

KU Pelicans Swamp Corvallis; Meet Grant Tonight

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's go back today to Douglas William Johnson, the Los Angeles colored man who found the money bag containing \$240,000 that bounced unnoticed out of a Brink armored car. He tells a reporter this morning:

"It has been one grand headache. I can't eat. I'm sick at my stomach. The money wasn't mine. I just happened to find it after it was lost. If it happened all over, I'd do the same thing."

People, he says, won't give him any peace. Strangers knock on his door to compliment him. He has received somewhere around 125 letters, three-fourths of which commend him.

The others have said, in substance: "You should have been hit on the head with a 2x4." A stranger on the street told one of his three sons: "Here's a knife. Go home and cut your fool dad's throat."

And so on.

But—

He keeps his balance. He tells the reporter who interviewed him today:

"You have to remember, after all, that these are the crackpots. You have to allow for ignorance in people. One man phoned me about writing a book. Another phoned about getting me into pictures. But I'm not a showman. I'm not looking for movie contracts. I just want to do my job. The scholarship for my son, of course, is a wonderful thing."

He concludes:

"I've always figured: Treat a man like you'd like to have him treat you. That's all I did. All in all, if somebody ever finds a big sum of money again, I hope it happens to the next guy, not me."

Who is this man Johnson?

What does he do for a living? Well, he is a self-employed maintenance man who washes windows, hauls away trash and does other jobs connected with the maintenance of property. He is said to earn about \$100 a week.

The depression doesn't seem to have been bothering him too much. He keeps busy. His customers like him and keep calling for him.

As to the crackpots who have been making life miserable for him, we must remember that it happened in Los Angeles—where the crackpots tend to gang up. Let's remember this also:

If there were more people like this Douglas William Johnson and fewer like the crackpots who have been making life miserable for him, we'd have a better world.

And—

Probably—

FEWER DEPRESSIONS.

Astronauts Will Be Tidy Eaters

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Astronauts won't be messy eaters when they whirl through space.

"There won't be a crumb in sight," says Miss Beatrice Finkelstein, who guides the Air Force's research program to find the best ways to feed men in space vehicles.

"One crumb," she explains, "could circulate in the cabin, since there's no gravity, and could land on a delicate instrument, botching it up."



A QUEEN WAS NAMED Thursday night to rule over the 1961 All-Indian Basketball Tournament at Chiloquin. Before a near-capacity audience of enthusiastic fans, Michele McNoise, Klamath Falls, right, high school senior at Sacred Heart Academy, was presented with a wrist watch by last year's queen, Ramona Soto, of Klamath Falls. Michele, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haines McNoise, is of Klamath-Ponca ancestry. Left is Princess Karen Jenkins and center, Princess Helen Davis, members of the court. (See Story on Page 4).

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity —	
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.	
High Saturday 43-48. Lows tonight 25-30.	
High yesterday	42
Low last night	30
Precep. past 24 hours	.01
Since Oct. 1	8.49
Same period last year	5.96

Missionaries Tell Of Congo Terror

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—Thirty missionaries held captive by Congolese soldiers at Kasongo in Kivu Province have been released and have reached safety, the U.N. command announced today.

A U.N. spokesman said the missionaries were freed on the intervention of the Kivu Minister of Justice. They made their own way to the U.N. base at Kindu and now are under the protection of U.N. Malayan soldiers, awaiting evacuation to Leopoldville.

The missionaries brought with them alarming stories that a fanatic sect of about 100 pagans whose aim is to "kill all whites" is on the rampage in the Kasongo area.

U.N. sources said an American mission group that arrived earlier in Kindu had indicated that it is ready to go back to its mission station at Kama, in Kivu Province. They include a girl who was rescued by U.N. forces after four Congolese soldiers raped her.

A U.N. spokesman announced the lifting of a brief Congolese blockade of the airport at Coghilaville, in Equateur Province, where soldiers loyal to the Leopoldville government and its army chief, Maj. Gen. Joseph Mobutu, are in control.

The staff of U.S. military men in civilian clothing training the royal Laotian army also has been doubled, from 109 men previously to about 200 now.

Earlier this week sources in Washington indicated the U.S. government was considering pouring more military aid into Laos. But the Kennedy administration was reported reluctant to do this for fear it would be drawn into a sustained buildup of both sides that could develop into a Korean-like situation.

But sources in Vientiane report that U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson, at his meeting with

Irish Drink Legally Now

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—St. Patrick's Day today brought a labor truce to the streets of Dublin and legal drink to the throats of celebrating Irishmen.

For the first time since the proclamation of the Irish Republic, bars were open—legally that is—on the feast day of Ireland's patron saint.

"Drowning the Shamrock this way doesn't quite seem the same," said the man in Mooney's bar.

One of the Irishman's privileges—and favorite sport—on St. Patrick's Day was flouting the law to get a drink. He stole into the small back bar and drowned the shamrock with the extra pleasure that always accompanies a blow for freedom.

Thirsty Dubliners rode to the bars today after six days of walking because of a bus strike that turned into a lockout. The Dublin busmen and the government Transport Board declared a truce, and the green double-deckers rolled through the capital's streets again.

But only for St. Patrick's Day. The strike-lockout resumes Saturday.

Supersonic Trainer

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—The Air Force takes delivery today of its first supersonic trainer, the 850-mile per hour T-38 Talon. The twin-jet trainer is to replace the T-33.

Hatfield Seen As Candidate

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The San Diego Union, quoting an unnamed Oregon political source, says California GOP leaders may look favorably on Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon if Richard M. Nixon decides not to run again for the presidency in 1964.

The Union reported that Hatfield was visited last week by Harvey Myrdland, president of the California Republican Assembly, and Jud Leatham, chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee.

Hatfield was quoted as saying the meeting was off the record but that party programs for 1962 and 1964 were discussed. He said his own plans were to run for a second four-year term next year.

St. Patrick Lived Hard Life

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Irishmen and Pseudo-Irishmen around the world today are honoring the memory of a Welshman named Maconus Succetus Patricius, who died exactly 15 centuries ago, in 461 A.D.

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"THAT WAS A BEAUTY," says the expression of Sharon Powell, member of the KUHS Rally Squad, as the Pelicans widened their lead over Corvallis in their Thursday clash at McArthur Court in Eugene in the A-1 tournament. The Pels scored a 75 to 53 victory over the Spartans and face the Grant Generals in a semifinal game tonight at 7:30.

U.S. Increasing Aid To Laos

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—The United States has stepped up its military aid to the pro-Western Laotian government's army to help to resolve the conflict with the Soviet-supplied Pathet Lao rebels, the United States is ready to ship three guns to the royal government for every two the Soviets supply to the pro-Communist rebel forces in central Laos.

The stepup in American aid apparently came in reply to the Pathet Lao offensive that began March 7. The royal troops were driven out of the vital road junction of Sala Phou Koun, 40 miles south of Luang Prabang, Sala had furnished the royal government.

Former Premier Souvanna Phouma, who fled to Cambodia but who the Communists contend is still the legal head of the Laotian government, commented recently that the Soviet Union had supplied the rebels with 20 times more arms than the United States.

Kennedy Emergency Aid Measure Passes Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's emergency unemployment benefits bill has cleared the Senate after a narrow victory in his first showdown with Senate conservatives.

The measure was passed 84-4 Thursday night, but Kennedy won by only a two-vote margin. An earlier fight to strip a state-by-state financing provision from the bill.

This success assures enactment of a measure close to the President's wishes. Elimination of the state-by-state provision restored the bill to the form in which it passed the House.

It now goes to conference with the House over some relatively minor Senate amendments. Democratic leaders hope to get it to the White House by the middle of next week.

Voting against the bill were Sens. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., Carl T. Curtis, R-Neb., and Francis Case, R-S.D.

Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg expressed gratification at the wiping out of the financing provision sponsored by Byrd.

He said the 44-42 vote to knock out this amendment cleared the way for speedy adoption of the bill, and added that his department already has done preliminary work to speed the jobless aid payments.

The benefits are to be payable two weeks after Kennedy signs the bill. They would go to perhaps as many as 3 million workers who exhaust their regular unemployment compensation rights in the two years starting last June 30.

The extra payments are to run for half of the regular entitlement period in each state, up to a maximum of 13 weeks. They are estimated to total around \$27 million.

Tipper Rating

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—After 35 years as a waiter, Jack Span is an authority on frogs.

Frogs are cheap tippers, explains the man who began handling food on Mississippi steamboats in 1926.

Span rates his customers by occupations:

Big executives are good tippers, lawyers are poor ones, politicians are very tight "and doctors are awful, the world's worst."

US Loses Arab Base

WASHINGTON (AP)—By sudden decision of King Saud, the United States must give up its air base rights a year from now at strategic Dhahran Airfield on the Persian Gulf Coast of Saudi Arabia.

The State Department, disclosing the setback Thursday night, emphasized that the United States intends to continue "close and friendly cooperation" with Saudi Arabia in spite of this incident.

But officials conceded that the result of the king's decision will be to deny the U.S. government the use of air facilities which could be of great military importance in event of a major international crisis.

The field development goes back 15 years and has cost the United States many millions of dollars. But it has long been treated by both governments as a Saudi Arabian field used by the United States under terms of a formal agreement and subject to the jurisdiction of the Saudi government.

The agreement now in force is due to expire in April 1962. The United States has been notified, the State Department said, that the agreement will not be renewed. Officials said that means the rights of the U.S. government to operate from the field will end in April next year.

Dhahran has been a major base for operations of the military air transport flights through the Middle East, some of them around the world flights. It also has been the operating base of an Air Force air-sea rescue team. Officials said that no combat planes have been operated out of Dhahran. But it is understood that under the agreement the base presumably could have been used in time of war for combat aircraft.

U.S. officials here said that King Saud, long known as a good friend of the United States, apparently had decided to serve notice of "non-renewal" of the Dhahran agreement because of internal political forces in his country. They declared they had no information on which to be more specific. They noted, however, that Saudi Arabia has been assailed for years by other Arab countries, and particularly the United Arab Republic, with a charge that it permitted a foreign air base on its territory.

The king suddenly announced his decision Thursday over the Mecca radio. This evidently caught Washington by surprise. The State Department then decided to make public the expiration of the agreement on the American side. Since the king has determined not to renew the pact, the United States has no choice but to comply.

The Dhahran field was built at the end of World War II by the United States. The right to build it had been granted by the late King Ibn Saud, in connection with U.S. plans to transport troops from Europe to the Far East after the defeat of Nazi Germany. With the quick end of the war in the Pacific, it was not needed for this purpose.

Because of the strategic location of Dhahran in the Middle East, however, the United States decided to go ahead with the construction of the airport and recently has concentrated on developing it as a major center for international civil air routes.

Venus Hit By Radio Signals

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—The United States has bounced "strong, clear" radio signals off the planet Venus.

The signals were sent and received back at Goldstone Tracking Station in the Mojave Desert north of Barstow, Calif. It took only 6 1/2 minutes to cover the 70-million mile roundtrip. It was announced Thursday by two top space officials.

Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Dr. William Pickering, Cal Tech Jet Propulsion Laboratory director, said the experiment took place March 10.

Signals have previously been bounced from Venus. But the significance of the latest test was that signals were immediately detectable when they were picked up by two 85-foot dish antennas at the tracking station, scientists said.

In all earlier tests, elaborate analysis and processing was necessary to determine whether the signals came back, according to Dryden and Pickering.

The signal-bouncing experiment is being used in an effort to learn whether Venus spins on its axis and the nature of its surface, the two scientists said.



PROVING A GIANT on defense as well as offense was Bruce Brickner, shown here as he made a move in the key against the Spartans of Corvallis. He appears to be hemmed in. Behind is Marcial Hunter (40) and in front Roger Lehnert (52). The Pels were never headed as they won 75-53 for the highest score of the tournament thus far. They meet the Grant Generals tonight at 7:30 in the top bracket semifinal game, while Medford plays Wilson in the lower bracket at 8:45.

Weather

Northern California: Fair on coast today but snow in mountains and showers in Central Valley; cloudy tonight and Saturday; little temperature change.

Mt. Shasta - Siskiyou area: Cloudy this afternoon and tonight; snow Saturday with level near 3,000 feet; little temperature change.

Klamath Falls Plays Generals In Semifinals

EUGENE (AP)—It could be Portland vs. Southern Oregon for the 43rd annual class A-1 state high school basketball tournament championship. But an all-Portland or an all Southern Oregon final is possible, too.

A rugged Wilson team, which finished a close second behind Grant in the Portland city league race, created this situation when it surprised Roseburg, the No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll, 64-50, before a tourney record Thursday night crowd of 8,852.

Earlier Klamath Falls, the Southern Oregon Conference titlist and No. 3 in the poll, had downed Corvallis, 75-53; second-ranked Grant had stopped the No. 6 team, South Eugene, 63-43; and defending champion Medford had crushed South Salem, 60-33.

Tonight's semifinal round games have Klamath Falls, the pre-tourney choice of experts for the title, vs. Grant at 7:30 and Medford vs. fourth-ranked Wilson at 8:45.

Disarm Plan Progressing

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Belief grew in the United Nations today that the United States and the Soviet Union are near agreement on the makeup of a committee to resume disarmament negotiations.

U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko may meet again today for their fourth exchange in 11 days on the arms issue.

Stevenson told reporters after their last meeting Wednesday that he and the Soviet delegation chief were working on a resolution for the General Assembly which would set out some basic principles for disarmament, the composition of the new negotiating committee and the time and place for the talks.

Solons Clear River Pact

WASHINGTON (AP)—A treaty between the United States and Canada providing joint development and sharing of resources of the Columbia River Basin was ratified by the Senate Thursday, with only one member voting against the pact.

The vote was 90-1 with Sen. Wallace F. Bennett, R-Utah, listed as the lone dissenter.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Canadian Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker signed the treaty Jan. 17. It will not become effective until it is ratified by the Canadian Parliament.

Democratic and Republican senators praised the treaty as it came up for a final vote. They pointed to it as an example of how neighbors can negotiate differences.

Without elaboration, Sen. Henry Dworshak, R-Idaho, told the Senate he hopes that "some objections causing some delay" in British Columbia can be cleared so that Canada can act on the treaty.

The treaty would eliminate major flood damage on the Columbia for the 60 years of its existence at a cost of \$64.4 million, in addition to costs of the proposed Libby Dam in Montana.