

GOP Protests County Court Action



Beecher Calls Byrd's Choice 'Amazing'

Breakdown Of Court's Decision Shows Hill's Vote Favored Haystead

The Douglas County Court's selection of a new sheriff has won the disapproval of the chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee.

Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher (USMC-Ret), the GOP chairman, this morning in a statement termed the appointment of Ira Byrd Wednesday as "amazing." The party committee a week ago had recommended the appointment of

Ira Byrd Sworn Into Office On Wednesday

Ira Byrd took office as Douglas County sheriff Wednesday afternoon. He was sworn into office by County Clerk Charles Doerner.

Also commissioned were all deputies in Calvin H. Baird's organization. Byrd said the commissions were "temporary" and that permanent commissions would be made "in a couple of weeks."

Joseph A. C. Haystead, a state policeman. Both men are Republicans.

The County Court, answering, disclaimed any obligation to appoint the nominee of the party committee.

Byrd's appointment came in a 2-1 decision, with Commissioners Frank Ashley and Elmer Metzger voting for him and Judge Carl C. Hill casting his ballot for Haystead.

The text of Beecher's statement follows:

"The decision of the Republican-dominated County Court with respect to the selection of a sheriff to fill the unexpired term of the former sheriff (Calvin H. Baird) is, to say the least, amazing."

"Eighty-seven Republican precinct committeemen and committeewomen from all over the county

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Chou Disturbed Over Charges

Demands Time For Reply To Ceylon Delegate

BANDUNG, Indonesia (AP)—Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon denounced "Communist colonialism" at the Asian-African Conference Thursday. Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai, obviously disturbed, immediately demanded time to make a reply.

Sir John, appearing before a closed session of the political committee, demanded that the conference declare itself against all forms of colonialism, including Communist domination of satellite states in central and Eastern Europe.

Delegates said that Sir John finished Chou leaped to his feet and demanded that the Ceylon premier's statement be circulated to all delegates of the 29-nation conference so Chou could reply to it at Thursday's committee session.

In earlier debate the committee heard Chou express the opinion that peaceful coexistence between nations of different systems was possible.

Sir John, who already had taken the spotlight with a proposal made outside the conference for creation of an independent Formosa, told

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JUDGE FRANCES COOK ... has booming "baby"

Former Roseburg Teacher Explains Safe-Teen Move

A onetime Roseburg resident who less than four months ago launched the first Safe-Teen Club in Oregon was in Douglas County Thursday to explain the Safe-Teen driving movement.

She is Judge Frances Cook, a lady justice of the peace in Beaverton.

This morning she appeared at student meetings at Roseburg High School (where she taught journalism and typing in the late 30's). Student body president Dan Arensmeier said the students would examine the idea "if they like it, we'll go ahead."

William Reinhart, spokesman for the local association of insurance agents, will work with the students, if the plan is adopted.

Following her RHIS appearances, Judge Cook was off to Myrtle Creek High School. It was her second stop in a 1,000 mile statewide journey to tell students about Safe-Teens.

"There's no competition in safety," Justice Cook said Wednesday.

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Violence Again Flares At Lake Success Plant

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the second day, violence and injuries were reported Thursday at the strike-bound Sperry Gyroscope plant at Lake Success, N.Y.

And there appeared little progress toward immediate settlement of any of the nation's major strikes.

CIO Electrical Workers resumed mass picketing at the Sperry plant and two men were reported injured. Several autos were damaged as non-striking workers tried to enter the plant.

A proposal by Southern Governors to immediately end the 39-day Louisville & Nashville Railroad strike was rejected by non-operating unions. A union official said the walkout would continue until an arbitration is completed.

The railroad had said it was willing to submit to arbitration if the strike is immediately terminated, but that the issues to be arbitrated "should be reasonably limited." The union said it was willing to submit the dispute over a health and welfare plan to binding arbitration.

Meanwhile, a group of Southern governors planned to meet in Atlanta Saturday with representatives of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. and the striking CIO Communication Workers of America in an attempt to end the 39-day telephone strike. The union demands arbitration on fringe points and higher wages. The company says that a no-strike clause is the bar to a new contract.

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Teen-age youth and those in the twenties are invited to attend the meeting.

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... habitual count reversed WILLIAM FRANK CORY

Court Reverses Habitual Criminal Charge On Cory

The March 1953 conviction of William Frank Cory, 36, on an habitual criminal charge has been reversed and a portion of the habitual criminal act under which Cory was convicted has been held unconstitutional by the Oregon Supreme Court.

The decision was handed down by the court Wednesday. Cory had been under 15-year penitentiary sentence. He still has to serve a 4-year sentence on another count however.

Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults was notified of the decision. He said the portion of the act held unconstitutional dealt with right of the district attorney to file an information charging habitual criminal tendency against a convict.

The court held that the information could be filed at the "whim or caprice" of the district attorney. At the same time, the court said there was no error in the actual proceedings under which Cory was convicted.

Stults information charging the tendency was filed after Cory's conviction for being an ex-convict in possession of a firearm. The court's decision said that the crime must have been one of violence to make the habitual criminal count stand.

The firearm charge came after Cory's arrest in August 1953. He had been accused of kidnapping Mrs. William H. Jones. Later, that charge was dropped.

Polio Clinics Facing Second Postponement

Postponement of the Salk polio vaccine clinics in Douglas County for another week appeared likely Thursday.

County health officer Dr. E. J. Wainwright said today that as far as his office knew the vaccine "will not be available for the clinics which are scheduled to start Monday."

"Unless the vaccine arrives unexpectedly before Monday," he continued, "the clinics will again have to be postponed another week."

Dr. Wainwright asked persons working on the clinics and parents to watch the newspaper and listen to the radio to learn if the clinics will proceed as scheduled.

SICK MAN RELEASED
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FOUR MOVEMENTS VIRTUALLY PUT THE GUARD IN ACTION, as members of Co. D, 186th Inf. Reg.; Douglas County, joined other National Guard units in their test mobilization alert Wednesday evening. The local unit was called out at 5:20 p.m. and all 96 members responded. In upper left picture, Supply Sgt. Robert L. Trout issues clothing and equipment to waiting men. Mortar platoon members don clothing in center picture and then rush up the stairway which leads from dressing quarters to the company floor. First formation at 6 p.m. found mortar platoon in foreground of lower picture and recoilless platoon (background) forming part of 62-man initial turnout. (Pictures by Paul Jenkins).

Guard Mobilization Praised

Defense Planners Give High Praise To Quick Response

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Guard's new role in this era of possible atomic war—a minute-man's defense of the homeland—was tested in a surprise mobilization which drew praise from defense planners today.

Guardsmen in more than 2,000 communities from Florida to Alaska sprang to arms or took to the air Wednesday night in response to a surprise alert flashed from the Pentagon.

Maj. Gen. Edgar C. Erickson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said preliminary reports gave "conclusive proof" that the Army and Air Guard can be assembled by the state governors in a "rapid and efficient manner for service in any state or national emergency."

It may be days before reports are in from the 5,600 guard units listed to take part in the big test. But the National Guard Bureau estimated early this morning that 280,000 men were at their battle stations or assembly points within two hours of the zero hour which

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Oregon Guard Alert Success

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon National Guard tested its mobilization plans Wednesday night, along with the rest of the nation, and officers reported success.

They said 94 per cent of the state's 6,500 guardsmen turned out ready for action within three hours of the test call.

In the first hour 63 per cent were ready. At the end of the second hour 88 per cent were ready.

Telephones, fire sirens, public address systems and other means planned in advance for the test called the guardsmen to duty. They had known for some time that the alert was coming, but did not know when it would come. It came at 5 p.m.

In Portland hundreds of ground troops mobilized at the airport, then moved in a motor convoy to the waterfront. Two helicopters preceded them, skimming low over busy Harbor Drive and settling onto a narrow parkway alongside the Willamette River.

Lady Wrestling Ban Bill Goes To Governor

SALEM (AP)—A ban on women wrestlers was approved by the Oregon Senate Wednesday and sent to the governor, but there is doubt whether it would affect all cities.

After the Senate approved it, Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton, contending the ban would apply only in cities in which there are boxing commissions.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, Salem, urged passage of the bill on the ground that Washington, California and Idaho have similar bans.

The Weather

Cloudy with occasional rain early tonight. Partial clearing later tonight. Cloudy with fog early Friday. Partly sunny Friday afternoon. A little warmer Friday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 50
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 43
Highest temp. any April 56
Lowest temp. any April 25
Precip. from April 1 2.65
Precip. last 24 hours .28
Precip. from Sept. 1 20.82
Deficiency from Sept. 1 5.52
Sunset tonight, 7:02 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:21 a.m.

Roseburg Guard Unit Reports Ready Response

Sixty-two members of Co. D, 186th Inf., reported at the Roseburg Armory by 6 p.m. Wednesday—40 minutes after the initial mobilization alert had been given locally. It was part of a nation-wide National Guard training mobilization plan which had been publicized earlier.

Military segments of the local unit were dispatched at 6:15 to vital points in and around the city. By 7 p.m., an hour and 40 minutes after the first alert, 84 men of the company's 96-man strength had been mobilized, and an hour later 94 enlisted men and officers had been counted at the Armory.

Unit executive officer Lt. Isaac J. James reported all 96 men accounted for in a telephone relay to Portland headquarters of the 186th Infantry.

Lt. James acted in lieu of Company Commander Lt. Horace J. Pendergrass who is attending an officers' school at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Twelve points were placed under security in and around Roseburg.

Guards and equipment were mobilized at the Armory, City Hall, telephone office, Winchester and Winston bridges, Highway 99 Junction at Nielsen's Mkt., the new

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Myrtle Creek Explorer Scout Accorded Honors

A Myrtle Creek Explorer Scout, Eldon Naas, has been accorded another honor in a long list of Scout-ings. He will represent Douglas County this summer at the World Scout Jamboree at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The announcement of his choice came this week to Naas and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Naas, of Myrtle Creek. Naas, a Myrtle Creek High School junior has also received other high Explorer awards, among them the silver award, made a few months ago. He is a member of the District 1 area and will travel with other Scouts of the district to the jamboree.

Douglas County Sportsmen Plan Outstanding Program For Conservation Week

Douglas County sportsmen are arranging many outstanding programs for Conservation Week, May 1-7.

Bruce Yeager, general chairman of the Sportsmen's Cooperation Committee, at a meeting in the Game Commission district office Wednesday evening, announced appointment of Charles Collins, James Vaughn, Beryl Oar, Bill Pitney, Perry Thiele and Ken Gilkeson as a committee for programming events for the Roseburg area.

He also announced appointments of Ernest Seaton, Drain, North Douglas chairman.

Seaton has selected as his assistants Walter Botts, George Churchill, Ray Cole H. J. Luper, Harold Woolley, Drain; Arley Marsh, Eikton; Gus Perst, Yoncalla; J. T. Powell, Oakland.

Norman E. Graham, Canyonville, is arranging the sportsmen's program for the southern part of the county.

The Sportsmen's Cooperation committee will stress fish and game conservation features.

Vondis Miller, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, and chairman of the Forest Conservation Committee, reports all mem-

bers of his committee, James Watts, Bureau of Land Management; Fred Southwick, Douglas Forest Protective Assn.; Lloyd Hayes Siskiyou - Cascade Forest Research Center and V. V. Harpam, former Umpqua National Forest supervisor, met Wednesday and outlined an extensive program for the Conservation Week observance.

Also meeting Wednesday was the Roseburg section of the School Committee under the direction of Chairman M. C. Deller, city superintendent of schools. Principals of all schools in the Roseburg district were briefed on the purposes of Conservation Week and an outline of conservation studies compiled. Assisting the principals will be a school publicity committee appointed by Deller and including Roy Cram, chairman; Jack Hauter, Roseburg; Cleone Andrus, Rose School; Ruth Bergerson, Fullerton; Benetta Orton, Green; Alva Wetherell, Benson; W. C. Stonebraker, Riverside; Emilie France, Joseph Lane; Marguerite Brand, Central Junior High; Glenn Brady, Roseburg High; Harriet Eddy, Melrose; Patricia Waterfield, Bertha Barnes, Wilbur-Winchester.

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Presidential Veto Likely Over Postal Pay Increase Vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—The likelihood of a presidential veto Thursday over a House vote to boost the pay of the nation's 500,000 postal workers an average of \$3.2 per cent.

President Eisenhower last year refused to sign a 7 per cent postal pay increase voted by Congress on the ground it was not accompanied by a revenue-raising hike in postal rates. His veto came after Congress adjourned and there was no opportunity to vote on overriding it.

The Senate last month flouted the President's implied threat to veto any postal pay hike of over 7.6 per cent, voting for 10 per cent.

The House Wednesday followed suit and approved an 8.2 per cent increase which would cost some 171 million dollars a year. The Senate bill is estimated to cost 220 millions.

The 224-189 House vote for the most part followed party lines, with Republicans lining up behind the President and the Democrats behind the mailmen. Seventeen Democrats and 22 Republicans split company with their party colleagues.

Umpqua Basin Council States Meeting Tuesday

The Umpqua Basin Conservation Council will meet Tuesday with its newest member, the Elkton Sportsmen's Assn.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Elkton High School gymnasium, Bruce Yeager, council president, reports.

Yeager advises Roseburg sportsmen desiring to attend the meeting that transportation will be furnished from the courthouse at 7 p.m.

The Elkton club, formed only a few months ago, has requested a panel on conservation subjects. Yeager reports that a question and answer forum has been planned.

Defense Takes Over In Manslaughter Case

THE DALLES (AP)—The defense took over Thursday in the manslaughter case in which Joseph Ferguson, Mosier rancher, is accused of shooting his brother-in-law, Charles Eaton, 28, Portland, in the woods last December.

The two were on a deer-hunting trip in closed season when Eaton was killed.

The state closed its case Wednesday after presenting 16 witnesses in an attempt to prove Eaton died through Ferguson's negligence. The defense is expected to plead the shooting was accidental, not negligent.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

With weather prophets forecasting a state water shortage this year, the Legislature might find it profitable to levy a tax on the "chaser" that follows the heech.