

Legion Ready For Meet

Representatives of over 35,000 Oregon Legionnaires and auxiliary members will convene for their 41st annual convention at Salem July 23-25 with George O. Nelson, department commander, presiding.

A formal joint opening for both groups will be held Thursday morning at the Elsinore Theater in Salem with the Legion's national commander, Preston J. Moore, as the main speaker.

Under fire will be the veteran's home loan program in Oregon. Legionnaires will consider drafting a referendum to authorize the Department of Veterans' Affairs power to borrow additional funds so the program may continue. This action would necessitate a constitutional amendment and would affect over a quarter million veterans in Oregon.

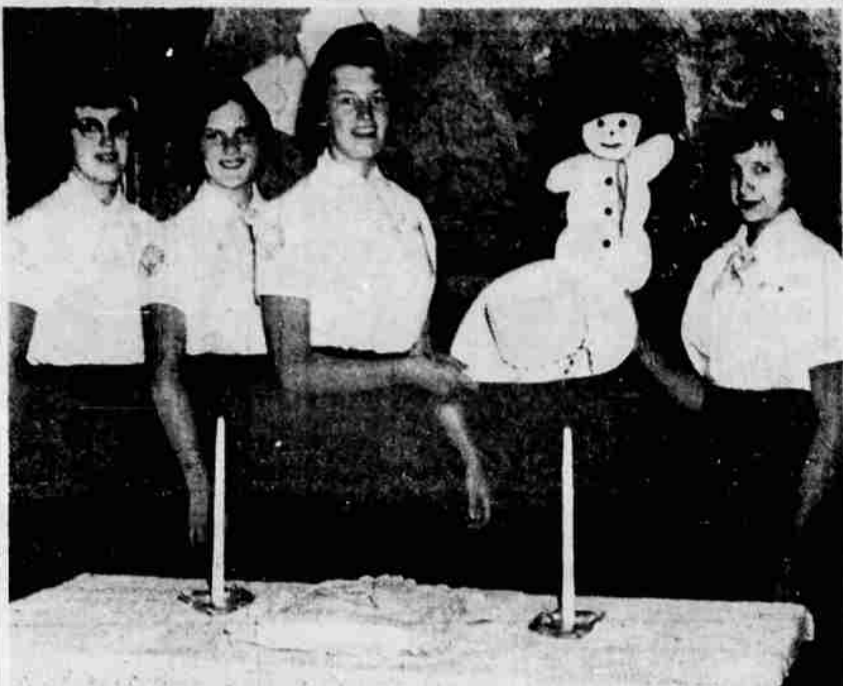
Singer Irked Crowd Sparse

PORTLAND (AP)—Singer Ferlin Husky stood up on the stage of the Oregon Centennial Exposition area Sunday night and told a sparse audience that the Country America Music—in which he was the star—had been mismanaged.

He told the 422 spectators that prices were too high, that publicity had been poor and management was not good. This, he said, had resulted in small audiences.

He also said that efforts had been made to get him off the show. Referring apparently to officials of the Centennial Exposition, Husky said: "These boys are trying to get me off here, but I'm still feeling pretty good and I've got one more number for you." And then he sang his final song.

Centennial officials generally declined comment on Husky's remarks. One said that publicity had been the same for the Ice Capades which drew 5,750 one night.



INTERNATIONAL ROUNDUP of Senior Girl Scouts, in progress at Pike's Peak, Colorado, has three delegates representing Northern California. The girls, all from Weed, left to right, are Margaret Linville, Georgeanna Scribner and Linda Tonkin. With them, at the far right, is Brenda Barcaglia, president of the local group. She is presenting them with a western hat upon which they are to bring home the autographs of a Girl Scout from each state in the Union. — Photo by Gaynor

Reds Claim Immigrant's Life Savings

PORTLAND (AP)—Communist Czechoslovakia sent one of its top diplomats here to back up its claim to the life savings of an immigrant railroad car repairman.

At stake is the \$7,800 estate of Martin Pekarek, who worked here until he retired in 1947, then returned to his native Czechoslovakia, where he died in 1953. He left his money to his son, Jan, and a daughter, Maria Jelenova, who live in Kyjov, Czechoslovakia.

The state of Oregon contested the will, claiming the \$7,800—still being held in a Portland bank—should go to the State Land Board.

At a hearing before Probate Judge William Dickson Friday,

Asst. Atty. Gen. Catherine Zorn contended Czech citizens could not inherit an Oregon estate because Czechoslovakia will not reciprocate.

Attorney Peter Schwabe, who said he was retained by the Czech government, challenged that, saying Czechoslovakia will permit estates to go to Americans.

Judge Dickson postponed his decision on the case until he has had a chance to consider the two claims.

Dr. Vladimir Masa, first secretary of the Czechoslovakian embassy in Washington, D.C., and one of his Czech attorneys, Dr. Alexander Bozdech of Prague, attended the hearing.

The case is the first of its kind

in Oregon, and is expected to set a precedent for the handling of similar suits involving larger estates.

PLAYERS SEEK ASYLUM JOENKOEPIG, Sweden (UPI)—Two touring Polish soccer players have sought political asylum in Sweden, government officials disclosed today. The athletes, who were not identified, skipped out on their teammates recently on the last night of the squad's exhibition.

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Offer To Buy Triplet Girls Shocks Father

SOUTHPORT, N.C. (AP)—"Who would think I would ever allow my children to be sold?"

Nathan B. Miller, \$25-a-week farmhand, shook his head in amazement as he described a reported offer for the newborn triplet girls he may offer for adoption to give them a better chance in life.

The 55-year-old father, who has three other children, said an unidentified long distance telephone caller promised him the money.

Miller, who is hard of hearing, said: "I believe he said \$50,000 each, but it may have been \$5,000. I may be poor, but nothing would make me part with any of my family for money. I think the offer was an insult."

His 35-year-old wife agreed. "We couldn't possibly consider offers like these. I hope we get no more," she said.

The parents plan to decide today whether to offer 10-day-old Glenda, Brenda and Linda for adoption. They also will decide whether to accept any of the scores of offers of financial and job help that have come to the family.

Linda weighed 3 pounds at birth, Brenda 4 pounds 11 ounces, and Glenda 5 pounds 14 ounces. Linda was placed in an incubator for a time, but doctors report all the triplets are getting along fine now.

Mrs. Miller and the triplets return home from the hospital today to their five-room frame home. The other children, Peggy, 17; Frances, 15; and Jimmy, 12, have asked their parents to keep the family together.

A single vicuna hair is less than one-half the diameter of the hair of the finest fleeces from sheep.

Rebels Take Two Prisoners From Trappist Monastery

ALGIERS (AP)—The chant of "Salve Regina" echoed through the chapel of the Thibarine Trappist Monastery during evening vespers when a five-man rebel team entered the gate which never closes.

The men—wearing French paratrooper uniforms—asked to see the father superior.

"We have an unpleasant mission," the leader told Father Jean-Marie. "We have to take you and two other monks with us."

"My duty is to guard my spiritual community," replied the superior. "I would rather die than abandon it."

The rebels did not insist. But two other monks—Brother Mathieu and Brother Luc—packed their belongings and followed the rebels into the night.

"Don't worry," the rebels told the superior. "We will do your monks no harm."

Outside the monastery the group was joined by 12 other guerrilla fighters. Together they disappeared into the darkness.

The incident occurred last Wednesday night. Thursday morning the father superior notified the French military in nearby Medea, some 60 miles south of Algiers.

A pursuit was ordered in the

rugged Atlas Mountains, but the French army said it was 12 hours behind the rebels and that chances of finding the group were dim.

For more than 20 years, the Thibarine Monastery of Notre Dame de l'Atlas—Our Lady of the Atlas Mountains—has served as a haven for the area's impoverished Moslem population.

The monks refused a French army garrison for protection. "We trust in God," they told French officers.

Last year, two Moslems fleeing a French pursuit spent a night in the monastery. The monks said they were not aware of their presence.

At this stage, it could not be determined why the rebels took the two Trappists.

One is a physician. It is possible the rebels needed him to take care of their wounded.

The rebels claim they have nothing against clergymen and that Algerian Moslems, treat all churchmen with respect.

The superior of the Thibarine Monastery said: "Every day we pray for peace and happiness of all men. The rebels told us they knew we were doing our best to help the people."

SPECTATORS DIE

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. (AP)—Two stock cars, their wheels locked together, crashed into a crowd of spectators during a Fourth of July race, killing two women and injuring the two drivers.



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Tribal Congress Will Open Soon

PENDELTON (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield has invited members of all North American Indian tribes to attend a nine-day encampment here starting July 18. It will be one of the biggest Indian tribal congresses ever held in the Northwest.

The encampment will be at the Pendleton Round-Up grounds.

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Investments and Securities	3,221,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,160,594.66
Office Building and Equipment, less depreciation	247,269.03
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	4,303.94
	\$19,599,595.44

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	\$17,379,753.10
Loans in Process	330,163.36
Other Liabilities	127,396.63
Specific Reserves	16,185.57
General Reserves	\$1,381,159.01
Undivided Profits	364,937.77
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