

East Side . . . West Side All Around the Town

By JOE CARAHER

You learn something every day. A poster in a downtown window referring to forthcoming dance at Klamath Auditorium, says "Ladies, Please Wear Skirts."

Interviewed at the American Medical Association meeting at Portland a couple weeks ago, Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond thoughtfully stated, "Cigarette smokers not only have many more deaths from all causes than non-smokers, but have much more illness and hospitalization," as he paused from time to time to light up his pipe.

Joe Sawyer and Toby Bedal teamed up on a nice holiday gesture. Sawyer, manager of the Municipal Airport, distributed poinsettia corsages to all lady passengers boarding West Coast airplanes Wednesday afternoon. The flowers came from Bedal's shop on Main Street.

When the planes aren't on schedule we should check with Seattle to get a little more information on a story in the Seattle Times, which carried this headline: "Sister Flies Here With Tablecloth."—Now this is the best thing we've seen since reading about the magic carpet in that wonderful kids' book, "The Little Lame Prince."

Duck enthusiast Jim Crismon has been distributing Oregon basketball schedules around town. On one side of the card is the slate of Webfoot games. On the other, a full color photo of the "quintet," four players and the coach. What everyone wants to know: Who is the fifth wheel? Shown are Gleason, Johnson, Coach Belko, Jones and Barnett. By the way, what ever happened to Laddie Gale and Slim Wintermute?

Quick-on-the-trigger Barney Cavanaugh pulled on the red suit and filled in for Santa at the Lions Party for a group of needy kids the other evening. Who else in the club is more fitted to be a portly, jovial quick-witted St. Nick?

After perusing a story in our paper Wednesday titled, "Chimpanzee Kidneys Transferred to Man," some wag is bound to suggest, "Why don't they transfer their brains, too?" Not a bad idea when you give it a little thought.

You can't say John Weber, an investigator for the Klamath County District Attorney's office, isn't a big hearted guy. After a long conversation with a defendant after his arrest, the jailed man said he'd like a cigarette. John, the story goes, offered him a dollar. The man resented it; turned him down. Said John later: "I was very happy about this. It turned out I had only a dollar in my pocket."

Sports item:
O. E. "Babe" Hollingbery, great Washington State football coach for 18 seasons (1926-1944) stopped at our place en route to the Shrine East-West game in S.F. and told us he was plugging former SMU mentor, Bill Meeks, to replace Jim Sutherland, whose tour at WSU ended last week. Hollingbery for years was West coach of the Shrine contest in S.F. Now, like Andy Kerr, who tutored the East many seasons, he's an honorary coach. Coincidentally Sutherland will boss the West in this year's contest which is Saturday, Dec. 28. This is just a little background for Les Snively who won the Herald and News game guessing contest and thereby got himself a nice trip—all expenses paid—to Kezar next weekend.

You've got to hand it to what must be about 90 per cent of the folks who live on Pacific Terrace which overlooks the city. They've done a great job of decorating, especially the folks who have mounted a huge star on top of their abode. Another has "NOEL" outlined in colorful lights. Don't miss seeing it if you live within 100 miles of Klamath Falls because the folks on Pacific have done terrific!

Procrastinators have just 2 shopping days before Christmas—and Christmas Eve if they are still pressed for time. But if you haven't mailed your Christmas card to Aunt Beulah yet, you're just about dead. The hard-working men in grey need more time than you're given 'em.

Post Graduates Set New Mark

CORVALLIS (UPI)—Registration figures at Oregon State University show a record 1,239 graduate students representing every state in the union enrolled. A report by Dr. Henry P. Hansen, dean of the graduate school, showed half the students majoring in some field of science. More than 500 of the graduate students received their bachelor's or master's degrees, or both, from an Oregon college or university. California schools supply most of the out-of-state post graduates with 138.

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GRANGE OFFICERS — Shown here are 1964 officers of the Midland Grange who were installed recently. The officers have taken over their duties. Shown are, seated, left to right, Mildred Largent, orator; Mayme Cammock, lecturer; Minnie Andrieu, chaplain; Ida Scala, secretary; Verda Orback, treasurer; Grace Stork, HEC chairman; Alice Hoover, HEC vice-chairman; Kathryn Smith, musician; Freda Flowers, juvenile matron; standing, left to right, Jerry Sayles, assistant steward; Lewis Stork, overseer; Gene Barrett, gatekeeper; Bob Pyle, acting steward; Dixie Agar, Pomona; Sylvia Andrieu, Ceres; Dorothy Flowers; Flora; Leon Andrieu, Hip Largent and James Flowers, all of the executive committee; and Peg Baldwin, lady assistant steward.

Chou Flies To Algiers

ALGIERS (UPI) — Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai arrived Saturday to press Peking's campaign to win African support in its ideological struggle against Russia.

Chou and Foreign Minister Marshal Chen Yi arrived from Cairo on the second step of their extensive African tour amid reports that Algeria will refuse to be drawn into the bitter Sino-Soviet quarrel.

The Chinese delegation's chartered KLM jetliner landed at beflagged Dar El Beida (White House) Air Field at 2:05 p.m. (9:05 a.m. EST).

Extraordinary police precautions were taken to guard against any terrorist attack. Heavy cordons of armed troops guarded the airfield and soldiers were posted at intervals of 15 yards all along the nine-mile route to the city.

President Ahmed Ben Bella, who banned the Algerian Communist party despite his close ties to the Communist bloc, headed the welcoming party.

Ex-Hostages Tell President Of 10-Day Ordeal In Bolivia

By DONALD MAY
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—It was a Bolivian version of the wild west, but the cavalry didn't gallop up in time to rescue the four American hostages. They had to do it themselves in a jeep.

Three of the four cheerfully told President Johnson and newsmen Friday of their 10-day adventure while being held hostage by Communist-led tin miners in the mountains of Bolivia.

Most of their guards were women whom they dubbed "Lady MacBeths." Instead of pistols, the ladies packed dynamite cans and wore black derbies. But like women everywhere, they cried in disappointment when the men refused to do what they wanted — plead for the release of two Communist miners union leaders seized by the Bolivian government.

The three, who were on their way home today, are Bernard Rifkin, of Montclair, N. J., a foreign aid labor adviser; Thomas M. Martin, of New York; and Michael A. Kristula,

of Cadillac, Mich., both U.S. Information Service Officers.

Remains In Bolivia
A fourth, Robert Ferguson, a Peace Corps volunteer from Honolulu, decided to remain in Bolivia with other Peace Corps members rather than return for Christmas.

The men were captured by the miners in an effort to make the Bolivian authorities release labor leaders, Reneo Pimental and Federico Escobar, who had been arrested earlier on criminal charges.

The adventure began, Martin said, on Dec. 6, after the four had gone to the area of the Catavi and Siglo-Veinte mines, 150 miles south of La Paz on a project to build schools for the impoverished mining community.

The Americans had finished a dinner with the Dutch manager of one of the mines, Martin recalled, when trucks pulled up outside. About "150 men barged into the house with rifles and pistols" to arrest the Dutchman, he said.

Companions Seized
Martin said one of the armed men recognized him as a U.S. official and began "shouting" to this effect, and in a moment Martin and his companions also were seized.

Seventeen other hostages—Bolivians and other nationals were also taken prisoner.

Martin said the Americans were taken to the library of the union hall at the Siglo-Veinte mine. The library had a "fair collection of books," Martin said, but there were many large photographs "of life in Russia and Czechoslovakia."

A short time later, Martin said, a Bolivian senator named Arturo Crespo, who is also the boss of the nearby Catavi mine, arrived "in a rather intoxicated state." Dramatically, Crespo announced that if the miners were going to kill the Americans they would have to kill him too.

"Rifkin replied, 'who's talking about killing people,'" Martin said. He said Sen. Crespo continued alleged efforts in behalf of the Americans but it appeared what he really wanted "was for us to be his captives down at Catavi."

Guarded By Women
During their 10 days in captivity, the hostages said, they were guarded by a group of women led by the wives of Pimental and Escobar.

The hostages said they were threatened only indirectly. Statements were made that the Bolivian army was approaching and that if there were a fight, everyone "might be killed."

The captors, particularly the

lady guards, were incensed that the U.S. government would not order the hostages to give in to the demands for statements urging the release of Pimental and Escobar.

At one point, Martin said, "the Lady MacBeths cried on my shoulder, asking how the U.S. government could be so cruel."

Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts by the U.S. government, other countries, the Red Cross, the Roman Catholic Church, and labor groups were going on to effect a release.

Martin said the captives listened to two miners' assemblies discuss terms for letting them go. But the talks seemed inconclusive, and at one point, on Monday, Dec. 16, after 10 days of confinement, Rifkin simply announced, "That's enough of this, let's get out of here."

All put on their coats and marched out behind Rifkin. No one stopped them.

The guards had told them they were "protecting" them from the people outside. "But when we went through the door, the people cheered us," Martin said. The guards apparently felt it was too late to intervene.

Then came what Martin called "sort of like a wild west" ride in a caravan of jeeps and other vehicles toward the nearby town of Oruro.

Rifkin told newsmen that the people in this area of Bolivia live very poorly. The miners' take-home pay is less than five dollars a month. Some 70 per cent suffer from silicosis or tuberculosis. Even under government operation the mines are a losing business.

Bad Weather Slows Trains

PORTLAND (UPI) — Trains were arriving as much as 11 hours late here because of the cold wave in the East and Midwest, railroad officials reported today.

Temperatures as low as 20 degrees below zero in the northern plains states have frozen brake steam lines.

Dispatchers said Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited, jammed with holiday passengers was expected to arrive in Portland about 6 p.m. today. Its scheduled arrival time was 7 p.m. Friday.

Builder was running three hours late, as was Union Pacific's City of Portland. All run between Portland and Chicago.

Union Pacific's Portland Rose from Kansas City was about an hour late.

Old Saint Nick Faces Security Test In Texas

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — Before jolly old St. Nick will be allowed to descend the LBJ ranch house chimney, there will be a security check by Secret Service men. The same applies to all holiday visitors at the Texas White House.

Otherwise, Christmas at the ranch will follow the customary pattern.

There will be church services; lots of relatives, gaiety, decorations, feasting and the inevitable politics.

Cowboy-butler James Davis already has scouted the LBJ ranch for the perfect five-foot cedar Christmas tree.

The President, Mrs. Johnson and their two daughters, Lucy,

16, and Lynda, 19, will help decorate it with "dime store" bulbs and tinsel . . . like everybody's else, just the usual assortment of colored lights, bulbs and icicles," Davis said.

Four stockings will be hung on the mantle of the roaring fireplace, labelled "Lynda," "Lucy," "Mother," and "Father."

Lady Bird Johnson, as usual will wrap a red cloth around the nose of a mounted deer head in the hall and the dusty old trophy will become "Rudolph" for the holidays.

On Christmas Eve, when many uncles, aunts, cousins and old friends gather, the presents will be opened.

The Court Records

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Traffic Cases
Vernor Carl Buckles, violation basic rule, 25 in 25, \$10 forfeited.
Ronald Dale Brisban, violation basic rule, 25 in 25, \$10 forfeited.
Robert Marshall Einsteiner, violation basic rule, 25 in 25, \$10 forfeited.
Ira Glenn Nichols, disobeyed stop sign, \$10 forfeited.
Ira Frank Taylor, disobeyed stop sign, \$10 forfeited.
Robert Chris Schill, disobeyed stop sign, \$10 forfeited.
James Douglas Gray, disobeyed stop sign, \$10 forfeited.
William Fred Hoagland, disregarded traffic signal, \$10 forfeited.
Valentine William Costanzo, disregarded traffic signal, \$10 forfeited.
Samuel Ralph Cough, disregarded traffic signal, \$10 forfeited.
Donald Bert Hamilton, disregarded traffic signal, \$10 forfeited.
Anthony Kathryn Brown, improper left turn, \$7.50 forfeited.
Reino Ann Smithers, improper left turn, \$7.50 forfeited.
Donald Lee Kelly, passing on right, \$10 forfeited.

Michael Fulton Gaddis, driving over sidewalk, \$7.50 forfeited.
Thomas Dwight Short, expired vehicle license, \$7.50 forfeited.
Mela Pearl Valentin, expired vehicle license, \$7.50 forfeited.
Robert Lee John, expired vehicle license, suspended, \$7.50.
James Lewis Webb, expired vehicle license, \$7.50 suspended.
Robert Chris Schill, expired vehicle license, \$7.50 forfeited.
Mary Francis Staccia, no operator's license in possession, \$7.50 forfeited; expired vehicle license, \$7.50 forfeited.
Robert Ovalle Tena, no operator's license, \$7.50 forfeited.
Grace Viola Allen, expired operator's license, \$7.50 forfeited.
Kenneth E. Swinson, hand, excessive muffler noise, \$7.50 forfeited.
Raymond Joseph Alonzo, excessive muffler noise, \$7.50 forfeited.
Jose Antonio Lopez, no operator's license, \$7.50 forfeited; driving without headlights, \$7.50 forfeited.
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U.S. Officials Feel 'Hole In Wall' Will Have Long-Range Significance

officials believe the Christmas hole in the Berlin wall may turn out to have long-range political significance.

The grim grey barrier, breached for the first time since August 1961 to permit Berliners to visit their kin in the Red-held Eastern sector, can never have the same psychological significance of permanence again, they said.

The fact that the Soviet-controlled East German officials attempted in vain to extract political concessions before opening the wall is proof, in the view of officials here, that there was real significance in the decision to take this action.

It goes without saying, they added, that the Russians approved the East German action if they did not, in fact, order it. In the broad scope of the cold war, the temporary opening in the wall was considered to be particularly revealing when considered along with Russian actions to ease the rigidity of their grip in other areas of the East European satellites.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk Friday referred briefly to the

holiday action of the East Germans at a hastily called news conference during which he discussed a number of European subjects.

He said only that he was "pleased" by the Communist action and hoped that both sides would take "special care" to see that no incidents marred the arrangement. He added that it had "not been easy" to work out.

Rusk said he found during talks earlier last week in Paris

and London that there was a "general feeling" among the NATO Allies that the West should continue to talk with Russia on measures to ease tensions.

It was clear, Rusk said, that the Allies felt that "contacts with the Soviet Union had been useful."

Rusk said there was no feeling among the Western Allies that the limited nuclear test ban treaty "should be accepted as the end of the trail."

Judge Vows Early Ruling On Motions In Hoffa Case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—U.S. District Court Judge Frank W. Wilson Friday promised to rule on pre-trial motions in the jury tampering trial of Teamster President James R. Hoffa as soon as possible.

Wilson of Chattanooga, a special judge appointed to sit in place of Judge Frank Gray Jr., heard arguments from defense

attorneys in their bid to have the Jan. 6 trial delayed and moved to another city.

Attorney James Haggerty, Detroit, said an area poll showed a majority of those who have formed opinions in the case are convinced Hoffa is guilty.

Usual Christmas Gaiety Is Missing At Kennedys

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—The gay trappings of Christmas brightened the borrowed home of the late President Kennedy's family today and there were even decorated trees in the children's bedrooms.

But the usual holiday gaiety was missing in the ocean-side mansion guarded by secret servicemen.

"They are decorating just like always," said Col. Malcolm C. Paul, who loaned his home to Mrs. John F. Kennedy for the holidays. "But, of course, it won't be the same as last year."

Paul presented four trees to the family — including two small ones for the bedrooms of Caroline, 6, and John Jr., 3.

The largest tree, more than 12 feet tall, was set up in the big living room by an open fireplace where the children's stockings will hang Christmas Eve.

The other tree was for the mansion staff.

Paul, a widower, moved to his yacht, Seven Seas, docked near the mansion to allow his guests full use of the house.

Mrs. Kennedy's sister, Princess Lee Radziwill and her husband and children are spending Christmas with the former First Family.

After unwrapping their presents Christmas morning, the family will go to the home of the late President's father, Joseph P. Kennedy, about a mile away for a private mass and dinner.

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