

By FRANK JENKINS

The news today? Some of it is on the weird side. For example: Russian scientists say they have brought two historic Tritons (vertebrates resembling lizards) BACK TO LIFE after they had lain frozen solid for 5,000 years in Siberia.

The claim is made in a Moscow radio broadcast heard in London.

The broadcast gave this account of the find:

"Some time ago Soviet geologists found something resembling a lizard at a depth of about 25 feet in the frozen ground of northern Siberia. It revived after being kept at room temperature for some time.

"Scientists finally classified it as a four-toed Triton, one of the oldest and most primitive orders of tailed amphibia that inhabited the earth in the Mesozoic Era (the dinosaur age). Judging by the state of the earth in which it was found, biologists concluded that the Triton had been asleep for about 5,000 years."

Pretty creepy?

You haven't heard anything yet. The broadcast went on to say:

"On awakening, the creature behaved exactly as it presumably acted thousands of years ago. It ran around. It ate and slept. It was not afraid of people, willingly eating wild berries, flies and mosquitoes that were fed to it.

"It died after three weeks. Another Triton was found frozen about 13 feet underground. This one also revived and lived practically all summer."

Are the Russkies pulling our leg—to use the British phrase for telling a tall tale? In the common code of ethics, lying is a creditable and patriotic thing when it serves some allegedly useful purpose—such as spreading the idea that Russian scientists are supermen.

But— There are the entire bodies of mammoths that have been found frozen in the ground of Siberia. These finds are fully authenticated. The flesh of these frozen monster beasts was so good when it thawed out that dogs ate it eagerly. Presumably man could have done so if his more civilized stomach hadn't rebelled at such fare.

And— The encyclopedias tell us— When the solid sheets of the ice of the Ice Age melted, animals and plants CAME BACK TO LIFE. Then, these accepted scientific accounts continue, the ice sheets moved in again and the remains of these animals and plants were buried again.

Presumably, what has happened before can happen again.

Resides— Is a story to the effect that lizards that have remained frozen in the ice in a state of suspended animation for thousands of years any more eerie than the FACT that we have been able to send for millions upon millions upon millions of miles out into space a man-made ship equipped with robots that are able to send back to us in robot language capable of being translated into modern English words the news that the planet Venus is incapable of sustaining human life because its temperatures run up to 300 degrees Fahrenheit?

It's a weird world—and the chances are that it will get even weirder as time passes and research proceeds.

Cuban Atom War Warned

MOSCOW (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev warned today that Russian rockets and bombers would return to Cuba to wage thermonuclear war if the island were attacked by "imperialists."

In a major speech that lasted 1 hour and 27 minutes, Khrushchev also said the Soviets would rush to the aid of any Communist nation that might be attacked, including Communist China.

He said the Soviet Union had agreed to pull its rockets and bombers out of Cuba, but he added:

"It doesn't mean we left Cuba to be eaten by the sharks of imperialism. We will come to the aid of the Cuban people."

The Russian premier turned a local election speech for his home district into a wide-ranging policy statement on international affairs.

"We warn that if there is an imperialist attack against Cuba or China—which is threatened from Taiwan (Formosa) by Chiang Kai-shek—or against Viet Nam or the German Democratic Republic or any other socialist state, the Soviet Union will come to the aid of its socialist brothers against any aggression," Khrushchev said.

Weather

High yesterday	43
Low yesterday	27
High year ago	37
Low year ago	3
High past 14 years	45 (1952)
Low past 14 years	5 (1952)
Precip. past 24 hours	trace
Since Jan. 1	2.18
Same period last year	4.25

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Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Fair and cool again tonight, lows 22. Increasing cloudiness with brief showers possible Thursday. Highs Thursday near 50. Generally light winds.



RENO FLIGHT DISCUSSED — Representatives of various Eastern Oregon cities and state agencies met here Tuesday with members of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the petitioning of the Civil Aeronautics Board to establish a commercial passenger air service linking Eastern Oregon cities with Reno. Observing a chart of the proposed flight are, left to right, Joe Sawyer, manager of the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport; Don Haarkenson, Public Utilities Commission; Bill Maddron, State Board of Aeronautics and representative of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce; Roger Ritchey, State Board of Aeronautics, Administrative Services.

Reno Air Link Supported

By DICK BRIGGS

The proposed establishment of a commercial airline service linking Eastern Oregon cities with Reno moved a significant step forward at the Reames Country Club Tuesday afternoon, as representatives of the Eugene, Redmond, Medford and Lakeview Chambers of Commerce met with members of the Klamath County chamber and pledged their support to the plan.

The meeting had been arranged several weeks ago by the local chamber's aviation committee as another in a series of attempts to urge the Civil Aeronautics Board to allow the setting up of a commercial airline flight connecting certain cities in Eastern Oregon with Reno.

In addition to the cities represented at the meeting, two members of the State Board of Aeronautics and a representative of the Public Utilities Commission were present to back the project. Other endorsements arrived earlier through the mails from Grants Pass, North Bend and both the Reno Chamber of Commerce and the city of Reno.

West Coast Airlines, which for the past 10 years has sought to obtain a franchise to provide the Oregon-Reno air service, offered its support through vice president Tom Croson in charge of public relations.

Following a three-hour program and discussion period, the group decided that those cities interested in promoting the between-states flight would add their endorsement to a petition being prepared by the state Board of Aeronautics and the Public Utilities Commission. The petition would request that the CAB authorize establishment of the proposed flight.

Jim Monteith, president of the chamber, opened the meeting by welcoming the 29 guests and members of the chamber and then turned the session over to Les Liston, chairman of the aviation committee, who emceed the remainder of the program.

The program featured the comments of Joe Sawyer, manager of the Klamath Falls municipal airport; Don Haarkenson, member of the Public Utilities Commission; and Roger G. Ritchey, member of the State Board of Aeronautics.

Sawyer, who had indicated that some members of the CAB were receptive to the Reno flight proposal when he discussed the matter with them informally in Portland last year, told those present that "we must be unified if we're going to get the Reno flight."

He suggested that the various chambers circulate questionnaires to businessmen, ranchers, and other segments of the population requesting information as to how frequently they would use a Reno request that the CAB authorize establishment of the proposed flight.

Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, charged the new budget "indicates they are still thinking in Victorian terms."

Sen. L. W. Newberry, R-Ashtland, commented, "It looks like we've asked the wrong people to revise the budget."

The alternate proposal was asked by the subcommittee after it rejected the governor's \$410,675 request for the civil defense agency.

Freeman Holmer, director of the Department of Finance and Administration which prepared the alternate plan, admitted "The Department of Finance does not recommend this."

The proposal would replace the present 18-man civil defense agency with a 3-member staff working out of the governor's office.

It calls for a coordinator, secretary, and communications expert. Half of the governor's requested \$410,675 budget would have been paid by federal matching funds.

Holmer admitted he did not know if the federal government would pick up half the alternate \$32,974 amount.

"If you don't know, who does?" Asked Rep. Beulah Hand, D-Milwaukie, subcommittee chairman.

Corbett asked "what is the priority function of civil defense supposed to be?"

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Wildlife Study Seen Assured As Angry Hunters Protest Vanishing Deer Herds

Creation of an interim committee to study the management of Oregon's wildlife resources was virtually assured Tuesday night at a two and one-half hour hearing held in the state house by the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee.

It was also equally certain the State Game Commission would pick up the tab of \$35,000 for expenses of that committee out of current budget funds for the commission.

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Ralph Renner of Lakeview, former fish and game commissioner, said, "Through my fields, a few years ago, some five to six thousand deer migrated. Last year I saw one doe."

Renner said he resigned from the commission because it refused to heed his warning.

Lawrence Horton, Klamath County rancher, testified that at one time he noticed a terrific decrease in the amount of the deer herds, that formerly he had seen up to 240 at one time, but now there were just a few to be seen.

R. C. Burgess, a former BLM manager from Southern Oregon, said the open winters of this

area were to blame for the lack of migration of the interstate herd. He said it has been so warm that the deer did not need to migrate and that they simply scattered where hunters couldn't find them.

Both the hunters and Rollin Bowles, commission chairman, said they would welcome an impartial legislative committee to look into the commission's activities.

"We have no objection to it whatsoever," Bowles said. "This committee would do a considerable service to the people of Oregon."

Bowles even reluctantly agreed that if the state can't pony up \$35,000 for the two-year interim study, it could come out of the commission's \$10.5 million budget.

Alan Kelly, president of the Isaac Walton League of Oregon, said a study would be acceptable but the money should not come from the commission's budget.

"We feel we've been blessed with a fine program and we'd like to see it sustained and improved," he said of the commission.

He termed the Southern Oregon herds an "acute local condition" that could be handled within the existing framework.

Other witnesses, however, said the Southeast Oregon deer depletion was too critical to wait for a two-year study. They suggested a ban on shooting does or young deer, or even a complete closed season.

Some action on this score was assured Wednesday morning when Rep. George Filtrcraft along with a group of other members of the

House introduced House Bill 1459 which would prohibit the commission from declaring more than one open season of no more than 15 days for hunting deer and elk.

The bill would also provide that "a person shall not hunt for, nor kill, any deer which has unforked horns or elk which has not at least spike horns."

The measure would expire Jan. 1, 1966, and would in effect, provide protection against deer killing and special season shoots for the next three-year period.

Also, Senate Joint Resolution 7, introduced in the Senate by Sen. Harry Boivin, chairman of the State Local and Federal Affairs Committee, seemed assured of passage. Under its provisions, the \$35,000 for the interim study would be financed out of funds of the State Game Commission.

Boivin's proposal has the signatures of 12 Senators and 38 Representatives.

At the conclusion of the Tuesday night hearing, Senator Boivin said a study would help resolve a controversy between two groups "of honest and sincere men."

Also present at the hearing from Klamath County, although not testifying, were Ted Hyde, rancher, and Joe Smith, member of the game commission.

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