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Miss Universe Is Crowned By Last Year's Winner

First Oriental

Miss Japan Wins Universe Crown

By PATRICK MCNULTY

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The pearl crown of Miss Universe rested today on the pretty head of a statuesque fashion model from Japan, the first Oriental to win the international beauty pageant.

The announcement Friday night that leggy Akiko Kojima, 22, had won the coveted crown, brought a roar of applause from the 4,200 spectators jammed into Long Beach Memorial Auditorium.

"I didn't think I would win," said the Tokyo beauty, who stands 5 feet 6 and measures 37-23-38.

"I am oh so very happy," she said in her faltering English and then, as tears glistened beautifully in the corners of her almond eyes, she added: "Thank you very much. Thank you so much."

OTHER WINNERS

The runners-up, in order of finish, were:

Miss Norway, Jorunn Kristiansen, 18, who stands 5 feet 8 and measures 35-24-35. An aspiring gym teacher, she said she is homesick but may stay in southern California for a movie test in Hollywood.

Miss United States, Terry Lynn Huntingdon, 19, Mount Shasta, Calif. She's 5 feet 6½ and 36-23-36. The UCLA coed is studying dancing, but she said she may take a fling at the movies on the strength of her Miss USA laurels.

Miss England, Pamela Anne Searle, 21. A willowy 5 feet 7, she measures 36-24-36. A drama student in England, Miss Searle said she is anxious to take a crack at a movie screen test offered her this Monday.

WANTS OUT

Miss Brazil, Vera Ribeiro, 19. A leggy 5-foot-7 brunette from Rio who measures 37-23-37, she said she has had no movie offers so far and—she's homesick.

The new Miss Universe, posing regally in her crown and robe after the contest, said she had a movie offer and plans to make a test next week in Hollywood.

Miss Kojima, who succeeds Colombia's Luz Marina Zuluaga, broke a two-year hold that Latin beauties had held on the Miss Universe title.

Gladys Zender of Peru won the title in 1957.

Polio Strikes At Ft. Bragg

FT. BRAGG (AP)— Ten children of Ft. Bragg soldiers have suffered polio within the past few weeks. Two died.

The Army, alarmed at the outbreak, which doctors are not calling an epidemic, took steps to increase its immunization program for soldiers and soldiers' dependents.

Col. Samuel W. Caldwell of the Womack Army Hospital here said today five of the victims had never received Salk polio vaccine shots and that the other five's immunization was not up to date.

The deaths of the two children and the hospitalization of the other eight brought an appeal from Army doctors to all Army dependents to take the polio shots offered at this paratrooper post.

So far, there has been no concentration of polio cases in any one family. Four of the victims lived on the base with their families. The other six lived off the base.

Previously, the post immunization clinic had operated one day a week for dependents and medical personnel administered about 1,000 shots at each session.

Col. Caldwell said the clinic now will be open each afternoon, Monday through Friday. In addition, a mobile immunization team will operate in the dependent housing sections of this sprawling post Monday and Tuesday. A truck with a loudspeaker will precede the team to announce its presence.

Handbills describing the situation, outlining immunization needs and listing schedules for shots at the clinic were distributed to all Ft. Bragg personnel today.

Col. Caldwell said that in view of the present outbreak, even four shots of Salk vaccine may not be enough to insure immunization.

Life In U. S.

Exhibit In Moscow Envied By Reds

MOSCOW (AP)—The American National Exhibition in Moscow opened Friday night and drew envious praise from the first Soviet visitor — Nikita Khrushchev.

"There are good things here, and we envy you for them," the Soviet Premier said at the dedication ceremonies. "They are things that Russia will have."

Workmen were rushing about shouting for a plumber here and a carpenter there to put on the finishing touches up until an hour before Vice President Richard M. Nixon formally opened the fair. But it opened on time and in pretty good shape.

True, some dirt had been swept into corners, and there were a few wet spots in the concrete. But all but a half dozen of the exhibits were completely in place.

TOP BRASS

The opening day audience of 5,000 was by invitation — mostly diplomatic and Soviet officials and their families. Fair managers are counting on a daily attendance of 50,000 with tickets selling at one ruble — 25 cents at the Soviet-fixed rate.

The fair grounds cover nine acres of Sokolniki Park — a Little America in the heart of the Soviet capital.

For the Russians to see were displays of things Americans wear and eat; things they use at play; model cars; homes and boats, plus a fashion show and soft drinks.

The barbed exchanges by Nixon and Khrushchev during their preview tour created a tense atmosphere, but everyone seemed more relaxed once the fair opened.

AUTOS SHINE

Khrushchev showed little interest in the seven-screen panorama of American life and the style show featuring both Negroes and whites. But the models of the latest American automobiles caught his eye, and he spent some time at this exhibit.

Nixon got his biggest ovation since arriving in Moscow on leaving the grounds after Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders had departed.

He spotted some Russians waiting outside an exit and strolled over to talk with them. The crowd grew to about 4,000, waving, cheering, and applauding.

Mrs. Nixon mixed about chatting with youngsters and offering them candies. One mother shouted: "Here's to your health."

CAR HALTED

As the Nixon car moved slowly away, ordinary Russians — not those among the distinguished invited first-day audience at the fair — swarmed around the limousine forcing it to stop.

Smiling broadly, Nixon got out of the car and waved. The Russians kept applauding as the car moved on again.

There is a holiday atmosphere around the fair grounds.

The Russians have planted flowers along the esplanade leading to the park. Old shacks have been replaced by new buildings. Parking lots have been made available. Ice cream vendors and balloon sellers are ready for a brisk business.

Nixon Listens As Heckler Offers Speech

MOSCOW (AP)— Vice President Richard M. Nixon visited the Soviet agricultural and industrial exhibition today and got a warm reception, except for a lone heckler.

Nixon appeared at the show grounds — set up as a rival attraction of the U. S. exhibition— after meeting with First Deputy Premiers Anastas I. Mikoyan and Frol R. Kozlov.

About 5,000 Soviet visitors were at the agricultural show when they saw Nixon and his party. They began applauding vigorously. It was the same sort of reception Nixon received after his speech opening the U. S. exhibition yesterday.

Nixon got out of the limousine at the agricultural hall and began shaking hands with as many Russians as he could reach. Everyone was friendly until he reached the exhibition hall of the Uzbek Republic.

One of the spectators cried out that charges the Soviet Union had enslaved other nations were a western provocation.

"Uzbeks are not suppressed but terrifically free," the man shouted.

Nixon listened attentively and told the man: "I'm in favor of free speech and I am glad you were able to talk."

But Matskevich immediately launched into the subject of U. S. observance of "Captive Nations Week", which has aroused Soviet anger and prompted denunciations from Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. The week is one for remembrance of nations under Communist domination.

"The Soviet people were surprised and alarmed that the Senate passed the captive peoples' resolution," Matskevich said. "We were prepared for a peaceful and friendly welcome for Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

"These small clouds will not prevent our people from marching on to peace and friendship."

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and continued warm and humid through Sunday, with a chance of a thundershower this afternoon, with scattered thundershowers Sunday afternoon and evening.

Low this morning 71
Low tomorrow morning .. 72
High today 92
High yesterday 91
High tomorrow 88
Sunrise today 5:27 a.m.; sunset today 7:32 p.m.

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Six Workmen Are Injured As S. C. Bridge Collapses

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)—"I grabbed a rope hanging from the derrick and held on while the floor went out from under me," exclaimed James M. Moore,

Moore and five other workmen were injured when a 75-foot section of a bridge under construction on a new interstate highway between Greenville and here collapsed suddenly Friday.

The bridge section, part of a 300-foot span being built across the railroad tracks at Snoddy's Crossroads, 12 miles from here, gave way a few hours after new concrete had been poured on its floor.

Concrete, twisted steel, debris and equipment tumbled down on the railroad tracks some 50 feet below, carrying some of the workmen with it.

5 HOSPITALIZED

Five workers were hospitalized. Hospital attendants today listed Worth Crocker Jr., 20, in fair condition with a head injury and cuts. The remaining four, all Gaffney Negroes, were reported in satisfactory condition. They are Billy Littlejohn, 21, head injury, cuts and bruises; A. W. Littlejohn, 20, cuts and bruises; Willie Surratt, 39, broken left leg; and James Lewis Lipscombe, 19, cuts and bruises.

Moore, 37, suffered minor burns when he slid down the rope to help rescue other workmen trapped in the debris.

Surratt's injuries were almost fatal. Going down with the bridge, he was completely covered by debris and a heavy steel beam fell to rest just above his head. Other workmen dug him out.

FELL, STUNNED

Crocker fell with the bridge. Momentarily stunned, he later freed himself and sought medical aid for his injuries.

The bridge was being built on the new interstate highway which eventually will bypass Greenville as U.S. 29-A.

Traffic on the railroad was delayed several hours while the debris was cleared.



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Ralph Hart Tells Reporters Of Daughter's Hoax

Heiress Avoids Hoax Spotlight

CHICAGO (AP)—Gay Hart rested in the seclusion of a Chicago hotel suite today after admitting that her tale of being abducted was false.

Miss Hart, 21, and her father, Ralph Hart, executive vice president of the Colgate-Palmolive Co., and her fiance, Stanley Gaines, 25, remained in the governor's suite in Hotel Sherman to avoid publicity resulting from the case.

Gaines responded when newsmen rang the bell. He was asked about the health of the Harts and he replied:

"Everyone is fine."

Gaines said he does not know when the Harts will return to their home in Short Hills, N. J.

He volunteered that the family expects another visit from FBI agents, but he did not suggest why.

The quiet of the suite on the 15th floor of the Loop hotel was a contrast to the round of excitement yesterday and last night, when Miss Hart told her story of being kidnaped, and then took it back with a statement by her father that the girl does not know what happened during a 50½-hour period.

The FBI said it was checking all phases of Miss Hart's story which unfolded after she appeared, screaming and crying, "Help me! help me!" beside a police cruiser in downtown Grant Park early Friday.

Authorities sent out a broadcast describing the 1¾ carat diamond ring, an amythest ring, a brooch and a bracelet which she said the men stripped from her.

AT OUTSET

At the outset, the FBI and police were skeptical of the girl's story of being seized, blindfolded and gagged, tossed in the tonneau of a car under a blanket and driven by two abductors to Chicago and then released in the lakefront park.

Police said Miss Hart's smart gray tweed dress, white sweater, black shoes and sheer tockings failed to show any of the wear and tear which an ordeal such as she described would have inflicted. And her one bruise—on her left arm—failed to tally with her account of being struck in the mouth by one of her captors after he locked her in the bathroom of an unidentified house in the Chicago area before her release.

Hart said his daughter is suffering from nervous exhaustion and is under a physician's care somewhere in Chicago. He said he did not know when they would return to their Short Hills, N.J., home along with Miss Hart's fiance, Stanley Gaines, 25, of Fayetteville, W.Va., who flew in from New Jersey with Hart Friday.

How Miss Hart, who is to marry Gaines Aug. 29, came to Chicago and if she came alone remained a mystery.

Richard Auerbach, agent - in - charge of the FBI's Chicago office, refused to give details of what was known to the FBI where the girl has been since her disappearance, or what parts of her story still were under investigation.

In a statement to newsmen, Hart said:

"As you know my daughter is presently under sedation due to sheer exhaustion. Before she received such treatment from competent medical authority, she advised me that there was no abduction and that she does not remember what went on.

"It appears that this might well be another recurrence from her 1957 automobile accident with the same kind of imaginary dreams that she had then.

"It is obvious that she needs medical care. When she is able to travel, we will take her to her home in Short Hills."

Herter Raps Deadline Idea

BERLIN (AP)— Secretary of State Christian A. Herter declared today the west never will accept a Soviet deadline for a solution of the Berlin question.

The secretary of state flew from Geneva for a six-hour visit which highlighted support for Communist threatened West Berlin.

Speaking at a ceremony at West Berlin City Hall where he signed the visitors' book, Herter said:

"Much has been said at Geneva about the question of western rights in Berlin. These rights are clear and cannot be terminated by unilateral action of any other power. We have not accepted and will not accept any deadline on them."

He also assured West Berliners western negotiators in Geneva never will sign away any of the city's fundamental rights.

"Freedom," said Herter, "is a precious thing. It includes the right of free speech so essential to the functioning of democracy. That right as well as all other fundamental rights and liberties must and will be preserved. I assure Berliners that the United States will not forget its responsibilities toward Berlin in this or any other respect."

Evening Prayer

Dear Lord, help us this day to seek the deep strength found in Thee. When our surroundings are barren, grant that Thy power may work through us so that we may be witnesses to Thee. In the name of Him who taught us to say when we pray, "Our Father who art in heaven . . . Amen."

Fishing Boats Broken As Waves Play Havoc

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Hurricane Debra smashed against Texas coast cities today with winds up to 100 miles an hour. Torrential rains and 6-foot tides flooded low areas and sent thousands of persons scurrying to higher ground.

The small but vicious hurricane, which developed suddenly in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday morning, hurled several small fishing vessels against jetties as 15-foot waves lashed the seacoast. One seaman was injured. Hundreds of other small craft sought shelter as hurricane warnings were hoisted over a wide sector of the Texas coast.

Damage was minor but widespread.

Orange, at the eastern edge of the hurricane's path, had recorded 9.77 inches of rain this morning and heavy downpours continued at most points in the storm's path. The U.S. Weather Bureau said local rains of 15 inches could be expected.

TOP WIND

The highest winds of 100 miles an hour were recorded when Debra hit Galveston Island during the early morning hours. The resort island was completely isolated by the hurricane as virtually all highways in the path of the storm's center were closed.

The storm, which by mid-morning had moved northward to the eastern edge of Houston, was showing signs of losing some of its punch. The U.S. Weather Bureau said that the maximum wind gusts had dropped to 67 miles an hour.

"The storm is dissipating slowly," said forecaster E. A. Farrell, "It will drop considerably more, then pick up again but not to the strength it had earlier."

WIND STEADY

Steady winds of 53 miles an hour were recorded as the storm center moved east of Houston's International Airport, about 15 miles southeast of downtown Houston. The center was moving northeastward at 6 miles per hour.

More than 2,500 persons left their homes along the coast in the Galveston Bay area and sought shelter during the night on higher ground.

An estimated 1,100 persons spent the night in Brazoria County Courthouse at Angleton while more than 1,000 sought shelter in schools and other public buildings in Galveston. Several hundred more moved inland from small resort towns.

The highest winds of 100 miles per hour were recorded west of Galveston toward Freeport.

The Weather Bureau said winds at the center were 80 miles per hour and gales extended 50 miles to the northwest and 100 miles to the southeast of the center.

Hurricane warnings were displayed from Freeport to High Island and whole gale warnings were flying north of High Island to Port Arthur.

Winds of 75 to 78 miles per hour ranged into Galveston when the brunt of the hurricane struck there at 2:30 a. m.

NO DAMAGE

No major damage was reported caused by Debra which turned suddenly from a weak sister into a vicious storm with winds ranging up to an unofficial 96 m.p.h.

Minor but widespread damage was reported at the fishing and industrial center of Freeport, 40 miles to the southwest.

Torrential rains up to 6 or 7 inches at Galveston fell throughout the coastal area.

One shrimp boat and two other smaller craft were reported in trouble.

Sports World Pauses For Tatum Rites

CHAPEL HILL (AP)—Notables of the sports world gathered in this saddened university town today to pay final tribute to North Carolina football Coach Jim Tatum.

Tatum, 46, who was named coach of the year in 1953 while at the University of Maryland, died here Thursday night of a virus infection.

His pretty wife, Edna, hospitalized with the same type of virus which claimed her husband, was not expected to attend the 11 a.m. services.

The Chapel Hill Methodist Church was the scene of the services for the 240-pound Tatum, one of the nation's most successful coaches. Burial was to be in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, just punting distance from Tatum's office in Woolen Gym.

MANY MESSAGES

Messages of condolences flooded the gracious Tatum home here where they were received by the three Tatum children, ranging in age from 7 to 14.

Tatum who had hoped this season might be "my best ever," died from a virus attack that overwhelmed his vital organs. He entered the hospital last Saturday.

Doctors said the virus apparently was a common type that "affects many people in a mild form." But in Tatum's case, it resulted in a breakdown of the vital organs.

Meanwhile, North Carolina Athletic Director Chuck Erickson said, "We're all too shocked at this time to consider such matters" as naming a successor to Tatum. He added, "Nothing has been done. The athletic council may take some action at a meeting the first part of next week."

There was speculation that a member of Tatum's staff may be named to direct the team for the coming season, and that serious consideration of a big name successor won't begin until after the end of the season.

The hospital issued a statement in which it said preliminary findings of an autopsy on Tatum "support the probable diagnosis that this was an overwhelming virus infection in its effect on Coach Tatum." It is anticipated, the hospital said, that the specific strain of virus will be identified in three to five weeks.

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—STARTING MONDAY—

Dulles And Death

The News will publish in Monday's editions the first article in a three-part series by Marguerite Higgins on "How Dulles Faced Death."

The distinguished correspondent of The New York Herald Tribune writes that to John Foster Dulles "his cancer was not just a dread disease but an enemy to be fought."

Miss Higgins tells how the secretary of state met the news of the "beginning of the end," his attitude towards death, and many little known facts on the relationship between Mr. Dulles and the President.

Look for "How Dulles Faced Death" in Monday's Charlotte News.