Bomb Scare Forces Plane To Land at Pendleton Airport

Pendleton, Ore. —UPI— The FBI in Boise, Idaho, was looking for a man whose telephoned bomb threat forced a United Air Lines Convair with 44 passengers aboard to return here Monday night for a thorough search. The plane later landed safely at Boise and continued its flight to Salt Lake City.

The bomb scare was the second on a Boise-bound United Air Lines plane in little more than 24 hours. An Eastern morning flight was grounded at Boise when a Catholic priest from Portland allegedly made a remark about having insurance in case there was a bomb aboard.

Man Calls Office

The flight grounded at Pendleton, Flight 348 from Seattle to Boise via Pendleton, was about five minutes out of the Eastern Oregon city when a man's voice called the operations office of the line in Boise and said, "There's a bomb aboard your next flight, Buddy."

The plane was called back as state police, city and county officers, and demolition experts sealed off the municipal airport from civilians. The passengers were taken off the craft and the baggage was unloaded.

Then, piece by piece and passenger by passenger, the flight was scoured by police and the FBI.

Cargo Checked

When it was considered safe, the plane, piloted by Dick Benster, Seattle, took off.

R. E. Gustavel, United operations officer at Boise, said all cargo was checked before being put aboard the plane for the Salt Lake City leg of the flight.

Sunday, the Rev. Lawrence Banfield was held by the FBI while a plane was searched after he allegedly made the remark about a bomb.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

LEONARD BERNSTEIN is influencing music lovers with the oldie about a man who couldn't decide whether to marry a beautiful girl who was tone deaf or something of a hag with the voice of an angel. He decided on the latter. The morning after their nuptials he woke up, took an objective look at his bride, nudged her, and implored, "For heaven's sake, SING!"

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A young oil company executive, stationed in Saudi Arabia, writes that the liquor in those parts tastes exactly like varnish. In fact, after just one drink the other day, he earned a disapproving look from the head of the refinery and the accusation, "Young man, you are under the influence of lacquer."

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Myron Cohen reports that on his recent visit to Ireland he met all his kinfolk—the Leprecohens.

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In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

The U.S. department of agriculture wound up its current lard-purchasing program this week with the purchase of 3,027,000 pounds for about $367,000. Since the start of the program on Oct. 22, the department has bought a total of 61,560,000 pounds of lard for $7,313,000.

Other purchases by the agriculture department this week included 112,125 pounds of dried whole egg solids for $119,000. Since the egg purchase program began early this year, the department has bought 8,732,625 pounds of dried whole egg solids for $8,965,000.

WHAT will be done with it? Well, presumably, this 70-odd million pounds of lard and dried eggs will be added to the already large food surpluses stashed away in the warehouses and so will HANG OVER THE LARD AND EGG MARKETS OF THE FUTURE LIKE A THUNDERCLOUD.

As a result, the next time the supply of lard and eggs gets a little short this surplus will presumably come onto the market and will PREVENT THE UP IN PRICE THAT NORMALLY OCCURS WHEN DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY.

That, I'm afraid, will be about the long and the short of it.

LET'S turn now to a more cheerful subject.

In 1959, the estimated income from agriculture in the Upper Klamath Basin of Oregon and California reached a total of $39,079,014. This compares with a Basin total of $31,967,609 in 1958 and $32,979,794 in 1957. The 1959 total was the third highest in the Basin's history, being exceeded only by 1951 and 1952.

The all-time high was in 1952, when the Basin's agricultural income reached a total of $44,015,748. That was back before the time when land taken out of the so-called basic crops began to be put into the Basin's specialty crops, such as brewing barley, small seeds, etc.—a type of competition that has hurt our markets.

WHAT gave Klamath Basin agriculture its big up in income in 1959?

The answer to that is interesting. IT WAS HAY AND POTATOES. Hay accounted for approximately two million dollars of the 1959 up over 1958 and potatoes for about six million dollars.

How come?

The answer to that is VERY interesting.

IN 1959, for whatever reason, hay and potatoes were in relatively short supply over the country as a whole.

So —

As a result of the operation of the natural law of supply and demand —

THE PRICE OF BOTH HAY AND POTATOES ROSE. Both were in relatively good supply in the Klamath Basin and so the Basin's hay and potato producers were enabled to cash in.

That's the story in a nutshell.

IN conclusion —

Suppose that in 1959 a huge subsidy - induced SURPLUS of hay and potatoes had been stashed away in the nation's barns and storage warehouses . . . to hang like a dark thundercloud over the hay and potato markets.

In that event there would have been NO UP IN PRICE FOR THE KLAMATH BASIN GROWERS, because the subsidy - induced surplus would have come out of the barns and the warehouses to swamp the market.

That's about the size of it.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Portland—UPI—The new president of Lewis and Clark college here will be John R. Howard, 37, now acting president of Lake Forest college in Lake Forest, Ill.

Firms Join To Fight Competition

Salem—UPI—A Eugene firm and another from Coos Bay, competing in hauling resins, glues and chemicals to the southwest Oregon plywood industry, came out together at a public utility commissioner hearing Monday to oppose competition from a Portland carrier.

Ferguson Transfer Company, Coos Bay, and Everts' Commercial Transport Inc., Eugene, testified they were capable of handling "present and future commitments."

The Portland firm of St. John's Motor Express has asked that PUC for extension of intrastate rights to allow it to accept shipments from Borden Chemical Company, Springfield.

Castro-Ike Talks Get Cool Reaction

Washington —UPI— The State Department has reacted coolly to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's expressed desire to discuss U.S.-Cuban relations with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian A. Herter.

Department Press Officer Lincoln White said Monday that U.S. Ambassador to Cuba Philip Bonsal was "prepared to discuss any question of Cuban-U.S. relations at any time."

Castro was quoted Sunday as saying that he believed talks with Eisenhower and Herter might help to ease tensions between the two countries. His statement apparently was not a formal bid for such discussions, however.

4-H NEWS

Westside Knitten Kittens

The March meeting was held at the Frink home. We sent in 89 lids for plant coasters for the hospital. They were painted by Carolee Kuest and Colleen Franek.

We discussed the program for the potluck dinner to be held April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Central Point Grange hall. It will be for the members of the Knitten Kittens, Willing Workers, Buttered Buns and Bobbin Bobbins.

Refreshments were served by Karen Hunter and Cheryl Hammil.

Kathy Thompson
Reporter

PAGEANT POSTPONED

Baker—UPI—The Miss Baker county pageant, originally scheduled for April 22, has been postponed until May 14.

State Insurance Retaliatory Clause Enforced

Salem—UPI—Insurance Commissioner V. Dean Musser told a legislative interim committee Monday his department is enforcing the retaliatory clause in the state insurance law and is concentrating on 1959 taxes of out-of-state insurance companies.

Musser testified before the tax administration and appeals subcommittee headed by Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale).

Cook and Musser exchanged bitter words recently on the issue, which centered on an attorney general's opinion holding that imposition of the retaliatory clause is mandatory rather than discretionary.

Basis of Tax Rate

The retaliatory clause states that an out-of-state insurance firm may be taxed on the basis of the tax rate of its home state if that rate is higher than Oregon's.

Musser said there are 16 states involved where the higher rate will apply. When the new audits for 1959 are completed, probably next week, his staff will work back through the years to 1947 when the law was passed, he said.

Musser said he has been "unofficially advised" that a test suit from an insurance company is forthcoming.

Russians Applaud 'My Fair Lady'

Moscow —UPI—A capacity Russian audience, including many who could not speak a word of English, laughed and applauded itself giddy Monday night over Broadway's "My Fair Lady."

The feeling was entirely mutual. Pretty girl dancers wept unabashedly at the overwhelming reception for the American stage production, brought here under the cultural exchange program .

"Every one of use came off the stage in tears," said dancer Caludia Kobelt, Berkeley, Calif. "It was the most fabulous thing that ever happened to us."

An estimated 1,800 persons in Moscow's Red Army Theater clapped and cheered so wildly and so often that much of the dialogue and some of the singing was lost.

Frank's Condition Said Satisfactory

Portland—UPI—Aaron Frank, Portland department store executive, was reported in satisfactory condition at St. Vincent hospital today. He is undergoing treatment for a heart ailment.

San Diego — About 125,000 tons of phosphorus are imported annually from Tahiti.

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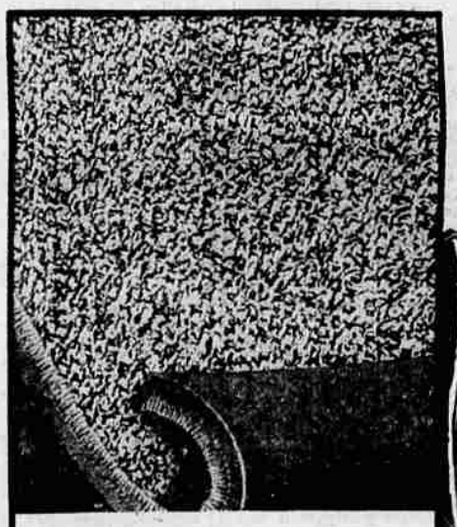

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