

Sutherland's Mayor Kesner Killed

U. N. Abandons Attempts To Set Up Administration In Gaza Strip Using Force

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The United Nations abandoned Wednesday its attempts to set up an administration in the Gaza Strip under the U.N. Emergency Force.

Highway Slide Not Serious; Snow Reported

Heavy rains brought about 3,000 cubic yards of dirt and rocks down on Highway 38 just east of Reedsport Tuesday but traffic is moving, the Highway Dept. reported today.

The slide occurred just east of last year's major trouble spot. Maintenance crews have opened a detour about 300 feet long and traffic is restricted to one-way travel while the slide is being cleared away. The slide is considered "not serious" by the Highway Dept.

In other areas motorists are plagued by snow but no roads are reported closed, and most open without chains being required.

State police this morning issued this report:

Highway 199 west of Grants Pass, packed snow and ice, no chains required.

Highway 99, Sexton Mountain, seven inches of new snow, carry chains.

Highway 99, Siskiyou, four inches new snow, 15 inches roadside snow, no chains.

Highway 66, Greensprings, one inch new snow, seven inches roadside, showing this morning, carry chains.

Highway 58, Willamette Pass, snowing today with plows operating, chains required.

Santiam Pass snowing hard, five inches new snow, chains required.

At Glendale, according to Mrs. Gerald Fox, News-Review correspondent, there was about two inches of snow on the ground this morning. This melted this morning and skies were clearing this morning.

Glendale correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby said snow fell for about 20 minutes this morning but melted. She reported that loggers at Cannon Creek above Steamboat found three feet of snow at the loading platform when they reported for work Tuesday.

Despite the heavy rains the last few days, river levels are far from dangerous because of the snow at higher elevations holding back runoff. At daybreak this morning the snowing was about 1,300 feet but rapidly receded to elevations of 2,000 to 3,000 feet.

River stages this morning were reported by the weather bureau as 17.90 feet at Kellogg, 12.61 at Roseburg, 10 at Winchester, 13.37 at Winston. All stations were well below flood stage and were dropping this morning.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ho! Hun!
In our nation's capital the debate on representatives starts debate on a resolution asking President Eisenhower for advice as to how his nearly 72 billion dollar budget can be "cut substantially."

What's cooking?
Well, it appears that public demand for economy and tax reduction are reaching the point where something may have to be done about it. The Democrats are alleged to be sponsoring the resolution as a move to take the offensive in an ECONOMY drive.

The Republicans are attacking it as a back-passing maneuver designed to take the congress (which the Democrats control) OFF the spot and put the Republican administration ON the spot.

At any rate, it is interesting to learn that the public is beginning to demand more economy in government.

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The Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain. Rain Thursday morning, clearing partially with a few scattered showers Thursday afternoon. Not so cool tonight and Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 45
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 36
Highest temp. any March 85
Lowest temp. any March 18
Precip. last 24 hours .29
Precip. from March 1 2.43
Precip. from Sept. 1 32.04
Sunset tonight, 6:17 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:24 a.m.

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Langley Lawyer Paid Fee, Claim

Union Official Admits \$5,000 Payment Made

WASHINGTON — A Teamsters Union official testified Wednesday the Oregon Teamsters' Council paid a \$5,000 fee to the lawyer retained by indicted Dist. Atty. William M. Langley of Portland. He said he didn't know the purpose.

Reginald (Reg) Mikesell, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Council No. 37, told the Senate rackets investigating committee the fee was paid last August to attorney K.C. Tanner.

He said he knows of no service Tanner performed for the union at the time, and added:

"It does seem a little silly, doesn't it?"

Langley was expected to be a witness later in the day. He is under indictment in Oregon on charges of malfeasance and failure to conduct prosecutions.

The testimony of the \$5,000 retainer fee came after Mikesell had told the senators that most of the financial records of Council No. 37 which the committee had asked for have been destroyed.

He said these records — covering the period from mid-1954 to mid-1956 — were destroyed to "make more office space."

Sen. Mundt (R-SD) said he felt that the \$5,000 check was a "rather important link that buttons this whole thing up" with allegations of "Langley working in collusion" with Teamsters officials.

Mikesell said he didn't believe (Continued on Page 2 Col. 2)



MRS. R. E. HERMAN
... resignation tendered

Mrs. R. E. Herman Resigns Position With Red Cross

More than five years' service as executive secretary of the Red Cross has come to an end with the resignation of Mrs. R. E. Herman.

Mrs. Herman said she was forced to resign because of health and that the step was taken "with deep regret." She expressed her "gratitude to every person with whom I was associated during my term in office. This includes those of other organizations as well as those in the Red Cross."

She held the post of executive secretary since 1950. Until a replacement is found, it is being held by Mrs. Jess Bowman, home service chairman. Meanwhile, applications for the position — the only paid one on the Red Cross staff — are being accepted at Red Cross headquarters, 814 SE Lane Ave.

At the board meeting at which Mrs. Herman's resignation was announced, Mrs. Walter Brittle was appointed director of the Red Cross blood program and Mrs. Jack Cummins was named to replace Mrs. Brittle as blood recruitment chairman.

It was announced at the meeting that the bloodmobile would be in Roseburg March 27 and 28, 29 for the unit for the two days in 1957.

A fund raising program for the southern and northern parts of the county was outlined at the meeting.

Republican Filibuster Kills Canyon Memorial

OLYMPIA — A Republican filibuster Tuesday night killed Democratic-sponsored legislation urging Congress to authorize a high dam at Hells Canyon on the Snake River.

Rep. Richard Roof, Seattle Republican, took the House floor minutes before the midnight deadline for the Legislature to consider bills other than those relating to taxation and appropriations to talk against the memorial.

Democratic efforts to interrupt Roof but before they could get the floor the clock passed midnight and Speaker John L. O'Brien called for a motion to adjourn.

The memorial previously had been passed by the Senate.

House Votes To Create Lt. Governor Post

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM — The House killed 34 to 25 Wednesday a resolution calling for an investigation of pardons and commutations of governors past and present.

SALEM — The Oregon House of Representatives voted 43 to 18 Wednesday to create the office of lieutenant governor.

If the Senate passes it, the measure will be on the November, 1958, general election ballot.

In the conflict, the proposal will run into contention with a measure to add a member to each house in order to prevent tie votes such as that which delayed organization of the present Senate for 11 days.

The proposed amendment provides that the lieutenant governor would succeed the governor in the event of the latter's death or absence from the state.

Candidates for lieutenant governor would be chosen as running mates by the gubernatorial candidates, and they would run as a team in both the primary and general election.

The new officer would vote in the Senate only in case of a tie. He also would be available for such tasks as the governor chose to assign him.

There were 35 Democrats who voted for the measure, and only one against it. The Republicans voted 15 to 8 against it.

Rep. Glen Stadler (R), Eugene, said 37 states have lieutenant governors, and that Oregon's successor to the governor should be chosen by all the people. The president of the Senate now succeeds the governor.

But Rep. Shirley Field (R), Portland, said the proposal is uneconomical and makes the government more complicated.

Two memorials asking Congress (Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

Fish Commission Declines To Take Action On Firing

PORTLAND — The state Fish Commission declined to take any action Tuesday on a request that H. John Rayner be fired as chief of the Game Commission's fish operations department.

The dismissal had been called for by the Devils Lake Protective Fishermen's League, an organization of residents from the Devils Lake area on the coast. The League contended Rayner's program to poison trash fish in Devils Lake was a "blunder" and had failed.

The Fish Commission rejected a proposal by Lew Wallace of Portland for elimination of the 60-per-day bag limit on crawfish.

Another proposal, by sportsmen and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce in the Coos Bay area, brought a promise by the Fish Commission that it would give the matter consideration.

This request was for moving the deadline for shad and striped bass fishing in Coos Bay to the junction of the north and south forks. Sportsmen and Chamber spokesmen said the plan would stimulate tourist fishing, but the proposal was opposed by commercial fishermen.

Concert Assn. Report Meeting Scheduled Today

The Roseburg Community Concert Assn. has scheduled a report hearing of workers in the present membership campaign for 4 p. m. today in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

All persons who have been working on the campaign are requested to be present or to report their sales to officers or committee chairmen, said Miss Gladys Stumm, president.

The membership campaign has been going ahead very well, but there are still openings for new members, Miss Stumm stressed. Persons intending to join the organization are urged to do so promptly, as the campaign officially closes Friday at noon, when the officers meet with Community Concert Assn. representative Mrs. Pearl Summers to select the concert for next year. Singer Nadine Connor has already been chosen.

Plaintiffs Given Accident Award

Loss of truck and damages to an oil tank truck when it landed in a cranberry bog in 1951 were worth a total of \$3,200, a circuit court jury ruled here Tuesday.

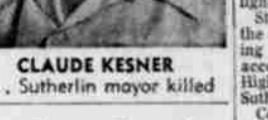
Winners of the damage suit heard before Judge Carl E. Wimberly were the plaintiffs, Felix and Joe Bookshnis and Farmers Insurance Group. The defendant was Mark S. Wildgrube.

The plaintiffs claimed their truck, driven by Louis C. Schnell, was forced off Highway 101 near Reedsport when the driver avoided hitting a car which came onto the road from a private driveway. Driver of the car was identified as Freda Wildgrube, daughter of the defendant.

The plaintiffs had asked for \$2,450 for loss of use of the truck and \$2,200 for costs to the insurance firm. These were cut by the jury to \$1,700 for the Bookshnis and \$1,500 for the insurance company.

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Growth Of Sutherland Under Guidance Of Civic Leader Recounted



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Three witnesses at the scene told the state police that the pickup went into a ditch about 255 yards south of the access road, returned to the pavement and turned sharply onto the access road where it struck the pole.

The state police said the vehicle struck the steel pole on its left side just outside the frame. The left side of the vehicle was ripped out, they added, and the front axle was torn from underneath the vehicle.

The police estimated the speed of the pickup from 25 to 45 mph. Kesner came to Sutherland in 1944, when he purchased a part interest in the lumber yard that has been in the family since that time as mayor of the city, being first elected in 1950.

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The fatality was the fifth recorded traffic accident in Douglas County this year. In 1956 by this date, there had also been five fatalities on the county's highways.

Church Youth Director, Wife Suffer Injuries

Dewayne Hart Howell, 22, and his wife, Marian, 21, of 960 Chambers St., Eugene, who recently were employed as youth leaders at the First Christian Church in Roseburg, were critically injured Tuesday night in an automobile accident a few miles north of Albany.

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State police reported that Howell and his wife were driving north on Highway 99 at the time of the accident.

Howell had just passed a string of cars when a gasoline truck ahead of him turned left to leave the highway. He was unable to stop in time and hit the truck.

Driver of the truck, George Ellis Bolton, Eugene, was not hurt. Both are reported to be in an Albany hospital, but Mrs. Howell, more seriously injured, is being transferred to a Portland hospital.

State Square Dance Festival Billed Here

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The Hayloft Squares were hosts at the meeting for clubs from Myrtle Creek, Tillamook, Elton, Winston, Oakland and Roseburg. The announcement of the coming big event in square dancing circles was made by President Leo Farnworth of the Hayloft club.

The festival will be staged during Douglas County Fair week.

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The 16-year-old boy's case has been remanded to juvenile court.

4-H Club Girls To Visit U Of O Oriental Museum

Approximately 25 girls representing eight Douglas County 4-H Clubs will travel to Eugene Friday to tour the University of Oregon's oriental museum, TV station and several business establishments.

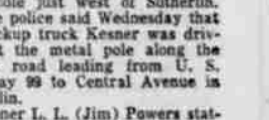
The girls will be accompanied by 4-H club leaders and June states, 4-H club extension agent. The group will meet in the Farm Bureau parking lot at 7:30 a. m. and go to Eugene in private cars.



EASTER SEALS PREPARED—Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Tuesday stuffed Easter seals into mailing envelopes in preparation to sending them around the county this week. Busy during the afternoon were, left to right: Mrs. Joe Scallan, Mrs. Ronald Oilar, Mrs. Paul Schulze, Mrs. I. J. Bean and Mrs. Pat Sullivan. Mrs. Bean is the Douglas County seal chairman. (Paul Jenkins)

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Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Closing of banks on Saturdays is among the controversial issues of the Oregon Legislature. Hints at a scheme to give bank employees an extra weekend day go fishing—and right now the chinook salmon season isn't far away.