Italian Police Guard Parliament

Rome–UPI–A cordon of riot police today guarded Italy's Parliament where members were debating the Communist-led demonstrations which swept the nation last week.

Premier Fernando Tambroni faced militant Communist opposition in the Chamber of Deputies where he holds a majority only by virtue of unsolicited neo-Fascist votes.

Italy's Communists staged demonstrations against neo-Fascism last week and caused riots that resulted in 10 persons being killed and hundreds injured when tough national police moved in to halt the violence.

The Chamber of Deputies debate was expected to end in a vote of confidence for the tottering Tambroni government.

The rioting started when Italian Communist Party boss Palmiro Togliatti returned from a "vacation" in the Soviet Union and talks with Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

TO GET INDEPENDENCE

Paris–UPI–Four more former French colonies in Africa were assured today of independence and will join Madagascar, the Sudan and Senegal as new countries once under French rule. French officials announced Monday that an agreement had been reached which will grant full independence to the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Niger and Dahomey.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The world picture:

Castro's explosion in which he roars that he will "put automatic rifles in the hands of thousands of Cubans to combat U.S. aggression" and boasts of his communist backing.

Nikita K's flannel-mouth speech in Moscow pledging all-out Soviet support for Cuban premier Fidel Castro and warning the U.S. to keep its hands off the Cuban republic.

The bearing of this situation on our Monroe Doctrine.

ADD to this picture dispatches from China telling of the cockiness of the Red Chinese. They are boasting that they "licked the U.S. in Korea and can do it again." The dispatches add that the Chinese communists accept without question Mao's thesis that Red China, with its 600 million people, can survive the devastation of a nuclear war that would wipe out other less populated countries.

THEN–

There is the African Congo, whose native people have finally been given their independence. They don't know what to do with it. There are mutinies in the Congolese army, arising, apparently, out of the fact that all the privates want to be officers.

There was the upheaval in Korea. There was the upheaval in Turkey. There were the youngsters in Rhode Island the other day who rioted in the streets because they couldn't get into a show that was all sold out.

UNREST is loose in the world.

AGAINST this dark background of the world's news, picture to yourself the three-ring circus that is going on in Los Angeles. Then picture to yourself the other three-ring circus that will open in Chicago two or three weeks hence.

It doesn't seem to make sense, does it?

THAT brings us around to President Eisenhower, who as this is written is reported by his aides (who ask not to be named) to be deeply concerned that the members of Congress may come back from their political conventions and cast thrift to the winds in an effort to woo votes to the Democratic or the Republican tickets by promising everything to everybody, regardless of what it costs.

The President is reported to be thinking of going before the Congress when it reconvenes after the conventions to make an extraordinary appeal for a balanced budget and a reasonably economical legislative program.

WOULD it work?

No man can say.

Much depends on what happens at the conventions. If the Democrats at Los Angeles go all-out on a spending program, the Republicans at Chicago will have two choices:

1. To promise to outspend the Democrats.

2. To go to the other extreme and embrace a program of caution and fiscal sanity.

WHAT will happen?

Again, no man can say.

These are strange times–and BIG SPENDING certainly seems to be popular.

WHAT should be done?

That one is easy.

In the old days of the sea, when the skies were stormy, wise mariners took in sail, battened down the hatches and prepared for trouble if trouble came.

That would be a wise program now.

Polk County Bridge Contract Awarded

Salem–UPI–Orlando O. Bennard and Glenn Snook, Eugene, Monday was awarded a contract for $64,642 by the State Highway Commission to build the Luckiamute river bridge in Polk county.

The 181-foot concrete bridge project also includes .53 miles of roadbed and stone base work.

Sen. Scott To Speak At Norblad Breakfast

Salem UPI – Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), former GOP national chairman, will address a breakfast here Friday to raise funds for the campaign to reelect Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.).

The speech will be the first of six appearances in Oregon on Scott's current trip. He also has meetings and speeches scheduled in Coos Bay, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend and Ontario.

Reorganization Act Petitioners Blame Elections Division

Salem – UPI – A group of angry petitioners from Portland seeking to repeal the State School District Reorganization Act Friday afternoon blamed the State Elections Division for what was termed "misinforming" them about the deadline for filing an initiative.

Kenneth Landgraver of Portland, head of the board of directors for Serve Our State, Inc., showed up at the elections office a few minutes before 5 p.m. with about 32,000 signatures – not enough to get the repeal measure on the November ballot.

The law requires 33,712 signatures.

Claimed Monday Deadline

Landgraver said his group met with Marion county members Monday afternoon and hoped enough Marion signatures had been obtained to push it over the mark. This was not the case.

Landgraver claims the deadline for filing an initiative was 5 p.m. Monday because the constitutional deadline, July 10, fell on a Sunday. He said State Elections Director Jack F. Thompson earlier advised SOS of different dates and finally that it should file the petitions on July 8, Friday.

Thompson explained that state offices are closed Saturdays and Sundays and that Friday was the normal deadline because of this.

But he said he personally opened his office on Sunday to permit them to make the July 10 deadline. SOS officials told him they didn't have enough signatures and they did not appear.

Mandate Claimed

Despite the lack of signatures, Landgraver declared the 32,000 a victory and said it is a "mandate to the legislature to repeal the law," which calls for enlarging school districts so that a curriculum from grades one to 12 within each district is provided.

A similar repeal drive in 1957 failed, headed by another group.

Landgraver, an insurance agent, said SOS is preparing a letter to Gov. Mark Hatfield to call a special session of the legislature over the issue.

Trees . . .

By JOHN GRIBBLE

(Editor's note: The following comments on trees, particularly those adaptable to street use in Medford, have been prepared by John Gribble, well-known retired forester, and will be run in a series from time to time.

Flowering plums– Prunus. Like the flowering peach, cherry, etc., flowering plums are cross-breeds, hybrids of various kinds, to obtain fruitless yet more abundantly flowering small trees for particular uses and plantings.

Blireana Flowering Plum is a cross between an apricot and a purple-leaf plum (Pissardi). Foliage is said to be the best of all plums, holding a nice irridescent winecolor all summer. A strong feature is the profusion of pink blossoms.

The Blireana is for Main st. (Valley View to Modoc), 40 to 50 feet apart, and Larkspur st. 50 to 60 feet apart.

The Pissardi flowering plum (Prunes carasifera Pissardi), develpode from a southern European purple leaf plum, grows to a height of about 15 feet. Leaves are dark purple and foliage is best in early spring. This is for plantings on Mistletoe st., 40 to 50 feet apart.

Thundercloud Flowering plum (Prunus cerasifera) is another hybrid developed to a beautiful flowering tree, especially for street plantings. Thundercloud is for 11th st., (Oakdale to Central), 30 to 40 feet apart; Hamilton st. (Eighth to Main), 40 to 50 feet apart, and Plum st., 40 to feet feet apart.

With all the fancy and startling names given to crossbred, hybridized plum trees, rid of their fruit and weighted down with more showy blossoms and foliage, still the plum containing enough sugar when it drops from the tree so it can be dried till it wrinkles without removing the pit, is picked up, washed and dried, glossed up with glycerine or fruit syrup, and lo, it is a prune. Sacramento valley a long time ago had 200,000 acres of plum trees waiting for the fruit to drop off. Less than a half century ago Oregon had vast plum tree orchards. Oregon still produces tons of "prunes"–just plums, which go to California, are processed, after which we buy at the grocery store as California fancy prunes. They're really good.

P.S. A big Linden or Basswood tree, east side of Ivy in the Library park, is in beautiful full bloom now. One or two are on East 10th, and two or three on West 11th st., near Park st.

Medford Dental Building Opens On Crater Lake

Mrs. Vyrbelle Thompson and Dr. Bernard Thompson, Medford, have announced the opening of the Medford Dental building, 24 Crater Lake ave., Medford.

Under construction for the past three months, the structure will house offices for Thompson and four other doctors plus Jack's Dental lab, owned by Jack Ward.

Offices in the building will include those of Dr. Richard Nordquist, Dr. Ernest Duce, Dr. John Owens, dentists; and Dr. David Engleson, general practicioner and an orthodontist. The laboratory will do commercial work for dentists in the valley.

Previous Offices

Resident doctors previously had their offices in the Professional building on Main st., and the Medical Center building, Medford.

With the final moving done Monday, the dental unit is in operation, according to Mrs. Thompson. An adjacent building occupated by Dr. Thompson will be part of the entire dental building, although it was completed earlier.

The building is constructed of limestone facing with plywood and features heating and air conditioning controllable in each unit.

A 32-car parking lot is provided, and Ward pointed out that the building is constructed with "time-saving" in mind.

OIL MAN DIES

Englewood, N. J. – UPI – James A. Ahearn, 58, executive vice president, a director and chairman of the executive committee of the Sinclair Refining Co., died Monday.

Airports Watched For Beetle Entry

Salem UPI – An around-the-clock watch at the Portland and Klamath Falls airports has been ordered by the Oregon Agriculture department for possible entry of the Japanese beetle.

Hugh Taylor, chief of the department's plant division, said Oregon officials received word from California of Japanese beetles at Los Angeles airport. Washington state authorities discovered some of the beetles on planes landing at Seattle and Spokane direct from the east coast, he said.

The half-inch beetle, metallic green with copper colored wings, destroys virtually all vegetation with special emphasis on fruit trees, lawns and grass, including seed grass.

Inspectors will stay on the job at Portland and Klamath Falls for 30 to 60 days, depending upon developments.

Taylor said at both airports the Air Force is cooperating by inspecting all military aircraft arriving from infested areas.

Embezzling Bank Funds Charged

Seattle – UPI – Mrs. Ruth E. Lundstrom, 33, Seattle, was arrested by the FBI Monday and charged with embezzling about $92,000 in bank funds, it was announced by Special Agent J. E. Milnes.

She waived a preliminary hearing after being arraigned before Justice Walter J. Reseburg Jr., Seattle, and posted a $2,500 bond.

Mrs. Lundstrom was employed at the Duvall branch of the Seattle First National Bank since December, 1956. She lives with her husband, the operator of a sheet metal firm, and an 11-year-old daughter in Carnation.

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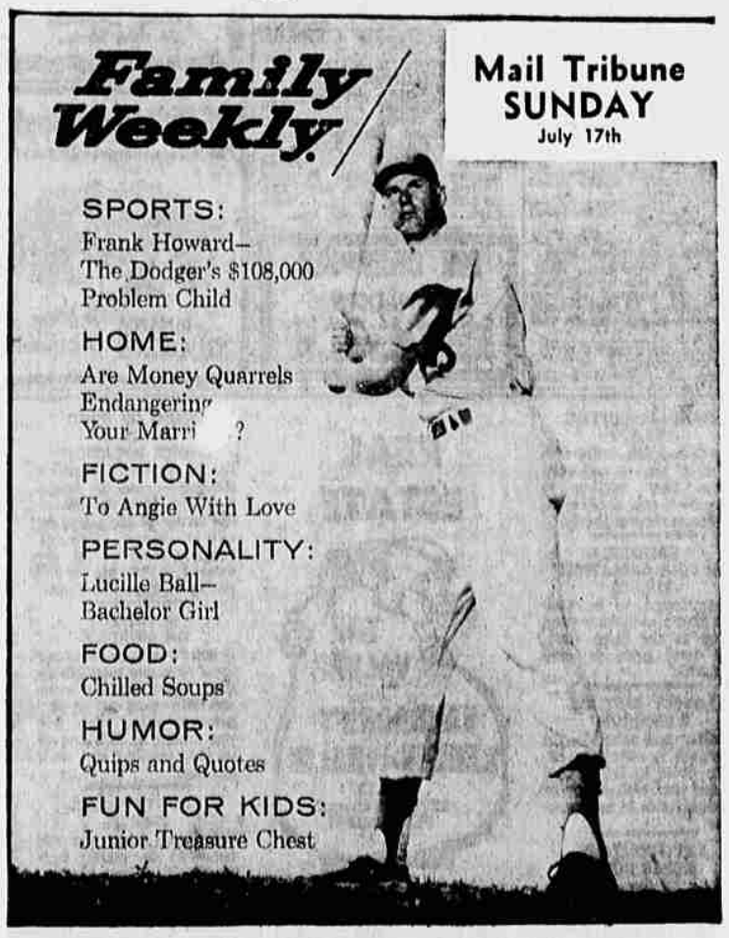

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

KIM NOVAK was chatting in a Beverly Hills hotel suite when a page boy told her, "A lady in the lobby says to tell you the car is waiting." "Are you sure," inquired Kim, "that the lady didn't say the coach is waiting?" "She did," smiled the boy, "but I knew she was putting on the dog." Miss Novak tipped him and went out to meet the coach—her acting coach.

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A cute student nurse flagged a doctor in the corridor and implored, "Come and look at the patient in Room 907. He must be delirious. He keeps asking for his wife."

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The census taker in a backwoods district reported at the end of his first day: "There were 41 males, 29 females, and one refused to answer."

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