

Hotel Fund Drive Planned in Portland

Portland—Forty-five businessmen, representing the core of Portland's financial community, Wednesday voted unanimously to launch a \$3 million fund raising drive to start construction on an \$11 million Hilton hotel here.

C. B. Stephenson, president of the First National Bank, presided over the meeting which voted to hire the Hockenbury system to conduct the fund drive.

Stephenson said the hotel, which has been proposed for the heart of the downtown area, would be more a civic enterprise than an investment. The need for a downtown convention facility has been obvious, he said.

The financing plan would include \$3 million from local interest, \$2 million from the Hilton Corporation, and \$6 million through mortgages.

Construction of a Sheraton hotel is due to start this fall in the Lloyd center on the east side of the Willamette river in Portland.

Pakistan Philosopher Discusses Far East Life at Club Meeting

Aly Wassil, Pakistan philosopher, brought out many phases of Far East religion and life, ranging from Yoga philosophy and the spiritual, to humorous slants on an easterner's reactions to Hollywood, last night when he spoke to the Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club at the Rogue Valley Country club.

He spoke on "Eastern Philosophy and Western Life."

The 27-year-old citizen of Pakistan, has been in this country for the last six years, studying at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Opening his remarks, the speaker commented on the fact that in his travels throughout the United States he had been impressed by the friendliness of the people.

Traditional Turban
Wearing the traditional white turban of the Far East, Wassil

said his black beard is often a shock to Americans. One time near Christmas he was mobbed by children who thought he was Santa Claus.

A boy on a bus, another time, kept staring at him despite efforts of the tot's mother to turn his head away. But the boy just couldn't resist looking. Finally he whispered to his mother, "Mom, there's Jesus."

Wassil said he stopped in a drugstore in one town and ordered a tube of toothpaste. The clerk asked if he also wanted a toothbrush.

"I already had a toothbrush but I didn't want to appear uncivilized so I bought one anyway. I was trying to think what else would go with toothpaste when the girl made a suggestion I had to turn down. She asked if I needed any razor blades," Wassil laughed.

Americans Fascinating
Wassil said he finds Americans fascinating and feels he has about as many adopted relatives here as in his own country.

The speaker said he believes the people of the United States are working for a better understanding between the entire East and West.

He expressed the opinion that there are constructive forces at work which do not make the headlines. "It is the unhappy cases which are splashed in the headlines," he said, "while the happy incidents are not mentioned."

While the Western world is prone to look on Christianity as western thinking, Wassil pointed out that all of the major religions and creeds had their beginnings in the Eastern world.

Beginnings of Race
When we get down to the fundamentals of the beginnings of the human race, the historical origin of all was the same as that of the people of India, Wassil said.

He mentioned that there is a great awakening of new life in East Asia with many countries

in Asia and Africa regaining their independence. This, he added, has caused the living standards to rise.

Attention should be focused on men who try to help their fellowmen, Wassil said. The positive, constructive forces, are more forceful than the negative, unconstructive ones.

Speaking of Islam religion, the speaker stressed that the followers are taught to practice and have faith in one religion yet study other religions objectively. Moslems, he added, are taught that Jews and Christians are fellow brothers.

Human Friendship
"Human friendship can not be bought," he explained. "That which can will not last. The deepest link between men is a common philosophy, a common background."

"Nature has a habit of shocking us into realization of facts we have not noticed otherwise," he continued. "More and more countries are waking to the fact that they have to have an alliance between spiritual relations. Success of the alliance depends on the extent the Christian people are in establishing an outlook on life that the Moslems can accept in their own way."

Founders of India's culture and philosophy moved to western Europe and in looking for a shortcut home discovered America, the speaker said. The founders of India's culture and philosophy are the same.

Art of Relaxation
Touching briefly on Yoga thought and practice, Wassil said it is the art of relaxation and self realization.

"Life is not a question that can simply be ended with an answer," he said. "People go through life liking and disliking," he said. "This builds up tensions."

"How can we hear the music of the soul if our ears are filled with the noises of the world?" "Silence," he said, "is the ultimate quality."

Prior to coming to the United States, Wassil visited with a yogi in a cave in the Himalayas, a 148-year-old man with whom he discussed the United States.

Intrusive Grasp
"He had an intuitive grasp of what the United States was like, although he had never been here," Wassil said. "I read the declaration of independence to him, and he told me: 'My son, those words were written by the hand of God. The highest spiritual achievement of man will be achieved in that country.'"

The speaker, who is technical consultant on eastern culture and civilization to Hollywood motion picture studios, had a few remarks in a lighter vein on Hollywood and its people.

"In the East," he related, "I learned the proper address on meeting was 'How are you' but in Hollywood I soon learned the correct method of approach was 'Hi, Babe!'"

The speaker was introduced by Richard Gray, club president. Earlier in the evening new members were also introduced.

Astoria Chamber Visits in Medford

Twenty-two men representing the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and making a goodwill tour of Oregon were luncheon guests of the Medford Kiwanis club yesterday at Rogue Valley Country club.

The group, which is promoting construction of a bridge over the Columbia river at Astoria, met first with board members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce before attending the luncheon meeting.

On the bus tour were Astoria Mayor Peter Kosavitch, City Manager Brewer Billy and Chamber Manager Charles DeFoe. The group also included two men from Seaside, Bill Manion, of the Highway 101 association, and Ken House.

The delegation left for Roseburg after the luncheon and were to be in Eugene overnight. Their visits have included Bend, Klamath Falls and Ashland.

Speaker at the Kiwanis meeting was Miss Margareta Larsson-Aulin, 16, from Falun, Sweden. She is an exchange student attending Medford High school. O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney and Kiwanis club member, introduced her in Swedish.

Two Juvenile Boys Arrested by Police

Two juvenile boys have been arrested on charges of petty theft from a car, according to Medford police.

Police said the two 15-year-old told them they took about \$32 worth of small items from a car belonging to Richard Dean Glenn, 325 DeBarr ave., while it was parked in the Glenn driveway.

The two boys, who police said are charged with petty theft on two other cases, are in their parents' custody pending action from juvenile authorities.

Death by lethal gas is the form of capital punishment used in eight states.

Flu Epidemics Claim More Than 30 Lives In Past Few Days

By UNITED PRESS
A rash of flu epidemics around the nation has claimed more than 30 lives in the past few days, with about one-third of the victims children in Illinois and Pennsylvania schools for the mentally retarded.

The latest tragic flu outbreak killed five youths at the Dixon, Ill., State School for the Mentally Retarded. It followed on the heels of a lethal outbreak which killed six children at the Pennhurst Training school near Philadelphia Tuesday.

Health officials in Washington expressed concern over the upswing in deaths from Asian flu and allied ailments, and the U. S. Public Health Service acted to bring its reports of flu outbreaks up to date.

A United Press survey since Monday showed at least 31 deaths blamed on flu and resulting complications, eight of them in Pennsylvania, five in Illinois, four in Michigan, three each in Indiana and New Jersey, and two each in Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and New York State.

Epidemic Hits School
At Dixon, Ill., State Welfare Director Otto L. Bettag revealed Wednesday night that a suspected flu epidemic at the school for mentally retarded children has stricken 1,183 of the 4,883

inmates and 70 of its 850 employees.

Bettag said the epidemic had broke out Sept. 30, and all five deaths were due to pneumonia brought on by the flu. The first victim died Oct. 5 and the latest Wednesday.

The incidence of respiratory illnesses climbed across the nation with many states reporting case loads in the thousands. Children and young adults appeared to be the chief flu victims.

The disease made heavy inroads on college campuses, forcing cancellation of a number of week end football games. Among the games knocked out by the flu was Slippery Rock State Teachers college vs. Western Reserve in Pennsylvania.

Flu also downed the previously unbeaten Drake University team, forcing cancellation of its tilt with Colorado State university. The Colorado Aggies appealed for an alternate opponent.

Illinois Wesleyan cancelled its game with Weston and Kentucky State stepped in to fill the gap. Other games cancelled included the Bowdoin-Williams College game in New England and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute game against Union College in New York.

Also in New York, a Colgate

University student died after coming down with a flu-like illness. At Iowa State, about 300 students were stricken and an emergency ward was set up in a women's dormitory.

Virginia Polytechnic quarantined its entire 1,700-member cadet corps and sick cadets were treated in its intramural sports

program and students at Ohio Wesleyan were warned to get Asian flu shots or "look for another school."

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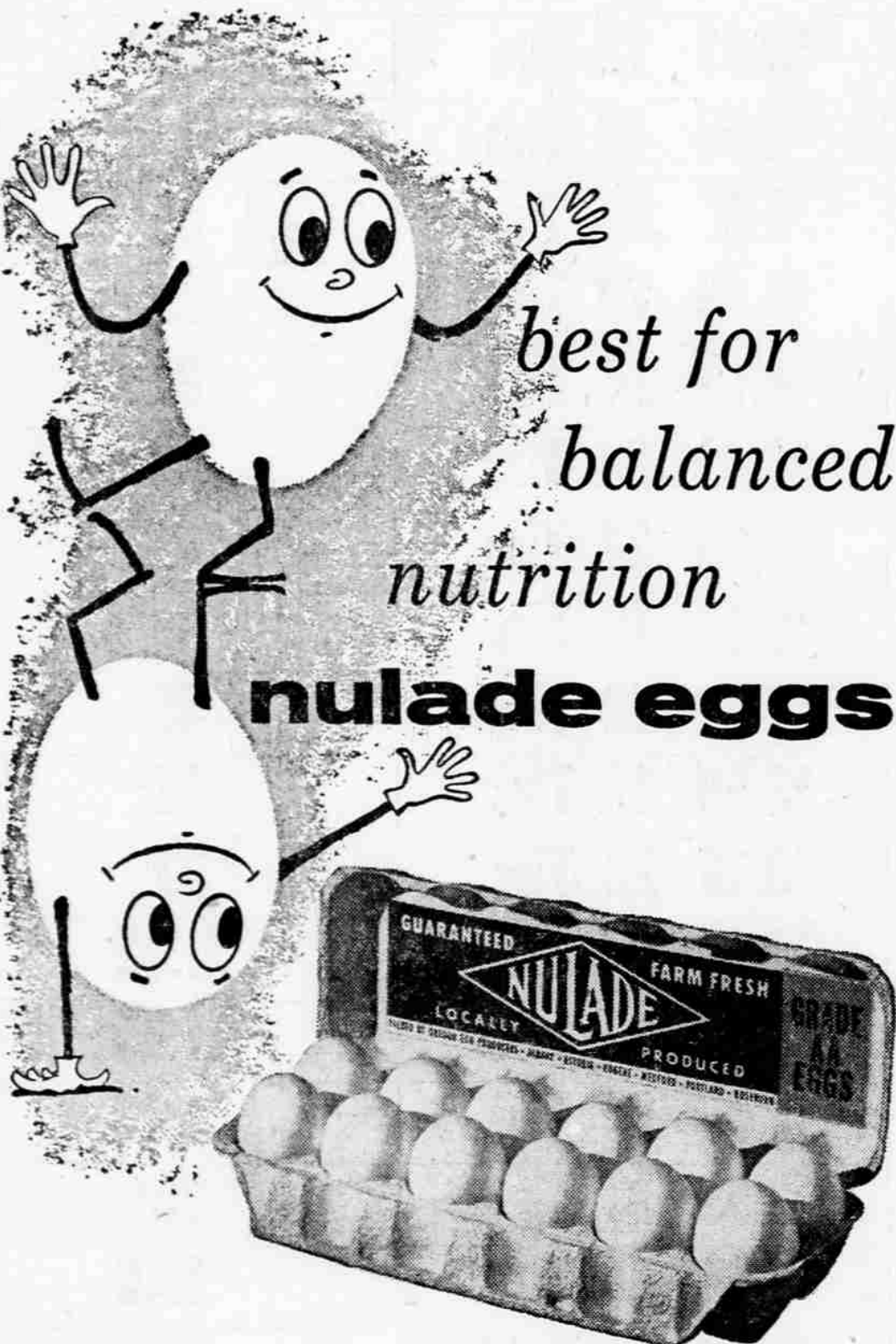
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