

Dedication of Air Force Academy Attracts Officials

Temporary Home At Lowry Air Base

Denver — (U.P.) — Top Air Force officials turn their fondly dream into reality today when they were to dedicate the United States Air Force academy at 3 p.m. (PST).

Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force chief of staff, and Air Secretary Harold Talbot were to dedicate the new academy at its interim site on Lowry Air Force base here.

Talbot was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce (ret.), when he arrived Sunday. Royce commanded the first squadron of U. S. planes in France during World War I.

Arnold's Widow Present Included also among the early arrivals was Mrs. Henry H. Arnold, widow of General (Hap) Arnold, considered the father of the modern U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. Clara Thomen Drowning Victim

Clara Belle Thomen, 40, wife of Robert C. Thomen, 1240 Woodland ave., died suddenly at about 4 p.m. yesterday, apparently by accidental drowning, according to state police and County Coroner Carlos Morris.

Lava Flow Continues Down Alaska Mountain

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — A flaming river of lava poured down the slopes of Mount Shishaldin on Unimak island today after the 9,978-foot peak erupted for the third time in the past two weeks.

Bulletin

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today ordered immediate steps to terminate the controversial Dixson-Yates contract.

Morse, Neuberger Join in Fight for Rights of Women

Washington — (U.P.) — Oregon's two Democratic senators joined with six other members of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee today to introduce a bill to "equalize the treatment accorded men and women in government service."

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE FRIDAY FOR GENEVA

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower started a busy work week today in preparation for his Friday night departure for the Big Four meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Eisenhower, fresh from a week end of golf and rest at his Gettysburg, Ga., farm, returned to the capital Sunday night by automobile. He was accompanied by his son, Maj. John Eisenhower, the major's wife, and Mrs. Elvira Doud, mother of the President's wife.

The First Lady remained at the farm, along with the three Eisenhower grandchildren, Barbara Anne, Dwight David II, and Susan.

Mrs. Eisenhower will accompany the President to Geneva when he departs Friday night after delivering a nationwide television-radio address.

The Chief Executive gave his 7-year-old grandson a lesson in war Sunday. He took David on a personally-conducted tour of the historic Civil War battlefield near his farm.

Mr. Eisenhower stopped several times to explain to his young grandson events of the bloody battle that marked the high tide of the Confederacy.

At Communion Services Earlier, the President and the other men of the family attended communion services at the historic Gettysburg Presbyterian church where Abraham Lincoln once worshipped.

The Rev. Clyde R. Brown, during the services prayed that Mr. Eisenhower always have the "knowledge that our prayers and hopes go with him."

Large crowds lined the streets in front of the church for a glimpse of the President.

Overcross Acquittal Verdict Refused

Salem — (U.P.) — A directed verdict of acquittal was denied the defense by Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan today in the first degree murder trial of Casper A. Overcross of Silverton.

Judge Duncan handed down his decision after an hour's argument by Defense Attorneys Bruce Williams and Otto Skopill and Special Prosecutor Charles Raymond.

The defense contended the state had failed to prove its objectives in opening arguments.

Defense of Overcross, who is accused of the ambush-slaying of Ervin Kaser as the Silverton hop grower sat in his automobile in his driveway last Feb. 17, was scheduled to begin after a short recess.

The state countered the defense arguments for acquittal on the grounds that if there is any reasonable evidence of guilt, it is up to the jury to decide whether that evidence is sufficient.

Final state witness was Dr. Homer Harris, head of the state police crime laboratory at Portland, who identified two 30-30 calibre cartridge cases which he said he had received from Ralph Prouty, crime laboratory ballistics expert.

No testimony was given to link the cartridges with the murder case.

Bear Creek Danger Warning Is Issued

Medford parents were warned by county health officials to keep children from wading and playing along banks of Bear creek in and near the city.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, said he has received complaints from residents and city officials that children have been wading in Bear creek.

He said danger of children cutting themselves on broken glass and cans in the creek is high, and infection would follow quickly.

Water in Bear creek is stagnant, he said, because there is not enough flow to keep it clear. Spraying has been done by county equipment to control mosquitoes along Bear creek, he said.

Dr. Merkel reminded parents that children up to 10 years old may use a free wading pool at Hawthorne park.

Stevenson To Leave Illinois Hospital

Lake Forest, Ill. — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson, former Illinois governor and 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, was expected to leave Lake Forest hospital today.

Stevenson entered the hospital Thursday for treatment of bronchial pneumonia, hospital officials said. His condition never was serious, they said.

Fire Hoses, Clubs Used To Break Up Demonstrations

Churches To Be Rebuilt As National Shrines

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — The Argentine government today, over the protests of churchmen, took possession of two Roman Catholic churches damaged in the June 16 revolution and said they would be rebuilt and protected by the state as national shrines.

The government move was the latest in a 48-hour resurgence of tension between the government and church authorities.

Government officials said that yesterday's anti-government outbreak in Plaza de Mayo brought the church-state rift back into the open after a period of comparative quiet.

Some 60 persons were arrested in yesterday's outbreak which followed 11 o'clock mass.

Police used fire hoses, clubs and chemicals mixed with water and a brown dye to break up the demonstrators who massed in front of government house shouting anti-government and anti-Peron slogans.

Churches seized today were San Francisco and Santo Domingo.

Catholic sources predicted that two others, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Ignatius, also would be taken over by the government.

All four were damaged by fire which President Juan D. Peron charged were set by Communists taking advantage of the situation arising from the revolt.

Priests in charge of San Francisco and Santo Domingo churches drew up formal protests against the seizure and said Catholic authorities wish to rebuild the churches themselves with their own resources and aims contributed by the faithful.

It was not known how many of the 60 persons seized in yesterday's outbreak still were held. It was disclosed, however, that many young persons and some women had been released.

Truce Broken The riot yesterday and the noisy demonstration by Catholics Saturday night before the Buenos Aires Naval Club heightened the tension between church and state in Argentina.

There has been a "truce" between Peron's government and the church since the revolt and riots last month.

But the week end developments, condemned by Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, archbishop of Buenos Aires and other Roman Catholic authorities, brought the eight-month-old battle into the open again.

There had been signs of attempted conciliation by both church and state in the past week, but the week end developments blasted hopes by authorities on both sides of an immediate settlement.

Planning Commission Sets Meeting Tonight

A public hearing on a request of a set back for Homer J. Bringle at the corner of West Eighth and Orange sts. will be held at the planning commission's 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a sewer connection for the Congregational church at the east city limits of Medford, changing a set back on Reddy st., and reconsideration of zone changes on East Jackson st. and in the Queen Anne addition.

The planning commission also will receive a report on changing wording governing "structural change" in ordinances connected with zoning.

Malicious Cause Seen Possible in Rural Fire

Central Point — A grass fire in front of the Jake Myers property on Upton rd. north of Central Point yesterday afternoon may have been set maliciously, Central Point Rural Fire Chief Richard Krupp reported.

He said that the fire started about 3 p.m. in two spots and burned about 1,500 feet along the ditch and fence.

Rural firemen with three rigs were at Medford Gun club along with forest patrolmen yesterday morning to help burn grass.

On Saturday two rural units were called to Gulf Red Cedar company to extinguish a blaze in bark and chips of a log deck area. Cause was not determined.

Eagle Point Girl Writes Sir Winston

Twelve-year-old Molly Gregg of Eagle Point sent a letter to Sir Winston Churchill last May, and since has been getting more publicity than many a member of the sleepy House of Lords.

Molly heard of Sir Winston's retirement, and sent a little note saying she was "sorry that he retired." On May 19 she received a reply: "Thank you for the kind message. It gave me much pleasure," signed Sir Winston Churchill.

Since that time Newsweek magazine, in the May 30 issue, noted the correspondence, and recently the Comtesse Brenda Helder de Morelos of France sent Molly a quotation from a London newspaper telling of the incident.

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Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Three American turncoats, disillusioned with Communism after 18 months in Red China, sailed for the United States this afternoon convinced that even an American prison is preferable to life under Communist rule.

The three, who refused repatriation from North Korean prison camps in August, 1953, and chose instead to live in Red China, were hustled aboard the American liner President Cleveland 10 minutes before its sailing time.

The trio, who came out of Red China yesterday with the comment that "even death is better than Communism" had one-way travel documents good only for a direct trip to the United States and an uncertain fate.

They were escorted aboard the liner by American consular officer S. M. Backe, a member of the political section of the consulate here, and by Robert Aylward.

The three, William Cowart, 22, Dalton, Ga.; Lewis W. Griggs, 22, Jacksonville, Tex., and Otho G. Bell, 24, Hillsboro, Miss., were sullen when they were shown into the big, barracks-like third-class dormitory in which they will make the Pacific crossing.

They refused to cooperate with news photographers and movie cameramen who wanted to take pictures of their departure.

All were former soldiers dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Army when they embraced Communism and refused repatriation at Panmunjom after having been taken prisoner by the Reds in the Korean war.

Worked in Farm, Factory They had worked for a time on a state farm and then in an agricultural implements factory in Red China before changing their minds about Communism and asking to be returned to their own country.

When they crossed the border into Hong Kong Sunday they seemed happy and cheerful. They were held temporarily by the British as "prohibitive immigrants" until it had been determined by the U.S. consulate that they had not given up their American citizenship.

The American consulate paid for their passage and hotel room here, but the three turncoats signed promissory notes to repay the money when they could. Their accommodations aboard ship were third class.

Reasons Given During a press conference Sunday night the three gave what they claimed were their reasons for refusing repatriation. All claimed they were disappointed at what they found in Red China.

Cowart said it would "take several volumes" to tell what happened in Communist China. When asked why he had decided to stay in Red China, he replied: "A child decided not to come home; a man decided to go home."

He said he had "never accepted Communism" and added that all had experiences which proved that the free world was better than Communism.

"We would welcome Hitler back rather than have Communism," he said.

He said he stayed with the Reds because of his fear of "political persecution."

Commenting on his experiences under the Peiping regime, Cowart said that "the places in China which the world does not see can only be described as hell."

"Just A Poor Fool" Griggs said he was "just a poor fool" for having refused repatriation in the first place.

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Guardsmen Join All-Out Search; FBI Agents Confer

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Girl Submerged in Muddy Slough in Good Condition

Lebanon — (U.P.) — A 3½-year-old girl submerged for five minutes in a muddy slough yesterday was in "fair" condition at a hospital here today after being rescued and revived by her father.

The girl was Deborah Egan, daughter of James Egan. She was playing on the bank of the slough on the farm of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Egan, when she lost her balance and toppled down the four-foot bank.

Weather

FORECAST — Fair with Hella temperature change through Tuesday. Low tonight 36. High Tuesday 55.

Highest yesterday Temp. 51. Lowest this morning 47.