

Diary of a Bird Watcher



Friday, August 8 San Clemente, Calif.

This was the start of our vacation trip. As usual it took quite a while to get packed up and squared away, but we got started at about 11 o'clock. We soon found out this was noon California time. We had packed a lunch and ate it beside the Klamath river a short distance over the border. The most conspicuous birds there were tree swallows flying over the water. This is near the place where I saw the first swallows of the year on February 22.

By about 6 o'clock we were just north of Willows and my boy had one of his dreams fulfilled in that we stopped at a motel with a swimming pool. He and his mother went swimming while I looked around for some birds. I found a new one, too, a Florida gallinule. It looks a lot like a coot with a bright orange bill. It was on a pond or sluggish stream that was right beside the highway.

Saturday, August 9

Today we drove through the central valley of California, across the hot foothills and into Yosemite National Park. I unwisely took a short cut, state highway 120, to the park. The road was interesting, but so winding and up-and-downish that I think I lost time instead of saving it. We had a cabin reserved at White Wolf Lodge in the park. It was at 8,000 ft. elevation, which we thought would make it cool. We found it was a quiet, pleasant place with only a small number of people.

Sunday, August 10

In the morning we got in our first real birding in the park. We looked around near our camp and found three new birds for our year list, one of which would be new for my life list if I kept one. This was a pine grosbeak. We had a fine view of a female or immature. Being such it was not so colorful, but still a real find. We also found quite a number of Williamson's sapsuckers. The males are black and white, somewhat resembling our acorn woodpeckers. The females look altogether different, have small stripes crossways on their backs. I had looked for them vainly this year in the mountains around home. The third new one was a little Townsend's warbler up in the needles of a pine tree.

At the middle of the afternoon we drove down to Yosemite valley to see some of the scenery for which the park is famous. It has reason to be. The great granite cliffs, domes and waterfalls are really stupendous. It bothered us, though, to be in such traffic congestion and such throngs of people. People who camp down there don't get away from the maddening crowd. They are right in it.

Near Camp Curry in an old orchard we found three different kinds of woodpeckers. One was a white-headed. For years I have been looking for them in the yellow pine timber of our county and also on trips to Klamath Falls.

We went to church at Camp 14 and at the close obtained a fine view of the fire-bell from Glacier Point.

Monday, August 11

The white-headed woodpecker brought our year list to 200. Number 201 came today. It was a white-throated swift. I saw a single one flying when we stopped at a view point on our way up to Glacier Point. Strangely enough on the way back I also saw a single one at the same place. If it was the same bird it could have gone a long distance in the mean-time because this swift is reputed to be the fastest flyer in North America. They fascinated me very much when I first saw them in Montana, but I hadn't seen one for years.

I don't think anybody could exaggerate the magnificence of the view from Glacier Point. It would be satisfying to look long and often at that incomparable panorama, but we came away after all too brief a stay. We refreshed ourselves with a swim in the Merced river as we came back through the valley. Then we were glad to come back to our quiet cabin and to see the deer grazing in the mountain meadow among the many wildflowers. My wife worked on a list of the flowers she has identified in the park and it came to about 35.

Tuesday, August 12

This morning my boy and I took a horseback ride to Lukens lake. It was a pretty trip to a pretty little mountain lake. Best of all, on the way I obtained a fine view of a male pine grosbeak, all big and rosy. Our new bird for today was also of reddish hue, a red crossbill. A man from Texas who had recently travelled in Oregon saw our license plate and said, "Why did you ever leave that state?" He, too, was rather oppressed by the dense crowds in the Yosemite valley.—T.M.

Oregon Delegation Favorably Impressed With Ike's Speech

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Washington—Oregon's congressional delegation, on the whole, was as favorably impressed with President Eisenhower's United Nations address as it was unfavorably disposed toward his dispatch of troops to Lebanon.

All six members had some words of praise for Eisenhower's proposals for dealing with the Near East crisis through economic development programs and UN police forces, although some expressed some misgivings about the practicality of the ideas.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D), who himself said he has been most critical of the administration's policies in this critical area, took the lead in praising the president's speech. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger did likewise. When Eisenhower ordered Marines into Lebanon, the senators were split, Neuberger for and Morse against.

Enunciated Program

"I wish to say that I am proud to be an American," Morse told his colleagues following the president's UN appearance. "In that speech, I think the president enunciated a program of action which, if we succeed in implementing it, will stand to the everlasting credit of our foreign policy."

Morse said it was now up to the administration and the UN to implement the proposals.

"If the UN will give that support to at least the idealism set forth in the president's speech, I believe it will be possible for us to recoup what I consider to be lost ground because of the course of conduct, in the case of Lebanon and other areas of the Middle East, which we have followed up until the time of the speech. I hope the president will not delay longer in making a complete withdrawal of our troops from Lebanon. I think the best evidence he can give to the rest of the world of our determination to carry out the ideals set forth in his speech will be to withdraw those troops, and to withdraw them now," Morse said.

Responsibility on UN

He said this would place the responsibility for maintaining peace clearly on the UN.

Rep. Walter Norblad (R), who had backed the use of troops, opposed complete withdrawal of them now. He said token withdrawals would be alright.

"I think we should wait until the UN troops are put in," Congressman Norblad said. "I'm all for the president's call for a UN police force."

"I thought the speech was very good," added Norblad. "It offered a good plan for possible peace in the Middle East."

Sen. Neuberger, the only other Oregon lawmaker who backed the troop landing at

Beirut, declared:

Approve Proposal

"I particularly approve of the president's proposal for a highly mobile UN police force to maintain peace in the troubled Middle East. This is a constructive suggestion which should serve to show that the United States has no dominant or aggressive intentions in this area or anywhere else in the world. I hope the president's proposal can be implemented by action as soon as possible."

Congresswoman Edith Green thought it was the best speech the president ever gave, although "it contained nothing new or startling. However, if it can be carried out we will be much better off than we have been under the Eisenhower doctrine, which offered nothing constructive. At least there are some constructive proposals in this."

"It was a good speech," Rep. Charles O. Porter said. "But how practical are those points he raised? The points don't present a program but a hope. It raises a lot of hopes. I just hope there won't be a big letdown."

More Suggestions

Porter said he wished there

War Hero to Fight Federal Demand

Oakland, Calif.—(UPI)—A war hero who fought the Japanese as a guerrilla in the Philippines said today he will fight a government demand for \$545 — the cost of his transportation home.

"I don't want to appear belligerent," said John F. Linehan, 61, "I just know the charge is not morally justified, I'm going to fight this thing through."

The government has ordered Linehan to pay up or to face a lawsuit. The amount represents the cost of transporting home from Australia, where he was taken after a submarine evacuated him from the Philippines.

U.S. Attorney Robert Schacke said in San Francisco that Linehan signed a promissory note and that officials in Washington have ordered him to take legal action, if necessary, to collect it.

Linehan earns \$4,300 a year as a civil service worker at the Oakland Army Terminal. He commutes on week ends to be with his family in Santa Rosa, Calif.

He said payment of the claim "will be an awful hardship." Linehan contracted beriberi, acute enteritis and malaria during his guerrilla days. In October, 1944, a U.S. Navy submarine evacuated him to Australia.

While there he gave the U.S. Army much information which he said was valuable in planning the reinvansion of the Philippines.

Soil Conservationist Cited for Performance

Cave Junction — Lloyd Burnett, technician of the Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district, has been cited for his above average work and outstanding performance in the woodland conservation phase of the soil conservation program.

The management improvement and awards committee of the department of agriculture awarded Burnett \$150 in cash for his above average work and a certificate of merit in recognition of his outstanding performance in this phase of his work.

BLM Employee Leaves For Washington Duty

John A. Carnegie, operations forester for the bureau of land management here, left with his family last week end for a two-month special assignment in Washington, D.C.

Ross A. Youngblood, manager of the Medford district, said Carnegie's duties were not known at present. He said Carnegie was expected to return about Oct. 1.

Five File for City Posts in Eagle Point

Eagle Point — Five residents have announced they will seek election as mayor and councilmen for Eagle Point in the November election.

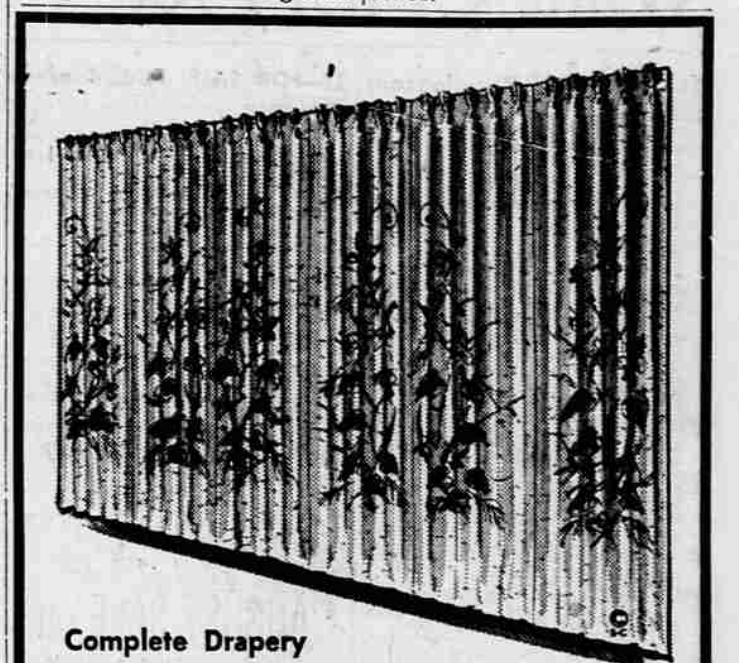
Lenn Hickman, Jack Fortin, Jack Grow and Ernest Gregg have filed for election for councilmen, and Ed Putman has filed for election as mayor. Mayor Ray Trisham announced Friday he would not seek reelection.

Councilmen whose terms expire Jan. 1 are David Kahl, Jack Olsen and Willard Cave. Kahl recently was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Louis Clave, who was unable to attend council meetings and resigned.

Councilmen will be elected for four-year terms, and the mayor's term is two years. Three councilmen are elected every two years.

Don Ashpole, Shirley Callaghan and Don McGovern are councilmen whose terms do not expire this year.

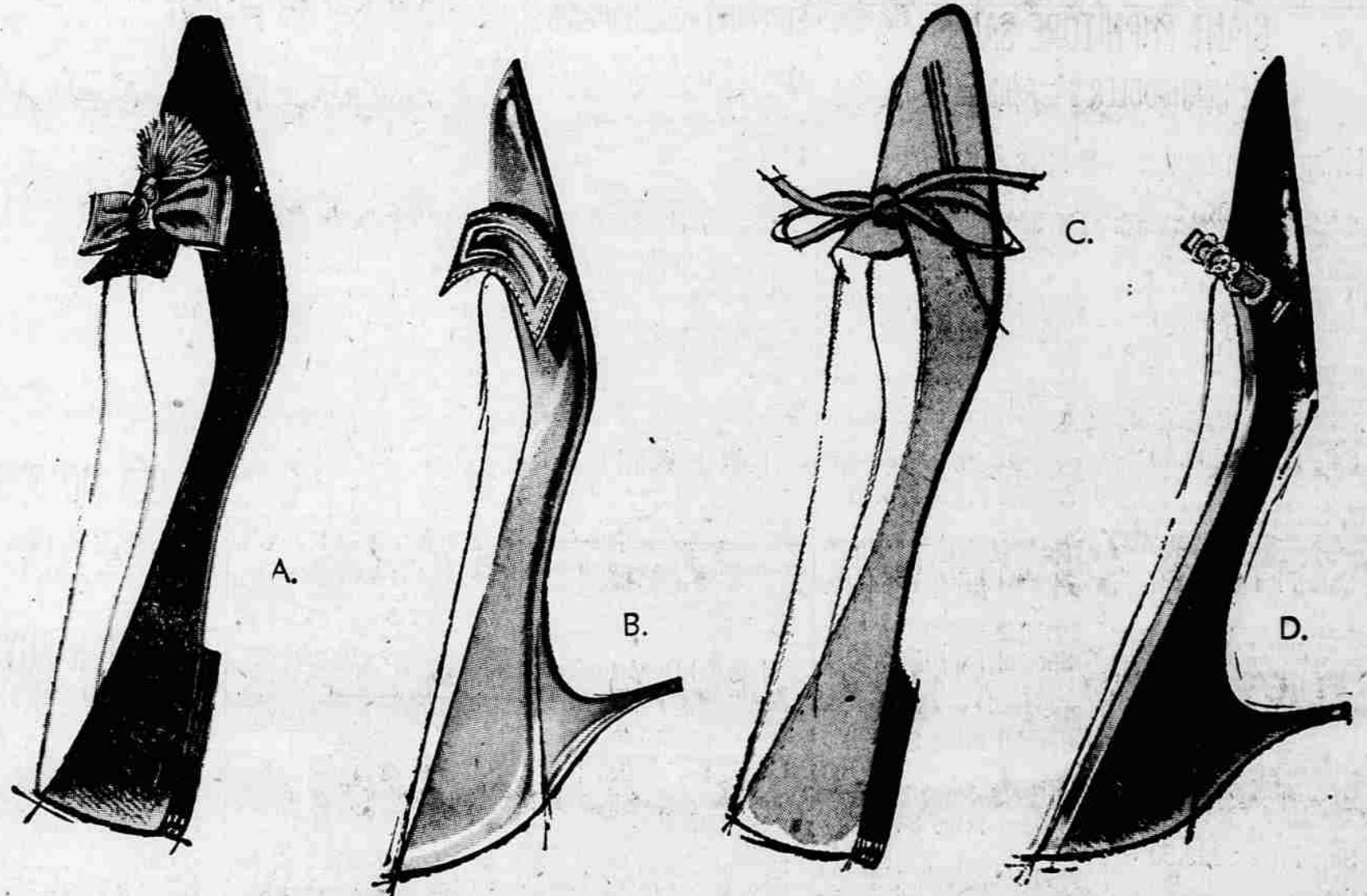
Beirut, Lebanon — (UPI) — today. At least five persons were killed in the new violence. Bomb blasts and gunfire shattered Beirut's week-long calm.



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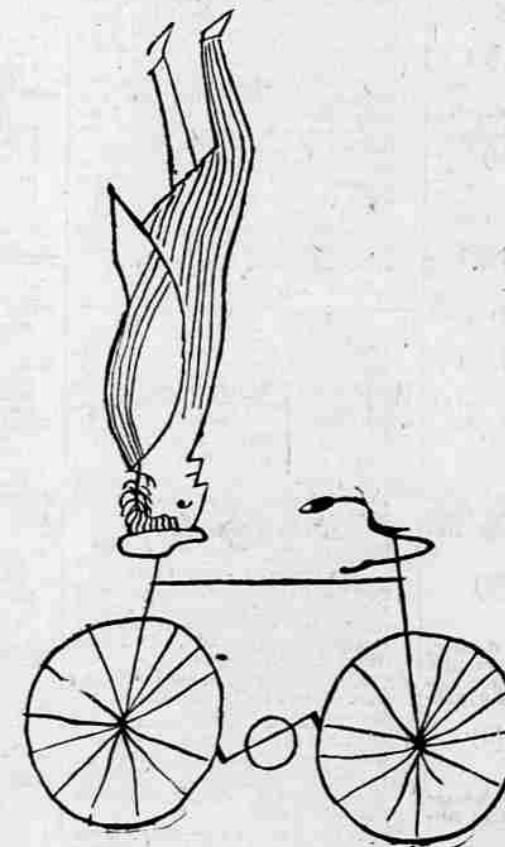
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Leaders Press to Adjournment Soon

Washington — (UPI) — Congressional leaders, pressing toward adjournment by the middle of next week, today revived a housing bill and arranged an 11th hour House vote on legislation to pump up the mining industry. They scuttled a controversial TVA bill.

Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson announced that the Senate would take up later today the bill to boost security benefits and taxes.

The House stepped up the adjournment pace by passing a compromise bill overhauling the income tax laws and giving small business 260 million dollars in tax relief. The measure was sent to the Senate for final congressional action.

Speaker Sam Rayburn said housing legislation, in a form not yet determined, will be called up in the House Monday for an up-or-down vote with no amendments allowed.

Tiffany's Undaunted In Face of Theft

New York — (UPI) — Tiffany's remained undaunted today in the face of a brazen theft of gems from its display windows.

There were reports the Fifth Avenue ultra-fashionable jewelry shop would henceforth use imitation gems in its sidewalk windows in view of Sunday's burglary, in which thieves smashed open two display windows and hauled off jewels valued at \$171,500.

But Tiffany's was not to be daunted. As curious pedestrians flustered about Thursday, the store unveiled its new display—and new windows—containing diamond-encrusted jewelry valued at \$131,000.

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