

Bouse Guilty; Jury Recommends Life Sentence

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Paul Jenkins



BILL ADAIR, veteran service station and parking lot operator here, city councilman and all around good fellow, stands in the door of his office after his return there from a nine-day siege in the hospital. "I'm taking it easy," he said. "I'm going to let the other fellows do the work for a while." The heck he will. You know Bill, first thing he'll be trying to do it all.

Only trouble with doctors, Bill says, is that they won't let a fellow stay in the hospital any more only for a few days. Not long enough to get acquainted with all the good looking nurses one sees all over the place. That's sure tough luck. How do you feel about that, Mrs. Adair?

Voter Registrations Close Tuesday; 21 New Precincts Added In Growing County

Voter registration for the May primary will close on Tuesday, County Clerk Charles Doerner reminded today.

He said that last summer's divisions of precincts in the county, which added 21 precincts, may cause some confusion before registration deadline, and urged voters to check their registrations.

There formerly were 69 precincts, and now are 82. New precincts are located in Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, North Roseburg, Edgewater, the Glade area, Roseburg, West Roseburg, Winston-Dillard, Myrtle Creek, Riddle Canyonville and Glendale.

Forty registrars in outlying communities will take registrations through Tuesday, but in Roseburg, voters must sign up at the county clerk's office in the courthouse. The clerk's office will remain open until 8 p.m. to handle an expected last-minute rush.

All voters affected by the divisions had been notified of the act by letter and asked to notify the county clerk of any errors. Doerner said, though, that some people may not have checked with his office.

The county has printed 84,660 ballots in anticipation of the election. They include spaces for county candidates, local candidates and precinct committeemen for both parties.

Roseburg annexations are responsible for part of the divisions.

Mill precinct has been divided into West Mill and East Mill. Umpqua is the same, but for part of West Roseburg annexed into the city.

Brown also has been divided, becoming Brown, that part of the city south of Melrose Road, and North Brown, north of Melrose Road and in Huerfano.

In North Roseburg, these changes are in effect: Edgewater No. 1 has become Winchester, and Edgewater East No. 1, Edgewater East No. 2 is now Edgewater East No. 2 and Edgewater East No. 3.

Parts of Edgewater West No. 1 and Edgewater West No. 2 are in effect.

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McCarthy Will File Statement To Army Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A "bill of particulars" by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) against top Army officials today was reported in store for his Senate investigations subcommittee when it goes into closed-door session Monday.

McCarthy was vacationing in Texas. But he was expected back in Washington over the weekend to attend subcommittee talks which may determine whether the group can, as it now plans, launch on Thursday a public, televised search for the truth among the charges and counter-charges involved.

Word from his associates was that McCarthy "will be prepared to submit Monday a written statement of specifications" denying accusations the Army has leveled at him and a group of aides, and spelling out counter-charges McCarthy is raising against top Army officials.

That could clear away a major stumbling block to a Thursday start of the inquiry. Other hurdles still remain, among them a decision by the subcommittee on just what role it will let McCarthy play in the hearing.

More Windshield Breaks Occur; Stories Discounted

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Police have received nearly 1,000 reports of auto windshields blemished in a mysterious manner in Stark County.

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Nixon Hints U. S. May Send Troops

Vice President Hopes Action Not Necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon says American troops might be used in a last-ditch effort to save Indochina. The statement brought prompt challenges from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

The vice president said he does not believe such action will be necessary because he thinks Indochina can be saved from the Communists by other means. But in the unlikely event that French Forces withdraw, he said, this country would have to send in troops.

Nixon expressed his views in an off-the-record address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He later permitted newsmen to report his remarks on condition they not be attributed directly to him.

News stories reporting his remarks first identified him as a high administration official.

But he was connected with the statements from several sources. The London Times included in its story a statement that the only high administration source making a speech here Friday was Nixon.

And the Niles (Mich.) Daily Star and Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.), expressing opposition to the statement, had identified Nixon as its source.

Nixon himself was not immediately available for comment on the "leaks."

The disclosure that Nixon was the administration source in question lent added weight to the expression of policy, since he sits with the National Security Council and at cabinet sessions.

Whether his frank discussion of

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JOE SCALLON has been named vice principal at Central Junior High School next year under the new principal, Cliff Norris. The present principal, R. R. Brand, becomes principal of Joseph Lane Junior High School, with Bruce Hamilton as vice principal.

Scallon was graduated with a degree in elementary education in 1951 from Southern Oregon College, where he was president of the student body and member of several honoraries.

He taught at Riverside School between 1951-53, and served as district director of census and attendance last year. He is president of the Roseburg Education Assn. and treasurer of the Douglas Education Assn.

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Two Damage Suits Filed Against Archie Huffman

Two damage suits have been filed in circuit court against Archie Huffman as a result of an automobile accident six miles north of Yoncalla on July 19, 1952.

Damages asked total \$85,500.

Wayland T. Bassett claims \$65,000 general and \$20,500 damages, contending he suffered neck and spine injuries when the Huffman car hit his while he was turning around on Highway 99. He claims Huffman was negligent in his driving.

Marilyn McGavin, her guardian, asks \$35,000 general and \$250 special damages. She also says her neck and spine were injured.

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Troops, Supplies Parachuted Into French Defenders

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Waves of Dakotas and Flying Boxcars dropped men and equipment to the besieged garrison of Dien Bien Phu Saturday. The Communist-led attackers clung to dugouts only 800 yards from the heart of the fortress despite heavy ground fire and air attacks.

Men parachuted in as reinforcements included a number of volunteers from the Red River Delta area. A French high command spokesman said they would be held as reserves for critical moments during the next Vietnam assault.

That blow, which would be the third big one, is expected soon, before the Geneva conference opens April 26.

Garrison soldiers, backed by planes and tank and artillery fire, counterattacked against the Communist-led rebels at all points.

Relentless French drives against infiltrating Vietminh units entrenched on the northern part of Dien Bien Phu's main airstrip failed yesterday to rout them.

At the airstrip, the rebels clung to dugouts just 800 yards from the bunkers where Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, the fortress commander, has his headquarters.

The 50-year-old De Castries was hard at work directing the fortress defenses when he received word the Paris government had officially boosted his rank from colonel to brigadier general.

A French plane parachuted to De Castries the two stars which the French use to designate a brigadier general.

Cole Promises Full Cleanup In Housing Deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole says early criminal prosecutions may develop out of a "full administrative cleanup" of the scandal-shocked Federal Housing Administration. He also promises new top level firings.

Cole summoned to a strategy council this afternoon key officials of the Justice Department, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Housing and Home Finance Agency which has jurisdiction over the FHA.

President Eisenhower yesterday armed Cole with a directive to all federal agencies to cooperate fully with the administration's probe of alleged multimillion dollar rackets under the FHA's loan insurance program in the home repair and apartment construction fields.

Two congressional committees are set to open public hearings next week in parallel investigations of the FHA, and the Eisenhower order directed federal cooperation with these groups also.

Cole announced yesterday that Burton C. Bova had been "placed on leave" after he had refused to quit as FHA general counsel.

Cole said that "in the next few days we will make such other removals as are necessary to insure a free, swift, unimpeded investigation of all relevant FHA matters."

Mentioning evidence already uncovered of "incredible" official laxity, Cole said he expects "in a fairly short time . . . to develop cases possibly leading to prosecution and to take any additional steps needed for full administrative cleanup in the FHA."

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CIRCUIT JUDGE James R. Bain of Portland, who presided at the Bouse trial, will stay in Roseburg through next week to carry on court duties in place of Judge Carl E. Wimberly. Judge Wimberly has been resting in Mercy Hospital since stricken by a heart ailment a week ago. It may be a few weeks before doctors allow him to resume his duties. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

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Chest Survey Scheduled Here

The Douglas County chest X-ray survey is scheduled to cover the Roseburg area through most of the month of May, according to a report here today.

The portable X-ray unit will be stationed in the Firestone Store, 240 N. Jackson St., from May 11 to 28, inclusive.

The hours for Tuesdays (May 11, 18 and 25) will be from 12 to 7 p.m. On Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, it will be operating from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It will not operate on Mondays during its time here.

No charge is made for the X-ray service, which is pointed toward discovering malfunctions of the chest, particularly tuberculosis.

The only information necessary to receive the X-ray is name and address of the person.

Official Says Oppenheimer Loyal American

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high-level member of the Eisenhower administration says he feels that Atomic Scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer is a "loyal American," even though "the information in his file is voluminous and makes a . . . case of security risk."

This official gave his opinion to newsmen, but stipulated that his name not be disclosed. He has had contact with the Oppenheimer case since 1948 when the pioneer physicist—credited with a leading role in development of the atomic bomb—was questioned by a congressional committee.

Oppenheimer has been barred from further access to U. S. atomic secrets pending a review of his case. A special three-man Atomic Energy Commission panel has been sitting in the case.

A "blank wall" was ordered placed between Oppenheimer and government atomic data last December after the AEC said it had received information that he was a security risk. The scientist denied this and asked for a hearing.

The administration official said it is up to the panel headed by former Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray, to decide whether Oppenheimer is a security risk. The official said he is "sure Dr. Oppenheimer will get a fair hearing."

He said the physicist's file presents "an extremely difficult problem."

The overshadowing issue in the Oppenheimer case, said this official, is whether the government should hold that past associations, even if forewarned, should forever after rule out government employment.

"I do not believe it should," he said, and added:

"I believe each case should be handled on its merits."

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Woodworkers Set May 3 As Strike Deadline

PORTLAND (AP) — CIO International Woodworkers Friday set May 3 as a strike deadline.

The deadline was announced after union officials reported that a 12-hour increase, elimination of what they call job rate inequities, and three weeks paid vacation after five years service with a company.

Employers have been almost unanimous in rejecting the proposals during negotiations which have been under way for several weeks.

The union's contract expired April 1.

The union announced it would continue negotiations with the lumber industry until the May 3 deadline.

Photo Lab Files Papers To Incorporate Business

Articles of incorporation have been filed in Salem for the photograph business Fredrickson's Photo Lab, Inc., in Roseburg.

Incorporators are Sidney I. and Aha Lee Fredrickson and Arthur I. Rich. Capitalization is \$30,000. The business was recently moved from Cass street to Jackson street as part of an expansion program.

Chamber Of Commerce Cancels Monday Dinner

The Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon has been canceled Monday to allow the Umpqua Hotel facilities to be used by the United Fund organization.

President Wayne Crooch, however, urged all those Chamber of Commerce members who have been invited to the United Fund business meeting to attend.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

James Roosevelt announces that his campaign for Congress will be solely on his qualifications. His chances for success on that basis would be best in Utah, where the Mormon vote is predominant.

Judge Sets Sentencing For Monday

Parole Of Defendant Would Be Possible After Serving 7 Years

By MERLE F. PUGH
Staff Writer, News-Review

Thomas S. Bouse shaded his eyes with his left hand, bowed his head slightly and quietly cried Friday evening in circuit court at Roseburg.

He had just heard a jury's verdict finding him guilty of first degree murder of his wife on Oct. 8, 1952.

He was accused of pushing his 40-year-old wife, Ethel, into the bathtub at their Roseburg home, then holding her head under water until she drowned.

Bouse shook slightly with emotion but made no sound as the jury's verdict, including recommendation for life sentence, was read.

The once-condemned, black-haired defendant a few moments later signed to his attorney that he was willing to be sentenced immediately. However, Judge James R. Bain announced the sentencing would come at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

The jury's verdict is mandatory, and the judge will hand Bouse a life sentence. Bouse, as every person sentenced to life in prison (except an habitual criminal), could become eligible for parole in seven years.

As is often the case, some jurors expressed surprise that their verdict left the possibility for the defendant to be paroled. They thought such was the case only when a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter is returned. Naturally, they did not know all the stipulations of Oregon law and, under the law, neither attorneys nor judge could explain to them during the course of the trial.

The jury was out 7½ hours, of which about 5½ hours were spent in deliberation. Four ballots were cast before a unanimous verdict was reached. At the outset, a majority wanted a verdict of first degree, without recommendation, but on the first ballot one juror did vote for a second degree verdict. An adjustment prevented a hung jury.

With the verdict, the 52-year-old defendant no longer had the possibility of death in the gas chamber hanging over him.

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