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'WINNING FLOAT' - Announced as sweepstakes winner for the best theme portrayal in the Pear Blossom parade in Medford yesterday was this float entered by the St. Mary's Cub Scouts. The float, depicting "100 years of pears," displayed a replica of a log cabin on one end and a modern home complete with crepe paper blossoms. Sweepstakes winner in the best design class went to the Eagle Point Jaycees.

Thousands Enjoy Parade, Flock to Lions' Sportsfair

Southern Oregon weather was cooperative for Pear Blossom festival activities in Medford as thousands of out-of-town visitors and local residents lined Main st. to view the parade yesterday afternoon. The parade proceeded to Hawthorne park, where awards of recognition were made to Pear Blossom King and Queen Margaret Stephen and Frank Hunt, and to their royal court, by Miss Pat Rushton, the grand marshal. John Watkins, president of this year's festival, presented awards for winning floats in various divisions. Russ Jamison was master of ceremonies and music for the occasion was furnished by the Central Point Junior High school band.

Bear Creek Water Investigation Urged

The Jackson county agricultural council has urged fish conservation groups to investigate the possibility of obtaining sufficient water from the Talent Irrigation district to maintain adequate minimum stream flow in Bear creek to support fish life all year. The council said last week that preliminary estimates indicate that such a move would be economically feasible and would tend to eliminate the present "open sewer" condition of Bear creek during the summer months. Such a move also would make the stream more attractive as a recreational asset, the council noted.

Car Study Group Reports Progress

Salem—UPI—The emergency transportation committee appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield to study a possible railroad car shortage in Oregon this summer reported "gratifying progress" in an all-day meeting yesterday with representatives of major railroads serving the state. Chairman R. J. Hogue, Medford lumberman, said the committee approved a plan calling on shippers and receivers of freight to expedite efficiency in loading and offered other suggestions to avoid a "tight-car situation." The committee criticized the car service rules of the Association of American Railroads, which controls the allocation of various types of cars throughout the country.

Rep. Mahon Asks Missiles Step-Up

Washington—UPI—Chairman George H. Mahon of the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee came out publicly yesterday for a step-up in the 5,000-mile range ballistic missile program. The Texas Democrat said he was convinced that President Eisenhower's \$40,850,000 defense budget must be increased by Congress so that the big missile effort can be "expedited." While Mahon gave no figures on how big an increase he favored, his statement indicated the military appropriations enacted by Congress may be considerably above the level Eisenhower requested.



Man Stopped By State Police Admits Killing

Arrest Follows A Routine Check

Leland Duane Benson, 33, of Breckenridge, Minn., arrested by state police after a routine check Friday, admitted orally yesterday that he killed a man in St. Louis, Mo., police said. He admitted Friday that he had stolen a car, according to the report. Benson waived extradition on a murder charge, police said. St. Louis law enforcement officials are expected to arrive in Medford early today to pick him up. State police and federal bureau of investigation agents questioned Benson Saturday concerning the death of Thomas G. Kimber, 27, of St. Louis, about March 31. Officials said he admitted killing Kimber, but had not yet signed a written statement. Benson also admitted stealing the car in St. Louis about March 31, officers said. Found Dead April 4

Police and FBI agents said Benson had in his possession a credit car, other papers and a billfold which belonged to Kimber, who was found dead in his apartment April 4 of a skull fracture. Kimber was last seen alive March 31, officers said. Kimber was a field agent for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), and the stolen car, which belonged to ASCAP, was assigned to Kimber's use.

State police stopped the car about 9:40 a.m. Friday during the routine check. Benson admitted the car was stolen, police said. Two Passengers Benson, and two passengers, were taken to the Jackson county jail. Theft of the vehicle was verified later in the day, and FBI and state police verified still later that Benson was suspected of murder. Benson's two passengers, Floyd William Ballantine, 32, of Yakima, Wash., and Larry Donald Miller, 35, of Billings, Mont., are scheduled to be arraigned on vagrancy charges Monday, police said.

Officers said Ballantine and Miller told them they were hitchhikers. Benson told police he picked up Ballantine and Miller in Seattle, Wash., and was taking them to California, where they hoped to find work.

State police in Grants Pass said Mrs. Schuck told them she was asleep in the back seat at the time, and did not know who was driving or how the accident occurred. Her husband was too seriously injured to determine if another car was involved, police said.

The accident occurred just north of the Birdseye creek bridge. Harold Schuck was reportedly also known as David Hoots, using the name of his stepfather, when he was going to high school in Ashland.

Jerry Golden Gets Ten-Year Sentence

Jerry Eugene Golden, 28, of Ashland, was sentenced to 10 years in the Oregon state penitentiary by Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly Friday on charges of assault with intent to commit robbery.

The charge resulted from a hold-up and shooting last December 18, in the 90 and 9 tavern here. Golden entered a guilty plea on Feb. 11. A charge of assault with intent to kill is still pending in the case.

A slug from a .357 revolver, fired by Golden struck Ray Edward Reid, 31, Medford truck driver, and lodged near his spine. Reid is now in the Veterans Administration Paraplegic Center at Long Beach, Calif. He was transferred there Feb. 25.

The robbery netted Golden about \$35, which Bartender Samuel Morehouse gave him from the till after the shooting. Golden disappeared into the foggy night. A short time later his car ran off the highway into a power pole.

Three San Jose college students, who stopped to help him, were credited with Golden's capture. They were Norman Carr, San Leandro, Calif., Charles Brewer, San Jose, Calif., and Miss Geraylne Schutt, Spokane, Wash.

Parents of the victim were Mr. and Mrs. Clair Seekins, route 1, Orchards.

Morton Heads GOP Washington—UPI—Sen. Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky, self-styled political middle-of-the-roader was elected Republican National chairman without opposition yesterday and Chicago was selected as the site for the 1960 GOP presidential nominating convention.



WHOA ALREADY!!! - Ragdoll, a 150-pound St. Bernard, seems to be running away with nine-year-old Donna Buckley in this picture taken at the Crater Lions' Sportsfair Friday night. Donna knows what she is doing however because she helps her grandmother raise and train the big dogs at Sanctuary Woods kennels near Drain, Ore., which is reported to be the largest kennel of Swiss St. Bernards in North America. Ragdoll is a sister to I'eil, the canine star in the television show, Topper.

One Dead, Two Hurt In Highway 99 Crash

Harold Davis Schuck, 22, of 628 1/2 North Riverside ave., Medford, was killed and two persons were injured when the car in which they were riding crashed about two miles south of Rogue River on Highway 99 early yesterday. State police car from the Medford district was extensively damaged and the driver of a truck was lodged in Jackson county jail after another accident about a half-mile from the scene of the fatality, police reported.

A patrol car operated by Robert L. Wievesiek, 3405 Madrona lane, Medford, had stopped behind a line of cars halted because of the Schuck accident. Wievesiek got out of the car and was distributing red flares to the waiting motorists.

A truck owned by Patterson's Bakery of Roseburg and operated by Anthony C. Theilan, 45, of 921 North Central ave., Medford, skidded sideways into the police car and knocked it into a car operated by Henry John Dolack of Seattle, Wash., police said. Wievesiek and Dolack, aware of the approaching truck, were able to get out of the way and avoid injury. Thelan was lodged in the county jail on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and violation of basic rule, police said.

The red light on the patrol car was flashing at the time of the incident, which occurred about 4 a.m. Saturday, according to the police account.

Attempt to Kill Almond Revealed

Richmond, Va.—UPI—A sniper fired one shot from ambush at Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Friday as the governor left the executive mansion to go to the capitol, police reported yesterday.

The shooting was first reported to newsmen as only a loud backfire from a passing car. But police revealed their investigation led them to believe it was an attempt on the governor's life.

Lt. C. G. Phaup, chief of the capitol police force, said the shot was fired from thick shrubbery bordering the executive mansion in a corner of capitol square. The square is in the heart of downtown Richmond.

Free Tibet Asks Recognition, Help From Neighbors

Accused American Asserts Innocence

Havana—UPI—Alan Robert Nye, former U. S. Navy bomber pilot, pleaded innocent last night at the opening of his trial on charges of hiring out to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro for \$100,000. The prosecution demanded the death penalty. "I plead not guilty," Nye told a Cuban revolutionary tribunal in grim Cabana fortress.

Nye, 32, of Chicago and Coral Gables, Fla., rose to his feet to reply after Lt. Jose Antonio Suarez read the charges against the Korean war veteran and demanded his death. Suarez accused Nye of "indecisiveness, collaboration and imperfect assassination." The prosecutor also charged that Nye was a "traitor" to the Cuban revolution.

But Capt. Oscar N. Alvarado, presiding judge, told Nye the statement would have to wait until the evidence had been submitted. Firing squads Friday executed four more "war criminals" convicted by Cuban revolutionary tribunals, bringing the unofficial total to 524.

The trials of persons accused of "war crimes" during the regime of Fulgencio Batista began in January and are continuing. Suarez claimed that as a member of the revolutionary July 26 movement Nye had burned up three airplanes intended for delivery to Castro's forces. The planes, Suarez said, had been purchased by former Cuban president Carlos Prío Socarrás and were at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., when they were destroyed.

Nye was the first American to be brought before a revolutionary tribunal since Castro overthrew the government of Fulgencio Batista last Jan. 1. Suarez charged Nye arrived at Nayamo, in eastern Cuba, last Dec. 17, armed with a telescopic rifle and a .38-caliber pistol to carry out the "physical elimination" of Castro.

Asks Permission Nye after pleading innocent to the charges, asked permission to make an additional statement. But Capt. Oscar N. Alvarado, presiding judge, told Nye the statement would have to wait until the evidence had been submitted.

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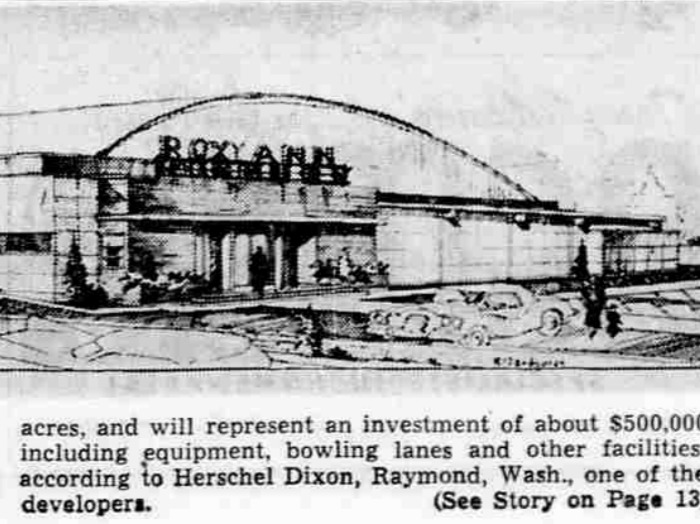
Japan A-Bombing Leader Treated For Guilt Feeling Dallas, Tex.—UPI—Former Air Force Maj. Claude Eatherly, who led the World War II atomic bomb strike on Hiroshima, was sent to a hospital Friday for treatment of a guilt feeling stemming from his participation in the raid.

Psychiatrist Robert P. McElroy said the nuclear bombing had left Eatherly with a "neurosis with psychotic manifestations." District Attorney Henry Wade said Eatherly has "hallucinations that the Japanese are after him."

An attempted robbery charge against Eatherly was dismissed "because of the mental sickness" and Judge Lew Sterrett signed an order committing the 40-year-old pilot to Waco Veterans Administration hospital. Eatherly has been in and out of the hospital since his discharge from the Air Force. He flew the B-29 reconnaissance plane that led the Enola Gay over Hiroshima, where she dropped the bomb that changed the course of history.

Morse Urges U.N. Control of Berlin Salem—UPI—Turning the entire city of Berlin over to the United Nations was advocated last night by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) at the window of the Young Democrats of Oregon session here. Morse asked: "At the negotiating table, why should we not propose to put the entire city of Berlin under the United Nations?"

"All the great powers are occupying Berlin under the same agreements. If they no longer agree on the old terms of occupation, why not turn all zones over to the United Nations?"



NEW BOWLING ALLEY - Construction of the Roxy Ann Lanes on Highway 99 south of Medford is expected to start Monday. It will be part of a proposed sports and recreation center on an 18-acre site. The bowling alley will take three acres, and will represent an investment of about \$500,000 including equipment, bowling lanes and other facilities, according to Herschel Dixon, Raymond, Wash., one of the developers. (See Story on Page 13)

More Red Troops Reportedly Sent To Quell Rebellion

Dalai Lama Rests On Road to India New Delhi, India—UPI—The Independent Tibetan government, representing freedom fighters in their battle with the Chinese Communists, has appeared for formal recognition and help from India and other neighboring countries, informed sources said yesterday.

The Chinese Communists, virtually admitting that the entire Tibetan nation was behind the Dalai Lama and the battle for independence, created a new Tibetan "public security" department and were reported funneling still more troops into the Himalayan mountain country.

Reports from the border said 7,000 Tibetans, including 1,000 women, had been deported to China and an uncertain fate. Informed sources said fighting was continuing in the southwestern provinces between Tibetans and Red Chinese troops with about 100 casualties reported in the last three days.

Other sources said Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru and King Menendra of neighboring Nepal probably would meet later this month to discuss the Tibetan crisis. Dalai Lama Resting

The Dalai Lama himself was resting at Rahung village in India, eight miles from his goal at Bomdila in the remote northeast frontier district. He was expected to reach Bomdila today to confer with Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's representative, P. N. Menon. Bomdila is 68 miles from civilized Indian territory.

Dispatches from Darjeeling, India, said the independent government set up by the battling Khamba tribesmen under the Dalai Lama earlier last week had asked India and Nepal as well as other nearby Asian countries to recognize the regime dedicated to ousting the Chinese overlords. Claims Control

Informed sources said the provisional regime claimed control over the Tibetan provinces of Tsang, Dhal-Po-King, Po-Kong Po and Southwest Dho. The whole area has 50 dzongs (forts) and a population of one million.

The provisional government, which had sent its original independence manifesto across the border from southwest Tibet, was reported to have asked neutral India to mediate the crisis, bring an "immediate cessation of hostilities" and arrange an "immediate cease fire."

The sources said the Tibetans wanted India to appeal to the United Nations against "unprovoked aggression" by the Reds and negotiation with China for a withdrawal of the Chinese army and civilian "colonists" in Tibet.

The Dalai Lama was reported to have sent a message to Nehru asking to see him at the earliest possible moment—presumably when the Tibetan God-king leaves the northeast frontier area and reaches civilization.

FORECAST: Partly cloudy this morning, fair this afternoon through Monday. The high today 68 and low tonight 35 and high Monday 70.

Highest Saturday 64 Lowest Saturday 42

Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 6:49 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:35 a.m. Moonset tonight 11:11 p.m. First Quarter April 15 PROMINENT STARS Alpher, in the southwest at moonset. VISIBLE PLANETS Venus, sets 9:27 p.m. Jupiter, rises 10:24 p.m. Mars, sets 12:04 a.m. Saturn, rises 1:14 a.m.