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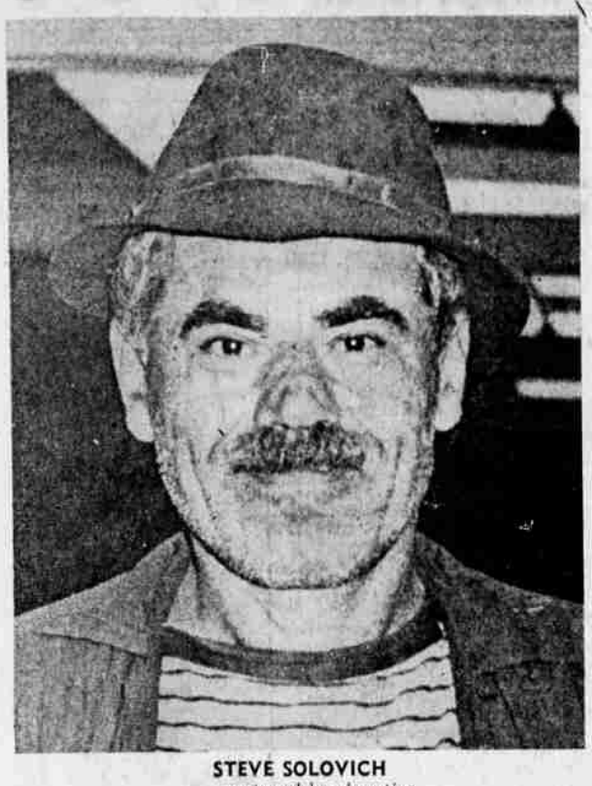

STEVE SOLOVICH
. . . captured by deputies

Steve Taken Alive, Unhurt By Deputies

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Steve Solovich has been caught, alive and unhurt.

Solovich, who hardly needs any identification to readers in Douglas County, was apprehended at 11 a.m.

He offered no resistance, and was taken into custody by a three-man Douglas County deputy sheriff's patrol. They included Deputies Bobby Johnson and Cliff Courtney and Special Deputy Buford Polley.

The trio, who have been on the case since the beginning of the intense hunt, originally picked up Solovich's tracks last night but had to abandon them in the darkness.

They again found his path through the tracks this morning and it led them to the J. C. (Toad) Livingston ranch, about three miles east of Glide on Little River.

The three men "deer-stalked" Steve in what they call a "still-hunt," two deputies behind and Polley ahead. Polley told Solovich to "put up his hands." Solovich, at the time unarmed, surrendered without resistance, though Polley took the precaution of waving his fellow deputies on in to grab the woods fugitive.

Solovich was wearing what appeared to be an old army khaki jacket, high rubber boots, tweed pants apparently torn down the crease and re-sewed. When booked shortly before noon at the sheriff's office, he had tousled hair and a beard which, however, appeared well-cared-for. He listed his age as 56.

South Eugene's Axemen Down Central Catholic

EUGENE (AP)—South Eugene knocked Central Catholic of Portland out of the championship round of the Oregon A-1 basketball tournament Wednesday.

The game was dominated by tight defenses. In the third quarter, South Eugene could only score 5 points; Central Catholic only eight. The period was scoreless for almost five minutes as the ball was stolen repeatedly at mid-court.

DuShane Collects 10

Central's 6-2 forward, Dave Bergman, was the high scorer with 11 points. Don Du Shane, little South Eugene guard, led his team with 10.

South Eugene led throughout the game. Central, ball-hawking all the way, gradually ate into the Axemen's margin and cut the margin to 3 points with 1½ minutes to go in the fourth period.

Central Couldn't Hit

South Eugene tried to control the ball during the last few minutes, but only Central's inability to hit from the floor kept the latter from going ahead.

South Eugene built up a first quarter lead of 17-7, led at the half 26-18, and at the end of the third quarter, 31-26.

South Eugene had been rated No. 6 in the last Associated Press poll and Central Catholic No. 7.

South Eugene next will play the winner of Wednesday's second game, between Grant and Scappoose. Central plays the loser in the consolation round.

Had Tourney Jitters

Both teams had tournament jitters in the first period and both had trouble hitting from the floor throughout the game.

Central, which usually plays a fast - breaking game, repeatedly stole the ball from the favored South Eugene team, but could not capitalize because of poor shooting. In the first period, Central players broke through three times to intercept the ball, and each time the Portland team guard missed an easy lay-in.

Only two players fouled out of the game, with South Eugene's Tom Henderson going out with 5:56 left in the third period and Central's Les Henderson leaving with 6:37 left in the fourth.

Further tournament information may be found on today's sports page.

Swallows Herald Spring's Approach

Oakland is ahead of Capistrano.

Cal Bowles, who lives near Oakland High School, reported that he saw some swallows this morning.

He added that they appear at his home every year on the 15th of March.

While on the subject of nature, Bowles told Mrs. Edith Dunn, News - Review correspondent, that a recent story of a prolific egg-laying duck left him unimpressed. He has one which has laid an egg a day for the last 174 days.

And while Mrs. Dunn was mulling over all those duck eggs at her breakfast table set with hen eggs, she herself saw signs of the approaching spring. She saw both "grosbeaks" (finches), and buzzards, which have to her been a bellwether of the changing season.

Leave For State Tournament

BRING IT BACK, BOYS — That was the sentiment of all of Roseburg today as the Indians left for the state high school tournament in Eugene. Shown here are members of the basketball squad — top-ranked by most selectors' polls after an impressive season-long record. The "it," of course, is the state championship. Coach Curt Jarvis is at the right. (News-Review Photo)

Soviet Delegates Push For Early Congo Debate

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) —The Soviet Union pushed today for immediate General Assembly debate on the Congo to gain a wider hearing for the Soviet blasts against the new confederation form of government developing in the chaotic African territory.

After a week of marking time since it resumed its session, the assembly showed signs of getting down to work. U. S.-Soviet negotiations to trim the agenda collapsed Tuesday, with the Soviets adamant in their rejection of an American proposal to postpone most items on the agenda—and chiefly disarmament—until the fall. The United States in turn, rejected a Soviet proposal to drop the Soviet complaint against U.S. reconnaissance flights if the charges of Communist suppression in Hungary and Tibet were dropped.

Soviet delegates roamed the U. N. corridors seeking to line up Asian-African support for an immediate Congo debate. The Soviets charged that the agreement by anti-Communist Congolese political leaders meeting at Tananarive, Malagasy, last week to replace the federal form of government in the Congo by a confederation of semi-independent states was a Belgian trick to break up the new African nation and keep a foothold in rich Katanga Province.

The Soviet charge was echoed by the government-controlled Cairo press, which said the United Arab Republic would request an urgent session of the Security Council to "discuss the conspiracy to dismember the Congo."

The United States and its major allies consider that the confederation plan is a more realistic arrangement for the Congo than the unworkable system of central control left by the Belgians, which collapsed in a welter of tribal and sectional rivalries soon after independence was won last summer.

The Soviets, the U. A. R. and certain other African backers of the late Patrice Lumumba want a strong central government headed by Antoine Gizenga, the pro-Communist leader of the regime in the eastern Congo, who boycotted the Tananarive conference.

Collapse of the Soviet-American negotiations to shorten the agenda brought a clamor from many small nations to get the stalled assembly moving and complaints that the delay was costing their governments money. But there was no indication the major issues would be discussed by the 99-nation forum this week, unless the Congo gets the floor.

Shorter Work Week Nixed By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy said today he is opposed to a shorter work week.

Kennedy told his news conference he is unhappy because the declining economy has reduced the work week for many below 40 hours.

The President was asked if he agreed with some labor union proposals that shorter hours might be one of the solutions to the present level of unemployment.

Kennedy replied that he hopes the 5-day, 40-hour week can be continued. He said it is necessary if the United States is going to continue economic growth.

"I would be opposed to any arbitrary reduction of the work week," Kennedy said, "and I am unhappy when I see the work week reduced artificially, in the sense that the pressures of a declining economy reduce it so that we get averages of 38.5 hours a week instead of the 40 hours a week."

Kennedy drew a laugh from reporters when he said that personally he would prefer a shorter work week, but he was opposed to curtailing work time in industry.

He said he hopes that the number of jobless, which now ranges around 6 per cent of the work force, can be reduced to 4 per cent or less. But he noted that even in peak economic periods in 1957 and 1959 there were still many unemployed in some areas of the country.

Kennedy Asks Fast School Aid Action

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy called today for religious harmony, warning that if the country divides on the school aid issue "our national strength" will be sapped.

In a two-point proposal to solve what he termed "this sensitive issue," he:

1. Urged Congress, as he has done before, to pass his $2.3 billion public school assistance bill without proposed amendments calling for loans to parochial and other private schools below the college level.

2. Pledged that his administration would then cooperate with Congress in studies of the question whether loans to church schools, or tax exemptions for the parents of their students, would be constitutional.

In expressing hope the controversy won't divide the country, Kennedy said:

". . . I am hopeful that when the smoke is cleared there will continue to be harmony among the various religious groups of the country, I am going to do everything that I can to make sure that harmony exists, because it reaches far beyond the question of education and goes, in a very difficult time of our country, to an important ingredient of our national strength.

"So I am confident that the people who are involved outside the government, and members of Congress and the administration, will attempt to conduct the discussion on this sensitive issue in such a way as to maintain the strength of the country and not divide it."

A reporter told Kennedy his election had been regarded in some quarters as a victory over religious prejudice. The newsman asked whether the President feels the current controversy over the education bill is provoking religious prejudice.

Kennedy Hopeful

Kennedy replied he is hopeful that it will not do so.

The reporter had spoken of what he called the inflexible stand of some Roman Catholic Church officials in seeking federal aid for parochial schools.

Kennedy said both Catholics and Protestants are entitled to their view and have a right to express them.

The President said it is quite appropriate that these groups should "not change their views because of the religion of the occupant of the White House."

Other Problems

At the news conference, attended by 327 reporters, Kennedy also dealt with these other matters:

LAOS—The United States is determined, Kennedy said, "to support the government and the people of Laos" in resisting what he called rebel attacks there "backed by personnel and supplies from outside."

This was an allusion to aid the Communist rebels are getting from a Soviet airlift.

Kennedy said the administration has been watching Laos with closest attention and hopes there will be a genuinely independent and neutral Laos — a country "master of its own fate."

DISARMAMENT—Kennedy said the United States now has suggested to the Russians that disarmament talks be resumed in August. He said this country's first suggestion had been for a resumption in September.

Kennedy added that John J. McCloy, the administration's disarmament chief, "is working full time on developing an American position on disarmament" but the study will not be completed until summer.

UNITED NATIONS — The President said he has no present plans to address the United Nations General Assembly, now meeting in New York.

WORK WEEK—Touching off a round of chuckles, Kennedy said he would like a shorter work week for himself. But he added in a serious tone that he is against a shorter week as a general policy for American workers.

Told that some labor unions have advocated shortening the work week because of automation and unemployment, Kennedy commented:

"I am hopeful that we can have employment high (sic) five days a week, and 40 hours, which is traditional in this country, and which is necessary if we are going to continue economic growth and maintain our commitments at home and abroad."

SMALL BUSINESS — Kennedy announced that the Army, Navy and Air Force have been instructed to allocate more defense contracts to small business firms.

He said their contracts with smaller firms amounted to $3,440,000,000, or 16 per cent of their total contracts, in the fiscal year which ended last June 30.

"We are going to try to increase this by at least 10 per cent," Kennedy said.

August Arms Talks Asked By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy disclosed today the United States has suggested that East-West negotiations on general disarmament be resumed in August.

Originally Kennedy is reported to have sent word to Soviet Premier Khrushchev that broad-scale disarmament talks should not be started until Sept. 11.

That report was carried in today's New York Times.

The Times Washington dispatch said Khrushchev objected "with some vigor."

Kennedy said at his news conference today that "we have suggested we will be prepared" to start general disarmament negotiations again in August, after first suggesting a new start in September.

Meanwhile, Kennedy said, U.S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson is trying at the United Nations to work out detailed arrangements for the proposed new disarmament exchange. One critical issue is the size of the negotiating group.

Khrushchev, the Times story said, contended a 6-month delay would be unreasonable.

Kennedy's suggestion was given to Khrushchev by Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr. in Siberia on March 9.

2 Power Firms Approve Merger

Another major step toward merger of California Oregon Power Co. with Pacific Power and Light Co. was taken Tuesday when stockholders of both companies gave almost unanimous approval to the merger.

The surviving firm, if approval is received by the federal Power Commission and state authorities, will be PP&L.

Large Majority

A. S. Cummins, president of Copco, said in Medford that 99.4 per cent of the common and 97.7 per cent of the preferred shares were pledged to the merger proposal. He said proxies were received by Copco from 92.5 per cent of the outstanding shares of its common stock and 94.3 per cent of the outstanding shares of its preferred stock.

Cummins said the vote cast by Copco shareholders "indicated confidence in the fairness of the exchange offer and faith in the long range benefits to result from merging of two strong, neighboring utilities."

Meanwhile, at Portland, Paul B. McKee, chairman of the PP&L board reported 99.6 per cent of the common share votes and 99.6 per cent of the preferred share votes were cast in favor of the merger.

"It is gratifying that such an overwhelming majority of the 60,000 stockholders of the two companies have endorsed the idea of consolidating the Pacific and Copco systems," McKee said.

Approvals must now be received from state regulatory authorities and the federal Power Commission before the merger can become effective.

Copco now serves much of the populated area of Douglas County. Its major power generating facilities are in the upper reaches of the North Umpqua River.

The new company will have assets of nearly $600 million and annual revenues of about $90 million.

Kennedy To Speak

NEW YORK (AP) — President Kennedy will speak at the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here April 27.

Ingo Gets Breather In U. S. Tax Suit

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Sweden's Ingemar Johansson, who lost his bid to recapture the world heavyweight boxing title, won a breathing spell today in his battle with the U.S. government over a $1-million tax claim.

Johansson had been ordered to appear before Justice Department officials but his attorneys were allowed to represent him instead.

Lavinia L. Redd, an assistant U.S. district attorney, said she would meet with the Swede's lawyers to fix a date to take a deposition from Johansson.

Johansson was served with papers in the tax suit shortly after he was knocked out in the sixth round by heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson in Miami Beach Monday night.

The government is demanding $411,620 against Johansson's 1961 income in addition to $958,181 in back tax claims for 1959 and 1960.

Johansson contends he represents a Swiss corporation and thus is not subject to the tax.

United Nations Gets U.S. Aggression Note

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) —Cuba charged today that the administration of President Kennedy has openly stepped up what it called aggression against the Castro regime.

In a note to the United Nations, Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa linked the United States with Monday's incident in which an unindentified craft entered Santiago Bay and fired on an oil refinery. Roa called the attack "a typical act of modern piracy."

The tone of the Cuban note was seen as a clear sign that Cuba, with the backing of the Soviet bloc, would insist on pressing its aggression charges against the United States at the current session of the General Assembly despite efforts to limit the agenda.

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U. S., TVA Join In Damage Suit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Justice Department, which Tuesday joined the Tennessee Valley Authority in suing five electrical equipment firms for nearly $12 million for alleged overcharges, says other damage suits are contemplated.

But in making the statement neither Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy nor William Maher, chief of the antitrust division here, elaborated. Maher earlier this year headed the successful prosecution of 29 big electrical firms and 44 of their executives on charges of bid rigging and price fixing which led to Tuesday's action here.

The suit was the first such filed by the federal government. States, cities and private utilities also are planning multimillion - dollar actions against the firms.

The general Electric Co. and Westinghouse Electric Corp., America's two biggest manufacturers who were among the five named in the suit Tuesday, said they would vigorously defend themselves against the latest action.

The two firms, both of which pleaded guilty or no defense along with 27 other companies in the huge antitrust case which Maher prosecuted, said their customers were neither cheated nor victimized.

Echoing their sentiments was the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. of West Allis, Wis., which also was named in the civil action and earlier had pleaded guilty or no defense on the antitrust charges.

The two other firms named in the joint civil action filed in U.S. District Court here were the Federal Electric Co. of Newark, N.J.; and I-T-E Circuit Breaker Co. of Philadelphia. They, too, had pleaded guilty or no defense on the antitrust charges.

U. S. Considers Aid To Laos Military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is reported considering giving more military aid to the Communist-menaced royal government of Laos.

But the United States is reluctant to do so, the same sources said here Tuesday night, because of the extreme danger of being drawn into a sustained buildup of both sides that could lead to a Korea-like situation.

If the royal government requests more aid, the sources said, the United States would have to give all that it is feasible and practical.

Former Laotian Premier Souvanna Phouma has reported the Soviet Union has supplied the rebels with 20 times more arms than the United States has.

American concern over the Communist arms buildup has been known for some time.

Prince Sopsaisana, secretary of state for foreign affairs in the royal Loatian government, underscored that concern after meeting Tuesday with Undersecretary of State Chester Bowles.

Sopsaisana told newsmen after the meeting that free nations should halt the flow of Communist weapons.

Ike's Five-Star Rank Needs JFK's Signature

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's signature is all that is needed to restore to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower his five-star general's rank.

A congressional resolution restoring Eisenhower's rank reached the White House Tuesday after the House approved it. The Senate already had acted favorably.

Two Youths Held On Driving Count

A high-speed race down SE Douglas Ave. in Roseburg resulted in two 17-year-old Roseburg boys being taken into custody for reckless driving.

A Roseburg police officer said he noticed the two boys, Robert Wayne Reed of 416 W. Hickory and Billy Kirkpatrick of 1669 NE Fremont St., pull out of a parking lot at SE Douglas and Main without stopping. He started after them and gave the signal to stop when the cars reached speeds of 75 miles an hour. He caught one of the cars when it turned into NE Rifle Range Road and the other in front of the Roseburg Bowl on NE Diamond Lake Blvd.

Both boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Portlander Convicted On Narcotics Charges

PORTLAND (AP) — Arthur E. Martin, 45, Portland was convicted Tuesday by a federal district court jury on charges of possession and sale of heroin.

He and several others were arrested last fall by Federal authorities who said they were cracking down on a Portland area narcotics ring. Seven since have been convicted and three others have pleaded guilty.

One, Cleveland Proffit, 24, Seattle, was sentenced to eight years in prison after he had been found guilty of sale and possession.

Seven Children Perish In Blaze

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo. (AP)—Seven children ranging in age from 19 months to 11 years died Tuesday night in a fire that destroyed the Ralph Floyd home in a village near Excelsior Springs.

The highway patrol said the fire apparently started between 10:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The Excelsior Springs fire department received the alarm at 12:19 a.m.

Troopers said Mr. and Mrs. Floyd had gone to Excelsior Springs for the evening and returned to find the home in flames. They said the children had been left in the charge of the oldest boy, Arnold Eugene Floyd, 11; Sheila, 9; Kathy, 7; Wiley, 6; Roxy Anne, 4; Mona Lou, 3, Glen Douglas, 19 months, and Arnold all died in the flames.

Cause of the fire has not been determined.

The Floyd home is at Vibbard, a community of 15 or 20 persons four miles east of Excelsior Springs.

Reds Say Peace Corps Is 'Crafty U. S. Plot'

LONDON (AP) — After waiting two weeks to assess President Kennedy's Peace Corps, the Soviets today denounced it as a "crafty plot."

Radio Moscow said a "second glance" at the American plan to send young volunteers into underdeveloped countries revealed "goals that are anything but selfless."

The Soviet commentator said any efforts of the Peace Corps to win a good name for the United States would be outweighed by "the U.S. monopolies pumping billions of dollars out of the underdeveloped countries."

"One can say right now that the Peace Corps task is doomed to failure," the broadcast added.

Senate Group Approves Unemployment Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Finance Committee today approved the emergency unemployment aid bill after changing it to require that employers in each state pay for that state's benefits.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., the committee chairman, said the measure might come up for Senate action Thursday or Friday. The Kennedy administration is pushing for fast action.

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Shirtcliff Ousted At Myrtle Creek Council Meet

Ralph Shirtcliff, who was sworn in as city councilman at Myrtle Creek last week, has probably served the shortest Myrtle Creek council term on record.

He was ousted from the seat he had held a week Tuesday night, reports correspondent Lorraine Birenbaum.

It was the climax of an emotionally charged meeting which resulted in Shirtcliff walking out of the session.

The action was taken at the behest of Mayor Art Verrell after the minutes of the March 7 meeting were read. He pointed out that only three members of the council were present for that meeting and Shirtcliff could not have been sworn in officially. Among those missing from that meeting were the mayor and the president of the council John Wilson.

Meet Called Violation

He called the meeting a violation of the charter and ordered the record of the meeting be stricken from the council minutes. After this action, city attorney James McGinty declared the Ward II seat vacant. It was then that Shirtcliff disgustedly walked out of the meeting.

Shirtcliff, who had served as councilman in the previous term, did not run for re-election. However, when Ward II councilman Bob Gordon moved away from the community, Shirtcliff was proposed to fill the spot.

The council took no action to fill the vacant post after the discussion. No decision has been made yet on further action.

With the minutes of the March 7 meeting off the books, the council repeated action of that night by approving the monthly bills and acting on other minor items.

Going on to other business, the council heard the second reading of an ordinance to repeal obsolete ordinances and heard the first reading of an ordinance to repeal an old law relating to multiple unit water users.

Turning to water distribution matters in the newly-annexed East Myrtle area, the council decided to call for bids on 5,200 feet of 4-inch pipe. Bids will be opened at the next meeting April 4.

Formula Fixed

It also arrived at a decision on the assessment formula for people in the East Myrtle area to secure water. A cost of slightly over $36,000 will be paid on the basis of frontage feet of property and total property area of each property owner. The formula calls for determination of the assessment on a basis of 50 per cent consideration for front feet and 50 per cent consideration for total area.

The city has agreed to pay some $15,000 additional in the total cost of $51,700.

A public hearing has been tentatively set on the matter for April 18. Before the hearing, however, the city recorder will notify each property owner of the approximate cost to each.

Finally, the council accepted a bid on an electric motor for a 40 horsepower water pump. The bid by Roger Machinery Corp. cost $789.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Clearing tonight with increasing cloudiness Thursday. Cooler.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	63
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	42
Highest temp. any Mar. ('60)	81
Lowest temp. any Mar. ('56)	19
Precip. last 24 hours	.21
Precip. from March 1	4.17
Precip. from Sept. 1	28.17
Excess from Sept. 1	4.77

Sunset tonight, 6:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:24 a.m.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

It should be understood that President Kennedy's recommendation for cleaning up the big city slums and other dirt does not include cleansing the handling of election returns.