



PLANE BATTERED—A small airplane at Peotone, Ill., is one of the 26 pummeled by large hailstones which accompanied tornado-like winds through northeastern Illinois. Keith McPheeter looks over the plane torn to ribbons. Peotone Mayor Louis Schroeder said damage to the area would amount to "several million dollars." (UPI Telephoto)

Bill in House Could Lead To Mining on Coast

Salem—UPI—A bill up for final passage in the Oregon House today could lead to extensive mining and processing at the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon and Washington officials said today.

HB1732 is a companion to the much-publicized Oregon tidelands oil legislation approved by the House and pending in the Senate. The Tidelands bill covers oil, gas and sulphur and the Minerals bill covers iron ore, gold, silver, copper, lead, and other hard minerals.

It would permit private firms to lease up to 640-acre parcels of riverbed and delta land in the Columbia on the Oregon side for mineral exploration, chiefly extraction of "black sand" which contains iron ore.

Processing Plant Planned
State Rep. Clinton P. Haight Jr., chairman of the House Natural Resources committee, said he understands a \$2 million processing plant is being considered in northwest Oregon if the legislation is enacted and if ore deposits bear out speculation.

The Baker Democrat said the bill guarantees state royalties up to 10 per cent of gross value of any mineral product removed. The royalties would go into the common school fund. The measure requires competitive bidding for leases.

Columbia Titanium Corp. of Tacoma, Wash., a holding firm, last November filed a lease application with the Oregon Land Board for about 55,000 acres of riverbed on Oregon's side of the Columbia. The area sought runs from the mouth about 24 miles upstream.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thorn-

ton's opinion last fall that private oil exploration on Oregon's 600,000-acre Tidelands also voided the Land Board's authority to issue riverbed mineral leases.

Black Sand Plentiful
Stanley A. Roth, Tacoma mining engineer and president of Columbia Titanium, estimates the Northern Oregon and Southern Washington coasts—including the Columbia river delta—contain 12 billion tons of black sand, about 12 per cent of it iron ore. He said it is valued at \$12 a ton in the raw and about \$60 a ton in pig iron form.



Roth said if HB1732 is approved he intends to submit amended application in Salem requesting authority to lease the 55,000 acres in 640-acre blocks.

A new Washington corporation, Northwest Iron and Steel, is also interested in the black sand.

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Farm Net Income May Show Increase

Washington—UPI—The Agriculture Department today predicted farm net income in 1961, bolstered by increased government payments, will be up from 1960 by a billion dollars or more.

This represents an increase of about 10 per cent from the \$11.6 billion estimated for 1960.

Department economists, writing in the publication "The Farm Income Situation," forecast an increase of \$1.5 billion in realized gross receipts. This reflects anticipated record farm marketings, higher prices for crops, and larger government payments.

Some increase in farm production expenses would offset part of the increase in receipts, the department said.

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Musical Program Planned at College

Ashland—Southern Oregon college will present a musical program including the SOC band, chorus, quartet, and Populaires April 26 at 10 a. m. in Churchill auditorium.

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John Birch Holder of Controversial Views During Days as College Student

Editor's note: Just who was John Birch, the young man whose name is memorialized in a society pledged to fight communism? The following dispatch was written for United Press International by a reporter for the Macon News of Macon, Ga., where John Birch's parents live and where John Birch went to school.

By GEORGE A. DOSS JR.
Written for UPI

Macon, Ga.—UPI—John Morrison Birch, as a ministerial student here 22 years ago, was a holder of extremely controversial views just as in the ultra conservative society bearing his name today.

Birch, then not quite 21, was leader of a secret fellowship group of 13 fundamentalist students who sought to purge Mercer University of five faculty members. The students charged the professors with teaching heretical doctrines on the Baptist campus.

The faculty members were cleared at a hearing before members of the board of trustees. Police escorted Birch and his fellow fundamentalists from the campus the night of March 30, 1939, for their own safety.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society in 1958, did not know John Birch in 1939 or at any time prior to his death at the hands of Chinese Communist guerrillas in 1945, 10 days after VJ Day.

If Welch was aware of Birch-inspired charges against Mercer faculty members and the subsequent hearing, he did not mention it in his book, "The Life of John Birch," published in 1954. He reported only that Birch received his bachelor of arts degree Birch-inspired charges against went on to the Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., to prepare himself to go to China as a missionary in 1940.

Charges on Clergy
Nonetheless, a similarity exists between the charges by Welch that some Protestant clergymen and some prominent persons as former President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren are Communists or their dupes and accusations by Birch's student group that "all denominational institutions are reeking with heresy."

Welch says he first heard of Birch while reading a congressional committee hearing report dealing with his death. He says Birch was the first uniformed American casualty of World War III; that he was killed by the Communists "at the first opportunity after the war because of the powerful resistance he would have been able to inspire against them."

Birch's mother, Mrs. George S. Birch of Macon, said in an interview as long ago as 1950 that she believed her son gave his life in an effort to warn Americans of the danger from Communists, and that his warning was deliberately kept from the public by government censorship.

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Birch was not generally regarded a hero by the Mercer University student body at the time of the heresy trial he inspired. One of the placards displayed on the campus at the time read, "Lynch Saint Birch."

Rescued from Crowd
One member of the Birch "fundamentalist" group was rescued from a crowd of students, including football players, by Dr. Josiah Crudup, one of the faculty members the Birch group accused and now president of Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga. The car in

which they left the campus was stoned.

According to Dr. Spright Dowell, Mercer president emeritus who was head of the institution at the time, the heresy attack was aimed primarily at Dr. John D. Freeman, 75-year-old head of the Christianity department. He was, in the words of the committee which investigated the charges, a man who "for 50 years... has been a Baptist preacher and teacher, a man greatly beloved, a leader among the Baptists of the world and one who through the years has been regarded as a conservative in his theology."

Dr. Dowell noted in his book, "A History of Mercer University," published in 1958, that only three of the complaining students were in classes taught by Dr. Freeman. "Twenty of their classmates resented the attack and voluntarily stated... that Dr. Freeman's teaching was doctrinally sound, spiritually

sane and genuinely Christian."

Dr. Freeman resigned shortly after the heresy trials and died in 1943.

were no such persons as Adam and Eve." "You do not have to believe in Jesus Christ to be saved." "The Bible contradicts itself." "It was not necessary for Christ to die to free man from sin." and "the Bible was not di-

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