

Wife of 'Messiah' Claims Cremation Predicted Years Ago

Homer, Alaska — (UPI) — The wife of "messiah" Krishna Venta, who was killed today in a bomb explosion at a Chatsworth, Calif., religious colony, said her husband predicted 13 years ago he would be cremated in 1958.

"As early as 1940 he prophesied his crucifixion or persecution would occur in 1958 by cremation," said Venta's wife, Mother Ruth. "I do not

believe his body will be found."

Asked if she believed that one of the bodies discovered in Chatsworth was that of her husband, Mother Ruth said: "No. Don't use the word dead. He is the Christ and we don't believe in death. His body won't be found."

Mother Ruth claimed that Venta had no age "since he has been with us since the beginning."

Leaving for California

The religious cult headed by Venta has a 35-member colony headquartered here with the main settlement located at the head of the Katchemak Bay, 25 miles north of this south Kenai Peninsula community.

Mother Ruth said she would leave here today for Los Angeles. Another woman in the colony will care for her six children while she is gone.

Mother Ruth has three daughters, Nikki, 16, Lella Ruth, 7, and Rey-El, 10, and three boys, Sharva, 11, Val-Dorn, 13, and Lael, 9.

The Alaska branch of the sect is known locally as the "barefoot people" because they brave the sub-zero cold and snow without shoes whenever they are out in public. However, when they are in remote areas away from the public gaze they wear standard Alaskan footwear.

Law Abiding Group
Territorial police said they were surprised at the bombing of the California colony, adding that the sect had "never caused us any trouble up here. They have always been law abiding."

Members of the cult are noted here for being the first to appear on the scene of a fire where they aid in extinguishing the flames. They do their fire fighting barefooted.

Members participate in every civic activity, and their children attend the local schools where they are noted for their cleanliness.

Mother Ruth said she and the other two surviving members of the sect's Board of Directors would meet in Los Angeles in a few days to pick a new spiritual leader to replace Krishna.

Beck Linked To Land Board

Tacoma, Wash. — (UPI) — The government continued delaying into Dave Beck's numerous financial ventures today in the income tax evasion trial of the former Teamsters Union president.

Beck is accused of evading payment of \$240,000 in income taxes during the years 1950-1953.

Tuesday the court heard testimony that Beck was on the board of directors of a Northern California land development corporation even though he was not a shareholder of record.

Edward A. Clifford, Seattle land developer and attorney, said the bylaws of the Lake Alamanor Development Co. were amended to permit Beck's membership on the board.

While Beck had no shares in the company, his son, Dave Jr., and his wife's cousin, Norman Gessert, did have shares. The government is attempting to show that young Beck and Gessert were in fact representing the elder Beck.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

London — (UPI) — The number of unemployed in Britain rose to 536,000 in November, an increase of 22,000. It was the highest total in 11 years.



PARACHUTING to safety in East Germany, U. S. Army pilot Lieutenant Richard Makin, formerly of San Francisco, was held captive in Red Germany. His plane ran out of fuel, forced his jump. Pictured with son last year.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange
Agriculture was predominantly the subject of reports and discussion at the last meeting of Gold Hill Grange on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Reports were made on products from beef to lettuce.

The subject of vertical integration was introduced and last but not least the subject of flood control.

It was stated by Gold Hill's representative on the committee for flood control in the Rogue River valley, that funds would be needed to bring this matter before Congress. The Grange voted money to help in this project.

The master informed the Grange that the dates for the subordinate Grange officers would be Dec. 7 at Central Point and Dec. 21 at Eagle Point. The hour for both is 1:30 p.m.

The master thanked the members for the card sent while he was ill.

Cards were sent to Carrie Dierdorff who suffered a fractured limb in a fall at her new home in Oakland, Calif. Also to Minnie Fiene, who also lives in California, and to Carrie Puhl, whose daughter recently died.

Plans were discussed for the yearly Christmas party Dec. 18. There will be a tree as usual with exchange of gifts.

Also planned is the New Year's dinner for officers, members and families and invited guests. This dinner will be held on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

The lecturer's program opened with a reading by Wilbur Martin, "The Size of Your Heart." There were a couple of quiz contests, in which the winners were Charles Foote and Wilber Martin.

A tableau with music entitled "An Afternoon on the Plantation," was on the program.

This tableau opened with singing "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia," sung by the entire cast, which included Tom Gray, who rendered a solo, "The Lonesome Road," Leona Jenks, Dorothy Eskew, Josephine Loeffler, Bob and Della Cook and Alva Walker, and concluded with "My Old Kentucky Home."

Refreshments were served by Tom Gray, assisted by Mildred Wright and Grae Bruce.

Approximately 40,000 boys and girls aged 15 to 18 are enrolled as air cadets with the Civil Air Patrol.



BERLIN VOTING — West Berlin's Mayor Willy Brandt and his wife cast their ballots in the municipal elections there. The voters returned Brandt to office in a massive vote of confidence which was also interpreted as an absolute rejection of the Red plan to force the Western Allies out of the city.

President Decries Alabama Failure To Supply Records

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Other news conference highlights:

—The President decried as reprehensible the failure of Alabama officials to supply requested public records on Negro voting registration to the Civil Rights commission.

—He said that until the Berlin situation is composed by all interested powers, the United States will stand firm behind its responsibility and duty to remain in West Berlin as a means of maintaining the freedom of the West Germans.

Challenges Statement

—He bluntly challenged the truth of a statement by former President Truman that he, Eisenhower, stood idly by in 1952 while Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind.) denounced Gen. George C. Marshall, World War II Army chief of staff, as a traitor.

—The President said recent spending proposals by the Democratic Advisory council would, of necessity, lead to many new taxes. In effect, he challenged the Democrats to prepare a list of such tax recommendations as a companion document to their spending proposals.

—He called on Congress to

extend the life of the Civil Rights commission which got off to a slow start after being given originally only a two-year tenure by Congress.

Discusses Soviet Missile

The President was questioned about reports, following his conference with Humphrey, that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told the senator that Russia possessed ballistic missiles with a range of 8,700 miles.

The President was asked specifically whether Humphrey gave him this report and how it stacked up against the recent 6,300-mile firing of an American Atlas missile.

Eisenhower said that in the first place, he would not go into details of his conversation with Humphrey because it was personal and confidential.

Fine technique

As for an 8,700-mile missile, he said casually that he saw no reason why this could not be done because, after all, the Russians had a fine technique. He said that this country knew about their missile tests and their having exploded atomic weapons over the range of one megaton, the equivalent of one million tons of TNT.

But, concerning the report recently in Aviation Week magazine that Russia had test flown a nuclear powered plane, the President said with considerably more feeling that there was absolutely no reliable evidence of any kind that the Soviets had flown such a plane.

Seed Growers Pick La Grande Man

Portland — (UPI) — R. W. Schaad, La Grande, Tuesday night was elected president of the Oregon Seed Growers League to succeed E. F. Jernstedt, Carlton.

Warren, Corvallis, secretary. New directors include Don Hector, Albany, and Wayne Garner, Nyssa.

Homer Case, Alicel, earlier was named president of the Northwest Che wing and Creeping Red Rescue association at a meeting in connection with the league convention. Other officers included

Fred Hattinger, Sublimity, vice president, and Ted Sidor, La Grande, secretary.

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4-H Club News

4-H Sewing Club

The second meeting of the 4-H Sewing club was held at Mrs. Cox home on Nov. 19. At the meeting, we decided to name the club the Sewing Basketeers.

We also added a new member to the club. She is Marsha Wilson. Our assistant leader's name is Mrs. Moore. Our next meeting will be held Dec. 19. Cupcakes were served for refreshments.

Sue Hunter, Reporter

Westside Rabbitteers

The meeting was called to order by the president, Joyce Josephson. We had the flag salute and the minutes were read.

We discussed our Christmas party and we are going to draw names. We are also going to fix up a basket of canned foods for the needy.

One of the members brought a rabbit for us to study its conformation.

Our next meeting will be about rabbit diseases. Each of us is expected to tell about a disease of rabbits.

We have a new member, Sheila Beasley.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 22 in the home of Fern Kellow.

Sandra Beasley, Reporter.

CLAIM GLOBE PHOTO

London — (UPI) — Soviet scientists say a camera aboard a Soviet meteorological rocket has taken the first genuine photograph of the globe. Radio Moscow said the photograph was reproduced in the new Soviet film, "extraordinary travels."

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