

Depressed area programs will be continued

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson plans to continue programs underway to rehabilitate the economy of eastern Kentucky and other depressed areas in the Appalachians, Undersecretary of Commerce Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. said today.

Johnson indicated to Kentucky officials, at a meeting today, his concern with the problem and in having continuity with the programs, Roosevelt said.

The No. 2 Commerce Department official and Kentucky Gov. Bert Combs discussed Kentucky problems with Johnson at the White House meeting.

Roosevelt indicated that he was mainly interested in confirming that Johnson planned to continue the economic programs planned for Kentucky. He said that assurance was evident.

The late President Kennedy had planned to tour eastern Kentucky in early December, Roosevelt said. Combs told reporters that he extended the invitation today to President Johnson without suggesting any particular time.

The eastern part of Kentucky is one of the most economically distressed sections of the country. Once a thriving coal mining region, it now has an unemployment rate far above the national rate. Many thousands of the residents are on relief.

Miss Anderson sets retirement

NEW YORK (UPI) — Negro contralto Marian Anderson announced her retirement Thursday and said she would dedicate herself chiefly to aiding the civil rights movement.

Miss Anderson, the first Negro to sing at the Metropolitan Opera, told a news conference she planned a farewell worldwide concert tour next year and would end her 30-year career with an Easter Sunday Carnegie Hall concert in 1965.

She said her tour, arranged in consultation with the State Department, would take in Europe, Asia and North and South America. She said it would begin next October.

Miss Anderson, 61, spoke of the civil rights struggle as "activities which interest me deeply. I plan to do what is within me to do—not to follow others."

She was first acclaimed as an artist after her 1935 debut in New York's Town Hall following her return from Europe. She began her career in 1925.

Bend clubmen pay for dinner

Bend and Redmond Lions, in fulfillment of a football wager, met for a dinner at the Brand Cafe on U.S. Highway 97 Wednesday night, with the Bend clubmen as hosts, result of the Panther victory over the Bears earlier this season. The Bend clubmen paid for the dinner.

Presiding for the Bend Club was Glenn O. Ratcliff, president, with Byron Crooke heading the Redmond clubmen. Wilbur H. Durfee, zone chairman for the Lions, was principal speaker.

Larry Keown of the Bend club was presented with an award, in recognition of work he did last year in membership development.

Moving pictures of the Bend-Redmond game were shown by Tom Winbigler, Lava Bear coach.

Beierle trial date scheduled

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — The first degree murder trial of Eugene A. Beierle, 47, of Klamath Falls was scheduled to start March 9 in Klamath County Circuit Court.

Beierle pleaded innocent to the charge Thursday after Circuit Judge Donald Piper refused a request to set aside the indictment.

Beierle is accused of shooting his wife, Gloria, 23, Nov. 22.

Craig opposes trial on TV

PORTLAND (UPI) — The president of the American Bar Association says he does not believe the trial of Jack Ruby, charged with the murder of President Kennedy's accused assassin, should be televised.

Walter E. Craig, here for a speech tonight, told newsmen Thursday he believed Ruby would get a fair trial but that he did not believe it should be covered "live" by radio or television.



SPAGHETTI FEED SATURDAY — The young people of the Latter Day Saints Church in Bend will hold a spaghetti feed Saturday, Dec. 14, from 5 to 7:30 at the church. Norm Whitney, branch president, helps Jeannies Porter, left, the youth president, and Karen Smith, who is in charge of the dinner, with last minute preparations. The public is welcome.

Lightning may have caused Pan-Am crash

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Investigators are slowly beginning to lean toward a theory that lightning, aided by a freak chain of circumstances, caused the destruction of a Pan American World Airways jet Sunday night.

There was no conclusive evidence yet to support that theory. The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), in charge of the investigation, continued its traditional tight-lipped policy of not commenting or speculating publicly.

But what slim evidence has been gathered thus far, combined with numerous eyewitness accounts, has supplied nothing to eliminate lightning definitely. At the same time, investigators have been unable to find anything which points to other possibilities—such as a break-up in turbulence—and they are positive the jet did explode.

The eyewitness accounts included one from the crew of a National Air Lines DC8 flying only 1,000 feet above the Pan American plane. Exactly what the National pilots told the CAB is not known, but apparently they saw the plane explode, their own jet was surrounded by lightning, and they did not report any particularly severe turbulence.

The CAB ever since Sunday night's crash, which took the lives of all 81 persons aboard the giant Boeing 707, has patiently pointed out that no airliner in recent aviation history has ever been destroyed by a lightning bolt.

But privately, CAB officials are conceding that "never before" does not mean "never could."

Three visitors at meeting

SPECIAL TO THE BULLETIN

SISTERS — Sixteen members of the Sisters Rebekah Lodge met Wednesday evening at the lodge hall with three visitors present. Mrs. Ben Thorp, noble grand, presided.

Mrs. Eleanor Hein, district deputy president was a special visitor for the evening and listened to the noble grand-elect, Mrs. Gary Grivas, and the vice-grand-elect, Mrs. W. A. McFadden, gave their charges and did their degree work. Appointive officers present also gave their duty charges.

The Sisters Rebekah Lodge will hold joint installation of officers with the Bend Lodge at Bend on January 11th at 8 p.m., with formal dress.

Pumpkin pie with whipped cream and mince pie with a butter rum sauce were served for refreshments. A Christmas party with an exchange of gifts was held.

The next regular meeting date falls on Christmas Day, so the lodge will not meet again until January 8.

OBJECTS TO INSULTS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — Yugoslavia handed the Communist Chinese charge d'affaires a note Thursday protesting "insulting attacks" on President Tito by Red Chinese Deputy Premier Li Hsijen Ni.

The deputy premier allegedly made the remarks at an Albanian embassy reception in Peking on Albania's national anniversary Nov. 29.

Nikita throws full weight of his oratory behind plea for seven-year economic plan

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita Khrushchev threw the full weight of his oratory today into a final plea for a seven-year economic plan that is likely to curtail Soviet defense and space budgets.

The 69-year-old government and party leader started his windup speech before the plenary session of the Communist party's ruling Central Committee today.

Khrushchev was expected to speak for two hours, with official reports on the speech expected later tonight.

About 5,000 party experts and technicians attending the plenum heard Khrushchev expound on the urgent need of a 42 billion rubles (\$48.2 billion) investment in the chemical industry during the next seven years.

The plan to revitalize the chemical industry, with particular emphasis on chemical fertilizers to boost the nation's chronically failing agricultural program, was the sole item on the agenda.

Khrushchev himself presided over the special committee which drafted a decree approving the seven-year project.

The plenum was held in the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses.

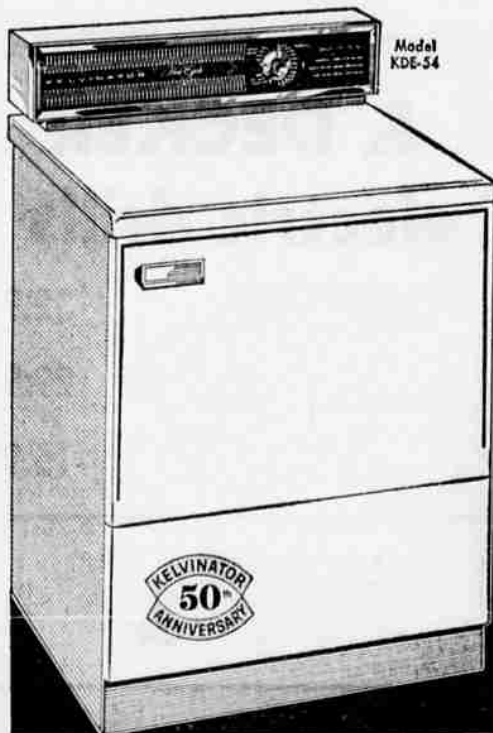
The plenum was running an extra day, through Saturday morning, to allow the 175 voting members to give formal approval to the project for a chemical revolution that is bound to affect other parts of the Soviet budget.

Saturday's meeting, attended only by the 175 full members and 155 alternates, will allow them a private discussion on organizational and other matters.

N. K. Baivakov, chairman of the State Committee on Chemical and Oil Industries, claimed that with the advances projected in the new plan.

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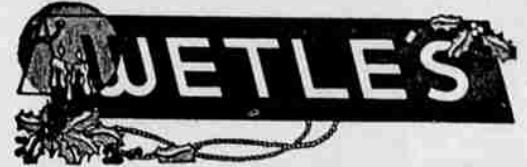


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