

Non Habeo Poultry  
Oath Taking  
For the BirdsBy BARBARA J. STAMBAUGH  
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CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—A Cornish rooster's life was spared, the chopping block and meat cleaver went unbloody, and a Chinese restaurant owner, Chu Key Soon, told his story in the Court of Common Pleas—but not under oath.

"I've always been told things happen in Charleston that never happen anywhere else in the world," observed Judge Julius B. Ness.

Lawyers for Soon, who had been involved in an automobile accident, explained to the judge Thursday that the rooster Soon brought to court was vital to his oath to tell the truth. Swearing on the Bible was not binding on a Confucian, they explained.

"His religion requires that he say a prayer to Confucius and chop the rooster's head off in the courtroom," one lawyer said.

The alternative oath-taking method—burning incense to a statue of Buddha—was out of the question. Soon's statue had broken and the lawyers said there was none to be found in the city.

Judge Ness told a crowded courtroom, "I am not going to have an exhibition. This doesn't appeal to me a bit."

"I've sent down to the local library and am informed that a Chinaman may be sworn by breaking a china saucer—would that do it?" he asked.

"That's only in North China," replied the diminutive Soon.

"I was afraid of that," said the judge.

"Wouldn't it be sufficient," the judge offered, "to let you cut this chicken's head off somewhere else?"

"I must cut it off in front of the judge," replied the determined Chinaman.

Judge Ness then turned to the defendant's lawyers. "Would you agree," he asked, "to let Mr. Soon take the stand if he promises to tell the truth, without being under oath?"

They agreed. Soon agreed to tell the truth and both sides agreed not to contest the case later on the absence of the oath.

## In Encircled Oran

Search Conducted  
To Root Out OASBy ALAIN RAYMOND  
Of the United Press International

ALGIERS, Algeria—The French army encircled Oran Friday while heavily-armed security patrols stalked through the center of the city in a house-to-house search to root out Secret Army Organization commandos.

A band of uniformed OAS guerrillas fought a five-hour battle with French security forces Thursday in the heart of the western Algerian port city. Unofficial reports said at least 15 of the French troops were killed or wounded.

The army set up a ring of armored cars and barbed wire around the central downtown area where the battle raged, and mounted heavy guards on main roads leading to the east and west in an apparent move to block off possible escape routes.

Troops moved in around the Place de la Bastille in the western Algerian port city at dawn after warning inhabitants to stay off the streets and away from windows.

Soldiers strung barbed wire barricades around the area and set up heavy machinegun posts at strategic points. Armored cars also stood by.

Patrols of gendarmes moved cautiously through the deserted streets and into the buildings—many showing scars of the five-hour battle Thursday. Observation helicopters hovered overhead on the lookout for OAS snipers.

Armored-backed French troops also mounted strong guard in Algiers as a precaution against new assaults and terrorism by the OAS.

Military sources said the security details were some of the largest since the March 19 Franco-Algerian rebel ceasefire, which the OAS is trying to wreck.

The show of military might followed a bomb attack on the Algiers airport control tower by the OAS and the five-hour street battle between heavily armed OAS commandos and security forces in Oran Thursday.

First reports indicated at least five members of the French security forces were killed and 10 more wounded in the fighting at Oran. There was no estimate of OAS casualties.

OAS terrorists also were active through another day of violence in which 37 persons were killed and 17 wounded, bringing the 1962 toll to 3,696 dead and 7,853 wounded.

Observers said the step-up in violence was designed to demonstrate that the OAS is still a power in Algeria despite the heavy losses in battles with French troops and Moslem guerrillas in the hinterlands.

## Baseball

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington ..... 201 02-5 8 0  
Cleveland ..... 002 09-3 4 1  
(called in the sixth, rain).  
Baltimore & Schmidt; Latman, Allen (4), Raudolph (6) & Remondino (4).  
W-Burnside (14). L-Latman (10-1).  
HR—Washington: Woodling (1).  
New York at Detroit.  
Boston at Baltimore, p.p.d., rain.  
Los Angeles at Minn., p.p.d., cold.  
Chicago at Kansas City, night.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh ..... 020 001 019-4 8 1  
New York ..... 000 011 016-3 9 0  
Sturdivant, Pace (1) & Burgess; Jones, Moford (6), Davault (6) & Ginsberg, W-Sturdivant (1-2). L-Jones (6-1). HR—New York: Thomas (1).  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
Houston at Philadelphia, night.  
Milwaukee at Los Angeles, night.  
Cincinnati at San Francisco, night.

## Steel Price Front Cracks Open

K Rebuffs  
Western  
Test PleaJoint U.S.-British  
Appeal for Treaty  
Called PropagandaBy ARTHUR GAVSHON  
Of the Associated Press

LONDON — Soviet Premier Khrushchev rebuffed Friday an American-British plea to join in speeding a treaty banning nuclear weapons tests, a qualified diplomat reported.

Khrushchev, in a long reply to Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, described the Western move as propaganda, the informant said.

President Kennedy and Macmillan last Tuesday published terms of a request that Russia allow international inspectors to check any suspicious bangs.

Soviet agreement, they said, would clear the way for an early test ban treaty, but Soviet refusal would mean the American series of nuclear tests will have to go forward later this month, as planned.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander Solodov delivered the premier's message to the Foreign Office, A Foreign Office spokesman declined to disclose its contents immediately.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the message was between 3,000 and 4,000 words long and was in the Russian language. He said the Soviet government plans to publish it in the Moscow newspapers Saturday morning.

Solodov handed Khrushchev's reply to Sir Harold Caccia, permanent undersecretary for foreign affairs. As soon as it was translated it was hustled to Macmillan, weekending at his country residence outside London.

The informant did not indicate if Khrushchev submitted any sort of counterproposal in his message. He said, however, the entire tone of the Soviet note amounted to a turnaround of the British-American request.

Macmillan Tuesday sent a terse covering letter stressing to Khrushchev that the "object of verification (of suspicious explosions) is not to increase suspicion but to dispel it."

Khrushchev Friday, according to the source, dwelt at length on this question of East-West suspicion and distrust. He was said to have argued that he conceded the right of the West to distrust Russian good faith. He said he assumed he had the same right to distrust Western intentions. Yet, he argued, these suspicions have not led the Soviet Union to submit excessive and rigid demands for safeguards in a test ban treaty.

## Underground Blast

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission has touched off another low-yield underground blast at its Nevada test site. The test fired Thursday was the 27th announced in the current series and had the blast equivalent of not more than 20,000 tons of TNT.



(Register-Guard photo)

Lucky  
Day

She's got her fingers crossed, but Friday the 13th can't really be bad luck to Hedy DeLarm, who celebrates her 11th birthday today. Hedy was born on a Friday the 13th and this is the first time since then that her birthday has fallen on the traditionally bad luck day. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeLarm, 45 Linda Ave.

Vocational  
Grant Given  
To Oregon

SALEM (AP)—A \$285,000 annual federal grant for vocational training of unemployed persons has been given to Oregon, the State Department of Education said Friday.

Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, said the money comes from the new Congressional Manpower and Training Act of 1962.

"Due to a current shortage of skilled workers and the unemployment situation, as well as the critical need for trained manpower, the State Board of Education has been authorized to develop training programs in Oregon," Minear said.

He said the new legislation will provide \$300 a year per person for about 250 individuals in need of and qualified for specific job training.

During the first two years, 100 per cent of both training and administration costs of the program will be met by the federal government. After two years, states and local communities will have to match funds on a fifty-fifty basis.

Minear said selection and training will be given to unemployed and heads of families and households, but youths 19 to 21 who are unemployed may constitute 5 per cent of the total number.

The money will be provided jointly to the State Education Department and the State Labor Bureau.

TB Test Reactions  
Said Not Alarming

Last Tuesday night 865 residents of Oakridge received tuberculosis skin tests.

Thursday night, approximately 800 of those returned to have the tests "read" for positive or negative reactions.

Of the 800, positive reactions were detected in 113. Lane County Health Officer Harold Lyman advised Friday morning that this number "is nothing to be alarmed about... it is not surprising in an adult population."

Treasurer  
Resigns Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy Friday accepted the resignation of Elizabeth R. Smith as treasurer of the United States.

The chief executive promptly appointed William T. Howell, deputy treasurer, as acting treasurer.

Mrs. Smith's resignation is effective Friday. She plans to return to California to assist Gov. Edmund G. Brown in his reelection campaign. A native of Kentfield, Calif., Mrs. Smith is a Democratic national committeewoman and a close political ally of the governor.

Howell, 49, is a career government employ. Associate Press Secretary Andrew T. Hatcher said he assumed the President would follow the tradition of choosing another woman to fill the post of treasurer.

Mrs. Smith was appointed treasurer on Dec. 18, 1960. She played an active role in Kennedy's presidential campaign and is a leader in California Democratic politics.

Park Accepted  
By Commission

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Highway Commission Friday accepted a gift of 1,213 acres of land on Lane County's coast, and named it the Carl G. Washburne Memorial Park.

The park was donated by the late Mrs. Washburne, widow of a Eugene department store owner who was on the Highway Commission from 1932 to 1935.

The park will contain two miles of ocean frontage, just north of Devil's Elbow State Park. It contains a sandy beach, an unusual growth of wind-blown pines, and other growth.

The Oregon Coast Highway bisects the area, and there will be park development on both sides of the highway.

China Creek is in the eastern part of the park, and Hecla Head Lighthouse is just south of the new park.

No. 2 Producer  
Rescinds Boost

WASHINGTON (AP)—The steel price front cracked open Friday and the government sought to pound a big defense-buying wedge into the opening.

Bethlehem Steel Corp., the nation's second biggest producer, rescinded the \$6-a-ton increase it had placed into effect Thursday.

It acted shortly after Inland Steel Co. broke ranks and announced it would not join the price boosting parade led off Tuesday by the U.S. Steel Corp., the giant of the industry.

Kaiser Steel Corp. came through with an announcement that it will not raise mill prices now, although it may find it necessary to do so later. The current price is about \$150 per ton.

Bethlehem said it still regards a price boost as needed but that it backedtracked in order to remain competitive. Bethlehem's capacity is about one-sixth of the nation's total.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara ordered steel buying for defense production shifted to companies that have not raised prices.

Roger M. Blough, chairman of U.S. Steel, said Thursday it would be difficult to hold the price increase line if Inland and Armco held back. Armco is the sixth largest producer.

"Good, good," President Kennedy said when he heard the news about Inland. "Very good."

This was a break that Kennedy obviously had been hoping for since he lashed out at his news conference Wednesday against what he called a "wholly unjustifiable and irresponsible" price rise initiated by U.S. Steel.

Andrew T. Hatcher, assistant presidential press secretary, told newsmen after another White House huddle on the steel situation that Kennedy and his top level aides were gratified by the Inland Steel decision.

The President had left the capital to witness Atlantic fleet maneuvers when Bethlehem announced its industry-shaking decision to rescind the price boost, and there was no immediate White House comment.

## Defense Buying Order

McNamara's defense buying order was announced within minutes after Inland Steel took its stand in a Chicago statement. Philip D. Block, vice chairman of the Inland Board, said in reply to a question that "we have not been in touch with the White House."

Behind the rapid fire surface developments, a gigantic struggle was under way between the U.S. government and Big Steel. The immediate objective of the Kennedy administration—attained in Bethlehem's case—was to try to force a reversal of the increase that spread through major segments of the steel industry Wednesday and Thursday.

Grand jury subpoenas went out to some of the companies that followed U.S. Steel's lead in what Blough called a necessary upward price adjustment in the competitive race with foreign producers.

Subpoenas also were served on some company officials, including Armco, who were still on the sidelines.

The subpoenas directed company officials to appear with their price-cost data at a New York grand jury probe ordered by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The attorney general was quoted as saying he wants to determine whether the steel companies "got together and raised prices."

"If they did that, they would be in violation of the law and they would be subject to criminal penalties," he said, adding: "The second question is if one company, namely U.S. Steel, so dominates the industry that it controls prices and should be broken up."

"These matters are under study. All that can be done will be done."

Among steel companies disclosing they have been subpoenaed to appear next Friday in addition to U.S. Steel and Armco, were Bethlehem; Republic, No. 3; Jones & Laughlin, No. 4; National, No. 5; Youngstown Sheet & Tube, No. 7.

Armco is the sixth ranking producer and Inland Steel is the No. 8 firm.

## 25 Per Cent of Nation's Output

Between them, Bethlehem, Armco and Inland have more than 25 per cent of the nation's productive capacity.

At the Pentagon, Secretary McNamara called in reporters on short notice and repeated what he had told President Kennedy: That if the steel price increase becomes effective it could add a billion dollars or more to the country's annual defense budget.

He thus took direct issue with Blough, who told a nationwide television audience Thursday that the extra cost to the Defense Department would be around \$20 million, "and where the billion dollars comes from I don't know."

McNamara, who was president of the Ford Motor Co. when Kennedy named him defense secretary, said he considered the steel price increase "an unjustified development and I state that on the basis of both my experience here and in industry."

McNamara said it is at the direction of Kennedy that the Pentagon is looking for substitutes for steel. He said iron and steel prices have increased 90 per cent since 1947 while nonferrous metals have gone up only 40 per cent.

Two Churches Desecrated  
Thursday Night by Vandals

An outbreak of church vandalism in Eugene this week continued Thursday night as two more churches were struck and their altars desecrated.

One or more vandals entered Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry St., and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 186 E. 13th Ave., and carried out the same damaging tactics seen last Sunday night at Grace Lutheran Church, 710 E. 17th Ave.

In both instances Thursday night, the vandalism occurred while groups were meeting elsewhere in the churches.

At St. Mary's Episcopal, the vandal struck between 7:20 and 8:30 p.m. while a parish family potluck dinner was in progress and a Boy Scout troop committee meeting was being held.

Eucharist candles were broken, a cross was taken from a baptismal font in the chapel and bent double, pages were torn from the altar service book, the church flag was thrown on the floor and another cross and bible markers were thrown under pews. Damage was estimated at \$35.

Some Sunday school notebooks and candles from St. Mary's were found later in Central Presbyterian Church, which was vandalized while deacons met in a hall across the corridor.

All of the damage at Central Presbyterian occurred in front and in back of the sanctuary. Grape juice was poured down the middle aisle carpet, in front of the communion table and on the pages of a large Bible. Records were thrown in a toilet and the contents of an organist briefcase were emptied and scattered.

The pattern was the same as the vandalism at Grace Lutheran Church, where mimeograph ink was dumped over couches and rugs, the pulpit Bible torn up and altar candles broken.