

## Youngster Takes Memory of Beautiful World Into Surgery To Remove Sight

Orlando, Fla. — (U.P.) — Mike Sibole, at 4 the victim of eye cancer, entered a world of life-long darkness today with the memories of a world of beauty in his heart.

The slip of a boy with the courage of a man was swathed in a hospital jacket and wheeled into the operating room of Pleasant Holiday House Hospital. There a doctor took out Mike's only eye to save the boy's life from spreading cancer of the retina.

It was believed that Mike had before he was brought to the hospital.

**Last Look At World**  
Mike's last look at the world outside was indelibly imprinted in his thoughts forever, a bright morning sun and multicolored flowers.

For four days prior to the inevitable operation, the boy's parents had taken him to every place of beauty they could find and his last full day in the world of sight was spent among the pounding waves of a nearby seashore.

The Rev. James W. Sibole and his wife brought little Mike to the hospital about 30 minutes before the scheduled surgery.

In preparation for the tragic event, Mike's parents had wisely started him on instructions at a school for the blind.

Mike's room in the hospital had been decorated with beautiful flowers long before the family arrived, gladioli, asters and roses, the flower that Mike likes. Mike's right eye was taken out two years ago because of cancer of the retina. And now the specialists say the left eye must be removed because of a similar growth.

The choice was clearcut, but agonizing: Blindness or death.

**Readjustment Begins Today**  
Mike is scheduled to remain in the hospital for three days, the doctor said. The doctor will fit Mike with his second glass eye in about four weeks. But the long period of readjustment begins today.

Even with faltering vision during the past two years, Mike had

remained extremely active for a four-year-old. He could swim underwater, rollerskate, and play ball.

His two-year-old brother, Jerry, will have to find someone else to play catch with.

The Rev. Sibole and his wife Vera are thankful, though, that his life has been spared. They are ready to teach Mike the new skills he will need. Mike already is enrolled in a special pre-school training class for blind children.



**HE'S PART OF HER**—Mrs. Roderick D. Balsam of Little Neck, N. Y., comforts her 11-month-old son, David, in Memphis, Tenn., hospital after part of her shin bone was transplanted to little David's ankle. The tot was born without a normal ankle and was unable to move his foot. Doctors said Mrs. Balsam will suffer no ill effects from the operation that will one day help David to put his best foot forward.



**GETTING THE JUMP**—Jockey Willie Hartack breaks in one of Calumet Farm's potential stars, Iron Liege, as the two leap from starting gate at Arlington Park near Chicago. Hartack, who after 20 days of the current Arlington session had 36 victories, is now leading reinsman in the country. This is Iron Liege's camera debut.

## School Superintendent Appointment Urged

Salem—(U.P.)—The Legislative Interim Committee on Elections voted yesterday to recommend legislation to allow the governor to appoint the state superintendent of public instruction rather than have him elected.

The committee was divided on a proposal that would make the office of labor commissioner appointive rather than elective although four of the six members voting appeared to favor the recommendation.

Labor spokesman James Marr told the committee he was opposed to the appointment of a labor commissioner unless it was guaranteed that he should come from the ranks of labor.

Marr said he favored making the offices of labor commissioner and attorney general non-partisan, along with the office of superintendent of public instruction.

## \$100,000 Fire Levels Mill Near Stayton

Stayton, Ore. — (U.P.) — Siegmond Lumber company's mill on Fern Ridge rd., five miles east of here, was destroyed in a \$100,000 fire yesterday. Cause was not determined.

Owner Ralph Siegmond, who lives a half mile from the mill, said he was awakened by the crackling sound of the blaze at about 1:30 a.m.

Siegmond said there was no insurance on the plant, which was formerly known as the Golden Penny Lumber company. He said he had no plans to rebuild the plant. The jobs of 24 men will be ended by the fire.

## Portland Man Drowns In Country Club Pool

Portland — (U.P.) — Oscar Treft, 32, Portland, drowned early today in the private pool at Waverly Country club here.

Treft had been employed at the club for about four months as a bartender. His body was removed from more than eight feet of water at the deep end of the pool and investigating officers said an abrasion on the forehead led them to believe he had dived into shallower water.

## Baby Survives Truck Passing Over Body

Seattle — (U.P.) — A 14-month-old baby who was run over by a three-quarter ton truck driven by his father was reported in "good" condition here today.

Berk Norby was admitted to Virginia Mason hospital Tuesday and physicians said bruises clearly indicated the truck had passed over the child.

The boy suffered bruises on his back, stomach, left hand and head and may have internal injuries.

## Nehalem Man Dies In Logging Accident

Nehalem, Ore. — (U.P.) — Raymond Lloyd Johns, about 40, was killed late yesterday when a log swung over and pinned him against another while he was loading logs on his truck. Johns operated a logging outfit in this vicinity.

## President, Cabinet Discuss Steel Strike

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower, concerned by its economic effects, discussed the 18-day-old steel strike today with cabinet members and other top federal officials.

After the meeting, the White House said Mr. Eisenhower was informed that strike negotiations will be resumed this afternoon and "both parties are determined to make every possible effort to reach an agreement at the earliest practicable time."

Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary, said he did not believe the meeting constituted presidential intervention in the steel dispute. He said the meeting was "a review."

## Train Hits Bumper Hurting 35 Persons

Jersey City, N. J. — (U.P.) — A crowded Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train plowed into a terminal bumper at the height of the commuter rush hour today, slightly injuring 35 persons.

The 12-car express train, carrying more than 350 passengers, struck the bumper, a metal guard, at the end of the line in the Exchange Place Station here.

Police said the train engineer, John Walsh, 59, misjudged the distance between the train and the bumper and struck it "with considerable impact." Walsh was not injured.

The jolt sent passengers sprawling into aisles. Some were hurried against seats in front of them. Others, standing in preparation to depart, were knocked off their feet.

## Kansas Man Killed On Fort Klamath Job

Fort Klamath — (U.P.) — Gene Chapman, 47 of Pleasanton, Kan., was killed by a falling tree at Three-mile creek, two miles west of Fort Klamath yesterday evening.

Chapman was working as a timber feller for Eugene F. Burdill, of Medford. His widow, two sons and a daughter live at Pleasanton.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

## Convention of Christian Men To Be in Cleveland

In the first national convention of its kind, thousands of American men will gather in Cleveland, Sept. 14-16, to proclaim their faith in God and dedicate themselves to Christian living.

Coming from virtually all states and representing all walks of life, these "men from the pew" will be delegates to the first National Convention of Christian Men, convened by United Church Men, men's wing of the National Council of Churches.

The Rev. Billy Graham, the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, Mayor Roe H. Bartle of Kansas City and Congressman Walter Judd are scheduled to address the convention during its three day session.

The meeting, which will bring together men from upwards of 30 different denominations and communions, will also be marked by a fellowship breakfast, workshop discussions on the role of men in the nation's religious life, and a pre-convention luncheon.

Among the speakers for the convention will be Dr. Alan Walker of Australia, whose "Mission to the Nation," has been so successful "down under" that the Methodist church has brought him to the United States and Canada for a year's speaking engagement.

The program will open on Friday evening, Sept. 14, and continue through Sunday noon. In addition to the speakers at general sessions, a fellowship breakfast will be held Saturday morning where state and local executives of councils of churches will visualize and outline ways for men to undergird church programs at the state level.

A workshop will be held Saturday morning to explain how United Church Men functions through national emphases and cooperates on the community level.

"Billy" Graham will also speak at a pre-convention civic luncheon Friday in the Hotel

Cleveland which will be attended by professional, business and industrial leaders of the Cleveland area and the National Board of Managers of United Church Men.

Beverly Shea of the Billy Graham team, soloist, will be on hand. Plans are also being made to bring the 75-voice Blue-

jacket Choir from the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill., for one of the sessions.

Fifteen thousand men are expected to attend the convention with registrations already in from men in 24 states.

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