

Nixon Departs for Goodwill Tour of African Countries

Washington—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon was to leave today on a mission to prove that the smile and handshake of American politics can be as effective in winning friends in Africa as it was in Asia.

Nixon, who was to depart this afternoon on a 17,815-mile goodwill tour of Africa, plans to spend as much time as possible with the "little" people of the nine nations he will visit.

The vice president used the same person-to-person diplomacy with reported success during his 1953 tour of Asia. He even broke up an anti-American demonstration in Burma by walking up to talk things over with the Communist leaders.

Fat Going Along
Attractive Pat Nixon, 44-year-old woman, also plans to repeat her Asian performance by visiting schools, hospitals and libraries to compare notes with local women leaders.

Friends said Nixon realizes he will not have too much time for such activities at the Gold Coast independence ceremonies March 6. As President Eisenhower's personal representative, he will be one of many top representatives of foreign nations and will have to stick to a formal schedule.

But in the other eight countries Nixon will have more freedom of action. In addition to the Gold Coast, to be renamed Ghana, Nixon will visit Morocco, Liberia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia and Rome. He carries presidential permission to hold "frank discussions" of mutual problems with officials of these nations.

Union Plumbers Threaten Stoppage In Oregon Shops

Corvallis—(UPI)—A work stoppage in union plumbing and steam fitting shops in six western Oregon towns was threatened today as a result of a deadlock in negotiations between employers and union representatives.

E. L. Forsyth, chairman of the employers' negotiation committee, said yesterday that employers have decided to reject a demand of a package raise of about 60 cents an hour and to stop work after its contract expires at 4:30 p.m. today.

However, D. W. Burroughs, business representative of the local, said if there was no work by plumbers it would be due to a lockout by the management. He said the matter of wages had not entered the negotiations and the union had never demanded the full package be accepted. He denied the union sent an ultimatum.

The stoppage would involve 100 plumbers in seven shops at Salem, Albany, Lebanon, Corvallis, Toledo and Newport.

The union is asking a boost of 35 cents an hour in pay, 10 cents an hour for health and welfare, two weeks paid vacation and six paid holidays a year, Forsyth said.

Burroughs said the employers had submitted 18 demands which he said will tend to weaken union security.

Old Tax Law Adds To Nebraska Revenue

Lincoln, Neb.—(UPI)—An old tax law added 27 cents to the state of Nebraska's revenue during the past two years.

J. Frank Ullstrom, deputy state treasurer, said the 27 cents was received for the old capitol fund tax, which was a levy created to pay for the present capitol building. The tax expired in 1932.

Ullstrom said every once in awhile a few cents "dribble in" from old estates around Nebraska that belonged to the old capitol fund tax.



CHATting WITH SEN. JOHN F. KENNEDY is pretty Judith Buonaccorsi, 17, of San Leandro, one of four winners of Voice of Democracy contest in Washington, sponsored by radio and TV broadcasters. Others from left: Mary Ellen Zanton, Wisc.; Deborah Allen, Mass.; and Ted Cooper, Ohio. (International Soundphoto)

Pope Said Worried Over Threat of War; Health Called Good

Vatican City—(UPI)—On the eve of his 81st birthday, Pope Pius XII is reported to be in excellent physical health but "suffering deeply" from the constant threat of war.

This Saturday, March 2, is a double anniversary for the Pope. It is both his birthday and the 18th anniversary for the Pope as spiritual leader of the world's 450 million Roman Catholics.

While he appears to be in the best health of any winter since World War II, high Vatican sources say he is basically unhappy over the state of the world.

The sources say he is still "suffering deeply" over the events in Hungary and the Middle East and the constant menace of war.

"In the face of these grave evils," one high source said, "the Pope finds consolation only in spiritual retirement and constant prayer. He has often said that his intense spiritual life and his trust in God give him the power to overcome these sorrows."

The night of Dec. 2, 1954, when Pius XII lay near death with gastritis and hernia, few of those close to him expected him to reach to age of 79.

Will To Live
But expert diagnosis and treatment by Prof. Antonio Gasbarrini and other specialists—and the Pope's own strong will to live—helped him pull through. Since that fateful night Vatican sources say, his health has never looked back. He had been plagued with winter illnesses intermittently since 1946. For two winters now there have been none.

Last summer there were reports of occasional sore throats and at times a mild return of the hiccups, which affected the Pope throughout the 1954 crisis. But the mildness of the ailments was indicated by the fact that the

Bergman, Hudson Honored by Magazine

New York—(UPI)—Ingrid Bergman and Rock Hudson were named the best actress and best actor of the year today in Look magazine's 16th annual movie awards.

Miss Bergman was cited for her performance in "Anastasia" and Hudson for his role in "Giant."

The Look award for the best screenplay went to Tennessee Williams for the controversial "Baby Doll."

Other awards included: Best supporting players: Oscar Homolka, "War and Peace," and Marie Windsor, "The Killing."

Most promising newcomers: Anthony Perkins, "Friendly Persuasion," and Carroll Baker, "Giant" and "Baby Doll."

Best director: George Stevens for "Giant."

Best producer: Mike Todd for "Around the World in 80 Days."

Oregon Birthday Celebration Profit Declared Possible

Salem—(UPI)—The Legislature was told last night that the 1959 celebration of Oregon's 100th birthday as a state could come up with a profit of \$2,500,000.

Anthony Brandenthaler of Baker, chairman of the Oregon Centennial Commission, said his group is asking the Legislature for \$1 million to fix up the Pacific-International Exposition Building in Portland as a center for the combination birthday celebration and a regional trade fair.

Tourist Money Seen
Brandenthaler said a centennial tied to a trade fair could draw up to \$144 million in tourist money, and come up with a handsome profit.

He said he had hoped that Portland's Exposition-Recreation center would be finished in time but that this seemed doubtful at present.

Sen. Alfred Corbett, Portland Democrat, said he understood the PL was a private agency and wondered if it could be taken over by a public agency if public money were to be spent. Brandenthaler said he believed "something could be worked out so that money won't go into private enterprise."

Mrs. MacNaughton Again Education Board Member

Salem—(UPI)—Reappointment of Cheryl S. MacNaughton to the State Board of Higher Education for a new six-year term was announced yesterday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Mrs. MacNaughton, Portland, was first named to the board in 1946 by Gov. Earl Snell after a career in the education field.

Bill Authorizing Road Bonds Voted by Senate

Salem—(UPI)—A bill to authorize the State Highway Commission to issue \$8 million of bonds so that the commission can take advantage of federal funds under the new national interstate highway construction program was unanimously passed by the Oregon Senate yesterday.

Training Program for BLM Nears Completion

A one-day session this week on the application of the United States system of public land surveys almost completed a Bureau of land management Medford district training program which has been running at intervals for the past month and a half.

Present for this week's discussion to furnish advice of surveys were Otis Gould, office engineer, and Tom Tillman, field engineer, both from the Portland office of the BLM.

Only one subject remains on the schedule for this year's training program, according to E. K. Peterson, district forester. This is an outdoor log grading school for pine scheduled early in March.

Adopts System
The Bureau is in the process of adopting a refinement of a system which has been in effect for several years whereby standing tree measurements made by field foresters are converted by electronic computing machines into the total volume of logs by grades recoverable from any tract of timber up for sale, Peterson said.

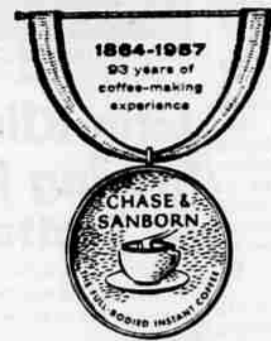
F. W. Fogelquist, staff forester in charge of appraisals, will conduct the pine grading school.

Subjects included in previous sessions of the training program were interpretation and use of aerial photographs, fire protection, blister rust control, reforestation, access road planning and engineering, acquisition of road easements, negotiation of logging road right-of-way agreements, planning for timber sales, supervision of timber sale contracts, timber and occupancy trespasses, land exchanges, administration of grazing leases and range improvements, mineral examinations under public law 167, recreational planning and development and various administrative matters.

Members of Staff
Instructors were members of the district staff responsible for the particular phase of work.

HELLS MEMORIAL PASSED
Olympia—(UPI)—The Democratic-controlled Washington Senate passed 28-16 yesterday a memorial asking federal construction of Hells Canyon dam.

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