

AFL-CIO Executive Council Throws Support to Kennedy-Johnson Ticket



PARTY GUEST — More than 60 children, members of the Smokey the Bear reading program of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county, got to talk to Smokey in person yesterday. The talking bear helped Librarian Omar Bacon hand out certificates to children who completed the 10 books required in the summer reading program. Three of the books must have been on nature and conservation for the children to qualify, and children over 8 years old became eligible for the Oregon Green Guard Award sponsored by the Keep Oregon Green association. The children above register a look of mixed emotion as they listen to a few words of advice on conservation.

Herter Calls Cuban Leader 'Dictator,' Blasts Regime

San Jose, Costa Rica — (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter called Cuban Premier Fidel Castro a "dictator" today and said his regime has expressed open contempt for the inter-American system.

"It has been asserted that the Castro regime represents the will of the Cuban people and does not need elections," Herter told the Western Hemisphere foreign ministers conference. "Never in modern history has there been a dictator who did not claim to represent the will of the people."

"Hitler did, Mussolini did and so did Josef Stalin."

Record Set At Ashland Festival

Ashland — An audience of 1,154 persons at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival 14th night set an attendance record of eight sold-out nights in a row. Festival Manager William Patton said.

Last night's audience brought the total attendance for the season to 32,885, 3,438 ahead of the 1959 season on a comparable date.

Each production since the Aug. 18 performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" has had a standing-room-only crowd, Patton said. Each play has now posted the standing-room-only sign at least once.

Patton said good seating remains for the remainder of the season except the final two nights of "The Shrew" which are now sold out. Standing room still is available for those two nights, he said. "The Shrew" plays Aug. 27 and Sept. 1.

Festival patrons have one more opportunity to see John Webster's "The Duchess of Malfi," the first non-Shakespearean drama to be staged by the Festival. The play will be staged Aug. 31. A capacity audience saw the first staging Aug. 22.

Damage Suit Filed Results From Fall

Ashland city and public library officials are being sued for \$20,000 in general damages plus \$919 in special damages, according to a complaint filed today in Jackson county circuit court.

Blanche Myers is seeking the damages as a result of an accident on the Ashland public library steps Jan. 2. She claims in her complaint that she slipped, fell and received a severe and permanent injury to her right leg. She also alleges her medical and hospital expenses to date have totaled \$919.90.

She charges that city and library officials were negligent in maintaining the steps "in extremely hazardous and slippery condition with heavy and uneven layers of snow and ice," that they failed to cover the icy surface with abrasive material, failed to remove the snow and ice from the stairway, and failed to warn her of the dangerous condition.

In her suit, the Ashland woman names Mayor Richard Neill, City Councilmen Arthur M. Peters, Glenn Revel, Donald Lewis, George Ward, Emmett Whitham, and David Kerr; City Superintendent Elmer Biegel, City Recorder William Bartlett, City Building Inspector William Yates, Librarian Cora E. Mason and Oscar Sander, library janitor.

Medford Man Chosen to State Board of Directors of Natural Foods Associates

A Medford man was chosen to the state Natural Foods associates board of directors yesterday. He is J. Verne Shangle, also a national director of the organization.

About 300 believers in the growth of foods by the use of natural fertilizers and processes gathered in Medford yesterday for their annual state meeting.

Other officers elected included Mrs. James (Celia) Massie, state president, Grants Pass; Bob Biggs, first vice president, Portland; A. M. Cooper, second vice president, Canyonville; Mrs. Lyle (Hazel) Fox, third vice president, Eugene; Mrs. Frank Muhr, Eugene; Alexis S. Orloff, Roseburg and Mrs. John Roberts, Eugene, both directors.

Other directors who still have terms to complete include Mrs. George Heckman, Grants Pass; R. H. Woodruff, Portland; Louis Zielinski, Salem; Henry Eckstein, Milwaukie; Glen Smith, Lakeview; Howard J. Snodgrass, Albany; John H. Telford, Grants Pass; Dr. R. D. Ketchum, Bend, and Elmer Grimm, Portland.

Speakers for the group included Dr. Forest Shaklee, Oakland, Calif., founder of the Shaklee Foundation; Louis Zielinski, Salem organic orchardist and Miss Elfrida Rooke of Esccondido, Calif.

Loss Meaning

The term "organically grown" has lost its meaning because of misuses and because of the charlatans and unscrupulous persons using it to sell any type of food according to Miss Rooke. Esccondido, Calif., public health authority, who spoke for the closing session of Oregon NFA last night.

Miss Rooke declared that about 90 per cent of the so-called "organic food" on the market could be labeled "pure bunk" and added "no wonder the department of agriculture laughs at us." The speaker said that the sincere, well-informed persons who were producing true "organically grown" products, alarmed at the trend of the movement, shifted to the word "natural" and then added "now the marketplace is spreading to that word, too."

The best recourse now is to "do it yourself" Miss Rooke said, and advocated that citizens grow their own food on good soil whenever possible and urged everyone to unceasingly work for better food and better laws governing the growing, processing and sale of food.

Russia Boots U.S. Embassy Official

Moscow — (UPI) — The Soviet Union today expelled George Payne Winters Jr., first secretary of the U.S. Embassy, for alleged activities "incompatible with his diplomatic status."

The move against Winters was linked with the 1959 ouster of U.S. Embassy Security Officer R. A. Langelle, whom the Soviets said then was caught "red-handed" in intelligence activities in Moscow.

Today's action said investigation following the case of "the arrested American agent" — apparently referring to Langelle, but not specifically saying so — established the complicity of other American officials here, particularly Winters.

The expulsion of Winters, who headed the embassy's economic section, came only 11 days after the departure of expelled U.S. Air Attache Col. Edwin Kirton. It also followed the recent expulsion of Soviet First Secretary Ivanov from the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Winters, who has been here since June, 1958, refused to comment on his expulsion. He had already been scheduled to leave his post here next month.

His departure plans still were undecided. He was working on travel reservations today, after hearing of the expulsion order.

Winters, 40, is a bachelor. His home in the United States is in Denver.

Mexicans Start Helping Pick Pear Crop in County

More than 200 Mexican Nationals started to work today in the local pear harvest, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Oregon state employment service here.

Although the Mexicans were brought in by bus starting Monday, they did not actually start work until this morning, Patton said.

Full scale picking of Bartlett's has been delayed two weeks because of hot weather, and D'Anjou harvest is just starting.

The local and transient picker supply is getting short. Patton pointed to these reasons for bringing in the Mexican Nationals.

Balance Demand

The first three days this week supply of pickers balanced demand, but now it has swung the other way and the Mexicans are needed and perhaps more of them will be needed, Patton said. Fruit has failed to size up causing the delay in the Bartlett harvest, a grower pointed out.

Bartlett's are hitting their peak of harvest, some D'Anjou are now being picked and peaches haven't started full scale yet, all causing a big demand for pickers, a local pear shipper pointed out. Peach harvest is expected to hit full-scale peak the middle of next week. Meanwhile, Bartlett's are ripening fast, and must be picked as soon as possible.

Patton estimated about 2,000 pickers are now working in valley orchards. Local people who want to pick should apply at the Oregon state employment service farm labor office at the fairgrounds south of Medford at 6 a.m. Most of the orchards start picking at 7 a.m. or earlier, Patton noted.

House Approves Compromise Bill On Medical Care

Washington — (UPI) — The House today passed compromise legislation to provide government-financed medical care for persons over 65 not having financial resources to pay for needed treatment.

The Senate was expected later today to send the measure to the White House for President Eisenhower's certain signature.

Terms of the new program, worked out by a Senate-House conference committee, fell short of the rival plans for a broader coverage of benefits supported by Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates — Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The new federal-state program would become effective Oct. 1, but it was expected to go into operation gradually. Backers figured that the program, at least in early years of operation, probably would provide actual benefits each year for less than 10 per cent of the 16 million persons over 65.

Ashland Men Join Instruction Job

Two men from the Ashland district of the forest service will join 41 other Pacific northwest foresters in California this week to instruct military personnel in the art of firefighting.

The two Ashland men are Bob Asher and John Shollenberger. They have been sent to the Stanislaus National forest and will remain there for approximately one week.

Red Cross Chapter Sets Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Jackson county chapter, American Red Cross, will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, at the chapter house at 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford, officials have announced.

The meeting will start at noon. Luncheon reservations may be made by telephoning the Red Cross office, SPring 2-4405, no later than Tuesday, Sept. 6.



RESISTS ARREST — A Belgian military police officer scuffles with a supporter of the Balubakat political party after the native tried to escape following his arrest during a demonstration at the airport in Elisabethville, Katanga province, this week. Watching them tangle are Belgian citizens and troops. (UPI Telephoto)

Troops March On To 'Independent' Katanga Province

Leopoldville, Congo — (UPI) — Congo troops advancing unopposed across a secessionist corner of Kasai Province, were repried today within 30 miles of the well-guarded border of "independent" Katanga Province.

The force of about 1,000 troops flown into the area on Wednesday met no resistance as they marched through the diamond-rich "Mining State" which opposition leader Albert Kalonji had carved out of Kasai.

Katanga's President Moise Tshombe has warned, however, that the Congo forces are in for trouble if they try to invade his territory, which is guarded by native troops led by Belgian officers.

Responds to Appeal

In response to an appeal from Kalonji, Tshombe sent a shipment of arms to Bakwanga, the "Mining State" capital, but he refused to withdraw as much as a single soldier from the positions his army has prepared to resist invasion.

The few roads and the single railroad which traverse the jungled approaches to Katanga have been mined, and troops are reported ready to blow them up at the first sign of attack.

Other troop detachments stood guard at Katanga's airfields, ready to block the runways if Congo forces attempted an airborne attack.

Reassignments of Students Announced By School Officials

Significant reassignments of students from certain areas have been announced by the Medford public school superintendent's office.

The reassignments have resulted from district reorganization, an increased number of students and additional classrooms being constructed in the district.

Seventh, eighth and ninth grade students from Ruch elementary school will attend McLaughlin Junior High school. Previously only ninth grade students from Ruch have attended McLaughlin.

Transporting seventh and eighth grades to McLaughlin is the result of the Ruch district consolidating with Medford. Last year, a majority of Ruch area residents asked that seventh and eighth graders continue at Ruch, and their attendance at one of the junior high schools be postponed until later.

To Attend Hedrick

Junior high school students from the West Side Elementary school will attend Hedrick Junior High school, officials said. Transportation will be provided. Ninth grade students who attended McLaughlin Junior High school may continue to do so on request, school officials said.

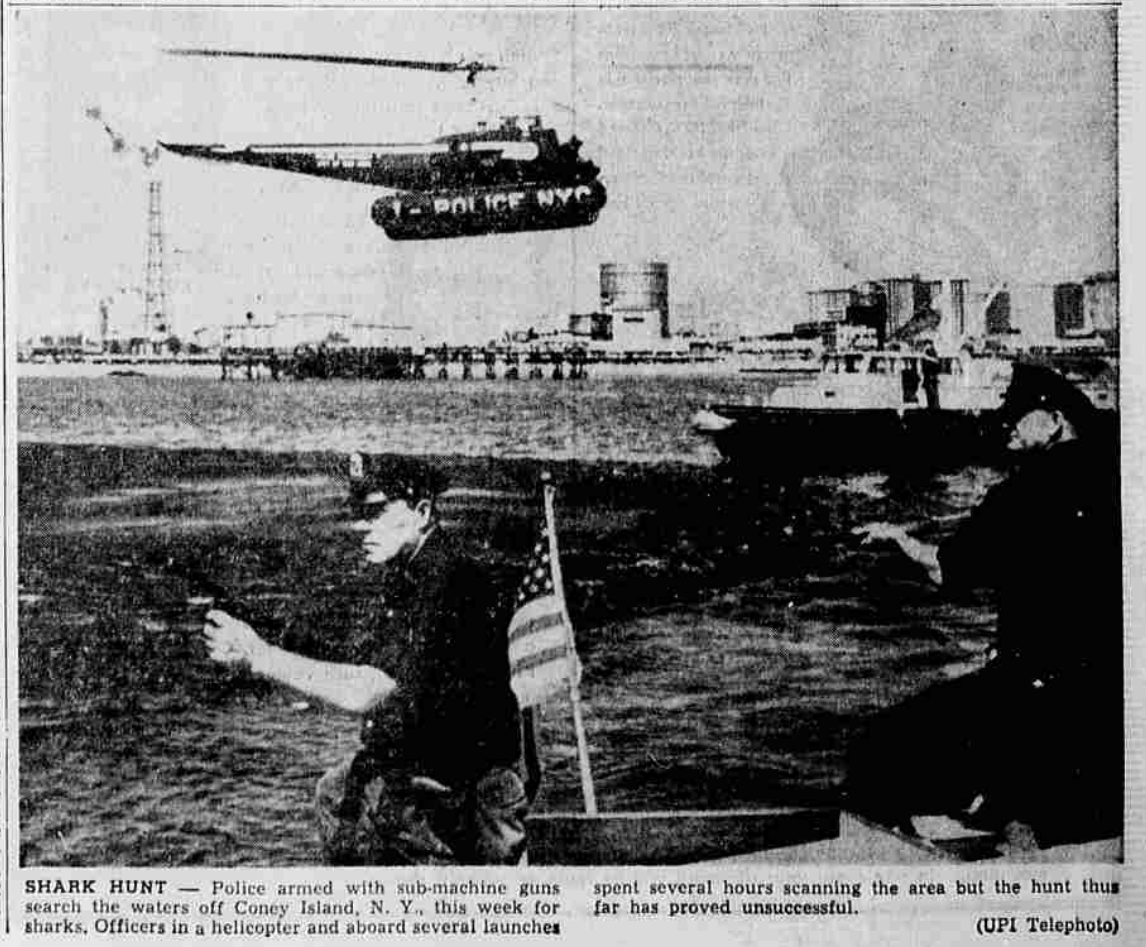
To relieve overcrowding at Roosevelt Elementary school, some students from this school service area will attend the new Hoover school, where six classrooms have been added for school opening Sept. 12.

Students in the former Roosevelt area east of and exclusive of Sunrise ave., east of and including that part of Barneburg rd. south of Hillcrest rd. and east of and including that part of Highland dr. south of East Main st. will attend Hoover school this fall, officials said.

Sixth graders in this transferred area wishing to finish their last elementary school year at Roosevelt school prior to moving on to junior high school will be permitted to do so, officials said. Last year, fourth grade students from Roosevelt were handled in classrooms at Hedrick Junior High school, but this fall, all Roosevelt school students will be cared for in their own school.

School officials said transportation will not be available to Ross lane students who attended Jackson school last year. Students in this area will be transported to Oak Grove school, and can, if parents so desire, continue attending Jackson school. However, school bus transportation will not be available because of rerouting and increased numbers of secondary students being transported from areas to the west.

Lesser adjustments in school service areas and in transportation routing have been forwarded to parents and students, school officials said.



SHARK HUNT — Police armed with sub-machine guns search the waters off Coney Island, N. Y., this week for sharks. Officers in a helicopter and aboard several launches spent several hours scanning the area but the hunt thus far has proved unsuccessful. (UPI Telephoto)

One Member Votes Against Endorsement

Council To Ask Board To Support Democrats

Washington — (UPI) — The AFL-CIO Executive Council today overwhelmingly endorsed Democratic Presidential nominee John F. Kennedy and his running mate, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson.

An AFL-CIO spokesman said the council would recommend to the 170-man General Board of the federation that it throw its political support to the Democratic ticket in November.

The council acted with only one dissenting vote.

Randolph Opposes

Only AFL-CIO Vice President A. Philip Randolph, head of the Sleeping Car Porters Union, voted against making the endorsement.

Randolph, the only Negro member on the council, told reporters before the meeting there was "not enough difference" between Kennedy and his republican rival, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, to justify an endorsement.

The council action was certain to be approved by the board and guarantee support of the 13.5 million member labor federation for the Democrats this fall.

Too Many 'Wrongs'

On the AFL-CIO scorecard, Vice President Richard M. Nixon has cast too many "wrong" votes to be considered for a political blessing by the mainstream of organized labor.

Kennedy, on the contrary, is listed in the AFL-CIO books as having a "perfect" voting record on labor issues. Most union leaders also consider the Democratic platform far more "pro-labor" than the Republican statement of principles.

The AFL-CIO supported Adlai Stevenson for president in 1956, although Meany and several other union chiefs were reluctant to make any endorsement.

This year, it's different. Meany, Auto Worker's President Walter Reuther, Steelworkers' leader David J. McDonald and a host of other labor officials already are supporting Kennedy's White House bid.

U.S. Breaks With Trujillo Regime

Washington — (UPI) — The United States broke diplomatic relations with the Dominican Republic today and requested recall of the Dominican diplomatic mission here.

The action followed a vote by the Organization of American States in San Jose, Costa Rica, last week end for all OAS countries to sever relations with Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo's dictatorship.