

Debt Ceiling Hike Okayed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate, turning back a Republican economy push, has passed and rushed to the White House a bill temporarily raising the national debt ceiling to a record \$308 billion.

President Kennedy's signature on the measure will prevent the ceiling from reverting automatically to the permanent limit of \$285 billion at midnight Saturday.

Final Senate action came on a 55-34 vote after a GOP move to cut the administration request by \$2 billion was rejected 52-37.

The Senate also turned down a proposal by Sen. Homer E. Capehart, R-Ind., that would have put the Senate on record in

Governor For Prayer Amendment

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Friday he supports efforts to amend the federal Constitution to allow prayer in public schools.

Hatfield, who left Friday for the national governors conference in Hershey, Pa., said he would sound out the governors on it.

"When it becomes necessary to abandon prayerful reverence which has become traditional in some schools," the governor said, "then it is incumbent upon us to restore that desirable element for the benefit of our nation's youth."

Hatfield also said: "The implications of the recent Supreme Court decision are far-reaching."

"The salute to the flag is now under question as is the wording on our coins and currency, expenditures of tax funds for chapels, recitation of the Declaration of Independence, observances of Christmas in school houses, and like presentations of our worship of God."

He said that such an amendment to the Constitution "could dramatically demonstrate to the world one of the greatest features of our system of government and our abiding faith in the Almighty."

Parents of Baby Face Charges

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP)—James Buttrick, 34, and his wife, Barbara, 21, were arrested in Stockton Thursday on a charge of abandoning a baby May 22 in Portland.

The infant, ten-week-old Ginger Louise Buttrick, was left at the University of Oregon Medical School. The baby was identified by Mrs. Buttrick's mother and placed under foster care.

The couple will be returned to Portland to face charges, Portland police said Friday.



Off To Mexico

President and Mrs. Kennedy chat with Secretary of State Dean Rusk on the White House lawn Friday before boarding a helicopter for Andrews Air Force base and a jet trip to Mexico City. Kennedy conferred with Rusk who returned to Washington Thursday night from his European tour.

Cash Registers 'Playing Our Song'

World's Fair Tills Bulge With Bucks

By PAUL WELLS
Of the Associated Press
SEATTLE—The two P's—people and pocketbooks—have the big bucks of the Seattle World's Fair laughing all the way to the bank.

Attendance and revenue during the first two months of the 184-day exposition have run well ahead of expectations.

And barring the totally unexpected this will be the first world's fair in history to show a profit on an operation of a year or less.

"It's a real success story of which we're mighty proud," says Ewen C. Dingwall, general manager.

Things are not quite far enough along for blowing whistles, putting on paper hats and dancing in the streets to celebrate, but consider what's been done in the first 60 days.

Attendance, past the 2½-million mark, was 650,000 ahead of projections based on an estimated six-month total of 9,250,000.

(While the figures in this account are based on a 60-day period, fair officials Thursday released attendance figures for 69 days. The figures show that 3,124,262 persons had passed through the gates up to that point.)

The fair's 550 Seattle underwriters, who pledged \$4.5 million during the critical planning days when the whole venture teetered on the brink of failure, will be paid off by July 21, four months ahead of schedule. This will save \$30,000 in interest and handling costs.

The privately-operated monorail, a tremendous hit, logged 2,058,460 one-way passenger trips since opening day April 21, has paid the \$2,150,000 construction cost for the terminals and overhead beamways, and will have the system's entire \$4.2 million contract amortized before the end of the fair.

The 607-foot Space Needle, symbol of the fair, has attracted about 850,000 customers to its lofty observation deck and revolving restaurant, and is well on the way toward getting back the \$4.3 million it cost to build.

The fair's skyway ride, an aerial tramway with cars which shuttle from one corner of the 74-acre grounds to the other, has given more than 600,000 visitors a birds-eye view.

But the keystone for the healthy glow of financial well-being was the successful advance ticket sale.

The fair's backers months ago predicted they'd be lucky to sell 700,000 advance tickets and have \$1,680,000 in the till.

Instead public demand sent the total to more than 3.8 million tickets and revenue to about \$9.1 million.

Harry Henke III, administrative vice president who keeps an eye on cost control, cautions, "This doesn't mean the fair is on easy street," but he concedes it's turned the corner.

After the underwriters are paid off the space-age exposition is on its own, and just like the average bread-winner must live within its income.

"We've got to finish in the black," says Dingwall, "because anything else would be disaster. Some of our people wouldn't get their salaries, suppliers wouldn't be paid. So we can't let that happen. If it takes belt-tightening to break even that's the way it will be."

Everything hasn't been an unqualified success, but the balance sheet is heavily weighted on the good side.

Among the miscalculations have been the need for housing and parking. There's a surplus of both to date.

The principal casualty—and resultant biggest headache for

the fair—was the failure of an ambitious trailer-motel venture known as Travelers Village, Inc., headed by a Yakima, Wash., builder, Lloyd Hammerstad.

The company had received 1,400 reservations and taken advance payments of \$95,000 when it folded in mid-June. The advances were not refunded.

The fair picked up the tab of nearly \$20,000 to provide free housing for those with reservations who arrived before notices could be sent out telling of the situation. An appeal to Seattle residents to help with free lodging was only a partial success.

Then the fair sued Hammerstad to recover his company's assets, and he planned to counter sue on grounds the fair had failed to live up to promises to send enough business his way so he could succeed. Hammerstad said he lost \$120,000, most of his life savings.

Parking lot operators also have been crying the blues. About 25 per cent of the fair's visitors have traveled to the grounds on the monorail. And more private lots were cleared for parking around the fair than had been expected. Some parking operators who started out charging \$2 and \$2.50 for the day have cut their price to \$1.

These things, of course, have little to do with the fair, itself.

Inside, for the fair moguls the cash registers "are playing our song."

Slain Man's Car Found

SEATTLE (AP)—A car belonging to one of two men found slain on a farm near Battle Ground, in Clark County, was found in a parking lot in Seattle Thursday.

Police said the car was registered to Charles S. Hale, 71. He and his brother-in-law, Lester McCollum, 67, were found dead last Sunday on the farm a mile southeast of Battle Ground.

In Vancouver, Wash., Clark County Sheriff Clarence McKay said it was a double murder.

McCollum had rope burns on his neck and wrists, and both had wounds on the backs of their heads.

There was no sign of a struggle. McCollum's empty wallet was on a chair near his body, and drawers of a dresser were open. Hale's wallet, however, with money in it, was still in his pocket.

Kennedys Plan to Attend Mass In Famous Mexican Basilica

By JACK RUTLEDGE
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MEXICO CITY — President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy plan to attend Mass Sunday at the Basilica of Guadalupe, one of the Americas' most famous Catholic shrines—and the site of the signing of the U.S.-Mexican peace treaty in 1847.

The story of the basilica is regarded by Catholics as the most beautiful in religious literature.

By this account, the Virgin Mary appeared on the site Dec. 9, 10 and 12, 1531, during a time of extreme crisis for Mexican Indians. The worst elements of the conquering Spaniards were enslaving, debauching and killing Mexicans.

The Virgin appeared before a peasant named Juan Diego near a village named Guadalupe and asked that a church be built on the site of her apparition, about

three miles from what is the heart of Mexico City.

Juan Diego had trouble convincing the Catholic bishop of this, but finally did so when he produced a shawl full of rare red roses found on an arid, cactus-covered hillside, and a painting of the Virgin on his shawl.

Bishop Don Fray Juan de Zumarraga ordered construction of a hermitage which grew into a parochial church, then a collegiate church, and finally became the basilica as it now stands.

The first stone of a permanent church was laid Sept. 10, 1600, and featured the tilma, or shawl, with the Virgin's portrait.

Another church, basically the same as the one which stands today, was started March 25, 1695. The basilica has withstood earthquakes, warfare, and the sinking subsoil peculiar to Mexico City.

It stands today slightly cracked and weather-beaten, one section tilting noticeably, and in need of major repairs. It is not the largest cathedral in Mexico, but it attracts five million pilgrims a year.

Emperor Maximilian and Empress Carlotta began their short-lived reign by being received there in 1864.

The Virgin of Guadalupe, as she became known, was proclaimed the patron saint of Mexico City May 26, 1737. A smallpox epidemic which had taken a toll of 40,157 lives immediately ended, church records say.

Patronage Extended

In 1740 coronation of the Virgin of Guadalupe was granted and in 1757 her patronage was extended to all New Spain, which included most of Latin America.

She became even more important to Mexico when in 1821 a solemn novena began for winning independence from Spain—a ceremony presided over by priests who were mainly Spaniards.

The peace treaty between Mexico and the United States was signed there Feb. 2, 1847, ending a controversial war in which the United States invaded and defeated Mexico.

Pope Pius X reaffirmed in 1910 the patronage of the Virgin throughout all Latin America. In 1945, the church recognized

Tugman Still Critical

Tom Tugman, 34, former Register-Guard reporter and son of the late R-G Editor William Tugman, was reported improved but still in critical condition Friday in a Cheyenne, Wyo., hospital where he was taken after his light plane crashed Wednesday at Douglas, Wyo. Tugman's mother lives at Gardiner, Ore.

the apparition as a miracle.

Pope Pius XII said on Oct. 12 of that year: "On the shores of Lake Texcoco flowered the miracle, and on the cloak of humble Juan Diego was painted a most lovely portrait, by brushing which the corrosive work of centuries was marvelously to respect. . . . Hail, O Virgin of Guadalupe, Empress of America and Queen of Mexico."

Careful Examination

This portrait probably will be seen by President Kennedy, although it is normally on public display only on Dec. 12.

Top artists of the 17th century examined the shawl carefully and reported "it is impossible that any human artist could have painted or created a work so smooth and outstanding and beautifully formed on a fabric so coarse and rough."

Skeptics, and there were many of them in the church itself, would not consider the painting a miracle. In 1789 one named Dr. Bartolache ordered a duplicate and was given church permission to install it in the Pocioito church.

Seven years later the salt-petre and humidity had almost ruined the painting and it was removed from public view. The original, then 265 years old, was still well-preserved—and is today, after 430 years.

10 Convicts Still Atop Prison Tower

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Ten defiant convicts holding out atop a water tower in Western Correctional Institution in protest against what they called "inhuman" treatment of inmates faced the toughest test of their four-day rebellion Friday.

With a hot, sunny day and temperatures in the 90s forecast, prison officials predicted the rebels would give up and come down from the catwalk of the water tower 80 feet above the prison yard.

So far, three of the original 13 have cracked under the strain of thirst and hunger. One came down Thursday and two the previous day.

William Ziefle, 21, gave up against the mounting odds in mid-afternoon Thursday and climbed down a ladder into the waiting arms of guards. Ziefle, serving 9 months to 2 years for armed robbery, would have served his minimum term on July 30.

He was rushed to the prison hospital where authorities said he was suffering from dehydration.

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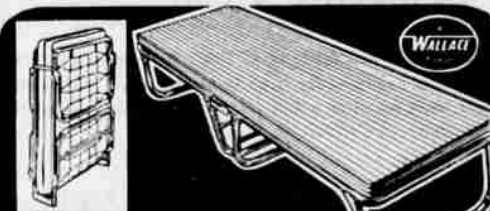
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