

Sherpas From Nepal Visit at University

Eugene — Five Sherpas from the Mt. Everest expedition paid a day-long visit to the University of Oregon recently where they met with Peace Corps volunteers undergoing training for their assignment in Nepal.

Among the Sherpas was Nawang Gombu, who along with James Whittaker, scaled the top of the peak May 1.

The other four, who carried loads 27,000 feet up the mountain, were Capt. P. Rana (of the Nepalese army), Ila Tsering, Nima Tensing, Ang Dawa and Girma Dorje. Dr. James Lester, who conducted psychological research on the expedition, was spokesman for the group.

A luncheon in honor of the mountain climbers was held at Carson hall, followed by a tour of the Museum of Art and an informal session with Peace Corps trainees in Moore Lounge at Bean hall.

The Sherpas and Dr. Lester are on a five-week tour of the United States sponsored by the State Department and the Everest Foundation. San Francisco and Los Angeles will round out their tour, the psychologist said.

EX-PRESIDENT DIES

Montevideo, Uruguay — Ex-President Faustino Harrison died suddenly Tuesday at the age of 63.

UN Team Studying Borneo Unable to Complete Reports

Kuching, Sarawak — The United Nations inspection team seeking to determine if British Borneo really wants to be part of yet-unborn Malaysia has made it official with an announcement that it was unable to complete its work before the scheduled birthdate-Aug. 31.

U.N. spokesman Abdul Dajani said the team's extensive field trips into Sarawak and North Borneo hinterlands would be completed on Aug. 31, but the final report would then have to be prepared for Secretary General U Thant.

Dajani said the nine-man mission would use cars, planes and speedboats to visit and talk with Sarawak's various local councils.

He also announced an open door policy in that the United Nations would see anyone who wishes to come forward to give views on Malaysia.

In the meantime, the situation here remained tense, with developments on several fronts:

—Gurkha reinforcements were flown to a remote section of Sarawak near the Indonesian border, where a

British patrol was ambushed Friday by terrorists.

—Indonesia, which said it would send 30 observers to watch the U.N.'s operation, has not been heard from since the British colonial government said only two would be permitted.

—Two Philippine observers arrived in Singapore on their way to Sarawak, but said they would not leave for the British protectorate pending further instructions from Manila. The Philippines wanted to send five-man teams to Sarawak and North Borneo.

Sarawak police warned that all residents would be prosecuted if they failed to report missing persons. Authorities were concerned about scores of missing Chinese who were believed to have crossed into Indonesian Borneo for subversive training.

The Gurkha reinforcements were flown into an area where terrorists recently attacked a party of Gurkha troops en route to investigate reports of bandit activity near the Indonesian border.

One Gurkha was wounded in the clash. A military announcement said the terrorists, who were armed with shotguns and automatic weapons, appeared to have suffered one casualty. The raid was the 17th allegedly made from Indonesian Borneo since last December.

Indonesia has consistently opposed the formation of Malaysia, composed of Malaya, Singapore and the British territories in Borneo. It was Indonesian and Philippine pressure that brought about the summit meeting in Manila two weeks ago when the agreement to have the U.N. survey the Borneo people was reached.

Judge to Hear Plea Of Former Official

Prosser, Wash. — Judge Albert N. Bradford, Walla Walla, is expected to hear the plea of former Benton County Treasurer John Grigg, 56, Thursday on charges of misappropriating county funds, according to Benton County Prosecutor Herb Davis.

Grigg is charged with misappropriating \$548 and is free under \$1,500 bond.

Three earlier appearances for arraignment were continued.



Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS (Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1963)

There's Something About That Left-Handed Whelk

The world of the mollusks is large and varied, comprising thousands of species of shellfish and thousands of millions of individuals of most varieties. They inhabit just about every square yard of ocean bottom throughout the entire globe, and are divided into two great groups—the bivalves and the univalves.

The oyster is a bivalve familiar to most everyone, along with the scallop, clam, cockle and coquina. These and a few other bivalves, comprise about 25 per cent of the mollusks. However, the majority (about 75 per cent) of the world's shells are univalves or single shelled.

In this group the list is long, complex and varied, and the species are less familiar to the casual visitor at the seashore. The periwinkle, cone, tooth shells, whelk, conch, and an almost endless list of others are just a few of the many varieties.

Having only one valve, the animal that lives inside must have some method of closing the opening once it has withdrawn itself inside. Nature accomplished this by equipping most univalve shells with a little trap door or operculum—a device that is shaped the same as the opening and completely closes the door once the mollusk is inside, thereby saving the skeletonless body from predators.

You may never have noticed, but holding a univalve shell in your hand with the top, or apex of the shell away from you, the opening will not be in the middle of the shell, but off to one side. Chances are it will be on the right side. This then, is a right-handed shell. The twist, or spiral of the whorl runs upward and from left to right.

Actually, the shell is built somewhat like a spiral stairway, turning in graceful whorls around a central axis, called a columella. When these whorls turn in the direction of right-handedness we say the shell is dextral and the overwhelmingly majority of the world's shells are therefore right-handed. This holds true for both fresh and salt water varieties of mollusks; mollusks meaning soft-bodied.

Exceptions

In the seas and in some sections of tropical or semi-tropical countries, there is at least one glaring exception to this right-handed business. The lightning shell, so-called because of the zigzag streaks of brownish color on the outside of the shell or left-handed whelk, is always left-handed. Its whorls turn in reverse, turning to the left instead of to the right; these are sinistral, and, of course, are left-handed.

Because just about all univalve shells in all of the seven

seas are right-handed, they are accepted as the normal way a shell should develop. Any departure from this recognized form becomes an oddity in the minds of those only familiar with the right-handed shells. So some enterprising individual, with an eye for business and the accompanying profit, introduced into foreign countries many of these left-handed shells.

In lands were anything unusual is often considered in a supernatural nature, the left-handed whelk became something very significant.

Some peoples of the Orient hold the left-handed whelk in reverence; they use the shell with the zigzag markings in secret rites, perhaps because it is reminiscent of the lightning or because it, being different than shells they know, is definitely left-handed.

Peace Corps Volunteers Training at University

Eugene — With a hoe, a shovel and a few other simple tools, 40 Peace Corps volunteers have completed several outdoor construction projects in and around Eugene in preparation for their stint in Nepal.

The volunteers, undergoing an extensive 11-week program at the University of Oregon, have constructed roads, redesigned trails and built picnic facilities without the aid of modern power equipment or materials.

"We tried to create realistic situations which they will have to face in Nepal," according to Roscoe Day, supervisor of outdoor operations of the training program. "They have to learn how to solve problems using old-fashioned tools and available materials. My biggest concession was the day I gave them a handful of nails," he chuckled.

Spencer's Butte was the site of a number of outdoor projects. Among them was the reclaiming of a spring for a usable water supply; building of picnic tables, latrines and campout shelters; and the redesigning of part of a trail for older persons.

At the bureau of land management's Marten Creek site on the McKenzie river, Peace Corps trainees diverted a stream, relocated and built a

Pilot Lands Small Plane on Highway

Portland — A 23-year-old pilot returned here Monday after landing his light plane on U. S. Highway 101 about 20 miles north of Hoquiam, Wash., Sunday afternoon.

David Bjerke of Portland said he was forced to land his single-engine Cessna 150 on the highway when he encountered heavy rainstorms while on a flight from Vancouver, B. C., to Portland. He nearly ran out of fuel in attempting to detour the storms.

Bjerke telephoned Executive Flight Services in Portland, owners of the plane, after his forced landing. Three men from the firm flew to Hoquiam, took the plane off the highway and ferried it to Hoquiam where Bjerke was waiting.

portion of the road which had been washed out. This called for building up the road and installing culverts for drainage.

The project which required the greatest amount of ingenuity was at the Camp Fire Girls site in Veneta, Day said. An eroded old road had to be reconstructed for year-round use with provisions made for drainage; at one point, a bridge had to be built. The trainees are still putting the finishing touches on this project.

As "extra hands" for the Nepal Panchayat Development program, the Peace Corps rep-

resentatives will work in groups of about three, demonstrating to natives what can be accomplished with available materials. "They will be going into a type of culture where they must rely on the skills within their group," Day said.

Most of the 40 trainees are from cities, and have had little outdoor experience, project director E. G. Wengert said. The outdoor training, in addition to instruction in the Nepali language, American studies and world affairs, and Nepal area studies are included in the university's training program.



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By BENNETT CERF

AN INSURANCE broker in California sent his friends this announcement when his irrepressible 67-year-old mother graduated from college: "I announce with pleasure and relief that my mother finally nailed down her Bachelor of Arts degree this week. If you think it's tough putting your kids through college—just try your mother!"



A big chicken farmer from Oregon went to Las Vegas one weekend and won ten thousand dollars. "Turn the chickens loose," he ordered his wife by long distance, "and join me for a trip around the world."

Six months later the two of them were back in the U.S.A. and broke. "Well," sighed the farmer, "it's home to Oregon for us, I guess." "To recoup our losses?" suggested his wife. "No," said the farmer, "to re-coop our chickens."

From Charles Billings' collection of "famous last words": 1. "Liquor never affects me." 2. "If he won't dim his bright headlights, I certainly won't dim mine." 3. "I understand the Russians' psychology, and can tell exactly what they're going to do next."

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Four FFA Youths Receive High Award

Salem — Four Future Farmers of America (FFA) members from Oregon have been nominated to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 36th annual national convention of FFA in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 9-11, it was announced today.

The nominees are Merle Allen Miller Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle A. Miller Sr., Moro, member of the Sherman FFA chapter; Perry Melvin Johnston Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnston Sr., Walla Walla, member of the Wallowa FFA chapter; and Thomas A. and Richard A. Cline, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Cline, Milton-Freewater, members of the McLoughlin FFA chapter.

TWA Considers 28 New Boeing Jets

New York — Trans World Airlines, whose financial fortunes have taken a turn for the better recently, said today it is weighing the possibility of purchasing 28 new Boeing medium-range and long-range jet aircraft by 1970.

TWA President Charles C. Tillinghast said the carrier's board of directors will meet with Boeing Company officials in Seattle today to discuss the possible purchase which could cost the airline as much as \$150 million.

MILLIONTH CARLOAD

Salinas, Calif. — The one-millionth carload of lettuce shipped from the Salinas Valley departed today for New York to be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to the American Red Cross. The first shipment of ice lettuce left the Salinas Valley in 1921.

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