



ROCKEFELLER TO WED HERE—This small church in Sogne, Norway, is to be the scene of the nuptial rites of Steven Rockefeller and Anne Marie Rasmussen in August. Steven, son of New York's Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller met Miss Rasmussen when she worked as a kitchen maid in the Rockefeller home in Manhattan, New York.

Cold War Turning Hot in Laos, Strategic Southeast Asia Point

Tokyo—UPI—The cold war is turning hot in the tiny kingdom of Laos, strategic heart of Southeast Asia.

It could turn red-hot in a moment, or even explode. For Laos has become a miniature cockpit in which the forces making for tension in Asia are in direct open conflict.

American-armed troops of the Royal Lao Army are battling in the remote, mountainous north with Communist rebels who are armed by Communist China and North Viet Nam.

Not many men are involved, probably fewer than 2,000, but this makes the situation no less explosive.

Laos Is Dead Center

Land-locked Laos is virtually in the dead center of Southeast Asia. The borders of this 86,000-square-mile nation touch on Red China and North Viet Nam, neutralist Burma and Cambodia and pro-Western Thailand and South Viet Nam.

For 620 uneasy miles it shares its border with Red China and North Viet Nam. And, by no coincidence, it is along these borders in the northern provinces that red rebels are now fighting with government troops.

The rebels, at least 600 strong, are remnants of a Communist army that swarmed across the North Viet Nam border into Laos in the closing days of the Indochinese war.

Seized Provinces in 1954
Since then, the government has been trying to absorb the Communist Lao troops and Neo Lao Hakxat politicians without being swallowed itself.

This attempt has kept Laos simmering for five years, and it is impossible to say whether the situation will finally come to a boil now.

It might. Pro-Western Prime Minister Phoui Sananikone has cracked down on the Reds as no other Laotian

leader has before him. The Communists, who feel Sananikone is driving them to the wall, may be attacking in the northern provinces in the beginning of a last stand.

The current crisis grew out of an agreement reached in November 1957 by two half-brothers—Neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma, the premier, and pro-Communist Prince Souphanouvong, a suave, mustached man with great popular appeal.

Plan To Integrate

They worked out a plan to integrate the 6,000-man Pathet Lao army with the 25,000-man Royal Lao army and to bring Communist Neo Lao Hakxat party members into the government.

The tide quickly began running strong for the Communists. It looked as if Laos would have a Communist government by 1960, when the next general elections were scheduled.

But a government shakeup in August 1958 stemmed the tide and began turning it against the Reds.

Sananikone, who had no faith in any coalition government that included Communists, became premier. He moved swiftly to sap the Communists of their power.

In January the National Assembly scrapped the constitution at his request and gave him special powers for 12 months "to save the nation from disaster."

He decided it was time that the Communist soldiers who were still on the loose in Laos either were assimilated into the nation or disbanded.

The same went for Communist politicians. He clapped Souphanouvong and several other Neo Lao Hakxat leaders under house arrest in May. Unconfirmed reports from Vientiane, the capital, say Souphanouvong is now under formal arrest.

Trouble began two months

ago when one battalion of Pathet Lao troops resisted integration and fled one night to the mountains near the Viet Nam border.

Two weeks ago the rebels stepped up their scale of operations, previously limited to a few small raids. They attacked towns in San Neua province in battalion strength, cutting roads and destroying a radio station.

Clinic to Hold Research Project

Eugene—A year-long research project to determine the most effective of four methods of correcting children's speech difficulties begins Sept. 1 at the University of Oregon under a grant from the Public Health Service.

One hundred children from the Eugene area between 4 and 9, with speech defects primarily functional in nature, are being admitted to the Speech and Hearing clinic of the University for treatment in the program to be directed by Kenneth S. Wood, clinic director and professor of speech.

A sum of \$1,800 is available from the grant for graduate assistantships at either the masters or doctoral level for persons who will be associated with the project, to end Aug. 31, 1959.

The children will be formed into small groups for the process of therapy and testing. One group will receive no therapy, but will be tested in the same manner to determine changes in speech behavior.

The study will seek to learn not only which of the four methods is most effective, but also to find a successful approach for each method and to determine effectiveness of each type as compared with no therapy.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Washington—House Speaker Sam Rayburn, supporting the "middle of the road" Elliot labor reform bill:
"When a bill is being fought by both Jimmy Hoffa (president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters) and the labor-backers, that in itself is a pretty good recommendation."

Little Rock—Several unidentified teen-age boys, speaking to newsmen at a rally of white students who last year attended the all-white private T. J. Raney High school which has announced it will not reopen:
"The only reason we would go to an integrated school will be to cause trouble."

Pittsburgh—David J. McDonald, president of the striking United Steelworkers Union, blaming industry for the deadlock and indicating he might not return to the negotiations until industry gives ground:
"There have been no negotiations since we went to New York. The industry took its stand on April 10 and hasn't changed it."

Baton Rouge, La.—Gov. Earl Long, berating the legislature after it abruptly voted to adjourn the special session he had called less than an hour after the session started:
"Go on home. I'm not especially angry at anybody and there will be no repercussions... go on home and brag."

DREAM COME TRUE

Memphis, Tenn.—UPI—Judge William B. Ingram Jr. had a politician's dream come true Monday. Bernie Mullikan—who is opposing Ingram for his job in upcoming city elections—appeared as the defendant in a traffic case. But Mullikan said it was the first time he had been involved in a traffic accident. Ingram acquitted him.

About one-half all high school students have summer jobs.

INTERCEPT SAMPANS

Hong Kong—UPI—A Communist Chinese gunboat Monday fired on four sampans loaded with Chinese fleeing to the Portuguese island of Macao and captured three of them, it was reported today. One boat with eight Chinese aboard made it safely to Macao harbor, just off the Chinese mainland. The other three were towed back to Lappa, the Communist commune on the river opposite Macao.

Grange Notes

Central Point Grange

Central Point Grange held a meeting, Aug. 7. Reports were given by chairman of standing committees. Charles Taylor, chairman of the special committee, reported that the Grange group who marched in the Jacksonville Jubilee parade, won first prize in that division.

John Caster presented the following numbers for the lecturer's program: electric guitar numbers by two of the Rogue Rambler boys, Dennis Samples and Floyd Sherman; Pete Melsted, FFA treasurer, gave an explanation of the treasurer's books and records he compiles for the chapter and which is entered in state FFA competition.

The 4-H FFA-fair will be Aug. 17-22. Thirty-three boys from the chapter will be exhibiting beef, dairy animals, sheep, hogs, rabbits, and poultry. There will be implement trials, stock trailers and other farm equipment which the boys have constructed on display. There also will be a veterinary demonstration. Caster gave a short on public speaking which is one of the chapter's projects through the year. Dennis Fisher told of other activities of the club.

A display of old embroidery was arranged by Mrs. Edwin Gebhard. Serving committee for the evening included Miss Claire Hanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer.

Non-Rerun on Desilu TV Show Said Curious Choice

By WILLIAM EWALD
UPI Correspondent

New York—UPI—You may have heard of the non-rerun. It's a peculiar specimen, found throughout the United States, which goes into hibernation during the summer months. It is either black and white or colored and sometimes sends out a queery cry something like: "Remember the residuals."



William Ewald

Monday night, through a quirk, a non-rerun came out of hiding and nestled in the boughs of CBS-TV's Desilu Playhouse. The occasion was Westinghouse's 500th sponsored TV drama and it was marked with an exercise labeled, "Two Counts of Murder."

It was a rather curious choice for a celebration—a squashy colloid composed of equal parts of non-soluble dialog and pasty plot. It had something or other to do with the grandson of a political boss who was accused of murder and who was prosecuted by a young district attorney, who the boss thought he had in his pocket and who... and who... aw, the heck with it.

Arizona Man Put On Probation Here

District Court Judge Roy E. Bashaw suspended imposition of sentence for petty larceny for Donald C. Gustafson, 20, of Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday.

Gustafson was placed on probation under conditions imposed by the state board of parole and that he pay back or return goods stolen from the Rogue Valley country club about June 16. The Arizona man requested a jail sentence Friday. Gustafson was originally arrested on charges of grand larceny. The charges were reduced later to petty larceny.

Gustafson was charged with taking assorted canned goods, a lady's coat and a man's coat from the country club. About 500,000 persons in the U.S. are confined in mental hospitals.

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