

# Van Cliburn's Piano Still For First Time In Years

NEW YORK (AP)—For the first time since he was 3 years old, Van Cliburn's piano is silent. The blond, bushy-haired 24-year-old Texan is under doctors' orders to stay away from a keyboard for two months, while the middle finger of his right hand heals from an operation. Then he will be allowed to practice only lightly for another month.

A complete rest is distasteful to Cliburn. He has practiced daily for 21 years, four hours a day before concerts. Now, after the operation on an abscessed fingertip, he is restless to resume his heavy schedule.

"The fact that I can't play is more injurious to my morale than the pain I sustained," the pianist, clad in pale blue pajamas and a blue plaid robe, remarked at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Despite his weakness, he has kept busy in his private eighth-floor room, from which he can look northward at barges moving slowly along the East River.

Now he has a chance to watch television — "Something I never had much time for before."

"I've done a little reading, too," he reported. "Poetry, for the moment—poetry more than prose." A favorite is Lord Byron.

On his bed lay an orchestration of Samuel Barber's "Capricorn Concerto," and he had just finished playing a Metropolitan Opera recording of Barber's opera "Vanessa." Among the books piled on his table was "Olin Downes on Music."

An abscessed finger is more serious than it may sound, and Cliburn's physician has ordered him to rest in the sun when he is released from the hospital.

"Every concert is only postponed," he replied, smiling, to a question about cancellations. "I don't believe in cancellations."

Never close the door, you know. I have received several invitations to play with my good hand—some pieces like Ravel's "Left Hand Concerto"—but the doctor thinks I should rest."

One major regret was postponing a concert trip scheduled in the Soviet Union next month—the country where he became famous by winning the Tchaikovsky piano contest last April.

Cliburn thinks his finger became infected while he was clipping his nails—a necessary chore for pianists—and he apparently cut the one nail at an odd angle.

"I've had lots of sore fingers before, and played in spite of them," he remarked. "In fact, one finger was split down the side the night I won the competition in Moscow. But this one was so bad I could hardly play."

# Lumbermen Hear Speaker

PORTLAND (AP)—The lumber industry should have one voice, strong and fair, the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. was told here Wednesday night.

That voice, said architect Victor Lundy, should be one "that can speak firmly and equitably for the industry as a whole and be listened to eagerly and sought after."

In a speech at the final session of the WCLA's annual convention, Lundy said salesman in the same industry present different evaluations of the same product.

The Southern Pine Assn., he said, claims its product "is far superior to Douglas fir for laminated members. Yet the same is claimed for Douglas fir, and the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. says it.

"A research center, employing impartial experts, could list the advantages and disadvantages in a factual, scientific manner," he said.

If something is not done soon, he said, architects may set up their own research center.

Elton Jenkins, a Springfield, Ore., lumberman was elected president as the organization closed its two-day meeting.

Serving with Jenkins will be three vice presidents—Mils Hult of Junction City, Ore., C. Henry Bacon Jr. of Seattle, and Robert Murphy of McCloud, Calif.

William Garnett of Tacoma was elected treasurer. William Swindells of Portland will continue as secretary.

# "DENNIS THE MENACE"



"MAMA DON'T COUNT, IF I'M GONNA WORK AN' SLAVE FOR HER, SHE'S GOTTA SAY 'PAPA', TOO!"

# Sheiks Of Iraq Crushed; May Seek Desert Refuge

By STAN CARTER

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—Iraq's landowning Arab sheiks have suffered a crushing defeat in Mosul that may hasten their final dispersion into the desert.

The palace of the paramount sheik in this city of minarets on the banks of the Tigris is blood-stained, scarred by gunfire and gutted by looters after the failure of last week's rebellion against Premier Abdel Karim Kassem.

Sheik Achmad Ajil Alldiyawar, a handsome figure in flowing tribal dress, is absolute ruler of 60,000 Shammar tribesmen in Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. He is believed to have escaped into the desert while his followers fought from room to room defending the palace. With him may have gone virtually all of his power in the economic and political structure of the country.

It appears in Mosul that the rebellion was the work of sheiks, wealthy merchants, sympathizers with President Gamal Abdul Nasser of the United Arab Republic, and ambitious officers—divergent forces with the common aim only of overthrowing Kassem.

"The wealthy were behind the plot," said a French priest at a Dominican Roman Catholic monastery surrounded by mud-walled dwellings of the poor.

"They were afraid they would be dispossessed. They were going to lose some of their land because of the agrarian reform law. They took up arms against the government and now they will lose all."

The battalion commander whose forces restored order for the government claimed that Col. Abdul Wahab Shawaf, who led the revolt, was an opportunist encouraged by sheik Ajil, lesser sheiks and wealthy city merchants who also are absentee landlords of farmland tilled by the peasants.

They are said to have been provoked to force by the government's attempt to put into effect an agrarian reform law issued by Kassem two and a half months after last summer's revolution overthrew the monarchy. Redistribution of land is a major project of Kassem, who says the reason for overthrowing the monarchy was the urgent need for improving the lot of the incredibly poor masses.

For centuries most of Iraq's farmland has been owned by landlords who took up to nine-tenths of the crop. The reform law limits ownership to 600 irrigated or 1,200 unirrigated acres. It provides for redistribution of the balance to peasants, with the owners to be repaid over a 20-year period.

In recent weeks the leftist Baghdad press had been complaining that authorities in Mosul province, in the northwest corner of the country, were dragging their feet in putting the law into action.

The Shammar tribe of nomads in central Arabia marched with the Hashemites against the Ottoman Empire in World War I. After the British installed Hashemite King Faisal I as ruler of Iraq, Shammar sheiks became extremely influential politically and economically. Gradually many of the tribe settled on farmland on the fringes of the desert, but thousands still roam with herds of camels from western Syria through Iraq and down into Saudi Arabia.

The tribe is still a law unto itself, with hundreds of lesser sheiks acting as judges of the first instance and the paramount sheik the final, supreme judge.

Achmad Ajil, who succeeded as



"I don't get near the kick out of my toys since Dad got wise and started coming in a different door every night!"

# Agriculture Committees Plan New Wheat Measures

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House and Senate agriculture committees plan to begin writing new wheat legislation shortly after the Easter recess.

A House agriculture subcommittee, which has been holding hearings on wheat, plans to wind up its public sessions by March 24, shortly before the recess.

A Senate subcommittee plans to open its hearings on the wheat surplus problem on Thursday and wind up next week before the recess begins.

On both sides of Capitol Hill lawmakers are working against a May 15th deadline when Agriculture Secretary Benson must proclaim marketing quotas for the 1960 wheat crop. Benson has told Congress if it's going to write new regulations for the 1960 crop, the job should be done before the quotas are fixed.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department reported that fire damage on American farms rose to a new record high of 156 million dollars last year, up four million dollars over 1957.

The total loss figure included livestock, machinery, crops and farm buildings.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An important deadline for the nation's

# Oregon Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
24 hours to 4:30 a. m. Thursday

	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Baker	58	36	.12
Bend	56	29	.01
Eugene	54	32	.70
Lakeview	49	32	.70
Medford	59	37	.27
Newport	53	43	1.43
North Bend	57	44	.78
Pendleton	66	41	.21
Portland	50	44	.82
Redmond	62	30	.22
Roseburg	62	40	.42
Salem	52	44	.92

Eastern Oregon — Partly sunny through Friday. Colder. High 42-52. Low tonight 25-35.

Western Oregon — Fair tonight and Friday. Warmer Friday. High 50-60. Low tonight 32-42. Coastal winds westerly 15-30 miles an hour, becoming southwest 20-35 Friday. Small craft warnings up on coast.

Northern Oregon Beaches — Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Temperature range 36-55. Winds west to northwest 10-20 miles an hour.

Baker and Vicinity — Partly cloudy with decreasing snow showers tonight. Clearing Friday. Low tonight 20-27; high Friday 38-44.

Grants Pass and Vicinity — Clearing tonight. Mostly fair Friday. Low tonight 20-27. High Friday 50-55.

# ICC Hearing Nearing End

DENVER (AP)—An Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on the proposed reductions in shipping rates for meat products from the Midwest to Pacific Coast cities was expected to end here Thursday.

The hearing centers around an attempt by railroads to slash freight rates on dressed meats and other meat products from 30 to 70 cents per 100 pounds below truckline charges.

Meat packers on the Pacific Coast and cattle associations in Western states are opposed to the reduction.

A charge that the reduced rate effort is aimed at wiping out the Pacific Coast meat packing industry was leveled by Clifford W. Ferguson, representing the Oregon and Washington Public Utilities Commission and State Agriculture Departments.

He told the ICC that meats processed in the Midwest can under-

the proposed reductions be shipped into California and other West Coast states and sold at prices lower than we can get on slaughtered livestock."

Stockgrowers in Western states, Ferguson said, now have their choice of both Midwestern and Pacific Coast markets. If allowed, the rate reduction would practically eliminate the Pacific Coast market, he said.

The hearing resumes in Portland, Ore., next Monday.

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**WTC Seeking Tax Rebate**

EUGENE (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. is seeking refund of more than \$400,000 in taxes paid for holdings in Lane and Douglas counties.

The suit, filed in circuit court here Wednesday, asks refund of \$241,000 for Lane County property. The firm contends that the valuation assessment was too high and that the depletion rate was too costly.

A similar suit, asking refund of \$163,391, was filed at Roseburg. Some time ago, the Roseburg Lumber Co. filed a suit challenging the higher valuations used for taxing this year. That case now is before the Supreme Court.

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# TRIPLETS DOING FINE

CANYONVILLE (AP)—A set of triplets—the first born in Douglas County since 1933—is doing fine at the Forest Glen Hospital here.

The two boys and one girl were born Wednesday to Mrs. Ernest Stanridge of Milo. Their father is employed at a nearby plywood mill. The babies range in weight between four and five pounds.

The Stanridges have three other children.

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