



Fort Rock is a natural formation accessible by a county road near Silver Lake in central Oregon's plateau country.

Johnson Assures Lebanese During Goodwill Journey

Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson launched a Middle East good will tour here today by assuring Lebanon that the United States has "abiding and unchanging interest in the independence and integrity" of this small country.

Johnson's remarks in a prepared arrival statement at the airport were considered significant in view of the continuing uneasiness in this half Moslem-half Christian nation regarding its Arab neighbors, Syria and the United Arab Republic.

"The people of my country would have me express to you their feelings of affection, administration and friendship for the people of Lebanon," the vice president said.

Johnson's arrival for a one-day courtesy call on President Fuad Chehab and Premier Rashid Karamé was the first top-off on a 16-day tour which also includes Iran, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus and Italy.

The American leader told the Lebanese it was "our good fortune in the United States to have many of your people come to live and work among us."

"They have enriched our national life and helped to make America stronger," he said. "Our devotion to the Lebanese people who are part of America adds to our affection for the land which sent them to us."

Agency Notified Concerning Trailer

The Jackson county court has notified the Oregon state employment service that this will be the last year the service will be permitted to have a farm labor trailer at the county fairgrounds.

The court made the decision following a study of the situation this week. Late last week, City Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth protested fruit pickers using Maple Grove park. He told the county court that the labor trailer attracted pickers.

"They camp there overnight and completely take over the area, crowding other groups out," Haworth said. Haworth said his department spent \$800 last year on the park because of migratory labor use.

Wendell said the court has notified the state employment office here that this is the last season they may place the trailer at the fairground site.

New Petitions May Be Circulated in School Districts

Frank Van Dyke, lawyer representing people interested in joining Phoenix and Medford school districts, indicated last night that new petitions would be circulated under the amended state reorganization law.

A Jackson county rural school board meeting County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold reaffirmed his opinion that reorganization procedure is the only legal means available for joining the two districts.

Mekvold said that action to annex the south Barnett rd area to the Medford district could not be halted now even though a possible reorganization of Phoenix and Medford districts would make this unnecessary.

Hearing Scheduled

A hearing on the Barnett rd. area proposal is scheduled Sept. 13. Remonstrances can be filed by either side within 30 days after the hearing. This would mean an election would be called for all of the residents of both districts about Oct. 13.

Submarines Meet Under Arctic Ice

Washington—(UPI)—Two U.S. nuclear-powered submarines have demonstrated America's leadership in underwater fighting techniques by carrying out an historic rendezvous at the North Pole.

The rendezvous, announced by President Kennedy at his news conference Wednesday, was accomplished Aug. 2 by the Skate and the Sea Dragon, both of which had made previous underwater history in the Arctic.

With the Skate entering Polar waters from the Atlantic and the Sea Dragon from the Pacific, the 2,600-ton submarines engaged in complicated electronic-controlled maneuvers in the pitch black under the ice cap before their meeting.

After they had established communications over underwater telephones, the Navy said, the submarines "proceeded in company to the point where surfacing was accomplished through a small opening in the ice."

Low Temperature Sets Record Here Today

An all time low temperature for Aug. 23 was recorded this morning at the Medford station of the U.S. weather bureau.

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Violent Explosion Rocks Utah Powder Plant; Three Workers Presumed Dead



Blast Occurs In Curing Unit Of Storage Area

Plant Has Long Record of Safety

Bacchus, Utah—(UPI)—A violent explosion rocked the Salt Lake Valley today when a test rocket propulsion unit exploded in the Bacchus plant of Hercules Powder Co.

R. G. Sailer, assistant works manager, said three men were missing and presumed dead. Three others suffered minor injuries. The injured men were identified as Cal Peterson, abrasions and shock; Bennett Gundersen, abrasions and shock; and Dick L. Sizemore, foreign object in his eye.

The accident was the first involving a fatality in 30 years of dynamite and missile manufacture at Bacchus. The plant was to have received an award next Tuesday for achieving four million man hours worked without a lost time accident.

Small Fires Started

The blast started small fires in the area but they were quickly extinguished. The explosion occurred in a so-called "curing unit" where propulsion charges are stored for aging after their chemical components have been poured into shells.

The device that was off was described as a "sub-scale" experimental unit and apparently was not specifically connected with the Minuteman or Polaris missile engines that Hercules manufactures here for the government. The explosive weighed 40 pounds.

Morse Forces Delay In Committee Task

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) for the second day in a row, Wednesday forced the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to put off consideration of legislation requested by the State Department.

Morse coupled his action with a charge that the department "seems to think the treasury is a bottomless pit" by asking Congress to approve bills this late in the year that would cost the taxpayers more money.

Morse broke up the committee session by objecting to its sitting after the Senate convened. In most cases, committees can meet during Senate session only by unanimous consent of all senators.

The Oregon Democrat objected to a bill making several changes in foreign service regulations. He aimed his fire at a provision permitting use of government vehicles to transport U. S. personnel on overseas posts when public transportation is unsafe or unavailable.

Morse contended it would cost the taxpayers more money.

Search Continues For Hospital Patient

Salem—(UPI)—State police continued their alert today for Guy Earl Cramer, 83-year-old state hospital patient who walked away from the institution Tuesday.

The ailing Cramer, committed after fatally shooting a welfare worker five years ago in Klamath Falls, is believed to be somewhere in the Salem area, police said.

Jack A. Foster Dies in Reno Hospital From Gunshot Wounds



JACK A. FOSTER Found by Tourists

Shooting Suspect Jailed; Victim's Bride in Hospital

Couple Kidnaped At Nevada Motel

Reno, Nev. (UPI)—A 23-year-old Oregon man, shot by a kidnaper who allegedly raped his bride of two days on their honeymoon, died early today.

A spokesman at Washoe Medical Center said Jack A. Foster, a Medford bartender, had remained in extremely critical condition since he underwent emergency surgery for a .22-caliber bullet wound in the head Wednesday at noon.

Lester Morford, 13, an unemployed Santa Rosa, Calif., ranch worker was arraigned on charges of assault with intent to kill in Reno justice court Wednesday night, but Dist. Atty. William Raggio said he would immediately seek a murder complaint if Foster died.

Morford was remanded to the county jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Morford was arrested by the Nevada Highway Patrol less than an hour after the victim's bride, 23-year-old Patricia Foster, escaped from her assailant's car in Carson City south of here and told her she and her husband had been kidnaped while they were preparing to leave their Reno motel room early Wednesday morning.

She said the kidnaper shot her husband and dumped him from their car alongside the Mt. Rose road near the north shore of Lake Tahoe and then raped her twice before she managed to break free in Carson City.

Mrs. Foster was taken to Carson-Tahoe hospital in Carson City and placed under sedation.

Raggio said he suspected Morford was addicted to sniffing the intoxicating fumes from model airplane glue and that he may have been under their effects when he allegedly committed the crime. The district attorney said about a dozen tubes of glue were among Morford's possessions. The suspect was staying at the same motel as the Fosters.

The wounded man was found by a group of tourists who heard his moans when they stopped to photograph Lake Tahoe scenery.

Morford was said to be armed with a German-made .22-caliber pistol when arrested.

Police said the suspect was "cool, calm and collected" when ordered to take authorities to the place Foster was shot and that he evidenced no emotion when told Foster was still alive.

Jack A. Foster, who died in a Reno hospital of gunshot wounds today, was the son of Mrs. Irene Turner, 219 North Oakdale ave., and was reared in Medford, where he attended high school. Following military service, he was employed for about a year at a downtown hotel.



HELD IN JAIL—Lester Morford, left, 18-year-old Santa Rosa, Calif., ranch worker, is escorted to a Reno, Nev., jail cell by sheriff's detectives after questioning about the kidnaping of a honeymooning Medford, Ore., couple, rape of the bride, and killing of the husband. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster were forced to drive their assault from Reno to Lake Tahoe where the shooting and rape allegedly occurred. (UPI)

East Germany Picks Commandant To Fill Russian Vacancy

Berlin—(UPI)—Communist East Germany today appointed a U.S. military escort through West Berlin.

The incident at the wall came shortly after two U.S. Army patrol cars had cruised unhampered through East Berlin in a test of Russia's virtual renunciation of Berlin's four-power status.

The fears were caused by the Soviet Union's abolishment Wednesday of its Berlin military headquarters in an abrupt cold war move. It was considered the most drastic attempt to undercut Western authority in the city since erection of the Berlin wall a year ago.

The unexpected Russian move destroyed the channel used by the Western Allies in the divided city to settle local East-West disputes. Some Western officials feared it set the stage for possible new Communist restrictions.

VACCINATIONS SPURT

Portland—(UPI)—A smallpox scare on the East Coast has prompted a spurt in vaccinations here.

Indianapolis Police Unable To Crack Mystery of Blonde Little 'Miss Q'

Indianapolis, Ind.—(UPI)—Gentle questioning and painstaking police work brought police no closer today to solving the mystery of "Little Miss Q."

Baffled police had a wealth of tips but no solid clues as to the never-never land where "Miss Q" came from.

A boarding house operator said he was sure he saw "Miss Q" in the bus terminal Monday with a woman who said she was from South Bend, Ind. The woman told the boarding house man she was on her way to visit a sister who lives in Indianapolis, works at a Radio Corporation of America plant.

Police planned to check RCA personnel records in hopes of finding such a woman. Reporters dubbed the little girl Miss Q because of the life-sized question mark about her. But Indianapolis

policewoman Barbara Hanley calls her "Eatie."

"She loves to eat," explained Mrs. Hanley—or Aunt Barbara in Miss Q's world. "She eats everything. She even eats pickles."

Authorities first thought the girl was a deaf mute, but tests at the Indiana school for the deaf disclosed she could hear and, after a while, she showed she could talk.

But her talking has not included any clues to her identity.

"When she talks, it is more like a soft whisper," Mrs. Hanley said. "She acts as though there were a little shock there, possibly from wandering the streets and not being able to find her mother."

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One state policeman here said he felt two separate tremors, each of relatively short duration.

Oregon State university officials indicated they planned to check their seismograph, but results of the check probably would not be available until later this afternoon.

5,000 Attend Fair In GP Wednesday

Grants Pass—Approximately 5,000 persons attended the Josephine County Fair Wednesday, opening day, according to Lee Pruitt, fair manager. This was about 1500 more than attended the first day of the 1961 fair.

Idea of Lumber Export Curbs Still Considered

Washington—(UPI)—The United States has not ruled out the idea of asking Canada to limit its lumber exports voluntarily, but U.S. negotiators will carry other suggestions to lumber talks in Ottawa next week, highly placed sources said today.

Joint talks on lumber, an economically and politically sensitive issue in both countries, will begin Tuesday. Reports from Ottawa have said Canada would reject any proposal for voluntary quotas on its \$250 million-a-year lumber sales to the United States.

"We haven't ruled out this idea," one U.S. source told UPI today, "nor would we consider this the only aspect of the problem we would like to discuss with the Canadians."

Other possible areas of action mentioned included steps to equalize competition between lumber producers in British Columbia and the U.S. Pacific Northwest, and measures to develop additional markets for lumber.

Pacific Northwest lumber spokesmen contend that Canadian lumber sales in this country have forced many U.S. mills to shut down. They say Canadian lumber has captured an excessive share of the U.S. market. They blame the devaluation of the Canadian dollar, Canadian government programs to bolster the lumber industry, and certain U.S. regulations which they say hamstring their efforts to compete.

On the Canadian side, officials in Ottawa say lumber sales are an extremely important element in Canada's effort to improve its balance of payments. They indicated they felt any limitation would run counter to the emergency austerity program imposed in June.

250 Acres Burned In Grants Pass Fire

By United Press International

A brush fire which started close to Grants Pass Wednesday was classed as trailed and contained this morning after burning more than 250 acres.

The State Forestry department said the fire burned in steep terrain. Three bulldozers and 35 Southeast Oregon district men fought it during the night.

Six other fires were controlled on state lands Wednesday, all man-caused.

The department warned of increased fire danger today.

Property Taxes To Increase in Portland

Portland—(UPI)—Portland property taxes are going up 1.3 per cent for 1962-63.

Multnomah County Assessor Joe Hawkins announced the 8.1 mill hike, bringing the total to 72.6 mills.

McGahuey Buried In Salem Cemetery

Salem—(UPI)—Funeral services were held here late Wednesday for Lee Roy Sanford McGahuey, Central Point slayer who was executed Monday. Burial was at a local cemetery.

Relatives had claimed the body earlier in the day.

VETERINARIANS TO MEET

Coos Bay—(UPI)—Oregon's animal doctors meet here Sept. 6-8 for the annual fall meeting of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 48. High Friday 61.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:01 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:21 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 12:24 a.m. New Moon Aug. 29

PROMISED STARS

A clear high in south 9:38 p.m. A very soft Saturn was right below Altair tonight. The planet is several degrees eastward of last year's position. And next year it will have crossed Saturn still further away from Altair.

BOARD TO MEET

Salem—(UPI)—The executive board of the Oregon AFL-CIO opens a three-day meeting here today.

Albany Man Picked for Representative Race

Lebanon—(UPI)—The Linn County Democratic Central Committee selected Ross McCormick, Albany attorney Wednesday night as a Democratic candidate for state representative from the county.

McCormick will replace Nelson Jones, Brownsville. Jones won the nomination at the May primary but has since withdrawn.

NEWS BRIEFS

WORKERS RETURNING TO SPACE PROJECTS

Huntsville, Ala.—(UPI)—Striking electricians who have held up construction on space projects at Redstone Arsenal for more than a week began returning to work today.

MORE EARTHQUAKES HIT ITALY

Naples, Italy—(UPI)—Two more small earthquakes hit the stricken area of southern Italy Wednesday night and early today, but they were so slight they were scarcely felt.

HOOT GIBSON DIES AT AGE 70

Woodland Hills, Calif.—(UPI)—Oldtime Western movie star Hoot Gibson, who figured he earned, and spent, about \$5 million during his hey-day as an actor, died of cancer today at the age of 70.