

By FRANK JENKINS
In these sketchy chronicles of the Southwest, let's talk about roads today.

I suppose one of the fastest roads in the United States is from Reno to Las Vegas. It's fast for two reasons. One is that the people who travel it—the whole distance, that is—are in a hurry. It's 455 miles from the gambling and night club metropolis of Northern Nevada to the gambling and night club metropolis of Southern Nevada, and nearly everybody wants to make it in one day. And the night life of Reno is not such as to promote early morning departures.

And nobody wants to get into Vegas late. Speed is the answer to the problem.

The other reason is that for the most part the road is straight—especially from Tonopah on. Speed on this route is reasonably safe because traffic is light. Add to that the fabulous smoothness of the pavement. There is hardly a bump in the whole 455 miles.

Add the further fact that most of the time you can see ahead for 15 or 20 miles and off to one side clear to the foot of the nearest mountain and you can understand why there is little loitering along the way.

Besides, Nevada is broad-minded about speed, as about many other things. You waste little time looking for traffic cops. The general idea seems to be that whatever your car will do is the speed limit.

If you are one of the few who have no date with Destiny in Las Vegas, you cross the Colorado at Hoover Dam, some 20-odd miles south of Vegas. The dam serves two purposes. It backs up the water in the Colorado, so that power can be extracted from it, and it serves also as a bridge.

If you are a hard-boiled Republican, you will recall that the dam was projected by the GOP and was named for President Hoover. There came then 1932 and the Roosevelt administration. FDR changed the name to Boulder Dam. It stayed Boulder Dam until the Republicans got back into power. They promptly changed it back to Hoover Dam. What will happen after the election that is due on the 8th of next month remains to be seen.

It is worth recalling that when Hoover Dam was being projected Nevada slipped a cog. While it was looking the other way, Arizona and California gobbled most of the power. Worse still, they gobbled the bulk of the WATER.

As a result, Las Vegas is surrounded by a vast and arid plain, whereas it MIGHT have been surrounded by a green and lovely land—for the soil is fertile.

There's a lesson in that for us of the State of Jefferson. When the water is being portioned out, let's make very sure we're not looking the other way.

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Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Freeze warning. Showers and brief periods of partial clearing this afternoon, partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Thursday. High 48-54. Lows tonight 26-32. High yesterday 69. Low last night 27. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 0.56. Same period last year 0.33.

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Northern California—Showers in the mountains today; otherwise partly cloudy today; fair tonight and Thursday; cooler most of the area through Thursday.

Mount Shasta-Siskiyou — Few showers today; snow level 4,200 feet; fair tonight and Thursday; cooler today and tonight.

Withdraw Troops, Congolese Boss Told

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—The United Nations curtly ordered Col. Joseph Mobutu today to withdraw his unruly soldiers from this terrorized Congolese capital.



RON PHAIR

Ron Phair Rally Dinner Set Friday

Plans are being completed for the Ron Phair rally dinner to be held Friday, starting at 6 p.m. at the Klamath Auditorium, according to Norm Duffy, campaign chairman for the Republican candidate for Congress.

"We've set the start of serving for 6 p.m.," Duffy said, "to permit local football fans to attend and still get to Modoc Field for the kickoff of the Pelicans' homecoming game."

Dinner speaker will be Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) who will arrive by automobile from Ashland about 5 p.m. He will be accompanied by Lowell Padgett, Republican national committee member from Portland; Mrs. Collis Moore, Republican national committeewoman from Moro, and Mrs. Helen Daughtrey, vice chairman of the Oregon State Republican Central Committee.

The visitor will depart by plane shortly after 8 p.m. Friday. Most of the food for the dinner has been contributed and a volunteer staff will serve and act as hosts for the event. There will be a choice of roast beef and salmon, salads, baked potatoes, rolls, hot coffee and dessert.

Phair is slated for a brief talk on some of the important issues of the election.

Tickets are on sale for \$2 from most of the committee members, by calling Klamath County Republican headquarters, TU 2-6100, and will be available at the door of the auditorium.

Exasperated U.N. officials say the challenge comes mainly from Belgian officers who have rejoined Congolese army units and are working behind the scenes to hamstring the current U.N. objectives.

Senior officers of the 19,000-strong U.N. force view the development as a threat to the Congo's public order and a danger to world peace.

The Belgian officers—like their civilian colleagues in the Congolese government offices—have two main objectives.

One is to prevent at all cost the return to power of Communist-leaning ex-Premier Patrice Lumumba and the other is to preserve as far as possible the privileged position of Belgian commercial interests in the Congo.

The presence of the U.N. force is a threat to both these objectives. The U.N. mission is bound by its charter to uphold parliamentary democracy. In the nation's political turmoil this inevitably favors Lumumba. And, among all the squabbling political leaders, only Lumumba is likely to upset the 80-year-old Belgian commercial hegemony.

The Congolese army—which U.N. mission chief Rajeshwar Dayal of India calls a "disorganized rabble"—is bitterly divided within itself. Prominent U.N. officials say it is held together only with the help of the Belgian officers and money provided by Belgian firms operating in the Congo.

Despite secret Belgian aid and advice reported by the U.N., Congolese soldiers frequently seem out of control. They have been seen mercilessly beating civilians and stripping women in public in areas under their domination. Ten persons were killed by rampaging soldiers in a Leopoldville suburb Saturday and two more were reported killed Tuesday.

Belgian staff officers have reappeared in army camps where little more than three months ago soldiers mutinied against their Belgian officers and raped many of their wives.

And 36 Congolese cadets were sent to a Belgian military academy a few days ago against the will of the U.N. mission.

Tax Collections

SALEM (AP)—State tax collections in July, August and September totaled \$20,109,250, compared with \$20,842,478 in the same three months of last year, the state Tax Commission said Tuesday.

Personal income tax receipts totaled \$17,260,383, a drop of \$1,200,000.



GULLS HAVE TAKEN over the A Canal of the Klamath Irrigation District, paddling about in the still, shallow water. Service to KID water users was discontinued for the 1960 season on October 15. A Canal carries water to the southern part of the Klamath Basin. Picture was taken near Klamath Union High School.

White House Backs USIA

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The White House acknowledged today that the U.S. Information Agency prepared a secret report on American prestige overseas and backed up the agency's refusal to let Congress see it.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the report was "an internal, low level staff paper similar to many others that are prepared" by the agency's staff.

Hagerty said the paper was labeled "secret" under policies approved by the President pertaining to internal working papers of the executive branch.

The question of American prestige abroad has become one of the major issues of the presidential campaign.

Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential nominee, said Tuesday that the USIA report confirms his contention that U.S. prestige abroad has fallen.

Hagerty did not say anything about the contents of the report. Regarding "the President's position" on the prestige issue, he referred newsmen "to many of his public statements."

"This is the President speaking from his knowledge of all of the facts and not just from a working paper prepared by" staff members of one agency, Hagerty said.

Meanwhile, House investigators charged that the report on U.S. prestige abroad was being "hidden" until after the election.

They planned to question more USIA employees on the subject.

Living Cost Hikes Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—Living costs rose two-tenths of 1 per cent in September to a record high. The Labor Department's living cost index went to 128.8 per cent of the 1947-49 base period. This is 1.3 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Practically every group of major consumer costs increased except for costs of new and used automobiles. Auto prices were down due to additional dealer discounts.

Higher prices for housing and seasonal clothing cost increases exerted the most significant upward pressures between August and September.

Ship Wreckage

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP)—Splintered wreckage of the Two Brothers, a 42-foot fishing boat crewed by four Pacific Grove men, washed up on rocks near Monterey Tuesday.

Two bodies were picked up by the Coast Guard, which said the Two Brothers apparently ran into heavy fog Monday and smashed on the rocks.

Both Sides Say Opponent Dodges Campaign Issues

By United Press International
Presidential opponents Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy accused each other today of ducking in campaign speeches topics that might lose votes.

Nixon planned at least eight stops in a whistle-stop trip through rural and industrial sections of Ohio. This is the GOP nominee's second consecutive day of stumping for the state's big bloc of 25 electoral votes.

Democratic candidate Kennedy ended a back-breaking two-day campaign through Illinois and invaded Detroit and other Michigan cities in quest of that state's 20 electoral votes.

His aides were pleased with his reception in normally Republican strongholds surrounding Chicago.

Nixon began the new day of blunt charge-trading by questioning Kennedy's political courage for having fallen "so strangely silent" on the Democratic farm program.

"Could it be that once again his political nerve has failed him?" Nixon asked in a speech prepared for delivery in Springfield, Ohio. The GOP candidate repeated his charge that his rival's program would boost food costs, and suggested Kennedy lacked the "political courage" to estimate how grocery prices would be affected.

Kennedy accused his opponent of a "political coverup" on American prestige abroad. He called on Nixon to make public a government survey which published reports said showed that foreign countries consider Russia the world's mightiest military power.

"Perhaps this incident of political coverup will remind us that it is time to face, not hide, the facts about our situation, both at home and abroad," Kennedy said in a speech prepared for delivery in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

He charged the Eisenhower administration with "suppression of the truth" on other matters previously.

Kennedy charged Tuesday night that Nixon had "seriously misled the American people" about the reported prestige survey.

The government contends that the two men are aliens and that they once were members of the Communist Party. That would make them eligible for deportation under the McCarran-Walter Act.

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Price Of Gold Drops \$1.40

LONDON (AP)—The price of gold on London's bullion market was fixed at \$36.40 an ounce for the start of dealings today—down \$1.40 from Tuesday's close.

The price hit a peak of \$40.60 in frenzied speculative buying last week. This compared with the U.S. Treasury's official price of \$35 an ounce.

One of the five dealers who fix the London price said the start of each day's trade said this morning's decline did not mean that the speculative bubble has burst.

"The fall was caused by some moderate selling, but this was mainly to test the strength of the market," he told a reporter.

"There are still many inquiries from the Continent and considerable buying interest persists."

Tidal Wave Hits Homes

ROCKAWAY, Ore. (AP)—It was an eerie sensation, George Harriman said, as he stood in his beach home and watched the huge wave ride the crest of a high tide. The wave came on and on, and then smashed into the house.

"My picture window is 5 by 8 and you couldn't see out for the water. It was clear above the window and the water broke the window and came right on in," he said.

Harriman's home was one of four knocked off their foundations Tuesday by the wave that crashed in from the sea and for a time covered streets of this coastal resort with two feet of water.

Only minor injuries were reported, but damage was widespread. Harriman said the inside of the house was ruined and estimated damage at \$10,000. Streets were littered with debris. Two feet of water poured through a service station. One of the damaged houses was washed 50 feet and came to rest astride railroad tracks.

The wave hit the southern part of the town at a high tide Tuesday afternoon, and for an hour more smaller waves sloshed over a small bank that stands between the town and the beach.

It came at the height of a storm that lashed the area with winds that carried gusts up to 40 miles an hour. Other coastal towns escaped the wave, the Coast Guard said.

One of those injured was Harriman's 59-year-old wife. She was knocked down by the water, washed through the house and suffered bruises and cuts from broken glass.

She was taken to a hospital. Her condition was reported as fair.

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OTI Role Outlined By Hatfield

SALEM (AP)—The state Board of Higher Education said Tuesday that the highest priority should be given to its proposal to increase faculty salaries 14.3 per cent in the next two-year budget period.

It told Gov. Mark Hatfield that if the Legislature cut the board's appropriation request, the cuts should be made by reducing the student-teacher ratio.

But the board said the present ratio should be maintained if at all possible.

Hatfield said the board's request for between \$8 million and \$10 million would have to be slashed if the people vote in November against the 40 million bond issue for state buildings.

Such a negative vote, he said, would mean that the people want to prune the building program.