

# Hawaii Set For New Bid

HONOLULU (UPI) — Hawaii statehood advocates, spurred to a fighting pitch by the White House and Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), today girded themselves for one more big, bold bid for acceptance into the Union this session of Congress.

Chief among the plans taking shape was the selection of a new bi-partisan delegation of statehood fighters, headed by Gov. William F. Quinn, to descend on Washington probably early next week.

Statehood Commissioner Lorrin P. Thurston said Hawaii's renewed campaign would be based a lot on the guidance and thinking of Knowland.

Thurston said the California senator in telephone conversation Wednesday expressed the belief Hawaii this year still could drum up almost the identical support in the Senate that Alaska got in her successful drive if a vigorous effort were made during the approximate month of life in the session.

"Mr. Knowland said the enemies of Hawaii statehood are basically the same who opposed Alaska," Thurston said, "and that once they found they are outvoted they would quit."

# Officer Cites Chief's Auto

CHICAGO (AP) — Two parking tickets were hung on Gov. William G. Stratton's limousine Monday night by Chicago's champion ticket writer, detective Jack Muller.

Muller, a detective assigned to a North Side station, was off duty when he spotted the governor's auto parked, he said, in a zone marked "no parking at any time" in Madison St., in front of the La Salle Hotel.

"I knew whose auto it was," Muller said, "and returned to hang a ticket as soon as I found a legitimate parking spot for my own auto."

Leonard Wertz, a state police lieutenant and Stratton's chauffeur, said he had left the car while running an errand in the La Salle Hotel, where Stratton was staying.

Muller, 35, and a policeman since 1946, said he ticketed the governor's car for violating state regulations against parking in violation of a sign, and parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

# Texan Purchases 'Small' Ranch

MIDLAND, Tex. (UPI)—Texas oilman Len McCormick has bought a ranch more than half the size of Rhode Island.

Attorney Edward Lee said Wednesday that McCormick, a former Washington Redskins football star, purchased the 320,000-acre Fowkes Brothers Ranch in Presidio and Brewster counties for a price he wouldn't reveal.

Lee said the ranch, primarily for sheep and goats, is one of the 12 largest individually owned ranches in North America.



WINING ACCORDION PLAYERS at recent Lewis & Clark College Music Festival in Portland are these Klamath Falls youngsters. All are Leona Robertson accordion students. Music competition is conducted annually at the festival among some 700 students from the entire Northwest. Left to right, the musicians are Connie Haco, R. G. Eudaily, Laila Wakkuri, Mickey Holland, Rollin Eudaily, Bobby McClurg, Peggy Matson and Tony Portnoff.

# WWI Shell Still Lethal

LYNCHBURG, Va. (UPI)—The old artillery shell that a student bounced playfully on the pavement could have blown a local grammar school to bits, the National Guard reported Wednesday.

Forest School Principal Malcolm H. Burgess said the shell, a rusty relic of World War I, had been in the school building at least two months, taken there by a pupil who found it in a house his family had moved into.

A school bus driver had seen the boy bouncing the shell on the walk outside the school, Burgess said, and had taken it from him.

The local National Guard unit examined the shell and announced it was "definitely live."

# Eleventh Nuclear Blast Set Of

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Another nuclear blast — the 11th announced test in the current Pacific test series — was set off Wednesday at Bikini Atoll.

Brief announcements by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Department gave no details as to size of the weapon or success of the test.

At Tokyo the Japanese Central Meteorological Board said its sensitive instruments recorded the blast as of "small" category.

SAP NEWS  
ST. ALBANS, Vt. — Franklin County Agricultural Agent Ralph C. McWilliams reported the "best sap run in years" despite the fact that "squirrels have been tapping the plastic pipelines used to speed the flow of sap." He suggested that farmers "tap a couple of trees and let the squirrels take the sweet stuff from them."

# Nine GI's Being Held By East Germans As Hostages

Editor's Note: Nine U.S. soldiers held by the East German Communists since June 7 were permitted to appear at a news conference Wednesday in Dresden, East Germany. An Associated Press correspondent was the sole American reporter present.

By SEYMOUR TOPPING  
DRESDEN, EAST GERMANY (AP) — "They are holding us as political hostages."

It was an angry cry from Maj. George E. Kemper of Escondido, Calif., spokesman for nine U.S. Army men held prisoner by the East German Communists.

Kemper, a tough lean-jawed 43-year-old artillery officer, made his accusation at an eight-room grey-stone villa in Dresden where his group is under house arrest.

Eight Communist newsmen and this reporter were called to the East German Foreign Ministry in Berlin and driven to Dresden in four limousines.

It was the first chance the nine Americans had to tell their story. They fell into East German hands when their helicopter strayed across the Iron Curtain June 7.

During a tense news conference some of the Americans yelled "kidnapers" at East German officials who insist U.S. government policy is responsible for the men's prolonged imprisonment.

Kemper, dressed in green army fatigues and combat boots, said before a battery of Communist newsreel cameras: "They are holding us as political hostages. We are being used as tools. We are not being told about what is going on in the political negotiations over us."

Kemper said his group surrendered voluntarily to East German police after their helicopter got lost in a thunderstorm and ran out of gas.

He disclosed that the East Germans promptly turned the Americans over to the Russian army. They spent the first night in a Soviet camp but the next morning the Russians returned them to the East Germans.

Kemper's statement was the first evidence of direct Russian involvement in the helicopter case.

NO IMPORTS  
MONTPELIER, Vt. — U.S. Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) disclosed that plans for a \$2,710,000 federal building in Burlington were delayed when it was discovered that Minnesota red granite was to be used in the building. Vermont is known as the "Granite Capital of the World."

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# Knight States Newspaper Report 'Sheer Nonsense'

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Knight says there is "absolutely no truth" to a report that he dictated a switch of presidents on the State Public Utilities Commission.

Knight yesterday described a published report that he directed Peter E. Mitchell's removal as PUC president and the election of C. Lyn Fox in his place as "sheer, utter nonsense."

"Knight also denied discussing the PG&E rate case 'with anyone at any time.'"

"Any suggestion that I even so much as discussed this matter with a representative of any utility company, directly or indirectly, is also nonsense," Knight said.

The story appeared in the San Francisco News.

In San Francisco, PG&E Executive Vice President Robert H. Gerdes denied his company had "attempted to put any pressure directly or indirectly on the gov-

ernor or any other state official." Gerdes said he learned of Mitchell's impending resignation and rumors of Fox' election from newspaper stories.

Fox, asked if Knight had anything to do with his election as PUC president, said: "That's a question you'd better ask the governor."

"Absolutely ridiculous," said Commissioner Theodore Jenner, who until recently was one of Knight's secretaries, of the report. Commissioner Matthew Dooley commented "Absolutely not."

Mitchell said he is standing on his statement to the press when he resigned last Monday—that he wanted to devote more time to matters pending before the commission.

He said the commission had considered changing presidents in July rather than January because it is the start of the fiscal year.

Knight said he had been informed by PUC members that they were considering rotating the presidency earlier.

All the commissioners were here for hearings by a Senate committee on the organization of the PUC.

Marvin Blanchard of the State Finance Department, who has been studying the commission's work, said he will recommend 69 changes.

# Well-Wishers Aid Family

SUN VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Many well-wishers have brightened the lives of Lyle Hill, his wife Virginia and their eight children.

They were so destitute that Hill and his wife talked of putting 20-month-old Mike out for adoption. Two older girls ran away last Sunday to prevent it, taking Mike on a 28-hour trek through the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood.

News of their exploit brought offers of help to Hill, an unemployed carpenter. He has been offered three jobs.

The mailman brought 100 letters, many containing gifts of cash.

Three youngsters from Westwood, near Beverly Hills, brought \$2.18 they collected in their neighborhood.

A church pastor brought food and clothes.

Five of the children went to stay temporarily with neighbors. Among them were Sandra, 16, and Genevieve, 13, the sisters who started everything by running away.

Hill hopes to find a bigger home—their rented residence has only one bathroom—and reunite the family.

Wherever the home is, said Hill, Mike will stay.

CONSCIENCE TALKS  
HARTFORD, Conn. — The Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company received \$2,880 from an unidentified writer who said it was to reimburse for money taken "under false pretenses." The letter added, "There is nothing like a clear conscience." It was signed, "A Sorry Sinner."

Legislative analyst A. Alan Post said a year-long study by his office has shown the PUC's administrative setup could be more efficient, but that the commission and staff were found to be "hard-working and dedicated."

Sen. Richard J. Dolwig (Redwood City), committee chairman, said a second hearing will be held in San Francisco next month to hear testimony from persons who have complained about PUC procedure.

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