



"YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD"—An elderly candidate for Baptism is immersed in a pool in New York City during "Triumph Kingdom" assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. "Witnesses" say that 1,379 persons were immersed during the session.

Turncoats Enjoy Stay In Hawaii; To Reach San Francisco Friday

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Three ex-GI turncoats, described by a clergyman as the "most mixed-up children I have ever seen," sailed today for San Francisco. The three, William Cowart, 23, Dalton, Ga.; Otho G. Bell, 24, Hillsboro, Miss., and Lewis Griggs, 22, Neches, Tex., said they had a "grand time" in Honolulu, where they spent 14 carefree hours.

"I lost every inch of the tension in my body," said Cowart. "They offered us everything in the book. We saw all the beautiful sights in Hawaii and they will live in our memory."

The three resumed their journey back to the United States last night aboard the SS President Cleveland, which is due in San Francisco Friday.

During their voyage from Japan the turncoats have been befriended by two clergymen, the Rev. Henry Bruinooge, a Christian Reformed Church missionary from Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Rev. Philip Williams of the Evangelical Reformed church.

Asked what were his impressions of the three men who chose to remain with their Chinese Communist captors after the Korean war, Bruinooge replied: "They are the most mixed up children I have ever seen. I have no more idea of what their future will be than these men have themselves."

Bell and Griggs spent the day sightseeing with the missionaries and their families. Afterward they saw a baseball game on television. After that, they went swimming. Earlier yesterday, Bell telephoned his sobbing wife in Olympia, Wash., and got her to promise that she and their 4-year-old daughter, Paula, whom he never has seen, will meet him Friday in San Francisco. Cowart got a call through to his mother, Mrs. Chester Green, Monticello, Ark.

"We didn't have much to say," he said. "All we did was just blubber." All three said they expected to have a good night's sleep "if we can get the butterflies out of our stomachs."

Press Conference Held When the Cleveland docked yesterday, the three turncoats met hordes of reporters and photographers in a press conference aboard ship. During the conference, Cowart said a speech by President

Eisenhower in May was "one of the things which speeded my attempts to come home." He said the President's plea for peaceful development of atomic power, which he heard on a contraband radio, "was very good and made much sense."

Bell indicated that Chinese Communist brutality toward another fellow soldier who refused repatriation had much to do with their decision to return home. He said the soldier, Rufus O. Douglas, San Angelo, Tex., "died horribly," because the Reds refused to admit him to a hospital.

"They kept pulling him out of bed, saying, 'We have something more important for you,' Bell said.

"All of us felt the Chinese had killed him," Bell said. "We all liked Douglas . . . he said many times he wanted to go home."

New Home Is Lost In Morning Blaze

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson, Blackwell Hill, lost their new home and all the contents, including about \$200 in cash, by fire early Sunday morning, according to Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Leona Huffman, 5010 Crater Lake highway. The Robertsons, who have a 2-year-old son, were building the house themselves and had the structure nearly completed, Mrs. Huffman reported.

Insurance on the home had recently been allowed to lapse, the mother reported. The Robertsons awoke about 4 a.m. to find the kitchen ablaze and were unable to put out the flames with the garden hose, Mrs. Huffman said. Because the fire spread so rapidly, they were unable to re-enter the house to bring out clothing and the money, she said.

Mrs. Huffman was seeking help for the family this noon, and added that friends or anyone interested in aiding them could take donations to her Crater Lake highway address. Robertson is employed at a plywood plant in Medford, and Mrs. Robertson works in the fountain at the Big Y.

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (U.P.) — Communist Walter Winchell's daughter, Walda, 28, will be married Friday to Hyatt Von Dehn, 40, hotel chain owner.

US, Red China Agree To Talk Release of Airman Captives

Ambassadors To Meet at Geneva On August 1

Other Matters Also Will Be Discussed

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and Red China have agreed to a meeting of their ambassadors in Geneva Aug. 1 to discuss return of 51 Americans held by Red China and "certain other practical matters now at issue between both sides." The State Department announced the plans today. It said the agreement was arranged through Britain, which has diplomatic relations with Red China.

India and Burma in recent secret talks with the United States were understood to have suggested talks between the United States and Red China on a higher level than ambassador.

George Requests Meeting

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.), of the Senate Foreign Relations committee yesterday also called for a meeting between the United States and Red China on the foreign ministers level to discuss the Formosa problem and other fundamental causes of Far East tension.

The State Department recalled that Red Chinese Premier Chou En Lai had suggested, at the Bandung conference of African and Asian nations in April, that he was willing to have direct talks with the United States. Since that time, the department said, several governments have acted as intermediaries to explore the possibility of such talks.

State Department Press Officer Henry Snydam cautioned reporters against suggesting that the new Geneva talks would get into the question of Formosa or other matters affecting Nationalist China. He similarly indicated the question of a cease fire between Nationalist China and Red China would not be raised at Geneva.

Recent Demands Made Recent U.S. demands for release of the fliers and civilians were made in Geneva on June 23 and July 15 by U.S. Consul General Franklin C. Gowen. The last effort was just three days before the Big Four conference opened.

Talking to Red Chinese Consul Shen Ping, Gowen was said to have insisted again on release of the Americans from "unwarranted" detention in Red China. Inquiry also was made about the welfare of the Americans. They include 25 in jail, three under house arrest, 12 who are unable to get departure permits and the 11 fliers.

Gowen also asked about the fate of 11 additional U. S. Navy and Coast Guard personnel whose planes went down off Swatow, China, several years ago. (See Story on Page 16)

Twin Daughters Bring Family's Total to 6

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cutright, route 2, box 668D, Central Point, the parents of four daughters, Saturday became the parents of twins, both girls, for a new total of six daughters. The babies were born at Community hospital, and weighed 7 pounds, and 3 pounds 1 ounce. They have been named Dona Kay and Dana Fay. Cutright is a mill employee.

Coquille, Ore. — (U.P.) — Richard E. Vines, former Myrtle Point police chief, was bound over to a grand jury today on charges of conversion of public funds. Vines was arrested Saturday by state and county law enforcement officers as he returned from a two-weeks vacation. Vines, 37, waived a preliminary hearing today on the larceny charge, and was held in the Coos county jail here in lieu of \$5000 bond. He was expected to waive a grand jury indictment and appear in Circuit Court tomorrow before Judge Dal King.

The former police chief, who was fired from his job following his arrest, is specifically charged with conversion to his own use of \$39 in bail money.

Baseball

HALL OF FAME GAME
Boston (A) 4 13 1
Milwaukee (N) 2 9 1
Brodowski and Daley; Nichols, Jolly (6), Buhl (8), and Crandall, Rice (9). Home runs: Williams, Boston; Burton, Milwaukee; Lepcio, Boston.

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United Germany Must Wait Pact, Bulganin Claims Soviet Viewpoint At Geneva Repeated

Berlin — (U.P.) — Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin made it clear today that German reunification must await conclusion of a European security pact—a viewpoint that deadlocked the Geneva conference.

Bulganin and Soviet Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev stopped off in Berlin for "several days" of talks with East German Communist leaders. Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov and other members of the summit delegation flew on to Moscow.

Bulganin, in a brief speech at Schoenefeld Airfield, repeated the Soviet viewpoint expressed at Geneva and said "there is no doubt" the Soviet government "will follow this line steadfastly" in future discussions of the German question.

His firm insistence on a security pact that would include both East and West Germany as members indicated there would be no change in the Soviet position when the Big Four Foreign ministers try to solve the impasse next October.

Bulganin, visiting East Germany at the invitation of Soviet Zone Premier Otto Grotewohl, hailed the results of the Geneva talks as he had before leaving the Swiss city. He said the talks had "positive results" and would have a "favorable effect" on international relations.

But in speeches here and in Geneva he said all problems were not solved, especially the key question of Germany. He based his objections to Western plans on West German membership in NATO and said this made it impossible to unify Germany on a "peaceful and democratic basis."

Truck, Trailer Go Off Siskiyou Road

A truck and utility trailer plunged over the bank of Highway 99 at Bear Canyon in the Siskiyou mountains late Saturday night.

Air brakes on the truck failed and the driver jumped from the cab as the vehicles went through the guard rail and down the gorge, state police reported.

Officers were called to the scene, 1.2 miles from Siskiyou summit, at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday. They reported that the truck was operated by Dwight Adams Fleniken, 28, Pico, Calif., and was owned by R. K. Davies, Monticello, Calif. Fleniken escaped without injury.

Officers said the trailer broke loose from the truck about 300 feet down the slope, dumping the load, and the truck finally halted some 200 feet further, lodged against trees.

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Police Officers Wear Western Roundup Garb

Medford police officers are wearing cowboy attire this week in observance of the 13th annual Rogue River Roundup this week end, according to Sgt. Clyde Fichtner. Officers in colorful cowboy-style shirts and pants are getting a "big bang" out of the department's participation. Fichtner said. He added that the Roundup is an event that the entire department looks forward to.

NO GENEVA SECRETS

Rescuers Descending North Sister With Badly Injured Salem Climber

McKenzie Bridge, Ore. — (U.P.) Rescuers inched their way down treacherous North Sister peak today with a badly injured climber who spent the night in freezing temperatures near the top of the 10,094-foot mountain.

The injured climber was identified as Frank Gillette of Salem. Ed Anderson, forest ranger here, said Gillette suffered from a broken leg, a broken arm, shock and possible other injuries.

Struck by Falling Rock Gillette was reported injured yesterday when struck by falling rock while climbing the mountain with two other men.

Anderson said he had talked by radio to the rescue party and that Gillette was "doing pretty well" after the night on the windy mountain. A helicopter

was being flown from Seattle to help in the rescue. Anderson said it was hoped that after Gillette was brought down 2000 feet or so the helicopter could pick him up and take him to a doctor. This would save five to six hours time, he said.

An ice ax was used as a splint for the man's broken leg.

Another Climber Hurt Another climber, Ross Petrie of Portland, had a narrow brush with death during the rescue operation yesterday. He was in a group behind the Gillette party and slipped in soft snow and fell while climbers were taking Gillette across a 45-degree slope to a less exposed place. Petrie was badly shaken up and bruised when he slid about 200 feet against some rocks.

Petrie spent the night at Sunshine Shelter at about 6500 feet. It was when he was hurt that climbers decided they didn't have enough men and equipment to bring Gillette off the mountain last night. Ranger Tom Scott, who was with the second climbing party, brought word here of the mishap and the big rescue operation began.

About 35 or 40 men were on the mountain this morning.

Twists Ankle North Sister is one of the Three Sisters peaks located some 80 miles east of Eugene near the McKenzie river highway.

Another climber, identified as Jim Jeppson, was reported to have twisted an ankle on the peak yesterday. He walked out about 9 or 10 p.m. yesterday, according to Anderson.

Building Congress Told of Portland Hotel Construction

Frank Nash, Portland attorney representing Leo F. Corrigan who plans a \$12,000,000 hotel in Portland, said Saturday obstacles holding up construction may be cleared in 60 to 90 days.

Nash spoke at a meeting of the Oregon Building Congress, held here in connection with the State Federation of Labor's 53rd annual convention.

Nash said Corrigan has directed his attorneys to submit to the securities exchange commission financial information which will make possible construction of the hotel. He also has asked his Dallas, Tex., architects to push plans for the project.

The building trades council warned that it would have "a terrific battle" in reelecting Senator Wayne Morse, who will have no Republican support in the next campaign. Morse now lists himself a Democrat.

C. Al Green of San Francisco, regional director of Labor's League for Political Education, told the council the hope of labor lies in recruiting efforts of women in a campaign if Morse is to be reelected.

The stimulation of construction contracts by "builders of tomorrow" was related by Otto E. Nevers, president of the Western Conference of Building Trades. The "builders of tomorrow" is a joint organization of management and labor in five western states.

Adenauer To Visit Moscow Before Fall

Muerrren, Switzerland — (U.P.) — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer announced today he will go to Moscow to confer with Soviet leaders some time before the October meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers.

Adenauer said he felt it would be "impolite to wait" until after the foreign ministers' meeting. The Soviets invited Adenauer several weeks ago to visit Moscow to discuss establishment of normal relations with Russia.

The Chancellor postponed a decision on the trip until after certain related questions had been answered in conferences between the West German and Soviet ambassadors in Paris.

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Powerful Committee Hit By Labor Chief As Convention Opens

J. D. McDonald, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, asked more than 400 delegates to its 53rd convention here to "work for the elimination of the joint ways and means committee of the state legislature, and to eliminate 'control in all committees.'"

McDonald, in his opening address, charged that "a few people on committees often run the affairs of the State and prevent good legislation from reaching the floor."

Can Lay on Table The most powerful committee, he said, is the joint ways and means committee. If a sub-committee of the joint ways and means committee "is opposed to the bill they lay it on the table and in most cases it stays on the table," McDonald said.

McDonald's speech followed short welcoming addresses by Medford Mayor Earl Miller, Chief of Police Charles Champlin, and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce President John Pleisch. Sheriff Howard Gault, who also was scheduled to talk briefly, was unable to attend.

The state federation president said, "The result of this all powerful committee (joint ways and means) control means that the affairs of the State of Oregon are often controlled by a small group and not by the 90 people elected to do the job."

He urged delegates to actively campaign to retain Sen. Wayne Morse in office and "elect liberals to congress from all four districts." He added that "we need at least four new liberal house members and six new liberal senators" in the state legislature.

McDonald said the federation has "political strength just as long as we remain non-partisan, and support or oppose candidates upon their record" and not party affiliation. "Labor has the balance of power in the political field if we forget partisan politics and vote a 'labor ticket,'" he said.

He praised the importance of "wives, daughters, mothers and sisters" of union members for their active support which resulted in political successes in 1954. He said Women's divisions in central labor councils will be organized soon.

Opponents Never Rest McDonald said the federation actively entered the political field because "our opponents never rest in their efforts to scuttle our social legislation."

He said labor has made substantial gains, not only for organized workers, but for "all workers coming under industrial accident, unemployment compensation, safety codes and other

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Tuesday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 55. High Tuesday 80. Temp. Highest yesterday 83. Lowest this morning 56.

Congress Receives 'Hopeful' Report On Conference

No Private Papers Initialed, Ike Says

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gave congressional leaders a "very hopeful" report today on the Geneva summit meeting and assurances that there were "no secret agreements of any kind."

They told the Democratic and Republican leaders that while they are hopeful about results of the Big Four conference, they have not "discounted" the problems ahead.

Soviets Friendly A White House statement issued after the congressional briefing said that President Eisenhower had said that he thought the outstanding feature of the Geneva meeting was "the apparently sincere desire expressed by the Soviet delegation to discuss world problems in the future in an atmosphere of friendliness and willingness to sit down together to work out differences."

The statement said "this of course is a hopeful development but quite naturally does not of itself warrant any relaxation of the mutual security measures we and our allies of the free world are now pursuing."

No Private Papers Signed It said the President assured the legislative leaders that "no secret agreement has been made nor had any private papers been initialed" at the conference.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty read the statement to reporters. Asked if there was any discussion of Red China at the congressional briefing, Hagerty said it was discussed but only in the light of the State Department's announcement about the ambassadors' meeting at Geneva Aug. 1. He said Red China was not discussed in relation to Sen. George's proposal for a meeting at the foreign minister's level.

Atmosphere Better The statement from the White House said that after the President had discussed the conference in Geneva, Dulles then gave "a detailed presentation of day to day discussions at Geneva and an analysis of the final agreed directive."

Congressional leaders who heard Mr. Eisenhower's report reacted optimistically. They said the situation as reported by the President is "very hopeful" and they felt that, on the basis of the report, that the international "atmosphere" is better. (See Stories on Page 7)

Talbot's Partner Tells of Income

Washington — (U.P.) — Harold E. Talbot's New York business partner testified today that the air secretary made \$12,032 from their partnership in the first two years after he came into the government post.

Dapper Paul B. Mulligan, Talbot's associate in a management firm told the Senate Investigating Subcommittee, Talbot made only \$1,417 from the firm in 1947, the firm's first year.

But Talbot's income from the partnership increased rapidly, both before and after he entered government, Mulligan said. And in the 12 months ended last Jan. 31 the Air Force secretary made \$66,653.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said the increase in business was "not significant."

"It was a new business, just starting," McClellan said. "I don't see any unusual increase in business."

Talbot became Air Force secretary Feb. 4, 1953.

Portland — (U.P.) — AFL machinists employed at the Iron Fireman plant here have been granted an across-the-board wage increase of 5-cents an hour, the company has announced.

Radio-TV Highlights

A report on the Geneva Conference by President Eisenhower will be heard over radio station KMED (1440 kc) and KBES-TV at 6:30 p.m. today.