

HUMP SAGGING — A three-month-old camel at the Portland Zoo is having trouble with a sagging hump. The limp hump, according to zoo director Jack Marks, could be a birth defect and he hopes a little nutrition will bring it back. (UPI Telephoto)

Nuclear Testing Sentiment Gains

Washington — (UPI) — Sentiment is increasing in official Washington for the United States to resume nuclear testing unless an East-West control agreement is reached quickly. Advocates of test resumption are convinced that deteriorating relations with Russia make it imperative that this country abandon the voluntary ban under which it has suspended testing for the past two years.

Chairman John A. McCone of the Atomic Energy Commission, the latest to call for a test resumption, said Monday he "surmised" that Russia had been conducting secret underground experiments and that Soviet military forces have benefited "substantially."

Electric Cooperatives Receive Payments

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Tax Commission said Tuesday it has distributed \$130,067 to 31 counties in which electric cooperatives operate.

The Gilette Castle, at East Haddam, Conn., has granite walls four to five feet thick at the base.

Medicare Group Asks Opinion

Salem — (UPI) — The governor's advisory committee on the federal-state medicare program was told Tuesday that the attorney general has been asked for an opinion as to whether Oregon needs state legislation to implement the program.

Joseph Harvey Jr. of Portland, chairman of the advisory committee and also chairman of the Oregon Public Welfare Commission, said the commission asked for the opinion.

The attorney general was also asked if Oregon is required to apply immediately to old age assistance an additional \$100,000 in federal funds now available to the state through the medicare law passed by congress.

The committee, which held its second meeting here today, is seeking to determine to what extent Oregon can participate in the medicare plan.

Under the federal law, the definition of those eligible for medicare is anyone over 65 not eligible for old age assistance whose resources are insufficient to pay medical bills.

IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCE

Paris — (UPI) — A French military tribunal Monday imposed the death sentence on Algerian Mohamed Azrar for the attempted assassination May 4 of French-Algerian National Assembly Deputy Robert Abdesselam.

Mitchell Sees Great Responsibility for National Leadership

Portland — (UPI) — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said Monday night that the international situation was "very dangerous" and the stakes were the difference between freedom and slavery.

Mitchell, a Republican, made the statement in an address to about 500 University of Portland students at a dinner.

He said that American leadership was a great responsibility and that today the United States ranked second to none militarily.

Mitchell also said that the problem of "long-term persistent unemployment is one of the major problems of our times."

In reply to a question which asked if right-to-work measures were dangerous to organized labor and if they were justified, Mitchell said: "Rights Cited"

"Employer and union should have the right to write union security contracts providing for union membership. This is a matter of national policy."

"People who favor right-to-work laws seem to think that if the right-to-work laws are passed all the evils of labor movement will disappear. This isn't so."

"If in this country we were to deny the employer and the union the right to a union security contract we would be endangering the right of

the people to organize and bargain... would be damaging very much the growth of organized labor. I only wish organized labor would do a better job of organizing the unorganized, and the right-to-work laws would hamper that activity considerably."

Mitchell said he had proposed a \$1.15 per hour minimum wage but did not believe the South could stand Sen. John F. Kennedy's proposal for a \$1.25 minimum wage. He said it took the South four years to comply with the law raising the minimum from 75 cents to \$1.

Expression of Freedom
He was asked if he thought the government should take a hand in settling the Portland newspaper strike. "I say categorically 'no.' The government would certainly mediate... but this strike is an expression of freedom on the part of the employer and the workers. There is no national emergency... as harmful as this may be to the individual welfare of the people involved, I would prefer to have this kind of difficulty than to have the arbitrary right of the government to walk into this dispute and determine what the settlement should be."

Man-made satellites measure clues to the secrets of Earth's weather far out into space.

Castro Believed Seeking To Force Break in Relations

Washington — (UPI) — High American officials believe that Premier Fidel Castro is trying to force the United States to break diplomatic relations with Cuba.

That is the only logical explanation of the Cuban government's continued harassment of American nationals and the confiscation of U.S. business, they said Tuesday.

These officials think Castro and his advisers want the U.S. Embassy shut down and American nationals evacuated so Washington will not have on-the-spot observers to report Cuba's increasing drift toward Communism.

Red Technicians Planned
Some officials believe this is connected particularly with the forthcoming establishment in Havana of a Chinese Communist Embassy and plans for more Red technicians to enter Cuba.

Castro apparently does not want to take the initiative and make the break himself, in the opinion of U.S. authorities. They feel he would prefer to hound the United States into rupturing relations so that he could cite the action as another example of "Yankee aggression" against his country.

Officials said there is no thought at present of falling into Castro's trap. But the possibility that the Cuban premier may do something which would force a break has been fully taken into account by the U.S. Embassy in Havana.

Documents Removed
All documents and material which should not fall into Cuban hands have been removed from the embassy, which is operating on a day-to-day basis and is prepared for instant action.

It was only with considerable reluctance that the State Department last week took the step of urging American nationals in Cuba to send their dependents home. U.S. Ambassador Philip Bonsal had

Salem — (UPI) — Joseph P. Vogt of Salem has been named chief of communications service for the Oregon Civil Defense Agency.

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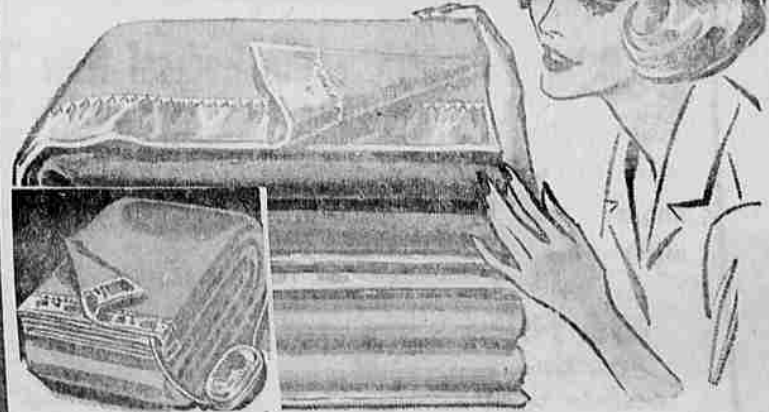
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