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**Photographers Fail
In Getting the Bird
Lensman is Snapped**

Don't mention birds to Photographer Phil Brainerd. It all started Saturday morning. On her way to work at the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Mary Jane Fischer noticed a bird building its nest in the cup around a green light on the traffic signal at the intersection near St. Mary's school.

When she got to work she telephoned the Mail Tribune to tell about it. The newspaper put in a hurry-up call to Phil, and asked him to get a picture of the bird in the nest.

Phil, accompanied by his right-hand man, Bob Dyer, rushed out, equipped with all sorts of photographic equipment. They parked their car in the middle of the intersection, and Phil climbed on top of the car, mounted a 40 mm telephoto lens on a 35 mm Exacta camera and took aim at the bird, which was fluttering around the nest, popping in and out, and the green light went on and off.

Just as Phil was ready to snap, away flew the bird. It didn't come back. The traffic began to get heavy, and at one point the sweating photographers had cars stopped for a block away. They decided that discretion was the better part of valor, and departed—but not before Bob snapped a picture of Phil snapping a picture of the nest.

Phil tried again Sunday morning. No luck. The bird left when Phil arrived, and didn't return. Phil tried again Monday morning. The same story.

Altogether the persistent photographer spent almost three hours trying to capture the bird in the traffic light on film for posterity.

But, between the two of them, they did capture a picture of the nest in front of the green light—and a picture of a photographer on top of a car.

SP Says Passenger Service Would Cut Freight Efficiency

**Hearings Continue in
Medford Tomorrow**

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Freight traffic was one of the most controversial issues here yesterday afternoon as Douglas county citizens continued to present testimony to the Oregon Public Utilities Commission holding hearings on the Southern Pacific's abandonment of passenger service on the Eugene-Ashland run.

Crux of the difference was whether freight traffic should be considered at the hearing which is seeking testimony on a hearing on Southern Pacific's abandonment of passenger service between Eugene and Ashland will be held starting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the federal court room on the second floor of the Medford post office building.

John Pletsch, chairman of a committee which is endeavoring to obtain widespread representation, urged residents of southern Oregon and northern California to present testimony at the hearing.

The railroad will present its case at a later date.

Behind the railroad's move to bring freight traffic into the hearing is the supposition that the return of passenger traffic over the line would lessen the efficiency of freight traffic.

The railroad contends, also, that passenger and freight traffic over the line must be considered individually by their separate revenues. Citizens of the area argued that revenue for the line should be one overall picture comprising both passenger and freight operations.

Hearing Officer Clifford W. Ferguson heard a variety of witnesses testify to the need for the passenger service in the area.

Emil Ramberg, owner of the Umpqua hotel and a representative of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, testified several meetings have been cancelled here because weather and road conditions hampered air and highway travel.

Blames Poor Service
Roseburg Mayor Ernest Barker Jr., blamed poor usage on the line prior to the passenger curtailment to "poor equipment and poor schedules." He said the people of the area would make use of the service if it were adequate.

Columbia, Willamette Rivers at Record Levels; No Serious Flood

Portland — (U.P.) — The Columbia and Willamette rivers in the Portland area were at record April levels today but no serious flooding was reported.

The Willamette in Portland harbor was a foot over the 18-foot level at 8:30 a.m. today and was expected to reach nearly 30 feet before dropping this week-end. The Columbia at Vancouver was four feet over flood stage. Both streams are expected to rise and then level off.

In 1948, the year of the Vancouver flood in late May, the Willamette river stood at 11 feet on April 24, eight feet under the present reading.

The Willamette river was not high upstream. It was 15 feet under flood stage at Albany and nearly 16 feet under at Salem. Backwater from the Columbia caused its rise here.

Meanwhile, levels of northern Idaho's snow-swollen rivers were generally dropping today.

Martin Named ASC Office Manager

Harry E. Martin, formerly of Marion county, has been appointed manager of the Jackson county agricultural stabilization committee office, it was announced today.

Martin succeeds Talbert (Tab) Sehorn, who was transferred to Portland last Friday.

The new ASC office manager has worked for the past two years as loan specialist in the Marion county ASC office. Prior to that he was a dairyman and general farmer near Salem.

Nixon Campaign Boss Will Be Subpoenaed

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate investigators said today they will subpoena Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's campaign manager for questioning about his legal services for a blacklisted government contractor.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) announced he will issue the subpoena for Murray M. Chotiner of Beverly Hills, Calif., who failed to appear for testimony today.

McClellan's announcement came after contractor Herman Kravitz refused to say whether Chotiner interceded at the justice department when Kravitz was accused of stealing government cloth.

Subcommittee counsel Robert F. Kennedy said he talked with Chotiner a week ago and the attorney agreed to testify today. But he said McClellan received a wire today indicating that Chotiner would not appear, so the subcommittee would subpoena him.

McClellan said he probably would issue the subpoena later today. He said it possibly would require Chotiner to testify next week.

Chotiner's telegram to the Senate investigating subcommittee said, "an accumulation of legal matters in behalf of clients requires my personal attention in California, making it impossible for me to be in Washington April 26. Must remain here through May 2."

"My testimony would be repetition of information already given Mr. Kennedy," Chotiner's telegram continued. "Other data is prohibited because of confidential communication between client and lawyer."

Clothing Plant
Kravitz, pudgy, 35-year-old Atlantic City, N. J., contractor, testified that he hired Chotiner in 1953 because he was interested in moving a clothing plant to the Los Angeles area. But he refused to say whether that was the only reason.

He based his refusal on the grounds his answer might tend to incriminate him.

Moderate Shortage of Water Possible Here

Lack of precipitation during April may result in moderate water shortages on some of the smaller Jackson county streams despite the good outlook predicted at the recent water forecasters' meeting, according to David C. Hendrix, water master for district 15.

The water master said there are indications that part of the tributaries of Bear creek will not supply the demand for all of the water users.

Since the ground acts as a natural reservoir for water when sufficient amounts are used, Hendrix suggested that ranchers and farmers keep lands as wet as practical to help hold back the early runoff.

He also suggested that landowners properly clean and maintain ditches in order to obtain the most beneficial use of the available water supply.

**Grandview, Kenwood
Residents Set Meeting**
A meeting of residents of the Grandview and Kenwood districts will be held at Lone Pine school Thursday at 7:30 p.m., for further discussions on the sanitation problem. It was announced today.

The meeting, third in a series, will compare and weigh discussions of two previous meetings. The first session covered problems of a sanitary district and the second was a discussion with city officials on possible annexation.

**Seven Missing as Fire
Sweeps Eastern Hotel**
Warren, Pa. — (U.P.) — A general alarm fire swept the 150-room Carver hotel here early today, and police said seven guests were unaccounted for after the blaze was brought under control. The flames demolished the 125-year-old city landmark and severely damaged the adjacent Moore Club, the Siefert Jewelry Co., and Epstein Clothing Co.

Police Chief Michael Evan said seven guests were missing but no fatalities were confirmed.

An estimated 150 firemen from nine communities rushed to the aid of Warren firemen in their four-hour battle to quell the flames after the fire broke out at 1:15 a.m.

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British-Soviet Talks Wind Up Indecisively

London — (U.P.) — Britain and the Soviet Union ended their "little summit" conference on an indecisive note today.

Informed sources said they had reached mild agreements on the Middle East, East-West trade and Anglo-Soviet cultural relations. But they still appeared deadlocked on the big cold war issues left over from the Big Four Geneva conference: German unity, European security and disarmament.

The last two meetings between Premier Sir Anthony Eden, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev took place at No. 10 Downing st. this morning and this afternoon. Each session lasted two hours.

The morning meeting had been scheduled as the last one of the Russians' 10-day visit to Britain. But the afternoon session was called as an after-thought when the morning conference failed to produce agreement on wording of a communique which will be issued tomorrow.

Hamarskjold Talks With Jordan Premier

Jerusalem (Israeli Sector) — (U.P.) — U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold Jordan Premier Samir El-Rifai in hopes of ending the suddenly renewed tension along the Israeli-Jordan frontier.

Hammarskjold flew to the Jordan capital late yesterday and conferred with young King Hussein only hours after Israeli charges that Arab infiltrators slipped across the border from Jordan and killed four civilians.

The border between Israel and Jordan is the only one not protected by a cease fire agreement. Hammarskjold worked out a cease fire last week between Israel and Egypt and a conditional one between Israel and Syria early this week.

**President's Civil Rights
Program Clears Hurdle**
Washington — (U.P.) — Eisenhower's civil rights program cleared its first hurdle in Congress today.

The house judiciary committee substituted the President's four-point program for a broader bill sponsored by its chairman and sent it along to the rules committee for approval.

Southern Democrats, who had blocked a vote yesterday, pledged to fight the bill in the rules committee "with all the weapons we have."

Lebanon Woman Dies As Auto Leaves Road

Lebanon — (U.P.) — Mrs. Reva Dowding, 36-year-old Lebanon housewife, was fatally injured shortly after 11 a.m. today when her car plunged over the east bank of the South Santiam river near the east Grant bridge in Lebanon.

**Algerian Rebels Threaten
To Carry War Into France**
Cairo, Egypt — (U.P.) — Algerian nationalists threatened today to carry their North African warfare into "France itself."

The statement came from Algerian nationalist leader Ferhat Abbas who said he was proposing negotiations between France and the "Algerian Liberation Front" aimed at winning independence for Algeria.

Will Intensify War
If France refuses, he said, "All North African liberation forces will intensify the war and carry it into France itself."

Abbas is a former member of the Algerian Assembly. He came to Cairo last week with three other nationalist representatives seeking Arab support for the Algerian Moslems' fight against France.

Situation Discussed
The group discussed the North African situation with officials of the Arab League and the North African Liberation Committee since it arrived here last Tuesday.

France considers Algeria an integral part of metropolitan France and has firmly resisted Algerian moves toward independence. However, France granted independence to Morocco and Tunisia.

Chief Executive Sees No Reason For Soviet Visit

**Lower Taxes Held
Not in Best Interest**

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today rejected suggestions that the United States call off the hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific next month.

He said such tests are linked inseparably with the development of guided missiles.

Mr. Eisenhower also said he believes no useful purpose would be served now by a visit of Soviet leaders to this country.

And he said he can see no logical reasons for reducing taxes this year.

He told his news conference that as now he is convinced it would not be in the good interest of America to lower tax rates. He made clear that this attitude would hold even if the federal surplus during the current fiscal year should prove to be considerably larger than the \$200,000,000 forecast by the treasury last January.

Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential aspirant, said Saturday the United States should consider halting the H-bomb test as a gesture toward disarmament. Stevenson yesterday also urged greater speed in the development of guided missiles.

Mr. Eisenhower said he found it paradoxical for a person on one hand to urge as hard work as possible on missiles and then ask that work be stopped on the H-bomb. The President said it would be imprudent to have one without the other.

Long Distance Seen
The President said he had no reason to challenge the forecast by Khrushchev that Russia soon will have guided missiles with H-bomb warheads capable of hitting "every point in the world." But the President added quickly that there is a very long distance between laboratory capability and the construction of a very expensive, effective and elaborate instrument of war.

Other highlights at Mr. Eisenhower's news conference today:
1. He said he had not received from Vice-President Richard M. Nixon what he would consider a definite answer as to whether Nixon wants to run with him this fall.

2. He got a report this morning from Harold E. Stassen, White House disarmament specialist, on Stassen's talk in London last night with Communist Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev. But he had not studied it at sufficient length to comment.

**Negroes Told To Use Rear
Of Buses Despite Order**
Montgomery, Ala. — (U.P.) — Montgomery city officials warned Negroes today to move to the rear of buses or face arrest under city and state criminal segregation laws. Court Decision Defied.

The decision was issued in defiance of a U.S. Supreme Court decision which bans segregation.

Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers said he was ready to enforce local segregation laws with arrests and prosecution.

"I'll be responsible for any arrests and I'll give director orders for those arrests," he said.

The decision of the city fathers was announced Tuesday night, less than 24 hours after the

Montgomery City Bus Co. announced it would conform to the Monday decision of the U.S. Supreme Court and eliminate segregation regulations on its vehicles.

Conflicting Authorities
Negro bus passengers and bus drivers were thus thrust between the conflicting authorities of armed police and the decision of bus company officials supporting the U. S. Supreme Court decision.

Similar conflicts developed in more than a dozen cities of the Deep South where law and custom decree that Negroes sit at the rear of public transportation vehicles and whites sit at the front.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Cloudy with scattered showers or thundershowers this evening. Mostly cloudy Thursday morning. Partial clearing Thursday afternoon.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 503.02, off 0.34; 20 rails 175.51, up 0.62; 15 utilities 65.08, off 0.06; 65 stocks 179.62, up 0.10. Sales today were about 2,270,000 shares compared with 2,500,000 yesterday.

TEMPERATURE
Highest Yesterday 79
Lowest this Morning 49
To 4:30 a.m. Today Trace