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Mme. Nhu in New York To Start on Tour of U.S.



ON VISIT TO U.S.—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, controversial sister-in-law of South Viet Nam president Ngo Dinh Diem, and her daughter, Le Thuy, 17, are shown at a press conference in New York. Mme. Nhu is starting a three-week visit in the United States with hopes of improving her own image and that of the South Viet Nam government. (UPI)

South Viet Nam First Lady Hopes To Better Image

Congressional Opposition Voiced

NEW YORK (UPI)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, brimming with confidence but slightly conciliatory, arrived Monday night for a three-week visit to the United States with hopes of improving her own image and that of the South Viet Nam government. Mme. Nhu, whose sharp criticisms of U.S. policies, officials and newsmen in her country have helped make her controversial, said she came here "to see you and to try to understand why we can't get along better." "I feel this deeply, and I hope at the end of my stay that I may know," she said.



HOME WRECKED BY HURRICANE—The family of Henri Gacques stands stunned amid the wreckage of their home after Hurricane Flora smashed into Miragoane, Haiti. The killer storm was said to have claimed 4,000 lives on the island. (UPI)

Hurricane Again Crosses Cuba; Bahamas in Path

Castro Government Orders Rationing

MIAMI (UPI)—Hurricane Flora crossed Cuba today for the third time, heading for the Bahamas and leaving a trail of destruction across three Caribbean islands which counted more than 4,100 dead. The Weather Bureau urged emergency hurricane precautions be taken in the southeastern Bahamas islands as once. It predicted the center of the deadliest storm in 63 years would cross Crooked Island a few hours later.

Economy Reeling
Flora went on the prowl today after spending an unprecedented four days pounding Cuba where the death toll mounted to more than 100. It left the economy of Premier Fidel Castro's regime reeling and the government ordered tight new food rationing. The hurricane crossed into the Atlantic at 7 a.m. (PDT) near Cape Luceria, the Miami Weather Bureau said. Its center was located near latitude 21.1 north, longitude 75.7 west, or about 80 miles north-northwest of Guantanamo Bay. This was 440 miles southeast of Miami.

The Weather Bureau said Flora would move generally toward the northeast at about 10 miles per hour during the day. **Town Flooded**
A Cuban government broadcast monitored here said the town of Santa Cruz del Sur, on the southeast coast of Camaguey Province, was being flooded by ocean tidal waves. The broadcast said urgent help was needed.

A tidal wave that crushed Santa Cruz de Sur on Nov. 9, 1932 killed more than 3,000 persons.

Crop damage in Cuba was in the millions of dollars. Fidel Castro assumed personal command of relief operations.

Coffee Crop Hard Hit
Havana Radio announced that all coffee distribution had been suspended in Havana because of losses to the coffee crop in Oriente province.

Meat rations were cut in half and vegetable rations were reduced 60 per cent, the broadcast said.

Haiti was devastated by the storm with an estimated one-third of the Negro republic's 3 million population affected. Entire villages were destroyed and crops were wiped out. An estimated 2,000 bodies had been recovered on Haiti and officials estimated 4,000 persons in all had died on the island.

30 Camping Sites At Emigrant Set

A total of 30 overnight camping spaces on the west side of Emigrant lake may not be enough for next recreation season because of the phenomenal use of the area this summer, Jackson County Parks and Recreation Director Neil Ledward said today.

An area near the main road into the chief recreation area at Emigrant lake now has 12 units, Ledward said. Eighteen more units will be leveled and gravelled this winter, he said. The county parks department already has outdoor fireplaces and picnic table-bench units for installation.

Ledward said he expects 1,600 cars into the area next season based on the past summer's registration records. Fifty cents a night is charged for overnight camping there.

This summer an estimated 580 cars went into the area for overnight camping, representing 2,000 camper nights. The county court ordered overnight camping fees collected from July 13 to Sept. 25 when 331 cars used the area. This is an average of 4.4 cars a day during the 75-day period, Ledward pointed out.

GROCERS TO MEET
PORTLAND (UPI)—Oregon Independent Retail Grocers will hold their annual convention at the Multnomah Hotel here Oct. 27-28.

Council Approves Plans to Reform Catholic Worship

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Ecclesiastical Council fathers today overwhelmingly approved a series of proposals for reform of Catholic worship, including greater insistence on preaching the word of God.

The fathers voted at today's session on five of 19 pending amendments to the second chapter of a document on the liturgy or public worship of the church. Voting on the document, which was discussed for three weeks at the council's first session last fall, will continue Wednesday.

The results were tabulated on four of today's ballots and showed that all passed by great majorities. The largest negative vote cast on any one of them was 31 votes out of 2,298.

The most important of the amendments approved today was designed to put much greater emphasis in Catholic worship on sermons, which always have occupied the central role in Protestant worship but in the past often have been regarded as an optional appendage to the Catholic Mass.

The proposal approved today said that sermons should never be omitted except for serious reasons. It emphasized the importance of the priest using every Sunday Mass as an opportunity to explain the Christian faith and Christian living.

The document said priests should base their sermons on the Bible and make extensive use of Scripture in all of their preaching.

OLCC Turns Down Club's Application

The Oregon Liquor Control commission has turned down the application of the former operators of the Frontier Club, 43 North Front st., to relocate at 902 North Riverside ave.

The operators, Robert L. and Edna June Knox, whose lease expired at the Front st. location, had sought to have their dispenser's license transferred to a building now occupied by Hall's Sporting Goods and Agate shop.

The letter from the OLCC, dated Oct. 4, said the application had been denied because a liquor outlet at the Riverside ave. location was "not demanded by public interest or convenience."

The OLCC said it had also taken into consideration "the objections in the area" in denying the application.

The Medford city council had approved the transfer by a 5 to 1 vote at its Sept. 5 meeting.

Doctor's Rifle Located At North Portland Home

PORTLAND (UPI)—A hunting rifle taken from a Beaverton doctor who was beaten by three men in Washington county last week was located Monday in a garage at a home in north Portland.

The rifle was found under a large piece of cloth. The home owner, who called police, said it was not there when he checked the garage recently.

Dr. Bernard was treated at St. Vincent hospital for injuries. He said two men flung him down and they drove to where a pickup truck was parked across the road with a third man inside. He managed to flee from his assailants and get help after he was beaten with clubs.

Police said the doctor's medical bag is still missing.

Anonymous Threats Received on Life Of Joseph Valachi

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Underworld informer Joseph Valachi resumed his tales to senators of crime's inner sanctum today under increased protection of federal agents after the FBI received anonymous threats on his life.

Chief U. S. Marshall James McShane said telephone tips were received over the week end warning that a bomb would be placed in the Senate hearing room and that several spectators would try to shoot Valachi.

Consequently, McShane said, "extra precautions" were taken to insure the safety of the talkative mobster-murderer.

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Industrial Shop Training Program Possible in Area

An industrial shop training program for mentally retarded high school age pupils may be started soon, according to Assistant County Schools Superintendent Dealous Cox.

Cox said this morning his office has received a letter from James L. Turnbull, deputy superintendent of the state department of education, indicating any liabilities involved from possible shop accidents could be worked out to protect the public school system.

A state supreme court opinion arising out of the Nyssa, Ore., schools' case indicates schools are not considered liable unless they carry liability insurance, Cox said he understood.

Also, a new state law would absolve schools from such liability. This law also provides for medical treatment and rehabilitation in case a pupil is injured, Cox said.

Meeting Scheduled
A subcommittee of the Jackson County Intermediate Education District board (formerly rural school board) will meet on this subject soon in the county courthouse office, Cox said.

A program had been proposed earlier in which the Mt. Pitt Lumber company has volunteered to provide a building, machinery and materials for an industrial training program. The products would be sold and the funds would be shared with the county school system to help amortize the program's cost.

David Harms, mentally retarded program instructor, had urged that the course be established so the youngsters could be trained for supporting themselves after they leave school.

However, officials of the county school office and the Central Point school district had delayed action pending solution of the liability problem.

Red China Accused By Soviet Union

LONDON (UPI)—The Soviet Union is accusing Communist China of trying to hurt Russia's "good reputation" in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, it was disclosed today.

An official Soviet pamphlet being circulated by Novosti, the Soviet press agency, severely attacks the Chinese for attempts to undermine Moscow's position and prestige in the underdeveloped nations.

It charges that Western "colonialists and the Chinese critics of Soviet policy appear on the same side of the fence" in the struggle for the emerging nations.

The disclosure followed a report that Communist China is trying to arrange its civilian air traffic routings through the British colony of Hong Kong to avoid flying over the Soviet Union. Both moves were signs that the Moscow-Peking rift is widening.

The plan to further reduce aid is aimed at forcing political reforms from the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem, the sources said. It is reported now under consideration in Washington.

GAS FRANCHISE
MONROE, Ore. (UPI)—Northwest Natural Gas Company was granted a franchise to serve the Benton county community of Monroe in action taken by the City Council here Monday night.

Scholarship Requests More Money
PORTLAND (UPI)—Secretary of State Howell Appling Monday called upon individual businessmen and firms to provide more scholarship money for high school graduates.

Appling Says Cuts Should Be Made In General Fund

Salem (UPI)—Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. believes the state's \$404 million general fund budget should be cut, but he feels the special election next week "is the worst possible way to do it."

Appling refused to say how he would vote at the Oct. 15 election.

Gov. Mark Hatfield and State Treasurer Howard Beton, the other members of the state board of control, are on record as urging a yes vote.

Appling warned that defeat of the measure could bring about a cut in basic school support, if the legislature is called back in special session.

Economy Need Stressed
He stressed the need for economy. "If I felt the same end could be accomplished in a more orderly fashion, I would be against a negative vote. But I don't have any assurance it will be done."

Appling criticized statements that aid to crippled children and tuberculosis patients would be slashed if the tax measure fails.

"The arguments are designed to tug at the heart strings. There are other cuts that should be made first," he said.

While he wants to see budget cuts, he sees danger in what is happening.

"I wish it were more clear-cut," he commented.

'APOLOGY' DRAFTED
PORTLAND (UPI)—A delegation of Portland Negroes told Mayor Terry Schunk Monday that it was drafting a petition of "apology" to President Kennedy.

Pearson Asks Probe Into Fiscal Control Of Higher Education

BEAVERTON (UPI)—State Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Port) said Monday he will seek an investigation of the fiscal control procedures in the Oregon System of Higher Education.

Pearson, speaking at a meeting of the Washington county Public Forum here, said he thought "there is no real fiscal control" and that this opened the way to misuse of funds and "probably to illegal use of funds."

In Salem, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. denied there was any illegal use of funds.

Pearson said he would ask for the investigation this year if a special session of the Legislature was called.

The Portland Democrat also said he will push for an inquiry into some of the procedures of the State Board of Education and wanted provision for legislative review of rules and administrative agencies.

Appling said "the audits division of my office has for some time been engaged in an examination of the financial procedure of the state system, said his office had been working 'closely' with Appling 'for several months and had cooperated fully in his audit effort.'"

12 Acres Burned in Applegate Area Fire

State forestry department crews were called out to control a 12-acre fire in the Applegate Valley Tuesday. The fire was reported about 2 p.m. in the China gulch area.

A department official said the fire started when a burning permit holder's fire got out of control.

dures of the State System of Higher Education."

"We have questioned a number of those procedures and have requested the system to either correct them or to justify them," he said. "None of these matters involves questions of personal morality or culpability; all are concerned with questions of sound financial procedure and accountability."

Appling said the findings of the audit will be made public when it was completed about Dec. 1.

Dr. Roy Lieuallen, chancellor of the state system, said his office had been working "closely" with Appling "for several months and had cooperated fully in his audit effort."

Portland Group to Oppose Tax Bill

PORTLAND (UPI)—A special committee of the Portland City Club voted 5-1 Monday to recommend rejection of the legislature's tax program at a special election next Tuesday.

The recommendation will be made to club members Friday.

The committee said the burden of the state income tax should be eased by adopting new forms of taxation.

"It said it recognized that there would be a reduction in state services and education if the tax measure is rejected. But it said long-term benefits would outweigh disadvantages during the next two years.

Signing the report were Clifford N. Carlson Jr., Sidney M. Cooper, Roger S. Meier, Arden E. Shenker and Timothy F. Maginnis.

Opposed to the report was Kenneth Kraemer, who said the state "cannot risk the unknown dangers of not meeting its commitments."

Group to Probe Mme. Nhu's Visa

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) said today his foreign affairs subcommittee would try to determine why Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu was issued a passport to visit the United States.

There was some strong congressional opposition to Mme. Nhu's visit.

Sen. Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio) told the Senate that her visa should be cancelled and "she should be compelled to leave the country."

"Let her slander us from her native land or any other country, but not from our own soil," Young said.

Rep. Silvio O. Conte (R-Mass.) called her "a thorn in the fight for democracy around the world." He denounced her as an "irresponsible, arrogant woman" who has made statements that are "viciously anti-American."

The sister-in-law of South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem addressed a crowd of about 100 newsmen and photographers at Idlewild airport after leaving the jetliner she and her pretty daughter, Le Thuy, 17, took from Paris.

Not Seeking Meetings
Speaking in English, Mme. Nhu said that because she was a "controversial person" she did not intend to seek meetings with President Kennedy or other high-ranking government officials during her coast-to-coast tour.

She also denied that she was "power hungry," and said that she enjoyed the "confidence of the Viet Nam government."

Mme. Nhu, 38, was expected to defend the policies of the Diem government in the current political and religious crisis in South Viet Nam during her speaking tour which will end in California on Oct. 29.

Siskiyou Extension Ready for Opening

The 1,500-foot extension of Siskiyou blvd., from 10th st. along Bear creek to Willamette st., has been completed and will be opened to traffic tomorrow, Medford Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe said today.

Thorpe said several stop signs have been installed along the street, and will remain in effect until a traffic pattern becomes established.

Southbound Willamette st. traffic will be stopped at Siskiyou blvd. to permit the uninterrupted flow of westbound Siskiyou blvd. traffic.

However, westbound Siskiyou blvd. traffic will be stopped at 10th st., Thorpe said.

Eastbound Siskiyou blvd. traffic will be permitted to continue all the way to Highland dr. without stopping.

Tru-Mix Concrete and M. C. Lininger and Sons both had contracts to work on portions of the street improvement project.

Juveniles Reprimanded For Trapping Skunks

Two juvenile boys were reprimanded this morning for trapping and destroying skunks with explosives near 265 Janney lane, Jackson county sheriff's deputies said.

One of the boys had already been punished enough since one of the skunks was not quite dead, a deputy said.

A resident of the area reported the incident to the sheriff's office this morning.

NEWS BRIEFS

HOUSE APPROVES DEFENSE SPENDING BILL
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House today approved a "no let-down" defense spending bill — second largest in peacetime history. The measure would provide \$47.2 billion to keep America in fighting trim. The roll call vote was 335 to 3.

EXERCISE BIG LIFT STARTS OCT. 22
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Defense Department announced today that Exercise Big Lift, the largest trans-Atlantic movement of troops ever made by air, will start Oct. 22. In three days, 16,000 soldiers and airmen will be deposited in Germany.

HONDURAS CAPITAL RETURNING TO NORMAL
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI)—Scattered gunfire was heard through the day Monday and armed troops were directing traffic, but the city appeared to be returning to normal under its new military regime.

U.S. EXPECTED TO SELL WHEAT TO RUSSIA
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey said today after a White House meeting that he expects the United States to sell the Soviet Union and those of her satellite states up to 100 million tons of wheat.