

By FRANK JENKINS
Did you ever hear of the Gordian knot?

It was tied by an ancient Phrygian king named Gordius. The oracles decreed that whoever could untie the knot would become ruler of all Asia. Many ambitious people tried to untie it, but without success. It was a complicated affair.

Then along came a Greek named Alexander, known to history as The Great. He took a look at the knot. It was a tangle. It seemed to defy untangling by human fingers. So Alexander drew his sword and CUT it.

And that was that.

Why go into all this?
Well, in naming an interim successor to Senator Richard L. Neuberger, Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon faced a knotty problem. It seemed to him that his interim appointee would have the inside track in the race for election as senator from Oregon. He didn't want to give ANYBODY the inside track. He wanted it to be a free field and no favors.

What to do?
In his dilemma, the legend of Alexander came to his mind. So he CUT the knot. He cut it by appointing Supreme Court Justice Hall S. Lusk to the interim term.

Judge Lusk is a distinguished Oregonian. He is ranked as one of the most scholarly justices to have served in the last quarter of a century on his state's highest court.

He is a lifelong Democrat, thus qualifying under the Oregon law requiring the appointee to be of the same political party as the individual formerly holding the office. He has lived in Oregon since 1909. He has served on the Oregon supreme court since 1937, having been appointed to that office by Governor Charles H. Martin, one of Oregon's most distinguished Democrats.

And—
He is in his middle 70's, and thus will be unapt to be bitten by the bug of political ambition—preferring, in all probability, to retire at the end of his interim appointment to the not unpleasant and quite distinguished status of a former U.S. senator from his chosen state.

Governor Hatfield is to be congratulated. By a statesmanlike decision, he has resolved what might have degenerated into a political Donnybrook Fair, with goodness only knows how many political heads broken.

Watch him.
He seems to have what it takes. He may go far.

Death Announced

MOSCOW (AP)—The death of Marshal Semyon Ilyich Bogdanov, 65, World War II hero and commander of Soviet armored forces from 1948 to 1955, was announced today.
The obituary, published in Moscow newspapers, was signed by Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Soviet military leaders. It said Bogdanov died unexpectedly Saturday but gave no details.

Letters Written By Bishop Read Like Anne Frank Diary

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—"They have isolated me as if I were a contagious leper."
"They are trying to tear the faith out of the hearts of priests and faithful."
Thus did Roman Catholic Bishop Simon Tsu describe his last, hard years in Communist China—years that brought increasing persecution, house arrest and finally death at the age of 91.

The two telling sentences were contained in letters smuggled from the churchman's closely guarded residence near Nanking. The Vatican released the entire correspondence today, more than a year after the last letter was received, saying it came from the pen of a "martyr."

Tsu, ordained by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as one of the first Chinese bishops, refused until the last to knuckle under to his country's new Communist masters.

He rejected attempts to persuade him to join the "Patriots"—a pseudo-religious organization designed to replace loyal Roman Catholic churchmen with those faithful to the Communist Party. Even when the Communists "retired" him in 1958, he refused to surrender the cross and ring which were symbols of his office under the Pope.

In many ways Bishop Tsu's letters read like the diary of Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who was forced to live with her family in an attic to escape Nazi persecution and who finally died in a concentration camp in the last days of World War II.

Some excerpts:
March 21, 1956: "Once Sept. 8, 1955 I have been denied all liberty."

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Red Sailors Arrive In Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Four Russian sailors who spent 49 days on a disabled landing craft in the Pacific arrived in the United States today and were greeted by a smiling Russian diplomat who planted hearty kisses on each man's cheek.

A helicopter lifted the four to San Francisco's Marina Green from the deck of the aircraft carrier Kearsarge, which found the young men adrift on March 6. Anatole Kardashev, second secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, said his government was proud of the sailors and the ordeal they survived. Each man had lost about 30 pounds.

"It is a good example of the strong spirit of our young people," Kardashev said.

Kardashev conveyed his thanks to the commander of the Kearsarge, Capt. R.L. Townsend, "on behalf of our embassy."

Approximately 50 newsmen—including three Russians—crowded around the Russians as they stepped off the helicopter.

The sailors said they were very grateful to the carrier crew and the U.S. government for their rescue.

Kardashev said the four will rest for a couple of days at a San Francisco hotel, then be flown by jet to New York. There they will rest for a week or two in a rest camp operated by the Soviet United Nations delegation before being flown to Moscow.

Kardashev was told by medical officers aboard the Kearsarge that the young men needed only rest and that there was no restriction on their diet.

The Russians, now sporting American-style crewcuts, were still pale from their ordeal. But they were beginning to regain the estimated 30 pounds each man lost when the sailors were forced to turn to shoe leather as the only source of food.

They were identified as Junior Sgt. Victor Ziganishin, 22; Pvt. Ivan Fedotov, 21; Anatoli Kruchkowi, 20; and Philip Poplavski, 20. The men were identified earlier as soldiers, but Soviet sailors working near shore wear army uniforms and carry army ranks.

The sailors still wore their green army uniforms when they were picked up by the Kearsarge about 800 miles from Midway Island. They said they were swept to sea by a storm during a training operation near the Kurile Islands on January 17.

Caught Flatfooted

TRENTON, N. J. (AP) — Sen. Walter H. Jones was caught flatfooted Monday when his name was called to talk about one of his bills. He had no idea which one it was. But Jones was equal to the occasion. "If I'm sponsoring it, it's a good bill," he said.

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HENRY L. TAYSON

KF Resident Seeks Post On KU Board

Henry L. Tayson, 33, 1635 Manzanita Street, filed a petition of candidacy Friday afternoon for a five-year term contested by Margaret Sheridan on the Klamath Union High School Board of Education.

Tayson worked four and one-half years as painter and bus driver at KUHS and resigned in February. He presently works for Bob Derby, painting contractor.

He says his main reason for filing is a desire to perform a civic duty he believes belongs to everyone. More people ought to run for such office, he says.

Secondly, Tayson believes he can help to budget school money more equitably. Too much money goes into some categories and not enough into the academic curriculum, he says.

Board members ought to take a closer look at the budget before submitting it to the voters. "I want to see a dollar's value for each one spent," he said.

He also believes he knows school problems—especially maintenance problems.

The 17 craft locals of the Building Trades Council of Oregon in the area have promised backing, Tayson says.

He says he will try for more wages for custodians and other non-teaching personnel. He has not studied current teacher salaries closely, so declined to comment on them.

Tayson has had little contact with the KUHS administration, therefore has not made up his mind about it, he says, but he has no complaints so far against the administration.

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Five Survive Crash Ordeal In Mountains

ELY, Nev. (UPI)—An injured Alaskan woman and her chipper grandson, who with three others survived nearly two days on a rugged, snow-clad Nevada mountain after their plane crashed, were brought into Ely by helicopter today.

The chopper then returned to 11,829-foot South Schell Peak, about 15 miles northeast of Ely, for the other survivors of Sunday's accident.

Paramedics said none of the five appeared seriously hurt.

Mrs. Wes Stoddard, wife of a veteran Anchorage, Alaska, bush pilot, was brought from the crash site, about 600 feet below the top of the peak, to the helicopter in a stretcher for the 20-minute flight to the Ely Airport.

When she was removed from the chopper, she opened her left eye—her right appeared to be injured—and spoke briefly but offered no explanation why the plane, piloted by her husband, hit the mountain.

The grandson, Randy Combee, 6, hopped from the helicopter and insisted "I'm okay." He looked ill, too.

"I wasn't really cold," he said. "I was hungry for a while, but I finally got some milk."

Still to be taken from the mountain were Stoddard, his aunt, Mrs. Joseph V. Lee, Heyburn, Idaho, and his daughter, Mrs. Horace Combee, 28, Randy's mother.

Darwin Lambert, editor of the Ely Daily Times who flew over the wreckage in the moonlight early today to guide two skiers to the scene, said the plane "is twisted and will never fly again."

He said the five apparently had adequate protection in a cabin.

The skiers, William Kohlmoos and John Baranca, said Stoddard was "injured some." Mrs. Combee had either frozen or frost-bitten feet, and Mrs. Lee "was hurt, we couldn't tell how much."

They added Stoddard "didn't want to talk about the accident itself and we didn't press him."

The plane crashed Sunday morning, apparently about an hour after taking off from Burley, Idaho, in a storm on a planned three-hour flight to Las Vegas, and on to Tucson, Ariz. It was spotted late Monday by Capt. Carl Ooley of the Nevada CAP, who dropped food and triggered the rescue operation.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing tonight. Fair and warmer Wednesday. Low to night 25-39; high Wednesday 46-52.

High yesterday 43
Low last night 20
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 5.96
Same period last year 3.77
Low in area, Klamath Falls 20

Northern California — Fair through Wednesday except light rain on the coast. Cooler in the northern mountains Wednesday. Windy near the coast.

CRATER LAKE
High yesterday 33
Low last night 15
8 a.m. today 24
Snow now 2
Snow depth 111

A strong wind was blowing from the north this morning and it was snowing in the park. Chains were advised for travel over Highway 62 through the park and required for the Annie Sniffers check station to the rim. Snowfall this season has been 309 inches compared with 282.5 inches for the same period last year.

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Coffee Price Hike

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The knights of the road no longer will be able to ask, "Say, buddy, got a ding for a coffee?" When they reach Los Angeles—they'll have to ask for 15 cents.

That's the new price for a hot cup of java at most Los Angeles restaurants starting today.

Robert M. Riley, general manager of the Southern California Restaurant Assn., said the hike from 10 or 12 cents to 15 cents for a cup of coffee in most of the city's 5,000 restaurants was due mainly to a 7 per cent pay increase to restaurant employees.

BULLETIN

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—The N. J. Child Welfare Board today announced it will allow Mr. and Mrs. Richard Combs to adopt Alice Marie, their precocious state ward, if they wish.

The board said it met today to discuss the case which has caused worldwide interest.

It said it feels its original decision not to let the Combs adopt Alice Marie was right, but that the situation has changed in the two years since.

The board originally rejected the Combs as adoptive parents of Alice Marie on grounds she had superior intelligence and they were not suited to develop her talents.

Sugar Action Set By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower plans to ask Congress for discretionary authority to raise or lower sugar import quotas. The time for action, however, is indefinite.

The President also plans to ask Congress shortly for immigration legislation which would approximately double the 154,000 immigrants allowed to enter the country annually.

Republican congressional leaders disclosed the administration programs for sugar and immigration after their regular weekly meeting with the chief executive.

Both subjects probably will be covered in special messages to Congress.

The discretionary power to change sugar import quotas, said Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, would apply to all foreign countries except the Philippines. He declined to go so far as to say, however, that any provisions of the administration's new sugar legislation are specifically aimed at Cuba.

The proposed discretionary authority for the chief executive, he said, is not necessarily a result of the Cuban situation.

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Supreme Court Vet Chosen New Senator

Justice Lusk Will Serve Until Nov. 8; Governor Terms Move One Of 'Fair Play'

SALEM (AP)—Justice Hall Stoner Lusk, 76, a 23-year veteran of the Oregon Supreme Court, was appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield today to succeed the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

Luke Neuberger, Lusk is a Democrat.

Lusk will serve until Nov. 8, general election day. The people will elect a senator to serve from election day to next Jan. 3, and one to serve the six years beginning Jan. 3.

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Pioneer V On Target

WASHINGTON (UPI)—America's Pioneer V sun satellite, its radio voice signaling loud and clear, streaked farther into space today charting the way for future interplanetary travelers.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said the 94.8-pound "Paddlewheel" satellite was 644,430 miles away by noon p.m., heading for a centuries-long orbit around the sun between earth and Venus.

The beachball-sized sphere has long since broken the long distance radio communications record of 407,000 miles set by the first U.S. solar satellite, Pioneer IV.

Pioneer V's tiny five-watt transmitter was performing perfectly, NASA said. An official who heard its voice relayed by long distance telephone from a tracking station said it was a pure, high-pitched, sustained tone unmarred by any static sounds.

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