

Liberace's Mother Under Observation at Hospital

Hollywood — The 68-year-old mother of pianist Liberace Saturday was under observation at a North Hollywood hospital and police were stationed at the entertainer's lavish home as a result of the mysterious beating of the elderly woman Thursday.

Baptist Minister May Be in Seattle

Portland — A Baptist minister who fasted for 119 days and dropped from 227 to 144 pounds — then disappeared — may be in Seattle, two Portland women said Friday.

Mrs. Curtis Sommer and her mother phoned a Portland newspaper to say they saw a man answering the Rev. W. T. Muford's description leaving a train in Seattle Thursday morning. The women had been visiting in Seattle and learned of the minister's disappearance on their return here.

Muford, pastor of Logan Baptist church near Estacada, reportedly had two brief cases one of which is supposed to have contained \$1,000. The women said they noticed the name "Reverend W. T. Muford" engraved on one of the brief cases, and remembered it because it was a "peculiar" name.

Mrs. Muford, the pastor's wife, said she thought her husband was "just taking off" for a while.

Teenagers Credited With Getting Suspect

Portland — Two Portland teenagers with their wits about them Saturday were credited with the apprehension of a holdup suspect.

Brian F. Lynch, 14, and Brian J. McGuire, 13, chased Dennis Paul Cox, 22, Portland, after the Alemeda Street Repair shop on Northeast Fremont street was held up and robbed of \$105. They caught the fugitive just as he got in his car and young McGuire tried to grapple with him but he wrenched free. The boys took the license number of the Cox car which led to his arrest at Medford and one from Eagle Point, at their motel.

The money taken from John E. Rumpakis was recovered at Cox's home, police said. He was booked on a charge of assault and robbery. The girls, who apparently were not aware of the holdup, were questioned but not held.

Oregon Fish Caught In Sea Near Japan

Portland — The Oregon Fish commission reports that an albacore tuna "tagged" off the coast of Oregon Aug. 11, 1956, was caught recently by a Japanese fishing vessel off the coast of Japan.

Dr. George Y. Harry Jr., Fish commission research director, said the albacore tag recovery further substantiates the theory that albacore caught sporadically in Oregon waters during late summer are destined for Asiatic waters.

ous beating of the elderly woman Thursday. Mrs. Francis Liberace Casadonte, in a state of shock and suffering a possible rib fracture, was taken to the North Hollywood hospital Friday after two masked thugs beat and slugged her into unconsciousness. The beating occurred several hours after her famous entertainer son gave a deposition concerning a \$25,000,000 suit against Confidential Magazine and offered to take a lie detector test.

Completes Show Liberace, who was not told of the attack on his mother until after he completed his midnight show at Hollywood's Moulin Rouge night club, promised a full scale investigation of the assault. Mrs. Casadonte, who remained under sedatives at the Sherman Oaks home most of Friday before being hospitalized, told police the attack occurred on the service porch. She said she saw two men, wearing business suits, black hoods and stockings over their shoes come toward her as she was entering the house from the back yard. They caught her as she attempted to flee and kicked and beat her.

Hears Comment She said she heard one man say, "Kick her again so we will have something to laugh about later."

After she regained consciousness, she said she called Mrs. Jane Liberace, wife of her son George, and Police Officer John Redmond, a friend. Detectives said there was no evidence of attempts at either robbery or burglary and nothing was taken from the Liberace home.

Liberace's brother, George, underwent a beating in Chicago some months back but it was believed he was the victim of hoodlums intent on robbing him.

Hill-Burton Funds Approved for State

Portland — The Oregon state board of health Friday authorized \$1,038,773 in federal grants for five Hill-Burton act hospital construction projects here, at The Dalles, and at Ontario, Ore.

The Portland grants include \$219,074.67 for additions to the Emanuel hospital nursing school, \$67,698.50 for a 20-bed nursing home at the Women's Convalescent Home association, and \$21,000 to the University of Oregon medical school for an x-ray therapy equipment building.

A \$400,000 75-bed general hospital was allotted for The Dalles, and \$331,000 goes for the first unit of a new 66-bed general hospital at Ontario, the board said.

The territory of New Mexico, which became a state in 1912, once included much of present day Arizona, which was called "Arizona Country, New Mexico." The two territories were separated in 1863, during the Civil War.

Edwin Markham's famous poem, "The Man With The Hoe" first was published in the San Francisco Examiner in 1899.



DICK LAMONT Chairman of Program

Foreign Students To Visit Medford

The Medford Chamber of Commerce will be hosts to several foreign exchange students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 5-7.

The students have selected this area to visit through services of the Foreign Students Exchange association. Dick Lamont, assistant business manager of Sacred Heart hospital, is chairman of the program.

Lamont has requested all residents interested in providing lodging and meals for one or more members of the group to telephone him at Sacred Heart hospital, SP 3-5333.

He explained that the Jaycees are awaiting details concerning the visitors, the exact number of guests, their names, ages, sex and interests. A reception is tentatively planned for the day of their arrival, and a tour of the valley will be arranged. Lamont has invited anyone desiring to provide special entertainment for the group to contact him.

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WEATHER By United Press Northern California: Fair Sunday but fog on coast, little change in temperature.

Hitchcock Challenges Neuberger on Issue

Portland — Republican Phil Hitchcock, former state senator and a spokesman for the GOP in Oregon, Saturday challenged Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) to set his own house in order before blaming President Eisenhower for the muddle over civil rights legislation.

Neuberger had said that "President Eisenhower must bear responsibility if the civil rights bill is frittered away." Hitchcock labeled the remark "a shallow and irresponsible charge against one of the people involved in this matter who is sincerely seeking a solution rather than playing politics with it."

Hitchcock added, "... The Junior Senator would be better advised to try to bring agreement among his own colleagues and to fight this issue through to a successful conclusion on its merits."

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AT CONFERENCE Salem — Robert Lister, Paulina, chairman of the State Livestock Advisory committee, and M. E. Knickerbocker and Henry Matschner of the state agriculture department left here Saturday to attend the annual meeting of the National Livestock Brand conference at Cheyenne, Wyo.

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STAR ACCEPTS CAR—Miss Ginger Rogers and her mother, Mrs. Leila Rogers, took delivery of a new Imperial Southampton from Hamlin Motor company while visiting recently at their Rogue River ranch, Warren Hamlin is shown above turning the car over to Miss Rogers. The star left Medford Wednesday for Los Angeles and New York. She will emcee the \$64,000 Question program on TV July 23.

Costa Rica Pays Travel Expenses on Two Week End Trips

Washington — Miss R. Bennett said Saturday the Costa Rican government and a newspaper in Columbia paid her travel expenses for two week end trips last month to those countries as a consultant and interpreter for Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.).

Miss Bennett, Latin American expert for the Library of Congress legislative reference bureau, said she did not believe that this amounted to receiving "compensation" from a foreign government.

Miss Bennett, who was assigned by the Library to work with Porter, accompanied the Oregon congressman on the trips. The Library and Porter have said she was carrying out official duties of the Library of Congress.

Makes Statement She made her statement to a reporter Saturday in response to a charge by Rep. E. Carroll Reece (R-Tenn.) that this explanation was "preposterous."

In a statement inserted in the Congressional Record Reece said the fact that Miss Bennett's travel expenses were paid by the Costa Rican government and the emp, added up to "compensation" from a foreign government.

"No federal employee can be engaged in official duties on behalf of the United States government and at the same time accept compensation from foreign governments in the performance of the duties," Reece said.

In his statement, Reece resumed his running battle with Porter over the Dominican Republic. Porter has denounced the Trujillo government as a dictatorship. Reece has defended it. Reece renewed his charge that Porter has fomented revolutionary activities in speeches before exiled Dominicans in Puerto Rico.

Porto was not immediately available for comment.

Evanston, Ill. — Laurence Popofsky, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Spencer Stokes Jr., Seattle, Wash., Saturday were chosen to represent the United States in a debating tour of England early next year.

Disagreement May Result in Strike

(See story on Page 1.)

Following are the texts of two letters dealing with the disagreement between Medford Corporation and Local 6-221, International Woodworkers of America, which may result in a strike Monday morning.

The first is a letter to Medco from the president of the local union, Bruce McDonald. The second is a letter addressed to all woods and railroad employees of Medco by B. L. Nutting, manager.

Texts of the two letters follow: The Medford Corporation Medford, Oregon This will confirm our negotiations of this date, July 18, and due to the position of the Medford Corporation as expressed by your spokesman, Mr. Irving of the P. I. R. C., of being unwilling to grant any of the Union's demands with reference to the industry points, or your failure to submit any counter proposal on such demands, will serve as our notification to you that the Local Union 6-221 has no alternative but to officially strike your operation in order to secure consideration to the Union's just but modest demands. The Local Union had previously voted by secret ballot to take this action, provided your position was unchanged in today's negotiations.

We informed you that we would notify you of the effective date that this Economic strike would commence. Therefore, please be advised that at an overflowing meeting of Local 6-221, held the evening of July 18, 1957, the membership voted unanimously to commence this strike at 7:00 A.M. Monday, July 22, 1957, unless, of course, prior to that time a settlement can be reached on the Economic issues in dispute.

As the meeting on Negotiations was recessed on the 18th of July subject to call, this is to advise that the Local Union, District Council, or its bargaining representative, the Northwest Regional Negotiating Committee, stands willing and ready to re-enter into negotiations at any time, upon request of either your or your representatives, or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Sincerely, Bruce McDonald, President I.W.A. Local 6-221.

To our Woods and Railroad Employees: We met with committees representing the Northwest Regional Negotiating Committee, and your Local 6-221, on July 18. The meeting was called by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, at the request of the union to negotiate on the so-called industry demands. The Mediation officer explained to us that — for some reason — the Union seemed to feel there was more need for hurry at MEDCO than at other operations in the area.

It must be assumed that your Union advisors are concerned about the work stoppage since June 25, and the position in which Local 6-221 now finds itself by reason of impetuous and unwise leadership. Incidentally, we were told at the close of the meeting that Local 6-221 was now going to strike MEDCO. (This was confirmed by letter today, with the strike to commence on July 22nd.) You know you haven't worked — by reason of Local 6-221 picket line — since June 25th.

We commented to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Officer about the futility of trying to reach, or reaching, agreement on anything when we were already shut down by a Union dispute with another employer. We commented further, that an illegal action by your Union had removed from MEDCO any legal obligation to bargain. We did not refuse to discuss the industry issues, and repeated our refusal to increase costs when faced by the current adverse market conditions. We did not have sufficient informa-

RC Hospital Council Splits in Areas

The Red Cross hospital council has been split into two area groups, Mrs. Helen Wilson, executive secretary for the Jackson county chapter, said Saturday.

The decision was made during a council meeting in Roseburg Friday, Mrs. Wilson said. Council members from Lakeview, Yreka, Calif., Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Medford will serve Camp White here, Roseburg members will serve the veterans hospital there, she explained.

This is an attempt to streamline expenditures, the executive secretary said. The total disaster fund is in the red right now, she added.

Those attending the all day meeting were Mrs. Frank Fairweather, field consultant for Southern Oregon chapter; Mrs. Yvonne Dalen, hospital representative for Camp White; Mrs. Lillian Salade and Mrs. John S. Day.

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