

Lincoln Made Stealthy Washington Entrance

WASHINGTON (AP)—One hundred years ago today, at 6 o'clock in the morning, President-elect Abraham Lincoln stole into Washington.

No bands played. No crowds surged against police lines. Indeed, there was no semblance to the tumultuous receptions to which presidents-elect were then and are now accustomed. No one, almost, was there to greet him.

Lincoln, nine days before his inauguration, had not wanted to enter the city of his political destiny in stealth. Friends, however, feared for his life. They were terrified by reports that rebel-sympathizers in Baltimore were plotting to assassinate him. They persuaded him to creep through Maryland by night train, when no one would know he was aboard.

Lincoln lived through it, all right. He lived to rue it. There really had been nothing to fear his enemies said. Was the nation to be led in perilous times by a "spineless" rail-splitter from Illinois?

A reporter wired his newspaper that Lincoln slipped into Washington wearing "a Scotch plaid cap and a very long military cloak, so that he was entirely unrecognizable." Historians insist this just wasn't so. Lincoln did acknowledge donning a soft wool hat on his journey to Washington, but said it was a gift from a friend in New York.

Lincoln's critics were elated. Cartoons depicted "the flight of Abraham." Lincoln was ridiculed as a coward who would stoop to disguise himself in woman's clothes.

Those were perilous times. There was no secret service as we know it today. Troops of Virginia, soon to join the confederacy, drilled on a countryside overlooking a capital secured only by the local militia and a handful of regulars. Maryland, through which Lincoln would travel, was alive with men who pictured Lincoln as a demon. Gov. Thomas H. Hicks advocated union of all the states and had been threatened for his beliefs. Baltimore Police Marshal George P. Kane was an open secessionist. Only a few weeks earlier he had scoffed at rumors that assassins were aiming a knife at Lincoln. A lie, Kane said, concocted by barroom rowdies.

This was 1861, a year of tension almost unbelievable in 1961. Lincoln set out from his home in Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 11. En route to Washington he met the people, talked with political leaders—in essence, cultivated support for his administration. He

4-H NEWS

HIGH GRADE

The High Grade 4-H Club met at the Willow Ranch cook house on Feb. 7. The meeting was called to order by president, Dave Noble. The 4-H pledge and the pledge of allegiance was led by Richard Cloud.

The roll was called by Rosetta Hyatt, secretary. Twenty-three members were present.

There was no old business. Under new business Ray Cloud was elected to attend the 4-H conference in Alturas as the high grade representative.

There were three demonstrations. Dave Noble and Ray Cloud gave a demonstration on how to draw a blueprint and make a bench. Jimmy Morton gave a demonstration on the right and wrong way of sawing out boards for making a tool box. Charlene Aldridge gave a demonstration on how to put a hem in a skirt.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Barbara Aldridge and Dave Hyatt. Diann Cundiff, News Reporter.

The 4-H Sewing Club met at the home of the sewing club leader, Ruth Logan, on Saturday, Feb. 4. Five members were present. Charlene Aldridge cut out a dress, and the other members worked on projects.

Ruth Logan served refreshments and Charlene Aldridge will serve at the next meeting.

OLENE DAIRY CLUB

The fourth meeting of the Olene Dairy Club was held at the home of Steve and Diane Reiling. There were 10 members present. Rex High, the leader, handed out a few pamphlets on 4-H demonstrations and contests, and the Dairyman Judging contests. The members also received their scores for the last year's contests. Steven Reiling gave a report on the Rumen System and handed out a diagram showing it. Mrs. Reiling served refreshments after the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Eric Wakkuri. Eric Wakkuri, News Reporter.

made 20 speeches, conferred with five governors. In some places he was greeted with pandemonium. In others with elaborate but tepid courtesy. In Philadelphia, on Feb. 21, he was greeted with a warning.

Allan Pinkerton, the detective, said he and his men had uncovered what "beyond the shadow of a doubt" was an assassination plot. Among the instigators, he informed Lincoln, was a barber named Ferdinand and another man named Hill. Ferdinand and Hill liked their liquor, Pinkerton said, but decidedly did not like Lincoln.

"I am here to help in outwitting the assassins," Pinkerton announced.

Frederick W. Seward, son of the senator who would become Lincoln's secretary of state, arrived that night from Washington with a similar report. He urged Lincoln to cancel dates in Philadelphia and Harrisburg the next day and head immediately for Washington, without notice. So did railroad executives Norman P. Judd and Samuel M. Felton.

Lincoln refused. On Feb. 22 he raised the flag at Independence Hall, went to Harrisburg, made two speeches, attended a reception and hotel banquet. There he finally yielded to Judd and Felton, but reluctantly.

"What would the nation think of its president stealing into its capital like a thief in the night?" he asked.

The night ride began in a one-car train. Ward Hill Lamon, with whom Lincoln once practiced law in Illinois, was the president-elect's only companion. Lamon carried two pistols, two derringers and two large knives. The train was blacked out. Harrisburg was cut off from the world. Telegraph wires had been disconnected.

Pinkerton directed a cloak and dagger melodrama in Philadelphia. He whisked Lincoln and Lamon by carriage from one depot to another. A lady detective had reserved berths in the rear car of the New York-Washington train one for her "invalid brother." Lincoln was the "brother."

Pinkerton did not realize that another passenger on the car packed a revolver. This was John A. Kennedy, New York Police superintendent, who likewise did not realize the company he was in. Kennedy was on his way to Washington to make sure Lincoln would be carefully guarded through Maryland the next day.

At 3:30 a.m. the train pulled into Baltimore. During a layover of more than an hour, a drunk reeled and sang "Dixie" on the platform. There was no incident, no sign of Ferdinand.

At 6 a.m. the train reached Washington. A stranger to Lamon strode up to Lincoln and said, "You can't play that on me." Lamon swung into action but was checked by Lincoln, who recognized the man as Rep. Elihu Washburne of Illinois. Washburne was a one-man reception committee, suggested by Senator Seward.

Later that day the presidential special from Harrisburg arrived as scheduled in Baltimore. It was met with thunderous yells—for Jeff Davis and the Confederacy—and boos for the man who wasn't there.

Lincoln had been spirited into Washington.

CIVIL WAR ALBUM

The Trip To Washington



THIS FAMOUS CARTOON by hostile Confederate artist Adalbert Volck caricatures President-elect Abraham Lincoln as he passed through Baltimore on his train trip from Springfield to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration on March 4, 1861.

The drawing spoofs the precautions taken by the future President because of rumors of an assassination plot in Baltimore. Lincoln, who began the trip on Feb. 11, disbelieved the rumors until he received the report of detective Allan Pinkerton in Philadelphia which was later confirmed by another report in Harrisburg. So he secretly left Harrisburg for Baltimore, accompanied by Pinkerton. It was midnight when he got to the Maryland city. His railroad car was unbooked and horse-drawn through town to another railroad.

Contrary to reports, Lincoln never left his coach during his trip through Baltimore and pictures to that effect are erroneous. Lincoln arrived safely in Washington on Feb. 23. There still is some doubt among historians as to whether there actually was a plot to assassinate the president-elect in Baltimore. Evidence from Pinkerton's files, particularly, seems to indicate that there was, and that the precautionary steps taken were necessary.



"Well, Willard finally popped the question. He asked me to return his fraternity pin!"

Union Membership Showing Decline

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The business recession is hitting hard at organized labor's own management operations. A drop of about one million dues-paying members has forced the AFL-CIO to retrench.

Minister Roughed Up During Demonstration

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A Negro minister was roughed up but not seriously injured as white youths used force in attempting to break up theater stand-ins by Nashville Negro students.

Employers Fear Costs

SALEM (AP)—A spokesman for Associated Oregon Industries said Wednesday that two labor-sponsored bills to liberalize unemployment benefits would cost employers \$5 million a year.

Gerald J. Meindl told the Senate Labor and Industries Committee that this figure came from the State Department of Employment.

The bills would increase maximum benefits from \$40 a week to one-half the average weekly wage in the state, or about \$46. They also would require that a worker be employed 18 weeks in a year in order to collect, instead of the present 20 weeks. And a worker would only have to work 16 hours to qualify for a week's work.

E. S. Benjamin, president of the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters, said the bills mostly would make more food processing workers eligible for benefits.

George Brown, Oregon AFL-CIO political education director, said Oregon's qualifications for benefits are the highest of any state.

Local Artist In Exhibition

Robert Rosworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rosworth, former residents of Klamath Falls, exhibited his work in water colors, on Feb. 19 during a reception at Bush House in Salem.

Two of the painter's works are also in the current Painters-1961 exhibition at the University of Oregon Museum of Art showing. Rosworth works both at painting and as an architectural designer in Medford. He is a native Oregonian and was considered the outstanding graduate in architecture in 1956 from the University of Oregon.

His work has been highly commended by Gordon Gilkey, Oregon State College Art Department, and others.

His showings will be on view to the public, Tuesday through Sunday until March 19.

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revenue to keep their big labor organization out of the red. The retrenchment program is expected to result in some layoffs on the AFL-CIO headquarters staff in Washington as well as a tighter rein on donations to various causes which have been running to over \$1 million each year. The AFL-CIO Executive Council also was expected to levy a temporary special assessment of two cents per member on affiliates in order to counter a general fund deficit that has climbed to about \$700,000 in the past eight months.

The temporary additional dues payment, amounting to about \$2 million would continue until the AFL-CIO holds its next convention here in December when a permanent dues increase is expected to be proposed.

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