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Khrushchev Starts On Goodwill Jaunt

India Will Be First Stop on Asian Itinerary

Russian Leader To Meet With Nehru

Moscow—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev left Moscow today for a three-week goodwill mission to Southeast Asia that may prove as tough a test of his personal diplomacy as his American tour.

The trip will take him to India, Burma, Indonesia and Afghanistan. All, with the exception of Afghanistan, have been embroiled recently with Russia's major ally, Communist China.

Peiping Trip Reported

His departure came amid reports in local diplomatic circles that Khrushchev recently flew to Peiping secretly to discuss the situation with Chinese Communist leaders.

Accompanying Khrushchev were many of the Kremlin experts he took with him on his tour of the United States last fall. Mrs. Khrushchev, who also made the U.S. trip, stayed home this time. She was reported not feeling well.

Khrushchev's first stop on the tour is New Delhi. He is due there Thursday to begin a five day visit which will include talks with Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru.

Important Nation
If Communist China is their most important ally, Soviet leaders tend to regard India as the most important neutral nation in the East-West tug-of-war.

The Red China-India border dispute set a delicate diplomatic stage for Khrushchev. Communist Chinese encroachments on Indian territory have alienated virtually all political and public factions in India.

Nehru has insisted that the dispute be settled in direct talks with the Peiping regime after Chinese Red troops have pulled out of territory India claims. It is doubtful that Nehru would relish the idea of a third party, such as Khrushchev, mediating the dispute.

Cardinal Stepinac Dies in Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Yugoslavia—(UPI)—Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, Roman Catholic primate of Yugoslavia, died today at his home village of Krasic, his physician announced. He was 81.

Dr. Bithomir Bigicevic announced that the cardinal died of pneumonia.

Boston—(UPI)—An all-male jury has been chosen to decide the fate of Dutch radical operator William M. L. Van Rie accused of murder in the shipyard slaying of a wealthy Chicago divorcee.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Valley fog early Thursday. Increasing cloudiness Thursday afternoon. Low tonight 32. High Thursday 48-50.

Highest Yesterday 58
Lowest this Morning 36

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:26 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:15 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 6:23 a.m.
Full Moon Feb. 12

PROMINENT CONSTELLATION Orion, in the south, 8:24 p.m. To the south and east of Orion is found Sirius, brightest of all the stars; and to the north of Orion is seen Capella, the fifth brightest star.

Cranberry Growers May Apply for Federal Loans

Washington—(UPI)—Emergency loans have been made available to Oregon cranberry growers, Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said today.

Norblad said the Agriculture Department made the loans available to growers who have been unable to realize on their 1959 crops and who are unable to obtain credit to finance their 1960 crops.



RIVER DESTROYS HOMES—Some 25 homes along the Fox river at Dayton, Ill., were destroyed today when the river overflowed its banks causing slush-like ice to run over a wide area. Among destroyed homes is the one in the foreground, a two-story frame building, turned completely over with only its foundation protruding through the snow and ice. Another two-story home is covered to the windows of the second floor, at right. Ice along the valley is 35 to 40 feet high and stretches about five miles downstream from a dam. —(UPI Telephoto)

Dr. Durno to Seek Porter's House Seat

Republican State Senator Edwin Durno, Medford, announced in Salem today that he plans to enter the race for the Fourth Congressional District seat in Congress now held by Charles O. Porter.

Durno is the second GOP candidate for the post. Lane County Sheriff Ed Elder previously announced his intention to run.

Durno is a practicing physician in Medford. He first entered politics in 1958 when he won the Jackson county seat in the state senate.

As a freshman he won several important committee assignments.

On Committees
He was vice chairman of public health and also served on ways and means, resolutions, alcoholic traffic and the building committee as well as on the education, higher education, public welfare and public health sub-committees of ways and means.

He is now a member of interim committees on taxation and fiscal matters.

Durno said he "plans to conduct a high level campaign and present a positive and well-defined program and platform."

"As a native of the Fourth District, I feel deeply and sincerely that our representative should be responsible to the needs of the people and that solutions should be supplied to the many serious problems which have been neglected for so long."

"I am not interested in devoting my time entirely to a campaign of pointing out the inadequacies of this district's current lack of representation in Congress," Durno said.

"The people of the district feel this lack in their daily lives and should now be presented with an alternative," Durno said.

Durno was born Jan. 26, 1899, at Albany and attended elementary and high school at Silverton.

He is also a graduate of the University of Oregon and the Harvard medical school.

Durno is a veteran of two world wars and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Belgium in WWII.

He was the University of Oregon's first all-American basketball player and later coached at Medford High school.

Durno has long participated in civic activities including Red Cross, Knife and Fork club, Masons, Oregon Medical society and American Medical association.

He is now out of state on vacation.

Kennedy Sees Oregon Primary As Key Test

Portland—(UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) met privately today with officials of Portland's striking newspaper unions and said afterward he would try to find some area in which government action might be useful in settling the dispute.

Portland—(UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) set out today on the second day of a campaign swing through western Oregon convinced that the state's May 20 primary will be a key test in the 1960 presidential race.

Kennedy said in a speech at Albany Tuesday night that for 50 years only one man was ever elected president without winning the Oregon primary—Warren Harding.

The Democratic presidential hopeful praised the Oregon primary as the forerunner of other state primaries.

Kennedy spoke in Albany at a combined Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner before 500 persons. He said the May 20 primary should "be given serious attention by candidates with serious intentions."

His schedule today included a breakfast with labor officials here, a speech at Oregon State College at 1 p.m. and a visit to Newport to speak at a Democratic dinner.

Kennedy, making his first Oregon trip since last November, attacked administration housing policies in a speech at Roseburg. He said present policies including high interest rates had "strangled the building industry."

He called for new starts in public housing and in housing for the older population.

Libraries Join to Apply for \$23,000

Ashland—The Ashland public library Monday night voted to join with Medford in applying for \$23,000 in state and federal funds for improvement work in the two libraries.

Attending the meeting was Omar Bacon, head librarian at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County. He said funds were available for general improvement and cataloging work and that, under the plan, the two cities would do considerable work on a joint basis to avoid duplications.

The Medford library board probably will make the application immediately, Bacon said. It will go to the state librarian after approval by the court.

Disc Jockey Tells Of 'Listening Fees'

Washington—(UPI)—A former Cleveland disc jockey testified today that record companies paid him \$12,000 in "listening fees" for advising them which of their songs sounded like hits.

The witness, Wesley Hopkins, denied to House investigators that the money he pocketed from record distributors while he was a \$400 a month employee of station KYW represented payola for giving favored treatment to certain records.

Bond Issue Seen For Local School Building Needs

The Medford school district budget committee last night decided that a bond issue would be the most feasible way to finance new classrooms needed by the district next school year.

The board asked school administrators to prepare necessary estimates and documents for a bond election, which the board indicated probably would be called early in April.

Last month, Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, reported to the school board that a minimum of 13 additional classrooms will be needed in the district next school year.

Basis for Estimate
The estimate is based on current enrollments and the school census, and on a survey by Dr. Keith Goldhammer, bureau of educational research, school of education, University of Oregon, made in cooperation with district administrators.

The budget committee last night reviewed classroom needs and discussed the overall budget for the district, including anticipated salary increases for teachers.

In view of an expected increase in the regular budget because of possible teachers' salary increases, and a general increase in expenses, board members felt that including a building program in the regular budget would increase it too much. They agreed that a bond issue would be more desirable since it would tend to keep any overall increase in the millage at a lower figure.

General Increase
Last month, the school board indicated that the 13 classrooms needed may be financed from the regular budget. However, that was before information was available which would indicate a general increase in the regular budget.

Preliminary estimates of cost for the 13 classrooms will be available as soon as possible, Dr. Mayfield told board members. District personnel are now preparing the preliminary budget for next year.

The board indicated the bond issue probably would be sufficient to handle additional classrooms needs for the next two years. Dr. Goldhammer and local school administrators estimated that in the 1961-62 school year, an additional 12 classrooms will be needed.

Minimum classroom needs estimated for next school year include two classrooms at West Side, two at Oak Grove, three at Hoover, and completion of the old district shop into a boys' manual arts department at McLoughlin Junior High. The latter would include a woodshop and drawing room downstairs and three classrooms upstairs.

Renovation Planned
Also planned for next school year is renovation of a multipurpose room at Jacksonville along with painting and repairing the outside of the building. A stage for a multipurpose room and acoustic tile for the ceiling is also planned at Ruch.

The budget committee deferred any decision on salary increases for teachers and custodian personnel until after the preliminary budget has been prepared to get a better estimate of how much the overall budget will increase.

P. G. Humphreys was elected chairman of the budget committee, and H. D. Christensen was named vice chairman. Mrs. Thomas Eaton was elected secretary.

Robert Minear was appointed to the budget committee to replace Otto Frohnmayer, who was disqualified from serving as a member because he has been retained by the district as legal advisor.

Other budget committee members are Louis Straube and regular school board members W. A. Barker, Edward Branchfield, Otto Ewaldsen, Keith Hockersmith and Frank C. Bash. William Underwood and Russ McIntyre are advisory members to the budget committee.

The local company is one of the oldest licensed Pepsi Cola bottlers in the United States, started in 1936. The Snider family has been in the soft drink business since 1921 and the dairy business since 1904.

The new plant, to have a capacity of 9 million bottles per year, will employ 15 persons—including production, office and driver—salesmen during peak production, Snider said.

Manager Named
Manager and vice president will be Dick Woodcock. Department managers include Clem Neibus, sales; Ronald Adkins, production, and Eldon Vinson, business.

Wiley company, Ashland, submitted an apparent low bid this week for the plant construction with a bid of \$69,500. Eight bids were received for the project.

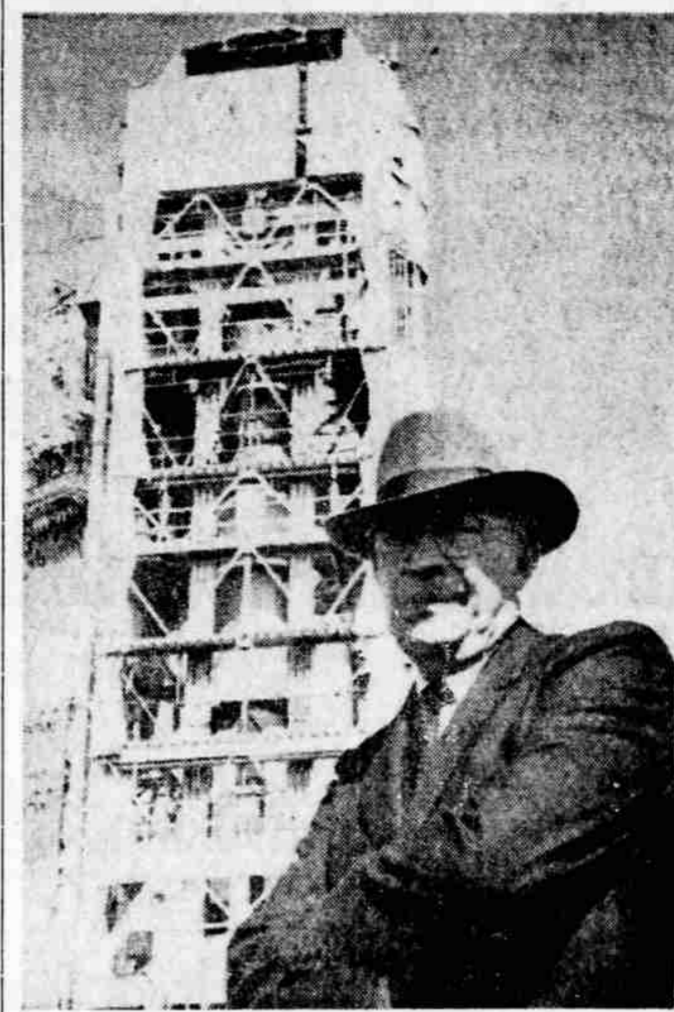
The building, of tilt-up concrete construction, will be the first food processing plant in the White City area. It will be 90x120 feet and will house bottling facilities, warehouse space and offices. All new equipment will be installed.

The firm is the supplier of Pepsi Cola and Canada Dry products in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Plant opening and dedication will include the appearance of Joan Crawford, Pepsi Cola company director and widow of the late Alfred Steele, former company president, Snider announced.

OSC Student Faces Charge of Burglary

Corvallis—(UPI)—An Oregon State College student from Portland today faced a charge of burglary of a fraternity house. Michael C. Goodrich, 20, was held for the grand jury under \$1,500 bail.



IKE GETS LOOK—President Eisenhower purses his lips as he surveys activity at a Titan missile pad during his tour of the big missile test center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., today. In the background, surrounded by a white-painted gantry tower, is a Titan being readied for a future test. —(UPI Telephoto)

Ike Gets Briefing At Missile Center

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—President Eisenhower made a brief trip to the Air Force Missile Test Center here today for a first-hand look at this country's primary space-age installation.

Eisenhower brought a Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr., and other White House and Defense Department officials on his flying trip to this barren, sandy missile and rocket center.

The President was led on the tour by Maj. Gen. Donald H. Yates, commanding officer of the Test Center. After a lengthy, top-secret briefing, Eisenhower was whisked to launch complexes for America's two biggest war rockets, the Titan and Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Then he was taken to facilities for the Polaris, a submarine-launched missile, and the Pershing solid-fuel missile.

He then visited the Thor facilities.

The President then left the cape on the return flight to Washington.

White House reporters traveling on a chartered press plane were not permitted to land at Canaveral but were shunted 18 miles away to Patrick Air Force Base. The reporters were permitted to watch the President's plane land, but then were separated from the White House party for security reasons.

Eisenhower's trip came amid debate among lawmakers, active and retired military leaders, and administration officials over how well this country's missile strength stacks up against Russia's.

They were arraigned in district court this morning. The case was continued until 4 p.m. tomorrow, at which time they will enter pleas.

Fagan, Rashe and Roberts were released in custody of their fathers today on payment of \$500 bail each. They were arrested about 4:30 p.m. yesterday by Ashland police and Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

Reeder issued the warrants after reviewing reports by Ashland police and statements signed by the two students, Mark M. Musgrave, 21, and John E. Heitsmith, 26.

The flight occurred about 3:30 a.m. Saturday outside an all-night restaurant in downtown Ashland.

Pacific Coast Storm Gives Way To Clouds

Gales that battered the California and Oregon coasts for two days weakened today and gave way to partly cloudy skies.

Forty-foot waves pounded the Pacific coast Tuesday. Beach homes were smashed, fishing boats thrown onto rocks and boulders tossed across scenic coastal highways.

Fire Department Gets New LaFrance Pumper

Medford Fire Chief Gordon Barker and Ed Evans, a mechanic with the fire department, have returned from Elmira, N. Y., with a new American LaFrance 1,000-gallon per minute pumper for the department.

The pumper was purchased by the Medford Rural Fire Protection district, which contracts with the city for fire protection, for \$25,100, including equipment and additional items to meet local specifications, Barker said.

The pumper was purchased from a fund established by the rural district. It will be used both in the rural district and the city, Barker said.

Tests of the pumper will be conducted by the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau next week before the equipment is finally accepted, he said.

Barker said the city decided to drive the vehicle to Medford because it would then receive a thorough road test to bring out any mechanical problems. He said none appeared. The trip took eight days of driving the 3,007 miles from Elmira.

En route, one-day stops were made in South Bend, Ind., and Cheyenne, Wyo., where Barker and Evans serviced the vehicle and checked it.

Powered by a V-12, dual ignition LaFrance engine, the pumper includes a 750-gallon water tank, special connections for lines, a 20-gallon foam solution tank for fighting gas and oil fires, and warning lights meeting city specifications.

While in Elmira, Barker and Evans toured the American LaFrance factory, which covers about 20 acres, where all components for the pumpers are made.

Huge Drifts Close Schools, Clog Highways

Up To 10 Inches of Snow in Chicago

By United Press International

A vicious winter storm battered the nation's midsection today with foot-deep snows, lashing winds, hail, sleet and Texas mud.

The giant storm took a toll of lives and caused widespread suffering as it rode across the Great Plains on tornadoes and blinding dust clouds and virtually paralyzed parts of the Midwest with a bewildering assortment of weather.

Gales drove snow into huge drifts, closing schools, blocking highways and stranding travelers from Nebraska to lower Michigan.

Chicago was hard hit. Up to 10 inches of snow slugged the city's north side and northern suburbs. Scores of metropolitan and suburban schools were closed, traffic slowed to a snail's pace or stalled completely on some highways and thousands of commuters didn't even try to scoop out to their jobs.

A dozen or so communities in southeastern Iowa were left without power or communications when freezing rain and sleet were compounded by snow that measured up to 12 inches at Ottumwa and Dubuque.

The storm, a chain reaction from gales and blizzards that swept the Pacific Coast, was blamed for at least 14 deaths—three each in Texas, Kansas and California, two each in Iowa and Arkansas, and one in Michigan.

Texas mud fell on Indiana. Forecasters at Indianapolis cleaned a coat of mud off the top of cloud-height measuring equipment. They said dust picked up by high winds over the southwest plains fell with rain over Indiana.

Forecasters said the storm would ease toward New England today but dwindle to light snow flurries in most of the East.

In its wake, a new cold wave speared down across the Plains.

Three Arraigned In Assault Case

Three Ashland men were arrested yesterday on warrants charging them with assault and battery in a Saturday morning fight involving two Northern Oregon college students.

Arrested on warrants issued by Jackson County District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder were Eldon E. Fagan, 20, of 158 Wightman st.; Gene L. Rashe, 20, of 1995 Vine st., and Joseph A. Roberts, 21, of 129 Granite st.

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Board Reelects 17 Principals

Seventeen principals and the elementary superior supervisor were reelected by the Medford school board last night.

The board also elected three teachers to replace three who have resigned because of personal reasons. The teacher appointments were effective as of Feb. 1.

Principals reelected are Lester Harris, Medford High school; Glenn L. Linn, Hedrick Junior High; Berl Cox, McLoughlin Junior High; Herb Wing, West Side; Mrs. Myrna Frink, Griffin Creek; Lee Meriman, Lone Pine; Francis Guidry, Jacksonville; Harold Boner, Howard; Boyd Gibson, Ruch; Jack Holmes, Lincoln; Roy Gilbertson, Hoover; Bruce Metzger, Jackson; Kenneth Hubert, Jefferson; Robert Phillips, Roosevelt; Ronald Weatherford, Washington; and Robert Baccus, Wilson.

The three teachers elected are Mrs. Marcia Padgham, Mrs. Barbara Ann Reedy and Mrs. Rosanne Jack, who replace Mrs. Elvera M. Cullen, Mrs. Delores Gander and Mrs. Margardelle Hiatt, who resigned.

Oregon Said Having Epidemic of Flu

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon is having a flu epidemic although the disease is not as serious as it has been in past years, a State Health Board spokesman said today.

Public Meeting on Pesticides Set

A public meeting on the health hazards in the use of pesticides in agriculture will be held in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

Dr. C. I. Drummond, public health physician, will serve as chairman and moderator of the meeting.

Attending will be Dr. William F. Durham, chief of the Wenatchee field station, U.S. public health service; Richard E. Hatchard, chief of the air pollution control section, Oregon state board of health; Dr. J. D. Patterson, chief chemist for the Oregon department of agriculture; and Jack Foster of the Citizens Air Pollution Abatement league.

Dr. Durham has conducted a survey of the effects of orchard sprays on human beings in the Wenatchee area for several years, and Hatchard recently conducted a survey of the air pollution problem in Jackson county.

Dr. Patterson is the chief of the service which licenses all pesticides and similar products in the state.

Persons interested in the use of sprays and other pesticides in this area are invited to the meeting.

... Is My Ball In Your Way ... ?

