



DRAMATIC MOMENT in Washington as grim-faced Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty (right) announces at jammed news conference that four-man team of surgeons would perform exploratory abdominal operation immediately on President Eisenhower to relieve intestinal obstruction. Operation is "successful." (International)

Eight-Year-Old Becomes Best Selling French Writer

Paris — (U.P.) — Golden-haired Minou Drouet, the only poet in the world whose work lands regularly on newspaper front pages, has settled down from being merely a temporary figure of national controversy to one of France's most widely admired and best-selling authors—at the age of eight.

Publisher Rene Julliard announced that a first, 20,000-volume printing of her poems was sold out in the record time of three weeks and that a second printing was ordered immediately.

The announcement was greeted with bravos by French critics—many of whom had called the child prodigy "a fake" or "the biggest literary hoax of the century" only a short while before.

Julliard also announced that the volume, "arbre, mon ami" (tree, my friend), will be published in Japan shortly and that negotiations are underway to publish the tender little poems in the United States, Britain and a dozen other countries.

This is a triumph surpassing all expectations for Minou, a once near-blind orphan who "couldn't" help but start writing about an entirely new world of color and movement" after an operation restored her eyesight two years ago, and for her discoverer, Julliard.

"Back To Your Dolls" Only two months ago, a national controversy that almost overshadowed developments in French politics and in North Africa, was raging over the question as to whether Minou was really the author of her amazing little poems and such epigrams as:

"This is the great folly of grown-ups—wanting what lasts, wanting to last. Only two things last—shoes too small, and foolishness."

Many suspected the author—or co-author, at least—was her foster mother, 49-year-old Mrs. Claude Drouet, who kept the child in almost total seclusion in a fishing village on the Brittany coast.

The critics were in an uproar. Author Michel de Saint-Pierre, after reading some of the girl's observations on love and "sin, this perfumed velvet," struck the keynote with a thunderous:

"Minou, back to your dolls!"

But Minou wouldn't go back to her dolls.

"I won't play with things dead," she said and went on writing those intriguing poems that threw French headline writers into a pencil-chewing dither.

The turning point came in January when Julliard decided to present Minou to the public.

She appeared in some of Paris' most snobbish literary salons and at movie premieres where she stole the spotlight from the stars and charmed her critics.

"This phenomenon needs re-assessment," admitted Saint-Pierre.

Her formal recognition came when she successfully passed the tough examination of France's venerated Society of Authors, Composers and Music Editors (SACEM) to become the society's youngest member.

Locked in a room, she had to write a poem on a given subject within half an hour. She passed the test with flying colors—with a 37-line poem, "Paris sky" that "deeply moved" a jury of leading writers.

Now she has returned to the fishing village of Pouliguen where she divides her time between private tuition, play with her cats, piano lessons—and writing poems for her next book which may appear in a year.

"Yesterday, three old bearded gentlemen came to see me," she recently wrote to a friend. "Each walked in with his beard. They asked me: can you make Alexandrines? those are verses which need 12 feet to stand on."

"I thought sadly: first, you don't make verses. A cloud passes, something gushes out. You have nothing to do with it, the cloud is responsible, and then, well, my verses don't have feet, they have wings."

And with that, Minou may have gone for another long walk along the sandy beach near her home, returning with another of her winged little poems. Such as this one:

"The waves don't break on the beach.
"They break in my eye,
"In my ears,
"On my heart."

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.



LIGHTS BLAZE in third-floor operating room of Walter Reed Hospital as team of surgeons operate on President Eisenhower to relieve intestinal obstruction. (International)

London Departs Greek Church Head

London—(U.P.)—Scotland Yard deported the London head of the Greek Orthodox Church early today in its first major crackdown on Cypriot anti-British activity in Britain.

Police agents seized Archimandrite Abbott Kallinikos Macheriotis in his downtown rectory and put him aboard a plane for Athens shortly after midnight.

The Home Office said Macheriotis is a Greek national and that he was ousted from Britain "in the public interest."

It followed a Scotland Yard security crackdown based on reports that Greek Cypriots in London might try to seek revenge against the royal family or the Cabinet for the hanging of two Cypriot gunmen last May 10.

State Medical Controversy Boils Up Again

Portland — (U.P.)—The heated controversy between the Oregon State Medical Society and the state medical school boiled into the open again yesterday with the release of the school administration's answer to charges made by the society.

The 85 page report summarized the dispute by saying: "The basic issue existing between the Oregon State Medical Society and the Board of Higher Education can be very simply stated—who is going to run the medical school?"

The report, submitted by Dr. Charles N. Holman, medical director and administrator of hospitals and clinics, to the Board of Higher Education, included answers from four department heads at the medical school who were singled out for special criticism by the Medical Society.

The society had charged that certain of the medical school staff were abusing their privilege of private practice on school premises at the expense of the taxpayers and, in some cases, to the neglect of their teaching duties. This was denied.

The report made public yesterday said, "It is the understanding of the faculty and administration that the school is owned and operated by the people of the state of Oregon and that those in charge of the school are responsible to them through their elected and appointed representatives."

Freeways Seen Length of State

Portland — (U.P.)—Funds available for the interstate highway system provided in the new federal highway bill would finance four-lane freeway construction from the Washington border on the north to California and three-fourths of the distance from Portland to the Idaho line, Gov. Elmo Smith told the State Lions convention today.

Oregon's share of the contemplated federal program, which will be very nearly the same regardless of which of the two plans of apportionment is adopted, is estimated at \$650,000,000, Gov. Smith said.

Of this, the governor said \$380,000,000 would be spent on the 740 miles of interstate highway in Oregon and \$270,000,000 on the remaining 8,400 miles of federal-aid highways in the state, including \$40,000,000 on county road system.

Of the \$380,000,000 proposed on interstate routes in Oregon during the 13-year period, 1957-69, the federal government would provide \$160,000,000 and the state \$110,000,000.

Gov. Smith explained that the exceptions for east-west four-lane highway are in sparsely settled areas in eastern Oregon where two-lane construction will be adequate for some time.

350 Enrolled in Swimming Classes

A total of 350 are enrolled in a swimming program now in progress in Ashland, according to Dr. William H. Roberts, chairman of the water safety committee for the Jackson County Red Cross chapter.

Warren La Bounty is directing the classes assisted by Vivian Stevenson, Kathy Ingle, Kiki Doddridge, Jane Yaple and Don Church. The instructors have taken necessary courses to qualify them for work in water safety, Dr. Roberts said.

Rockefeller Heir Married in Idaho

Hayden Lake, Ida. — (U.P.)—Winthrop Rockefeller, 44, heir to America's largest oil fortune, and his bride, the former Jeanette Edris of New York, were honeymooning today at an undisclosed location.

Rockefeller and his bride were married Monday in a simple civil rite performed by Judge M. M. Humphrey of Coeur d'Alene at the mountain summer home of the bride's father.

Following a brief reception for their families and close friends, the newlyweds left for an undisclosed honeymoon location.

It was the second marriage for Rockefeller and the fourth for his bride.

Rockefeller was first married in 1948 to the daughter of an Indiana coal miner. Blonde Bobo Rockefeller obtained a Reno divorce Aug. 3, 1954, and was granted a whopping \$5,500,000 settlement.

Mrs. Rockefeller was previously married to Edson Bruce Bartley, Nathan R. Barrager and Donald McDonald. She divorced McDonald in 1951.

County Residents Attend DAV Meet

Attending the department Disabled American Veterans convention in Salem this week are James Lillie, Lester Moser, Ed Branchfield, George Simmons, Harvey Cassman and Pat Graham, delegates from Jackson county chapter 8.

The DAV auxiliary will be represented by Mrs. James Lillie, Mrs. Pat Graham, Mrs. Lester Moser, Mrs. George Simmons, Mrs. Everett Grisson and Auxiliary Commander Mrs. Clifford Heeter.

There will be no meeting of the DAV and auxiliary at the regular scheduled date this week. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26, when convention reports will be given, officers reported.

The DAV office and chapter headquarters, 1515 North Riverside ave., will be closed until Tuesday, June 19. Any necessary contact with the DAV can be made through Commander Karl Knutson, 615 North Columbus ave., telephone 2-6483.

Lansing became the state capital of Michigan in 1847 when it was still a frontier clearing and sawmill site.

IT'S FATHER'S DAY... SUNDAY

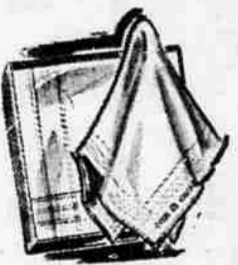
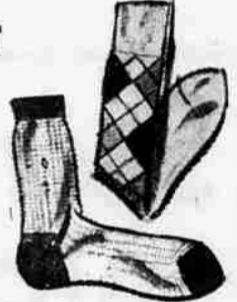


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