

Lesson Given To Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, who is known almost as much for ignoring protocol as for developing nuclear propulsion, has given Congress another lesson in handling superiors.

Rickover, testifying at a closed session of a House Appropriations subcommittee, began by assuring questioners he was not "under wraps" or "handcuffed."

He said he had not read the current Navy directive on testifying before congressional committees, and continued: "I have never followed any directive in testifying to Congress."

"Once one of my seniors called me before I was due to testify and told me what his policy was, I said, 'Fine, thank you very much. When I testify I will say that this is what you told me to say.'"

"He said, 'Oh, no; you mustn't say that.'"

"I said, 'Didn't you tell me?'"

"Since that time I have never been directed."

Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) told Rickover he had suggested to Air Force officials they borrow Rickover to head up the controversial nuclear aircraft project and "they said they would be glad to have you."

"That would be a dire fate, sir," Rickover replied.

Flood then suggested, "Go and build it for the Navy. What do you think about it?"

"What do you think about running for congressman from two districts?" Rickover shot back.

His testimony was made public today.



JOHN PRIEST, left, is valedictorian and Marlene Kellem is salutatorian of Gilchrist High School's graduating class. They will be graduated Monday evening, June 1.

Graduation Rites Slated

Eleven seniors of Gilchrist High School will be graduated June 1 at commencement rites in the school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

John Priest was selected to represent the class as valedictorian speaker. Marlene Kellem is salutatorian. Both have maintained A grade averages during their four years in high school.

Priest is the son of Mrs. Jane Priest of Chemult. He has been active in science and athletics in high school. He plans to attend Oregon State College at Corvallis, probably to study engineering.

Miss Kellem is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Kellem of Gilchrist. She has been active in music, and is a member of the Grizzlies, a reading organization at the high school. She expects to attend Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls as a student of medical technology.

Dr. Ray Sailor of Bend Community College will deliver the commencement address. The Rev. Dale Harris of the Gilchrist Methodist Church will officiate at baccalaureate services in the school gymnasium Sunday, May 31, at 8 p.m. He will be assisted by a minister of Crescent Baptist Church.

Homemade Plane Fails FAA Test

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—An airplane failed its Federal Aviation Agency tests Sunday because it didn't stay on the ground.

The plane, a homemade craft called the Cougar Kitten, was being put through taxi tests for FAA inspectors R. K. Beckelman and Albert Sanell.

Suddenly, the plane arched gracefully into the air, climbed about 20 feet, then crashed. Pilot and builder Robert E. Nesmith suffered a bruised shoulder.

Heart Seizure Takes Father

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A father slumped dead in the street Sunday as he knelt to put a pillow beneath the head of his unconscious son. A doctor said the father, James E. Hinderliter, 40, apparently died of a heart attack.

Hinderliter had called the doctor after emerging from his house to see his son, James L., 15, lying in the street beside his motorcycle. The youth lost control of the cycle trying to avoid striking a dog.

Massachusetts Senator Plans Campaign Layoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — A vacation from campaigning will be Sen. John F. Kennedy's answer to signs he may be running in front too early in the 1960 Democratic presidential sweepstakes.

The Massachusetts senator has spoken at party rallies in nearly every section of the country. But he plans a three-months layoff after he fills previous commitments which will keep him busy till early July.

Kennedy is beginning to be marked among the other likely contestants as the potential candidate they need to shoot down to clear the way for their own aspirations.

Though his associates are pleased with the results of various polls that show Kennedy among the leaders, some of them obviously believe the pace he is setting now may be too hot to hold for the more than a year before the convention meets.

Beyond that, Kennedy apparently feels that the voters generally are getting a little fed up on the parade of hopefuls.

What Kennedy does when he resumes activity in the fall may depend somewhat on the progress his possible rivals have made in the summer months.

At least three governors who would like to have the 1960 nomination will get something of an opportunity to get their campaigns started at an August meeting of the Governors' Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

They are Govs. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey, G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and A. B. Chandler of Kentucky. Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut will be on hand to help take care of Kennedy's interests.

1960 nomination, came up with some foreign policy ideas in a speech at San Marcos, Tex., Sunday.

Johnson plugged for a summit meeting of all of the nations of the non-Communist world. He said the illusion is fading that "the fate of the world can be left in the hands of those nations which formed the victorious alliance of the World War II."

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Nazi Admits Killing 500

FULDA, Germany (AP)—A former sergeant of the Nazi SS elite guard has admitted killing at least 500 concentration camp inmates in the last months of World War II, state prosecutor Robert Hafke said today.

Gottlieb Muzikant, 55, an SS medical corps sergeant, said he either strangled his victims or gave them fatal injections of air or insecticide, Hafke told newsmen.

He said that Muzikant made the admission when confronted in his jail cell with Dr. Claus Salomon, a Jewish inmate-doctor at the Melk concentration camp.

Muzikant was arrested last April 30 after witnesses in another war crimes trial described him as one of the most brutal men on the staff of the Mauthausen camp. He had been living here in seclusion as a worker.

The former sergeant reportedly said he killed the inmates, all of them on the sick list, under a camp directive ordering the killing of "useless eaters." All were killed in the Melk camp between February and April 1945.

The state prosecutor said Muzikant would probably go on trial in July.

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