

Military Convoy Goes Through City

A military convoy including 98 vehicles and 550 men of the 82nd anti-aircraft artillery battalion of the Second infantry division went through Medford this morning.

The convoy was en route from Fort Lewis, Wash., to a mock battleground at Camp Polk, La., where a nationwide troop training maneuver, "Operation Sagebrush," the largest since World War II, is scheduled.

U.S. Civil Service Announces Job Exams

Examinations to fill several positions with the federal government were announced today by the U. S. Civil Service commission.

The posts, and annual salaries, include international information specialist, \$5,440 to \$11,345; information and editorial position, \$5,440 to \$11,610; engineer, \$4,345 to \$5,440.

Further information, including instructions on applying may be obtained from Chester W. Silliman, local representative.

Timber Sale Hearing In Medford Nov. 16

Portland —(U.P.)— Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's office today announced a change of schedule for forthcoming congressional hearings on federal timber sale policies in Oregon.

Portland phase of the hearings were changed from Nov. 28, 29 and 30 to Nov. 21, 22 and 23.

Other Northwest hearings will be held Nov. 14 at Redding, Calif.; Nov. 15 at Klamath Falls; Nov. 16 at Medford; Nov. 17 at Roseburg; Nov. 18 at Eugene; Nov. 28 at Aberdeen, Wash.; Nov. 29 and 30 at Seattle; and Dec. 1 at Spokane.

Child Feels Premonition That His Twin Needs Help

Bismarck, N. D. —(U.P.)— Mrs. Pat Crotty was feeding her three-year-old son when he said his twin brother was crying and needed him.

At the same time, a motorist stopped his car and jumped into the Crotty car, which the other boy had started rolling downhill by releasing the emergency brake.

Mrs. Crotty was so flustered she didn't get the man's name. But she had a word about her son.

"That kid must be psychic," she said.

He is now in the Medford post office building.

Benson's Speech May Give Tip on Handling Labor

Washington — (U.P.) — Insiders will be listening for Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's Moorehead, Minn., speech this week for a tip on Republican plans for dealing with organized labor in next year's presidential campaign.

Benson is scheduled to speak before a farm audience Friday evening. His last speech on farm prices aroused CIO President Walter Reuther to sharp reply.

That speech was given Sept. 20 in New Orleans before the Farm Equipment institute. Benson did not place all the blame for the high price of farm equipment on union labor wage gains. But he squarely placed some of the blame there.

Reuther challenged instantly, inviting Benson to join him in urging congressional investigation of wages, prices, and profits in the steel, automobile and farm equipment industries. Meantime, the word in Washington was that Benson had not cleared his speech with the White House where some of the staff was represented as upset by the secretary's potshot at union leadership.

Politically explosive theme But some of Benson's advisers were unimpressed. They have urged the secretary to stick to the theme that some of labor's gains have been unwarranted and unfair to both the farmer and the consumer. That is a delicate and politically explosive proposition. Benson stated it at New Orleans, with special reference to farm equipment and some parts of the food industry in which he cited specifically higher wages, handling and transportation costs.

Benson Gets Advice It has been suggested by some persons to Benson that he proceed further, direct his fire more directly at Reuther and spell out what he considers to have been the effect of CIO wage increases recently gained in the packing and farm equipment industries.

There has been no hint from the Agriculture Department that Benson will accept such advice or, more important, that the Eisenhower strategy board would permit him to accept it. What Benson has been urged to do is precisely what a group of Republican senators already has done — seek to carry political warfare to such union leaders as Reuther without taking on all of his union members.

CIO Woodworker Ballot Count Set Portland —(U.P.)— A balloting committee from the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) arrived at international headquarters here today to start counting ballots cast in the union's election of officers.

The counting was estimated to take from four to five days.

A. F. Hartung, incumbent president is opposed to J. E. Faddling of the western Washington council of the IWA.

Incumbent vice-presidents James E. Dicey and Claude R. Ballard are opposed by Burk Christie of the IWA plywood districts and Walter Allen of the British Columbia district.

Unions throughout the United States and Canada participated in the election.

Ashland Highway Bids To Be Opened Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Highway Commission will meet here Nov. 3 and 4 to open bids on 30 projects that will cost an estimated \$6,200,000.

One of the projects involves completion of the final link of the mammoth relocation and reconstruction project on the new Highway 99 between Eugene and Myrtle Point. It is the Shady-Booth Ranch unit of Pacific highway from a point four miles south of Roseburg to a point four miles north of Myrtle Point. Completion is scheduled for fall of 1956.

The commission said it would also receive bids for construction of the north bound lanes of a new one-way highway system in Ashland.

Most of the primary kaolin produced in the U.S. comes from North Carolina. It is used in the manufacture of porcelain and china.

McKay in Oregon After Visiting Ike

Portland — (U.P.) — Interior Secretary Douglas McKay arrived here by plane from Denver last night after a visit yesterday with President Eisenhower and said "the president looked very, very good."

McKay, who has a busy schedule in the Northwest until he leaves for Washington again Nov. 6, said Mr. Eisenhower sent his regards to Mrs. McKay for the angel food cake she sent to the president's birthday earlier this month.

The interior secretary, who went to Salem after his arrival here, is scheduled to receive an honorary degree at Oregon State College and attend the Western Republican Conference in Portland before leaving for Washington.

U. of California Chemists Find Key To Photosynthesis

Berkeley, Calif. —(U.P.)— Two University of California scientists have discovered the answer to one of nature's most baffling mysteries—how plants capture sunlight and turn it into energy and the food we eat.

The process in nature is called photosynthesis. Until the use of atomic energy was introduced in laboratories, it was almost a complete mystery.

Scientists knew in general that green plants somehow combined sunlight, carbon dioxide and water into complex sugars, starches and other energy-bearing materials that support all life. However, there had been no way to learn what happened between the intake of the various materials and the formation of the finished energy compounds.

To solve the problem, two chemists, Dr. Melvin Calvin and J. A. Bassham, began work in 1946 using radioactive carbon 14. This "hot element" could trace the intermediate chemical steps in photosynthesis.

Future Possibilities In all, the scientists found, there are 11 intermediate compounds between the plant's intake of the simple ingredients and the formation of energy compounds.

There are 11 different enzymatic steps in which at least eight different enzymes, complex organic substances which hurry chemical processes, participate.

The findings of the two doctors, which took nine years of research, were reported to the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva recently.

There are two promising possible applications resulting from their study:

The complete picture as presented by Calvin and Bassham may be used to improve photosynthesis carried on in plants grown by farmers.

And once the sunlight conversion process is clearly understood, it may be possible to build factories to duplicate the photosynthetic process, to produce food by chemical synthesis, and to liberate man from his dependence on plants.

Psychological Followups Could Prevent Suicides

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Most suicides are preventable, according to Dr. A. E. Bennet, associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California Medical Center here.

Bennet, in a recent radio series, said that many deaths could be prevented by compulsory psychiatric followups on all persons who attempt suicide. At present, he said, most suicidal patients are released from emergency hospitals when they are out of physical danger, and many of them later succeed in killing themselves.

Bennet said many lives also could be saved if physicians and the public more often recognized and acted upon the danger signals of severe depression which precede most attempts at suicide.

Coonskin Cap Set Causes Rise in Trapper Profits

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Since the Davy Crockett craze has taken hold of our youth, the men who catch and skin wild animals for a living have been reaping a neat profit from heretofore mostly useless pelts.

Rabbit, gray fox, coyote and raccoon skins, usually very slow-moving items on the fur market, are now being used in the manufacture of Crockett caps for the small fry.

AFL President Rapped by Head of Pilots' Union

Chicago — (U.P.) — An AFL-affiliated union president today charged AFL President George Meany with making "ridiculous, half-cocked and uninformed," statements.

Clarence Sayen, who heads the Air Line Pilots association, replied to Meany's charges that his union was working against another union on strike against United Air Lines.

Meany sent Sayen a telegram charging the Pilots' association with "collusion" with the company against the AFL Flight Engineers International association.

Violation Charged Meany said that pilots have been crossing picket lines and filling in for the striking engineers in "clear violation of all trade union principles." He summoned Sayen to appear before the AFL Executive council in New York.

Sayen said that "Meany's statements are ridiculous, half-cocked and uninformed." He said he planned to appear before the council to present his union's position in the dispute but did not know when he would go.

The flight engineers have been on strike against United for four days. Pilots and ground crew personnel have stuck to their jobs, however, and a UAL spokesman said the line is maintaining 95 per cent of its normal mileage.

An engineers' spokesman countered that United was forced to cancel 23 flights yesterday and that the strike "is causing a decided pinch."

About 500 engineers walked out Sunday night in opposition to a company rule that all flight engineers must be qualified pilots.

Bride Carries Fan Woven For Czarina 60 Years Ago

Des Moines, Ia. —(U.P.)— When Mrs. Gordon Osbrink got married, the "something old" she carried was a fan of white satin specially woven for Russia's last Czarina 60 years ago.

The square of satin, brocaded with silver thread in a poppy pattern was a coronation souvenir. The souvenir was given by a Russian officer to a French officer, whose wife in 1929 sent it to a granddaughter here, Mrs. Cuson Emery.

Mrs. Emery gave it to "the little girl next door," when she became Mrs. Gordon Osbrink.

Large Liberian Forests Opened For Development

Washington —(U.P.)— The rich forest lands of Liberia are now open for industrial concessions.

Liberia's vast forest areas offer tremendous possibilities for development, according to the Liberian embassy here. It said only a few concessions in the 9,000,000 acres have been applied for and granted by the Liberian government to date.

Liberia plans to produce two to three billion board feet of timber a year, "valued at \$12,000,000," the publication said.

New York's municipally-owned transit system, including subways, elevated trains, buses and trolleys covers a total of 819 route miles.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Price Competition Wars Invade Insurance Field

Chicago —(U.P.)— Price competition is "butting out all over" in the ordinary life insurance business, a top insurance executive reports.

Robert E. Dineen, vice-president of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Milwaukee, Wis., said much of this price competition centers in the so-called "specials," many of which represent the application to life insurance of principles long familiar in the fire and casualty lines.

Wallet Put Through Mill Before Return to Owner

Millston, Wis. —(U.P.)— Walter Johnson got his wallet back a month after losing it and the purse really had been "through

the mill." Johnson hauls pulp wood for a paper company and lost the wallet while loading logs in the woods. It apparently got to Port Edwards with the load of wood and went through the saw mill. It was bathed in a barking drum and thrown on a conveyor to the saw which rips logs into chips.

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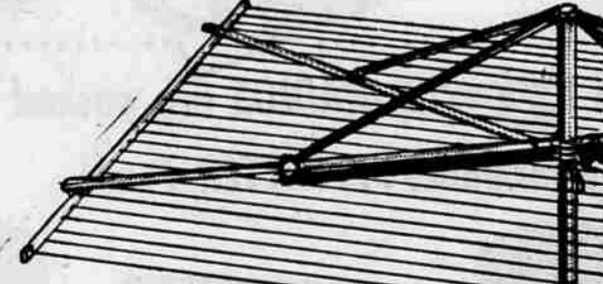
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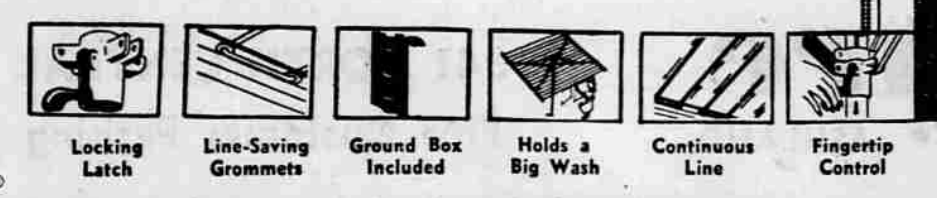
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