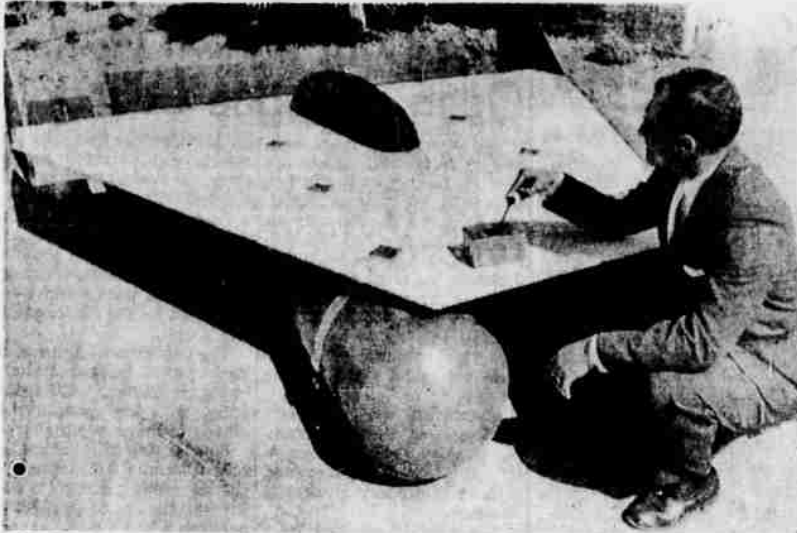




FOREST FIRE FIGHTER—Ronald M. Colitti, president of Accurate Electronics, shows the "Firebird" guided missile his firm has developed to fight forest fires. Colitti reports the United States Forest Service will conduct a formal test program for the missile this month. The Firebird, with 2,000 pounds of chemicals, can be dropped from an airplane up to five miles from the blaze and radio controlled from the mother ship, observation planes or from the ground. Production costs will be less than \$500 each. (UPI)

Josephine County Delinquent Taxes Total \$191,015

Grants Pass — Delinquent personal property taxes in Josephine county at the end of April totaled \$191,015.80, according to Sheriff Lloyd Lewis. Some of the taxes owed date prior to 1943.

In speaking about the delinquency, Lewis said that in Josephine county, such taxes remain on the books in case such a time arrives that they might be collectible. In some counties, he explained, the personal property taxes are written off the book when the sheriff and district attorney feel that they are uncollectible.

In a conversation with Allen Howell of the state tax commission office in Salem, Howell agreed with Lewis in this policy.

Due From Mills

He pointed out that some \$50,000 is due from five mills and logging firms that have closed. These taxes are secure since they are tied in with real property. The county earns 8 per cent interest on the delinquent taxes, Lewis added.

The Josephine county sheriff said that the publication method of collecting personal

Three Oregonians Victims of Traffic

By United Press International

A 6-year-old boy died in a highway collision near Zigzag west of Mt. Hood early today and a Portland policeman died in a motorcycle accident Wednesday.

In addition, an Oregon youth was killed in a Wednesday accident near Anchorage, Alaska.

Gregory Calvin Cox, Rhododendron, was killed and his mother, Mrs. Wilda J. Cox, 33, and Marilyn S. Horn, Portland, drivers of the two cars, were injured critically.

Robert P. Murray, 36, Portland policeman, was killed when his motorcycle struck a pillar of the Burnside bridge.

David E. Roach, 20, Toledo, Ore., was killed Wednesday when his sports car struck a sign pole at Anchorage. Kathleen Cartee, Anchorage, also died in the accident.

property taxes was not necessary since the warrant system involves the use of a deputy sheriff.

Commissioners explained that they received a list of real properties each year and have been foreclosed.

They added that they could not recall any such list of personal property tax delinquencies and if one had been submitted they did not know if the board of county commissioners had any specific responsibility regarding the matter.

Portland Jail Escape Try Foiled

Portland — (UPI) — Police today investigated an attempted jailbreak at the city jail Wednesday night.

Police said several prisoners tried to get away about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday by means of a rope fashioned of bed sheets.

One prisoner was caught standing on a concrete ledge near the fire escape on the outside of the fifth floor of the main police station and another was working his way out of a window, police said.

The attempted breakout was sighted by an unidentified bank guard from a restaurant across the street from the jail.

He notified police who surrounded the area on the street and alerted officers inside.

The two prisoners who were trying to flee ducked back inside the jail window when they were sighted.

Net Farm Income In State Declines

Salem — (UPI) — The average net per farm income in Oregon in 1961 was \$2,417—down from the \$2,960 of 1960—the Oregon Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

In 1961, Arizona farm income was the highest in the nation, with an average of \$19,598 net per farm.

Oregon ranked 34th in the nation in 1961 in net farm income and 31st nationally in gross farm income receipts.

Americans Said Paying Congolese Cabinet Salaries

Washington — (UPI) — An Ohio congressman says American taxpayers are footing the bill for \$3,000-a-month salaries to Congolese cabinet members through U.S. foreign aid.

In testimony made public Wednesday night, Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) said:

"These characters... are paying themselves a salary which is about twice that of an American congressman, and we are paying the bill and I don't like it."

Hays, in a stinging lecture to U.S. foreign aid officials at a closed hearing of the House Foreign Affairs committee, said:

"Two thirds of them can't read or write, but they know how to get their hands on American dollars, and you people know how to shovel it out to them."

Charges Denied

Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland insisted that the United States was not doing anything of the kind. He said U.S. aid funds were helping to pay the cost of the UN military operation in the Congo and to provide \$35 million worth of surplus food.

"Don't give me that old argument that it isn't this money," Hays said. "That is the argument Trujillo used when we gave him \$600,000 in one year and he gave his son a \$600,000 allowance. He said it wasn't the same money."

The rejections were by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the first bombing raid over Tokyo in World War II, and Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, who commanded the 24th Division in Korea and spent three years as a prisoner of war.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, along with approximately 100 other Army winners of the medal, accepted the pension. So did 32 Navy and 10 Marine holders of the nation's highest military award.

Six in Air Force

The Air Force Times said the Air Force, youngest of the services, had only six eligibles and that Doolittle was the only Air Force veteran to refuse the pension.

MacArthur, who was awarded the medal for his defense of Bataan at the start of World War II, draws \$20,000 a year as a five-star general technically on active duty.

Doolittle and Dean are retired from military life. Doolittle, who lives in Santa Monica, Calif., formerly was vice president of Shell Oil Co. In January, he resigned as chairman of the board of Space Technology Laboratories in Los Angeles, but still is a director.

Dean is living in Berkeley, Calif. The new and more generous pension, available at age 50, replaces a \$10 a month stipend formerly paid to Medal of Honor winners beginning at age 65.

HOLD EVERYTHING!

Manchester, England — (UPI) — Conductor Sir John Barbirolli raised his baton before the Halle Orchestra and 2,000 concert goers Wednesday night to begin a performance of Verdi's Requiem but nobody could find the soloist. Fifteen minutes later breathless soprano Miss Erna Spoorenberg arrived and blushing explained she had difficulties with the five-foot zipper on her green velvet gown.

Burton Joins Liz After Wife Leaves

Rome — (UPI) — Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were seen together again Wednesday night a few hours after the Welsh actor's wife left Rome insisting there were "no problems" in her marriage.

Photographers took pictures of the two outside Miss Taylor's villa about midnight.

Miss Taylor was scheduled to resume picture making today after two weeks of camera.

Burton's wife, Sybil, left Rome Wednesday as calmly as she had arrived a week earlier.

"I am happy and so there are no problems," she replied when asked how she felt about published reports linking her husband romantically with Miss Taylor.

Soviet Cosmonaut To Attend Seattle Fair

Washington — (UPI) — Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov will fly to Seattle Saturday to attend the World's Fair and then go on to San Francisco according to the Soviet Embassy.

Embassy counselor Georgi Bolshakov said departure and arrival schedules for the Seattle trip had not yet been worked out. Titov flew from New York to Washington in the four-engine Soviet Turbo-prop plane that brought him to this country.

Religion in America

Reasons for Persons Joining Churches Worries Clergymen

By LOUIS CASSELS

UPI Correspondent

The story is told of a confidante man who moved into an American city where he was a stranger to everyone, including the police.

Needing respectable connections to impress his intended victims, he tried to join various clubs.

But he couldn't get into any of them, because he lacked the necessary character references.

So he joined the city's leading church.

This tale may be apocryphal, but it is not farfetched. Most of America's churches welcome new members with open arms and few questions.

They assume, in practice if not in theory, that anyone who applies for church membership is a committed Christian.

The assumption is, to put it mildly, unrealistic. It is probably rare for a practicing criminal to use church membership as a camouflage. But

it is by no means unusual for people to join churches for slightly more reputable secular reasons, such as a desire to establish social and business contacts.

One viewpoint is that they shouldn't do anything about it.

Exponents of the view acknowledge that there are millions of men and women on church membership rolls today who do not know the rudiments of Christian doctrine, and who do not live any differently from their "unchurched" neighbors.

But they say that all these nominal Christians are potential converts, and the best way to bring them into a genuine relationship with Christ is to include them in the life of the community where he is known and served.

Another view, which appears to be gaining adherents, is that churches should welcome all comers to their worship services and other activities, but reserve full membership to those who have genuinely accepted Christ as their Lord and Master.

Those who favor stricter

standards for church membership argue as follows:

The world will not take Christianity seriously until it sees evidence that this faith really does have a transforming effect on the lives of those who are seized by it. The presence of many nominal members in the church gravely weakens its mission of providing a living witness to the power of Christ to change human lives.

According to this school of thought, churches are less likely to convert seekers by rushing them into full membership than by asking them to wait until they have reached a sincere decision to take on the yoke of Christian discipleship.

WARNS OF LOCUSTS

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department warned the mid-Atlantic seaboard Wednesday to prepare for swarms of 17-year locusts, whose appearance invariably causes alarm due to their large size and loud, incessant singing. The main damage from the locust is done by the females, who puncture holes in the branches of shrubs and trees to lay eggs



MEDICAL TRANSPORT — The Military Air Transport Service has inaugurated a jet service for transporting military medical patients from the Pacific area to the United States. The C135 turboprop jet used in the flight established a new trans-Pacific record of nine hours, seven minutes. Here the pilot, Maj. Gen. Glen R. Birchard, left, of Bay City, Mich., and copilot Lt. Col. William L. Brinson, Waynesboro, Ga., compare notes after the record-breaking flight. (UPI)

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