



MUCH ZEAL — Felix, the bull elephant seal, puts a lot of "zeal" in his display of affection for keeper Franz Eck at the Frankfurt Zoo in West Germany.

Kennedy gets star-spangled birthday salute in N.Y.

NEW YORK (UPI) — President Kennedy did not get any songs Thursday night but he got an outpouring of tributes from Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and other celebrities, the tone of which set by the show's producer, lyricist Alan Jay Lerner. He called Kennedy "our matinee idol supreme."

The performers included Carol Channing, Bob Newhart, Ann-Margret, Jimmy Durante, Peter Lawford, Mitch Miller, Van Johnson, Mel Ferrer, Eddie Fisher, Robert Preston, Tony Randall, Ed Sullivan, David Susskind, Henry Fonda, Bobby Darin, Leslie Uggams and Louis Armstrong.

Actress Audrey Hepburn concluded the show by leading the entire audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to the President, while a huge red, white and blue birthday cake was wheeled out. That was when the politicians took over.

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General fund gets \$5.5 million shot in arm

SALEM (UPI) — The general fund today had a \$5.5 million shot in the arm to keep the state from going into the red in the 37 days remaining in this biennium.

The Senate approved transferring the sum from the veterans bond sinking fund to the general fund, where it can pay for state services.

The money represents the remainder of funds the state advanced to the veterans program years ago to get it started.

The bill went to Gov. Mark Hatfield for certain signature, since he originally proposed the transfer. Some services were cut back because of a shortage.

Long Day

The House and Senate worked through long calendars.

The House passed a bill revising penalties for murder.

The bill would make parole possible in first degree murder cases only after 10 years of imprisonment. It would drop the maximum sentence for second degree murder from life in prison to 25 years.

Rep. Berkeley Lent, D-Portland, called it purely a "sop" to win voter support for abolishing capital punishment. He said the figures were arbitrary.

The vote for passage was 35-25. The bill returned to the Senate for concurrence in house changes.

Amendments OK'd

Bills reinforcing farmer bargaining groups and overhauling local budget procedures went to the governor after the House accepted Senate amendments.

The Senate passed a House bill

Tax snarl has session at standstill

SALEM (UPI) — The seven-day old tax deadlock today showed first signs of grinding legislative proceedings to a standstill.

Neither the House nor Senate planned to hold sessions Saturday.

House Speaker Clarence Barton said "unless they settle the tax problem there's no reason to meet tomorrow, the calendar is clear."

Senate Reading Clerk Walter Daggett said the upper chamber probably would not meet Saturday because the calendar is clear.

Senate President Ben Musa was governor today because Gov. Mark Hatfield is in Arkansas.

Asked when he thought the session would end, Musa replied, "in the future."

This was the 131st calendar day of the session, and most legislators had thought they would have adjourned and gone home by now.

requiring doctors to report cases of children who have suffered physical abuse.

It also passed House bills taxing charter boats, and limiting landowners liability in an effort to encourage the opening of private lands to the public.

The House passed two bills intended to improve salmon research. One was the State Fish Commission budget, including \$128,000 in general fund money for research and \$2.3 million in federal money for hatchery programs.

The other requires that salmon tag money be divided equally between the Fish Commission, which conducts much of the research, and the Game Commission.

Silver measure goes to Kennedy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Thursday passed and sent to President Kennedy legislation replacing \$1 and \$2 silver certificates with Federal Reserve notes backed by 25 per cent gold.

The treasury said the rising cost and short supply of silver made such action necessary.

Once Kennedy signs the bill, the Treasury will stop buying silver and use 1.6 billion ounces of bullion now on hand to make new coins, which officials say will last up to 18 years.

Sen. A. Willis Robertson, D-Va., chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, assured senators that the measure will not constitute a further drain on the nation's gold reserves. He said the transition from silver certificates to Federal Reserve notes will be gradual.

The bill was approved 68-10. Opponents conceded silver legislation was needed, but claimed Congress should have investigated further before acting.

The bill also would repeal the Silver Purchase Act, which has been in effect for three decades but is obsolete as far as controlling prices is concerned.



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Haiti police seek Barbot in bombing

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (UPI) — Haitian police stepped up their efforts today to track down fugitive terrorist leader Clement Barbot, suspected of directing the latest bombings against Francois Duvalier's government.

Four blasts went off early Thursday morning in the vicinity of the Paraguay school in Port Au Prince.

Scattered pistol shots accompanied by shouts and the sounds of speeding cars followed the explosion.

Police cordoned off the school

and it was not possible to determine the extent of damage or whether any of the peasants and militiamen temporarily housed there were injured.

Six persons were killed and several injured Tuesday night when the school was bombed along with three others.

All Haitian schools are in recess this month as part of the celebrations of "national gratitude" to Duvalier for continuing as president past the end of his legal term May 15.

The capital was completely

tranquil during the daylight hours and Duvalier seemed to be in firm control of the nation despite the continued terrorism and international pressures against him.

(In Washington, the U.S. State Department summoned American Ambassador Raymond Thurston home from Port Au Prince today for consultations. Department spokesman Lincoln White said he did not know when or if Thurston would return to Haiti.)

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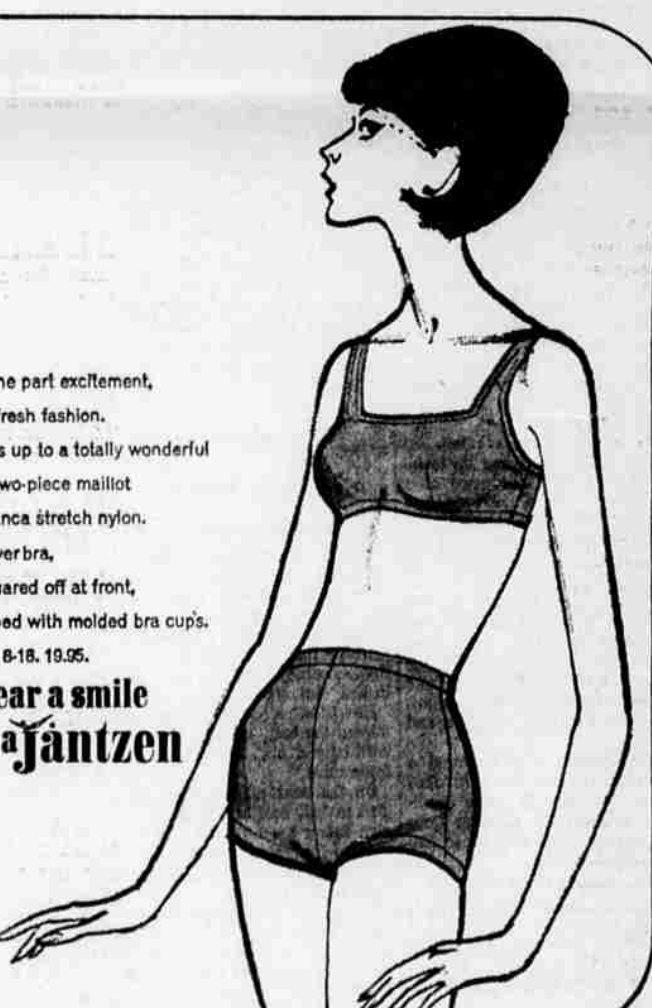
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