

Defense Scores Two Blows Against Earl In Libel Suit

COQUILLE, Ore. — The defense scored two blows Thursday against Portland City Commissioner Stanley Earl in his \$250,000 libel suit against the Coos Bay Times.

One witness, Oliver E. McMillen, Newport, Ore., said he was campaign manager for Marion T. "Mike" Elliott in his successful campaign for sheriff at Portland in 1948, and contacted Earl for support.

He said he thought Earl was a high official in the International Woodworkers of America. Actually Earl was executive secretary of the state CIO then.

Offered Backing
McMillen said Earl offered IWA backing for Elliott for a consideration. The consideration, he said, was "Mr. Elliott to take over the entire county and Stanley Earl would have to go out of control of pinball machines."

Earl is suing on the ground two Drew Pearson columns published by the Times, now known as the World, tried to take him with gambler Big Jim Elkins of Portland.

McMillen, who said he now is a carpenter and contractor, testified he never went back to talk to Earl again, and that Earl opposed Elliott in the campaign.

Then the defense began reading

Porter Makes Whirlwind Visit To Roseburg

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court and Ben Irving, head of the water resources department, to be on hand when Porter made his visit and to urge the Fourth District Representative to support projects such as Olalla reservoir.

Olivant told Porter he was not aware of the meeting called in October by Porter and appeared satisfied with the interest shown by the Democratic incumbent.

Several times Porter was asked what could be done to obtain funds for the Port of Umpqua. His reply was that nothing could be done until a feasibility report showing benefits-to-cost ratio is completed. If the ratio is favorable, legislation can be prepared, he said.

International Not Ready

Quizzed about the status of a Douglas County pulp plant which might be built by International Paper Co., the representative said the firm was not going to do anything at this time. Porter said he had been informed International is developing a market for its products in San Francisco which will help information from company officials. Porter told his audience, indicating the paper market is not too healthy at this time and nothing will be done about expansion until it improves.

Regarding Southern Pacific's recent lumber freight rate cuts, Porter declared he was pleased. He claimed the reductions resulted from competition from trucks and barges and said he hoped to see more competition which would help Oregon's lumber industry.

Porter renewed his criticism of the Atomic Energy Commission. He declared there is no need for further atomic tests. "I believe the AEC has been criminally negligent in statements to the press regarding the danger of radioactivity."

Nickle Plant Costly

Hanna Nickle's Riddle operation is losing money for the government, Porter said, and General Services Administration would like to sell the plant to Hanna "but Hanna doesn't want to buy."

He stressed there is no immediate danger of a closure and that GSA might want to sell the operation even if it were making money. The price of nickel is down, Porter stated, and stockpiles are full.

Porter veered away from the question session momentarily to make a point about announcements regarding post offices. He said it was standard operating procedure for Rep. Walter Norblad to release information about post offices or for the Post Office Dept. to release information in Norblad's name.

Opposed Umpqua Closure

Porter was primarily referring to the continuation of the Umpqua post office. He said he had opposed closure because of hardship and inconvenience to patrons and the closure was blocked. It was not through efforts by Norblad, Porter said, despite press releases to that effect.

"Norblad has no interest in these things," the Democrat declared. "It is not even in his district."

He touched upon funds for the North Umpqua Road and said work depends on forest highway money. Porter told of efforts to get funds returned to the state which were lost when the old formula for apportioning the money was dropped this year. He said there is a survey underway which may result in more money for such highways in Oregon.

Porter expressed surprise that nobody had asked about the possibility of a tax cut. "I think you are going to get one," he concluded.

There Is No Labor Dispute Between Wards And Its Employees In Roseburg, Oregon

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Symphony Concert Violinist Holds Audience Interest

By BOB CLARK

News-Review Staff Writer
Highlighted by a polished, top-rank performance by young violinist Vardie Van Vooris, the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra staged its second concert of the current season Thursday evening at Central Junior High School auditorium.

Van Vooris, a University of Oregon senior who has studied in Europe under famed violinist Yehudi Menuhin, served notice with his rendition of Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy" that he possesses talent befitting a true artist of the instrument.

He displayed an abundance of craftsmanship and a left touch in playing a complex and subtle, and revealed thorough knowledge of the music.

Adding to his performance was the excellent accompaniment of the orchestra, under the direction of Charles L. Steele.

Another feature of the evening was the singing of the well-coordinated Roseburg High School A Cappella Choir. The 60-voice group performed Howard Hanson's "Song of Democracy" smoothly and with precision — to, again, expert accompaniment by the orchestra.

Here, however, the orchestra met quite a challenge of its own in the risky rhythms and formidable harmonies of the contemporary work. The difficulties of the music were overcome with verve and precision and both the orchestra and the choir received a well-deserved ovation for their efforts.

A symphonic scenario for orchestra by Robert Russell Bennett, based on tunes from "South Pacific," closed the program. The orchestra's performance of the familiar methods but pleasantly listening.

As a curtain-raiser, the orchestra provided the audience with a spirited rendition of the lively, melodious "Lustspiel" overture by the late Hungarian composer Keler Bela.

Merger Of Game, Fish Commissions Asked By Group

PORTLAND — A merger of the state fish and game commissions was urged Thursday night by the Portland chapter of the Izak Walton League.

A legislative interim committee on fish and game heard a report that the merger "is in the best interests of the resources involved provided adequate legislative safeguards are incorporated."

The chapter said in a report presented at an interim committee hearing:

"Some of the feeling that merger of management responsibilities is undesirable is said to stem from a fear that sports license funds created facilities for the commercial fishing interests. It has also been suggested that commercial interests are fostering the unification in hopes of trapping these funds."

"We recognize these possibilities, but feel they would be remote if adequate legislative safeguards are supplied to a unification measure."

The chapter proposed a seven-member body. At the start the five game commissioners would be appointed to the new agency, plus two other members.

Six Persons Seriously Injured In Accidents
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driver, Harold LaVern Goutermont, Medford, was injured.

Condition Critical
One of five young Myrtle Creek residents involved in an auto accident early today is in critical condition in Forest Glen Hospital, Canyonville.

An attending physician so termed the condition of Dee Edgar Jones, 19. His injuries were listed as a large splinter in his left eye, broken ribs, a collapsed right lung and severe shock.

Cecil Newton, 17, suffered minor injuries and is being kept in the hospital under observation, according to state police. He is suffering from shock, they reported.

Escaping injury were Agnes DuMont, 20, reportedly the driver of the vehicle, Stella Jeanette Jones, 14, Cecil Dwayne Newton, 17, and Edward Gaylord Ryford, 20.

Police said the accident occurred shortly after midnight on the Canyonville - Riddle road. The car, a 1957 sedan, was apparently headed toward Canyonville when it went out of control and ran into a ditch.

Umpqua Beach Resort Denied Liquor License

An application for a package license for the Umpqua Beach Resort, Winchester Bay, has been denied by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

John J. and Ruth E. Zukowski had sought a Class A package license for the resort.

Winfrey G. and Alice E. Mankins were granted, subject to a recheck of sanitation facilities, a Class B retail meat beverage license for The Villa, located about a mile south of Roseburg on Highway 99B.

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Korean Airmen Tell Of Fighting Off Assaultant

SEOUL — Two South Korean airmen who fought off an attempt to force their plane into North Korea said they lost so much blood their armed assault almost broke away from them.

Capt. Kim Kap Kyoo, pilot of the C-47 transport, and Sgt. Chon Byong Hoon, the plane engineer, gave this account from their hospital beds.

The twin-engine plane was on a flight from Taegu to Seoul Thursday when Capt. Chon Jung Il, one of seven men aboard, climbed into the cockpit and fired two shots from a 45-caliber pistol at Sgt. Kim Sang Bok, the radio operator. One bullet smashed into Kim's forehead, killing him instantly.

Choi fired two more shots at Sgt. Chon, grazing his forehead. Then he slugged Capt. Kim and Lt. Chon Byong Lin, the copilot, on the back, shouting, "Let's go to North Korea!"

Kim, a 27-year-old veteran of the Korean War, said he heard only the words "Let's go" but immediately sensed an attempt to take over the plane. He pretended not to understand and slowly turned around, loosening his seat belt as he turned. At that moment Sgt. Chon leaped at Choi, grabbing his wrist and forcing the pistol down.

Kim grabbed the intruder's left wrist and a moment later another bullet pierced the pilot's left arm. For the next 10 or 15 minutes, the two airmen fought a blood-bathed battle with the captain.

Five-Inch Snowfall Blankets Northeast
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A five-inch snowfall blanketed parts of the Northeast Friday, throttling spring sports.

The heaviest fall was in parts of Rhode Island. Snow fell in northern New Jersey, across lower New York and in New England. Parts of Connecticut and the Catskill mountains of New York had four inches.

Horse racing was cancelled at Lincoln Downs, R. I. The University of Connecticut postponed a baseball game with the University of Maine.

Boston had two inches of snow but the flakes melted as they fell in New York City.

Rain also fell in a few areas of the West and South, but clear weather was the general rule elsewhere.

Judge Rules Holmes Can Change Nunn's Sentence
SALEM — A ruling by Marion County Circuit Judge Val D. Sloper Thursday upheld the right of Gov. Robert D. Holmes to commute the death sentence of Billy Junior Nunn, sex slayer convicted in Jackson County, to life imprisonment.

An injunction against the governor's order was filed recently by John E. and Lillie E. Eacret of Klamath Falls, parents of Alvin William Eacret, teenage boy slain by Nunn.

Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton subsequently filed a demurrer on the ground that the Marion court did not have jurisdiction in the case and that the complaint did not state sufficient facts. Judge Sloper's ruling upheld this decision.

Pending the decision, Gov. Holmes had extended the time of execution of Nunn.

Community College Meet Scheduled For 8 P.M.
A meeting of persons interested in establishing a community college in Central Douglas County is scheduled for 8 p.m. today in the Elks Club.

Speaking at the meeting will be Dr. Orde S. Pinkney, dean of students, and Don Pence, president, Eastern Oregon College at Bend. After short addresses, the men will answer questions.

Formation of a planning committee for the proposed college also is scheduled for the meeting.

Neuberger Defends Foreign Aid, Trade In Portland Talk

PORTLAND — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) defended foreign aid and foreign trade programs Thursday.

He said these programs were "vulnerable to political abuse." Yet, he said in a speech prepared for delivery at the University of Portland, they have been held essential to our national interest by a succession of presidents and leaders of both political parties.

It is "particularly difficult to maintain support for international programs of aid, which is essential but costly, and trade, which competes with domestic industries, at a time when America's own economy is permitted to slide in a recession and millions of people are unemployed or living on much reduced incomes," he said.

"That is why I have repeatedly urged the President not to use our costly military and international needs as an excuse for reducing or abandoning essential federal domestic responsibilities in such fields as natural resource development or social welfare."

On Wednesday, Neuberger called for construction of new schools as a recession-ending project. Such a program would help Oregon's slumping lumber industry, he said.

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The owner of the car, William I. Matthews, 24, Troutdale, was thrown clear. He suffered only minor injuries.

U.S. Denounces Russ Proposal To Plan Talks

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — The United States quickly denounced as unacceptable Friday a Russian suggestion for opening preparatory talks for a summit conference in Moscow next Thursday.

The U.S. reaction, one of the fastest on record, was announced from the White House while President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles were still discussing a note just received from Moscow.

The Soviet note was not immediately made public in full. It said in effect that an ambassadors' meeting in Moscow and a later conference of East-West foreign ministers should concern themselves only with fixing the time, place and composition of a summit conference. Moscow proposed that unanimous agreement be required to bring up any other problem — that is, such issues of substance as German reunification or Red rule in Eastern Europe.

Not Acceptance
Recalling that the Western powers on March 31 had proposed pre-summit diplomatic talks in Moscow in the last half of April, the White House said the Soviet reply is manifestly not an acceptance to this Western proposal.

In the official view here, the heart of the Western proposal was that there should be preparatory work aimed at fixing a time and place for summit talks and at bringing out, by general discussion, the possibilities of agreement at the summit.

The White House said the Soviet note proposes that the ambassadors' talk "shall not deal at all with the time, place and command of a subsequent meeting of foreign ministers."

Earlier news reports from Moscow said the Soviet proposition was that a summit meeting should be convened even though the preliminary talks fail to produce agreement.

Officials said the Soviet note would be carefully studied and consultations would be held with the Western allies before a quick formal reply is made, even though Moscow's proposal was termed unacceptable.

Receipt of the Russian reply followed quickly on the return to Moscow Thursday of Khrushchev. Khrushchev had just wound up a weeklong visit to Hungary.

Small Tornado Hits Washington
LAKE STEVENS, Wash. — a small tornado ripped a garage from its foundation here Thursday, and then dumped it upside down on top of an adjoining garage.

The phenomena occurred suddenly at the Layton Rand home at this small Snohomish County community about 35 miles north-east of Seattle.

It was witnessed by Ad Shoudy, a neighbor of Rand's who was standing nearby talking to another man.

"We were in my yard talking when we heard a whistling sound," Shoudy said. "When we looked up we saw whirling debris and a tornado funnel 15 to 20 feet across."

"While we watched the wind seemed to go in the open front end of Rand's garage. The garage lifted off the ground, turned upside down and then came down on top of a second garage on Rand's place."

Shoudy said the baby twister then "rattled through some fir trees and disappeared."

The sun was shining and only a few clouds were in the sky when the wind picked up the 14x22 foot frame garage. Rand said the damage amounted to about \$100.

The weather bureau said the wind could be described as a small tornado. They seldom occur in this area, officials said, but they are generally associated with thunderstorms.

Sputnik II May Be Seen In Pacific Northwest
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Russia's Sputnik II may be visible in the Pacific Northwest skies Friday night, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory says.

The observatory said the earth satellite should be visible when it passes south of Alaska, over Northwest Washington and then southward on a line over Arizona.

The time of this pass will be 9:15 p.m. (PST), the observatory said.

It could be the last pass visible in the Northwest, for the observatory said the dog-carrying satellite may plunge to earth Saturday.

Khrushchev States Russia Would Never Wage War, But Would Remain Ready

MOSCOW — Premier Nikita Khrushchev told a crowd welcoming him home from Hungary Thursday that the Soviet Union would never wage war "but we will always be ready if war comes."

"Wars mean killing people," he declared in a speech at Lenin's Sports Palace. "Why should we want war when we have other means—I mean consumer goods."

Khrushchev did not make this point clear, but he intimated there would be a sharp increase in consumer goods production for the Soviet people.

"We soon have an announcement," he said. "We are calculating the situation now. And then we will see in the final analysis who has the best and who has the most clothes."

The premier praised Hungarian party leader Janos Kadar as "the man we can rely on" in describing his eight-day tour through Hungary.

Serious Mood
Khrushchev was in a serious mood as he called Americans "militarists" who always want their own way.

He asserted that the Soviet Union, however, would not give up hope of reaching an agreement with the United States.

On the question of controls and inspection flights for nuclear disarmament, he said: "The Americans want to fly over our country and want us to fly over theirs. We want to do neither."

Khrushchev told his audience he had almost talked himself out during his eight-day stay in Hungary. But spoke for 43 minutes anyway.

Neither U. S. British nor French embassies were represented at the airport welcome.

In his farewell to Budapest, Khrushchev asserted that the Hungarian working class will defend communist rule in Hungary against any attempt to overthrow it.

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