

Intercommunity Hospital Fund Campaign For \$725,000 Opens Tonight

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From San Francisco.

Forty-five city health inspectors and rodent control specialists began a house-by-house and boat-by-boat rat hunt in the Marina yesterday.

The hunt netted one lone rodent—a gray Norway rat found drowned in the lagoon of the Palace of Fine Arts.

Isolated and unexplained, that little item sounds a bit silly, doesn't it? But wait a minute. The drive was ordered after a rat was discovered DEAD OF THE BUBONIC PLAGUE at Scott and Beach streets in the city by the Great Bay where ships come from all over the world.

Rats are carriers of bubonic plague—the dreaded Black Death that killed 60 million people during the Middle Ages.

This is the point: If ONE plague-infested rat got loose from a ship, MORE RATS might have got loose from the ship. San Francisco has to know—hence the rat hunt.

Here's how bubonic plague spreads: A rat . . . or a ground squirrel . . . or other rodent . . . gets the disease. A flea bites the rat and takes a nip of its infected blood. The flea then BITES A PERSON and the person gets the plague.

If you kill all the fleas, the spread of the plague will be stopped and it will die out. But it's easier to kill the rats. That's the job San Francisco is tackling.

A thought: In spite of all the tommyrot we read in the news, the world is getting better. There was a time when this bubonic plague incident could have prostrated the world with fear. And with good reason. As late as the 1930's, a form of bubonic plague known as the Black Death destroyed one-fourth of the entire population of Europe.

Many of us can remember the great flu epidemic that followed World War I. It was a PANDEMIC, or world epidemic. In 1918 and 1919, it spread first through Europe, and from Europe it spread to America.

It was grim enough, goodness knows. At its height, "the world was dark with fear. No one knew in the morning who might be stricken by night. But the flu epidemic of that period was a mere incident when compared with the Black Death of 500 years before.

Another thought: In a much milder way, AUTOMATION is spreading fear among us. What will it do to our jobs? Well, if the scientists could conquer the Black Death, they can eventually change automation from a job-destroying monster to a friend of man.

Give them time.

Soviets Say Troops Leave

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Union admitted today it is withdrawing Russian troops sent to Cuba to prepare Premier Fidel Castro's forces against "any intrigues of imperialist aggressors."

The official Communist party newspaper Pravda said in a dispatch from Havana that four Soviet ships had left with soldiers by last Sunday. The dispatch, dated March 10, said a fifth ship, the Nakhimov, had arrived in Havana to remove further Russian units.

The Pravda statement was the first admission by the Soviet Union that it was removing troops from Cuba, although reports in the West had indicated a withdrawal was being made.

The Soviet people had been given no prior indication that a troop pullout was even contemplated. The troops were sent to Cuba before, during and after last October's Cuban crisis between Russia and the United States.

The Pravda statement was coupled with a renewed threat of war in the event of any United States aggression against Castro's regime.

The statement quoted a departing Soviet colonel as saying Russian troops in Cuba were determined to fight side-by-side with "their Cuban brothers" to the "last drop of their blood" during the Cuban crisis. It said troops had moved into positions along the Cuban coast in October "when war was just around the corner."

Pravda did not specify how many troops had been withdrawn or would be withdrawn at this time. It gave no figures on the number of soldiers in Cuba or how many would remain.

Weather

High yesterday	43
Low last night	36
High year ago	44
Low year ago	30
High past 14 years	57 (1953)
Low past 14 years	16 (1952)
Precip. past 24 hours	Trace
Since Jan. 1	2.59
Same period last year	2.88

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Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview — Increasing cloudiness tonight with few showers of rain or snow late tonight and Thursday. Not so cold tonight. Low 22. High Thursday near 42.

Reds Claim Ships Shot At Fishers

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Union charged today that a group of three United States Navy warships fired on a Soviet fishing trawler with dummy warheads about 70 miles east of Norfolk, Va., five days ago.

The charge was made in a note to the United States published tonight in the government newspaper Izvestia. The newspaper said the note was handed to the State Department in Washington Tuesday.

In Washington, the State Department acknowledged that "we received this note Tuesday from the Soviet embassy." A spokesman added, "We are investigating as we always do when we receive such charges."

The note said the incident took place March 8, last Friday.

It said the ships involved were two "Boston" type cruisers and one "Franks" type destroyer.

The Izvestia version of the note said the American ships approached within five miles of the Soviet vessel, which was identified as SRTR 9007, and fired two volleys from their guns, using dummy warheads.

It said the volleys landed approximately 130 meters (426 feet) from the Soviet vessel, which the Russians claimed was fishing in the open sea.

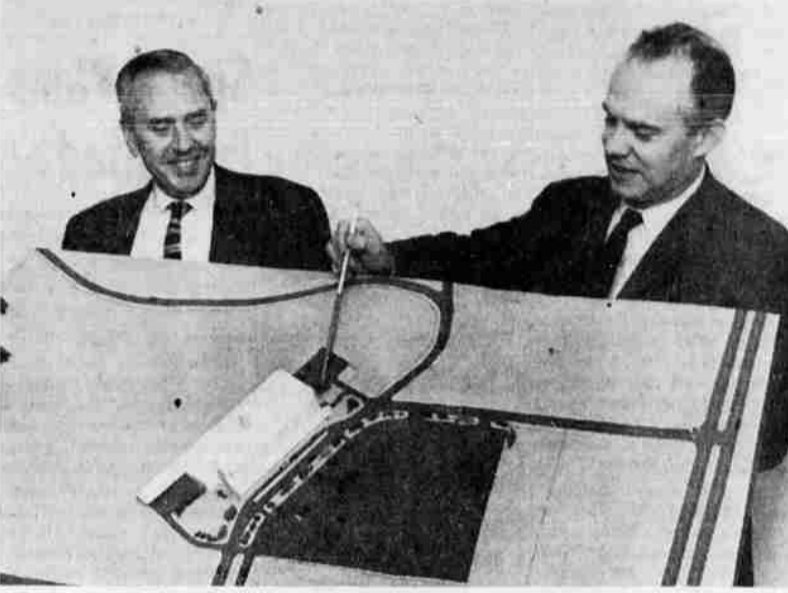
The note said the first volleys were fired at 12:15 p.m., but did not specify what time was being used. The American ships then moved to within one kilometer (slightly more than half a mile) from the Soviet vessel and fired two more dummy warhead volleys that landed 60 meters from the trawler, the note claimed.

"By such actions American warships endangered the Soviet trawler and its crew," the note said. "The Soviet government looks upon the shooting at the fishing trawler of the Soviet Union by American Navy ships as a rude violation of generally accepted norms of international law, of principles of freedom of navigation on the open sea and as an act of arbitrary rule which can lead to serious consequences."

"The Soviet government states to the American government its protest connected with the above stated provocative actions of American warships and expects that those guilty will be punished and that necessary measures will be undertaken not to allow such actions in future."

The note made no mention, in the version published here, of recent American charges that Cuban fighter planes had fired at an American-owned shrimp boat.

Western observers believed the Soviets might have chosen to publicize the alleged firing on a Soviet trawler as a counter-propaganda move.



MODEL DEPICTS PROPOSED HOSPITAL — Bob Starbuck, left, engineer, and his partner John Howard, architect, both of Morrison, Howard and Starbuck, apply some finishing touches on a model of the proposed Intercommunity Hospital which will be unveiled during the kickoff fund raising campaign dinner tonight at the Winema Motor Hotel. The fund drive committee is endeavoring to raise \$725,000 to provide the county's part for the construction of the proposed hospital. The remaining money to construct the \$2.6 million dollar hospital will come from federal government funds.

Hospital Fund Drive Opens With Kickoff Dinner Here

The initial all-county effort to raise \$725,000 for the construction of the proposed 141-bed Intercommunity Hospital in Klamath Falls gets started with a kickoff dinner featuring six speakers, 6:30 tonight at the Winema Motor Hotel.

More than 200 reservations had been received for the no-host dinner as of early this morning but the total is expected to approach 300 before this evening, according to Dave Hanaman, development director of the hospital board.

A preliminary phase of the fund drive has been underway since early this year under the direction of James F. Stillwell, campaign general chairman, and his associates. Stillwell's committee has sought financial support from local industry and businesses and the degree of their success will be the subject of a report by Stillwell during the overall kickoff drive tonight.

Five speakers, other than Stillwell, will comment on the development of the hospital program and the vital part that the new institution will play in the future of the Klamath Basin.

Rev. Robert Groves, First Presbyterian Church, will talk on the history of the local hospital movement and is to be followed by Dr. George Nicholson, who will discuss the proposed hospital from a medical point of view.

The value of the institution to the entire Klamath Basin will be the topic of William D. Ganger of Tulelake.

Gail Brotherhood, Klamath Union High School student and participant in the state oratorical contest for the past several years, will represent the youth of the county in discussing the hospital as a vital instrument in furthering the growth and development of the county.

Dr. Charles M. McGill, medical director of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Tacoma, Wash., will congratulate the residents of the county for their part in striving to establish a new hospital in the area.

George Callison, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, is to emcee the program which will feature the unveiling of the hospital model.

The developments came a few days after Senate President Ben Mussa attended a joint meeting of the committees.

Strong criticism came from Clarence Brooks of the Grange, who said his organization opposed making the governor the only elective officer.

"The Grange is not ready to surrender the people's right to choose their officials," he said. He said the secretary of state and treasurer should remain elective.

Storm's Death Toll Mounts

JFK Sees Dire Future If Opposed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy said today the American economy could turn downward if Congress gives the "wrong answer" to his proposals to cut taxes and increase the federal budget and national debt.

He called upon businessmen and others who are opposed to his economic program to "accept the facts of life of our economy" and help meet problems of this decade caused by a lagging economic growth, increased labor market and automation.

"I do not speak as a partisan," Kennedy emphasized in remarks to a meeting of the Advertising Council here.

"The errors of a Republican administration and a Democratic Congress during these crucial years have been acknowledged by members of both parties," he said.

The President referred to the years 1957-1960 "which produced two recessions from which the economy never wholly recovered. He said the economic history of that period 'clearly warns us now that the 'wrong answer' to the economic proposals he has made 'would spell downturn for the American economy as a whole.'"

Major questions which Congress must decide, he said, involve the limit on the national debt, the size of the federal budget and the desirability and extent of federal tax reduction.

He warned that "an unrealistic debt ceiling or budget cut today" would lead to a slowdown in defense contracts, a stretch-out in federal payments, cash drain on business, "and ultimately another recession."

Boards Study School Plan

The details of the gerrymander plan for the division of the county into two school districts to solve some of the county's school problems will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the city administration building.

The Joint School Boards Association unanimously adopted the plan at its Feb. 28 meeting and will be hammering out some of the details tonight.

One of the details that needs further clarification is a plan for the division of assets between the boards because of the boundary changes.

At the last meeting, Superintendent of County Schools Cliff Robinson said agreement on some of these smaller items should be easy since the three boards finally were able to come together on a solution to the overriding problem.

Gas Survey Completed

California-Pacific Utilities Company announced today that it had completed the line survey in the north section and the Pelican City area and will extend their high pressure natural gas line to serve industrial and commercial firms as well as the residential section in this vicinity.

Materials have been ordered and construction is expected to begin in approximately 30 days. This is the first step in the company's \$400,000 expansion program for 1963, according to E. Mullis, district manager.



RAMONA SOTO

Legislature To Honor Klamath Indian Queen

Miss Indian America, Ramona Soto of Klamath Falls, lovely young member of the Klamath Tribe whose Indian name is Olsombumwas, is to be honored by the state of Oregon in Salem Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19-20.

Arrangements for her several public appearances are being made by State Sen. and Mrs. Harry Boivin.

Miss Soto's trip to Salem is sponsored by the Herald and News, and she will be accompanied by Ruth King of the Herald and News staff.

Ramona, now attending Sheridan College in Sheridan, Wyo., is to give the Lord's Prayer in the Indian sign language at the morning session of the Senate, March 19, and will repeat the impressive prayer before the House of Representatives the following day.

She will be introduced to Gov. Mark O. Hatfield on Tuesday when a group of young people from the Warm Springs Reservation will be present, will attend a tea during the afternoon as an honored guest, will visit the Chemawa Indian School and will be an overnight guest of Secretary of State and Mrs. Howell Appling during her stay in the state capital.

Luncheons, a dinner and a press conference are also being arranged for her.

Since she was named Miss Indian America last August, the young woman, daughter of Mrs. Florida Soto and Joseph Soto, and sister of Elnathan Davis, all of this city, has made numerous public appearances.

She came to Klamath Falls this week from the Hoopa Indian Reservation in California and is scheduled to appear at the All American Indian basketball tournament at Chiloquin on her return from Salem. She will leave early in April for three weeks in New York state and in Oklahoma, continuing to tell the story of her people and her goal, to study law for a professional career to aid the Indians.

She graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1962 and won a scholarship when appointed to her national honor. She is an accomplished pianist, has been an official hostess at the five-day Indian Arts Festival at La Grande and was honored by the Klamath Basin last fall at a reception

Thousands Flee East High Water

By United Press International
Violent thunderstorms raked the flooded Southland today and a blustery March storm dumped heavy snow across Nebraska and Iowa. Thousands were homeless. The death toll mounted.

An airline pilot reported a tornado near Indianapolis, Ind., during the night. Warnings of severe thunderstorms, damaging winds and hail were posted along an 80-mile-wide swath deep into the heart of Ohio.

Soaking rains across the South sent rivers and creeks spilling from their banks. More than 20,000 persons fled the rising waters in the Virginias, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama Tuesday.

Trains Stranded
Three Southern Railroad passenger trains were stranded in east Tennessee by flood waters and mud slides during the night.

A tornado ripped through two small south-central Alabama communities late Tuesday, damaging buildings. No injuries were reported. The twister came at the tail end of a rash of tornadoes that swept through the South Monday and earlier Tuesday, killing at least five and leaving millions of dollars of property damage behind.

A federal task force was due in eastern Kentucky today to survey flood damage termed the worst in the depressed area's history. President Kennedy was expected to name 20 Kentucky counties as major disaster areas.

Rip Houses Apart
The Appalachian floods ripped houses apart, swept cars into swollen streams, uprooted trees and covered highways with tons of mud.

The Cumberland and Guyandotte, the Tug and Tennessee, Big Sandy and Sequatchie were just a few of the rampaging rivers which caused millions of dollars of damage across the flood belt.

At least 13 deaths were attributed to torrential rains, floods and near-blizzard snowstorms Tuesday. Five persons died in West Virginia alone, three suffering heart attacks while battling surging flood waters. A family of four drowned when their home was swept into the Sequatchie River near Jasper, Tenn.

Kansas, Alabama, Kentucky and Virginia reported one death each Tuesday. Three persons were missing and presumed drowned in a canoe accident on the swollen Jackson River near Covington, Va.

Painter Held For Slaying

LAKEVIEW—Robert Lee O'Connor, 26, itinerant painter, was arraigned in the district court of Judge Richard Moffet Wednesday morning on a reduced charge of second degree murder in the death of Mrs. Theresa Arzner, 64, Lakeview.

O'Connor, apprehended in Bend late Thursday, March 7, had first been charged with first degree murder in the case following the finding of the body of Mrs. Arzner on a county road four miles from here.

An autopsy revealed that Mrs. Arzner actually died prior to midnight on Wednesday, March 6, although her body was not discovered until Thursday morning. Bail on O'Connor has been set at \$25,000 and he remains in jail here.

T. R. Conn is to be appointed his defense attorney by the circuit judge, Charles Foster. O'Connor has said little about the incident beyond his initial claim that the woman jumped or fell out of his pickup. The autopsy revealed that the woman suffered multiple fractures and authorities speculated that she had been run over at least once and perhaps repeatedly. No date has been set for the trial.



VISITOR — Mrs. U. S. Savings Bond, Emily Terrall, St. Helens, center, was in Klamath Falls Tuesday to promote the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds in a nationwide campaign. At left is Mike Shannon, manager of the First National Bank, South Sixth Street Branch, who served as Klamath County Savings Bond chairman for several years and, right, Mrs. Virginia McGaughey, Klamath Falls candidate for Mrs. Oregon, who was present for the luncheon meeting in the Pelican Party Room. Mrs. Terrall and George W. Minnaugh, Oregon director of the Savings Bond Division, United States Treasury Department, Portland, both spoke.

Rail Peace Hopes Fade

CHICAGO (UPI)—The nation's railroads and five rail unions resumed battle across the negotiating table today in their long-standing "featherbedding" dispute.

The fight between the railroads and five on-train brotherhoods over job-cutting work rules changes could wind up in a crippling nationwide rail strike.

Even though hopes for an early settlement appeared dim, it appeared likely that the quarrel would be dumped on the White House doorstep before strike stage is reached.

The railroads had an edge—last week's Supreme Court ruling that they have the right to put into effect work rules changes which would eventually eliminate up to 80,000 jobs. The roads insist they need these new work rules to eliminate "featherbedding"—their term for work which is not performed or is not needed.

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