

FCC Leader Denies Misconduct Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard A. Mack said Thursday "of course" he will not resign from the Federal Communications Commission. He swore he was not "influenced or swayed" by appeals from friends in a contested television license case.

Mack further told a House investigating subcommittee under oath that he is getting rid of his interest in a Miami insurance agency which wrote the insurance for the successful applicant in the contest for Miami's TV Channel 10.

Mack said that it was only last

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

For a moment today, let's soar off into the wild blue yonder. The wild blue yonder of the future holds fascinating possibilities.

For example: Before a conference of industrialists and educators in Washington this morning, the Air Force drew a picture of its futuristic strategy. The picture included fleets of nuclear-powered bombers capable of circling the world indefinitely. It included interceptors capable of flying far beyond the continental limits.

This is to say: Interceptors could take off from Kingsley Field and engage an enemy FAR OUT OVER THE PACIFIC (instead of having to wait (because of fuel limitations) for him to get almost over our heads before we can tackle him.

That's for war. Let's take a look at peace-time prospects.

The Atomic Energy Commission has just authorized a ten-million-dollar project to tame plutonium. Plutonium is a relatively cheap and abundant by-product of scarce and expensive uranium. Its principal use now is as an ingredient of atomic and hydrogen bombs. If it can be tamed and domesticated, it can become the useful servant of man for the tasks of peace. Experts say such an achievement could lessen Western dependence on Middle East oil. Western European dependence on the oil of the fretful Middle Eastern countries lies at the root of most of the trouble there.

The enemies are trying to maneuver themselves into a position where they can shut off Western Europe's oil supply.

That would spike Western Europe's progress.

Automobile designers are looking forward to the time when they can put a nuclear-powered engine into your automobile. You will then be able to slip a slug of uranium—or, better still, a shot of cheaper and more abundant plutonium—into the fuel slot of your car and be all set for 5,000 or 10,000 or maybe 20,000 miles before having to fill 'er up again. It could be done now, of course. But your car would be too bulky and cumbersome because of the weight of the SHIELDING materials necessary to protect you against harmful radiation. New metals may reduce this cumbersome weight.

Maybe some of these new metals will come from our ores right here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California. Who knows?

But, you say, all this lies in the distant future.

What is there in it for me?

Listen. The pessimists are howling bloody murder about a depression that they say is inevitable.

Question: How can there be a depression when the world is standing at the threshold of the greatest period of new human opportunity since Columbus discovered the New World?



WINNER of the 1958 \$1,000 Elks scholarship, given to a senior boy or girl graduate from Klamath Union High School or a Klamath County senior, went this year to Sydney Ketchum, Bonanza. Sydney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald V. Ketchum. Left is Joe Mercer, chairman of the scholarship committee. Right, presenting the check is E. D. Hickman, exalted ruler of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, BPOE. Sydney plans to attend Oregon State College to prepare for a teaching career. (Story on page four).

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Soviet-U.S. 'Exchange' Suggested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov told The Associated Press in an interview he would like to see top Soviet leaders visit the United States and American leaders go to Russia.

His sweeping assertion included Soviet Communist boss Nikita Khrushchev and Vice President Richard Nixon.

"I think personally that the more exchanges we have on all kinds of levels—from the very top to the bottom—the better," Menshikov said.

Menshikov, who arrived in Washington only three weeks ago, assailed what he called "artificial restrictions and discrimination" imposed by the United States on trade with the Soviet Union and said they ought to be removed.

He also said "we don't compete at all" with the United States in assisting the industrial development of such countries as India. And he called for a start "as soon as possible" on arrangements for a summit conference.

The interview took place late yesterday in an ornate parlor of the Soviet Embassy. It lasted about 75 minutes. Here in summary are the principal points Menshikov made:

1. Summit conference—A meeting on the great issues dividing the West and Russia "should not be delayed."
2. Soviet criticism of the United States — Menshikov said he had read articles in the United States critical of the Soviet Union and went on: "There has been a lot of misunderstanding and, if you like, misrepresentation." But he thought criticism would decrease "the more we understand each other's position" and the more international tensions are relaxed.
3. U.S. - Soviet differences — There will always be some sort of disagreement. Ideological differences should not necessarily produce bad feelings between the two countries.
4. U.S.-Soviet trade—"Artificial restrictions and discriminations have been imposed on trade between our two countries. First, all of this didn't cause any harm to our country. Second, your country didn't gain anything from that."

Menshikov said the United States and Russia should "normalize the economic relationship and mutually advantageous trade."

He said Russia could sell such foods as caviar and commodities like furs, skins, chromium ore, platinum and manganese. Russia would like to buy machinery, industrial and agricultural products.

French Report Rebel Attack

ALGIERS (AP) — French military headquarters reported Thursday a battle of "rare violence" near Duivier in eastern Algeria in which it said 199 rebels were killed.

The announcement did not give French casualties, but the semi-official French news agency placed the French losses at 50 killed and 40 wounded. The agency said there was hand-to-hand fighting after artillery and planes were used against the rebels.

The battle took place near the "Morice Line," the 150-mile electrified fence built near the Tunisian border to halt the passage of arms and rebels across the frontier.



BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL, but shooting for 225 pints of blood is Elks blood drive chairman, Mike Holland. At the left, Bob Sprout holds a Red Cross poster to remind Holland not to miss his goal. The bloodmobile will be at the Elks Club, Wednesday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The bloodmobile will also be on the OTI campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments to donate blood may be made by calling the Red Cross office, TU 4-4125.

School Budget Boards Eye Auditorium Cost Estimates

Prices for putting the auditorium on the newly completed south wing at Klamath Union High School ranged between \$800,000 and \$900,000 when presented to the joint school budget boards Wednesday evening by Architect Howard Perrin. The quoted prices are total costs, including building costs, architect fees, stage equipment and seating, and stage lighting installations.

Perrin pointed out that the \$800,000 figure provides for a "Type I," an incombustible structure with a 2,200 seating capacity. Much of the overhead work would be steel beam.

The \$700,000 structure provides for a concrete building with concrete columns and heavy wooden beams as ceiling trusses. The building would have a seating capacity of 2,200.

If reducing the seating capacity to 1,500, the "Type I" incombustible building could be completed and furnished at a \$607,000 cost; and the alternate type building with a 1,500 seating capacity could be had complete for \$500,000.

The original planning called for the 2,200 seat unit so that the auditorium and stage could be used for both community and school events. School officials pointed out that if it is necessary to go to the 1,500 seat auditorium it would not accommodate the entire student body but could work quite satisfactorily by conducting split assemblies.

The remaining amount in the high school serial levy building fund, including four upcoming levies of approximately \$120,000 each, at this time approximates slightly more than \$500,000. There is a slight carryover from the levy of this year.

The boards took no action on the projected auditorium during the Wednesday meeting.

Concerning other anticipated building programs, Superintendent of Schools Arnold Grallap pointed to the imperative need for completing the Ponderosa School to junior high status within the next three or four years.

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REDS LIKE RADISHES

WASHINGTON (UP)—When is a radish not a garden vegetable? Answer: In Poland, according to Rep. Thaddeus M. Machrowicz (D-Mich.) who reported that in his native country the name radish is applied to government officials who are not Communists at heart. That is, he said, they are Red on the surface but white all the way through.

Concentrated Mice Baiting To Start Throughout Basin

The program of concentrated mouse baiting which has been postponed by unsettled weather got underway Thursday, according to the Klamath County Agent's Office.

Plans have been made for crews from the Klamath Irrigation District to spread poisoned grain along all KID property and rights of way as rapidly as weather permits.

Farmers throughout the county are urged to bait their land wherever practical, but the agent's office warns that efforts should be concentrated along fence rows, ditch banks and borders. General baiting may be practiced when the fields dry.

The agents recommend that handfuls of the bait should be spotted about 20 feet apart along fence rows and covered with flakes of old straw or hay to protect the grain from the weather and wildlife. These spots of cover will attract the rodents and further the effective consumption of the poison.

At the same time that these operations are taking place Harold Schefferstein, Klamath County weed supervisor, will begin distributing poison grain along the roads. If the farmers embark upon a poison program simultaneously the effort should prove effective, the agents said.

It had been hoped that the mouse population which has plagued this area for nearly a year would have shown some sign of drastic reduction by this time, but observers report that such is not the case. New nests and young mice are prevalent and green feed has begun to grow. The agents point out that zinc phosphide is effective in poisoning squirrels as well as mice. The baits to be used have been prepared by the Klamath County Agent's Office using state emergency funds to defray the cost to farmers in stricken areas. Adequate supplies are available at feed and grain dealers throughout the county and at the agent's office in the Federal Building. The cost per pound has been reduced to two cents for zinc phosphide and six cents for strychnine.

Midwestern GOPs Attack Benson Plug

WASHINGTON (AP)—Resentment flared among rebellious Midwestern Republicans in Congress today over President Eisenhower's sharply worded defense of Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

As two GOP House members prepared to carry corn belt protests against Benson's farm policies to the White House later today, Rep. O'Rourke (R-Wis.) told newsmen: "So far, I've been under the impression we only needed a new secretary of agriculture. Now I think we also need a new president."

Eisenhower made abundantly clear to his news conference he had no idea of ousting Benson and little thought of interfering with the secretary's farm policies. One or the other has been urged openly by many farm belt Republicans.

Praising Benson as a man of courage and honesty, Eisenhower said those advocating his ouster are badly mistaken.

Eisenhower said that by and large the country will be better off if farmers are free from government regulations and operate under free market forces like the rest of the economy.

He also said that Benson's programs generally have had the approval of bipartisan agricultural advisory committees.

Taking the House floor shortly after the President made his statement, Rep. Andersen (R-Minn.) commented bitterly: "It now appears that the President has foreclosed any opportunity to acquaint himself with the facts of life."

Andersen was one of about 30 Midwestern GOP House members seeking to force Benson's resignation or a change in administration farm policies in favor of higher farm price supports.

Rep. Weaver (R-Nebr.) said, "Mr. Benson is ineffectual because the folks have lost confidence in him. When he lacks that confidence and leadership, the President ought to take cognizance of it."

Limping Jet Lands At KF

An Air Force F-102A, Delta Dagger, supersonic interceptor aircraft assigned to the 488th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 84th Fighter Group, Geiger Field, Spokane, made an emergency landing at Kingsley Field Wednesday, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Raymond A. Thornton, base commander.

The supersonic interceptor, piloted by 1st Lt. Bob Morrill was en route from Geiger Field to Travis Air Force Base on a routine mission when the emergency occurred. Accompanying Lieutenant Morrill in another F-102 Delta Dagger was 1st Lt. Bill Whalley. Lieutenant Whalley also landed at Kingsley Field immediately following Lieutenant Morrill's emergency landing.

A maintenance crew from Geiger Field was flown to Kingsley Field and are presently making necessary repairs to the aircraft.

This is the second time that a F-102 Delta Dagger aircraft has landed at Kingsley Field, the first was for the dedication ceremonies which took place in July 1957.

SILENT HUSBAND

LONDON (UP)—Mrs. Phyllis Burgess received a divorce from her husband, Ronald, after testifying that for a major portion of their 11-year marriage he said "goodbye" to her in the morning, "hello" in the evening, and nothing else.

British Plane Falls; 34 Reported Killed

BOLTON, England (AP) — A chartered British airliner with 42 persons aboard smashed against a snow-covered mountain Thursday only five minutes from its destination. A policeman at the scene said 34 persons perished.

An injured stewardess, only woman aboard, and the copilot struggled through knee-deep snow to a television relay station on top of the mountain and gasped out the first word of the disaster. Helicopters, snowplows and a mountain rescue team pushed through a blizzard to the scene.

The twin-engine Bristol Wayfarer, operated by Silver City Airways, was carrying automobile dealers from the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea on a one-day junket to Manchester, only 15 miles from here, to inspect a plant of the Exide Battery Co.

Wrecking and jostling, the party of 39 businessmen boarded the plane at Isle of Man airport for the 100-mile flight, some waving goodbyes to wives and children. There was a crew of three aboard.

Thirty-five minutes later, with visibility cut by heavy clouds and the blizzard, the plane smashed to bits against "Winter Hill," near the bleak moorlands of Lancashire and only 400 yards from a lonely TV tower manned by five engineers.

Stewardess Jennifer Curtis stumbled out of the wreckage with copilot William Howarth. Shocked, exhausted and hurt, they staggered uphill into the TV station and gasped:

"Our plane has crashed." "The snow was so deep no vehicle could get within a mile of the wreckage."

But bulldozers and snowplows pushed through four-foot drifts, opening the way for ambulances. Rescuers, lugging stretchers, blankets and medicines, struggled on foot the last distance.

Men at a quarry some distance away helped carry survivors to the ambulances.

The whole Midlands area has been gripped by a blizzard the past three days.

The Wayfarer crash was the

Mystery Home Stays Quiet

SEAFORD, N.Y. (AP) — With a Duke University psychologist on hand yesterday, no bottles blew their tops nor did objects fly in the home of the James Herrmann family.

Since Feb. 3, the Herrmanns—the parents and Lucille, 13, and James Jr., 12—have reported flying objects in their six-room ranch home. In addition to bottles blowing their screw tops, other things have whizzed through the air—including a portable phonograph.

The Duke specialist, Dr. J. Gaither Pratt, is a member of the university's parapsychology laboratory, which investigates such things as "extrasensory perception" and other seemingly unexplainable phenomena.

Pratt is trying to determine if young James could be influencing things. He has been close at hand after every incident. Nobody has seen the boy put the objects in motion physically. Whether he is doing so mentally is another matter.

Pratt, who had no immediate comment, planned to spend at least one more day at the Herrmann home.

Also on hand at the Herrmann home was a mobile transmitter equipped with ultra high frequency receivers manned by a full crew of technicians. They reported that no odd electrical waves were picked up.

'Antelopes' Set Date For Meet

LAKEVIEW (AP) — Directors of the Order of the Antelope Thursday set the annual meeting for July 11-13.

They said the meeting in the Blue Sky Hotel was chosen to coincide as near as possible with the full moon for the month.

Attending the meeting were Leslie Shaw, John Blair, Bill McCaw, Jess Faha, grand secretary, and Dick Johns.



REPRESENTING THE UNITED KINGDOM are these 12 students from Klamath Falls who attended the model United Nations conducted at the University of Oregon February 21 and 22, in connection with the International Relations Club. Left to right, front row, Hugh Swaney, Suzanne Goeller, Kaye Kidwell, Norma Young, Gary Esqate, Cameron Hinman; rear row, Dennis Runge, Serena Smith, Sandra Adams, Sandra Langslet, Jo Ann Bogatay, and Darlene Buchholz.