



NEW LINCOLN ON DISPLAY — The Lincoln Continental convertible has a new contour roof design for 1964. Roof fabric is an exclusive five-ply material with soil resistant clear vinyl top coating. A three-inch increase in overall length and wheelbase provides more knee and leg room. The Lincoln Continentals go on display in Bend tomorrow at the Robberson Ford Sales, Inc.

Lawmakers ask clarification on wheat plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Ten Republican wheat state congressmen urged President Kennedy today to "clarify" his position on the proposal to sell U. S. surplus wheat to Russia.

The legislators' wire to Kennedy came after three cabinet-level officials endorsed the transaction at a meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations and Agriculture Committees.

Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman, Commerce Secretary Luther H. Hodges and Under Secretary of State George W. Ball told the senators at a closed-door session that the administration would decide within the next few days whether to allow private U. S. wheat traders to sell to the Russians.

The 10 congressmen asked Kennedy what diplomatic pressure the United States could apply to other free world countries trading with Cuba or other Communist nations if the U. S.-Russian wheat deal went through. "Will such a sale to Russia impair the present policy of containment in Cuba?" they asked.

They also asked what the future U. S. policy would be toward Red China, Communist North Viet Nam and Cuba should those nations offer gold or dollars for wheat or any other surplus farm products.

"As representatives of wheat-producing areas, we shall appreciate answers to the questions raised. Without specific information it is difficult for us and the many farmers we represent to make a proper appraisal," they said.

The 10 signing the telegram were: Reps Robert J. Dole, Garner E. Shriver, Joe Skubitz and Robert F. Ellsworth, all of Kansas; Albert H. Quie and Odin Langen, both of Minnesota; Don L. Short of North Dakota; Benjamin Reifel of South Dakota; Donald G. Brozman of Colorado; and Catherine May of Washington.

A wheat sale to Russia could be carried out without specific congressional approval, but Kennedy's advisers have been consulting at length with the House and Senate committees involved. Administration officials also have been discussing the proposal with American wheat traders and farm organizations. But a State Department spokesman stressed the United States still had not received a formal request to license a special wheat sale.

During the Senate committee hearing, Freeman and Hodges endorsed the sale and Ball gave what was described as "qualified support" after outlining at length arguments for and against it.

Session planned by Young GOP

SPOKANE (UPI) — The Washington State Federation of Young Republicans will hold its 1964 convention here March 6-7.

The site and dates were picked at a meeting of the federation's executive board in Richland Sunday. President Donald Runner, Spokane, said.

Runner said there are no rifts in the ranks of the state's Young GOP organization. He said nobody asked him to resign at Sunday's meeting.

At the previous executive board meeting, Runner was asked to quit because he belonged to the John Birch Society. He refused and later was ousted from the Birch group.

Runner said he knew of no current moves to remove him from the Republican post.

NEW TYPE PUNISHMENT

RANGOON, Burma (UPI) — Police reported today a new form of punishment for juvenile delinquents — shaving off their hair except for one patch on the back of the head.

Police supervised the shaving of three young Chinese "road devils," teen-agers who behave like Britain's teddy boys, who were found guilty of making a nuisance of themselves in Rangoon's Chinatown.

1964 Lincoln Continental to be shown on Wednesday

The 1964 Lincoln Continental, which continues its classic theme while adding interior spaciousness and luggage capacity, goes on display here tomorrow, at the Robberson Ford Sales, Inc.

The 1964 car marks the first major change in dimension of the Continental since the current series was introduced in 1961. There is a three-inch increase in car length, wheelbase and rear door width, with a wider roof, with spaciousness and improved riding qualities translated directly to increased passenger comfort.

The spaciousness of the rear seat compartment has undergone other major improvements in addition to headroom. There is an increase of two inches in leg room and nearly two and one-half inches in effective knee room.

Luggage capacity of the new car has been increased by 15 per cent, with a new deepwell floor pan providing two cubic feet additional capacity.

The more luxurious interiors are highlighted by more luxurious appointments. The air conditioner outlets are an integral part of the new instrument panel. The ignition switch is relocated to the right of the steering column, while gauges, rather than lights, tell the status of fuel supply, oil pressure, water temperature and battery charge.

The 1964 Lincoln Continental is powered by its proven team of big 430 cubic inch V-8 engine and dual range automatic transmission.

New features added as standard equipment for 1964 are automatic parking brake release, trip odometer, fuel warning light, map light and reading lights on the sedan. Continental continues the 24,000 miles or two-year warranty.

Rusk and Gromyko met Monday at a dinner given for them and British Foreign Secretary Lord Home by United Nations Secretary General U Thant. This meeting was said to have been principally social.

However, at a business session last weekend Rusk and Home were unable to get from Gromyko any specific information on how Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev proposes to carry out his suggestions for easing tensions in Europe. This also was true during talks Rusk had with Khrushchev and Gromyko in Moscow in August.

The U. S. secretary hopes to make more progress in another direction when he and Gromyko meet alone Wednesday night at dinner. Rusk believes the Kremlin may be willing to get down to specifics on purely Soviet-American matters such as expansion of trade, improvement of communications and inauguration of commercial air service between the two countries.

Lord Home was having his own man-to-man session with Gromyko at lunch today. They were expected to have a general discussion of problems before the United Nations but shy away from explosive East-West issues on which the Russians usually want to get U. S. assessments first.

Presnell boys to be placed in Boys Town

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) — Douglas County juvenile court Judge Seward Hart Monday approved the temporary placement of two Salem, Ore., boys in Boys Town.

The two, Danny Presnell, 12, and his brother, Ronnie, 10, came to Omaha on a bus Sept. 19. They carried with them a note from their mother asking that Boys Town take them in because she and her stepfather could not take care of them.

Hart's action came after a conference with Robert Haney, the court-appointed attorney for the two. Haney said he recommended the move after talking with the boys' mother by telephone and with Magr. Nicholas Wegner, the head of Boys Town.

Haney said the mother favored the move. The boys were originally kept in the Douglas County youth center, and then taken to the home of the Rev. William Pounds of Omaha.

SENTENCES SUSPENDED

TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI) — Ten Jewish seminary students were given suspended six-month jail sentences Monday and fined up to \$60 each for causing disorders at English and French Christian mission schools in Jaffa last month.

Decline noted from last year in farm prices

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department's monthly farm price report shows prices in terms of parity for mid-September were down five per cent from one year ago.

The report showed the average prices for crops and livestock down to 77 per cent of parity. In mid-September, 1962, farm products were selling for an average of 81 per cent of parity.

The report showed a squeeze on profits for cattle and hog producers. Prices for hogs and cattle dipped between mid-August and mid-September while the price of corn, the chief livestock feed, went up. The index for livestock feed prices was the highest for any September since 1956.

Corn was selling in mid-September for a national average of \$1.21 a bushel. This price was up two cents from mid-August, and it was 14 cents above the price in mid-September of 1962.

Agriculture Department spokesmen pointed out, however, that corn prices normally begin to decline after September as the harvest season comes on. Another development in the corn market situation came last week when the Agriculture Department resumed sales of government-owned corn for domestic use from terminal markets.

A spokesman, reporting on this action today, said the government had been selling corn at terminal markets only for export since midsummer.

The price report Monday showed hog prices in mid-September averaging \$15.40 a hundredweight, down \$1.20 from mid-August. Beef cattle prices averaged \$20.10 a hundredweight in mid-September, down 30 cents from mid-August.

Wheat prices, on the other hand, were pushed up by reaction to recent big Russian import orders for wheat. In mid-September, the average wheat price was up to \$1.84 a bushel, a seven-cent gain over one month earlier.

Average prices farmers got for crops and livestock in mid-September were down four-tenths of one per cent from mid-August, down four per cent from a year ago. But in terms of parity, the figure which shows the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar, the decline was a little bigger. While farm prices were down four per cent from a year ago, farm costs were up one per cent from September, 1962. Combining these two factors, farm prices in terms of parity were off five per cent from a year earlier.

The cost of things farmers buy in mid-September was reported unchanged from August. But the average was still high enough to set a new record for September.

Warning given on Asia flu

PORTLAND (UPI) — The State Board of Health said today an epidemic of Asian flu can be expected in Oregon this fall or winter.

Oregon escaped big Asian flu outbreaks last year. The board said flu follows a pattern of moving into new areas the next year and that the West Coast would be a "prime target."

Dr. Grant Skinner of the board said the flu which struck the Oregon State football team last week was being looked into.

Russia reported beefing up guards along China border

LONDON (UPI) — The Soviet Union was reported today to be strengthening its guards along the frontier with Red China and its naval forces in the Far East.

Diplomatic sources said both moves appeared to be precautions prompted by the worsening Sino-Soviet conflict.

The strengthening of border

guards was believed designed to discourage any further incidents along the disputed frontiers in the East.

The show of naval strength in the Far East appeared largely aimed at Asian public opinion, as a reminder that the Soviet Union has important political stakes in the area and the strength to defend them.

No Clash Expected

No immediate clash was anticipated between the two Communist giants, Moscow, believed anxious to avert any deterioration in the conflict with Peking, was apparently taking precautionary measures to discourage any possible Peking military moves.

Russia last month claimed that more than 5,000 border violations had been committed by China and indicated the trouble was continuing.

Moscow also gave a direct warning to Peking to stop its "provocations" or face a "decisive rebuff." The Russians did not spell out the nature of the rebuff they had in mind.

There have been unconfirmed reports that Russia may be shifting some of its forces in East Germany to the Chinese border. The figure of a "few divisions" was mentioned.

No Movement Seen

Russia has about 22 fully equipped divisions in East Germany. There have been no discernible signs to date of any major Soviet troop movements away from Europe and diplomats considered them unlikely at this stage.

Trouble on the border between China and Russia involved two main areas along the 3,500-mile border.

Peking has reminded Russia that czarist Russia incorporated considerable Chinese areas into what is now Soviet territory. In the northeast, the disputed territory involves land east of the Amur and Ussuri Rivers, leading down to the vital Soviet port of Vladivostok.

In the northwest, Asian minorities are fluctuating between the two Communist countries on the Sinkiang-Kazakh border, causing friction and more recently border incidents.

Col. Ferguson's retirement told

Lieutenant Colonel Jack V. Ferguson, formerly of Bend, has retired from the U. S. Air Force after 21 years of active military duty, it was reported from Larson Air Force Base in Washington.

The career military officer was the brother of the late R. A. Ferguson of Bend. A Bend High School graduate, he attended Oregon State University and received his B.S. degree from the University of Maryland in 1957. He and his wife, Mary, live in Spokane.

Colonel Ferguson was commander of the 4633rd Support Squadron at Larson at the time of his retirement. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, and served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific area, Japan and Germany.

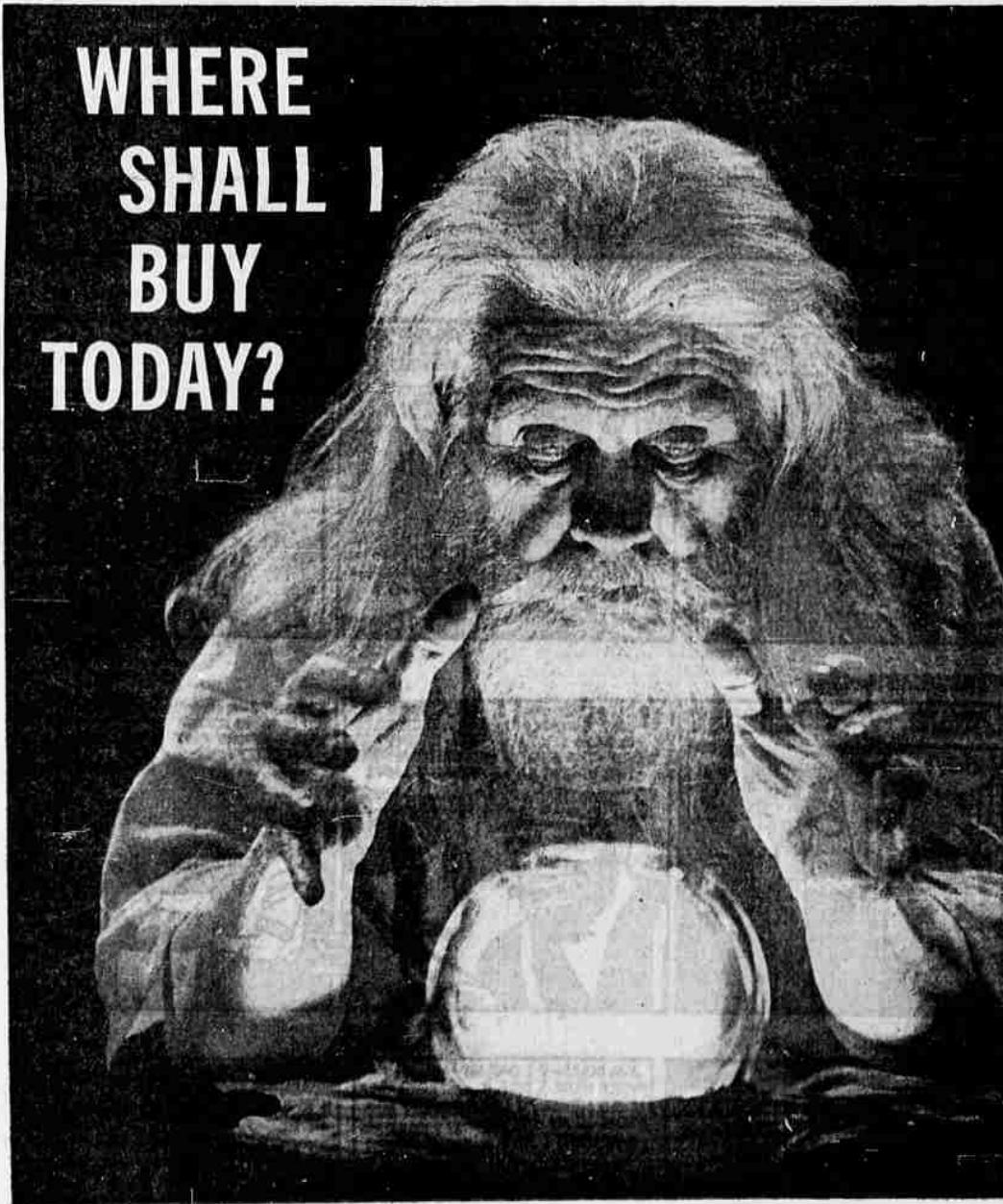
His numerous decorations include the Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four service stars and the Korean Service Medal.

Accident claims life of youth

ESTACADA (UPI) — Gregory Maplethorpe, 16, Estacada, was killed when his car collided with a logging truck on State Highway 211 near here Monday.

State police said his car went out of control on a sweeping curve coming onto the Clear Creek bridge on the highway. Robert Ritchie, 21, Molalla, was driving the truck, police said.

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