



OREGON DAY—Three members of the Oregon delegation in congress were among those who assisted with the assembling of 600 gift packages containing Oregon products last week. The packages were distributed as Valentine gifts Friday to members of the 86th Congress. The packages contained D'Anjou pears from Medford, Hood River apples, Columbia river smoked sturgeon, Bulghour wheat and a sample of Oregon plywood. An attached letter described the contents of the package and invited each member of congress to visit Oregon during the Centennial year. The assembling of the gifts took place in the Washington office of Rep. Edith Green, Portland. With her in the picture are Rep. Al Ullman, Baker, and Senator Wayne L. Morse.

Oregon History Traced During Big State Birthday Observance

Portland (UPI)—Oregon history from the early sea captain to statehood 100 years ago was put on panoramic display Saturday.

The Valentine state blew itself to a giant birthday party with all the trimmings. Astoria, Salem, and Portland were the focal points in the first major event of the Centennial year but dozens of other cities took part with ceremonies of their own.

Major Addresses

Vice President Richard Nixon took the spotlight with major addresses in the three cities. He flew through a snowstorm in an Air Force plane from Portland to Astoria for the issuance of the first Centennial stamps, which went on sale today in the nation's 36,000 postoffices.

The weather prevented Gov. Mark Hatfield from flying to Astoria from Salem, but he and Mrs. Hatfield welcomed the vice president on his arrival at the capital for the main event—the solemn ceremony in the rotunda of the capitol building.

Nixon spoke later at a formal banquet in the lobby of the U. S. National Bank of Portland, and then made an unscheduled appearance at Al Kadar Shrine temple's annual Potentate's ball, a glittering affair at Portland's Masonic temple.

Pioneer Spirit Hailed
In all his addresses, Nixon stressed the pioneering spirit of the people of Oregon and its meaning in the world of 1959.

He said the Oregon story had a special meaning to the people of this state but "an even greater significance to the people of America as a whole."

"I do not know of any event which could more vividly remind us of the rugged pioneer spirit of our people, of the tremendous progress we have enjoyed and of the sense of destiny of this nation."

He said America needs Oregon's timber and other products but even more it needs "the spirit of the pioneers of the Oregon trail."

Friendly Guest
Nixon, who left Sunday for political conferences in California, was a friendly, genial guest. He shook as many hands as he had time for, chatted informally with members of welcoming crowds in Astoria and Salem, and signed dozens of autographs.

He had been invited to visit the Shriners' ball but didn't decide to go until the last minute. The Shriners hastily produced an honor guard and cleared a path on the ballroom floor for the vice president and Gov. and Mrs. Hatfield to walk through.

After the Shrine visit, Gov. and Mrs. Hatfield drove back to Salem for the grand Centennial ball, and Nixon returned to his hotel room.

In Salem, Nixon read a proclamation issued by President Eisenhower calling on the American people to observe Oregon's 100th anniversary throughout the year by "appropriate activities and ceremonies."

Editor's note: This is another in a series of special Lenten messages written for United Press International by leading American clergymen.

By Dr. Theophilus Taylor, Moderator, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Written for UPI

The Lenten season is of course properly a time when, as Christians, we meditate upon the fact that God has demonstrated the kind of love He has for us "in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

But to meditate alone upon the sufferings of Christ and our own unworthiness of those sufferings, and to let it go at that, would be abortive meditation. If no gratefulness wells up from our lives because He died for our sins, and no new resolves gain ascendancy in our wills as a result of the gratefulness, the whole purpose of Lent has miscarried within us.

Our Lenten testimony ought to be, as expressed in I John 3:16, "by this we know love, that He laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

And having declared as much we must proceed to do that very thing!

Hawley is known in the Northwest for his television show "Mr. Talent" a production run something on the general pattern of the Ted Mack show.

The proceeds from the advertising revenue and ticket sales of this year's Kapers will go towards supporting the Kiwanis club's activities in underprivileged children's work and the children's dental clinic now in operation at the courthouse.

The program advertising committee is completing work this week and tickets are now on sale for the show which runs March 4 through 7. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanian.

Nixon Sees No Change in Policy
San Francisco (UPI)—The illness of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will not affect United States foreign policy of "firmness on principle and flexibility on tactics," according to Vice President Richard Nixon.

He arrived here from Portland, Ore., Sunday for a series of talks with California Republican leaders.

He was scheduled to have breakfast this morning with former Sen. William F. Knowland before flying to Los Angeles for a luncheon address. He will meet with former Gov. Goodwin Knight in the southern city.

Nixon said he spoke to Dulles by telephone Saturday after the secretary was informed he had a recurrence of cancer.

"It is remarkable that he has taken it so stoically as he did," the vice president said. "His spirits were excellent."

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