

By FRANK JENKINS
Bouncing back in these chronicles, Reno came rather late into Western history. In his fabulous winter trip southward from Klamath Marsh in 1843, Fremont must have passed close to the site of the Biggest Little City in the World, for he entered the Carson Valley, which is named for his famous scout, Kit Carson—for whom Kit Carson Way in Klamath Falls is also named.

From the Carson Valley, Fremont crossed the Sierra in midwinter, with horses—a fabulous feat—and came out at Sutter's Fort, the site of what is now Sacramento.

In his 1843 expedition to the West, Fremont brought along a small cannon. It was fired only once—at Klamath Marsh. The Indians there were getting a little hostile in their attitude, and Captain Fremont thought it might be a good idea to fire the cannon over the river. He relates in his journal that the roar of the gun itself and the bang of the shell when it exploded accomplished the desired result. The Indians promptly quieted down.

That brings up a sad personal story. Many years ago, Forrest Cooper and this writer conceived the idea of locating the little cannon, which Fremont abandoned before tackling the crossing of the Sierra through the deep snows of winter, and presenting it to the Klamath County Historical Museum, where it rightly belongs.

After considerable research, we came to the conclusion that it must be somewhere within a circle maybe 20 miles in diameter in the Carson Valley. But we procrastinated. Several years went by.

Then . . . one summer . . . a search party from Carson City LOCATED it at almost the exact spot our research had indicated it should be. The little gun is now in the Carson City Museum.

Were our faces red when we heard what had happened!

Getting back to the subject of this piece, the site of Reno slumbered along peacefully for years. The pony express, which passed by it, came and went. The War Between the States ran its bloody course and ended.

Then, one fateful day, a party of miners, exasperated by the black sand they kept finding, had an assay made and the assay revealed that the black sand was rich in silver. That was the start of the Comstock Lode, which made roaring history.

But the history centered chiefly at Virginia City. A part in Virginia City's history was played by Mark Twain, who came West and started a newspaper there. The newspaper still lives on in the Territorial Enterprise, now published by Lucius Beebe.

Somewhere along in Virginia City's glittering and turbulent history, it entertained the remnant of the fabulous Left Wing of Price's rebel army, which refused to surrender and took off intact into the Wild West.

Many of its members stayed on in Virginia City, and labored in the shafts and the drifts of the Comstock Lode. Others wandered on, and some of them are reported to have reached the Rogue River valley and settled there. A considerable body came on northward, and many of them settled in the Surprise Valley, over the ridge to the east from Alturas. Others are reported to have got as far north as Umatilla county, where they settled down.

Somebody ought to write a history of the wanderings of this fabulous body of men. Or, better perhaps, write a novel built around them. What a story it would make!

So, you see, Reno did blabber its toes in the stream of history, but it didn't begin to crash the front pages in a big way until the Nevada divorce laws came along. Wide-open gambling in Nevada added to its stature as a news source. But Reno really came into its own when it was discovered that the show business and gambling tend to wash each other's hands in a business way.

That helped in a big way to enable Reno to live up to its slogan of the Biggest Little City in the World.

**5 Die, 12 Hurt
In Texas Fire**

FREEPORT, Tex. (AP)—Five men suffered fatal injuries and 12 others were hurt Monday when a piece of equipment ruptured and started a fire at the Dow Chemical Co.

Robert Earl Hubbard, 36, Lake Jackson, Tex., died today of the effects of chlorine gas. Others killed were Frank Smalley, 41; George Francis Mohr, 39; Charles B. Conn, 39; and Howard Glenn Walker, 45, all of Freeport or vicinity.

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity — Generally fair with variable clouds today. Showers and periods of partial clearing tonight and Wednesday. High today 45-60 and Wednesday 50-56. Low tonight 34-44.

High yesterday 59
Low last night 33
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 0.59



IRON GATE DAM is gradually taking shape in the Klamath River Canyon about 10 miles above Hornbrook. Morrison and Knudsen are constructing the dam at a cost of about \$6,600,000 and it is expected that the dam will be on the line by late 1961, producing an estimated 18,000 kilowatts of power. — Photo by J. O. McKinney

More Firms Are Seized By Castro

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro's government today confiscated the most valuable remaining American-owned firms in Cuba to retaliate for the United States embargo on most exports to Cuba.

A new nationalization decree ordered the seizure of 167 firms, leaving 213 American companies untouched.

The State Department said it represents another step by Prime Minister Fidel Castro's regime to exploit the Cuban people for foreign political purposes.

Most of those still not in government hands are comparatively small, and U.S. officials estimate their value at probably no more than \$25 million.

This is exclusive, however, of the \$85 million Moa Bay Mining Co., which was not confiscated although it has been controlled by the government under intervention for months. There was no explanation for why Moa Bay was not seized outright.

The confiscation order covered most of the \$250 million in American property left here. Before Castro's government started its wholesale seizures, American citizens were estimated to have owned or controlled a billion dollars worth of property in this island nation of six million people.

The latest government decree cited Washington's recent embargo on all American exports to Cuba except food and medicine. The decree called the embargo "exceptional aggressiveness" and "designed to strangle our economy."

Among the firms nationalized were Sears Roebuck, Woolworth's and the operating firm for the U.S. government's Nicaro nickel plant, which has a \$110 million book value.



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Dance Party

The Moose Lodge, Women of the Moose and a number of business firms will sponsor the annual Youth Honor Day dancing party on Halloween night, Monday, October 31.

Students of Klamath Union High School, Sacred Heart Academy and Henley High School are invited to dance to music of the Starlighters from 8 p.m. to midnight. The dance will be chaperoned by members of the Klamath County Sheriff's posse, the Moose Lodge, Women of the Moose, and the American Recording Industry.

Participating firms include Ralph's Gun Shop, Schulze Tire Shop, Jerry's Drive In, Herald and News, Motor Machine Service, Specialized Service, Marguerite, C. P. and Willard W. Ward, Nyback's Flower Fair.

Admission will be by a signed pledge card. Cards have been distributed to students of the invited schools.

The pledge reads, "I pledge, on my honor as a citizen of my community, not to deface, mutilate or destroy any property or perform any act harmful to others during the Halloween season."

Prestige Probe Set

WASHINGTON (UPI)—House investigators launched a politically potent inquiry today in an effort to find out whether government reports on U.S. prestige abroad have been withheld on White House orders.

A spokesman said the House government information subcommittee expected a report on the subject today from U.S. Information Agency (USIA) Director George V. Allen.

The spokesman said the USIA had invoked "executive privilege" and withheld from Congress recent studies of America's standing abroad. He said the monthly polls usually are classified and not released to the public, but in the past they have been made available to Congress.

Executive privilege usually is invoked on orders from the White House.

Soviets Write Off Disarm Talk

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union virtually wrote off the current U.N. disarmament debate today by declaring that the only way of solving the arms problem is to convene a special session of the General Assembly next spring at the summit level.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin made a new appeal to the Western powers to accept the Soviet approach, but he said "it is becoming increasingly evident that at present the United States is not ready to hold productive negotiations on disarmament."

Zorin told the assembly's 99-nation Political Committee that if the Western powers fail to heed his latest appeal to agree on a treaty for general and complete disarmament "we shall have no other choice but to terminate our participation in the discussion of the disarmament problem" in the committee.

Zorin repeated earlier Soviet charges that the Western powers are using the arms race "as a screen for covering up the policy of the arms race and brinkmanship."

The new Soviet intervention came quickly after British Minister of State David Ormsby-Gore firmly rejected the Soviet approach Monday in a major speech.

U.S. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth also had insisted earlier that the Western powers were standing behind their own plan for a more gradual approach to disarmament and their demands for foolproof inspection safeguards.

Zorin said the peoples of the world are following the U.N. discussions closely and they see "the realistic program of general and complete disarmament proposed by the Soviet Union" and that "the United States and other Western powers stubbornly refuse to accept this program or even to discuss it in detail."

"Such a situation," he said, "cannot but raise serious alarm and concern of the peoples."



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Copco — PPL?

Copco President Discounts Talks

Talk of a possible merger of Pacific Power and Light Company of Portland and the California Oregon Power Company was discounted Tuesday morning by A. S. Cummins, president of Copco.

Cummins said that PPL had indicated an interest in the merger several months ago and that preliminary talks had been held by officials of both firms, but that nothing has been finalized or even definite in the discussion.

Dr. R. McClung, president of Pacific Power and Light Company, said, "A study of the possibilities is being made, but our board has taken no action on this matter."

"Paul McKee, chairman of the PPL Board, is anxious to have a joint study made," Cummins said, "but we are not interested at all in such a joint study. We have advised him that if his board wants to submit an offer of merger to us, we would submit it to our stockholders with our recommendation."

If the offer is found inadequate, we would so advise McKee, and if he still wanted our stockholders to pass on it, we would submit it to them with our recommendation."

Cummins also indicated that his company lacked enthusiasm in the proposed merger. "We have nothing to sell, and the management here is not interested in a merger. We can't see any advantage to such a merger, but apparently PPL can. They apparently feel that more capital can do bigger and better things over the years."

"We operate on the theory that we are independent," the Copco president said, "we have an independent power supply, but McKee apparently wants to see what can be done about a merger."

He continued, "We expect that within the next 30 to 60 days we will receive an offer of merger. We will then give it full consideration."

The question of employees was carefully discussed in the preliminary discussions between the two firms, and Cummins emphasized that regardless of what action is taken on the merger, the employees will not be disturbed.

When questioned about present construction under way by California Oregon Power Company, Cummins indicated that if the merger developed, Pacific Power and Light would probably want to speed up and possibly expand construction.

At present, Copco is constructing the Iron Gate Dam, about 10 miles above Hornbrook in the Klamath River Canyon.

It is expected that this dam will be in operation in late 1961.

**Coroner's Jury
Releases Man**

A coroner's jury Monday night decided that no crime was committed in connection with the death of John Wesley Bowen, 43-year-old Klamath Falls man who died early Saturday morning following a fight in front of a local cafe.

The jury, under the jurisdiction of Klamath County Coroner Dr. J. Martin Adams, ruled that the death was a result of an altercation between Bowen and Lee Atkins, 42, Edgewood, California.

The inquest was held in Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. Members of the six-man jury were George Flitteraft, Nick Carter, Paul O. Landry, W. A. Brock, Paul Robertson and Eldon D. Peterson, all of Klamath Falls.

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**Price Of Gold
Hikes Again**

LONDON (AP)—The price of gold on the London bullion market opened at \$37.80 an ounce today and quickly jumped to \$38.36.

Monday's closing price was \$37.80.

The rush to buy gold, which began last week, persisted despite official denials that the United States plans to increase its bullion price of \$35 an ounce.



THERE ARE NO BAYONETS nor barbed wire to prevent the free movements of those who live in the United States and Livio Valdemanin, right, 16, exchange student from Italy, is learning what freedom means. He is learning also what an important part the United Nations plays in world affairs and of the friendliness of the American people for other countries. In observance of United Nations Day, Livio, a student at Klamath Union High School, presented histories of his home town, Gradisca, Italy, and the town where he attended school, Gorizia, Italy, to Mayor Lawrence Slater. The illustrated volumes were sent by the mayors of the two towns, accompanied by letters of gratitude to Mayor Slater and the people of Klamath Falls. Livio makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lindley. He is called Joe, and now has a crew cut.

New Budget For Congo Given U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld today laid before the General Assembly a budget of \$66 million to finance the U.N. Congo operation for 1960.

The long-awaited estimates cover the period from July, when the U.N. operation began, to the end of the year. An additional \$100 million or more is expected to be requested later for the 1961 budget.

The Congo costs already have been the subject of hot debate in the assembly's 99-nation Budgetary Committee, where Soviet bloc delegates have announced they will not contribute anything to what they call the "dirty role" of the United Nations in the Congo.

The secretary-general has indicated that the funds should be raised by assessments on the member nations on the same scale as their regular budgetary assessments.

Hammarskjöld said in today's report that his current source of money for the Congo, the working capital fund of \$25 million, is now nearing depletion and new money will have to be found quickly to avert a U.N. financial crisis.

He asked for authority to borrow at current interest rates from other available sources to meet pressing operating costs. He said he was not prepared at this time to give estimates of costs beyond Jan. 1.

Consequently, he said, it is the secretary-general's intention to state these requirements in the form of monthly estimates and an estimate of the cost which would be involved if the entire U.N. force is withdrawn during the coming year.

MacKay said last night he has been ordered to report to Immigration officials Wednesday for deportation to his native Canada, which he left when he was 21.

Mackie's attorneys said they understood he is to be deported Sunday to Finland. He was born in Finland while his parents were on a trip there, and came to the United States when he was eight months old.

Relatives gave me \$125 and that's about what I'll have to go on if I'm deported to Canada," said MacKay, a carpenter. He said he was greatly troubled about the prospect of finding work.

He said he had no friends in Canada, no relatives, and added: "The American people themselves are mostly all good people. I have no enmity toward them. I feel no bitterness toward the country as a whole—just toward the reactionary elements within the country which passed the laws against the people."

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Shooting Times
OREGON
October 26
6:00 a.m.—5:15 p.m.
CALIFORNIA
October 26
6:01 a.m.—5:08 p.m.

The presidential campaign, entering the final two weeks, was marked today by blunter words and angrier charges as the candidates stumped long hours for the support of crucial states.

Democratic nominee John F. Kennedy scheduled 20 speeches during his second grueling day in Illinois. State Democratic leaders were enthusiastic about his showing Monday. Sen. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., predicted Kennedy would capture the state's 27 electoral votes.

GOP candidate Richard M. Nixon, making a whistle-stop tour in a 16-car train, arranged appearances in Ohio, which has an important bloc of 25 electoral votes, and in West Virginia. He makes his first nationwide paid political TV speech of the campaign to-night from Cincinnati.

In a speech prepared for Marietta, Ohio, the vice president kept up his charge that Kennedy was playing loose with the truth concerning U.S. prestige abroad. The Democratic nominee, Nixon said, "has been trying to win this election by recklessly downgrading the United States. He has done this with misleading statements, with misrepresentations, with half-truths."

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Friendly Lion

AMELINGTON, Tex. (UPI)—Nemo took a walk and it scared the chickens out of A. J. Rankin and his friends.

It happened Monday when Rankin, an engineer for Texas and Pacific Railroad, took Charles L. Curran and two other men out to survey some property.

The grass in the field was about three feet tall. Curran stooped to adjust some of the gear they were using when he heard one of the others scream: "Look out, Charlie. There's a lion that's going to jump on you."

The four men made the 1,000 feet back to their car in a dead heat.

Later, it was learned Nemo the lion is a one-year-old pet of V. C. Masters and is generally kept in a cage in his office at Masters Electric Company. Once in a while he takes a walk for a little air.

Nemo has had his big fangs taken out, and has been de-clawed.

He is well liked by most of the residents of the area and probably just wanted to make friends. But Rankin and Curran and their companions didn't want an introduction.

They didn't finish their survey either.

Six Perish In W.Va. Fire

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (UPI)—Six persons were killed early today when fire swept a two-story dwelling here.

The dead were Mrs. Ray McWilliams, 47; her four children, Patricia Ann, 12; Robert, 10; Johnny, 9, and Billy Joe, 8, and a granddaughter, Brenda Lee King, 3 months.

Sailor Says 'Get Tough'

NEW YORK (AP)—The Estonian sailor who fled from Soviet Premier Khrushchev's liner Balika says the West should "demand more from the Kremlin and yield less to false maneuvers."

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