

# Witness Links LBJ To Estes Case



**SPARKLING** Mary Louise Wilde is one of the five princesses seeking the title of Queen of the 1962 Douglas County Pioneer Days Rodeo, June 16-17. Mary Louise is sponsored in the event by the Myrtle Creek Saddle Pals. (Chris Studio)

## Manuel Says Investigation Is Distorted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert E. Manuel, dismissed Republican counsel to a House investigating committee, charged today the group's inquiry into the Billie Sol Estes case "is being distorted—and the truth suppressed."

In a statement, Manuel quoted an Agriculture Department official as saying Estes personally pressured him by invoking the names of the late House Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, but that Johnson's name was not brought into public testimony.

Manuel added: "This incident points up the way this investigation is being distorted—and the truth suppressed—either because of shoddy preparation, or a willingness to cover up."

**Incident Revealed**

Manuel said another incident involves a discussion by the subcommittee in closed session of how to deal with testimony "which would implicate certain members of Congress and at least one very high-ranking administration official."

"The testimony, taken in executive session, related to a list of individuals to whom Estes allegedly sent gifts in the form of money orders," Manuel added.

He said it was against this background that he decided, "as a matter of conscience and duty to the public," to give a confidential Agriculture Department report on the Estes case to a newspaper reporter.

The reporter, who Manuel described as a longtime friend, was Earl Mazo of the New York Tribune.

It was for this action that Manuel was discharged after a day-long subcommittee wrangle behind closed doors Thursday. Democratic members spoke of a "breach of ethics."

**Has Harsh Words**

Manuel also had harsh words for the subcommittee, headed by Rep. L. H. Fountain, D-N.C., which he called a one-party operation.

Manuel handed his statement to newsmen as the subcommittee opened a public hearing with James T. Ralph, former assistant secretary of agriculture, in the witness chair.

Ralph, a 36-year-old Californian, was fired by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman May 15 on grounds he used Estes' telephone credit card for personal calls. A Texas court of inquiry had developed earlier that Ralph had developed earlier that Ralph was fitted in Dallas for some expensive suits in the company of Estes, but Ralph denied Estes paid for the suits.

**Ralph Was Ousted**

At the time Ralph was dismissed from the Agriculture Department, he was undergoing training to become agricultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. Freeman had ousted him as an assistant secretary in February.

Under questioning from the subcommittee members, Ralph said Freeman pressured him into taking the assistant secretary's post in the first place and that the reason the secretary gave for forcing his resignation was, "Let's just say you and I are incompatible."

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## Four School Administrators Get New Posts

**HARRY JACOBY** ... directs program

**ROMAYNE R. BRAND** ... new assignment

**ROBERT A. MOURSUND** ... moves up

**JAMES L. TROWBRIDGE** ... to vice principal

## Local Airport Funds Included In New Bill

The Federal Aviation Agency Thursday submitted a \$1.135 billion plan to Congress for airport improvements, which includes one project for Roseburg.

The Roseburg project is the construction of the navigational aid

## E. Germans Hijack Boat, Escape Under Hail Of Machine Gun Fire

BERLIN (AP) — Bringing a baby with them, 13 young East Germans hijacked a 500-ton river excursion boat early today and escaped to freedom under a hail of machine-gun bullets.

East German police, firing from a watch tower, a pier, a bridge and a patrol boat, pumped over 200 bullets into the fleeing vessel. Nobody was hurt.

West Berlin police fired 10 shots back at the East Germans to check their fire. The boat, the Friedrich Wolf, was riddled and there were bullet marks on buildings on the West Berlin shore.

The escapees included eight men, all employees of East Berlin's "white fleet" of excursion boats, five women, and one couple's 5-month-old boy. The adults, all about 30 or under, told police they had been planning the escape for a week.

Thursday night the men in the group went aboard the Friedrich Wolf at her mooring beside the River Spree and began drinking with her captain and engineer. When the two were off guard, they jumped them and tied them up.

Under cover of darkness they spirited their women and the baby aboard. Then at dawn the men got the two-deck boat moving.

They swung into the Spree and headed toward the center of Berlin, making for the point where the left bank of the river becomes the border between East and West Berlin.

Pests of Vopos — as the East German police are called — opened fire.

Racing the engines at their top speed of 10 knots, the men aboard the Friedrich Wolf suddenly swung left and rammed the boat into the entrance of the Landwehr Canal — Western territory.

The escapees, moving quickly in twos and threes, sprang ashore. They flung themselves to the ground to escape the whipping bullets. When the West Berlin police fired, the Vopos checked their fire.

The whole thing was over in 20 minutes.

The boat's captain and engineer were allowed to get the boat under way and return to East Berlin.

## Murphy Wins Hospital Bid At Reedsport

A contract for construction of the Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport was awarded Thursday to Murphy Construction Co. of Roseburg.

Construction of the 40-bed hospital and nursing home is expected to start within a month and be completed early next year.

The estimated cost of the hospital is \$730,000.

The company offered to do the construction job for a low basic bid of \$564,418.

Five other firms submitted bids on the project. They were Tom Lillibio of Reedsport, \$569,700, Johnson & Meloy of Salem, \$579,182, A. T. Fox of North Bend, \$579,781 and Thompson & Georgeron Inc. of Portland, \$594,600.

The hospital will include about 20,000 square feet of space and provide 20 hospital beds and 20 nursing home beds. Other facilities will include delivery and labor rooms, nursery, surgery units, kitchen, dining room, laboratory and X-ray, recreation room, solarium and offices.

It will be a masonry building. The basic construction bid will include installation of kitchen equipment, blacktopping of parking areas, curbing and some lawn work. Architects for the job are Roald, Schmeier and Harrington of Portland.

The money for the project was raised through sinking funds, Hill-burton federal aid funds to small hospitals and a bond issue.

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## Big Fight Near In U. N. Halls

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — U.N. delegates foresaw an all-day battle in the General Assembly's steering committee today over an Asian-African demand that the assembly discuss white rule in the British territory of Southern Rhodesia.

Indications were that, despite strenuous British objections, the 21-nation committee would recommend that the assembly take up the issue at the session which opened Thursday to debate independence for the Belgian trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

The 104-nation committee is expected to approve the committee recommendation on Southern Rhodesia next week.

In asking that the assembly discuss Southern Rhodesia, 40 Asian and African delegates charged that Britain is preparing to promulgate a new constitution for the African territory that will give new powers to a minority white regime dedicated to racial discrimination.

They said the territory's African majority bitterly opposes the constitution.

Sir Patrick Dean and Sir Hugh Foot of the British delegation have advised other delegations that the Southern Rhodesian election has been put off from October until March or April. They argued that the constitution thus cannot take effect until next year and that accordingly there is no urgency to the matter.

A five-nation commission has recommended that the assembly set July 1 as the date for independence and an end to trusteeship in Urundi, one of the two little countries adjoining the Congo.

But the report asks that the assembly decide whether the same independence day is practical for Ruanda because of recent bloodshed between the feuding Hutu and Tutsi tribes.

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It still left the ban on any assistance under the foreign aid bill itself, including \$19 million in economic development loans and administration that had programmed for Yugoslavia next fiscal year.

## 58 Glide Students Head For Mexico

With smiling faces, yells, horns honking and banners waving, the group left for its summer trip to Mexico this morning bright and early.

According to Mrs. Arthur Selby, correspondent, some of the students were at the appointed place of departure early in the morning.

The group, all members of Glide Spanish classes, was to travel by bus to the Mexican border. As they passed through Glide they made sure the residents knew they were leaving.

Some 58 students are making the trip with seven chaperones. They will return June 23.

## Local Airport Funds Included In New Bill

(OMNI) five miles south of Roseburg which will allow lowering of flying levels and improve airplane landing procedures.

The site for the navigational aid has been prepared and it is anticipated about \$75,000 will be needed for purchase and installation of the electronics equipment on the site. The FAA hopes to put up the installation late this year.

With the installation, the altitudes at which navigational radio signals can be received will be lowered from 7,000 to 4,500 feet between Roseburg and Eugene and from 11,000 to 7,000 between Roseburg and Medford. It will also allow instrument landings for private planes. At present only West Coast Airlines, which has its own instrument landing equipment, is able to land with low visibility.

Roseburg Skyways Manager Bud Good estimated the installation would increase air traffic in Roseburg by 50 per cent. Much of the traffic between Medford and Eugene now goes over Glide.

The FAA bill has \$6,222,000 earmarked for Oregon in airport improvements. Included are recommendations for new airports at Portland, Monmouth - Independence, Cottage Grove and Glendale Beach on the coast of northern Lincoln county.

The billion dollar plan is designed for the five years starting July 1.

## Fire Truck Vote Slated In Glendale

The City of Glendale will hold an election Monday on a \$20,000 bond issue for the purchase of a new fire truck and other fire fighting equipment, reports Mrs. Gerald Fox, correspondent.

Voting will be at the city hall from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Underprovisions of the bond issue, repayment would be spread over a 10-year period.

## Foreign Aid Ceiling Set