

Mid-Day Death Toll Stands At 14

CIO Goes Ahead With Plans For Quick Merger With AFL; Lewis Dun Note Is Rejected

NEW YORK — The CIO went ahead today with plans for a quick merger with the AFL after rejecting a dunning note from John L. Lewis for alleged past-due debts.

Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, an independent labor organization not a party to the prospective merger, sent his payment demand on the eve of separate AFL and CIO conventions called to ratify the amalgamation.



GEORGE MEANY
... to head merged group

Adenauer Stands Behind Western Reunification Plan

BONN, Germany — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government stood solidly Thursday with the Western allies on German reunification policy, ruling out any bilateral German-Russian negotiations on the subject.

Foreign Minister Kheinhof von Brentano made the government's first declaration in Parliament on foreign policy since the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Geneva failed to resolve the problem of German unity.

He told cheering members of the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, that the "German people are not prepared to strike any deal (with the Russians) jeopardizing their freedom."

The foreign minister acknowledged the Moscow agreement for West Germany and Russia to exchange diplomatic relations, but he added it was up to the Kremlin to make relations between the two peoples anything more than a technicality.

"As long as the Soviet Union proceeds on the assumption of the partition of Germany and the existence of two German states," he declared, "there can be no normal relations between our two countries."

Von Brentano reiterated that the fate of the German people would be sealed if it tried to exchange the confidence and friendship of its allies for the sympathy of the Soviet Union. Nor will the German people be induced by any threat or temptation to veer from this straight course.

Von Brentano reiterated that the Bonn government will decline "even covertly or indirectly" to recognize the Communist East German regime. He said this regime "comes close to a system of slavery."

SEALS AVAILABLE

County residents who have not received Christmas seals and wish to have some may do so by contacting the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. Office in Roseburg.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bulletin: Secretary of State Dulles has called on Republicans as well as Democrats to avoid partisan quarrels over foreign policy.

He tells a news conference in Washington that such quarrels might endanger our nation.

A good example to follow in the case of foreign policy is provided for us by the average cantankerous American family. In the privacy of their own household, its members may quarrel and bicker and kick each other's shins. But when an outsider butts in they gang up on him.

A thought in passing: Our politicians have never quarreled much over the Monroe Doctrine.

Why? The Monroe Doctrine was so (Continued on Page 4 Col. 6)

The Weather

Partly cloudy, with showers today, tonight and Friday. Cooler. Highest temp. last 24 hours: 53. Lowest temp. last 24 hours: 41. Highest temp. any Dec.: 70. Lowest temp. any Dec.: 5. Precip. last 24 hours: .63. Precip. from Dec. 1: .43. Precip. from Sept. 1: 7.39. Excess from Sept. 1: .48. Sunset tonight, 4:39 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:24 a.m.

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Surprise Testimony Halts Fong Trial

Witness Says She Saw Diane At Later Date

PORTLAND — Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson suspended the third murder trial of Sherry Fong Wednesday because a surprise witness said Diane Hank, 16, was alive three weeks after the state contends the girl was killed.

The judge directed the state and the defense to try to find corroborating witnesses for the surprise witness, Sally Irwin, 19, who said she had attended high school with Miss Hank.

She testified she exchanged a greeting with Diane Hank on a Portland street on Jan. 26, 1954. She said she remembers the day because she was on her way to have a foot X-rayed. She noted that in a date book, she said.

Miss Irwin also said she turned the book over to police at Eugene, where she was attending the University of Oregon, when she heard of Miss Hank's death. She said she later talked to Portland police about it, and understood the book had been sent on to them.

Defense Atty. Irwin Goodman demanded that the state produce the book. Prosecutor Howard Longenecker said he had never seen it. The judge asked Miss Irwin if others had seen it. She said her parents, her sister and five girl friends had.

"Well, gentlemen, this disclosure is of such importance that this trial should be suspended..."

"Oh, now, your honor," Longenecker started.

"You just keep still Mr. Longenecker," said the judge who has clashed with the prosecutor on a number of points. "I am running this court. You just sit down. If I want to hear from you, I will ask you."

He then suspended proceedings and directed a search for those who had seen the book.

Sherry Fong and her husband Wayne, both 24, were charged with killing Miss Hank. Tried jointly, they were convicted last summer, but Judge Dobson overturned the verdict on the ground the jury did not properly consider the evidence.

Miss Fong's second trial was declared a mistrial because of prejudicial statements by both sides before testimony began.

Fong's trial is to follow.

George Roberts, 44, \$12,225 Award Given Plaintiff By Trial Jury

Funeral services for George Roberts, 44, will be held in The Chapel of the Roses Saturday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. R. A. Feenstra of Dillard officiating.

A lifelong county resident, Roberts was killed Wednesday afternoon by an electric shock as he worked under his house on Roseburg Creek Road southeast of Roseburg.

He was using an electric drill to bore holes in beams under his house in an effort to create better ventilation. He was muddy and wet, and the drill apparently shorted, according to Sheriff Ira C. Byrd. The victim had burns on his hands and chest.

Couroner L. L. Powers said an autopsy Wednesday night confirmed that death was due to electrocution.

Roberts, an employee of the Roseburg Creek Water District, had taken a day off to work at his home.

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Roseburg School District Applies For Federal Funds

Two "urgent" items of business confronted Roseburg school board members meeting in special session Wednesday noon.

The board authorized application by the district for federal funds for building construction as outlined in Public Law 815. Applications are based on the number of pupils whose parents work on federal property. Applications must be received by the State Department of Education by Thursday, District 4 Sup't. M. C. Deller pointed out.

And board members passed a resolution empowering the local administration to make application for a tract of land which is available as a school site. The site would be on part of Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital grounds which the government has termed as "surplus" if it is approved.

In other action members set Dec. 7 as the date for a special board meeting. At that time Superintendent Deller will present a reappraisal of school building facilities and needs for the coming four or five years.

Deller said it is apparent that a "very serious shortage" in junior high school facilities will face the district then. If the problem is to be handled correctly, he said it would be necessary to have the school and building program ready ahead of time. He said board members would study the problems at the special session called for 8 p.m. at Central Junior High School.

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Douglas High School Murals Draw Comment

Three artistic murals which adorn different outside areas of Douglas High School have long been a source of comment. They drew some more Wednesday night at a public meeting to discuss balloting on the proposed \$160,000 bond levy District 116 will consider Dec. 13.

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Tribble Given Probation From 4-Year Sentence

John Burle Tribble, 61, Days Creek, has been granted probation on a four-year sentence imposed for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Tribble, who was accused of shooting Roy Robert Reed, 42, on Sept. 20, was granted probation Wednesday afternoon by Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich on condition Tribble enter an old soldiers home near Medford. If Tribble cannot go to the home, he is to return to court for further disposition of his case.

Tribble went into court Monday and changed his plea to one of guilty. He previously pleaded innocent, and was to have stood trial this week.

The shooting of Reed on a ranch near Days Creek followed an argument between Tribble and Reed and Reed's son. After ordering the Reeds out of a cabin on the ranch, Tribble allegedly fired two shots from a .22 rifle. One shot hit the wall, but the second struck Reed in the chest.

Reed, who did not cry out when shot, was taken to a hospital by the son. He was in critical condition for several days before he finally began to recover.

Elmer G. Baldwin, appointed to represent Tribble, called up several character witnesses during the sentencing Wednesday. Dep. Dist. Atty. Don H. Sanders argued against probation because of the severity of the crime.

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Cabbie Admits Rape Slaying Of 8-Year-Old

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Police said today a cab driver admitted the rape-slaying of an 8-year-old Canton, Ill., girl.

James Christensen, superintendent of the Illinois State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, said that Lloyd Miller, 29, also of Canton, signed a statement admitting the slaying of Janice May last Saturday.

The girl's stripped and beaten body was found hidden among some upended railroad cars.

Christensen said Miller signed the statement after hours of questioning since his arrest in Danville Monday night. He has steadfastly denied any connection with the slaying.

Miller, who has been held on a technical charge of grand larceny in connection with the taking of a cab from Canton to nearby Pekin, was not charged immediately with the rape-slaying.

Roseburg police have started a campaign against jaywalking on some of the city's busiest downtown streets.

Police Chief Stan Olson said there will be no arrests. But officers will pass out cards, printed cooperatively by the police and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, to jaywalkers caught trying to dodge traffic.

Olson cited Jackson Street between Lane and Cass avenues as one particularly dangerous place for jaywalkers.

Although no pedestrians will be arrested, Olson called attention to a city ordinance which provides for a \$2 fine for anyone caught crossing a street anywhere but in a designated crossing lane.

Several hearty jabs were taken at the Douglas High School building. They brought a glint of anger to the architect's face. He answered:

"I think something should be brought out now. This building, on a quality level, is a lot more useful to the community than the average in the state. It's useful for education, the community and it is easy to maintain. He said it has been stated by hundreds of experts that Douglas High School is one of the best in the country. Glazer's firm built the structure."

A minutes later one person asked if money could be saved if buildings were made two or three stories high. Glazer said such construction boomed cost to as much as \$22 per square foot. Land, he continued, was cheaper.

The old warty wart of increasing taxes was tossed around the room. Current millage for education in the district is 72.9 mills. Superintendent Bromley estimates that passage of the bond issue would increase it around 4 mills. Looking glass resident David Hutson pondered ways of helping distressed districts. He favors a sales tax devoted to education.

The citizens expressed concern. Spokenmen indicated they seek good schools but seek, also, ways of lightening an ever-increasing financial load. Several offered to mull the problem more with the board.

As one board member, Fred Albers, pointed out, the board was well aware of the matter and had dug into it deeply. "We can stop it if we stop the production of the human race," he concluded.



MESSIAH SOLOISTS — Two Roseburg residents will appear as soloists when the "Messiah" is presented Dec. 11 at the Roseburg High Gymnasium.

Mrs. Iva Lindsey (top) studied vocal music at San Jose State College in California and in Portland. She was soloist at the Vancouver, Wash., First Presbyterian Church, a position she now holds at the local Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Henry I. Fox (bottom) minored in music at Linfield College.

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Raymond H. Collet, Roseburg Business Man, Dies Thursday At 58

Raymond H. Collet, 58, Roseburg business man, died Thursday at a local hospital. He was co-owner of Stearns Hardware & Implement.

He resided at 416 E. First Ave. N. He was born Feb. 24, 1897, in International Falls, Minn., and came to Roseburg 17 years ago to make his home. He was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Masonic Lodge of Canada.

Surviving are his wife, Beryl, Roseburg; a daughter, Mrs. Henry (Ruth) Borosoff, Winston; and a brother, Urgan, Seattle.

The body has been removed to The Chapel of the Roses and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

Interment will be in the cemetery.

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No Fatalities Are Reported In Oregon

By late morning on Safe-Driving Day, two traffic accidents had been reported to police at Roseburg.

State officers were checking on a three-car mishap on Highway 99 about five miles south of Roseburg. In Roseburg, a minor accident occurred about 10:15 a.m. on Oak Avenue when a car hit the door of another, city police said.

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Safe Driving (S-D) Day half ended in the Eastern time belt, the national death toll from traffic accidents stood at 14 Thursday.

At noon Ohio had four fatalities, Indiana, Louisiana and Michigan, two each, and Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, and New York one each.

For comparative purposes The Associated Press counted the traffic fatalities for Thursday, Nov. 17. The total for the 24 hours was 68.

In Illinois motorists were warned of hazardous driving conditions in many areas in the north and central portions due to snow or freezing rain.

Thursday was the nation's second attempt to go through 24 hours without a traffic death. No one expected the goal to be achieved.

But President Eisenhower's Committee for Traffic Safety, which designated S-D Day to dramatize the idea that careful driving and careful walking can save lives, hopes for a sharp reduction in traffic accidents.

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon highways were relatively safe in the early hours of Thursday-national Safe Driving Day.

To 10:30 a. m. there had been no reports of fatalities and only a few of accidents of any kind.

The official tally at Salem was a complete blank at the 6 a. m. reporting time. The next official report was due in early afternoon but unofficial tabulations showed that the morning moved along quickly.

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