

South African Leader Leaves Split Country Behind on Retirement

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A stubborn old man steps out of office in South Africa Tuesday.

Prime Minister Daniel Francois Malan is retiring voluntarily at 80, leaving a divided country behind him.

He has been embroiled in fights, internal and foreign, for many years. He has tried to invalidate the high courts of South Africa in an attempt to impose his extreme "Apartheid" race segregation program. He has incurred the bitter resentment of India and other countries whose people he classes as "colored."

He has defied the United Nations in an attempt to get out-right control of the 317,725-square-mile area of Southwest Africa, over which the Union of South Africa holds a mandate. He has demanded that Great Britain, a fellow member of the British Commonwealth, give up its important Simonstown Naval Base on the Cape of Good Hope and cede its protectorates of Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Basutoland inside the Union of South Africa.

Malan's Party Split
Malan is leaving all these fights as an inheritance to his own Nationalist Party.

Also, he is leaving the party split as to his successor.

A man who is even more extreme in his ideas may be named party leader Tuesday instead of Malan's own candidate.

Malan is one of those aged men like Winston Churchill of Britain, Konrad Adenauer of West Germany, Shigeru Yoshida of Japan and Syngman Rhee of

Portland Boys Listen To Moscow

Portland — (U.P.) — Two 12-year-old Portland boys have received official confirmation from Radio Moscow that they listened to the Russian broadcast last Sept. 30.

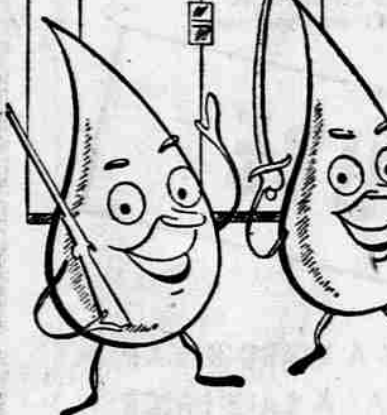
Jim Billington and Bruce Northrup received the broadcast on a family radio which had been "hopped up" by the addition of a four-foot automobile aerial.

The boys sent a QSL letter the next day to Moscow reporting the reception. QSL is "ham" radio talk for broadcast verification, and hams traditionally exchange QSL cards after radio conversations.

The letter from Radio Moscow wished the boys "good listening," and was accompanied by a winter program schedule.

Jim and Bruce said they plan to continue their hobbies in radio, and hope some day to gain novice licenses for key broadcasting and, eventually, voice broadcast permits.

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Korea who have remained in office by force of personality well beyond the allotted life span of man.

Malan announced on Oct. 12 that he intended to retire on Nov. 30. It is expected that he will even give up his seat in parliament.

Malan's choice as his successor is Finance Minister Nicolaas Christiaan Havenga, who at 72 is crowding Malan in years. Havenga is a relative moderate. He backs the race segregation program but wants it carried out by constitutional means.

Rival Extreme Nationalist
Havenga's rival for leadership is Johannes Gerhardus Strijdom, 61. He is even more stubborn than Malan. He never compromises. He is a member of the extreme wing of the Nationalist Party. He wants to proclaim the Union of South Africa a republic.

It was reported, after Malan announced his intention to retire, that Strijdom had agreed to step aside in Havenga's favor. He seems to have changed his mind.

Advices from Johannesburg say that Strijdom is a two-to-one favorite over Havenga. The 123 Nationalist members of Parliament meet Tuesday in party caucus to elect a new leader. Advices from Johannesburg say Strijdom may get two-thirds of the votes. If he does, there should be headlines from South Africa soon.

Klamath Basin Fowl Refuges Said Insecure

Portland — (U.P.) — The insecure future of waterfowl refuges in the Klamath basin was described at the state Isaak Walton League convention here during the week end.

Ken McLeod of the Klamath Falls Herald and News told delegates that the remaining key waterfowl lands in the basin, including the Tule Lake national wildlife refuge, are managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the "sufferance" of the Bureau of Reclamation.

McLeod said acts creating the refuges followed prior withdrawal for reclamation. Klamath basin refuges, by executive order, are subject to use for "irrigation, other valid rights, and even incidental purposes."

Reduction Possible
Doren E. Woodward, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative, said 80 per cent of the fowl moving into California wintering grounds from the north pass through the Klamath basin. He said a gradual chipping away of refuge lands would leave in doubt the future of the whole Pacific flyway.

Woodward warned that if birds can't be provided for when they pass through the basin a reduction in the fowl population would have to result, or the Sacramento valley wintering grounds would be flooded in the fall with four million birds normally detained in the Klamath basin.

Dan Allen, Eugene, was elected president of the state's Waltonians. Karl Onthank, Eugene, is the new secretary, and Leigh Witsett, Salem, is state secretary.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

It's an amazing world! Birds can drop in straight and rapid course from 20,000 feet to sea-level without evincing any signs of discomfort.

The beaver waterproofs its fur with oil from glands near the root of its tail.

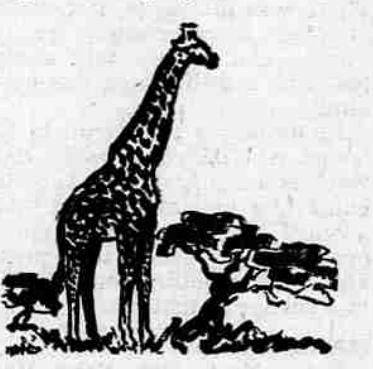
The tree toad can blend in color from dark brown tree bark to bright green new leaves.

An otter can enter a frozen lake and emerge at the other end a mile away. How does he do it? Like some other mammals trapped below ice, the otter exhales air just below the surface of the ice to form a bubble with a larger air-water surface. This flat bubble collects necessary oxygen and disposes quickly of harmful carbon dioxide. Inhaling this re-freshed air, the otter swims blissfully on its way.

Water is supposed to be incompressible, well almost. At a depth of 1,200 feet it is compressed about two per cent. Not much, you think? Reckoned in terms of our oceans, that amounts to about 90 feet of water. Without this compression, I can think of a lot of valuable real estate that would be under water.

An African vulture, Kolbe's griffin, lays its eggs in mid-winter, during July and August. Transferred to our northern hemisphere, it nests during January and February.

Hardest Stone Known
The diamond is the hardest stone known (and about the most expensive to get your hands on—



and it will scratch all others. Next in hardness to the diamond are the corundum stones—called according to their colors, sapphires, rubies, amethyst, emerald and topaz.

Fifty million years ago, North America was lush land—magnolias and fig trees grew in Alaska and palm trees flourished in the Dakotas.

A woman's skull is usually slightly smaller and more rounded than a man's.

The horizon of a lake or sea is perhaps not as far off as you think. If your eyes are four feet above beach-level, you can see just over 2 1/2 miles.

Tallest of living creatures is the giraffe—the bull may be 19 feet. That's tall enough to look into a third-story apartment window.

Over 150,000 kinds of flowering plants, trees and shrubs have been classified.

Made of Heavy Rock
Pumice, a stone light enough to float in water, is made of one of the heaviest rocks we know—basalt. It is formed in a seething volcano where the basalt is whipped to a fiery froth of air bubbles, and then cooled. The imprisoned air gives it the lift.

The planet Mars, like our earth, has a moon—in fact, two of them. But they are tiny, about 10 miles in diameter.

The lightning bolt's length varies from 1 1/2 to 4.7 miles.

An ice boat can travel twice as fast as the wind which powers it.

The monkey wrench did not get its name from the monkey! It was invented by a London blacksmith named Moncke—pronounced "Mun-ke." Go on from there.

Platinum is heavier than gold. A python eats only once in about every 45 days—and then it takes over a week to digest its meal and be active again.

Eagles often re-use the same nest and in time the accumulation of heavy sticks may weigh a ton!

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Human feet have about 3,000 sweat pores to the square inch, especially in the area of the soles.



SUES VICE PRESIDENT NIXON — James Heavey, San Francisco shipyard worker, holds photo of his tussle with police officers after he interrupted Vice President Richard Nixon's nationwide telecast by calling out, "Dick, tell us a dog story." After the address, Nixon ordered Heavey held while he publicly reprimanded him and then ordered, "throw him out." Heavey is suing Nixon for \$150,000 for assault and battery and false arrest.

Neighbors Assist Burned-Out Family

Brightwood — (U.P.) — The strong spirit of neighborliness in the community of Brightwood has brightened the outlook of a homeless couple and their four small children.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooley and their children were left homeless Thanksgiving day when a fire destroyed their log cabin in the woods near here. And Mrs. Cooley was expecting a fifth child in February.

The flames destroyed the small dwelling and all the Cooleys' possessions, including a new washing machine. No members of the family were injured.

And then neighbors stepped in. Capt. Rupert Weeks, a retired merchant captain, offered the Cooleys a four-bedroom log dwelling for their use. One man brought a ham and others came by with clothing and food.

Beds, linens, dishes and even toys for the children have been gathered by residents and stores in the vicinity. Cooley, a logger, was given an extra shift to bolster his income for the emergency.

Mrs. Cooley, confined to her bed for a few days, said the experience has given her "a sense of values."



VICTIM of a mysterious beating in Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison, William Remington, ex-government official who gave U. S. secrets to Russian agents, is dead. (International)

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Smog Problem Study Urged To Prevent Deaths

New York — (U.P.) — The head of the Los Angeles County Medical association today urged immediate study of the smog problem to prevent a "whole host of death."

Dr. J. Phillip Sampson, the association head, said such a study would take two or three years and in the meantime steps must be taken to keep air pollution from rising to critical levels. He said the death causing levels of smog are unknown at present.

Critical Level Unknown
"We need to know when the critical level is coming up," Dr. Sampson said. "At present, we do not know what the level is nor what chemicals or possible combination of chemicals can cause death from smog to human beings."

Dr. Sampson arrived in New York today at the invitation of the Television Awards committee of the Sylvania corp.

'Host of Dead'
In Los Angeles, Dr. Sampson said residents of Los Angeles county could "wake up someday to find a whole host of dead in their midst" from smog.

Dr. Sampson told the Los Angeles News that a "fatal quantity of deadly elements in the smog could be reached" unless pollution is removed from the air.

"Our people can wake up any day and find a host of dead in their midsts, in a catastrophe many times as terrible as those of Donora, Pa., and England," he said. "And the density of the smog is increasing all the time."

UP Conductors Vote Strike for New Pact

Pocatello — (U.P.) — About 450 railway conductors have voted to strike against Union Pacific railroad if they do not receive a new contract.

H. W. Corbett, Pocatello, general chairman of the Order of Railway Conductors, said 95.5 per cent of the membership in the central and northwest districts favored the strike.

Corbett added, however, that there was little possibility of such a strike before Jan. 1.

Air Force Bomber Crash Fatal To 5

Baltimore — (U.P.) — A B25 Air Force bomber crashed near here last night, killing five of six persons aboard. The lone survivor was rescued today by helicopter.

The survivor was not identified immediately.

Andrews Air Force Base identified the "missing" as including the pilot, Maj. Wayne C. Shearer, 30, Route 1, Box 339, Cornelius, Ore., whose next of kin is his wife, Joan.

The bodies of the other five were found at the scene or close by in a heavily wooded area about two miles west of Friendship International Airport here.

An Air Force spokesman said the plane was on a routine flight from Tulsa, Okla., to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

GOLD HILL SOCIAL

Gold Hill — A benefit Boy Scout social and court of awards will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 30, at the Scout hall in Gold Hill. Pie and coffee will be served. The public is invited.

Dr. Rudolph Diesel patented the engine with which his name has been generally associated since 1892.

San Francisco has a higher percentage of persons over 65 years than the state or nation as a whole.

The plane did not burn but cut down trees over a wide area when it crashed. Cause of the crash was not immediately known.

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