

MID-EAST PLAN BARS WAR, DULLES STATES

Marie McDonald Relates Ransom Demand, Beating

ENCINO, Calif. (AP) — Marie McDonald, "The Body" of filmland fame, says that a \$80,000 ransom was set by the two swarthy men who, she told police, kidnapped her.

The glamorous blonde actress, wearing a white nightgown, burst into tears twice as she told a news conference in her bedroom yesterday that the men said they hoped to ransom her for \$20,000 each from these four persons:

Actor Michael Wilding, estranged husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor and Miss McDonald's escort in recent weeks.

Shoe manufacturer Harry Karl, twice married and twice divorced from Miss McDonald.

Mrs. Marie Tuboni, her mother.

Harold Plant, her business manager.

The two men called Karl and her mother, she said, and dialed the telephone so she could talk to Wilding and Plant. Ransom was not mentioned in any of the calls.

"They wanted to build up worry with each call so that they would pay the ransom," Miss McDonald, flanked by two attorneys, told newsmen in the same bedroom.

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City Policeman's Son Assaulted; 3 Youths Arrested

Three youths were arrested in Roseburg early Sunday morning when they allegedly followed another youth home to his driveway and then attacked him. Their mistake was that the boy they picked on was the son of a Roseburg policeman, who placed the group under arrest.

Booked on charges of disorderly conduct were Larry Fritz Katzenmeyer, 19, 934 SE Jackson St., Roseburg, Ernest Jerald Linson, 19, 170 Club St., Winchester and Robert Lesler Slover, 19, 331 NE Meadow Lane, Roseburg. Two others were with the three but not placed under arrest.

John H. Eldridge Jr., Rt. 3 Box 184, told the police that he was followed from Nielsen's Market by a car that had five boys in it. Eldridge said he was taking some girls home and the other car trailed him with the youths shouting derogatory remarks. He said that he tried to "lose" the car but the youths followed him into his driveway on West Military Avenue at the base of Mt. Nebo.

Companion Draws Father

Eldridge's father, Roseburg policeman, heard the commotion in his front yard and stepped out to see his son and Katzenmeyer trading blows. Young Eldridge said that Katzenmeyer struck him first. As the policeman was talking to three of the five, two others got back in their car and drove away over Police Chief E. Rumpf said Monday that "we're not going to stand for this type of thing." He indicated that offenders would be dealt with sternly.

Student Slain, Girl Attacked; Negroes Held

SIKESTON, Mo. (AP) — Police arrested two Negroes last night and spirited them away for questioning about the Saturday night slaying of a 19-year-old high school football player and the rape of his girl friend.

Victim of the shooting was John Malugan, who lived at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston. Police said 18-year-old June Castleberry of Sikeston told them she and Malugan were parked on a country road just outside Sikeston when a Negro approached the car.

She related Malugan told the man to move on but he pulled a gun and fired, hitting Malugan in the chest. Miss Castleberry said the Negro dragged her from the car across a cotton field to the porch of a vacant house and attacked her.

Two Portland Men Die In Automobile Plunge

ALTURAS, Calif. (AP) — Two Portland men lost their lives in a one-car accident early Sunday morning. According to the California State Highway Patrol, the car was going north on Highway 205 between Davis Creek and New Pine Creek in the vicinity of Sugar Loaf Hill. It hit the right shoulder, skidded across the highway off the embankment, and landed on the left side of the car.

The car was driven by its owner, Terry K. Flansburg and the passenger was Jack Offerman.

The wreck occurred at approximately 6 a.m. but was not found until after 10 a.m. when a vacationing Idaho family stopped to admire the scenery and saw the wreck below.

Theater Emptied By False Bomb Scare

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP) — A false bomb scare at the Wichita Theater prevented more than a thousand spectators from finding out how "Giant," a film about Texas, ends.

When a man called the Wichita Falls Record-News and said a bomb had been planted in the theater and would go off in 10 minutes, the newspaper called police.

The film was stopped and the theater quickly emptied. A thorough search failed to turn up a bomb.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight and Tuesday. Occasional showers of rain or mixed rain and snow. Becoming colder.

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Stumbo Assails Highway Board Suit

Misjoinder Of Affected Parties Seen

Motion To Strike Out
Action Taken Under
Advisement By Court

Robert G. Stumbo's motion to strike the State Highway Commission's suit against him on the grounds that there was a misjoinder of parties was heard in circuit court today.

After hearing arguments by the commission's attorney, Leonard Lindal and by Stumbo, Circuit Judge Carl S. Wimberly told the court that he "would have to examine the motion in the way the law requires." He allowed one week for the filing of briefs.

"The court cannot allow time to deal with this," the judge said. He added that he had avoided publicity on the Stumbo-Highway Commission fight because he felt that it would come before him sooner or later.

Slipshod Handling Claimed

Stumbo argued that the commission's complaint named Russell H. Heyssel and J. V. Mohr, who were owners of separate property, and that the complaint misjoined the Stumbos with the two parties.

Stumbo added that the suit and complaint were "typical of the slipshod way the state has handled this from the beginning." He noted that the State Highway Commission has "lost its sense of humor."

Lindal in turn indicated that the

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Boy, 14, Confesses Slaying Girl Of 8

FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Multilleted by 115 stab wounds, the body of frail Rose Ann White, 8, was found by a railroad track here yesterday. A 14-year-old boy admitted the crime.

Roger Brown's "principal concern" was that he might lose the lethal knife reported by District Attorney J. Clinton Peterson. Young Brown led authorities at 3:30 a.m. to the place where Rose Ann's body was buried loosely under a pile of thistles and grass.

Peterson said Roger, the stepson of Sgt. Merrill Brown of the 43rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion at nearby Travis Air Force Base, confessed the killing calmly and told how he later went home to work on a stamp collection and watch television.

Last night in the Solano County Jail at Vallejo, Roger wept a little talking to reporters and said he "wished" the girl was alive.

An autopsy disclosed that the child had not been criminally attacked. Her skull had been fractured three times.

Roger had been employed to take care of Rose Ann at various times while her mother Mrs. Frank White, 33, worked at her job as a beer parlor waitress. The child's father is an airman in Japan.

County's New Lawmaking Trio Discusses Problems Of Session

By BUD BODINE
News-Review Staff Reporter

Douglas County's first all-Democratic delegation to the Oregon Legislature in many years prepared for the four-month 1957 session this week by seeking voter opinions and complaints from county citizens.

One of these sessions will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the auditorium in the Douglas County Court House, Roseburg.

The three new members are State Sen.-elect Dan R. Dimick, Roseburg lawyer, State Rep.-elect Alfred G. (Al) Flegel, Roseburg businessman, and State Rep.-elect W. O. (Bun) Kelsay, part owner of a Dillard lumber mill. All won first term victories last November.

In a joint interview Friday the three stated they wanted to hear and have a chance to study Governor Robert D. Holmes' program before making definite statements on items of forthcoming legislation.

They concurred in believing the new governor would provide strong leadership on a legislative program.

The three commented on taxes, schools, workmen's compensation and the proposed office of lieutenant governor during the interview.

On the subject of the 45 per cent surtax Rep.-elect Flegel stated that "it should and will be repealed." Flegel felt that no sales

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MILE OF DOLLARS — Dennis Wackerbarth, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wackerbarth, Rt. 4 Box 361, donated to the March of Dimes Saturday as the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce stages its annual "mile of dollars" downtown. Converging to accept Dennis' contribution are: Dr. V. J. Anderson, Jack Games, Dr. Bill Allen and Oscar Wallace. The stunt was the kickoff of the March of Dimes polio campaign in the county. (Photo-Lab)

Crash Of Airliner Kills 1, Injures 6

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Only six miles north of Tulsa Municipal Airport, an American Airlines passenger plane tore into a partially wooded area yesterday, narrowly missing a power line and scrub oak trees and fatally injuring one passenger.

The other six passengers and three crewmen were hospitalized but none reported in critical condition. The dead woman was Mrs. Neil Tobler, 70, Tulsa.

Paul Johnson, 33-year-old pilot of Tulsa, walked and crawled about a mile to a farm house for help.

No cause for the crash has been disclosed.

The plane apparently brushed a power line as it pancaked into the field. It skidded about 400 feet between rows of trees, one of which smashed the right wing. It did not burn.

At the time of the crash, visibility was poor and there was a light drizzle.

Boiling Water Burns Take Aged Man's Life

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Burns suffered Wednesday when he fell with a teakettle of boiling water were fatal Sunday night for James Kelley, 73, of Merlin.

Kelley made his home with a son in Merlin. Two daughters live near Grants Pass.

Lebanon Woman Beaten To Death; Stepson Held

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. Mary Mattie Reppetto, 72, was beaten to death Saturday in the kitchen of her Lebanon home and police held her 21-year-old stepson in connection with the slaying.

The stepson, Tommy Reppetto, a former inmate in a home for mentally retarded persons, was unable to give a satisfactory account of what took place in the blood-spattered kitchen, said Sheriff George K. Miller.

No charge was filed over the weekend, however.

The youth's father, James Reppetto, told police that he found his brutally beaten wife at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, when he returned from a brief walk.

Mrs. Reppetto was lying in a pool of blood with some 15 to 20 wounds on her head and face. Police found what was believed to be the murder weapon, a thin piece of stove wood, in a woodbox in an adjoining room.

New Forest Ranger For Tiller Named

Leonard E. Flowers has been named district ranger for the Tiller ranger station, according to Vondis Miller, Umpqua National Forest supervisor.

Flowers, whose last assignment was the Snoqualmie forest in Washington, will replace Jack Todd. Todd has gone to the Gifford Pinchot forest near Tacoma, Wash., as a district ranger.

Lecture Program Draws Physicians Of Three Counties

Physicians from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties will gather in Roseburg Tuesday to attend an all-day postgraduate lecture program on the subject of back pain.

Dr. Donald M. Jeppesen, president of the host Douglas County Medical Society, announced that the lecturers are open to all physicians and will feature scientific papers by three visiting medical specialists.

Appearing in Roseburg under auspices of the State Medical Society Committee on Postgraduate Education, will be Drs. Kenneth E. Livingston in the field of neurosurgery and Arthur C. Jones in the field of physical medicine, both from Portland, and Dr. Donald B. Slocum, orthopedic surgeon from Eugene.

An afternoon session, starting at 2 p.m., and an evening program, starting at 8 p.m., will be held at the Roseburg Country Club. Physicians also are invited to a no-host dinner at the country club starting at 7 p.m., Dr. Jeppesen said.

The postgraduate series was designed by the State Medical Society to bring the latest medical information direct to the busy physician in his home community. Lectures are held twice each year in western and eastern Oregon.

Soil Bank Plan Of Single Use, Benson States

Crop Reduction, Not
Relief Or Credit, Aim
Of Fund, Reminder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson told Congress Monday the soil bank program should be used to cut crop surpluses and conserve soil resources—not "for drought relief, flood relief or credit needs."

In testimony prepared for a public hearing of the House Agriculture Committee, Benson said he intends to administer the \$1,200,000,000-a-year program so it fulfills its prime aims.

The committee called Benson some members—some of whom have been critical of the way the program was operated last year—might question him.

Benson said last year's operations did not provide a fair test for the program because the legislation was "long delayed" in Congress and the program was not made available to farmers until fully three weeks after the normal ending of cotton, peanut and tobacco planting seasons and well into the corn planting season.

Authorized last June by Congress for a four-year period ending with 1959 crops, the program offers farmers payments for taking land out of production of surplus crops and for adopting practices for saving soil.

Anticipating committee questions, Benson said it has been stated the program helps only large farms since the small ones cannot afford to give up production on any of their limited acres.

"The truth is that the acreage reserve program helps all farms, large and small, those that come into the program and those which stay out," he said. "The better balance of supplies and markets."

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Douglas Electric Co-Op Plans New Facilities

Planning for construction of a new substation at Yoncalla, a new transmission line from Drain to Yoncalla and the installation of new regulatory equipment in the area is under way by Douglas Electric Cooperative.

The new facilities, which will be constructed starting sometime this summer, will assure steadier and more dependable voltage to Yoncalla and surrounding areas.

Engineering now under way is to determine such things as transformer capacity and wire size which will be needed to take care of existing and contemplated loads. No exact location for the Yoncalla substation has been determined yet, according to Harold Backen, manager of the cooperative.

The annual membership meeting of the cooperative will be held Monday, Feb. 4, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Community Building. Directors for the Melrose-Umpqua district, Drain district and Yoncalla-Scotts Valley district will be elected at the meeting.

Green Hearing Dated On Bond Issue Protest

A remonstrance hearing on a proposed \$320,000 bond issue in the Green Sanitary District is set for Tuesday night at 8 in Green School.

The district board of directors last month scheduled the hearing after setting a tentative election on the bonds in early February.

The bonds would be retired on a 25-year schedule, and figuring on present property valuation, it would require an approximate 15-mill levy to retire the loan.

The sewers which would be financed by the bond issue would serve initially about 35 homes. Connection and service fees, besides the property levy, would be charged.

State Prison Hunger Strikers Down To 12

SALEM (AP) — The number of hunger strikers in the state prison institution building was reduced to 12 Monday as the strike entered its second week, Warden C. T. Gladden said.

He added he doesn't expect the strike to last much longer.

Gladden said the strikers seemed in a conciliatory frame of mind and they would like to end the strike, but that none wants to make the first move.

Twenty men originally were involved in the strike. The men made no demands.

Congress Urged To Okay Ike's Requested Aid

Soviet Trying To Stir
Up Mid-East Turmoil,
Secretary Declares

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles testified Monday President Eisenhower's Middle East manifesto would increase tensions with Russia but would "stop World War III before it starts."

Dulles appeared before a jam-packed hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He spoke from a prepared statement and then submitted to questions from committee members.

The secretary appealed for congressional approval of "a rounded program of economic and military assistance" including "advance authority for the President to use U. S. military forces against any 'overt armed aggression' spawned by communism in the Middle East."

He was the first of a parade of administration witnesses called to detail the proposal which President Eisenhower presented at a special joint session of Congress Saturday.

In an exchange with Chairman Gordon (D-Ill.), Dulles said the Soviet Union is seeking to make "an area of turbulence" out of the Middle East, and he added: "I think, Mr. Chairman, we must recognize that this action may temporarily at least increase tensions with the Soviet Union."

But he said the purpose of the President's proposal is "to stop World War III before it starts."

Referring to the proposal's fight-against-communism, Dulles said he has no doubt what Congress would do "if international communism set out on a piecemeal conquest of the world by war."

"But until the Congress has actually spoken," he said, "there is doubt in the Middle East and there may be doubt in the Soviet Union."

In the Senate, Republican leader Knowland (Calif.) said that despite sharp criticism of the President's proposal he is confident Congress will approve "a statement of policy making it clear the country will not permit Soviet aggression in the Middle East."

Dulles noted that in the Middle East "there is suspicion against any outside force lest it be a device to re-impose colonialism."

This and the other disorders and difficulties in the area make it hard for the United States "to help in one direction without creating suspicion in another," he said.

Aid Only On Invitation

But, he added, the administration plan was "first of all make unmistakably clear that it is the policy of the United States, declared by the Congress and the President, to cooperate with the nations of the 'Middle East' to maintain their independence."

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Central Douglas Slated For Stormy Period

A cold front pushing down from northwestern Canada and Alaska probably will bring snow to the central Douglas County area after Wednesday.

The U. S. Weather Bureau here, in its five-day outlook, said temperatures will take a nosedive and reach lows of four to eight degrees below normal.

A stormy period is forecast for the week. The weatherman said recurring showers of occasional snow mixed with rain will precede the predicted snow later in the week.

Dr. Townsend, 90, Plans New Political Party

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — With his 91st birthday coming up Jan. 12, Dr. Francis E. Townsend, the old-age pension plan leader, says he's going to launch a new political party in California.

Townsend says it will be known as the Women's Anti-Poverty Party.

"It will be a party spearheaded by women, but of course we'll let the men in," he says, adding: "The Republican and Democratic parties are not concerned with the general welfare of the people."

Award Slated For Top Jaycee At Sutherland

A resident between the ages of 21 and 35 will be presented a Distinguished Service Award by the Sutherland Junior Chamber of Commerce at a banquet which will be held Saturday, Jan. 26.

The award will be presented to a Sutherland resident for outstanding service to the community during the past year. Recognition will be given to the outstanding Jaycee of the year at the banquet, which also commemorates National Jaycee week.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Elvis (Pelvis) Presley, the rock 'n' roll devil, has posed the physical exam for future induction into the armed forces. He should prove a brilliant success of executing flanking maneuvers.



TALKING OVER Oregon's problems are Douglas County's three new legislators bound for Salem and the 1957 session next week. The three are (left to right) State Rep.-elect W. O. (Bun) Kelsay, State Sen.-elect Dan R. Dimick and State Rep.-elect Alfred G. (Al) Flegel. All three were Democratic victors in the 1956 election. (Paul Jenkins)