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THE BASQUES

By H. J. Swinney Director, Idaho Historical Society

When in 1960 eight young Basque-Americans left Idaho for a vacation-visit in the seven traditional Basque provinces of the borderland between France and Spain, they already knew the traditional dances of the Basque country. Basque people had come to the western United States in numbers during the preceding century and had entered quickly and whole-heartedly into new lives as American citizens, but they had never forgotten its historic traditions. Basque names—names in a language related to no other in the world—abound today in the West, and Basque games and athletic contests enliven the picnics and festivals held by these devoutly Roman-Catholic people.

The traditional folk dancing has also been preserved, and from time to time classes have been offered, so that when the eight young dancers left for their vacation, they were already skilled. But in San Sebastian that summer they met a professional Basque dancing troupe from whom they drew new inspiration and learned new dances which they brought back to the United States.

They also brought back the name of the Basque troupe, and they formed a new organization called the Oinkari Basque Dancers. "Oinkari" is difficult to translate, but its meaning is close to "those who foot it fast."

The Oinkari Basque Dancers have taught the old dances to hundreds of Basque young people, and have staged exhibitions in many parts of the West. Representing Idaho at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962, they astounded audiences with their enthusiasm, their precision, and their grace. When they dance, there comes across the footlights to the audience a combination of whirling skirts and flying feet, of snapping fingers and snapping eyes, of exciting music with a complex beat, and of shouted exhortations and cries of joy. Even for spectators who do not share the inbred understanding which the Oinkari Basque Dancers have for their own traditions, the audible and visual impact is tremendous and unforgettable.

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SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1966

5:00 p.m. — BASQUE FESTIVAL PARADE
Start at Ninth and Idaho Streets, move west on Idaho Street to
the Commercial Hotel, then to the Stockmen's Motor Hotel and
end at 5th and Commercial Streets.

ELKO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

- 7:30 p.m. STAR SPANGLED BANNER
 Peter Echeveria, member Basque Academy, Master of Ceremonies
 Introduction of Dignitaries in seats
- 8:00 p.m. **ACT I** "SONG AND DANCE OF BASQUES" Oinkari Dancers of Boise; Jim Jausoro's Band
- 8:45 p.m. INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL BASQUE FESTIVAL QUEEN CONTESTANTS
 Introduced by Dick Troxeler
- 9:00 p.m. DRAWING OF AIRLINE TICKETS TO EUROPE VIA AIR FRANCE
 Serge Sirolle representing Air France
- 9:15 p.m. ACT II "OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE"
 Oinkari Dancers
- 10:00 p.m. CROWNING OF FESTIVAL QUEEN Sponsored by Iberia Air Lines, Ruben Pacheco, representative; and Elko County CowBelles
- 10:15 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. OUTDOOR DANCE

 Music by Jim Jausoro; Bar operated by Elko Jaycees; Chorizos

 Available

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1966

ELKO CITY PARK

- 12:00 noon HOLY MASS Offered for our men in Viet Nam His Excellency, Robert J. Dwyer, Bishop of Reno Assisted by: Father Chalet, Fresno, Calif.; Father Welsh and Father Duff, Elko.
- 1:30 p.m. INTRODUCTIONS: DIGNITARIES AND GUESTS
- 3:00 p.m. BASQUE FESTIVAL FEAST \$2.50 per person
 - MEAT Barbecued Lamb Donated by Northeastern Nevada Woolgrowers; cooked by Nevada Civic Club
 - BASQUE BEANS Prepared by Basque ladies of Elko
 - WINE Vino Mio Donated by Sierra Wine & Liquor Co., Jack Betti
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 - DESSERT Arctic Circle of Elko, Bob Ernaut and Pat Sullivan
 - SERVERS Elko Lions Club
 - CONCESSION STAND Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pop for the Children Hank Boyer

ELKO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS



6:00 p.m. — CONTESTS — FREE ADMISSION
Ralph Fagoaga, Chairman; Alfonso Igoa, John Carpenter, Ernie

Mocho

Bar — Operated by Elko Jaycees

— Ely Youth Group Basque Dancers Hazel Novich, Director

304 LB. WEIGHT LIFT — First, Second, Third Prizes First Prize — \$100 and Silver Buckle donated by Alacano Bros.

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First Prize — \$100 and Silver Buckle donated by Elko Real
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SILVER REVOLVING TROPHY — presented to ranch or sheep outfit having most winners in contests — donated by Air France

SPECTACULAR FIRE WORKS DISPLAY

by Elko County Historical Society honoring the birth of the U.S.A. Announcing: Dr. Tom Gallagher, Mel Steninger

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