

Philippine President's Plan for Malayan Union Said Slick Politics

Manila — The surprising proposal by Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal to form a confederation among his country, Malaya, Singapore and the three Borneo territories is seen in some quarters here as little more than slick politics.

When the 52-year-old Philippine President told his news conference about the Malaysia Confederation proposal, he succeeded in doing two things.

One, the proposal provided, as he stated himself, "decisive proof against the sophistry and deception of those who would accuse us of trying to sabotage the unity of Malaysia."

Secondly, it gave Macapagal a face-saving device with regard to the formal Philippine claim to British North Borneo.

The Philippines, on the other hand, is not nearly as solvent as Malaya. She is the only Christian country in Asia and has more than her share of internal problems despite the efforts of Macapagal to wipe out corruption.

But with the British stand against the Philippine claim to North Borneo, Macapagal's proposal for a confederation of Greater Malaya appears to be good politics. The claim,

thanks to the Philippine press, has become an imposing domestic issue involving the new spirit of nationalism being bred in the Philippines under Macapagal.

It was this internal clamor over the Borneo claim that many observers feel prompted Macapagal to go out on the limb last month and make an official claim to North Borneo.

Malayan Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman called Macapagal's suggestion for confederation "an extremely good idea," but cautioned "such a big project must take a lot of time. There must be problems galore."

Immediate aim of the

move, these quarters said,

was to get President Macapagal out of some hot water at home and abroad.

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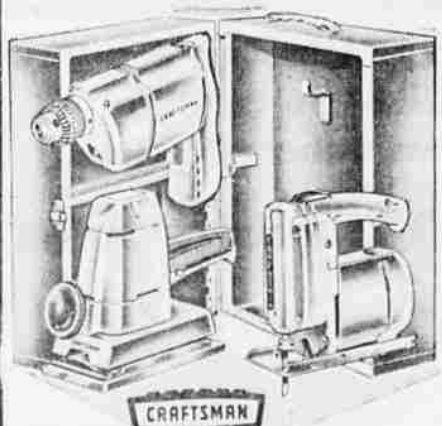
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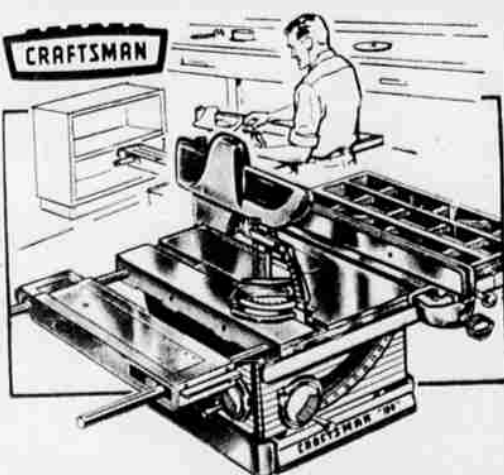


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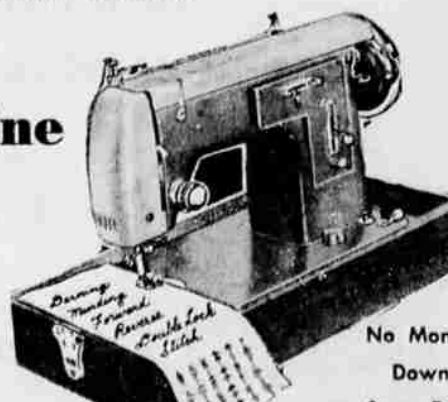
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EXECUTION STAYED—Convicted killer Paul Crump, 32, reads a bible in his Chicago jail cell after he was told Gov. Otto Kerner had commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. Crump, who has won 14 stays of execution for a 1953 murder based his request on his "miracle of rehabilitation." He was scheduled to die in the electric chair Aug. 3. (UPI)

Political Oddity In Oregon Created By Steelhead Case

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem — The steelhead trout case has spawned a political oddity in Oregon.

The oddity is that the Democratic nominee for governor is obliged, by law, to defend in the courts the campaign manager of the Republican nominee for governor. It also raises the possibility, a rarity, that the November ballot might "shrink" between now and the election — from 10 measures to nine.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, as the attorney for all state officials, has served as Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr.'s counsel before. But the situation has never been so acute. Appling recently was named to head the reelection campaign of Thornton's Republican opponent, Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Sometimes, Thornton handles such cases personally, and sometimes he does not.

The question is whether those who signed petitions bearing the old ballot title were hoodwinked.

Thornton cites a 1930 case, State vs. Hoss, in which the high court ruled that changing the ballot title had no bearing on validity of petitions circulated under a heading altered later. This case involved a referendum petition, rather than an initiative.

In an opinion by Thornton in 1953 referred to this and, on Thornton's advice, Appling accepted the 34,000 signatures on the steelhead petition that the commercial fishermen claim are illegal.

Shrine Group Will Sponsor Circus

Rudy Brothers circus, sponsored by the Jackson county Shrine club, will appear in Medford Thursday and Friday, Aug. 9 and 10 at the Medford High school football stadium.

The annual Shrine event is under the auspices of Hillah Shrine temple. Proceeds are used to support various Shrine philanthropic works.

Two performances will be given each day, at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from any Shriner, or may be purchased at the gate prior to show time.

Featured in the circus this year will be Keller's Jungle Killers, a wild animal act. The act, trained by the late George J. Keller, had the longest single run of any act to play at Disneyland. Also to be presented is the John and Carla Jordan wire walking act. The act is making its first tour with the Rudy Brothers circus.

Canned goods contributed to the Shrine Kans for Kids Karavan may be left at the gate on entry to the circus. The caravan will provide commercially canned food for the Shrine Children's Hospital in Portland.

Injured Pilot in Critical Condition

Portland — A Yakima, Wash., man who survived the crash of a small plane near White Salmon, Wash., Tuesday remained in critical condition today at a hospital here.

The injured man, Lester Shannon, was one of two men in an El Paso Natural Gas Co. plane which hit a power line, burst into flames, and crashed into the side of a mountain.

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