

UPI Plans Staff of More Than 60 for Olympic Games Coverage

Squaw Valley, Calif. (UPI)—United Press International has assigned a staff of more than 60 persons to cover the 1960 winter Olympic games for its newspaper, radio and television clients.

The games will open Feb. 18 and run through Feb. 28. Some 800 athletes from 31 nations will compete in the games.

UPI will operate from special Olympic bureaus set up in the press center.

Messengers Included

Sports Editor Leo H. Petersen will be in charge of news-side coverage, heading a staff of 22 persons; Cliff McDowell, UPI Pacific Division News-pictures manager, will be in over-all charge of 25 photographers, picture editors, dark room technicians and telephoto engineers and eight ski messengers. Ken Allen, San Francisco UPI movie-tone staffer, will be in charge of a TV newsfilm pool of eight cameramen.

Assisting Petersen will be Henry W. Thornberry, European sports editor; Hal Wood, Pacific Coast division sports editor; Henry Rieger, Los Angeles bureau manager; Peter Uebersax, Zurich bureau manager; Alex Kahn, Southern California sports editor; James C. Anderson, Sacramento bureau manager; Donald U. Reed, Fresno bureau manager; Ferdinand Wimmer of Vienna; Klaus Ullman of Stockholm; Cornelius Ryan of the New York foreign department; Raimo Rasilainen of Helsinki; Murray Moler, Salt Lake City; and Oscar Fraley, author of Today's Sports Parade.

Special Dispatches

In addition, Irving Jaffe, former U. S. Olympic speed skating champion; Lowell Thomas, noted newscaster and ski enthusiast; and Reed Hansen, winner of a high school sports writing contest conducted by the Los Angeles Examiner, will write special dispatches for UPI clients before and during the games.

Two messengers and three operators round out the news-side staff.

UPI has installed its transcontinental sports wire in its Olympic bureau, as well as a 24-hour high-speed teletype circuit running from Squaw Valley to the New York bureau. Four telephone trunk lines have been installed as well as direct lines to each winter Olympic venue.

Petersen will write the day leads and overnights, Wood the night leads. The other news-side staffers will do interviews, feature and color stories.

Separate stories will be carried on each sport with over-all leads as developments warrant. On the domestic wire, summaries will be carried for the first six place winners in each event, including their times and/or distances, with the placings of the other United States and Canadian athletes among the also-rans. The foreign service will carry the complete summaries of every event.

UPI will have two separate desks in its Olympic work-room, one to tailor the report to domestic needs and other to produce the report for foreign clients. The picture department will operate two Olympic bureaus—one in the press center and the other in a quonset hut, located right at the finish line of the McKinney Creek course where the cross-country and biathlon events will be held. The eight ski messengers will race film down the slopes to the press building bureau.



BOMB TESTS PROTESTED—University of Minnesota students at Minneapolis parade and the likelihood that more nations will want to join the "atomic club." Reconciliation, stressed the dangers of radiation and the likelihood that more nations will want to join the "atomic club." The rally, which was sponsored by the Student Fellowship of (UPI Telephoto)

Van Rie To Take Stand in Defense At Murder Trial

Boston — (UPI) — Debonair ship's radio officer William Van Rie will testify in his own defense at his first degree murder trial in the death of a young Chicago divorcee, his shipboard sweetheart.

The announcement by defense lawyer W. Langdon Powers followed five hours of emotion-packed testimony in the fifth day of the trial Tuesday.

Three witnesses testified Van Rie, 31, of Rotterdam, chided pretty Lynn Kauffman for wearing a tight-fitting slitted Chinese dress which "gives me naughty ideas."

Opinions Differ

One of these witnesses was Mrs. Juanita Spector, 43, of Clayton, Mo., who also testified that she had "differences of opinion" with the 23-year-old divorcee who had worked for her husband three years as a research assistant.

Capt. Albert J. De Bruyn, skipper of Van Rie's ship, the Utrecht, testified for the prosecution that Van Rie failed in his duty to obtain a weather report the night the Dutch passenger-carrying freighter left Boston Sept. 18.

He said Van Rie was off duty from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock that night. Lynn was missed at 9:20 p.m. and her battered, half-naked body was found on a Boston Harbor island next day.

Tiny Radiation Detector May Aid Treatment of Cancer

New York — (Science Service) — A new radiation detector, smaller than the head of a pin, is expected to have important applications in the treatment of cancer.

The device, which measures the number and energy of atomic particles traveling at extremely fast speeds, is also expected to have uses in space exploration, military science, nuclear power control, industrial process control and basic physical research.

Slice of Silicon

Known as a "solid state ionization chamber," it was developed by Hughes Aircraft Company, Los Angeles.

The detector is essentially a slice of "doped" silicon so thin it is barely discernible to the eye. When struck by a charged nuclear particle, it emits a pulse that can be measured and analyzed. The detector's value lies in its ability to make measurements that up to now could not be made, Dr. Stephen S. Friedland, Hughes physicist, reported.

The detector is said to have five major advantages over earlier devices. It is so small that it can be packaged in the tip of a hypodermic needle. It requires no cumbersome power pack because it operates at very low voltage.

Furthermore, it can detect particles 1,000 times faster than previous devices and is so accurate that it can analyze particle energy to less than one-half of one percent error. Ordinarily tiny, the device could be made larger for alpha particle detection in low radiation level areas.

Would Be Injected

Dr. Friedland described the potential use of the solid state detector in the treatment of cancer. Boron, an element that tends to concentrate in malignant tissue for a limited length of time, would be injected into a cancer patient. The detector, imbedded in a hypodermic needle, would be inserted into the diseased area.

The patient would then be exposed to a stream of neutrons. When the boron reached its heaviest concentration, neutrons striking it would create alpha particles that would flash through and destroy diseased tissue.

The detectors would spot the alphas and determine when boron concentration reached its peak and how long it lasted. This information would be transmitted instantly to readout devices, allowing technicians to plot precisely future treatment and to determine the minimum effective exposure to radiation.

Teacher Favors Bigger Galoshes

White Plains, N. Y. — Mrs. Marjorie Jones, retiring after 46 years of teaching, had this to say in a departing note:

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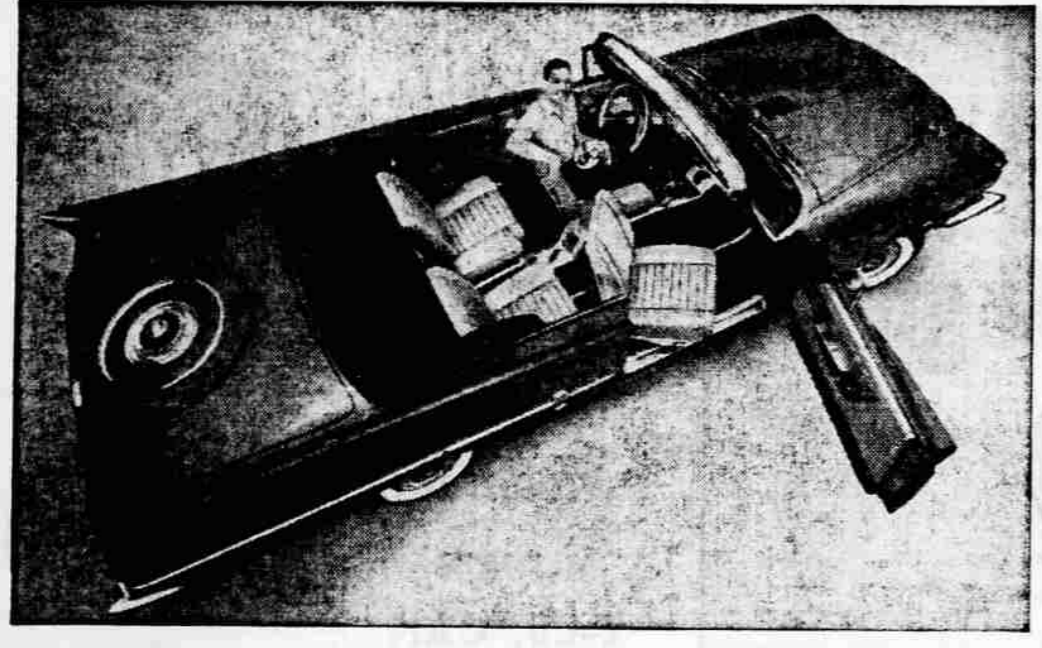
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Lack of Engineer Manpower Declared Permanent Situation

New York — (Science Service) — Dr. Sydney B. Ingram, vice president of the Engineering Manpower Commission of the Engineers Joint Council, has told Science Service that America's shortage of engineering and scientific manpower is not temporary; it is chronic, continuing and permanent.

There just are not enough men with the gray matter necessary for first-rate scientific work, the New York scientist said.

"Our technical manpower has a definite limit," Dr. Ingram said. The United States thus must determine how to make maximum use of this manpower.

Career Plans of Young Scientists Show New Trends

Washington — (Science Service) — Significant new trends are indicated by the future professional plans of the year's most promising teenage scientists, with more than one-fifth of them looking forward to careers in physics and nearly three times as many boys as girls choosing science teaching.

Information released here by Science Service shows that 21 per cent of the 448 outstanding high school seniors recently announced as members of the Honors Group of the 19 Science Talent Search hope to make contributions to modern physics. Eight of these future physicists are girls.

Teaching Career

Professional educators and scientists, as well as parents, may be cheered to learn that the 10 per cent planning to teach science to the next generation include 32 boys and 13 girls.

Almost as many girls as boys are looking forward to careers in medical research and practice, with 29 boys and 22 girls making up the 11 per cent choosing medicine.

Other scientific disciplines chosen by the Science Talent Search Honors Group include special fields of engineering, 12 per cent; chemistry, 9 per cent; and mathematics and general research, 7 per cent each.

Others of the group want to explore the biological sciences, electronics, biochemistry, rockets, psychology, astronomy, biophysics, dental science, geology, meteorology and geophysics.

Desire To Contribute

The reasons these young persons offer for their professional goals include the desire to make a contribution to human knowledge and progress, the appeal of unexplored possibilities, and the great personal satisfaction experienced in independent research.

POWERFUL CAR — The 1960 Chrysler 300F, shown above, is said to be the most powerful car in America. It is available here through Hamlin Motor company, Eighth and Front sts., Medford. The vehicle has four bucket-type seats in leather separated by a control console which includes a tachometer. A standard 375-horsepower ram induction engine is matched with three-speed automatic transmission, while a 400-horsepower engine and four-speed straight transmission are offered as an option in limited production.

PUC Hearing at Grants Pass Set

Salem — (UPI) — The public utility commissioner has scheduled hearings relating to grade crossings, the building of a spur track and regulation of train speeds, all on lines of Southern Pacific Company.

The first is set for Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. in Grants Pass on the application of the city for authority to construct a crossing at 9th st. over the SP tracks and right-of-way.

A request to build roadway crossings will be held at Toledo on March 7, a spur track hearing at Springfield on March 15, and permission to construct a crossing at Eugene on March 16.

WATERWAY SYSTEM

Washington — The U. S. has more than 26,000 miles of navigable waterways, one-third having a nine-foot depth.

SILLO ORIGIN

New York — Farm silos originated in central Europe and were said to be introduced into the U. S. in about 1875.

Ike's Plan To Increase Postal Rates Disliked

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower's brand new plan to boost postal rates was counted as a dead letter in Congress Wednesday.

There is "not a chance in the world" that the election-year Congress will approve Eisenhower's \$554 million-a-year postal package, said one prominent member of the House Post Office Committee.

The sentiment was the same in the Senate. Chairman Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.) of the Senate Post Office Committee said "this is coming at a mighty late hour and unless there is evidence of more desire for it, I don't think there will be any hearings."

The President's new plan was unveiled to Republican congressional leaders Tuesday. It contains some features of the \$355 million proposal last year that Congress ignored.

The new plan repeated the administration's 1959 request for a one-cent boost in regular letter and air mail rates. It added a one-cent hike for postcards and increases in second and third class rates.

House Democratic Whip Carl Albert (Okla.) predicted that the administration proposal "won't get to first base."

Size of Red China Colleges Amazes Canadian Professor

New York — (Science Service) — The size and number of Communist China's new university and institute buildings "amazed me," a Canadian professor of geophysics told the American Geographical Society here.

During a one-month tour through China, Dr. J. Tuzo Wilson of the University of Toronto saw geophysics laboratories of his own choosing and met with Chinese scientists now working behind the Bamboo Curtain.

He said he went through "several dozen" new university and institute buildings. All are well-built with brick, three to four stories high without elevators. They have running water, electric light and, in North China, central heating.

Technical help and materials are coming in from Russia, East Germany and Hungary. A chief import is oil, but Red China is building its own refineries now.

"Of course, there has been brutality and millions of Chinese hate present conditions and loathe the Communist government," he said, "but it is also true that the force is not conspicuous to a visitor and that one does see vast numbers of people who are clearly enthusiastic."

Business Building Planned in Salem

Salem — (UPI) — Plans for an \$8 million, block-square business building in downtown Salem have been announced.

As proposed by State Finance Company, the building would be bounded by Commercial, State, Court and Liberty streets in the heart of the city.

R. J. Schmidt, company spokesman, said all but one option has been signed of properties now in the area. The one property is Montgomery Ward Company which is cooperating in the project.

The proposed building features 300,000 square feet of mercantile space and 400,000 square feet of parking for cars.

Homing Pigeon Leads Owner To Stolen Flock

Boston — Janitor Kyle Dutton admitted to police that he'd stolen a crate full of homing pigeons he was carrying, but said he was drunk at the time and didn't remember where he'd picked them up.

When police could find no record of missing pigeons in their files, they released one of the birds with a note asking the owner to come around to the station house.

Kenneth Coggle turned up to claim his flock.

Lawsuit Aimed at Southern Pacific

San Francisco — (UPI) — The California Public Utilities Commission filed suit against the U. S. government Tuesday in an effort to force Southern Pacific railroad to resume year-around daily service of its Shasta daylight train.

The CPUC, in a filing in U. S. District Court, also asked the court to declare unconstitutional a recent law permitting railroads to abandon passenger service after the Interstate Commerce Commission has failed to approve the discontinuance within a four-month period.

The ICC authorized Southern Pacific May 5 to reduce its daily service of the Shasta daylight to a tri-weekly schedule during non-tourist seasons. The railroad had contended it was losing too much money on the service.



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