All This for a Donation

Voluntary Contribution to Demo Coffers Gains Big Show Admission

By DICK WEST

Washington —(UPI)— When a political party stages a fund-raising affair it does not sell tickets. That would be illegal. But if a person wants to make a voluntary contribution, there's nothing wrong with sending him a complimentary ticket.

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Everyone got that straight? Very well.

Anyone who happens to contribute $100 or more to the Democratic National committee between now and Jan. 18 is in luck.

On the latter date, a group of big name entertainers will assemble at the D. C. Armory here for two hours of fun and games. And, by an odd coincidence, tickets to the show will be distributed to the party donors.

The event will be called an "Inaugural Anniversary Salute to President Kennedy," and the proceeds — or rather the contributions — will be applied against the campaign debt.

I learned all of this at a sort of a news conference held in the office of Democratic National Chairman John Bailey. I call it a "sort of a news conference" because songwriter Richard Adler, who is producing the show, candidly admitted that he was holding something back.

Adler explained that he wanted to save some information for another news conference later. If this technique becomes widespread, I'm going to give up my salary and start working on space rates.

In Chairman Bailey's chair sat Danny Kaye, who will be one of the stars of the show. Next to him sat Carol Burnett, who will be a co-star.

Miss Burnett said that she planned to do a comedy sketch.

"Of Jacqueline Kennedy?" someone asked.

"No," she replied. "Of Macaroni."

Kaye said he didn't plan to do anything funny.

"I travel with a symphony orchestra nowadays," he said. "I do classical music and Biblical readings."

One of the more penetrating reporters among us wanted to know if Kaye and Miss Burnett were Democrats.

"Is the Pope Catholic?" replied Miss Burnett.

Adler, who wrote the music for "Pajama Game" and a couple of other hit shows staged a similar political production in New York last year and raised about a million dollars.

Watermaster System In Oregon Boosted By New Legislation

Water is the key to the development of a state or area and a watermaster is the key man in distribution of water, according to State Engineer Chris L. Wheeler.

Speaking on a symposium of Oregon's water resources, Wheeler told delegates to the Oregon Reclamation Congress here that a bill sponsored by the ORC helped considerably to strengthen the watermaster system in Oregon.

The ORC sponsored bill introduced at the last legislative session would have provided for payment of all expenses of the state's watermasters, he explained. A budget estimate geared to provide adequate service to all areas of the state was prepared and given to the ways and means committee with the bill.

Amends Bill

However, the legislature amended the bill to restrict the state financial contribution to watermasters' salaries. Salaries of assistant watermasters and all expenses of both the watermaster and his assistant were left to the counties, he added.

The act provided for 15 watermasters, one for each of 15 districts. Each county's participation and uniform spreading of the state's funds determined location of the districts, he explained.

Wheeler noted a substantial improvement in service.

"If we continue to develop within the framework now set up and with the needed legislative changes to provide state payment, benefits of adequate distribution can be realized," he said.

Wheeler said he has ordered installation of approximately 150 headgates and measuring devices to insure proper distribution of water. He praised cooperation of counties in the summer of 1961 to provide funds for purchase of needed stream gauging equipment.

Wheeler said his budget request included salaries of assistant watermasters. The coming legislature will have to act on this, he added.

The Oregon water code authorizes the state engineer to divide the state into water districts and originally directed that the county or counties should pay the salary and all expenses of the watermaster and his assistance.

Their functions were to distribute waters of streams, lakes or reservoirs according to the relative rights determined by a court decree or established under order of the state engineer in determing water rights or by permits. Enactment of the ground water code added this to the watermasters' jurisdiction for distribution.

The 1961 law was an atteinpt to solve the problems originating in divided authority and costs, Wheeler noted.

Recreational Opportunities at Projects Recognized by Bureau

Recreational opportunities on reclamation projects have caused a surge of traffic from the city to the country, Harold T. Nelson, regional director of the bureau of reclamation, Boise, Ida., told approximately 200 people attending the Oregon Reclamation Congress lunch here yesterday.

"This has brought a popular recognition of recreational opportunities by folks that outnumber you in legislature and in Congress," Nelson said. "And with that there is coming a long overdue recognition of public-use benefits and an increasing inclination to pick up part of the tab."

In 1961, 17 reclamation projects in Oregon handled three-quarters of a million people, a 30 per cent increase from the year before, Nelson noted. The same installations will have handled more than a million before the year is out.

Ochoco reservoir on the Crooked river project led with 328,000 visitations in 1961. Owyhee reservoir at Nyssa was second with 100,000.

Visitor Days of Use

"The recently completed Howard Prairie reservoir has had more than 200,000 visitor days of use already this year, and the total probably will approach 300,000," the bureau of reclamation official said.

"Emigrant reservoir has had more than 66,000 visitors this year which is 50 per cent higher than last year. Total for the Prineville reservoir is sure to be well over 100,000."

The National Park Service figures $1.60 per visitor day in computing recreational benefits. On this basis, Oregon reclamation projects could justify an annual cost of almost $2 million from a recreation standpoint, Nelson pointed out.

"Based on $5 a day, the total expenditure for 1 million persons spending a day at Oregon reservoirs in 1961 would be over $5 million. This money is spent for both capital and current expenditure items on boats, camps, trailers, groceries, gasoline, car depreciation, fishing licenses, boat licenses and bait," he stated.

Reviews Development

Nelson reviewed the development of congressional policy which has led to development of recreational facilities in reclamation projects.

"Even today there is no general law which permits recreation as a function of reclamation projects," Nelson said.

Recreation is included on recent projects on a project-by-project basis, he explained. The Flood Control Act of 1946 permits recreational developments on projects constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. And recreation developments have been included in bureau of reclamation projects only in the past six years or so, Nelson added.

$90 Million Investment

Federal reclamation projects existing or under construction in Oregon will represent a $90 million investment when completed, Nelson said. About $258,000 has been spent of this sum for nonreimbursable minimum basic recreation facilities — about one-fourth of one per cent, and "the bulk of this on the Talent division of the Rogue River basin project."

"The Talent division was the first reclamation project authorization where specific facilities for public recreation were included on a nonreimbursable basis at a reclamation reservoir," Nelson pointed out.

Senate Document No. 97 states that planning for use and development of water and related land resources "shall be on a fully comprehensive basis," Nelson added. Outdoor recreational and fish and wildlife opportunities where these can be provided or enhanced by development will be given full consideration with various other purposes, he explained.

Portion of Joint Costs

"This new policy permits allocation of a portion of the joint costs of a development to recreation," Nelson stated. "Allocation of a portion of the joint costs to recreation results in a reduction in costs which would be allocated to the irrigation function," he explained.

Under the new policy, the Merlin division, Rogue River basin project, would receive allocations of $1,316,300 for recreation and $13,150,800 for irrigation, or a $1 million deduction in irrigation allocation, the reclamation official said.

Nelson praised Jackson county's administration of the Howard Prairie reservoir and Crook county's management of the lower portion of the Prineville reservoir.

"Actually, grass-roots administration is most important to the successful administration of these areas and the bureau looks forward to more active participation by the counties in connection with recreational developments on many of the older Oregon reservoirs," Nelson said.

Company Official Named to Board

Glenn C. Lorenz, Burney, Calif., has been elected to the board of directors of Insurance Company of Oregon, it is announced by John Merrifield, president.

Lorenz is presently vice president of Crater Lake Machinery company which has plants in Klamath Falls, Medford, Bend and Redmond. He was formerly president of Lorenz Lumber company in Klamath Falls, of the First National Bank of Klamath Falls and was a vice president of the First National Bank of Portland. He now serves on the board of directors of that bank.

In 1923 he founded the Lorenz company, a wholesale hardware firm in Klamath Falls and Medford. He also was president of the Consumers Heating company in Klamath Falls.

Accused Airman To Keep Back Pay

Mountain Home, Idaho—(UPI)—Mountain Home Air Base's celebrated airman will get to keep the more than $1,500 in back pay delivered to him earlier this week.

The Air Force paymaster said airman Gerald Martin Anderson, 24, would keep his back pay of $782 and family allowance pay of $784.50 despite the fact he has been charged with premeditated murder.

Anderson's pay and family allowances were halted while he was held by civilian authorities here for eight months for the slaying of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, whose son, Daniel, 2, was also found slain.

Meanwhile, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were continuing the civil rights probe ordered by the U.S. attorney general.

Anderson has contended Air Force investigators coerced him into confessing the slaying of Mrs. Johnson by threatening to prosecute his wife and put his three children into a foster home.

Hearing of a habeas corpus writ filed in behalf of Anderson in U.S. district court in Boise has been delayed until Wednesday to allow time for completion of the civil rights investigation. The commander of the base, Col. Charles A. Allard, has been ordered to show cause why Anderson should not be released, following the confession of Theodore Thomas Dickie, 21, who says he killed the Johnsons.

Anderson reiterated Thursday he did not know Dickie.

SEE HOW THEY RUN

Shrewsbury, England—(UPI)—Pvt. Anthony Davies was fined $56 Thursday for throwing a burning rag atop a women's royal army corps barracks at night. Davies said he wanted to watch the girls run out in their nightgowns.

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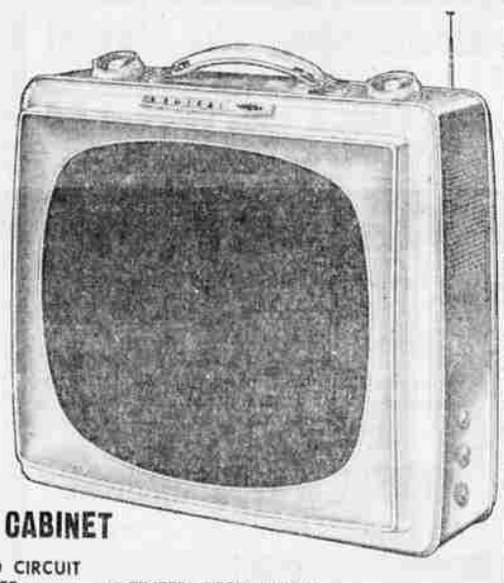

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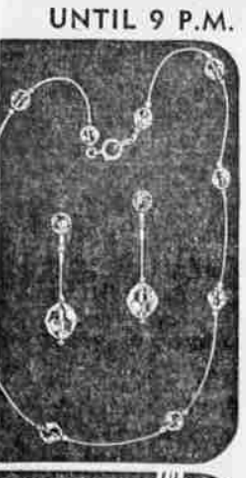

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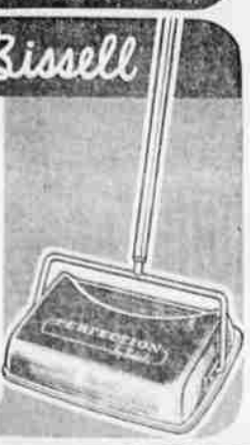

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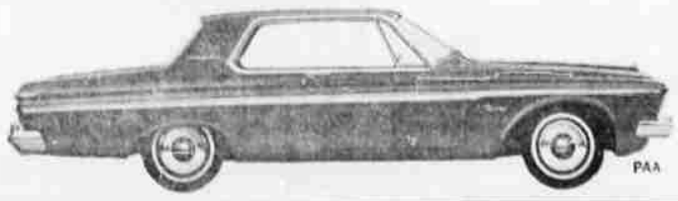

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