

# Western Democrats Concerned About John Birch Society

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Some Democrats in the West are concerned about inroads of the John Birch Society.

They're planning to fight what they consider the JBS "menace."

The first interstate volley will be fired at a three-day 13-state Western states conference which opens Thursday in the shadow of the Mormon Temple.

Lucy Redd, Utah's vivacious Democratic National Committeewoman, expressed concern about the Birch Society in an interview.

"In Utah, we've got a real problem with the Birchers," she said. "I call it a sleeping,

creeping situation. They've had a stream of speakers and some well staged productions."

In the 1960 presidential elections, Republican Richard M. Nixon won all but three Western states. He lost Hawaii, New Mexico and Nevada only by an eyelash.

Democrats hope for a more favorable result in 1964, when they expect their candidate to be the same man — John Kennedy. They feel he's popular in the West.

**Democratic Gains**

But even though he only won three Western states, Kennedy did better than Adlai Stevenson, the Democrats' presidential

nominee in 1952 and 1956. He didn't capture a single Western state either time.

"Certainly we have a rough row to hoe," said Miss Redd. "But we're not counted out by any means — despite what news media say about it."

Miss Redd and Kent left no doubt that the JBS and Civil Rights — they combine the two — will be one of the major topics of the conference, the largest such political get-together in the nation this year.

Political sources feel that the

JBS and other right wing groups are making strong pitches for the 69 Congressional seats up for grabs in the Western states next year.

"It only makes good sense," said one Western Democratic Party leader. "I'd do the same thing if I had a limited amount of money to spread around."

**Humphrey Will Speak**

A major talk will be delivered by U.S. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. He'll speak at a \$100 a plate fund-raising dinner Friday night.

But both Miss Redd and Kent appear to believe the major interest at the conference would be centered around a panel dis-

## Government To Buy Cranberries

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department said today it will buy fresh cranberries in an effort to help market the 1963 crop.

The agency will use funds derived from tariffs on imports of foreign agricultural products. The cranberries will be distributed for use in school lunch programs and eligible institutions. The commodity will be purchased on an offer and acceptance basis.

The quantity purchased will depend on marketing conditions at the time of purchase, the department said.

## 4-H NEWS

**West Side Rabbits**

The West Side Rabbits 4-H club held a meeting recently at the home of Barbara Jones in Jacksonville.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Smith, president, and new officers for the club were elected. The banquet held recently in Central Point was discussed and the meeting was adjourned to a picnic and swimming party.

Don Pinkham, Reporter

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By BENNETT CERF

DR. W. S. CONSTABLE of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, observed in an essay, "At the turn of the century, American art collectors were keen on French paintings. It is well known that Corot painted about 3,000 very fine pictures and that about 5,000 of these reached the United States."



A young bride in distress called her father and wailed, "I'm afraid I've married a drinking man. All last night Oscar kept mulling in his sleep. 'No, Sidney, no. I don't care if it's free,' not one more drink for me!"

Interrupted the father wistfully, "Did Oscar happen to mention any address?"

Currently popular is the story of the marriage consultant who was trying valiantly to reconcile a warring couple. "Why can't you get along with your wife?" he demanded of the troubled husband. "I'm not the one to blame for all this," replied the husband, "but what's-her-name there keeps yapping that I'm not attentive enough to her."

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**PROBLEM SOLVED** — School officials, aware that kindergarten and first grade students have trouble remembering which bus to board, have come up with a solution to the problem. Here a group of Alpena, Mich., kindergartners identify their school bus by the Donald Duck cartoon character on the side of the bus. Each bus is painted with a different cartoon character. (UPI)

## Two-Year-Old Boy Drowns in Canal

VALE (UPI) — Searchers Thursday found the body of a 2-year-old boy in an irrigation canal two miles southwest of Cairo Junction.

Little Kerry Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Moore, who live on a farm on a Nyssa rural route, fell into the canal Thursday morning.

There are an estimated 500,000 miles of submarine cables in the world.

## Kennedy Believes Nation Passing 'Grueling Test'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy believes the nation is "passing through a very grueling test" in civil rights this year but is generally "doing quite well."

The Chief Executive delivered the verdict on current progress in school desegregation at his news conference Thursday.

"We have to do better, but I think there is some cause for satisfaction in most of the events that happened in the last two weeks," he said.

Kennedy paid high tribute to community leaders in Southern cities where school desegregation has been carried out peacefully this fall. He noted that 150 Southern communities have been desegregated during the past two weeks.

Some difficulties

"While there have been some difficulties," he said, it is "to the great credit of the vast majority of the citizens and public officials of these communities" that the transition has been "with understanding and respect for the law."

"The task was not easy. The emotions underlying segregation have persisted for generations, and in many instances, leaders in these communities have had to overcome their own personal attitudes as well as the ingrained social attitudes of the communities," he said.

Kennedy did not mention by name Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, his adversary earlier this week, nor did he refer to the disturbances in the wake of school desegregation in some Alabama cities.

## Busy Slate Faces President of AMA

PORTLAND (UPI) — The president of the American Medical Association, Dr. Edward R. Annis of Miami, was in Portland today for a series of talks, a press conference, and taping of a radio program and a television appearance.

Dr. Annis was scheduled to address the Oregon State Medical Society, the faculty of the University of Portland, the Downtown Lions club and the Western Tuberculosis conference here.

The AMA official also planned to speak at a public meeting at the Teamsters building.

He will leave for Seattle tonight.

**County Treasurers To Meet in Albany**

ALBANY, Ore. (UPI)—Treasurers from most of Oregon's 36 counties are expected to attend the 4th annual convention of the Oregon Association of County Treasurers here Sept. 17-20.

Mrs. Evelyn Downing, Linn county treasurer, is president of the organization.



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