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Gustav—Symbol of Hope

By JAMES THRASHER

It is a wonder that King Gustav V of Sweden was able to stand up under the celebration which marked his 90th birthday—15 hours of parades, speeches, gifts, feasts and fireworks, and six changes of uniform for the honored monarch. But the king has stood up under many worse ordeals in his 40 years on the throne. And his survival is, to a great extent, to his own credit.

When Gustav became king in 1907, such spectacles as the one he went through on his birthday were part of the usual trappings of monarchy. State visits and the like were part of the bread-and-circuses routine.

But such pomp was not to Gustav's liking. Succeeding to the throne as an "old man" of nearly 50, he immediately tipped over the apple cart of tradition by refusing to go through the elaborate ceremony of a coronation. He set a democratic pattern quite unusual for the period.

Today only one monarch, the retired Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, remains of those who sat on Europe's thrones when Gustav became king. Not only the monarchs, but most of the monarchies have vanished. King Gustav has seen the slightly controlled despotism of Kaiser Wilhelm and Czar Nicholas replaced by the uncontrolled despotism of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin.

Yet Sweden's king has helped hold his country steady against the tides of absolutism that have threatened it on all sides. In two crises he stubbornly resisted the attempts to make Sweden abandon her neutrality. And by playing up the independence and indispensability of his country and its people, he helped Sweden to escape invasion.

All this time the democratic simplicity of King Gustav's life has mirrored the growing democracy of his country. Though he liked to play tennis as "Mr. G."—and did, until two years ago—and while he enjoyed the theater and Riviera vacations, the life of the king and the royal family has not been one of useless luxury.

He has encouraged his family to be active and useful. Many of his numerous progeny have distinguished themselves in various fields—art, science, business, athletics. Count Bernadotte, who is attempting to mediate the Palestine dispute, is his nephew.

Sweden's government has been controlled for several years by the socialist Labor Party, which is pledged to do away with the monarchy. But its leaders apparently have had a hard time convincing the Swedes that their aged king is a reactionary menace to their well being. The evidence seems to be all in the other direction.

At 90, King Gustav has lived longer—though not reigned longer—than did the venerable Queen Victoria and the old Emperor

Franz Josef of Austria. But he is not of their time or temper, though he was their contemporary. Rather he stands as an enduring symbol of Europe's change for the better, and as a man who led rather than followed the trend toward democracy. As such he is also a symbol of hope, outside his country as well as within it, that the freedom that he has fostered will prevail.

Look Who's Talking

The Soviet government, which is doing its best to drive the Allies out of Berlin and split Germany in two, has denounced the six-power agreement on western Germany as a violation of the Potsdam Declaration.

This is a case of the pot smearing the kettle with its own soot, and then calling the kettle black.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY PETER EDSON
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Must Be an Easier Way

PHILADELPHIA (NEA)—Convention postscripts—There ought to be some easier way to name a presidential candidate.

Best speech, Herbert Hoover's... Worst speech, most all the others. They were so bad that even the radio audiences were pouring in complaints. Biggest flop, the MacArthur boom... Biggest bust, the Taft balloon that floated to the high ceiling, hit a hot light and exploded, letting a "Taft for President" pennant fall symbolically to the floor.

Most enthusiastic but worst singer, Congressman George Bender of Ohio, leading the Taft demonstration in the convention's most over-worked, tune, "Four Leaf Clover," which should now become a symbol of bad luck.

Press Likes Warren
Best press conference, Gov. Earl Warren of California. He made a hit as the squarest shooter at the convention and a man whose word could be depended on... He was only candidate who refused to predict his own election... Difference between Dewey and Warren: Dewey said Congress had made a remarkable record in a number of fields... Warren said frankly that Congress had failed to tackle many of the fundamental problems facing the country today.

Biggest boo from the crowd, to Senator Ed. Martin of Penna., when he came to the platform to nominate Dewey and said, "This is the most historic moment in our country's history."

Biggest demonstration, Harold Stassen's three a.m. show... All the spontaneous demonstrations staged mostly by ringers and not by delegates, were put on by grimaced old timers and extras for the mob scene. The Stassen following had youth and color and perhaps hope that the G.O.P. would become really progressive.

Stassen's Letdown
Biggest let-down, also Harold Stassen's. Day before ballot began, Stassen declared that the "Grundy-Dewey deal" had injured the Republican party. Next day Stassen proposed making Dewey's nomination unanimous. When Stassen did this, his followers in the crowd, yelled "No," gave him a few boos and cried, "We want Stassen." But once again a convention chose a candidate who had the delegates, but not the support of the crowd. It happened in 1920 when the Republicans passed up Hoover for Harding in 1920, and when the Democrats passed up Al Smith for John W. Davis in 1924.

Last man to give up on trying to make General Eisenhower the G.O.P. nominee was C. D. Hicks, Missouri manufacturer. In spite of all the pre-convention hullabaloo about Ike, he didn't get one vote.

And There Was Herbert
Last line in speaker Joe Martin's speech after his election as permanent chairman was, "We have come of age. In our maturity, with the help of God, let us greet the future." Martin turned around and there, facing him, was Herbert Hoover.

Man who did the most to spoil Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg's candidacy was Senator Vandenberg himself. When he issued a perfectly meaningless 13-line statement after arrival in Philadelphia, it was shown to one of his most ardent backers. This politician read the statement grimly, paced the floor of his hotel room a couple of times and then remarked, "Did you ever hear about the country girl?" When asked, "Which one?" he replied, "The one who was so damn coy she never did get kissed."

Dirtiest crack heard at the convention, "Well, we're going to get rid of the haberdasher, all right but turning the store over to a model out of the window."

Meat Predicted Higher, Scarce

WASHINGTON (UP)—Look for higher meat prices and less meat during the rest of this year, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The meat supply always declines during the summer, the department pointed out in a report on the livestock situation. At the same time, the general level of income is rising. During the first six months of this year farmers got 10 per cent more for meat than they did last year. They are likely to get still more during the second half of 1948.

Small Pig Crop

As for future supply, the spring pig crop, which starts coming to market the latter part of this year, will be three per cent below last year and the smallest since 1941. The fall pig crop, coming along next spring and summer, is expected to be one per cent smaller than last year.

Livestock men sent 36,000,000 head of cattle and calves to slaughter last year—an all-time record. But Charles A. Burmeister, a department meat expert, says this year's production may be the smallest since 1941. He pointed out that more cattle must be kept back from market in the future if herds are to be increased.

24 Army Enlistments Reported Here in June

Bruce W. Frank, 17-year-old Eugene boy, was to be enlisted here Wednesday for two years service with the regular Army.

Frank brings the total enlistments at the Eugene Army office to 24 for the month of June. This was an increase of one enlistment over May. The office quota is 22. Army recruiters in Eugene predict a big enlistment increase during July because of the draft bill recently signed by President Truman. Recruiters said a jump in enlistments next month is indicated by the number of calls requesting information since the bill was signed.

Four other enlistments during the past week included: Robert L. Doucette, Osburn Hotel, Eugene; Stanley A. Waller, 101 Van Dyne St., reenlisted as staff sergeant; Jerry Marek, Creswell, reenlisted as private first class; and Jack F. Eich, 439 South Fourth St., Springfield, enlisted with regular Army unassigned.

Local Astronomer Pruett Gets 18 Calls About 'Bright Light'

Eighteen calls from people in Eugene and the surrounding area who saw the "bright light" Monday night had been received Wednesday by Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, Eugene astronomer.

The number of responses, and the wide area over which they were reported, leaves no doubt that a meteor did shoot across the sky Monday evening shortly after 10:30 p.m., Dr. Pruett said.

Star Reported
At approximately the same time, a bright falling star was seen in the north. At least three people reported the star which, they said, seemed to fall straight down, almost due north.

Calls came from Mrs. E. S. Sawyer of Junction City and Woodie Bates of Waterville, and from three men from the Goshen area, besides those from within the city.

Woke Him Up
Wilson Jewett, Jr., of the Fairmount district, said that the flash awakened him. Jewett said that the streak fell only slightly from a horizontal line, starting in the southwest and going out when about due west.

Dr. Pruett is waiting additional reports from other areas where the meteor was reportedly seen.

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All milk sold in Eugene's bot-has climbed from a prewar 4000 gallons a day to more than 8500 gallons, the milk distributors now are able to meet the full demand with "grade A pasteurized."

Just since last year, Dr. Heltterline reported, the number of dairies sending milk to Eugene has jumped from 39 to 130.

Fall Increase

"We're still trying to sign up new grade A producers," he said, "because we will need still more milk this fall when the university reconvenes."

Dr. Heltterline added that he is confident that Eugene still will get nothing but grade A pasteurized milk, even in the peak demand period. But he said, more

will be needed for distribution in surrounding communities.

He estimated that the output of another 15 to 20 dairies will be required to take care of all the customers served by Eugene distributors. And then he added that there is a chance that another 1000 gallons of milk may soon be coming to Eugene from the Grants Pass area.

Should this come about, the southern Oregon milk probably will be shipped by refrigerated tank truck instead of in 10-gallon cans, as at present.

Then in May, Dr. Heltterline stated, the amount of top grade milk available began to match the city's demands. This achievement reflected increases resulting from the extension of Eugene's milk sheds to include such distant points as Woodburn, Gervais, Mt. Angel, Grants Pass and the Lane county coastal area.

The measure of the achievement is to be noted in the fact that although Eugene's milk consumption

4-H Winners Given Honors

Oregon State College bestowed its supreme honor last week, an orange and black OSC pennant, to each of 10 Lane County 4-H club winners at the annual summer school on the OSC campus.

The clubbers, who won honors in such fields as clothing, food processing and food preservation, were guests of the state college last week.

They were Noma Jean Otto, Gweneith Trout, Audrey Galewood, Christine Domaschofsky, Phyllis Colvin, Joanne Forstrom, Jo Ann Peterson, Alice Dorothy Earl, Carolyn Miller, and Mary Evelyn Potter.

Faithful to What

ROMANCE, Sask. (UP)—"The most faithful dog in the world" was Arnold Mierke's description of his pet.

"Never missed a day following me and my tractor when I'm in the fields," he said.

Mierke sold the tractor. The dog followed the tractor to a new farm.

West of Head
Mrs. John Jeans, Eugene, gave what Dr. Pruett called "almost definite" proof of the object's path when she reported that it "was entirely west" of Hecla Head where she was visiting.

She said it disappeared out over the ocean north and west of the head, about 30 degrees above the horizon.

Gen. Eichelberger said the Japanese disaster plan, worked out last October under Eighth Army military government surveillance, functioned well to meet the emergency.

The military government unit at Fukui City, the worst hit, said sufficient emergency supplies were now on hand, including typhus and typhoid vaccine.

Eighth Army officials said the opening of railroads was being pushed to facilitate delivery of more supplies.

Thus far, no reports have been received of any outbreak of epidemics in the stricken areas.

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Prize Poster Ribbons Given

Seven Lane 4-H clubbers this week held ribbons for posters entered in competition at the annual summer school last week in Corvallis, Club Agent John Querton announced Wednesday.

Top winner for the state was Ray Cully, whose poster showing a picture of a Guernsey bull netted him a summer school scholarship.

Other winners were Patsy Sutton, blue ribbon; Eugene Adams, Larry Wolfe, Richard Stadler, Herbert Christ, and Sue Shreve, all white ribbons. All winners were from Bethel school.

There were 2650 traffic fatalities in May—a jump of three per cent over the same month in 1947.

More than 30,000,000 vehicles are expected to be on the move this week end during the July 4 holiday, the council said, with the chances of serious accidents multiplied.

The deaths in May pushed the year's total to 11,270, which is five per cent below the 11,830 killed in the first five months of 1947.

The mountain states were chiefly responsible for the increase last month, with a 25 per cent higher death rate.

The largest city reporting no traffic deaths during the month was Houston, Tex. Three Massachusetts cities were the largest in the nation to go through the first five months without a death—Lawrence, Quincy and Newton.

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Swim Campaign Awards Given

Fifteen beginners and ten intermediate were awarded certificates at the conclusion of the first Red Cross swimming campaign at the Anchorage Saturday, June 26. Bad weather made the enrollment for the first campaign low.

Certificates may be picked up at the Red Cross office.

The second campaign, which started June 27, has full enrollment in all classes. There will be four more two-week swim campaigns held at the Anchorage this summer, all sponsored by the Lane County chapter of the Red Cross and free to the children.

Those who have registered will be notified through the mail of the date and time of swimming lessons.

Beginners qualifying for awards at the first session included:

Bob Brown, Jo Ann Brown, Lee Ann Butts, Margie Campbell, Lester Carron, Don Dudley, Sharon Harris, Guy Jacobs, Jr., Ronald Jaros, Margie Jennis, Don Morgan, Jimmie Phipps, Jackie Lynn Roberts, Joyce Samek and Mike Smith.

Intermediates who received their certificates included:

Virginia Atkinson, Disk Bronough, Harry Chapman, DeLora Dorsey, Barbara Hall, Paul Herbert, Donna Logan, Dick Perrin, Pat Powers, and Kay Williams.

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Truman Last Patent Signer

WASHINGTON—President Harry S. Truman became the last Chief Executive of the United States required to have his signature affixed to government land patents when on June 17, 1948, he approved Public Law 887. This law transferred the authority for signing such documents to officials in the Department of Interior, Secretary J. A. Krug said.

The new law replacing outmoded customs with more efficient present-day administrative procedures sets aside historic precedent established more than 150 years ago which called for the presidential signature on transfers of public land to private ownership.

Actually, however, none of the Chief Executives have signed the patents in person since 1834, when a law was passed authorizing President Andrew Jackson to appoint a person to sign his name to land patents.

Crow, Elmira School Merger Vote Slated

Two school elections are scheduled for next Wednesday, July 7. County Superintendent Lucille L. Klinge announced Wednesday.

Voters in both Crow and Elmira union high school districts will pass on a proposed consolidation of the two schools during the hours from 2 to 7 p.m.

A merger vote between River-view and Junction City will be decided from 8 to 9 p.m. in River-view and from 2 to 7 p.m. in Junction City.

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4-H Livestock Tour Scheduled

County 4-H Club Agent John Gurton has invited all club members, their parents and friends, to join in a county-wide livestock tour Friday.

The all-day event will include judging and visits to outstanding livestock ranches in the county.

The tour is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the Prairie Bloom Dairy near Irving where Guernsey cattle will be judged.

At 10, the group will move to the Bart Flanagan ranch at Rt. 2, Junction City, to observe a flock of Suffolk lambs and a pen of Duroc sows.

After a 1:30 p.m. visit to the Chester Chase ranch where Hereford cattle will be judged, the tour will move to the Cloverleaf Dairy to see a herd of grass-fed steers.

Gurton said this will be the first such county tour in more than a year.

Liquor Commission Cuts Liquor Prices

In order to reduce inventories of slow-moving items, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission is cutting prices on some brands in all stores and agencies.

The conversion of these items into cash will make additional funds available for public welfare. All sale items are priced at, below, or near cost prices.

Included in these special offerings is bonded rye at \$4.95. Five brands of bonded bourbons are selling at from \$4.95 to \$5.95. Three brands of straight whiskey are sale-priced from \$4.45 to \$4.65. Straight whiskey blends, \$2.80 to \$3.75. The above prices are for fifths. Some brands are sale-priced in pints.

Five brands of American and imported gins are currently offered in price groups from \$2.25 to \$2.90 for fifths. Five types of ready-mixed cocktails are selling for \$1.95.