

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
This weird modern world tale: Some time ago Eberhard W. Shorrig, a University of Washington researcher, ordered from his native Germany a copy of a book entitled *Satyricon* — written by one Gaius Petronius, a Roman who lived and wrote some 19 centuries ago. Mr. Shorrig wanted the book for his son, aged 18, to use in a classic literature course.

In due time, the book arrived in America — where, along with other imports, it came under the scrutiny of the Customs Bureau, where an alert official held it up on grounds of obscenity and wrote Mr. Shorrig asking his permission to destroy it. Mr. Shorrig demurred. He said the book could be found in classic libraries all over the country. He didn't think one more copy added to what we've got now would do irreparable harm.

The Customs Bureau stood pat. The book, it decreed, should be destroyed. The youth of our nation must be protected against contaminating influences.

So — Mr. Shorrig, being a rather determined character and having views of his own on the nature of the book in question, enlisted the aid of Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson, the state of Washington's junior senator, who went to the top, demanding a review of the situation at the highest level.

The upshot of it was that the Commissioner of Customs himself, after goodness only knows how much literary and moral research, countermanded the decision of his underling in the lower echelons of the customs service and ordered the release of the copy of *Satyricon* to Mr. Shorrig for the use of his son in his literary studies.

Hmmmmmmmm. It's a thorny problem, with many facets. Has the right of an intellectual freedom been upheld? Or have the morals of our nation been undermined? What shall we say? What shall we think?

In reaching a decision, it might help to know who this Petronius was and what his book was about. It isn't known when he was born, but he died about 66 A.D. He was called by Tacitus "Arbiter Elegantiarum" — that is, judge of elegance. He was director of court entertainment under the Emperor Nero. His *Satyricon* is his best known work. It is a fragmentary manuscript in prose and verse which is considered by the literary experts to be one of the first examples of the novel form. It gives a vivid, sardonic and extremely realistic picture of the luxuries, vices and social manners of Rome's Imperial Age.

According to Tacitus, the court entertainment provided by Petronius, in his official capacity as director, didn't sit too well with Nero and Petronius committed suicide to escape being put to death by the emperor, his boss. In view of the first magnitude, that might be taken as testimony to the good moral character of Petronius.

Anyway — Both Senator Jackson of Washington state and the august Commissioner of Customs in Washington D.C. have given him a clean bill of moral health.

Speaking personally, I doubt if *Satyricon* is any worse than a lot of the present-day scandal sheets, which circulate freely among us — maybe no worse than a modern metropolitan newspaper in a Big Burg where three or four newspapers are fighting for street sale circulation.

Also, I doubt if it could completely wreck our morals, for it is written in LATIN and not too many of our people go in for that kind of stuff read Latin with readiness and gusto.

So... don't rush off an order for a copy of it. When your copy arrives and you began to dip into it, you'd probably feel that you had been gypped.

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Blame Laid In Blast At Roseburg

WASHINGTON (AP)—The dynamic blast that shattered downtown Roseburg Aug. 7, resulted directly from violation of safety regulations, the Interstate Commerce Commission said Friday.

Thirteen persons were killed and 125 injured by the explosion. Property damage was estimated at 10 to 12 million dollars.

The blast with its attendant loss of life, personal injuries and severe property damage, was the direct result of an explosives-laden truck being left locked and unattended while parked on a public street in the congested portion of the city, the ICC's report said.

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Explosion Rips Asunder Titan Missile

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An explosion tore a giant intercontinental range Titan missile apart Saturday just as it was launched in an attempt to fire its second stage for the first time.

The 98-foot missile was engulfed by fire after it rose only a few feet from its launching pad. None of the 50 members of the launch crew in a block house 100 yards away was hurt.

As the countdown reached zero, fire belched from the base of the missile. The flames roared up the length of the Titan. It was quickly hidden by giant billows of black smoke.

The explosion sent up a mushroom cloud like that of an atom bomb. Several minutes later when the wind had pushed the smoke away, the service tower was a fire-blackened hulk. Nothing remained of the missile.

This was the second time a Titan exploded in a try to achieve second-stage ignition. The first occurred Aug. 14 when one of the big missiles blew apart much like the later one. That explosion was caused by a faulty release mechanism.

There was no immediate report on what caused Saturday's disaster.

The latest blowup was another bitter blow for the Titan, which is being developed as this nation's most powerful rocket.

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Local Control Over Local Welfare Looming As Distinct Possibility

Klamath County, All State Would Feel Change Effects

By TOM STIMMEL
The possibility of local control over local public welfare programs—a drastic departure from rigid state authority—appeared to have moved a first step toward reality this weekend.

The change, should it come about, would affect not only Klamath County but all of Oregon. It certainly would be a vision become fact for both the Klamath County Welfare Commission and the Klamath County Medical Society.

Indications that a change from state to local control was being considered arose from a meeting of the Legislative Interim Committee on Public Welfare here Friday and Saturday. The committee did not come to take sides or make immediate recommendations; it came to hear facts. Eventually, it will present its findings to the 1961 Legislature for action.

IT WAS FROM facts the committee heard, and from reactions to them, that the first feeble hints of a switch in authority were felt. Klamath County's doctors argued insistently against "rigid rules and regulations without realism." The doctors were vehemently supported by the county commission.

At the Saturday morning session, Miss Jeanne Jewett, state welfare administrator, indicated that the state administration felt some authority could be delegated to local levels without jeopardizing federal matching funds.

"We are moving toward a state supervised sort of thing, where the physicians are the decision makers," she said. Later she commented, "I think we have established here that the (state) commission is willing to go as far and as fast as it can to develop a program of that sort."

Dr. Ennis Keizer, a Coos Bay doctor and lay member of the legislative committee, reviewed components of a new plan tentatively proposed by Dr. James Stewart, medical consultant for the state commission, and observed, "It seems to me the intent of this whole program is to put it on the local level."

Earlier Dr. Keizer had said, "The attitude of the doctors in Klamath Falls is just a step or two ahead of the attitude of the rest of the state."

The next move may be a meeting here of the State Public Welfare Commission. Dr. Morton Goodman of Portland, only member of the state commission present, said he would suggest such a meeting sometime between now and March. Dr. Hugh Curran said an invitation to join the meeting, if received, would be brought before the Klamath County Medical Society. He did not say the society would attend.

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Consistory To Elevate 8 As Cardinals

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John XXIII will preside Monday at a secret consistory to elevate eight prelates of the Roman Catholic Church to its College of Cardinals.

Among them are two from the United States, both native sons of Milwaukee. They are Archbishop Albert Gregory Meyer of Chicago and Archbishop Alois Joseph Muench, until now Bishop of Fargo, N.D., and for several years since the end of the war the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to Germany.

Last week, the two cardinals-designate and future princes of the church met joyously at Rome's Ciampino air field when the Chicago Archbishop arrived for the consistory. Archbishop Muench had arrived earlier from Bonn.

With one exception, all the other six cardinals-designate are here for the consistory. The exception is Archbishop Paolo Marella, 64-year-old apostolic nuncio to France.

Following an old custom that exists between the Vatican and France, Archbishop Marella will receive official notification of his elevation to the College of Cardinals in Paris, where he will also receive his biretta from President Charles de Gaulle of France.

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Ike, Nehru Hold Meet On Major World Woes

NEW DELHI (AP)—President Eisenhower met last night with Prime Minister Nehru for a broad discussion of major problems perplexing Asia and the world.

The American president and the acknowledged leader of free Asia sat down together at a U.S. Embassy dinner given by Eisenhower in Nehru's honor.

There they plunged anew into the earnest discussion for which the Indian Prime Minister has displayed notable eagerness. Nehru, not ordinarily given to superlatives, unsparingly heaped praise upon Eisenhower as a "messenger of peace" and as an initiator of a "pilgrimage of peace."

It was in such an atmosphere, with the plaudits of thousands of Indians supplying an accompaniment, that the two leaders tackled the complex problems of the United States role in free Asia's future.

Earlier, the President's spectacular visit to this country led an Indian diplomat to predict it will open "a new chapter in world history."

M. C. Chagla, Indian ambassador to the United States, reported Prime Minister Nehru estimated the massive crowds that welcomed Eisenhower here Wednesday at 2½ million—three times the size of New Delhi's reception for Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1955.

The 2½ million figure is the biggest yet in estimates of the throngs which cheered, waved and crushed in upon the procession in which Eisenhower rode from the airport into New Delhi. Police had estimated 1½ million.

Eisenhower seized a chance Saturday for his first real daylight rest since the beginning of his goodwill tour of three continents ten days ago.

With only two formal functions on his schedule, he relaxed at the russet-colored mansion of India's President Rajendra Prasad and caught up on White House business he is conducting 9,300 miles from Washington.

Eisenhower, who is bearing up well under the strain of his grueling trip, meets Nehru twice Sunday.

The two leaders are expected to issue a communique summing up their talks before the President leaves for Iran Monday.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy today; Highs 43-48; low tonight 18-25.

High yesterday 47
Low last night 28

CRATER LAKE
New snow 12 in.
Snow depth 14 in.
Maximum Friday 31 degrees;
minimum Friday night 24 degrees.
Chains required for all travel into the park on Sunday. The rangers hoped to have the road from park headquarters to the rim plowed for travel by Sunday morning. It was snowing steadily on Saturday.

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A correspondent at Asuncion reported by telephone to Buenos Aires that all appeared quiet in the Paraguayan capital.

The call placed here was put through immediately.

The Asuncion report conflicted with information being broadcast by Buenos Aires radio stations, which said uprisings had occurred in Asuncion, Villarica, and Concepcion.

Information from the northern Argentine cities of Posadas and Clorinda said disturbances had broken out in the three Paraguayan cities at the moment rebel forces started their invasion.

New Jet Mark Set By AF Ship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new world speed record of 1,216 miles an hour for jet planes was claimed Saturday by the Air Force.

The old record of 1,100.426 m.p.h. was held by the French air force.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Moore, 45, set the record Friday over a 100-kilometer course at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in an F105 Thunderchief, flying at 36,000 feet.

Anchor Lost

PORT ARTHUR, Ont. (AP) — The new three-million-dollar government icebreaker Alexander Henry sailed last week and proudly dropped its one-ton anchor.

Skin divers are still looking for it.

The anchor apparently broke free of its chain. So the Alexander Henry had to moor at the dock.

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The group, made up of Swiss and Germans, included a 15-year-old girl and Baumann's wife, 25.

Several had to be transferred to mental homes for psychiatric treatment.

The estate compromised five

houses, a chapel with an altar dedicated to magic spirits, a movie theater and mechanical workshops.

New disciples, found by personal contact, were taken to the estate and told they had been chosen by the spirits to join the community.

They had to swear an oath of allegiance to the sect on an electrified book of magic which sent a heavy charge through their bodies.

Incoming disciples were required to turn over all their cash and belongings to Baumann. The officers found a small fortune in cash and valuables.

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