

Huge boulders force party of adventurers to turn back from Mexican wilds

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (UPI) — The leader of an abortive expedition into the wild Barranca de Cobre country said today boulders "as large as houses" in a treacherous 120 mile river (Rio Urique) forced his party of American adventurers to turn back.

Dr. John L. Cross, 45, of Orem, Utah, who organized the expedition to gain scientific information, said his party of fifteen Americans made it only 10 miles up the river before food ran low.

"I am definitely contemplating another try at the Rio Urique," he said. "However, if I make another try it will be up another section of the river."

Cross and 13 other persons in his party, including two women, traveled by train during the night from Creel, Mexico, and arrived at Chihuahua early today. James C. Dean of Salt Lake City had staggered to civilization Saturday and said the expedition might be lost and without food.

Rationed Food
Cross said his party never ran out of food, but had to do some rationing.

The explorers, including three Mexicans, arrived safely Monday at the northwestern Mexican village of Creel, 150 miles west of Chihuahua. Creel is a railroad on the New Chihuahua al Pacific Railroad. They left for Chihuahua at 7 p.m. EDT Monday night.

Cross said he was mystified that large boulders were in the river.

"I took an aerial survey in August and do not understand why these large boulders were

not spotted," he said. He said that while they were in the Barranca de Cobre (Copper Canyon) they saw only one search plane, but could not attract its attention with a large fire.

Dean Greeted Train

Dean, accompanied by his nurse, got out of a hospital bed to greet the party at the train. The men in the party were unshaven, but in good spirits. They said they were tired and wanted to go to bed.

Cross said he would hold a press conference later today and asked reporters to please let him get some sleep. Cross personally thanked two helicopter pilots from the U. S. Air Force Rescue Service who attempted to find the party.

Cross said the only thing he regretted about the trip was that "we did not have enough time to complete it. We were running late and most of the party had to return to the states for business commitments. We are grateful for the concern of the people in the U. S."

The group entered the canyon of strange winds, rapid water and gnarled crevices where the sun has never reached on Sept. 25.

An aerial search was launched immediately when Dean reported the party was having trouble.

Pearson to seek fiscal probe of education board

BEAVERTON (UPI)—State Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, said Monday he will seek an investigation of the fiscal control procedures in the Oregon System of Higher Education.

Pearson, speaking at a meeting of the Washington County Public Forum here, said he thought "there is no real fiscal control" and that this opened the way to misuse of funds and "probably to illegal use of funds."

In Salem, Secretary of State Howard Appling Jr. denied there was any illegal use of funds.

Pearson said he would ask for the investigation this year if a special session of the Legislature was called.

The Portland Democrat also said he will push for an inquiry into some of the procedures of the State Board of Education and wanted provision for legislative review of rules and administrative agencies.

Appling said "the audits division of my office has for some time been engaged in an examination of the financial procedures of the State System of Higher Education."

"We have questioned a number of those procedures and have requested the system to either correct them or to justify them," he said. "None of these matters involves questions of personal morality or culpability; all are concerned with questions of sound financial procedure and accountability."

Appling said the findings of the audit will be made public when it was completed about Dec. 1. Dr. Roy Llewellyn, chancellor of the state system, said his office had been working "closely" with Appling "for several months and had cooperated fully in his audit effort."

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SUSPENSEFUL JOB—Swinging from a special rig that simulates zero-gravity weightlessness in space, Lockheed scientist George Hanff makes repairs on an "orbiting space station." He controls his movements with tiny air jets on the backs of his hands. Results of such studies show that actual repair of satellites in orbit is feasible but not yet practical. Big question is, what does a space plumber do if he leaves his tools at home?

Defector seeks Formosa asylum

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist Chinese.

Chinese defector Chou Hong-ching told Japanese police today he asked for political asylum at the Soviet Embassy in order to get to Nationalist China, not Russia.

Chou surrendered to police this morning. They were waiting for him when he walked out of the Soviet Embassy, where he had sought refuge Monday shortly before the technical delegation for which he was interpreter was scheduled to fly back to Communist China.

He is being held for investigation of violation of the immigration law, since his visa expired Sunday, but the government indicated he probably would be permitted to go to Formosa.

The Soviets washed their hands of the matter when they learned of Chou's wish to go to the Na-

SERVICES HELD

ROSEBURG (UPI) — Funeral was held here today for State Rep. William O. Kelsay, D-Roseburg.

Kelsay, 50, was killed in a two-car collision near Klamath Falls Friday night.

U.S. aircraft to study Haiti storm damage

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (UPI)—The U.S. aircraft carrier Lake Champlain was to launch helicopters today to survey storm damage in southwestern Haiti, where Hurricane Flora killed an estimated 4,000 persons.

Health Minister Girard Philippeaux said Monday more than 2,000 bodies already have been recovered. He estimated that the total death toll might run to twice that number.

The city of Anse A Veau was said to have been "wiped off the earth" by the storm, and only a handful of its residents survived. A number of nearby villages also were swept away.

Philippeaux said other coastal cities on the Tiburon Peninsula were 40 to 70 per cent destroyed. An estimated total of 1 million persons—about a third of the people of densely populated Haiti—were affected by the hurricane.

Crop damage was described as "nearly total."

The health minister said it probably will take two weeks to reestablish communication with isolated areas and complete a survey of the rugged terrain.

A call has gone out for tetanus and typhoid vaccine to meet the threat of disease in devastated areas. Red Cross officials from Puerto Rico arrived Monday to discuss other needs.

Spokesmen for the Canadian-owned Reynolds Bauxite Company said its mine at Miragoane suffered an estimated \$1 million damage. They said the mine will be closed down for at least three months.

Cuban relief aid is urged

MIAMI (UPI) — A Cuban refugee organization today appealed to President Kennedy to give aid to Cuba, lashed since Friday by killer Hurricane Flora.

The following cable was sent to the President by the Association of Relatives for Freedom of Cuban Political Prisoners:

"Mr. President: Please help in any way possible for humanitarian purposes and for Christian charity our Cuban people and thousands held in political prisons (there) who are deeply suffering the devastating effects of the hurricane."

Mme. Nhu arrives for 3-week visit in U.S.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, brimming with confidence but slightly conciliatory, arrived Monday night for a three-week visit to the United States with hopes of improving her own image and that of the South Viet Nam government.

Mme. Nhu, whose sharp criticisms of U.S. policies, officials and newsmen in her country have helped make her controver-

sial, said she came here "to see you and to try to understand why we can't get along better."

"I feel this deeply, and I hope at the end of my stay that I may know," she said.

There was some strong congressional opposition to Mme. Nhu's visit. Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, told the Senate that her visa should be cancelled and "she should be compelled to leave the country."

"Let her slander us from her native land or any other country, but not from our own soil," Young said.

Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., called her "a thorn in the fight for democracy around the world." He denounced her as an "irresponsible, arrogant woman" who has made statements that are "viciously anti-American."

The sister-in-law of South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem addressed a crowd of about 100 newsmen and photographers at Idlewild Airport after leaving the jetliner she and her pretty daughter, Le Thuy, 16, took from Paris.

Speaking in English, Mme. Nhu said that because she was a "controversial person" she did not intend to seek meetings with President Kennedy or other high-ranking government officials during her coast-to-coast tour.

She also denied that she was "power hungry," and said that she enjoyed the "confidence of the Viet Nam government."

Mme. Nhu, 38, was expected to defend the policies of the Diem government in the current political and religious crisis in South Viet Nam during her speaking tour which will end in California on Oct. 23.

Appling says budget cuts are needed

SALEM (UPI) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. believes the state's \$404 million general fund budget should be cut, but he feels the special election next week "is the worst possible way to do it."

Appling refused to say how he would vote at the Oct. 15 election.

Gov. Mark Hatfield and State Treasurer Howard Belton, the other members of the state board of control, are on record as urging a yes vote.

Appling warned that defeat of the measure could bring about a cut in basic school support, if the legislature is called back in special session.

He stressed the need for economy. "If I felt the same end could be accomplished in a more orderly fashion I would be against a negative vote. But I don't have any assurance it will be done."

Appling criticized statements that aid to crippled children and tuberculosis patients would be slashed if the tax measure fails.

"The arguments are designed to tug at the heart strings. There are other cuts that should be made first," he said.

While he wants to see budget cuts, he sees danger in what is happening.

"I wish it were more clear-cut," he commented.



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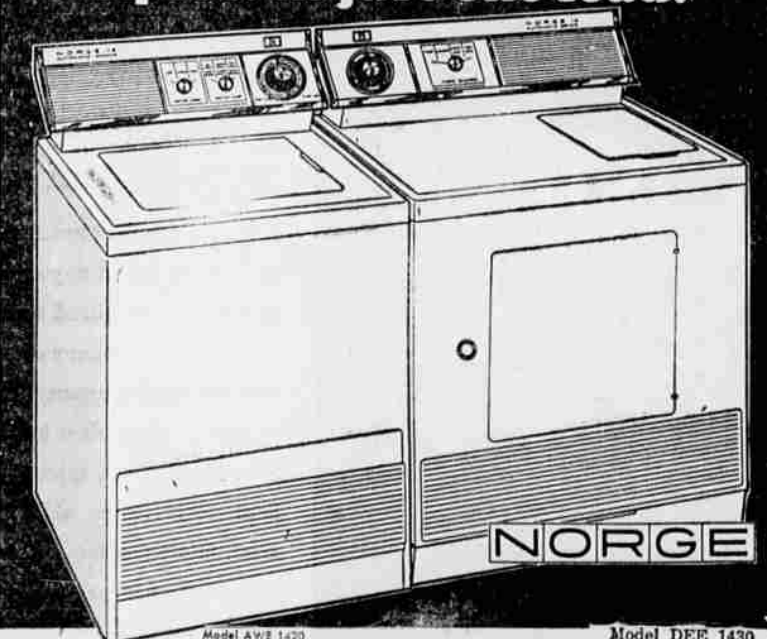
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