



PLATINUM TRADERS EYED—The Senate stockpile subcommittee is looking into the story of platinum traders who refused to bring the rare metal into the United States to make good on a \$50 million government stockpile contract. Quizzed about the matter



were retired Navy Adm. J. D. Small, left, who headed the Army-Navy Munitions board from 1950 to 1953, and H. C. Maul Jr., former director of purchasing for the General Services Administration. (UPI)

Attendance at Seattle World's Fair Running Above Forecasts

Seattle, Wash. (UPI)—When a small boy tumbled into a fountain at the Seattle World's fair recently, his father reached out to grab him—and fell in himself.

"Who do I sue?" he spluttered indignantly. Century 21 officials moved in swiftly, provided dry clothes for father and son and a free lunch at Club 21, the exclusive night club on the fairgrounds. Dad was placated and another small crisis was averted.

As the fair passed the halfway mark last week end, the incident dramatized the happy ending that is shaping up after a beginning that was marked by tragedy and mistakes caused by "too much planning."

Average 60,000 Daily

Some 4.5 million persons—an average of 60,000 or more a day—visited the space age exposition during its first 92 days. This was a quarter of a million more than pre-opening forecasts.

This booming attendance has created the biggest complaint of fairgoers—the long lines at such popular exhibits

as the space needle, science pavilion, world-of-tomorrow theme show and the Ford exhibit.

Quipped Bob Hope: "I got in one line and when I finally got to the end of it, I was standing at the Boeing pay window (nine miles away)."

But Joe Gandy, president of the fair, said this just goes to prove that it's a fine show. **Fatal Plane Crash**

On the day that Century 21 opened last spring, a Navy jet fighter participating in opening ceremonies crashed into a Seattle home after the pilot bailed out. An elderly

couple was killed, casting a pall over the occasion.

Soon after the fair opened it was discovered that the management had needlessly spent \$300,000 for a 5,000-car parking lot two miles from the fairgrounds that would use shuttle buses.

"Thirty days before the fair opened we couldn't count more than 4,100 parking spaces near the fairgrounds," Gandy said. "How were we to know private individuals would come along, bulldoze old buildings away and build

parking lots overnight? We had 13,000 parking spaces by opening day."

Today the lot two miles from the fairground has no cars, but it's not going unused. It currently serves as a blimp moorage.

One problem that failed to materialize was housing. In fact, the fair is being sued by at least two operators who claimed that promised business did not materialize.

One of these companies went bankrupt and couldn't return \$95,000 in deposits paid on house trailer rentals. The fair came to the rescue and refunded the money.

The monorail from downtown Seattle pumps up to 10,000 persons an hour into the fairground.

While long lines appear at the space needle and other popular exhibits, many fine foreign attractions can be viewed without delay.

The visitor can see almost anything—square billions, a million silver dollars, an art exhibit that looks like a wrecked auto, Japanese women who dive for pearls, quick-draw stuntmen, and an "adults only" puppet show (the dialogue is too risqué for youngsters).

Youngsters come into their own in a special section of the science pavilion. When it first opened, adults swarmed to the children's area, which was more easily understood than other areas of the exhibit. As a result, children couldn't get near the section. Now guards keep out all persons over 16 seeking to play the "shooting-the-moon" game.

One visitor from Montana commented, "It's a pretty fine show but where's the livestock?" He evidently had overlooked the star attraction at one night club, a singing pig.

Nevada Man Killed In Astoria Apartment

Astoria (UPI)—Philip Williams, 52, Las Vegas, Nev., was stabbed to death in an apartment here Monday.

Police said a suspect was in custody and scheduled for arraignment this morning.

Officers said the suspect, a woman, surrendered to police following the stabbing. The district attorney's office declined to identify the woman.

Milk Producers Urge Marketing Pools in Oregon

Salem (UPI)—Oregon Milk Producers, one of the biggest producer groups in the state, said Monday it has proposed a big step toward market and price stabilization of the Oregon milk industry.

D. D. Shoup, Salem, OMP manager, said it is a voluntary, self help program of milk market pools and would comprise a master pool.

Any number of producers or producer groups could form a pool. Participants would pool their sales of class 1 milk—which is the bottle and can trade—and the master pool would equalize total market sales according to quotas.

This, Shoup said, would: —Put dealers on an equal basis in obtaining milk.

—Stimulate and promote the balance of supply and demand.

—Discourage producers from cutting into each other's markets.

—Halt distributors from playing producers off on one another.

Averts Instability

Shoup said the proposal "affords the producers and the industry enough solidarity and unity to avert any type of market instability."

The temporary producer milk stabilization act, which OMP pressed for in the 1961 legislature, expires Dec. 31. Among other things, it guarantees producers a minimum price for their milk from distributors.

The law ended the milk price war chaos in the spring of 1961 but the industry thus far has failed to agree on a solution.

Contract Signed Shoup said several producers in the Willamette Valley have already signed contracts in the pool plan. He added the proposal is being submitted statewide through a series of regional meetings.

The master pool would be run by a board composed of a cross-section of producers. Shoup said the plan is patterned after the only milk market pool now operating in the state—in the Eugene area.

Klamath Youths Claim Cube Record

Klamath Falls (UPI)—A world's record claimed in Indiana has started a frenzy of ice cube flinging here.

It all began Sunday after a report reached here that a pair of brothers in Anderson, Ind., claimed a record for tossing an ice cube back and forth 743 times before it melted.

The contest took hold here, and a radio station supplied officials for a local contest.

The record changed hands four times Sunday afternoon before teen-agers Lonnie Blofsky and Scott Rice wound up with a new "record." The officials agreed that the two tossed a "standard size" ice cube between them 2,430 times before it melted.

At least, it's probably an Oregon record, and perhaps a national one.

A pair of young men on Prince Edward Island claim they tossed a cube 2,556 times before it melted 25 minutes later.

Johnston Island Test Called Off

Honolulu (UPI)—The United States today called off its scheduled nuclear test over Johnston Island in the South Pacific. The test was rescheduled for midnight (P.S.T.) Wednesday.

The official Joint Task Force 8 announcement said that the test was postponed because of unfavorable weather. The shot was originally scheduled for 1 a.m. today but was delayed for five hours before it was finally scrubbed.

The scheduled test is the second in the current series of high-altitude, rocket-borne nuclear shots. The first one was in the megaton range while this one was to be a megaton, officials said.

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