

*Berkeley, California
December 19, 1963*

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Unless Americans
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litical responsibility
and abolish the
(over)

Office of leader,
I shall continue to
be a leader. My
immediate goal is
the assassination of
President Johnson.
Yours in Peace & War
Robert Fennell
also psychiatrist
This letter is being
sent to the White House
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THREATENING WORDS—This is the note found in the pocket of a self-styled "social psychiatrist" who was arrested in Berkeley Thursday night. The note calls for the

assassination of President Johnson and is signed by Robert Fennell. —UPI Telephoto

Sanity Tests Set For Carrier Of Threatening Note

OAKLAND (UPI) — A former Iowa mental patient faced fresh tests of his sanity Saturday fol-

lowing the discovery of a note in his possession threatening the life of President Johnson.



The suspect, Robert Beaty Fennell, 29, of Sioux City, Iowa, was ordered committed for psychiatric examination Friday following an appearance before U. S. Commissioner Cameron Wolfe. Bail was set at \$5,000 and the case was continued to Jan. 3.

Dist. Judge Oliver J. Carter signed the commitment order on the request of U. S. Attorney Cecil Poole. Fennell is charged with "wilfully and knowingly threatening to do bodily harm to or threatening the life of President Lyndon Johnson."

Fennell spent four months in an Iowa state mental institution in 1959 after he was arrested for allegedly threatening the life of a girl friend. Doctors classified him as a schizophrenic and declared him cured when they released him.

Fennell's written threat against the President was discovered after he was picked up Thursday night in Berkeley for vagrancy.

When Fennell was booked Thursday night he gave his occupation as "unemployed social psychiatrist."

Police said they had seen him loitering in Berkeley for some time and decided to arrest him for vagrancy.

When he was taken to the police station he had food and a note in his pocket. The note read:

"Berkeley, California, Dec. 19, 1963.
To you:
I'm increasingly sickened by the people's reaction to the assassination (sic) of President Kennedy. Nowhere have I read or heard—from moderates, left—or rightwinger—the underlying reason.
Unless Americans accept their political responsibility and abolish the office (underlined)

SANITY TESTS PLANNED—Robert Beaty Fennell, 29, a former patient at the Iowa mental institution, and an Air Force veteran, will undergo mental tests after he was arrested in Berkeley, Calif., this week on a vagrancy charge. At the time of his arrest, he was carrying a note threatening President Johnson.—UPI Telephoto.

Oregon Delegation Split Over Dunes Park Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Robert B. Duncan, D-Ore., said today that differences among members of the state's congressional delegation over the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore were not "irreconcilable."

"I don't look for any split in the delegations," he said. "People of good will can disagree over an issue without engaging in personalities."

Duncan, in whose district the proposed national seashore would be established, told United Press International he was "encouraged" by the progress on the park.

The Oregon Democrat's comments contrasted sharply with comments made earlier by Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., in a biting attack on the Senate Interior Committee.

Blames Committee
Morse accused the committee of having "split the Oregon delegation" by reporting out a bill which would provide for the condemnation of private property for the proposed seashore.

"The committee will have to assume the responsibility for a bitter political controversy that will rage for some time in Oregon," Morse told the Senate Thursday night.

"I do not like to see our delegation involve itself in a Democratic civil war in my state," Morse said. "But that is what we are headed for. It ought to be avoided."

Duncan said he had not had a chance to read Morse's speech and so could not comment on it.

But in reply to questions, he said he did not foresee any-

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Man Gets Baboon Kidney

DENVER (UPI) — A 40-year-old patient at Colorado General Hospital had hopes today of becoming the second man in medical history to survive the transplant of an animal's kidneys to his body.

The unusual operation was performed Friday and the man, who was not identified, was reported in "satisfactory" condition today. The kidneys of a baboon were inserted in his body to replace his own diseased kidneys.

The operation came three days after announcement at New Orleans of the successful transplant of a chimpanzee's kidneys to a man. That operation was performed Nov. 5 but not revealed until Tuesday. Doctors at Charity Hospital in New Orleans said their patient had recovered sufficiently to go home for Christmas.

In the only other known animal-to-human transplant, a woman received the kidneys of a rhesus monkey Oct. 8 but they ceased to function and had to be removed. She died two days later.

Development of this technique, called a heterograft, is significant because if animal organs can be used for transplants, the problem of finding suitable donors for such operations will be removed.

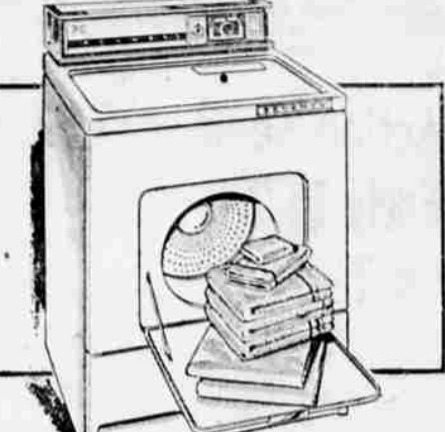
Colorado General declined to reveal much about Friday's operation and said it would not do so for several days. A spokesman said the team of surgeons who performed the operation wanted the publicity on it to be "conservative."

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