

Johnson Urges National Unity on Return Home

Speculation That President May Call Off Political Tour Precedes Airport Arrival

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WASHINGTON — President Johnson returned from his 17-day, 31,500-mile Far Eastern mission Wednesday night with a plea for unity while the nation travels what he called the difficult road to an honorable peace in Vietnam.

Standing bareheaded under an umbrella, the President spoke to 5,000 persons who braved a drizzle to greet him at Dulles International Airport.

"If our countrymen will stand with us—if we travel the difficult road together—we will come out well in the end," he said.

"Where there is deep division in a land, there is danger. But where there is unity, there is strength."

Mr. Johnson declared that he had come home "much more confident and hopeful than when I left."

Even before his plane touched down at the airport, there was speculation that the President might call off a planned coast-to-coast whirlwind political tour before the Nov. 8 general election.

No Hint of Action

But he gave no hint of any such action and devoted most of his address to prospects for ending the Vietnam war and to the need for what he called unity in the land.

Last Sunday at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, White House sources announced that the President would leave this Friday on a four-day trip, including a visit to California, which would wind up on the eve of state and congressional elections.

But later there were strong hints by some members of the President's staff that he was reconsidering the trip.

Bill D. Moyers, White House press secretary, refused to comment on the reports but said the situation would be clarified by tonight.

Cancellation of the political tour would be an important political development because of its impact on closely contested races.

Oppose 11th-Hour Campaign

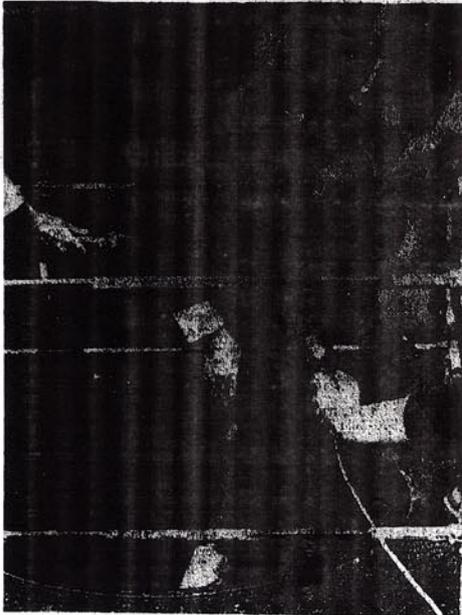
Some Presidential advisers reportedly oppose 11th-hour campaigning by the Chief Executive. Their thinking is that the partisan political nature of such a tour would cheapen the international aspects of the President's Far Eastern trip and that public reaction in this country might not be beneficial to the candidates the President supports.

In his airport address, the President only made a bantering reference to state and congressional elections.

He said he encountered perfect weather everywhere on his tour until he returned to this country.

The weather was bad in Alaska and again in Washington, he said—

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AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL—Gov. Brown grasps hands of a worker in a manhole during a campaign walk along San Francisco's Market St. (AP Wirephoto)

Brown Predicts He Will Win Third Term by 300,000 Votes

BY RICHARD BERGHOLZ
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Gov. Brown came up with a new burst of optimism Wednesday and said he expects to win next Tuesday's election by 300,000 votes or more.

The 61-year-old chief executive, seeking a third term, found his new heart and hope in his native city of San Francisco, where he has always had solid voter support.

Brown said he thinks he will run up a margin as big or bigger than that he compiled in 1962 against former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

This time Brown's opponent is Republican Ronald Reagan, whom he describes as "utterly devoid of any public service experience."

President's Trip Uncertain

The governor's prediction of victory came on a campaign swing in the Bay Area as it was learned that President Johnson may call off his expected campaign trip to California this weekend.

Brown said he wasn't free to talk about it, but disclosed he had received a White House phone call which indicated Mr. Johnson may not go through with his as yet unofficial plans to visit Sacramento, Long Beach and Pasadena to help the Democratic cause.

"I am going to win this on my own," Brown said, "on my record of achievements and on my opponent's complete lack of record of any kind, nature or description in public service."

Brown used a phrase frequently

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Road Crews Just Can't Wash Pink Lady Out of Their Hair

BY JACK SMITH
Times Staff Writer

Malibu Canyon's nude Pink Lady spent Wednesday night at her care-

crews hauled up rigging to prepare for a determined assault against the

4 Camp Pendleton Marines Die in Second Fire Tragedy

SURVIVOR'S STORY

Hot-Shot Boss Tells Tragedy at 'Hill of Hell'

BY CHARLES HILLINGER
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Gordon King, boss of the hot-shot crew that lost 10 of its 25 men fighting the Sylmar fire, wept Wednesday as he described what happened on the steep brush-covered hill consumed by flames Tuesday.

Twelve other members of the El Cariso Hot Shots were seriously burned.

"It was a sudden shift in the wind... a west wind that came out of nowhere and heaved fire in the middle of my crew," King said from his bed in General Hospital.

King suffered second-degree burns on his face, arms, hands and most of his body. His condition is serious.

Doctors give him medicine to ease the pain.

Cannot Relieve Anguish

But they can do nothing to relieve his anguish over the deaths of his comrades.

"There was a northeast wind in the canyon. We were making headway. Then the wind suddenly stopped. Twenty seconds of stillness. Then it became a hill of hell," King said.

"It happened so fast. We were spread out about 200 yards apart in groups of three and five.

"I was at the bottom, nearest to the fire, with Ray Chee and Jim Moreland. (Both men were burned to death.) We were 20 yards from the flames that were moving slowly across a small ravine below us.

"We were getting ready to turn the corner, to cut it off. The slope was very steep. Funny part was that the brush was tall but not really too thick.

Safety Zone Picked Out

"We had a safety zone picked out 100 yards up the hill, a burned-out rock slide.

"Then the wind changed. The fire was on top of us. I saw it coming. I yelled: 'Move out! Move out!' The rest of the crew saw it coming, too. We were all yelling: 'Move out! Move out!'

"We threw our shovels and equipment aside. We moved out as fast as we could.

"Everybody ran up the hill. Everybody knew where to go—to the safety zone we picked out.

"All tried to get there. Some made it. Some didn't," King sobbed.

"I thought we all had it," continued King. "My God. My God. I thought to myself, 'how could this happen?' One minute in unburned

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MOIST OCEAN AIR BRINGS COOLING SOUTHLAND TREND

High clouds and moist sea breezes invaded Southern California Wednesday, setting off a cooling trend that is expected to continue through Friday.

Wednesday's downtown high was 81 degrees, well below the top of 100 Tuesday that set a November record. Today's forecast Civic Center high is 85.

The Weather Bureau said the onshore flow of cool Pacific air is returning because of a weakening in an inland high pressure system that in recent days had spread over much of the Southwest.

As it built up earlier this week, the high pressure system had blocked normal onshore breezes, substituting a downslope flow of hot desert air that sent temperatures soaring and humidity plummeting.

There was still enough of this Santa Ana condition remaining Wednesday to push coastal temperatures higher than those at many inland spots.

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Flashback Blaze Traps Men on Canyon's Ridge

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In a tragic parallel to the fire storm that had claimed 10 lives in Angeles National Forest only hours earlier, four marines were killed and another burned critically Wednesday when they were trapped on a ridge while battling a brush fire at Camp Pendleton.

The five, who were part of a staging battalion awaiting transfer to Vietnam, were on an elevation overlooking a canyon known as Piedra de Lumbre—rock of fire.

They were trapped when a shift in the winds caused a flashback fire.

The survivor of the tragedy, Pfc. Henry S. Terrazas of Austin, Tex., was airlifted to the base hospital. He suffered burns over 90% of his body.

Names of those who died were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Fighting Five Fires

They were among 300 troops and 21 civilian firemen who fought five different brush fires which blackened 5,000 acres before being brought under control at 3:30 p.m.

The main blaze, which charred about 4,000 acres, started from unknown causes at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday in an uninhabited area about three miles east of Interstate 5 between San Clemente and Oceanside.

Smoke was visible from the highway, but California Highway patrolmen kept motorists from slowing to observe the scene.

For a time a new \$60,000 electronic range used for jungle warfare training was threatened by the flames, but they were turned aside.

The bodies of three of the marines were discovered at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday. It was not determined when they died, a spokesman said.

Find Fourth Victim

In the afternoon, about an hour after the main blaze was brought under control, fire fighters entered the burned area and found the charred body of the fourth victim.

As was the case with all the other brush fires this week in the Southland, the flames were spurred by low humidity, high temperatures and gusty winds.

The Angeles Forest blaze, meanwhile, was officially controlled at 1 p.m. Wednesday as winds tapered off in that area. The fire left 10 fire fighters dead, a dozen seriously burned and 2,100 acres of brush blackened.

Names of the dead, all between 18

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First Police Strike Since 1919 Looms

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI)—The entire night crew of the Pontiac Police Department called in "sick" in a wage dispute Wednesday in what could be the beginning of the nation's first police strike since 1919. Lieutenants and captains manned

Persuasion Succeeds

WASHINGTON — It was just coincidence that movie actor George Hamilton and "black power" leader Stokely Carmichael were notified on the same day that they were up for draft reclassification. The reaction of the news varied as far as the two men were concerned. Hamilton said if his country needed him he would be happy to serve, while Carmichael said he'd rather go to Leavenworth Prison.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Hamilton could persuade Carmichael to go into the Army?



I can see the scene now. Hamilton is sitting on an Army bench waiting for his physical and Carmichael is sitting next to him.

"Hello, my name's George Hamilton. What's yours?"

"Burn, baby, burn."

"Oh, you're Stokely Carmichael of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. I've seen you on television. Tell me, have you seen any of my movies?"

"Baby, I only go to movies where they don't let me in."

"Don't you think it's wonderful that they finally decided to classify us I-A?" Hamilton says. "I've been trying to get in the Army for the last six years, but I'm the chief support of my mother and my draft board insisted I take care of her first. I was naturally very disappointed as I'd much rather be in the Army than be a civilian and live in a 39 room house in Hollywood."

No Black Mercenary

"You may feel that way, baby, but I'm not going to be a black mercenary and fight a white man's war in Asia."

"I feel entirely different about it," Hamilton replies. "The way I see it, there is a moment of truth in every man's life when you have to decide whether you'd rather make \$100,000 a picture with Ursula Andress or Brigitte Bardot or fight for your country against communism."

"Yeah, and which do you want to do?"

"Serve my country, of course."

"You're trying to get out on a psychiatric discharge, aren't you, baby?"

"You're being unfair. I'm looking forward to this experience. It will not only be enlightening, but I'm eagerly anticipating the training and the discipline of the Army as well as the comradeship and esprit de corps that is so much a part of the military service."

"Man, you are a good actor, aren't you?"

"Stokely, you have no idea how awful it feels to know you're safe in a movie studio, making love to Sophia Loren, while out there our boys are giving their all to repulse godless aggression."

'Never Thought'

"I never thought about it in those terms before," Carmichael says.

"I knew you'd see it my way, Stokely."

"I just hope I'm physically fit," Carmichael says excitedly. "Because I'm raring to go."

Just then Cassius Clay walks in and sits down.

Stokely sticks out his hand. "My name's Carmichael, what's yours?"

"Burn, baby, burn," Clay says.

"That's the way I felt when I came in," Carmichael replies.

"But then I got talking to my buddy George. Hey, George, baby, here's another conscientious cat. Tell him what you told me."



WHERE FIRE CREW DIED—County Battalion Chief Tom Lynch scans area, circled, in Pocomo Canyon where 10 fire fighters were killed Tuesday when brush fire they were trying to contain swept up the slope and overwhelmed them. They were members of an elite "hot shot" crew. (This photo by Frank Q. Brown)

Chief of Hot-Shot Fire Crew Weeps in Telling of Tragedy

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brush. The next minute being burned alive.

"Everything was on fire. The other guys, my face, my arms. Then I couldn't see the rest of the crew: it was all flames and smoke.

"I figured it was all over for me, probably for the most of the crew.

"For some reason I ran to the right and hit some loose shale. I slid through at least 200 feet of fire down that steep slope. Then I fell over a 12-foot cliff.

"I slid to safety. Out of the fire, I knew I made it. But I had no idea how the others were doing.

"Which ones made it I don't know. I don't want to know..." King sobbed as nurse Myrtle Spencer gently salved his burns.

"When he regained his composure, King continued:

"I kept thinking to myself, 'Why? Why? Why?' We spend all our free time training for all kinds of fire situations.

Proud of Their Unit

"We call ourselves the Green Beret hot shot crew because we like to think we're the best.

"Why didn't we get out? I guess it was that wind that came out of nowhere and just laid the fire all over us."

King's unit is one of several professional fire-fighting crews employed by the U.S. Forest Service in California.

It is assigned to El Cerrito district near Lake Elsinore in the Riverside County section of Cleveland National Forest.

Many members of the crews are college students who work only through the fire-hazard season and plan fulltime careers in forestry. They earn \$1,800 and up per season.

King, 32, and a six-year veteran of the Cleveland National Forest's elite fire-fighting crew, has been superintendent of the outfit the last two years.

He said, "When not fighting fires we wear a green beret. On the fire lines, we're in hard hats, of course."

Region's Worst Fire Tragedy Took 29 Lives in Griffith Park

BY PAUL HOUSTON Times Staff Writer

Shortly after 2 p.m. on Oct. 3, 1933, a small patch of scrub oak caught fire near a girls' campground in Griffith Park.

A few minutes later hundreds of welfare workers laboring on park roads were ordered to head for the fire with pick and shovel.

They followed a treacherous path down the south wall of peaceful Mineral Wells Canyon, and at the bottom, laughing off the work as a lark, began beating out flames and cutting a fire break.

The fire seemed under control. Then suddenly the wind shifted and whipped the fire into an inferno. Sweeping up the blind canyon, flames drove the screaming, cursing workers against steep slopes.

The fire trap left 20 men dead and scores of others burned.

It was the worst brush fire tragedy in Southern history. The only others to approach it were a Cleveland National Forest brush-timber blaze in 1938 which killed 12 fire fighters and the Pocomo Canyon fire of Tuesday which killed 10.

The 1936 tragedy occurred in the Inaja Forest 40 miles northwest of San Diego. Among the 12 victims trapped by flames were seven honor inmates and their guard who had been recruited from a San Diego County prison camp. Four U.S. Forest Service employees also perished.

The year before, four camp crew workers and a county fire captain, Glenn E. Hockey, died while fighting a brush fire in La Habra Heights. Hockey is the only brush fire casualty in County Fire Department history.

Other recent brush fire tragedies in the Southern took one or two lives at a time.

In 1955 the Los Angeles Fire Department suffered its only brush fire loss when fireman James Catlow was trapped in his rig in the La Tuna Canyon fire.

A Forest Service employee died while fighting a small brush fire at Griffith Park.

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HUNDREDS FLEE AS FIRE HITS 3-BLOCK AREA OF TIJUANA

EXCLUSIVE TO THE TIMES FROM A STAFF WRITER

TIJUANA—Fire swept through a three-block commercial and residential area near downtown Tijuana Wednesday night, sending hundreds of residents fleeing for safety.

More than 200 homes, a hotel and businesses are located in the fire area about a fourth of a mile south of the U.S. border and there were no reports of injuries.

The blaze broke out in early evening near Avenida Revolucion and Baja California Drive and was extinguished about four hours later.

There were no estimates of damage to the structures in the densely populated section.

The blaze was battled by all units of the Tijuana Fire Department as well as firemen from San Diego and Chula Vista. Their efforts were hampered by inadequate water pressure, authorities said.

UCLA to Dedicate Eye Center Today

The \$8 million Jules Stein Eye Institute at the UCLA Medical Center, one of the largest eye institutes in the world, will be dedicated today.

The ceremony will honor Dr. Jules Stein, chairman of Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc., and the philanthropist for whom the building was named.

In a press tour of the facilities Wednesday, Dr. Bradley R. Straatsma, chief of the division of ophthalmology at UCLA Medical School and the director of the institute, described it as combining "research, teaching and care of patients."

The five-level institute, he said, includes a 60-bed hospital unit, specially equipped operating rooms, and an outpatient clinic capable of serving 2,000 patients a month.

The building was erected through a \$2 million donation from the Stein family, from private subscriptions, university funds and a federal grant.

Dr. Stein was a practicing ophthalmologist before founding the Music Corp. of America in 1924, and has maintained a lifelong interest in eye problems. He now is MCA board chairman.

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'Cluster' Homes in Beverly Glen Get Council OK

Planned Community Given Green Light After Battle; Could Set Hillside Pattern

BY RAY HEBBERT Times Urban Affairs Editor

A controversial planned residential community which could set the pattern for development of thousands of acres of unused land in the Santa Monica Mountains was given a green light Wednesday by the City Council.

The council, by an 8 to 7 vote, upheld the City Planning Commission's approval of a \$30 million, 954-unit cluster project in Beverly Glen Canyon below Mulholland Drive.

The action came after a six-hour public hearing and debate marked by charges that the conditional use permit for the new community constituted "trapping and violating underlying zoning" in the mountains.

"It can happen here, it can happen anywhere in the city," said Councilman James B. Potter Jr.

Residents Fought Plan

The council's decision apparently shattered the hopes of several hundred residents of the existing Beverly Glen community who said they feared the hillside development would have too great an impact on the narrow canyon.

Battling to keep their tiny community intact, they argued that the project would create excessive residential density and in turn force the widening of Beverly Glen Blvd. to handle increased traffic. This would wipe out 250 existing homes, they contended.

"The density of this project—Glenwood—will strangle the two-lane lifeline into Beverly Glen," warned Lester Weinheimer, an architect who lives in the area.

U.S. Plywood Corp. plans to develop the Beverly Glen community on 377 acres under guidelines set by the city's two-year-old general plan for the Santa Monica Mountains.

Described as Showcase

Described as a showcase for future hillside developments, the community would use only 34 of the 377 acres for single family and two-unit apartments. The bulk of the acreage would be devoted to open space, a park, a commercial center and other community uses, according to the corporation.

Thomas Golden, principal city planner, said the closeness of the council's vote "will make other developers hesitant about launching similar large cluster projects in the mountains."

"But we're hopeful Glenwood is an excellent project—as fine as we know it will be—and it will set a pattern for the mountains," he added.

Potter, who led the council fight to stop the project, referred to City Planning Director Calvin S. Hamilton's desire "to get one of these cluster projects through."

"The planning department even went so far as to cooperate (with U.S. Plywood) in a civil suit in this matter," he said.

Refers to \$2 Million Action

He was referring to a \$2 million action filed by the corporation against the Save-the-Glen committee and other property owners groups last week for assertedly making a false statement about the project's effect on the canyon.

With Glenwood's density the principal issue, Potter and Councilman Edmund Edelman attempted unsuccessfully to scale down the number of permissible dwelling units from 954 to 768.

U.S. Plywood originally sought approval for 1,100 units, but, in granting the conditional use permit the planning commission trimmed the request to 954 because of problems involved in widening Beverly Glen Blvd.

Edelman is opposed to the project but did succeed, however, in winning a promise from the developer to extend a street through the northwest corner of the project to

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