



TOP TEAM FOR FEBRUARY — Kingsley Field's Loading Crew of the Month for February includes, left to right, Robert R. Milwicz and Frederick J. Hartmann, both airman first class, and crew chief Charles L. Lockman, airman second class. The winning crew is assigned to the 408th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and was selected for its attitude, participation and performance in the air field's weapons loading program.

Solon Says JFK Plans Aid Slash

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey said Tuesday he expects President Kennedy to cut his original \$4.9 billion foreign aid request by an amount "honestly attributable" to the Clay Committee report.

Humphrey said the report "fortifies some of the doubts in Congress about foreign aid and will bring about some reduction in appropriations."

He indicated that he expected the President's reduction to exceed the \$200 million already forecast as likely.

Humphrey said that "I would not expect the appropriation this year to be less than that of last year (\$3.9 billion). But I predict the Clay report will result in a reduction in the President's request—honestly attributable to the Clay report."

He said he thought it would be "good sense" to do this. Speaking to reporters after today's Democratic leadership conference with Kennedy, Humphrey said that "I don't think the Clay report can be ignored."

In a related development, Foreign Aid Director David E. Bell gave his endorsement to the Clay report. It recommended stricter standards in insisting on "self-help" free enterprise economic policies by countries receiving aid and the curtailment of non-essential programs.

Bell, answering questions before the Magazine Publishers Association, said he thought the judgments, policies and attitudes expressed in the Clay report were "sound, appropriate and proper."

"We do not have any substantial differences of judgment on the main lines of recommendations the committee made," he said.

Congressional supporters of foreign aid feared that the program might be on the way to a record cut.

Double Tax Bill Passed

OLYMPIA (UPI) — Legislation designed to end the "double taxation" of trucks engaged in interstate business between Washington, Oregon and Idaho was passed by the Washington Senate Tuesday.

The bill was sent to the House. The measure requires out-of-state truckers to pay Washington's 7 1/2 cent a gallon gasoline tax on fuel in their tanks when they cross the state line. But it permits Washington truckers to deduct from the taxes they pay in this state the amount of any highway users taxes paid in other states.

The bill would thus automatically remove any double taxation of Washington truck firms. Oregon and Idaho would have to pass similar laws to relieve their truck companies of the necessity of paying taxes twice.

Present Washington law requires payment of taxes by out-of-state truckers when they come into Washington. But the sponsor of the bill, Sen. Nat. Washington, D-Ephrata, explained that collection methods are inefficient and "we aren't getting the taxes we should."



Herald and News

Lighter Side:

Thumbs Get Workout On Postmaster's Wit

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The rest of my body may not be anything but the Kennedy administration would endorse, but I do have well conditioned thumbs.

I keep them in shape by thumbing through magazines, which is a more stimulating exercise than twiddling and is more socially acceptable than thumbing the nose.

As I was giving my thumbs a workout one evening recently, my attention was gaffed by the title of an article in the magazine I was warming up on.

Postmaster Called "Wittiest" — "The wittiest man in Washington," it said, and I naturally paused there to see upon whom the accolade had been bestowed.

Somewhat to my surprise, the recipient turned out to be Postmaster General J. Edward Day.

If anyone had polled me on the question, I would have voted for Internal Revenue Commissioner Mortimer M. Caplin, who at this time of year can hand you a laugh a minute.

As a sample of the postmaster general's wit, the magazine cited a remark Day made one night when a strong breeze was playing hob with feminine hairdos at some kind of function.

Day said he wished he had the comb concession.

That is truly a witicism, all right, and I guess it proves that Day deserves the "wittiest man" title. I doubt that even Caplin could top that.

Groups Takes Testimony

At any rate, the article aroused more than my usual amount of interest in the testimony taken this year by the House subcommittee on post office appropriations.

The transcript of the hearings was released today and I eagerly leafed through a copy to see if I could find any more of Day's witicisms.

At the same time, of course, my thumbs got a good limbering up.

I will have to say that I was disappointed, although I really don't blame Day for not wasting his witicisms on the subcommittee, which probably wouldn't have appreciated them anyway.

But if he was short on witicisms Day certainly was long on abbreviations, which are short for the programs he has instituted at the Post Office Department.

Among others he mentioned NIMS (Nationwide Improved Mail Service), ABCD (Accelerated Business Collection Delivery), VMD (Vertical Mail Delivery), WMS (Work Measurement System), POMSIP (Post Office Management and Service Improvement Program) and ZIP (Zone Improvement Plan).

Mindszenty Visit Noted

BUDAPEST, Hungary (UPI)—The U. S. legation here has received orders to arrange a meeting between Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty and Austria's Franz Cardinal Koenig when Koenig comes to Budapest, an American spokesman said today.

"We have received orders from the State Department in Washington to grant Franz Cardinal Koenig immediate entry to Cardinal Mindszenty," the spokesman said.

Mindszenty, 71, was given asylum in the U.S. legation here on Nov. 4, 1956, when the Budapest uprising was crushed and has been confined to the premises ever since.

It has been no secret that in recent years both the Communist regime here and the United States have been anxious to settle the question of the Hungarian prime.

The United States, in principle, does not recognize the right of asylum, but made the cardinal's case a special one.

Swiss Plan Food Lift To Typhoid-Hit Resort

ZERMATT, Switzerland (UPI)—Swiss authorities today were reported considering a "food lift" of uncontaminated supplies into this popular ski resort which has been turned into a "ghost town" by a typhoid fever epidemic.

Nearly 200 persons, including at least one American tourist, have

been stricken by the disease and two have died.

Mrs. Henry Saffran, 25, New York City, was reported recovering in a New York hospital. She returned to the United States March 11 following a visit to Zermatt.

Authorities have been unable to trace the source of the epidemic but both the food and water supply are suspected.

Members of a Swiss army medical detachment fighting the disease have been forbidden to eat local food or drink local water. This has led to reports that outside supplies will be brought in.

The ski season came to an abrupt halt when hotel and restaurant owners voted Monday to shut down for the duration of the typhoid outbreak.

The decision was anticlimactic. This normally crowded Alpine resort already had taken on the aspect of a ghost town. Virtually no tourists are left.

Those who braved out the first week of the epidemic last week have gone and almost no one has arrived to replace them.

Cloudburst Threatens New Floods

DENPASAR, Bali, Indonesia (UPI)—A drenching cloudburst flooded roads in low areas of volcano-ravaged sections of Bali Tuesday, creating fears of a possible new disaster.

Rescue workers said floods could result in a massive flow of cold lava toward the sea, wiping out everything in its path. At least 1,500 persons already have been killed by volcanic eruptions.

Two Indonesian navy LST transports moved into southwestern Bali's disaster zone to pick up 3,000 refugees from three towns.

Rescue workers recommended that 332,000 Balinese be moved to other islands eventually. This is nearly one-fifth the island's population.

Rusiah Sardjono, minister of social welfare, toured the region southwest of Gunung Agung volcano after receiving a report from Denpasar.

The report said the largest single disaster from the volcano's eruption occurred March 17 when an avalanche of searing ash and gases enveloped 1,176 persons worshipping in a temple. The report said 200 survived, but that 88 of them were hospitalized with severe burns.

Molten lava incinerated 176 persons in the Karangasem District, including an estimated 45 Moslems praying in a local mosque, the report said.

It was estimated that 60,000, 70,000 residents fled the area, leaving behind 45,000 pigs and cattle unable to forage on the blighted landscape.

Sardjono's Jeep crunched through a layer of six inches of volcanic sand and gravel. Trees and vegetation were stripped bare of leaves.

Official reports said the destruction included the Klungkung waterworks, the Karangasem power house and waterworks, two government buildings, seven bridges and 162 homes.

Rogue River Funds Asked

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Oregon Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger have asked the Bureau of the Budget to approve an accelerated funding schedule for preconstruction planning of reservoir units of the Rogue River Basin Project.

The two Democrats pointed out in a letter to Budget Director Kermit Gordon that three reservoirs in the Rogue River Basin were authorized for construction under the 1962 Flood Control Act.

They said the President's budget for fiscal 1964 included a request for funds for preconstruction planning on the Lost Creek Reservoir. "However," they said, "It now appears that significant and substantial long-term benefits will accrue from an acceleration of the project funding schedule."

They said Army Engineers had advised that a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 before the end of the current fiscal year would increase the 1964 fiscal year capability to \$320,000. If adequate future appropriations were made for construction, the senators said, the two allocations in fiscal years 1963 and 1964 would advance completion of the project by about one year.

They said the Rogue River project would have an annual economic value of about \$6 million.

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