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Future of Mirror Pond Pageant Uncertain

Berlin Airlift Elimination In Prospect

By John B. McDermott
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, July 29 (AP)—The Berlin airlift, massive aerial supply run which cracked the Soviet blockade and dealt Russia her greatest defeat of the East-West cold war, will be eliminated gradually by beginning next Monday.

The United States and Great Britain, in a joint statement by their military governments, announced today the sliding-scale demobilization of the greatest peacetime military operation in history.

The western allies emphasized that their air forces would stand alert to renew the airlift "if necessary"—meaning if Russia again should impose the land blockade of Berlin.

A skeleton force of American and British planes will stand by and make occasional runs to Berlin as "training exercises" to keep in trim. In an emergency the whole vast armada can be thrown back into action.

Cost 70 Lives

It was the airlift which, at a cost of millions of dollars and 70 American and British lives, convinced the Russians they could not starve or freeze out West Berlin's 2,500,000 inhabitants.

And in the long-range strategic view, it proved, in the words of its commander, Maj. Gen. William H. Turner, that "given the airplanes, we can supply anywhere in the world with any amount in any kind of weather."

The decision to end the airlift, the allies said, was prompted by western Berlin's favorable supply position.

Rail, road and canal links between Berlin and the western zones of Germany were reopened—last May 12 after the soviet blockade had lasted 327 days.

The airlift began June 26, 1948, seven days after the Soviets began their blockade of Berlin. Two flying fortresses landed at Tempelhof airfield in the American sector with emergency supplies.

From that humble beginning the airlift grew into a cargo fleet of 380 planes that roared into Berlin, day and night, fair weather and foul. The tonnage climbed to 4,000 a day, 5,000, and finally to an average of more than 8,000.

Impressions of Central Oregon Visitors

Two cars from Texas, others from Indiana, California, Iowa, and Pennsylvania stood on Wall street today while their owners asked directions to meals, haircuts, bromo seltzer and bakeries. A loaded car with Vancouver, B.C., plate looked most interesting.

It contained a blue-eyed family of English folk: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rutherford, with two of their six children, Lyndell, 17, and Helen, 15.

At home in or near Burnaby, is Mary, a nurse who couldn't get time off; and married sons and daughter, Peter, Bob and Dorothy.

"Talk to the boss," smiled Mr. Rutherford when accosted by a reporter. "No, Dad, you talk," Mrs. Rutherford replied.

The family is completing a 7500-mile trip. They first went to Winnipeg, pausing for the Calgary stampede; then they crossed into the USA, dipping down to Kansas City, Mo., and zig-zagging to any and all well-known spots of interest until they got into California.

"Never saw so much corn in all my life as is growing in Iowa this year," commented Lyndell.

"Plains country; that's fascinating," said Helen. "We look out our windows at home and see mountains in every direction. This flat country intrigues me."

Mr. Rutherford is manager of a Hoover Electric company. The girls belong to youth organizations similar to Girl Scouts here. They attend high school, and ski, during the winters. Before leaving Bend they plan a dip in the Bend pool.

BANKER PAROLED

New York, July 29 (AP)—Dennis Doble, respected Cincinnati banker who became a key figure in a \$50,000,000-a-year crooked numbers racket, was held for the grand jury today but was paroled in the custody of detectives because of "sinister figures" in the case, it was announced.

Reclamation Head to Visit Prineville

Prineville, July 29 (Special)—The president of the National Reclamation association, Harry Polk, publisher of the Williston, N. D., Herald, will visit Oregon next week, according to Kenneth W. Sawyer, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce agriculture department.

Following Polk's arrival by plane he will speak Wednesday in Salem, Thursday noon in Medford, and Thursday evening in Prineville, where local reclamation leaders, headed by A. R. Bowman, are planning a dinner honoring Polk, at Ochocho Inn. Bowman is chairman of the reclamation committee of Prineville-Crook county chamber of commerce.

Flying Own Plane

President Polk succeeded Robert W. Sawyer, Bend, as head of the National Reclamation association. Sawyer, and directors of central Oregon irrigation districts and others interested in plans for reclamation development, are expected to attend the Prineville dinner and speech.

Polk will fly his own plane to the northwest. He has expressed eagerness to meet all interested groups for discussion of reclamation policies. He will report on the reclamation situation on a nationwide front, and will recount administration activities in Washington, D. C.

Salem Contractor Offers Low Bid On REA Building

A contract proposal of \$48,888 offered by Allen A. Siewert, Salem contractor, on the construction of the Central Electric cooperative office and warehouse building in Redmond, was low of three bids submitted on the project, John Norlin, co-op manager, announced today.

School Clerk Facing Charges

Hillsboro, July 29 (AP)—Mrs. Eva C. Tonissaaen, 52-year-old former school clerk, today was in Washington county jail charged with forging \$8694.35 in warrants on the Mountaineer school district No. 69.

Mrs. Tonissaaen, who now resides at Cornelius, was arrested today by Sheriff R. H. Busch on complaint of the school district auditor.

Busch and District attorney G. Russell Morgan said the woman admitted forging the warrants, but refused to say what she did with the money.

Mrs. Tonissaaen was clerk of the Mountaineer school until its consolidation last year with two other districts. Busch said she had several blank warrants in her possession.

The complaint charges she forged the name of Nicolai Mathiesen, chairman of the school board, to the warrants and cashed them at a Hillsboro bank. Mrs. Tonissaaen was being held for the grand jury. No bail has been set.

New Registration Plan Announced

Notified by the Oregon selective service headquarters that it is planning to place the tri-county office in Bend on a one-day-a-week basis, arrangements have been made with Helen Ducey, Deschutes county clerk, to accept Deschutes registrations on the "off" days, J. D. Donovan, Bend, tri-county board chairman, announced today.

When this new arrangement becomes effective, it will be possible for Deschutes county boys to register at the county clerk's office on the days they reach their 18th birthdays.

Donovan said he is advising board members in Jefferson and Crook counties to make similar arrangements.

Registrations accepted by the county clerks will be turned over to the tri-county board for processing.

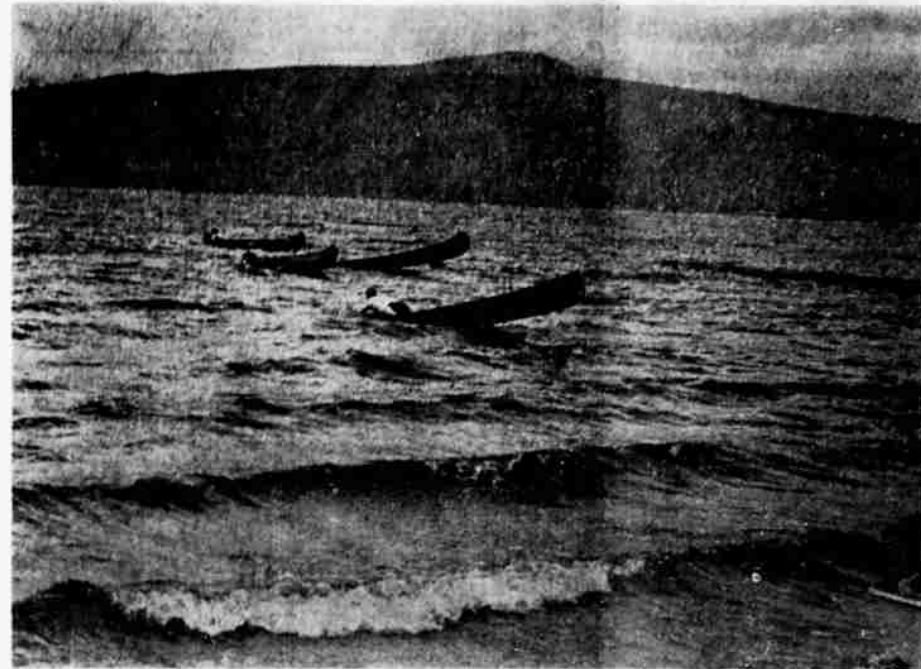
Portland Facing Streetcar Strike

Portland, July 29 (AP)—The Streetcar Men's union is scheduled to meet with officials of the Portland Traction Co. here today in an attempt to avert a threatened walkout Sunday.

The union issued the strike threat yesterday charging the traction company with attempting to cut wages 10 per cent and to change the terms of the arbitration agreement signed March 31. The union declared its members would walk out Sunday if steps were not taken to proceed under the agreement. The arbitration agreement had averted a strike set for April 1.

The union has demanded pay increases of 25 cents an hour and several fringe issues.

Boy Scouts Use Hands for Oars in Canoe Race



Here is a canoe race in which oars were banned, as Boy Scout leaders engaged in competition earlier this week at Crescent lake, location of the scout summer camp. Using their hands, the boys "rowed" from the prow of their light boats. The water was choppy and the day was cold.

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Bids on the proposed building were opened in Redmond last night. Other proposals made were \$50,900 by Wegman and company, of Portland, and \$51,920 by Robert M. Bowen, Redmond contractor.

Norlin said that award of contract would probably be announced in a week or so. He explained that approval of the contract must be given by the rural electrification administration.

According to plans the building will hold 6000 square feet of office space on one floor. The specifications call for a masonry constructed building with brick cavity walls. It will have a concrete slab floor and a flat, built-up roof. Approximately one-half of the building will be given over to office space and the other half will be a warehouse.

The new structure, to replace temporary quarters, will be on the McKenzie highway, in the southwest part of Redmond.

East Hard Hit By Hot Weather

(By United Press)

Temperatures climbed toward the middle 90's for the fifth consecutive day on the eastern seaboard today, while midwesterners awaited a promised cool air mass from Canada.

Five persons died in New York city yesterday. Merchants complained of rotting fruit and vegetables in their stores as consumers' appetites wilted in the heat. Office staffs were sent home and the city, which invariably impresses visitors with its hustle and bustle, slowed down.

The Midwest was hot, but cool air from Canada already had dropped temperatures in the upper Mississippi valley.

Occasional violent summer storms swept across the Midwest. A three-hour thunder storm struck Muscatine, Ia., leaving the city without electrical service and stopping city industries.

Cooler on Coast

Residents along the Pacific coast enjoyed normal cool weather.

As the temperature soared yesterday to 100 at Charleston, S.C., 98.6 at Boston, 93 at Washington and 94 at Chicago and Atlanta, the mercury rose to only 61 at Newport, Ore., 64 at Oakland, Cal., 66 at North Bend, Ore., and 68 at Los Angeles.

It got so hot at Everett, Mass., that an unidentified man lost the seat of his trousers. When he arose from his seat in a bus, his trousers clung to the hot leatherette.

Mystery Witness Appears Before Senate Committee, In '5 Per Cent' Inquiry

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, July 29 (AP)—John Maragon, a mystery man around the White House, was called for further questioning behind closed doors today by senate investigators looking into the activity of Washington "five per centers."

Maragon's name first was drawn into the case yesterday when he was questioned at a secret session of the senate investigating committee. He returned today for further questioning by the committee.

The Malta-born Greek-American, who has operated with equal ease on two continents at one time or another, vigorously demanded a full public hearing before the senate investigating sub-committee which questioned him in a secret session yesterday.

Chairman Clyde R. Hoey, D., N. C., would not comment directly on Maragon's request. But he said "when the time comes for public hearings, we'll give everybody whose name has been mentioned a full opportunity to be heard."

Aug. 8 Date Set

Hoey said the sub-committee had agreed tentatively on Aug. 8 as a starting date for public hearings on the "influence industry." He did not reveal who would be the first witness.

Maragon, a one-time Kansas City bootblack, was once a close friend of President Truman's military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan. His name was brought into the current inquiry when members of the sub-committee staff began looking into the activities of James V. Hunt, an accused "five per center."

The self-assured Maragon, who had a free run of the White House during early days of the Truman administration, at first denied flatly that he had appeared before the senate sub-committee.

He told reporters who questioned him at the capitol that he had been "cutting grass" at his home in nearby McLean, Va.

But his appearance had been confirmed by responsible senate sources in a position to know.

Accused by Pearson

Maragon finally dictated a brief statement to wire service reporters last night in a remote corner room of the capitol, while the senate was in night session below.

He said that, when columnist Drew Pearson accused him on July 20 of being a "50 per center," he went to Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R., S. D., of the investigating sub-committee and asked a full hearing "as soon as possible."

"Today the committee received my testimony in executive session," he said. He testified for only 17 minutes.

Asked point blank if he were a five per center or a 50 per center, he said:

"I have never been a five per center. Certainly never a 50 per center, or any other kind of a per center."

CONTRACTOR LEAVES

The contractor in charge of grading and cinder work for Bend municipal airport, M. L. O'Neil of Eugene, is to leave tomorrow for a week, during which he will complete another government job, it was announced today. The job is at Eugene. Drilled holes and catch-basins are to be completed in his absence.

Deschutes Pioneers Will Picnic

Pioneers of the Deschutes country will hold their third annual mid-summer picnic this evening at Pioneer park, place where survivors of the Clark massacre on Snake river camped just short of 100 years ago.

In the group present for this evening's picnic will be descendants of a survivor of the massacre, Grace Clark Vandeventer, who was partly scalped and shot when Indians attacked the Clark wagon train. The party camped on the Deschutes while Grace Clark recuperated.

The picnic this evening will start at 6 o'clock, with members to bring sack lunches. Coffee and ice cream will be served by the committee. A feature of the get together will be a display of old-time pictures.

E. A. Smith is president of the Deschutes Pioneers' association this year, with Mrs. Claude McCauley serving as secretary.

Eva Todd Bennett, acclaimed queen of the Deschutes pioneers at the group's annual meeting in December, will be a guest of honor at tonight's outing. It is expected that at least 300 persons will be in attendance at the picnic.

Tables for the picnic will be provided by the county, it was announced today. Earlier, a report had been made that members bring card tables. This has been cancelled.

Forest Officials Plan Inspection

John Sieker, chairman of the recreation and lands division of U. S. forest service, will be in central Oregon Friday from Washington, D.C., on an inspection tour of the Deschutes national forest. William Naylor, administrative assistant at Federal building headquarters, said today.

Sieker will be accompanied by Frank Folsom, assistant regional forester in Portland. Folsom is in charge of recreation and lands. A third member of the party will be William N. Parke, assistant from Portland.

The group will be met on arrival from Diamond lake at Crescent lake, Friday, by Newell Cory, district ranger.

They will be joined later by Ralph Crawford, supervisor of Deschutes national forest, now on business in Portland. After inspection of recreation facilities here, they will leave Tuesday for other Oregon forests.

Redmond School Contract Let

Award of contract for construction of the Redmond grade school building No. 3, Monday was made to Wegman and company, of Portland, a firm which made a basic bid on the job in the amount of \$135,000. Total cost of the project, however, with the addition of maximum excavation estimates and an architect's fee, will amount to \$149,256.48, according to Hugh Hartman, school superintendent.

Voters of the grade school district authorized a \$140,000 bond issue to finance the construction of the nine-room building. A continuing levy provides \$15,000 annually for construction, and funds will be drawn this year from that sum to cover costs in excess of the bond.

Wegman and company specified a 120-day completion schedule on the job.

Hartman expects to have a list of Wegman and company's subcontract awards next week.

PLAN OVER-NIGHT RIDE

Rim Rock Riders are planning an over-night ride for Saturday and Sunday, to the camp ground near Lava island, on the Deschutes south of Bend. Riders are to leave from the cavalry barns at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Camping equipment should be taken to the barns not later than 1 p.m. Saturday, to be transported to the camp site in the chuckwagon, those in charge have announced. Members were asked to call Mrs. Maurice Hoover, phone 351-R, for additional information.

FORCED LANDING MADE

Vancouver, B.C., July 29 (AP)—Four persons, including the pilot, escaped serious injury when a Queen Charlotte airlines plane made a forced landing on rugged Digby Island, 20 miles west of Prince Rupert, B.C., a company official said here today.

Directors Report Deficit Second Consecutive Year; May Have to Abandon Show

Expenses involved in presenting Bend 1949 Mirror pond pageant and Fourth of July show this year exceeded revenue by some \$1100, federal taxes not included, and as a result the future of the local river fête is uncertain. Expenses aggregated \$16,600 and income about \$15,500.

This information highlighted a special meeting of the Bend Stampede and Water Pageant association last night, in the Rixe real estate office. W. J. Baer, president of the association, was in charge.

This year's deficit coupled with that of last year approximates \$4,000. When federal taxes on this year's show are computed, the 1949 deficit may go over the \$2,000 mark. However, committeemen said this total will be pared if promised contributions are received. But partly offsetting the expected revenues are bills that are still coming in.

Change Approved

A change in the organization's fiscal year was approved, one new director was elected and a report on the "lost fireworks" presented at the two-hour meeting.

To meet the mounting obligations, it is planned either to mortgage or sell, the association's 40 acres, plus a 37-acre water right, just south of town. The association originally purchased this as the site for a rodeo plant and, with this in mind, it was turned over to the city for development.

At its meeting Wednesday, the city will be asked to turn the tract back to the association. A committee of three, N. R. Gilbert, A. J. Glassow and A. T. Niebergall, was named to determine whether the acreage, just south of Roosevelt avenue, in an area of considerable development, can be mortgaged, to provide sufficient funds to meet the association's obligations. If this cannot be done, sale of the rodeo grounds will be considered. Association officials said they will take this final action reluctantly, for it virtually nullifies plans for the development here of a rodeo arena.

Follies Lost Money

The difference between profit and loss in the recent Fourth of July show was principally the river follies, presented by Portland aquatic stars. The association had guaranteed the swimmers \$2500 for their two-day show and the revenue was only about \$1500. Arch construction also exceeded estimates, aggregating \$1933. Total cost of constructing the arch, boom and seats was approximately \$4600.

By-laws of the association were amended last night, changing the annual meetings from mid-year to the second Wednesday in September. This year new directors will be named and officers elected. It is expected that a decision will be reached at the September meeting as to whether a pageant will be held in 1950. Some members last night expressed a belief that if "frills," such as the aquatic show, are eliminated the pageant will pay its own way. Construction costs, it was agreed, are excessive. It was also pointed out that the "take" from seats is small, after construction costs and amusement taxes are paid.

Disarmament Hope Doubted By Johnson

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, July 19 (AP)—Declaring he would never trust Russia, Defense secretary Louis Johnson said today he could see no hope for peace through disarmament. "We fell for that once," he said.

"The only hope for peace lies in strong American arms and a strong American economy," he told the house foreign affairs committee.

While testifying in support of President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 arms aid plan for western Europe, Johnson was asked for assurance that the United States, within the framework of the United Nations, still is "ready to disarm when the rest are ready."

"We fell for that once," Johnson shot back. "I think there is peace for the world only in a strong, armed America."

"There are powers in the world I wouldn't trust for a moment so far as disarming is concerned," Johnson did not mention Europe, by name. But it was unmistakable he meant the soviet union.

Must Be Inspection

Later, however, Johnson said that some disarmament agreement might some day be possible, when there is some dependable system of inspection and other safeguards.

"But with the forces that are loose in the world today, the hope for peace lies in strong American arms and a strong American economy," he said.

Johnson's views on disarmament were given in the question-and-answer exchange which followed a prepared statement. In that statement he said that unless arms aid is sent immediately to Europe the United States some time might have to go to war to liberate the countries from an aggressor.

He said that the \$1,450,000,000 arms program is, in his opinion, the first installment of what probably will be a four or five year program.

Johnson said he "hopes" but is not certain that costs of the military assistance program in future years will decline.

NO ACTION PLANNED

Washington, July 29 (AP)—The house will take no further action at this session on a \$613,000,000 military construction program approved by the armed services committee.

Geologists Plan Field Jaunt

A field trip to the McKenzie pass country, where lava flows and buttes will be studied and the trails of ancient glaciers traced, has been scheduled by the Deschutes Geology club for Sunday, with 9 a.m. set as the departure time from Bend. The group will meet in front of the Bend post office shortly before 9.

Originally the club had planned a trip into the Gray ranch area of upper Crooked river, to collect fossil leaves, but plans were changed on the receipt of information that there is danger of rattlesnakes this season.

Plans for the Sunday outing to the pass country were made at a picnic meeting of the club last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Winney, north of town.