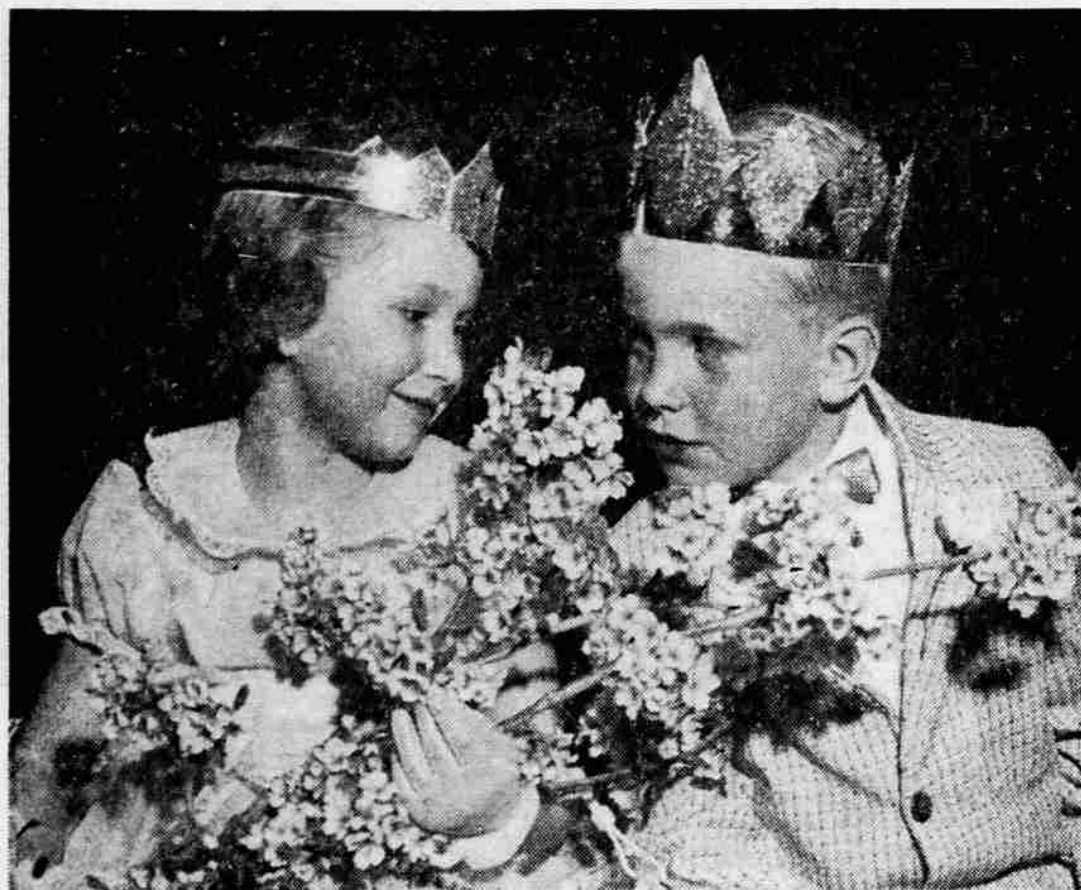


# CUBA ROUTS REBEL SUPPORTERS

## Last Minute Preparations Rushed for Pear Festival



ROYAL CLUB—King and queen of the fifth annual Pear Blossom festival are Bobby McLean and Ladonna Lull, who were crowned at a special ceremony at Lincoln school last night. Bobby, 6, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith McLean and Ladonna, 5, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lull, Medford. In the picture above, taken after last night's program, the royal couple seem to be discussing their job of reigning over the festival activities this week end as they share the fragrance of a big bouquet of pear blossoms.

### Activity-Crammed Schedule Includes Parade and Show

Parade Will Line Up At 9:30 Saturday

Last minute preparations are being made by individual organizations and firms for the fifth annual Pear Blossom festival parade which will be the lead-off event in the two day salute to the pear industry, Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13.

The fair will be mainly a boat show but displays and demonstrations will depict a variety of outdoor sports. While the Pear Blossom festival features the pear industry, the Sportsfair will call attention to Southern Oregon's recreational assets.

Fred Beck, president of the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom festival association, announced the deadline for entering the parade has been extended until midnight tonight to allow for last minute entrants.

Assembly Point Given

Those planning to participate in the parade are to assemble at library park starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will assist in the parade formation in order to have all entrants in position by 10:15 a.m. for the judging. Judging will be conducted at library park from 10:15 until 11 a.m. by a panel of valley art instructors.

The parade, led by an official car with the grand marshal of the event, Ray Reter, president of the International Apple association, will proceed east on Main st. at 11 a.m. and end at Hawthorne park.

Valley bands which are scheduled to add music and color to the parade are Medford high school, McLoughlin junior high school, Hedrick junior high school and Eagles drum majorettes from Grants Pass, Phoenix high school, and Crater high school.

In addition the Central Point Junior high school band will provide entertainment prior to and during the awards ceremonies at Hawthorne park.

Presentation of parade prizes will be made by Reter and Beck at noon.

Other Saturday events scheduled to complement the festival program include the job's daughters state convention. The exhibition will be held at Hedrick junior high school Saturday at 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

Queen Ladonna Lull and King Bobby McLean, king and queen of the 1958 Festival, will be featured on various radio and television programs during the week end and will ride in the official float in the parade. They will also appear on the reviewing stand at the Wheel Chair parade to be held as a part of special ceremonies scheduled Sunday at Camp White starting at 1 p.m.

At the Sportsfair commercial enterprises and clubs will have displays and activities in some 60 spaces in the armory. In addition there will be four special attraction areas with 10 outside displays planned.

Water Activities

Water activities will occupy the four special areas. On one armory balcony will be a live trout fishing pond and a casting pool. Tanks on the main floor will feature scuba diving and swimming activities.

Among the many attractions will be archery, rifle, pistol and mosquito trapshooting, water and snow skiing movies, bullet making, saddle tooling,

"What Kind of Beeps Are You Picking Up?"



### Assessor Explains Property Assessment

Property in Jackson county will be assessed at 28 per cent of the true cash value for tax purposes during the 1958-59 fiscal year, according to County Assessor Ray J. Schumacher.

Property is not taxed on its full value in Oregon. The amount of the assessed valuation is determined by two factors, it was explained—the "true cash value," which the State Tax commission has set this year at 90 per cent of "market value," and the county "ratio," in this case 28 per cent of true cash value. In other words, property

### Job's Daughters Set Ceremonies

Opening ceremonies for the 34th annual session of the Oregon grand guardian council, International Order of Job's Daughters, will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at Hedrick Junior high school. About 1500 council and bethel members and guests from all parts of Oregon and neighboring states are expected for the session, which will continue through Saturday.

Mrs. Curtis Christy, Portland, a past supreme guardian of the order, and Mr. Christy, will open the ceremony. Addresses of welcome will be given by Mrs. C. D. Elhart, Medford, Oregon past grand guardian; Mayor John Snider, who will extend official greetings from the city, and Miss Carol Curran, Oregon City, grand bethel queen.

Mrs. J. Wesley McGill, Portland, and Dr. L. A. Maulding, Nyssa, retiring grand and associate grand guardians, head the list of convention officials.

### Drive Against Hoodlums Opened

Washington — The Justice Department opened a nationwide drive against racketeers and hoodlums. Attorney General William P. Rogers said "highest priority" in the crime crackdown will be given to the nation's 100 top racketeers. He did not name them.

Rogers said the long-range program calls for a concentrated combined effort by the department, the FBI, the Narcotics Bureau and the Immigration service.

animal mounting, pony riding and golfing. To prevent congestion, attention will be focused on two to five booths at a time. They will be spotlighted and a public address system will announce the demonstrations and activities which will be repeated from time to time during each day.

This week end will find many residents and visitors making automobile tours of pears which are near their various sections of the Pear Blossom route to view the more than 10,000 acres of peak of bloom.

### General Strike Halted in Tracks By Havana Police

Officers Prowl City During Night

Havana — Police stopped a rebel-called general strike in its tracks today and carried out a bloody house-to-house purge of known Communists and rebel sympathizers throughout greater Havana.

Police Prowl City

Unofficial estimates placed at 50 to 60 the number killed so far by police who prowled the city through the night in cars carrying groups of three to five men each searching out the hiding places of all suspects.

Outwardly, the city had almost returned to normal after Wednesday's initial outbreak in which a fire bomb exploded from the street from the Prime Minister's office and bullets splattered the walls of buildings along the Prado, Havana's main street.

Power Failure

A portion of the old city still was without light. The hotel Sevilla Biltmore, where the United Press offices are located, also was without water presumably because the power failure also had affected pumping stations.

Along the Prado, traffic was rerouted to one side to permit workmen to repair gas mains and electric conduits damaged by a fire bomb Wednesday.

Traffic was light but shops were open and public transportation was about normal. Business firms reported only scattered absenteeism.

14 Bodies in Morgue

Fourteen bodies lay in the city morgue as result of Wednesday's gun fights.

Twelve rebels or their sympathizers were reported killed in the village of Arroyo Apolo outside Havana during Wednesday night's purge. Police carrying the names of all known sympathizers were ordered to shoot first and make no arrests.

### Two-Day Old Girl Flown To Bay Area

The two-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keldon Adams, Grants Pass, was flown to San Francisco early this morning for emergency treatment for an Rh blood factor condition.

The baby, as yet unnamed, was born two days ago in a Grants Pass hospital, and failed to respond to treatment of the condition. She was brought to Medford by car, and she and the attending physician left at about 1:30 a.m. in a Mercy Flights, Inc., ambulance plane. Various tests and transfusions are planned at the San Francisco hospital. Results may not be known for some time, it was reported.

The plane returned to the Medford airport at about 7:15 a.m. The Grants Pass doctor returned with it. The baby was the 792nd patient carried by planes of the non-profit air ambulance corporation.

DOW JONES AVERAGES  
New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 441.06, off .82; 20 rails 102.99, up .92; 15 utilities 74.83, up .13; 65 stocks 151.09, up .14. Sales today were about 2,000,000 compared with about 2,040,000 Wednesday.

### NLRB Hearing Expected For Area On Foundation of Bakers Union

A National Labor Relations board hearing will probably be held here in the near future of formation of a new bakers union, according to Fred Morlan of the Industry Council of Southern Oregon.

The pre-election hearing will be held as a result of a petition sent the NLRB area office in Portland, Morlan explained. The Bakery Operators Association of Southern Oregon petitioned the NLRB to conduct a representation election so bakery workers of the area may vote on joining

# Truman Urges Soviet-West Science Pool

## International Group Would Operate Plan

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I think it is time we attempt a fresh start to meet the grave human issues posed by further and unrestricted nuclear experiments.

I would suggest that we might approach it in this way: The United States and Great Britain should invite Soviet Russia to join with technical resources in a program to provide for continued nuclear experiments, developments and tests—but under the control of the United Nations organization.

Since such an arrangement would operate within the framework of an international organization, it would, of course, provide for the inclusion of such other nations that have a contribution to make now or in the future.

In this way we could hope to create a practical basis for realistic control of nuclear weapons without risking the security of any nation.

At the same time we would achieve a truly international working approach to deal with the hazards of nuclear fallout.

Further Gain by Working Together

There would be a further important gain as a result of this working together. We could free our talents and resources to the fuller development of nuclear energy for the use of mankind as other sources of energy become depleted and exhausted. We cannot stop in the middle of the greatest scientific development in mankind's history.

I would suggest to the Russians that they give serious consideration to the advantages of working together for peace by pooling efforts with the West. The world needs to be released from the burden of fear that we might all be plunged into the maelstrom of a new war. Propaganda and unilateral declarations of intent will allay no one's fears and serve no purpose but to create further mistrust.

We and the free world must continue to build our strength while we hope that Russia will one day give up her plan to sovietize the world.

Believes in Truth, Forthright Talk

Here at home I think certain people—of both political parties—who are so ready to agree that the United States has suffered a major propaganda defeat at the hands of the Russians on the nuclear issue, ought to be set straight.

I don't believe in propaganda. I believe in truth. I believe in action. I believe in a straightforward program and forthright talk. And I think it easy to see through propaganda.

Propaganda that is based on mere talk without action resolves no historic differences and has no enduring influence on international issues.

The Russian declaration that the Soviet Union is unilaterally suspending nuclear weapons is just talk and nothing but propaganda.

Unless there is proof of performance, this declaration of intent by the Russians will accomplish nothing to allay world fears now or in the future.

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### South Korean Plane Hijack Try Foiled

Seoul, Korea — The four-man crew of a South Korean Air Force C46 transport plane today fought off the attempt of an armed and rebellious North Korea-born officer, identified only as Capt. Choi, to hijack the plane to Communist North Korea.

The ROK Air Force said one crew member was shot to death in the airborne gun fight and two others were wounded. The rebellious North Korea-born officer, identified only as Capt. Choi, was armed with a .45 caliber service pistol.

The crew beat the rebel captain into unconsciousness after taking the .45 away from him.

The abortive hijacking attempt came less than two months after Communist agents successfully hijacked a Korean National Airlines plane with 34 persons aboard on Feb. 16.

Air Force officials said the incident occurred shortly before 9 a.m. today over Pyongyang, about 40 miles south of Seoul. The plane was on a regular flight from Taegu to Seoul.

Pendleton — Ed Hoeft, 47-year-old Pilot Rock area wheat rancher, has been named Umatilla county's Conservator Man of 1958.

### Inquest Planned For Boy's Death Tom Reeder Says

An inquest will be held into the death of Edmond Cheadle, 16, who was found by a search party in a wooded Applegate area near his home Wednesday afternoon, District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said today.

A party of some 35, including sheriff's deputies, Civil Air Patrol members and Civil Defense volunteers searched the Ruch area yesterday after the boy failed to return from a walk Monday afternoon.

He was found lying at the base of a tree with a rope around his neck, with another piece of rope hanging from the tree limb, deputies reported. The rope appeared to have broken.

Reeder said that the autopsy performed immediately after finding the youth indicated death by strangulation, but that a thorough investigation of the death was underway.

Young Cheadle was said to have been living with brothers and sisters and a grandfather at the family home near Ruch while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cheadle, traveled to Portland to move some furniture.

They had moved their family to Ruch recently and the boy was to have enrolled soon in the seventh or eighth grade, according to deputies.

An aunt, Mrs. Lois Hatfield, who lived near the Cheadle home, reported Tuesday morning that the boy was missing. Deputies said they understood he had been staying at both places.

Reeder said the death appeared to be self-inflicted, but that an inquest will "very likely" follow the investigation now underway.

### West Evans Creek Rd. Gets Road Overhaul

Work was begun Tuesday by county road crews on West Evans Creek rd., two miles above Rogue River, where heavy rains washed out the road bed, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

Workmen also resumed work this week on shoulders and drainage ditches on Kings highway, which is to be paved later in the year.

Improvement are underway on the Upper Applegate rd. and a county rock crusher is in operation at Military bridge.

### Festive Royalty Get Crowns In Ceremony

King and queen of the fifth annual Pear Blossom festival were crowned at a special coronation ceremony at Lincoln school last night.

New king is Bobby McLean, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith McLean, 2961 Crater Lake ave., and queen is Ladonna Lull, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lull, Old Military road, Medford.

The royal couple was crowned by last year's Pear Blossom king, Hal Ellis, after final judging was completed. Last year's queen, Linda Estramado, became ill during the program and could not take part in the crowning ceremony.

The king and queen were chosen from 18 entries who were introduced by Pear Blossom Festival Association President Fred Beck and interviewed individually on the stage by Master of Ceremonies Jimmy Dunlevy prior to the judging.

Selection of the festival's new rulers was based on poise, appearance, deportment and personality. Bobby McLean was sponsored by the Flower Mart and Ladonna

### Outlawing Onion Futures Predicted

Ontario — Malheur county farm bureau official Bill Moore said today there was a good chance of getting legislation passed to outlaw onion futures trading.

### Over 100 Expected for 50 Plus Party Friday

Over 100 people are expected to attend the party and get-together for older valley residents Friday afternoon, April 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the auditorium of the Red Cross building, according to Frank Glonning, one of the organizers.

Mrs. Max Wimmer, program chairman for the "50 Plus Party" to be held in the building on Hawthorne st., said today she has obtained considerable talent to entertain the senior citizen guests of the Rogue Valley council on Aging.

It includes vocal solos by Mrs. D. G. "Fran" MacDougall and Mrs. "Sally" Champin, wife of Police Chief Charles Champin, a reading by Mrs. J. R. Seiler, an accordion solo by Caesar Muzozili. Mrs. Harvey Field will accompany Mrs. Champin and Mrs. Francis Schuward

will accompany Mrs. MacDougall.

Community singing will be led by Mrs. James Edge, Eagle Point, accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Wertz, Wertz, who will also lead the group in recreational and get-acquainted games.

Roscoe Roberts, Pamona Grange deputy will act as master of ceremonies. He will introduce Frank Glonning, chairman of the Council on Aging, who will make the welcome speech to open the program.

Following him, Dr. Frank Roberts, recreation chairman in charge of the party, will explain the recreation plans to the group and at the close of the program Roscoe Roberts will take a poll of those present regarding the formation of a weekly recreation club for men and women over 50 years old.