

Senator Says U.S. Planes Will Shoot If Cubans Attack

Washington - (UPI) - Sen. Richard B. Russell says he believes that in the future U. S. pilots will shoot first and ask questions later when they see Communist planes attack vessels in international waters.

The Georgia Democrat, chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee, made the statement after a briefing by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara before the committee.

Russell also said McNamara made it clear that the United States' policy is to "eliminate" Castroism and communism in Cuba.

No Doubt
On the matter of incidents such as the one Wednesday in which a Cuban MIG fired on an American shrimp boat, Russell said "there is no doubt in my mind that in the future American planes — even if done in error — will retaliate."

"I'm sure our planes will shoot down Russian-type planes which appear to be attacking our ships in international waters — even if the nationality of the ship cannot be positively established at once — and worry later about any error that may have been involved."

Russell made the statement as both administration and congressional authorities shrugged off the warning by Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Rodio Malinovsky, who

said any attack on Cuba would trigger World War III.

Malinovsky's Speech
Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Malinovsky's speech was "just about what you'd expect on the 45th anniversary of the Soviet armed forces."

McNamara, discussing the shrimp incident before meeting with Russell's committee, said U. S. pilots were cautious in dealing with the MIGs that fired on the trawler.

McNamara pointed out that the shrimp flew no flag, and could have been a Cuban vessel as far as the American airmen knew.

Cabinet Meeting Is Conducted by Heisel

District Governor Manville Heisel of Medford conducted the cabinet meeting of District 36-E of Lions International recently at Omar's cafe and the Britt Center at Southern Oregon college.

Bill Miller, International Counselor from Coos Bay, gave a brief report on membership and attendance. Also participating in the meeting were Alan Jewett of Medford, James Broeffle, Grants Pass, and Dan Dwyer, Medford, cabinet secretary-treasurer.

Reports were given by the following zone chairmen attending: Clifford McGinty, Klamath Falls; Ken Glass, Roseburg; Ken Rutledge, Coos Bay; Dan Bulkey, Ashland; Andy Anderson, Gold Beach; Andy Hamstra, Butte Falls; John Russell, Grants Pass.



TRY ON KAPERS COSTUMES—Max Millhollin and Ken Wright model costumes for the Kiwanis Kapers while Mrs. Jack Walker and Mrs. Milhollin test their make up application abilities. From left are Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Milhollin and Wright. The Kapers production, "Well Flip My Wig," will be presented Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Medford High auditorium by Medford Kiwanis club.

Kapers Production Scheduled At MHS Auditorium This Week

Medford Kiwanis and their wives, bolstered in the cast by other residents of the community, let their hair down this week in the interest of entertainment, civic

service and philanthropy. They'll be seen in the Kiwanis Kapers production of "Well Flip My Wig" four nights at the Medford High school auditorium. Show nights are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1 and 2.

Colonial and early United States history will be brought into focus with a modern twist as all local talent performs under professional direction.

Well-Known Citizens
The Kapers in two acts, with an eight scene first act, presents a number of well-known citizens in the roles of historical personalities. Dr. Eugene Ray, dentist, is George Washington. Tom Reeder, lawyer and former district attorney, is Benjamin Franklin. City Councilman Bill Singler plays Dan Webster.

The town crier, an important personage, in colonial times, is portrayed in the Kapers by Dr. E. W. Sickels and Karl Clinkinbeard, attorney, is Beauregard Johnson. Dr. Merle Foland, Kiwanis division lieutenant-governor, Charles Champlin, police chief, and Robert Torheim,

Rogue forest staff man, are drummer, color-bearer and life player of a "Spirit of '76 trio."

Mrs. Ray is Betsy Ross. Mrs. Hal Schmechel is Martha Washington and Mrs. Truman Nelson is Dolly Madison. Mrs. A. L. Clay has the part of Marie Antoinette.

Skits, Gags, Songs
The show is filled with skits, gags, songs and dances has Indians, French maids, rangers, Miss America contestants, Miss Americas of yesteryear, Spirit of '76 girls, colonial couples, colonial dowagers and "charming" students.

First act scenes are "The George," "Oh My Stars," "Dolly's Charm School," "Florence," "There's a Nightingale in the House," "That's the Spirit," "Tavern in the Town," "Miss America Pageant" and "Boston Tea Party."

The second act is a minstrel show.

Stage crews will go to work at the high school Sunday rehearsal is Sunday afternoon and the second Monday evening. Dress rehearsal is Tuesday night.

Directed by Gregory
The show is directed by B. Louis (Bob) Gregory of John B. Rogers Producing company. Dr. Douglas Phillips is show chairman.

Tickets are on sale at Barker's Men's store, Drews' manstore, John Nulch jeweler and West Main barber-shop in Medford, the Mark Antony hotel in Ashland and the Central Point pharmacy.

Seat reservations for Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will be available starting Monday at Barker's and continuing through the week between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. General admission tickets may be exchanged for reserves. Seats will be all general admission on Wednesday night when there will be a special student price.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 8:15 p.m. on the other nights.

Proceeds go to various community projects of the club, principally the Kiwanis-sponsored dental clinic at Rogue Valley hospital.

The show is being dedicated in memory of E. Ronald Rice, Medford, Kiwanis Pacific Northwest governor, who died last Tuesday. Rice was a Kapers performer 14 times.

Search for Missing Tanker Broadened

Miami - (UPI) - The Navy and Coast Guard sent up seven planes Saturday and broadened the search for the missing tanker Marine Sulphur Queen to the graveyard banks off the North Carolina coast.

The planes searched an area from the Dry Tortugas west of the Florida Keys to North Carolina's Outer Banks in hopes of finding more debris from the tanker.

The 524-foot ship, carrying a crew of 39 men and a cargo of molten sulphur heated to 265 degrees, left Beaumont, Tex., 22 days ago on a routine voyage to Norfolk, Va.

Lifejackets and lifeboat safety apparatus found bobbing in the Gulfstream have provided little knowledge of what happened to the ship.

An official Coast Guard hearing is under way in Beaumont to determine what happened to the ship.

A National Maritime Union official said Friday that the crewmen of the missing ship sometimes complained about the exhaust system not eliminating noxious sulphur vapors.

Michael J. McNeerney, NMU business agent at Port Arthur, said the crew also complained about poor firefighting equipment aboard the vessel.

Farrell Gresham said the car laden with highly volatile ammonium nitrate fertilizer was smoldering. He said pressure within the car may be down enough to prevent an explosion.

Specialized chemical firefighters rushed to the scene. The rural Arkansas town was imperiled for more than five hours. Three persons were injured.

However, the danger of toxic fumes from the ammonium nitrate continued and the area remained blocked off.

There was no indication when the families would return to their homes.

Eddie Cantor Gets Monthly Allowance

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Entertainer Eddie Cantor was granted \$5,000 monthly temporary allowance Thursday from the estate of his late wife, Ida, because he was without adequate finances of his own.

The allowance was granted pending the filing of a final inventory of the estate. Cantor said he has extraordinary medical expenses, including \$1,706 a month for nursing care.

Mrs. Cantor died last Aug. 8. Her real and personal property was estimated at the time to be in excess of \$300,000 with a probable annual income of \$10,000.

Cantor, 71, suffered a serious heart attack in 1952 and has been in and out of hospitals since then. He is constantly accompanied by his physician, heart specialist Dr. Eliot Corday, when he appears in public.

Admiral Tells Local Boy of Education

An admiral's letter to a local 12-year-old boy, Jeff Scheffstrom, contains good advice, according to the Medford U.S. Navy Recruiting staff.

The letter, written by Rear Admiral R. L. Campbell, deputy chief of staff, Paris, France, was in answer to the youth's request for information about the Navy.

It opens with this statement: "The important thing for anyone interested in the Navy to do is finish high school and then apply for the U.S. Naval Academy or for an NROTC scholarship at the college of his choice."

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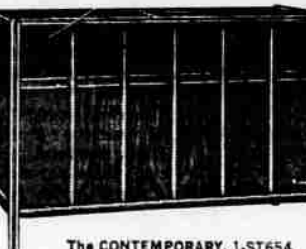
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One-Car Accident Reported in Valley

A one-car accident was reported Friday on Old Stage rd. on the Bristol Silica plant curve, state police said.

The driver, John Edward Strickland, 21, of Seattle, Wash., was uninjured, state police said.

The car was traveling north on Old Stage rd. when it failed to make a curve at a railroad crossing, jumped the tracks and hit the railroad switch, breaking it off.

Semler's License Returned by Board

Portland - (UPI) - The Oregon Board of Dental Examiners said Thursday that it has returned the license of Dr. Harry Semler of Portland.

Alex Parks, executive secretary of the board, said the license was returned until Dr. Semler's planned retirement June 30. He has offices in Portland, Eugene and Salem.

The board revoked the license last month, charging that unauthorized persons had practiced dentistry in Dr. Semler's office in Eugene. He denied the charge.

U. S. Rejects Haiti's Objection To Official

Washington - (UPI) - The United States has rejected Haiti's demand that Marine Col. Robert Debs Heint be removed as head of the U.S. naval mission there.

U.S. officials said Thursday that Heint is planning to stay until his tour of duty in Haiti ends March 1.

The Haitian government has informally called for his removal, but has declared him "persona non grata," officials said. The request for his transfer apparently was related to a letter he wrote last summer to the Haitian armed forces chief of staff concerning activities of Haiti's civilian militia.

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