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Egyptian Wins Mass English Channel Race

Dover, England—(U.P.)—Husky Egyptian swimmer Abdul Latif Abu Heif today outstroked pacemaker Tom Park of California to win this year's biggest mass swim across the English Channel.

Abu Heif's time for the swim from Cape Gris Nez to St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover, was 11 hours and 44 minutes. The time was 52 minutes slower than the mark set by a fellow countryman, Hassan Abdel Rehim, in 1950.

Instructor Overtaken at Mid-Channel

Parks, 31, a British-born swimming instructor from Long Beach, Calif., set the pace from the dawn start until the leaders reached mid-channel. Then the powerful Egyptian caught up and they raced stroke for stroke for England.

At late afternoon, a breeze which turned the calm channel choppy, forced Park to drop behind as they neared the finish.

Park struggled ashore 18 minutes after Abu Heif, with a time of 12 hours and two minutes to claim second place in the race.

California's long-distance swimming star, Florence Chadwick, was attempting a crossing of the channel in both directions. She set out for the French shore from Britain while the mass swim was proceeding in the opposite direction.

She expected to be in the channel up to 36 hours in the attempt to swim the strong currents in both directions.

Winner Awarded Cup, Prize Money

Abu Heif, one of the favorites among the swimmers entered from 14 countries, will collect the solid silver Butlin Cup, worth $2900. He will also receive $1400 in prize money. Park won $700 second prize. Similar first and second prizes await the first and second women to complete the race.

Two other "independent" swimmers also were attempting the France-England swim, and 28-year old Alan Crompton of Manchester, England, did it the easy way, on water skis.

Crompton, captain of the British Olympic snow ski team, bounced from Dover to Calais and back in three hours behind a speedboat piloted by Donald Campbell, the jet boat speed king.

Howard Morgan Blasts Ellsworth, Patterson

Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, charged here yesterday that Congressman Harris Ellsworth and Governor Paul Patterson, both Republicans, "failed miserably" in attempts to obtain funds for the Talent project.

Speaking at the annual Democratic picnic at TouVelle state park, Morgan indicated that the treatment given the Talent project at the last session of congress would be high on the list of 1956 campaign issues.

"All Ellsworth and Patterson could produce for Talent in their combined efforts was $150,000 in the house of representatives," Morgan declared.

He paid tribute to the "vigorous efforts" of Democratic Senator Wayne Morse for having the allocation increased to $500,000 in the senate.

"Then it was up to Patterson and Ellsworth to at least hold the line—to prevent the house conference committee from reducing the appropriation again to the original $150,000," Morgan said.

"They failed miserably, and it cost Jackson county $350,000 and months of delay on that vital, needed project," the speaker declared.

Returning to the record of Senator Morse, Morgan termed him "the most effective senator Oregon has had in generations."

The state Democratic leader predicted that his party's issues in the 1956 political campaign would include Dixon-Yates, Hells Canyon dam, Air Force Secretary Harold Talbott, "Doug McKay and the Giveaway," and Vice-President Richard Nixon.

Some 150 persons attended the annual picnic. They paid tribute to Mrs. W. G. Werner, longtime Jackson county party worker. Mrs. Werner attended the event, accompanied by her children and grandchildren.

William V. Deatherage served as picnic chairman, and Robert Duncan was master of ceremonies. Guests were welcomed by Robert A. Boyer, county Democratic chairman, and Clyde Fichtner was in charge of games and prizes.

Schmidt's Desire For Divorce Told

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Airman Daniel C. Schmidt conferred with a Sacramento attorney today and the attorney said Schmidt definitely wants to file a divorce case" against his remarried wife, Una.

"He wants to divorce her," the attorney said.

Schmidt met briefly in Nevada City this week end with Una, who said she married a Sierra lumberjack last September in the belief Schmidt was dead. The airman was one of 11 Americans held prisoner in a Chinese Communist prison camp. He returned Friday.

Republican Record In Oregon Praised By Acting Governor

Acting Oregon Governor Elmo Smith told 200 persons attending the county Republican picnic Saturday that the GOP has furnished Oregon a "responsible, honest and competent government during the past 15 years."

Smith, president of the Oregon Senate, was the principal speaker at the annual Republican affair in TouVelle state park. He is acting governor while Paul Patterson is in Chicago for a governors convention.

Work Important

Wendell Wyatt, Astoria, state central committee chairman for the GOP, spoke briefly stressing the importance of precinct work in campaigns.

A highlight of the afternoon, Mrs. Kathleen Norris addressed the group, emphasizing the part women play in political work. Mrs. Norris is a well known novelist and a member of the speakers' bureau of California. She and her daughter, Miss Nellie Norris, are visiting in the valley from San Francisco and Palo Alto.

Others speaking at the picnic included Steve Nye, representing the Young Republican club of Stanford University, and Sig Unander, Oregon state treasurer.

Keating MC

County Judge Rodney Keating acted as master of ceremonies, and Bobby Champion and his Melody Wranglers entertained during lunch. Children played games supervised by a committee under Tom Ness.

The picnic was co-sponsored by the Jackson County Republican Women, the county Oregon Republican club, the Young Republican club, and the Republican state central committee.

Walla Walla Hostages Released After Rifle Shot Fired by Warden

Convicts Told They Are 'Damned Fools'

Walla Walla, Wash. — (U.P.)—Twelve rioting convicts at the state prison surrendered and released ten hostages today after Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr., backed by armed guards, told them they were "damned fools."

The convicts had barricaded themselves in the food manager's office of the prison, where they were driven by tear gas and a warning shot fired by the tough-talking warden.

Held Partial Control

Delmore said the rioting inmates captured 11 guards at 6:15 p.m. (PST) during the evening meal and released one of them, Gerald Leban, with the convicts' demands. For a short time the rioters held patrol control of the prison, but guards went into action with tear gas.

In quick succession, the guards secured one cell block after another. During the confusion, three guards were locked into one of the cells. These three, not kept as hostages, were released when guards moved through the cell blocks.

The riot leaders tried to get to the isolation ward where 15 of 18 "maximum security" prisoners who headed a riot here 40 days ago are held.

"I put a 30-30 slug over their heads and they gave up that idea," Delmore reported to Dr. Thomas A. Harris, state institutions director, at Olympia.

At one point the dozen rebellious convicts threatened to "slit the throats" of their hostages if Delmore didn't order his guards to put down their weapons.

Among the demands handed Lehan to take to Delmore was that a meeting be scheduled with Harris and three newsmen today. A similar meeting led to the end of last month's riot.

Talked by Telephone

Delmore talked the dozen leaders of the latest uprising into surrender by reaching them on the telephone in the steward's office. The warden said he would use guns if necessary to take the kitchen area.

"You're damned fools," Delmore told the cornered rebels. "Improvements are coming up."

The warden said the convicts had a half hour conference among themselves after he talked to them by telephone. They "agreed to surrender, that it was foolish to hold the hostages," he said.

The surrender came at 12:15 a.m. (PST).

Olympia — (U.P.)—Prosecution for violation of the state's anti-rioting law was suggested today by Dr. Thomas Harris, state director of institutions, who ordered a full-scale investigation into last night's uprising by 12 riotous convicts at the state prison in Walla Walla.

Harris recommended to Warden Lawrence Delmore that the names of the 12 troublemakers in last night's abortive attempt to take over the prison be given to Walla Walla County Prosecutor Arthur Hawman for prosecution under the 1955 law against rioting in prisons.

Portland — (U.P.) — Percy W. Brown has been named chairman of the State Board of Accountancy for the new fiscal year.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Slightly cooler Tuesday. Low tonight 46. High Tuesday 82.
Highest Yesterday 89
Lowest this Morning 51

NEW YORK FLOODED—Hurricane Connie dumped nearly nine inches of rain on New York City. Above, stranded cars are plentiful on the Belt Parkway and Francis Lewis Boulevard after torrential rains brought the "worst" flood in the city's history. At least 10 deaths were reported in the metropolitan area.

New Hurricane Heads For Carolina Coast

By UNITED PRESS

A new hurricane drove towards the Georgia and Carolina coastline today, following hard on the heels of destructive hurricane Connie.

The newcomer, hurricane Diane, was located 670 miles east southeast of Jacksonville, Fla., early today. It was surging at a 15-mile-an-hour clip in the general direction of the Georgia and Carolina shores.

The Miami Weather Bureau warned all points along the North and South Carolina and Georgia coasts to be ready for hurricane warnings. Winds should begin increasing tonight, it predicted. Diane threatened to send an even more destructive punch against the East Coast than did hurricane Connie.

Hurricane Connie was ending her short but vicious career over Lake Huron. All it could do was sprinkle Michigan with a few showers, although last night it brought rain to Michigan, Ohio and Northeast Indiana.

But before Connie died, she had killed at least 42 persons and caused damage estimated at $15,000,000.

The East meanwhile got the lion's share of the nation's dirty weather as it waited to see whether hurricane Diane would strike.

Rains fell from New Hampshire to Florida, with Greensboro, N. C., collecting 2.60 inches. Downpours also hit Texas, soaking Houston with 1.42 inches and Palacios with 1.09.

New Evans Creek Span Construction Slated

Construction of a new steel bridge over west fork of Evans creek is expected to start soon, members of the county court said today.

The bridge collapsed last Monday as a logging truck crossed it. The loss was estimated to be about $10,000.

The new bridge will be a 22-foot wide two-way traffic structure, and will be three feet higher than the older bridge, which was for one-way traffic. Members of the court said the new bridge will cost about $23,000 under contract.

County crews will clear away debris, and raise and widen bridge approaches.

Construction of a bridge over Bear creek just off Highway 99 north of Ashland is expected to start this week, county court members said. The old structure has been torn down, and debris cleared away.

Three Offices Moved To Courthouse Annex

Three offices were being moved into the Jackson county courthouse new annex today, and shifting of other offices in the courthouse is expected to start soon.

Office equipment was moved today from the county school superintendent's office on the third floor of the present structure to the first floor of the annex, and moving of the county watermaster and engineers office was expected to be completed today.

The district court office, which is now on the first floor of the present building, will be moved to the old engineer's office and the old school superintendent's office will be converted into additional space for circuit court facilities.

Champoeg, Ore. —(U.P.)— Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay Saturday said local communities and the states should take more of a hand in development and preservation of historic sites within their boundaries.

Vandals Place Dam Across MID Ditch

A check board dam placed across the Cascade canal of the Medford Irrigation district was discovered Sunday before any damage was done. Jack Hoffbuhr, district manager, found the improvised dam about 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Hoffbuhr said someone had placed check boards over the ditch between trips by the caretaker and tried to run water over the banks. Though no damage was done, Hoffbuhr declared, "It could have put us out of business."

Klamath County Sheriff J. M. Britton has been contacted and will conduct an investigation, Hoffbuhr stated.

The irrigation manager said this was not the first trouble encountered by the district. Earlier, Four Mile lake and Billy Creek caretakers' cabins were broken into.

Morse Says FPC Trying To Fool People

Washington — (U.P.)— Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.), accused the Federal Power commission today of trying "to fool the American people" in its decision to let the Idaho Power Co. develop power in the Hells Canyon area.

In a 1,500 word statement, he said the decision was "so misleading that it is an imposition upon the press and the public."

"The FPC tried to fool the American people in its announcement of the decision giving away the finest remaining dam site on the North American continent to the Idaho Power Co.," said Morse, an advocate of a federal high-level dam in Hells canyon.

Morse called Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay the "secretary of private utilities." He said McKay "walked out on the people's interest" by withdrawing the Interior Department from the case.

Eisenhower Arrives in Denver for Vacation

Denver — (U.P.) — A relaxed President Eisenhower, tieless and informally dressed, plunged into his vacation today and immediately got set for some Rocky Mountain trout fishing with his grandson David.

The chief executive spent a short period at his temporary Lowry Air Force Base headquarters this morning and then turned to a golf practice session at the Cherry Hills Country club.

Use of Bear Creek Route Not Likely, Engineer Declares

Route of the proposed new freeway through Medford probably will not be down the course of Bear Creek, according to State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.

Instead, he said yesterday, it probably will go through the city on a line running down Genesee st. north of Main st., and between Tripp and Cottage sts. south of Main st.

Inspects Three Routes

Baldock, in Medford with Mrs. Baldock to attend plays at the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland Saturday and Sunday evenings, inspected the three routes which have been proposed. The first, earlier announced as most probable by the highway department, was an elevated freeway down Bear creek. The second would have been a by-pass east of the city in the vicinity of Foothills rd. The third is the Genessee-Tripp st. route.

No final decision on the route has been made, Baldock emphasized, because it will require completion of surveys, approval by the highway commission, and the consent and cooperation of both the city and the county.

But, he said after his inspection trip, the proposal he made seems the most logical to him.

Fourth Plan Costly

A fourth possible route, an elevated viaduct over the Southern Pacific tracks, is nearly out of the question, he said, for experience has shown that this type of structure would cost something like $6,000,000 more than either of the other routes.

Merchants in the city have objected to a by-pass to the east, feeling that it would channel business away from the city, and make access to the four-lane freeway unnecessarily difficult. On the other hand, many residents felt that an elevated route down Bear creek would destroy the value of Hawthorne park.

If the Genessee-Tripp route is used, Baldock said, it would have a right-of-way some 200 feet wide, with a generous space of land between the north and south bound lanes, which would be landscaped. In effect, he said, it would add to Medford's green park area, and would be a decided asset to the esthetic values of the east side, tying in with the Hawthorne park area west of it. Main and Jackson sts. would go either over or under the new freeway.

Studies Not Made

Detailed engineering studies have not yet been made, he said, and when they are, artists' views and models will be prepared so residents of the area can see what it would be like before the job is done.

The Bear creek route was proposed after engineers of the highway department completed for Medford a study of traffic engineering, and suggested it as the most feasible. But Baldock said he is inclined to agree that the route would spoil the park. The alternate just to the east would be less costly to build, in addition to being more practical in many ways, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldock were guests of honor at a dinner party Sunday evening at the home of State Rep. and Mrs. E. A. Littrell, Greenway circle.

Planning Commission Slates Two Hearings

Two hearings are on the agenda for the Medford Planning commission at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

One hearing will be on change of zone from residential to commercial district on West Jackson st. in Oak Park and Narregan additions, and the other on a change of set-back from 20 to 10 feet on property in Conray Clancy subdivision at the east end of Reddy st.

Also on tonight's agenda are consideration of requests from Mrs. Nora B. Leslie, 1036 Court st., for a zone change; from M. E. Sands for annexation of California-Pacific Utilities company property at 303 South Groveland st.; and from school district 49 for annexation of property south of Stewart ave.

Consideration also will be given a request from E. W. Brown and Son for widening East Main near Genessee st. by removing a parking strip.

Federal District Court Case Goes to Jurors

The federal district court case Mildred O. Balderson vs. O. D. Rasmussen went to the jury shortly before noon today. A verdict had not been reached at press time.

The auto accident suit was continued this morning from Friday afternoon. C. S. Crookham, Portland, representing the plaintiff, and Roberts, Kellington, and Branchfield, a local firm the defendant.

Judge James Alger Fee began hearing testimony on a fire damage suit, Pacific Engine and Machine vs. John C. and Ruth V. Rogers, of Del Norte Laundry, about 11:45 a.m. today. The case will continue this afternoon.

George W. Mead is attorney for the plaintiff, and H. B. Collins for the defendant.

Pendleton —(U.P.)—Pendleton's new $450,000 armory-civic center will receive final inspection tomorrow by Col. Paul Kliever, state director of armories and Col. W. H. Adams of the U.S. properties and fiscal department.

Motorcycle Wrecks Kill Three Persons During Week End

California Accident Fatal To Portlanders

By UNITED PRESS

At least seven persons died in Oregon accidents during the week end and a Portland couple was killed in California while en route home from a daughter's funeral.

Three persons were killed in motorcycle accidents, one drowned, and three more died from automobile mishaps as the state counted another heavy week end toll.

Ora Adelaine Lundquist, 37, Heppner, received fatal injuries late Sunday when the car in which she was riding overturned on the Echo-Butter creek highway west of Echo, Ore. Ray M. Newton, driver of the car, was hospitalized at Pendleton with serious injuries.

Two Cyclists Killed

A collision between a car and a motorcycle about a mile east of Forest Grove early yesterday resulted in death of two persons on the cycle, Melvin Blaine Cox, 33, Dilley, and Dean Eldon Peckham, 24, Hillsboro. Sherry Lee Hendricks, 30, Philomath, was killed in the Macleay area east of Salem in a collision between two motorcycles.

Dean Alton Ward, 24, Portland, drowned at the mouth of the Big Nestucca river near Pacific City when a small boat collapsed yesterday. A second person, Charles Post, managed to swim to safety. The boat turned over within sight of a large crowd attending the annual Pacific City-Woods fish fry at the mouth of the stream.

Hillsboro Man Killed

William J. Dunnuck, 41, Hillsboro, was injured fatally northeast of Redmond Saturday in a one-car accident. Leo Darney, 28, Corbett, was injured fatally last night when the car in which he was riding turned over about one mile east of Troutdale.

Near Woodland, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon V. Clifford of Portland were killed early yesterday when they were struck by a passing car after they had stepped out of their automobile. Authorities said they were returning from San Diego where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Clifford's six- year- old daughter by a previous marriage, who had died of polio last week.

One-Way Streets System in Ashland Receives Go-Ahead

Ashland—The state highway commission is ready to go ahead with construction of a seperated, one-way highway system through the city of Ashland, Highway engineer R. H. Baldock reported this week end.

The project will cost an estimated $225,000. It has long been on the department's agenda, but previously the money has not been available. But some $3,000,000 has been saved in closing construction contracts recently, Baldock reported, and has been apportioned on a sharing formula to various portions of the state. The amount for southern Oregon is just about enough to take care of the Ashland one-way plan.

Building New Route

The department is now at work making a four-lane route into Ashland south of Billings hill and under the Southern Pacific tracks. This will tie in to the present highway into town, which will be widened to four lanes.

The one-way system will begin in the northern residential section of town, with the present highway south through the Plaza remaining as the southbound route. The northbound route will lie to the east, and will rejoin the other route just south of the business district, where the fire hall is located, and where the present divided highway south to Southern Oregon college begins.

Baldock said it is hoped to be able to call for bids by about the first of the year.

First Pear Picking Expected This Week

Pear picking in the Rogue valley is expected to start in several orchards late this week, Don Berry, Jackson county Horticulture agent, said today.

Tests on pears from several orchards were being conducted today by Berry at the extension office.

Berry said the first pickings would be larger fruit only, and a second picking is planned later. Several orchardists probably will not start picking until next week.

Picking the estimated 3,000,000-box crop is a little earlier than anticipated, Berry said, because fruit has matured rapidly in the past few weeks. First pickings were not expected to start until the middle of next week because of adverse weather last spring delayed development of fruit.

Packing houses probably will start operations about Friday, Berry said, after picking gets underway in scattered areas on Wednesday.

Portland —(U.P.)— Portland police were investigating the death of Margaret Erickson, 29-year-old waitress, who plunged from her third-floor hotel room window early today.

Annual 4-H, FFA Fair To Get Under Way Tuesday; First Public Event Wednesday

The Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair will open for a five day stand at the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. tomorrow. The fair will be open to the public from noon Wednesday.

Home economics and miscellaneous project exhibits were to be in yesterday. Rabbits and poultry must be at the fairgrounds by 1 p.m. and big livestock by 10 p.m. Tuesday.

The Jackson County Young Farmers club will sponsor food booths and also a farm equipment display during the event. Equipment for the display should be at the fairgrounds by Wednesday evening.

This is the full schedule of events:

Tuesday: 9 a.m. — Style revue judging. 10 a.m.—Clothing judging contest. 1 p.m.—Foods and food preservation judging contest. 1 p.m.—Rabbit judging and contest. 1 p.m.—Poultry judging and contest. 4 p.m.—Showmanship contest — poultry and rabbits.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.—Crops and forestry judging contests. 10:30 a.m.—Livestock judging contest. 1 p.m.—Beef fitting. 1:45 p.m.—Beef showmanship and sheep showmanship. 1-8 p.m.—Home economics contests and demonstrations. 9 p.m.—Show stops.

Thursday: 6 a.m.—Fat stock weighed. 9 a.m.—Swine showmanship. 10:30 a.m.—Dairy judging contest. 1 p.m.—Beef judging. 1 p.m. —Sheep judging. 1-8 p.m.—Home economics contests and demonstrations. 7 p.m. — Swine judging.

Friday: 9 a.m.—Dairy judging, two rings. 1-8 p.m. — Home economics contests and demonstrations. 7:30 p.m.—Fat stock sale.

Saturday: 9 a.m.—Dairy showmanship. 2:30 p.m. — Sheep shearing contest. 2:30 p.m. — Agricultural demonstration. 2:30 p.m. —Tractor driving contest. 7:30 p.m.—Style revue and special awards program (trophies presented).

Earle Jossy, county agent for agriculture is acting general chairman of the event, and Jean Brooks, county 4-H agent, supervisor for 4-H clubs.

Outlawed Irish Army Raids British Armory in Wales

Lodon — (U.P.) — The outlawed Irish Republican army struck again today with a raid on a British armory in Wales, but new warlike security measures throughout Britain foiled the attackers.

Five members of the IRA swooped down on the Kinnel Park garrison at Rhyl in north Wales in a pre-dawn attack aimed at building up the army's arsenal in its avowed campaign to drive the British out of Northern Ireland.

Soldier Frees Self

They tied up one British soldier but he was able to free himself and sound the alarm. First reports said the raiders fled without taking anything, pursued by police and members of the 31st and 38th Royal Artillery training regiments stationed at the camp on the Irish Sea.

The raid came as an unidentified truck, possibly carrying arms captured in the IRA's most daring raid in history Saturday, ran a police roadblock near Edinburgh. The truck ignored police signals to stop and the alarm was flashed to all checkpoints.

Special Cabinet Meeting

British armed forces went on a wartime alert unparalleled since 1945 and War Minister Anthony Head prepared to report to Prime Minister Anthony Eden at a special cabinet meeting.

Commander Leonard Burt, chief of the Scotland Yard special branch, interrupted his vacation to take over the manhunt. The British army ordered all sentries be armed against further IRA raids.