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Festival Opens to Capacity Crowd



CROWD AT FEAST—Shown above is part of the 1,000 or so Oregon Shakespearean Festival patrons who attended the pre-opening "Feast of the Tribe of Will" in Lithia park. Rain, which threatened earlier in the day, failed to dampen activities as the festival opened in a 41-night run in Ashland last night.

Howard Belton Officially Opens Annual Season

Ashland — A standing-room-only crowd of well over 1,100 people last night attended the opening night of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival.

Threatening rain failed to materialize, and the largest aggregation of Oregon political figures west of Chicago joined theater patrons from every walk of life in enjoying a rainy evening as the curtain rose on "Taming of the Shrew," first of the four plays to be presented in nightly rotation through Sept. 3.

Earlier, in Lithia park, a crowd nearly as large as the play's audience dined on broiled chicken, listened to festival singers, watched festival dancers, and foot-tapped to the boppy music of the Ashland Killy band at the annual pre-opening "Feast of the Tribe of Will."

State Treasurer Howard Belton, ranking Oregon Republican still in the state, represented the GOP at the state's official festival-opener and greeter.

Belton, an old hand at public ceremonial occasions, later chafed to catch a small chill of stage-fright from nervous actors behind the scenes, but resolutely welcomed the throng to Ashland, saluted the event's contribution to Oregon, and declared the season open.

Robert Reinholdt, president of the festival association, made the usual introductions of visiting dignitaries, including figures in the political, educational and cultural fields.

Both the dinner and the opening ceremonies moved smoothly, with few hitches, and busy festival officials afterward breathed a sigh of relief that the months of work and worry once again had culminated in success.

Tonight's production will be "Julius Caesar," directed by Jerry Turner. Wednesday's will be "The Tempest," with James Sandoe directing, and Thursday's will be "Richard II," with Richard Rizzo directing.

The four plays will rotate nightly through Sept. 3, with special productions of "The Duchess of Malfi," by John Webster—the first time that a play by an author other than Shakespeare has been presented as a regular part of the festival. Sandoe will direct.

Foresters Keep Eyes on Possible Lightning Storms

Southern Oregon foresters kept their eyes on the weather today, as the possibility of lightning threatened the area's forests.

Carroll Brown, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, said there is an 80 per cent chance lightning will be reported in the forest today. The forest service, he noted, is without 37 men, who have been sent to eastern Oregon and Washington to help suppress forest fires.

Yesterday, Brown said any local fires would be fought by area loggers, who have been alerted through the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association's Roxy radio network.

The weather bureau scattered showers and thundershowers in southern Oregon this afternoon.

Forest personnel said they hoped moisture in clouds harboring lightning may help prevent serious forest fires, and indicated that although yesterday morning's rain was general, there was not enough to ease the forest fire situation.

Trace of Rain
Only a trace of rain was recorded at the weather station at the Medford airport, the second day in the past 61 that a trace has been noted.

Many of the local forestry personnel who left here last week to help fight fires in northeastern Oregon have returned in the last two days, according to local forestry agencies.

The state department of forestry reported four local men were sent to that area and all but one, Wes Stanfield, technical assistant, have returned.

Four men from the Rogue National Forest returned from that area last night. Thirty-seven remain there.

Men Sent to Cody
Three supervisory men left the local bureau of land management office today for a fire at Cody, Wyo., according to District Manager Ross Youngblood. They were division sector bosses, Youngblood explained. Twelve men from other Oregon BLM districts have also been shipped to Cody, he added.

Curt Neshelm, district warden for the state department of forestry, said the local area is in "good shape." Approximately 60 fires have been reported this season so far, which is even with the same period last year, he said, but the acreage burned is much less.



FESTIVAL OPENS—Among the 1,220 persons attending last night opening of the 1960 Oregon Shakespearean Festival was Speaker of the House Robert B. Duncan. Duncan is shown (right) chatting with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vaughn of Portland. Vaughn is director of the Oregon Historical society. Most of the opening night crowd attended the "Feast of the Tribe of Will" which preceded the pre-dinner production of "Taming of the Shrew." (Classic Studio photo)

Italy Asks Russia to Allow Red Cross To Contact Survivors of Downed Plane

United Nations, N.Y.—(UPI)—Italy proposed today that Russia permit the International Red Cross to get in touch with two known survivors of a U.S. RB47 reconnaissance plane downed by the Soviet Union over the Barents Sea July 1.

Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortana made the proposal in a resolution put before the Security Council, debating for the second day Russia's demand that the United States be condemned for the flight of the RB47, which the Kremlin contends was shot down over Soviet territory.

Investigation Asked
The United States has proposed and Russia was expected to veto a resolution calling for an impartial investigation or submission of the RB47 case to the International Court at The Hague. The United States charged that the plane was downed in international waters after a Soviet fighter sought to force it over to Russia.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge was expected to sum up the case this afternoon and the council was scheduled to vote before adjournment tonight.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov declared Monday that the U.S. record of the flight, obtained from undisclosed scientific devices and corroborated by equally secret British means, was "a coarse fabrication."

Portland Reporter Plans To Go Daily
Portland—(UPI)—The Portland newspaper, now a semi-weekly newspaper supported by striking Portland newspaper unions, announced plans today to enter the afternoon daily field around Nov. 1.

Annexed Areas Add 122 Persons To City

The annexation of two areas to the city of Medford at the last election added 122 persons to Medford's preliminary census count. Administrative Assistant Gilbert Gutjahr said today.

The addition sets Medford's unofficial population at 24,368, instead of the 24,246 figure released several months ago.

Gutjahr said the census count in the recently annexed areas was made by fire department personnel who also studied the fire safety conditions of structures in the two areas.

Although the 122 persons will not be added to the federal census, they will be counted by the state and will be figured in the allocation of state liquor and gas tax revenues, he said.

The largest of the two annexed areas contains 113 persons. This area has been commonly referred to as the "Y" area and is located in north Medford. The other area contains nine persons and is located in east Medford.

Jacksonville Man Released by Judge
The man who Jacksonville county sheriff's deputies arrested Friday afternoon at a California border cabin was released by order of District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw this morning.

Twenty-five-year old Oliver Oden, Jacksonville, was released to the custody of his parents after the judge determined that the crime of trespass with which he had been charged "was not a serious thing and no damage had been done."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable high 60 to 65 tonight, and Wednesday. Scattered showers over the mountains. Low to night 58; high tomorrow 55-60. Temp. 57.

Highest Yesterday 67
Lowest this Morning 48
Temp. to 3 p.m. Yesterday, T. 57

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset tomorrow 5:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:58 a.m.
Moonset tonight 9:10 p.m.
First Quarter July 31

FRONTIER STAR
Altair, high in south 11:40 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Saturn, due south 10:50 p.m.
Jupiter, low in south.

Mars, in the east 12:44 a.m.
West 1:51 a.m.



MARK AND ROCKY—New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, shown talking with Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield during a governors' breakfast this morning, reaffirmed his refusal to accept the GOP vice presidential nomination. Rockefeller said as far as he was concerned there would be no change in his position although he appreciated the feelings of the governors who wanted to change his mind. Gov. Hatfield promoted the breakfast session. (UPI Telephoto)

Firefighting Plane Crashes; Two Killed

By United Press International
Forest fires in eastern Oregon and southeast Washington claimed two more lives today when a B-25 bomber crashed over the man-o-war lake fire in the Okanogan National forest in Washington.

Four other persons have died fighting the fires reported to be the worst in three decades.

Aboard the Wenatchee Air Service bomber were George Carey, Wenatchee, and J. C. Brem, about 23, of Bellevue, Wash.

Both Die Instantly
Forest service officials said the plane was running over the 700 acre fire to drop borate when the plane crashed. Both men were killed instantly.

Earlier two pilots were killed fighting the Wallawa-Whitman National forest fire in Oregon and two men died as a result of burns while fighting fires in the Umatilla National forest in southeast Washington.

Suffers Heart Attack
In addition, a Stayton, Ore., man, Ray Matthews, suffered a heart attack fighting the Wenatchee Creek fire and was removed to a hospital in Pomeroy, Wash., where his condition is said to be not critical.

James Spencer Jr., 48, Toppenish, Wash., died in a Pomeroy, Wash., hospital Monday after being burned while fighting a fire on Crooked Creek near Pomeroy. Ray-

Maid Testifies In Finch Retrial

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Pretty Marie Anne Lidholm, 19, appeared on the stand today to tell a murder retrial jury how she answered screams for help and found Dr. R. Bernard Finch and his wife struggling for the gun that killed her.

The Swedish maid in the Finch case witnessed for the prosecution before a jury that will determine if Finch, 43, and his mistress, Carole Tregoli, 23, are guilty of murder.

"But I Gave Him His Independence, Didn't I?"



Delegates To Try To Draft Rocky For No. 2 Spot

Chicago—(UPI)—The New York delegation will cast its 96 national convention votes for Richard M. Nixon for the GOP presidential nomination. It was announced today.

Chicago—(UPI)—A group of New York delegates said today they will make a last ditch effort to draft Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller for the GOP vice presidential nomination despite his adamant refusal to accept the post.

The move was announced by Bernard Newman, a delegate, within hours after Rockefeller firmly rejected a plea by a group of governors that he reconsider and agree to be Vice President Richard Nixon's running mate.

Rockefeller earlier had reaffirmed his statement that he would not accept the vice presidential nomination at a breakfast attended by seven other GOP governors who sought to persuade him to change his mind.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, who promoted the breakfast session, told newsmen Rockefeller's position was unchanged "as of this moment."

Rockefeller broke in to say that, as far as he was concerned, there would be no change in his position although he appreciated the feelings of the governors who wanted to change his mind.

Money Rates
"With money rates easing, mortgage financing should be facilitated and we look for improvement in building activity during the months ahead," Chanev said. "For Medford, this sales contract with one of the world's largest manufacturers and distributors of building materials means a ready market for our plywood."

Brewer noted that "Medco's entry into the plywood field will provide U.S. Plywood with another reliable source of supply to meet the increasing demand of our 125 sales branches and warehouses in a major markets throughout the country."

Brewer said that fir plywood accounts for less than 40 per cent of the firm's gross sales, which totaled more than \$276 million in the year ending April 30.

80 Paratroopers Dropped in Congo
Leopoldville, The Congo (UPI)—The Belgian army dropped 80 paratroopers Monday at the town of Tshikapa to protect Europeans threatened by Kasai warriors, it was disclosed today.

The Belgian defense ministry informed U.N. headquarters here the action was taken because a U.N. force moving on Tshikapa by road would not arrive in time.

Tshikapa is about 400 miles southeast of Leopoldville.

The Belgian announcement said the Belgian troops will be withdrawn as soon as the U.N. convoy arrives. The Belgians have taken over the town of Tshikapa and its airfield.



BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION—Work is progressing on the Highway 99 freeway project between Seven Oaks and Central Point. Above is an overpass east of Central Point.

Committee Action Is Victory For Nixon and Rocky

Texas Retaliates By Freeing Delegates

Chicago—(UPI)—The Republican Platform committee by a vote of 56-41 cleared the way today for revision of its civil rights plank to conform with the views of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The action was announced by the platform chairman, Charles H. Percy. He said the committee also completed action on its education plank and revised its national defense plank to pledge more flexibility in the allocation of funds for the Polaris missile program.

The civil rights action was a victory for Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York. It came when the platform group upheld a ruling by Vice Chairman Alvin R. Laird that the rules could be suspended to reconsider the civil rights plank by a simple majority vote rather than a two-thirds vote.

Nixon called the committee's action a "good vote" and added that "we should be able to get a good platform on civil rights."

The action had immediate repercussions. The Texas delegation, which was instructed to vote for Nixon for president, agreed to free its members to vote for anyone they pleased in retaliation against the "pressure" on the platform committee.

The move to scrap the state convention instructions was passed by a 3-1 margin. Co-chairman Thad Hutchison said he anticipated the move would trigger similar action by other southern delegations.

He said Texas was ready for a floor fight on the civil rights issue but said this would be directed at Rockefeller rather than Nixon. He accused the governor of "exerting unusual action" on the platform committee.

Nixon's political platform was at stake. The platform committee had to choose between (1) repudiating the views of their presidential candidate or (2) reversing the stand it took by overwhelming vote Monday.

Chicago Welcomes Ike To Convention

Chicago (UPI)—This town all but buried President Eisenhower in confetti today as he came here to receive the homage of his party on "Thank You, Ike" day at the Republican national convention.

An estimated one million persons greeted him. On Michigan ave., the crowds, cheering and screaming with delight, pressed so deeply into the streets that the President's motorcade was forced time and again to a virtual halt while harassed police and security agents shouldered the President's fans out of the way of his convertible.

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GOP Challenged

Hyannisport, Mass.—(UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy challenged the Republican party today to match the Democratic civil rights plank which he said "sets a standard for the GOP in drafting its platform."

The Democratic presidential candidate, asked to comment on the Republican Convention battle over the party's civil rights program, told newsmen, "I hope they write one as clear and effective as the Democratic plank."