



FIRST DAY OF CLASSES—Vivian Malone, center, asks questions of two fellow students on her first day of classes at the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa.

Gift cuff links, bracelets cost travel agency shattering \$1.6 million in cuts

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Gift cuff links and bracelets passed out by the U.S. travel service at a cost of \$2.14 million to the taxpayers today cost the agency a shattering \$1.6 million.

That was the sum the House Appropriations Committee, peeved and perturbed at the agency's promotional efforts to woo foreign visitors to this country, dropped out of the travel service's proposed new \$4.2 million budget.

The congressmen said it was a heck of a way to spend the taxpayer's money and swung the economy ax to show their indignation.

The lawmakers took the action while cutting \$308 million from a

\$2.1 billion appropriation the administration requested to run the State, Justice and Commerce departments and several independent agencies during the fiscal year starting July 1.

Fourteen Per Cent Less

The committee wound up approving a \$1.8 billion bill, or 14 per cent less than President Kennedy asked.

The House group also didn't think much of the way the travel service set up six overseas offices. The cost of operating the offices was \$222,382. But the con-

gressmen noted acidly that the agency spent \$192,690 for "planning and supervision" and decorating them.

The committee took a dim view, too, of the State Department's request to add 570 employees to its payroll. All of the new jobs were denied.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), however, battled 100 per cent, getting every penny of the \$147 million it wanted, including an additional 550 employees.

"Director J. Edgar Hoover personally justifies the request for funds for the FBI and answers the questions concerning the details of the budget estimate," the House report said.

Note FBI Convictions

"He is accompanied before the committee by two assistants. This is in contrast with some of the other agencies which are represented by a retinue of 20 or more witnesses together with a corridor full of backstoppers."

The lawmakers noted that convictions were obtained against 96.9 per cent of the persons brought to trial by the FBI.

The Civil Rights Commission also got all of the money it requested, \$985,000. But funds for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency were reduced for this year because the House has not yet authorized its continuance.

The committee gave the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) all the money it requested to step up broadcasts to Latin America and Africa by the Voice of America.

The agency's over-all budget was cut \$44 million, but this was still \$6.7 million more than at present.

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Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were scheduled for Monday at St. Ignatius Loyola Church here.

Victor Ridder taken by death

NEW YORK (UPI)—Victor F. Ridder, 77, head of Ridder Publications, Inc., died of a heart attack early today at his Manhattan home.

The Ridder group of newspapers includes the New York Journal of Commerce, the Long Beach, Calif. Independent Press-Telegram, the Pasadena, Calif. Star-News and Independent, the San Jose, Calif. Mercury and News, the Duluth, Minn. Herald and News Tribune, and the St. Paul, Minn. Pioneer Press and Dispatch.

Ridder, a native of New York City, attended De La Salle Institute and Columbia University, and began his career as a newspaperman here in 1905.

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Figures given on government dairy purchases

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department said government purchases of dairy products in May amount to 52 million pounds of butter, 43.8 million pounds of cheese, and 148 million pounds of non-fat dry milk.

These purchases compared with 53.5 million pounds of butter, 32.7 million pounds of cheese, and 214.2 million pounds of nonfat dry milk bought under the price-support program in May, 1962.

The Crop Reporting Board shows that maple syrup production this year was 1,145,000 gallons. This was 21 per cent less than last year and 17 per cent less than average.

The department said this spring's sugaring season was delayed by cold weather and heavy snows. When the sap began to run, the needed farm days and nights did not materialize.

The department announced 1963 crop rye terminal and county price - support rates will range from \$1.29 to \$1.52 per bushel, depending on location. The rates are based on the national average support price of \$1.07 per bushel for rye grading No. 2 or better, or grading No. 3 on the factor of test weight only.

The terminal rates average 2 cents per bushel higher than in 1962.

Supplies of spring vegetables and melons this year are expected to total 52.5 million hundredweight, 5 per cent above last year and 4 per cent above average, the Crop Reporting Board said.

The prospective 1963 planted acreage of nine vegetable crops for commercial processing totals 1,544,820 acres, the board said. This is 7 per cent less than the combined acreage planted to these same crops in 1962 and about 3 per cent below the 1956-61 average.

The nine crops normally account for 93 per cent of the planted acreage of major vegetable crops processed.

FLIER KILLED

KALAMA, Wash. (UPI)—A war surplus BT13 single-engine plane crashed and burned 11 miles east of here Thursday, killing the pilot, Charles Bettinger, Portland.

Bettinger had taken off from Evergreen Airport east of Vancouver to search for a private plane missing since May 2 with four men aboard. A \$1,000 reward had been offered for finding the latter plane.

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Refugees say Communists holding tight rein in Cuba

MIAMI (UPI)—A group of 107 diplomatic refugees, carrying little clothing but loaded with cigars, arrived from Havana Thursday and reported that Cuba was firmly under Russian control.

"All key positions in the military and the police are in Russian hands," said one of the refugees from the Uruguayan Embassy in Havana.

A second Pan American World Airways flight freeing the diplomatic refugees was scheduled to arrive at Miami International Airport today.

\$5 sent Reds for wreath on Lenin's tomb

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI)—William Super sent the Kremlin \$5 for a wreath to be placed on Lenin's tomb. But he admitted today he hasn't received a card of thanks.

"I'm not a Communist," Super insisted to the many persons who called him Thursday. "I'm for peace. That's why I sent the money."

"Five dollars is quite a sacrifice for a man of my means," he added.

Super, 64, is a retired machinist and masseur. He lives along with his dog in a small apartment here. His chief source of income is his Social Security checks.

He doesn't have a telephone and had to use the neighbors' to answer the questions put to him Thursday.

Super simply thinks Lenin, a founder of the Soviet system, "was a great man" and that Premier Nikita Khrushchev prevented war during the Cuban crisis. To show his feelings Super twice sent \$5 to Moscow for the purchase of a floral wreath for Lenin's mausoleum.

Two unhurt in 'copter crash

CASCADE LOCKS (UPI)—Two Army National Guardsmen escaped unhurt Thursday when a helicopter crashed 12 miles south of Bonneville Dam.

Capt. Robert Whiting, a Multnomah County deputy sheriff, and Sp. 5 H. Oliver of Hood River, walked out of the rugged area after the mishap.

The accident occurred about 11:30 a.m. and it took the men until 5 p.m. to reach Bonneville Dam.

It was the second Oregon National Guard helicopter accident in the past month.

Jury convicts ex-congressman

BALTIMORE (UPI)—A federal court jury Thursday convicted former congressman Frank W. Boykin of Alabama and Thomas F. Johnson of Maryland and two others on eight counts of conspiracy and conflict of interest.

Johnson and the multi-millionaire Boykin, an Alabama congressman for 23 years, had been charged with using their influence in 1960 and 1961 to urge the Justice Department to drop a mail fraud case against J. Kenneth Edlin, a savings and loan promoter from Miami, Fla.

Edlin and an associate, attorney William F. Robinson of Miami, were found guilty of participating in the conspiracy.

The jury deliberated for three and one half hours before returning the verdict. Maximum sentences on all the charges would bring each of the four defendants 19 years in jail and fines of \$75,000.

All the defendants said they would appeal the finding. Edward Bennett Williams, attorney for

Boykin was given until July 10 to prepare a motion for a new trial. Judge Roszel C. Thomson set Aug. 5 to hear all other motions and continued bail for each defendant at \$10,000. All had previously posted the sum.

Johnson, 53, had represented Maryland for two terms. The two legislators — both Democrats — had been defeated in bids for reelection last year. Boykin when the Alabama delegation was reduced from nine to eight by reapportionment.

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