

50 Camp Hancock students reminded of 'laboratory'

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CLARNO — Nearly half a hundred students attending Oregon's "College of the Outdoors," Camp Hancock near the John Day River, were reminded earlier this

week that these ancient hills hold a natural laboratory unique in America.

The speaker was Phil F. Brogan, associate editor of The Bulletin in Bend and chairman of the Oregon Geographic Names Board. He was named by the Camp Hancock staff to deliver the annual "sermon on the mount" — a talk from a high knoll overlooking Camp Hancock and the John Day basin.

Introduced by Kenneth Word, director of the science camp that was established in 1951, Brogan touched on the geologic story of the area, then told the half-hundred youngsters who made the hike to the high mount that the basin not only serves as a fine museum holding fossils of mammals and plants of the entire tertiary column, but that it has many other attractions for the young students. He mentioned the varied plant life of the area, the assemblage of animals, the easily interpreted geology, the many types of clouds that drift over the basin and the stars that blaze from the summer skies at night.

Camp Hancock, it was noted, is a "time island" in Oregon: "Slow" time is used, making it possible for youngsters to enjoy astronomy classes in the early darkness, which envelops the valley around 9 p.m., PST.

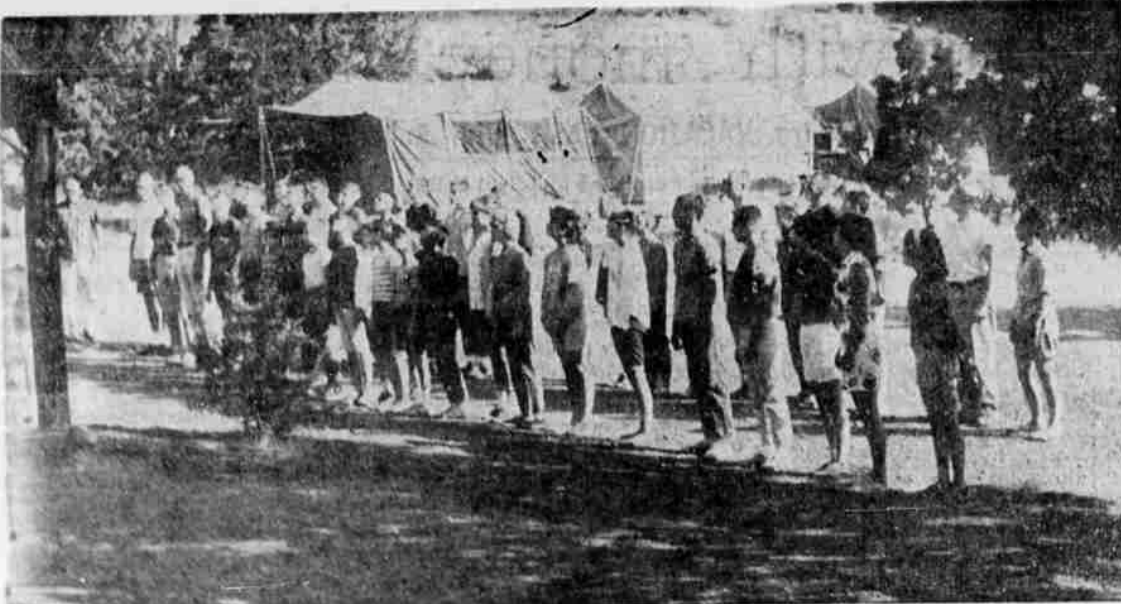
Brogan also told the students that the area holds much history and noted that it was just 100 years ago when the first settlers moved into the region, while Indians were still following ancestral trails.

The Camp Hancock students, most of them from the Portland area, joined in a campout on Monday night this week, in the Painted Hills country near Mitchell. Geology of the old sea beds near Mitchell was studied.

Each year, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry sponsored camp arrangements for three sessions at Camp Hancock. Each session lasts two weeks. Enrollment for each period is set for 48. The camp will end in early August.

Camp "mother" and head of the commissary is Mrs. Lon Hancock. The science camp was named for her late husband, Lon Hancock, retired postal carrier who turned paleontologist on retirement and won national fame for his discoveries.

Hancock was discoverer of the fossil locality in the high country near camp which entombs the 40 million year old bones of the giant "thunderbeast" and other creatures.



CALL TO COLORS — Young science students attending "Hancock College" at Clarno on the John Day River are pictured here as they lined up for a morning salute to the flag. Registered for the present session of the outdoor science school are 48 youngsters, mostly from the Portland area. The



'SERMON ON THE MOUNT'—On Sunday mornings, youngsters at Camp Hancock hike to the top of a nearby hill, overlooking the broad John Day valley near Clarno, to listen to lectures. Pictured here is Kenneth Word, camp director, as he prepared to introduce the mount speaker, Phil F. Brogan, Bend.

students devote their days to the study of geology, paleontology, botany, zoology and other sciences. Nearby are world famous fossils, in the "thunderbeast" beds. The camp is sponsored by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland.

Morse upholds project of finding use for station

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., lashed out Monday at newspaper criticism of his role in finding a use for the abandoned Tongue Point Naval Station, and he said the low bids submitted for the property recently make it more important that a federal use be found for the site.

But Morse emphasized that if the federal government decides it does not want to use the base, he will "do everything I can" to help Oregon business interests obtain the property for private industrial development.

Morse earlier this year described a plan by the city of Astoria to buy the property for \$920,000 and resell it to a private industrial corporation for \$950,000 as a "steal."

In a Senate statement Monday, he quoted the administrator of the General Services Administration as saying the GSA could not abuse its negotiating authority by taking part in such a deal.

Morse castigated the Portland Oregonian "and similar newspapers suffering from moral myopia," for criticizing him after he came out against the plan.

The GSA then put the naval station site up for bids June 24, with the understanding that it would not be sold at least until September.

Only six bids were received on the various parcels, and none on

the entire base. The GSA has not yet acted on them.

"Just a few days ago, the President assured me again that a most thorough survey of possible federal uses of the Tongue Point property is being made by federal officials," the Oregon Democrat said.

"Government use would undoubtedly provide the state with the greatest amount of economic return in the form of jobs and economic expansion in the Astoria area."

PREDICTS WEATHER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The weather bureau forecasts below normal or normal temperatures for most of the eastern half of the nation during the next 30 days.

The bureau predicts below normal temperatures for the Pacific Northwest and northern Rocky Mountain states, and above normal in the southwest central plains and upper Great Lakes.

Subnormal rainfall was forecast for the southwestern states and the upper Great Lakes and east Gulf states. Above normal rainfall is expected in the Northwest and from the Appalachian Mountains to the Atlantic Coast.

Elsewhere, rainfall will be near normal, the bureau said.

Wallace says Kennedy should be retired, his program defeated

By John Herbers
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace told Congress today that President Kennedy should be "retired from public life" and his civil rights program defeated.

He said the legislation is totally unacceptable to the South and called for a national referendum on the proposals. If a referendum was held, Wallace said the civil rights bill would be overwhelmingly rejected.

The fiery Southern Democrat, testifying before the Senate Commerce Committee, accused Kennedy of making his White House office a "virtual switchboard" of communication with the Rev. Martin Luther King and other Negro leaders who were involved in the Birmingham racial demonstrations.

Joins With Barnett

Wallace joined Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett in accusing King of having "pro-Communist friends and associates." He urged the committee to investigate the matter, which he noted now had been raised by "at least two governors." Barnett testified similarly before the committee Friday.

Chairman Warren Magnuson, D-Wash., told Wallace such an investigation was a task for other committees which have been active in inquiries about Communist activity.

Sen. E. L. Bartlett, D-Alaska, followed Wallace's Communist charges by saying there was evidence that Arkansas Gov. Orville Faubus once was a student leader at a school that was put on the attorney general's list of Communist-dominated organizations.

"What would you say if I could prove that a Southern governor was a student leader at a Communist school?" Bartlett asked. But he questioned if this meant Communists supported racial segregation.

Wallace replied, "Faubus is no Communist." Bartlett agreed, but he explained he only brought it up to see if the same logic applied in "the other direction."

Bartlett said he had been given information that Faubus was a student leader in Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark., listed by the

Justice Department as subversive. The Alaska senator told reporters later that he knew nothing more about the matter. "I just got this flash given to me," he said "there has been a lot of silly things said about communism here. I just thought I'd toss this one out."

Wallace rolled out charge after charge against the Kennedy administration.

"A President who sponsors legislation such as the civil rights act of 1963 should be retired from public life," Wallace said. "And this goes for any governor or public official who has joined in this mad scramble for the minority-bloc vote."

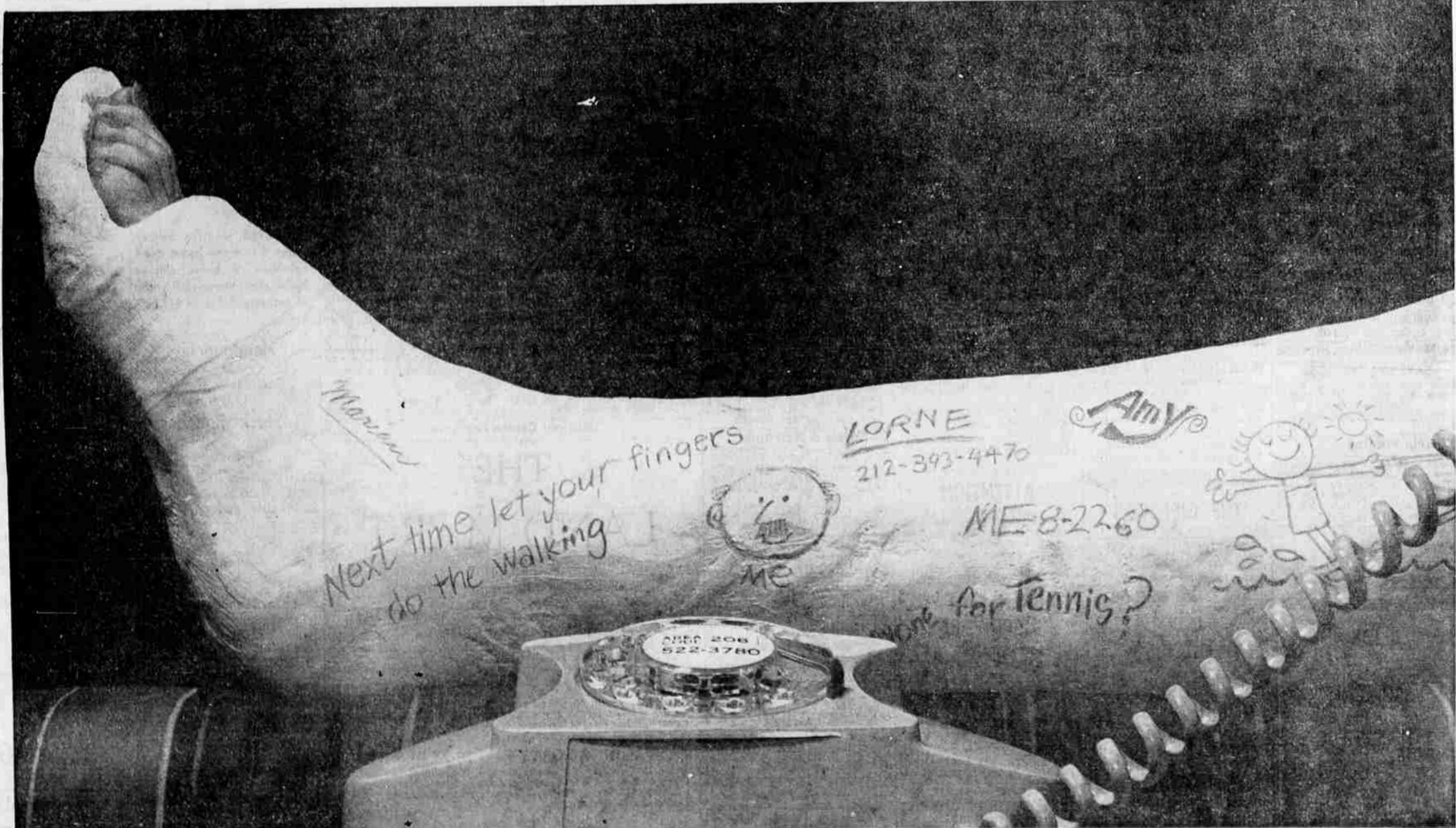
Charges Political Plot

Wallace said that the President and his brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, "by design and political motivation are sponsoring and fostering a complete and all-inclusive change in our whole concept of government and society—a revolution of government against the people."

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D-Okla., said a charge by Wallace that the President was abetting racial violence by his public statements is "hard to believe" because the President had appealed for law and order. But Wallace insisted that the Birmingham situation was "inflamed all over again" because, he said, Kennedy told a nationwide television audience Birmingham Negroes had been "abused" for a long time.

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