

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington:

A nation once torn asunder by a civil war opened the 100th anniversary of that tragic era Sunday with solemn pageantry and prayer. One theme was dominant in these opening ceremonies of our Civil War Centennial:

Our nation has been able to RE-UNITE itself after the war.

A solemn thought:
Suppose our nation HADN'T been able to reunite itself after these four years of bloody war.

In that event, this nation of ours wouldn't now be the UNITED STATES of America, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. At the very least, it would be TWO nations. It is highly probable that if our nation HADN'T been able to reunite itself after the Civil War the area that is now the United States of America would be broken up into an unpredictable number of small nations, somewhat comparable to Europe.

We sometimes think that things are in a mess. But WHAT A MESS it would have been if that had happened.

Why Sunday, January 8, as the opening date of our Civil War Centennial, when the actual shooting start of the war didn't come until three months later, when Confederate troops shelled Fort Sumter in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina?

The answer is that President Eisenhower chose the Star of the West incident as the date for the opening of the Centennial. The Star of the West was a Union supply ship en route to Fort Sumter with supplies designed to strengthen the federal forces there. It was fired on by South Carolina cadets and turned around and returned to its base in the north.

At the time of the Star of the West incident, South Carolina was alone in secession. It had taken the bull by the horns, had withdrawn from the Union and had set itself up as an independent republic. Its ordinance of secession was adopted on December 20, 1860.

The shelling of Fort Sumter started on April 12, 1861.

How did it all happen?

The answer is tragically simple.

THE HOTHEADS TOOK CONTROL.

The lesson of it all?
We mustn't EVER AGAIN, no matter what the provocation, permit the hotheads to gain control and push us into tragic decisions that could be avoided by giving more time to cooler heads.

New Storm Hits State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Another storm rolled into Oregon today, but it lacked the force of a weekend storm that killed three men and blew down power and telephone lines, signboards and fences.

Western Oregon bore the brunt of a Saturday storm with wind gusts up to 80 miles an hour at Eugene, where the three men were killed.

They were atop a store roof, trying to fasten it down, when a gust blew the roof off.

The victims were James MacSkeeters, 34, owner of the grocery store; a brother, Marvin Wayne Skeeters, 35, who operated an auto repair shop next door; and Willis Paddock, 34, an auto mechanic.

The main section of the roof fell about 80 feet from the building. The bodies of two of the men were blown more than 100 feet from the building. The body of the third was 192 feet away.

Seven small airplanes at Eugene's Malon Sweet Field were torn loose from their moorings and flipped over by the wind. Lines were blown down and trees were uprooted throughout the Willamette Valley and coastal region. Highway 58 through the Willamette Pass was blocked by fallen trees for several hours Saturday night.

Finally Made It

DETROIT (AP)—The Army has Brian Stott, 10 years after its first try.

Back in 1951 Brian received his greetings. Since he was only 13 years old, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stott, asked the Army to reconsider.

Someone else, it was found, had registered for the draft under Brian's name and address.

Brian, now 22, recently got another letter from Uncle Sam. There was no mistake this time. He left Saturday night for Ft. Knox, Ky.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Mostly cloudy with occasional showers tonight. Highs about 30. Low tonight 30-35.

High Sunday 45
Low last night 29
Precip past 24 hours02
Since Oct. 1 5.21
Same period last year 1.57

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Mt. Shasta - Siskiyou area — Cloudy with little temperature change through Tuesday.

Northern California—Cloudy in north through Tuesday with local night and morning drizzle; fog in central area except fair most areas in afternoons; little temperature change.

Governor Cautions Against Tax Increase

Boivin Gets Senate Presidency; Legislators Face Busy Session

SALEM (AP) — Here are the senators who voted for Harry D. Boivin for president of the Senate:

Republicans — Ahrens, Francis, Goode, Hare, Husband, Leth, Newberry, White, Yurri and Ziegler.

Democrats — Boivin, Alice Corbett, Fliegel, Mahoney, Musa, Overhulse, Pearson, Potts and Thiel.

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's 51st legislature opened today, ready to tackle a mountain of legislation.

Harry D. Boivin, 56-year-old Klamath Falls Democrat who was speaker of the House 24 years ago, was elected president of the Senate by a coalition of 10 Republicans and 9 Democrats.

His Democratic opponent, Sen. Alfred H. Corbett of Portland, got the votes of 11 Democrats.

The voting actually took place at a caucus Sunday night, so it was only a formality today.

The coalition that supported Boivin is an indication how Republicans and conservative Democrats might run the upper House.

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agreed to several technical rules changes designed to speed up the work of the session. But many members said they expected it to run as long as the 115-day session two years ago, and maybe as long as the record 128-day session of 1957.

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Hatfield Asks Legislature Adopt Net Receipts Tax To Broaden Base

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Addressing a joint session of the Oregon legislature, the 38-year-old Republican governor laid down a heavy agenda of items for the lawmakers, who opened their session here this morning.

The governor cautioned against increasing tax revenues. His two major tax recommendations, he said, are designed to make taxation more equitable.

The net receipts tax probably would be a one per cent levy against all personal income, in addition to the present graduated scale of rates plus deductions and exemptions.

Its effect would be to make persons with low incomes contribute a little more toward the cost of government, while reducing taxes for other taxpayers.

Gov. Hatfield made the same recommendation when he took office two years ago. He said today that the "need for greater equity which such a tax would provide is as real today as it was then."

He said the inventory and personal property taxes are "in equitable and discriminatory," and are a handicap in getting new industry.

By omitting any mention of the Legislative Interim Tax Committee's proposal for a 3-cent cigarette tax and a reduced income tax rate schedule, Gov. Hatfield apparently means he doesn't go along with that idea.

The governor also urged adoption of a timber tax system that would "encourage sound forest management and extended cutting practices."

His other major recommendations:

Reorganize the state government to place more authority under the governor.

Increase state aid to local school districts.

Make a start toward revision of the state constitution.

Provide more protection for consumers against false advertising, fraud and adulteration.

Adopt a fixed maximum speed limit on highways, require chemical tests for suspected drunk drivers, and let police make arrests on probable cause at the scene of accidents.

In addition, the governor asked for funds for college scholarships, which could be used at any state or private college.

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Have the state conduct bargaining agency elections. Extend the industrial accident system to include all non-hazardous employment.

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