hawaiian Isle

VOLCANO, Hawaii (UPI) — A total of 1,155 tiny shallow earthquakes were recorded on Hawaii's famed Mauna Loa Volcano during the weekend, seismologist Jerry Eaton said today.

He said 200 were recorded Saturday, 400 on Sunday and a record 1,155 in the 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Monday. They occurred on the northeast rim of Halemaumau Fire Pit.

## Steel Mills Strive For Full Capacity

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Steel production gained momentum today. Steelworkers toiled "with a maximum of efficiency" to return the nation's mills to full capacity.

Recalled workers took up their normal work-day tasks resentful of the Taft-Hartley Act injunction which ended their record strike, but must were glad to be working again and pitched in enthusiastically.

A United Steelworker official said the work accomplished to date shows "that steelworkers are performing their duties with a maximum of efficiency and using the furnaces and equipment to their full capacities."

A spokesman for U.S. Steel Corp., the nation's number-one producer, said the firm's facilities in the Chicago, Youngstown, Ohio, Pittsburgh and Morrisville, Pa., areas already had reached 25 per cent of capacity.

"Production is resuming a little faster than we expected," the spokesman said.

One veteran steel worker at U.S. Steel's Homestead, Pa., works was critical of a return to work under Taft-Hartley, but tickly added that "when we work, we work hard."

## La Grande Gears For Veterans Day Holiday

La Grande will take on a holiday note Wednesday when all schools, banks, federal, state, county and city office buildings close for Veterans Day.

In addition, the retail merchants association of the Chamber of Commerce has recommended that all stores close, according to Loren Hughes, RMA president.

Among certain federal and state buildings to be closed are the U.S. Post Office and Social Security office.

The city's veteran organizations also will participate in the memorial activity, having scheduled a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. at the War Memorial swimming pool for dedication of a plaque.

Band Participates  
The La Grande High School band will take part in the memorial services, it was disclosed by various vet post commanders.

Highlight of the day will be a parade by the high school at 11 a.m., starting at the Safe-way parking lot and winding along Adams Avenue to Globe Furniture.

A football game between the local high school and Baker at 1:15 p.m. will feature the afternoon's event of the festivity.

Marching with the La Grande High band downtown will be the Pep Club, floats on which the Homecoming Queen and her court ride, and the Baker High School band and marching group.

Another feature this evening is the traditional bonfire, built by the sophomores and guarded by the Order of the "L" and to be lighted by the queen.

High on Table Mountain will be the burning "L" to be touched off during the bonfire ceremony on the school grounds.

## HOW ABOUT IT, MARTIANS?

# No Conclusive Evidence Yet That Life Exists On Mars

NEW YORK (UPI)—The most refined test to date of whether there is life on the planet Mars has added to the evidence that there is. But the evidence still is far from conclusive and so the astronomical question which intrigues earthlings, remains unanswered.

Astronomer William M. Sinton of the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., found that on Mars probably are the big organic molecules of which earth's living things are composed, and also the carbohydrates which are specific organizations of organic molecules and which feed earth's life.

However, he was jumping to no hard and flat conclusions. "Growth of vegetation certainly seems to be the most logical explanation for the appearance of organic molecules," he said. On the other hand, he hesitated to assume there were no inorganic molecules on Mars which could have led him astray.

Same Sun  
Sinton found what he found on Mars by analyzing light. Mars

and earth are illuminated by the light of the same sun. When you've analyzed the sunlight on earth by its wavelengths, you have a standard of what the earth's atmosphere has done to the sun's light.

This standard you compare to the sunlight which is reflected by Mars to the earth through the earth's atmosphere. If intensities are less along the spectrum of Mars-reflected light, you have excellent reason to believe that Mars absorbed some of the sunlight while reflecting the remainder.

Sinton worked in the infra-red part of the spectrum, using the part 200-inch telescope of the Palomar Observatory on Mount Wilson, Calif., and super-refined recording instrumentation and techniques. Infra-red was analyzed because some of its wavelength bands are absorbed by organic molecule plant life.

Reflected infra-red from six regions of Mars all showed that part of the light in these bands had been absorbed and left on Mars. The amounts varied from

region to region, being very slight in the "light" areas of the planets which are assumed to be deserts, and considerable in "dark" areas which have long been suspected of representing vegetation.

These wave-length patterns "fit very closely" the patterns which earth's organic compounds, especially those contained in plant life, give off in the infra-red, he said in a report to the American Association for the advancement of science.

Enigma Solved  
One wave-length band in Mars' reflected infra-red was an "enigma" at first, Sinton said, because it had never been found in any earth plant. But then it was found in one variety of the simple plant life, the algae. In this earth plant the wave-length was produced by its carbohydrate molecules.

Sinton pointed up the difficulties of answering the life-on-Mars question. Generations of astronomers have observed "dark" regions toward the Martian poles spread from the Martian spring and summer.



DAVID LESTER  
Lester was appointed to the La Grande Police Department Oct. 1 as a patrolman. He is a veteran of the Air Force and has served as a correctional officer at the Oregon State Penitentiary. (Observer Photo)

## Heroic Medic Loses Job For Talking Too Much

NEW YORK (UPI)—A young physician from India who complained about ambulance equipment he had to use in an emergency amputation was to be asked today to withdraw his resignation from Knickerbocker Hospital.

Dr. P. Shamsuddin, 25, got into a ruckus with hospital authorities because he complained of the equipment to reporters watching him remove the leg of British actor Martyn Green. Green's leg was trapped between the wall and an elevator in a garage.

Shamsuddin used a pen knife and the leather thong of a policeman's night stick as a tourniquet in the emergency operation. He was believed to have saved the actor's life by his quick action.

## Neuberger Will 'Run Again' If Health Permits

PORTLAND UPI — "God willing, I intend to run again."

That was the statement Monday of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) at a question-and-answer period during the Chamber of Commerce Forum meeting.

Neuberger, who was operated on for cancer last year, is up for re-election in 1960. He previously had indicated he would seek another six-year term in the Senate if his health permitted.

Another question asked Neuberger was whether he felt it would hurt his chances of re-election if he was opposed by Sen. Wayne Morse. The senator did not feel it would, he said. "Senator Morse is a brilliant man who undoubtedly has a substantial following in Oregon politics, but I have not replied to his many attacks upon me nor do I intend to do so."

He added, "I do not worry what effects his attacks might have and for that reason, I ignore them."

## U.S. Correspondent Detained By Cubans

HAVANA (UPI)—An American correspondent for a U.S. radio network was detained for three hours by Cuban secret police Monday night on suspicion of counter-revolutionary activities in his broadcasts to the United States.

At 6 p.m. today, a noise rally will be held in downtown La Grande, with the Pep Club marching with the band, and the queen and her court riding in convertibles. Students will form a motor caravan and a "human serpentine" as a lead to the march. The parade starts at Globe Furniture and goes down Adams to Fourth and up to K where the marchers proceed to the high school parking lot.

Another feature this evening is the traditional bonfire, built by the sophomores and guarded by the Order of the "L" and to be lighted by the queen.

High on Table Mountain will be the burning "L" to be touched off during the bonfire ceremony on the school grounds.

## Man Held In Assault

Bernard Edgar LeBont, La Grande, is being held in the Union County jail in lieu of \$500 bail on a charge of assault and battery. He was arrested last night by Oregon State Police.

## SHAH RETURNS HOME

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — The Shah of Iran was back home today from a four-day state visit to Jordan.



Linda Bishop, center, and Nicollett Nordquist, watch Aunt Jemima sign her autograph on place mats during Friday's pancake feed at the armory. Kiwanis sponsored the affair with the proceeds going to help club projects for children. Aunt Jemima entertained an overflow house with songs at the feed. (Observer Photo)

## Summerville Colonel Is Honored Here

Maj. Gen. Edwin Carns visited La Grande yesterday afternoon to meet with civic leaders and to honor Lt. Col. Alan W. Christensen, Summerville, on his retirement from the U.S. Army.

Gen. Carns is currently commanding general of the 10th U.S. Army Corps (reserve) at Fort Lawton, Wash.

The officer praised Col. Christensen for his 22 years of service with the Army. Christensen, a local school teacher for many years, is a graduate of the University of Oregon. He also attended Eastern Oregon College and State University of Iowa.

His retirement from the Army was effective last month. One of Christensen's sons, Eric, is a graduate of West Point.

Gen. Carns presented Col. Christensen with a certificate at a luncheon in the Sacajawea Hotel.

## Man Held In Assault

Bernard Edgar LeBont, La Grande, is being held in the Union County jail in lieu of \$500 bail on a charge of assault and battery. He was arrested last night by Oregon State Police.

## SHAH RETURNS HOME

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — The Shah of Iran was back home today from a four-day state visit to Jordan.

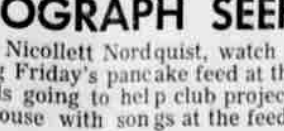


## Heroic Medic Loses Job For Talking Too Much

NEW YORK (UPI)—A young physician from India who complained about ambulance equipment he had to use in an emergency amputation was to be asked today to withdraw his resignation from Knickerbocker Hospital.

Dr. P. Shamsuddin, 25, got into a ruckus with hospital authorities because he complained of the equipment to reporters watching him remove the leg of British actor Martyn Green. Green's leg was trapped between the wall and an elevator in a garage.

Shamsuddin used a pen knife and the leather thong of a policeman's night stick as a tourniquet in the emergency operation. He was believed to have saved the actor's life by his quick action.



## AUTOGRAPH SEEKERS

Linda Bishop, center, and Nicollett Nordquist, watch Aunt Jemima sign her autograph on place mats during Friday's pancake feed at the armory. Kiwanis sponsored the affair with the proceeds going to help club projects for children. Aunt Jemima entertained an overflow house with songs at the feed. (Observer Photo)