

French Airline Crash Claims 113



CONSULTING WITH State Rep. Carl Fisher, left, is Dr. Vern Anderson of Roseburg, Fisher's campaign representative for Douglas County. Fisher was in Roseburg Thursday night to speak to the Douglas County Republican Club. (News-Review Photo).

Timber Industry Health Important Says Fisher

State Rep. Carl Fisher, Eugene, 4th district congressional candidate, said in Roseburg Thursday night that "the jobs and security of so many citizens are linked with the timber resources of Oregon, the health of the forest products industry should be a permanent top-level objective of the congressman from this district."

Fisher spoke to a meeting of the Douglas County Republican Club at county and state officials were the Umpqua Hotel.

About 100 persons attended the dinner and meeting. A number of present including Republican candidates for county offices.

"This matter is so important to so many Oregon wage-earners we cannot afford to have the health of the industry become only an election year football which is kicked around for the amusement of the voters," Fisher said.

"This is a bread and butter matter to many people and will probably be with us a long time," he said.

We've got to stop talking about proposed solutions and apply some to correct this situation which has been studied high and low by experts of all kinds, Fisher said.

"Profits from some organizations in this field are certainly not at a desperation level, but far too many jobs-producing companies in the fourth district are finding themselves in a precarious position," he said.

A lively question and answer period followed Fisher's talk. He was asked to state his position on several bills and problems currently troubling Congress.

On medical care for the aged, he said he was opposed to tying it in with the Social Security program, and that it should not be compulsory, but voluntary and on a sound financial basis.

He also said he was opposed to the 20 per cent compulsory taxation on dividends and interest. He said it would be taking money away from many persons who did not owe that much, and that the government had no right to it.

A short business meeting was held before his talk. Installed as new officers were Gen. Curtis Beecher, chairman; Mrs. Phillip E. Johnson, vice chairman; Helen Scott, secretary and Walt Brittell, treasurer.

Welfare Budget Estimate Set

The final budget estimate for the coming fiscal year for the Douglas County Welfare Department is \$1,675,270, according to Jack Summerfield, welfare administrator.

Of the estimated budget \$750,385 is expected from the federal government, \$841,135 from the state and \$274,770 from the county. The total represents purely the estimated cost for public assistance.

Administrative expenses of the program in the county are met through annual budget which receives 50 per cent of its funds from the state and 50 per cent from the federal government.

Last year's exact budget figure is not known at this time, although Summerfield said the new figure is somewhat higher.

Summerfield explained that the new budget contains an appropriation for \$85,802 for medical assistance to the aged (MAA) for which the last budget only covered eight months.

In the last fiscal year the county's share of the budget was \$253,314. The new budget estimate includes the county share by \$21,456 partly because of the MAA bill and partly because of the increased costs of aid-to-dependent children.

The MAA bill is financed by the federal government (something over 50 per cent), the state (about 70 per cent of the balance) and the county (about 30 per cent of the balance).

Two Lumber Unions To Act Wednesday

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Northwest's two big lumber unions are expected to announce next Wednesday what they plan to do about their stalemate with employers in seeking a 30-cent hourly wage increase.

Harvey Nelson, president of Western States Regional Council No. 3 of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) said late Thursday a public announcement would be made at that time.

He said the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSW) was meeting on that date and that an announcement would be made by both unions simultaneously.

The unions, representing more than 60,000 workers, are armed with strike authority.

Negotiations thus far have produced no progress. Employers have said they cannot afford a wage hike because of the depressed state of the industry.

Contracts reopened for wages only on June 1.

The IWA was to meet here today with Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.

Local Chamber Hosts Winnemucca Delegation

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce hosted a morning stop today of a Coos County delegation en route to Winnemucca, Nev. The coffee stop was at the Umpqua Hotel.

The group is promoting Coos Bay as the western terminus of a Winnemucca-to-the-Sea route, via the North Umpqua Highway and a proposed route following the old Coos Bay Wagon Rd. from Roseburg west.

The party of about 20 went on to Medford, and will stay in Klamath Falls tonight, Winnemucca Saturday night and start home Sunday.

Caseworker Joins Staff Of Welfare

Gary Loomis, 29, has joined the staff of the Douglas County Welfare office as public assistance caseworker supervisor, according to Jack Summerfield, welfare administrator.

Loomis replaces Mrs. Betty Hall who left the position in January to become welfare administrator in Lincoln County.

The new supervisor received his master's degree in social work from the University of Washington on June 9. He joined the staff here June 15.

Loomis previously had 3 1/2 years experience with the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission as a caseworker in Multnomah County. He has been with the commission a total of five years.

Born in Portland, he moved with his family to Vancouver, Wash., at an early age. He made his home there until joining the commission.

Last summer Loomis worked in Roseburg with the Douglas County Welfare Commission for three months in the child welfare division.

He received his bachelor's degree with a psychology major from the University of Portland.

Loomis is not married.

Police Chief Improves

H. M. (Mac) McCabe, Reedsport police chief, is reportedly showing considerable improvement at Keizer Memorial Hospital in North Bend. McCabe suffered a severe heart attack recently and was on the critical list, reports Dawn Peseau of Reedsport.

The Weather

FAIR today, tonight and Saturday. Cooler Sunday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 86

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 50

Highest temp. any June (25) 106

Lowest temp. any June (52) 35

Precip. last 24 hours .0

Precip. from June 1 .4

Precip. from Sept. 1 32.49

Excess from Sept. 1 2.70

Sunrise tonight, 7:57 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 4:34 a.m.

Loggers Fire Weather

No important changes in Oregon fire weather through Friday; fire danger will continue to rise slowly; no rain for several more days.

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OSC Coed Stabbed In Sleep

CORVALLIS (AP)—An attractive Oregon State University student from Bangkok, Thailand, was stabbed to death this morning as she slept in an apartment near the school.

Police said the victim was Suvana Pakasuta, 26, a graduate student in plant pathology. They were questioning Damrongrak Sirimunkla, 26, also of Bangkok.

Sirimunkla told police in halting, broken English that he had stabbed the girl because she had refused to marry him. Police said he told them she was sleeping in the bedroom while he slept on a couch in the apartment.

He said he took a butcher knife from the kitchen, went into the bedroom, and stabbed her several times.

Police sent for an interpreter so Sirimunkla's story could be clarified before charges were filed.

A physician said the girl died of multiple stab wounds from an eight-inch knife.

University authorities said Miss Pakasuta had been at Oregon State for about six months. Sirimunkla arrived just recently to take up graduate studies in statistics, the school said.

Friends of the couple told school authorities the young man had been introduced as the girl's fiancé. They said the marriage apparently had been arranged by the families.

Both were graduated from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, he in 1958 and she in 1960, according to Oregon State records.

Corvallis police said they were called at 5:06 a.m. by a friend of the girl, who told them Sirimunkla had called her.

Two Teen-Aged Girls Found Slain



TWO PRETTY teen-age girls, Margaret Ann Kennedy, 15, left, and Noreen Buckley, 17, both of Morris Plains, N.J., were found bludgeoned to death late Thursday in a densely wooded section near Morris Plains. Authorities said the heads of both girls appeared to have been "terribly beaten". (UPI Telephoto).

Legislator Demands Missing Property Probe By Thornton

SALEM (UPI)—State Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, demanded today that Gov. Mark Hatfield call in Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton to investigate the disappearance of an estimated \$6,000 worth of property at the Oregon Military Department's Camp Withycombe.

Eymann, in a news release, said that to do otherwise would amount to a "whitewash."

Hatfield and Thornton are the Republican and Democratic nominees for governor, respectively. Eymann said that if Hatfield is "sincere in wanting to expose the whole truth in this scandal" he should direct Thornton to "carry out a full and proper investigation."

On Tuesday, Hatfield announced the property shortage had been reported by the National Guard and that auditors were working on the military department's inventory.

Hatfield directed the state police to launch a full-scale probe.

No Automatic Power

Under state law, the attorney general has no power to conduct a major investigation unless ordered to do so by the governor.

Thornton said he would be glad to undertake a probe if the governor requested one but said he had not talked to Hatfield about the matter.

He also said he had not talked to Eymann.

Thornton said he had read news accounts of the Camp Withycombe shortage but said "I have no knowledge of any of the facts surrounding it" on a first hand basis.

Thornton said that if he were ordered by the governor to investigate he would "do an impartial job."

People Get Assurance

The governor's press secretary, Travis Cross, said "the people of Oregon can rest assured that the combined investigative forces of the state police and the Clackamas County district attorney's office are being brought to bear in the case without interference, direction or dictation from this office."

Cross said "they will neither whitewash or persecute but will make the facts known as they find them."

Falling Tree Kills Logger

A falling spar pole was listed as cause of a logging accident which took the life of Robert W. Davis, 25, of Veneta Thursday reports correspondent Dawn Peseau.

The accident occurred in the Barker Timber Co. (of Eugene) logging operations in the Smith River area, 53 miles east of Gardiner.

According to investigating authorities, the spar pole was being lowered when it crashed. Davis, ducked under a log for protection, but the pole struck the log. He died instantly, according to Dr. Donald Courtney, Douglas County deputy medical examiner.

A Eugene ambulance brought the body to Unger Mortuary in Reedsport where funeral arrangements are pending.

Among survivors is a brother, Charles Davis of Mapleton.

Financier Flees After Stock Loss

NEW YORK (UPI)—Financier Jacques Sarlie, patron of the arts, member of cafe society and reputed associate of exiled Wall Street wizard Edward M. Gilbert, fled to Paris after a \$754,770 stock market loss, it was charged Thursday.

A New York Stock brokerage house, McDonnell and Co., charged in a suit filed in state Supreme Court that Sarlie, 47, skipped the county June 9 or 10 to avoid payment of stock purchased in Celotex Corp. and E.L. Bruce Co. Gilbert, president of Bruce, fled to Rio de Janeiro June 13 after resigning as the company's chief executive. He admitted to the board of directors unauthorized withdrawals of almost \$2 million.

McDonnell and Co. attorney John E. Hoffman charged in papers filed in Supreme Court that Sarlie "was an associate of Edward M. Gilbert in trying to acquire control of the Celotex Corporation."

Hoffman said he was told by a doorman at Sarlie's Park Ave. apartment the Dutch-born bachelor played left for the airport during the weekend of June 9 with "a large amount of luggage."

The court suit said Sarlie had not paid for 17,800 shares of E.L. Bruce stock and 11,700 shares of Celotex stock.

Tri-County Committee Slates Land Use Meet

A meeting of the Tri-County Land Use Advisory Committee is scheduled Tuesday at Reedsport, reports Dawn Peseau, News-Review correspondent.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the Umpqua National Bank conference room.

The committee, established by the county courts of Lane, Douglas and Coos counties at the suggestion of Governor Hatfield, is studying measures for the protection of the potential land use values in the Oregon coastal area.

Tuesday's meeting will continue a study phase initiated by Richard S. Ivey, planning consultant with the Bureau of Municipal Research.

CHURCHILL PLANS HOLIDAY

LONDON (UPI)—Sir Winston Churchill will leave for a two-week holiday in Monte Carlo next Tuesday, according to his friends here.

They said the British statesman was feeling well and looking forward to the trip.

Boundary Line Change Okayed

A boundary change between Roseburg and Umpqua school districts was approved Thursday night by the Rural School Board.

Meeting in the Courthouse, the board heard pro and con discussions of the change and then made its decision.

The change involves three to four students. In effect, according to Kenneth Barneburg, county superintendent of schools, the change puts the homes of Stanley Long and Gerald Bacon in the Roseburg district.

Barneburg said the change also straightens the boundary line between the districts.

Three Missionaries Are Reported Safe

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—A mission director reported Friday that "word" has filtered through that three American missionaries kidnapped by Communist guerrillas May 30 are safe.

One of the missionaries, the Rev. A. E. Mitchell, 44, formerly held a pastorate at Bly, Ore. He is from Ellensburg, Wash.

Mitchell was the only survivor of a Japanese balloon bomb blast in Southern Oregon in 1945 that killed his wife and five children who were on a Sunday School outing in the woods near Lakeview, Ore.

The Rev. Thomas C. Mangham, director of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in South Viet Nam, said he received word the three are alive and well, but he doesn't know where they are or whether they will be released.

The other two missionaries are Daniel Gerber, 21, Dalton, Ohio, and Dr. Eleanor Ardel Vietti, 35, Houston, Tex.

The Viet Cong kidnapped them from a leper colony 160 miles northeast of Saigon.

Mitchell's wife and four children and four American mission nurses were left behind and were moved later to nearby Ban Me Thuet.

It was believed the missionaries were taken to care for wounded Red guerrillas.

Oppose Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Walter Mondale and Al Ullman, R-Ore., voted against President Kennedy's farm bill Thursday.

The House voted to send the measure back to committee. The vote was 215-205.

The changes are designed to aid the depressed Pacific-Northwest lumber industry.

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Carver said the bond then would be converted to cash.

The change also allowed for reduction of the performance bond under partial contract completion, he said.

Minimum installment payment contracts are to be reduced from \$2,000 to \$500, permitting timber contracts of \$500 or over to be paid for in installments.

New 40-Bed 'Medical Service' Is Under Way At VA Hospital

A new 40-bed "medical service" will be established at the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Roseburg.

Remodeling work now in progress will result in establishment of a medical unit on ward 5 of the administration building.

Hospital officials said a general medical and surgical program will go into operation as soon as the construction changes are completed.

The additional facility is expected to significantly change the complexion of the Veterans Administration hospital care program in Roseburg.

At the present time, patients requiring hospital-type medical care are taken to veteran hospitals in Portland or Vancouver. With its own medical service, the Roseburg hospital can take care of its own patients as well as handle emergency veteran cases from the community.

The new center also proposes to serve emergency veteran patients from throughout the southern Oregon area. Hence, the new program looks as an important addition not only to the hospital but to the community as well, it was pointed out.

The new medical program will create 12 new positions at the hospital, including a surgeon and an internist.

Officials said the purpose of the remodeling work is "change the hospital around to establish an intensive care unit." Construction is being handled by the hospital's station engineering department, although private contractors are being employed for certain specific jobs.

When completed the medical unit will represent an approximate \$200,000 improvement. Funds for the new program were included in

Ex-Marine Freed After Questioning

MORRIS PLAINS, N.J. (UPI)—Scores of teen-aged high school students today were questioned in police stations in the bludgeoning slaying of two high school cheerleaders.

Police said they summoned "dozens more" students, including many friends of the two girls, to three local police stations after releasing an 18-year-old ex-Marine who was questioned for six hours.

Five other teen-agers were questioned Thursday night and early today at the state police barracks in nearby Morristown.

Morris County Prosecutor Frank Scerbo said the former Marine had been "extremely cooperative" during the questioning and had voluntarily submitted to a lie detector test.

No Charges Filed

He said no charges were placed against him in the deaths of the girls whose bodies were found in an isolated lovers' lane.

Scerbo said the youth, who was picked up Thursday night at an amusement area, was questioned about a small amount of blood found on his car. He said the former Marine told him he had been attacked in a parking lot Wednesday night shortly after he had seen the girls in the Colonial Sweet Shop, a teen-agers gathering place in Morristown.

The prosecutor said there was a possibility the youth might be questioned again later.

More complete autopsies and an analysis of the blood found on the Marine's car were scheduled later today.

Beaten Savagely

So savagely had the pretty teen-agers been beaten that one of three boys who discovered the bodies reported a boy had been killed.

A blood-stained tire iron was found near the bodies. Their purses, still containing money, lay nearby. Authorities said they apparently had not been sexually assaulted.

BLM Changes Sales Rules

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Salem Contractor Seeks State Post

SALEM (UPI)—A Salem man today announced his candidacy for governor on the Independent ticket. Donald F. Bellinger took out a petition of nomination in the Oregon elections division.

He was the second person to announce an independent candidacy for governor in November. The first was Robert H. Wampler of Portland, a deputy sheriff in Clackamas County.

Bellinger, who like Wampler has never sought major elective office before, needs about 23,300 signatures on his petition before being declared a candidate for governor. He needs them by 5 p.m. PST Aug. 28.

Bellinger, 36, is a building contractor.

Caribbean Isle Scene Of Disaster

POINT-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe, French West Indies (UPI)—An Air France 707 Boeing jetliner with 113 persons aboard smashed into a mountain on this Caribbean island today as the pilot attempted to make a scheduled pre-dawn landing in a violent wind and rain squall.

Guadeloupe pilots who first reached the scene of the tragedy two and one-half miles east of the coastal village of Deshayes reported no sign of life and the 102 passengers, including four babies, plus 10 crew members were feared dead.

The tragedy was the second fatal crash involving an Air France Boeing 707 in 19 days. On June 3 one of its 707s crashed on take-off in Paris, killing 130 persons including many prominent persons from Atlanta, Ga.

If the figure of 112 aboard—announced by Air France—is correct the crash here will be the second worst single plane disaster in commercial aviation history.

Bodies Are Scattered

One of the first pilots to fly over the scene of today's crash said "it will take days to find all the bodies—they are spread all over the place."

The plane was en route from Paris to Santiago, Chile, with a number of South American stops. Presumably most of the passengers were Latin Americans.

According to reports reaching here from the Deshayes Mountain area, on Guadeloupe's western island of Basse-Terre, soldiers and French government personnel were inching their way to the wreckage through the lush tropical rain forest. The plane came down about five miles from the nearest road.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported that the 150-ton, four-engine plane, which has a passenger capacity of 179, slammed into the mountain at about 1:02 a.m. PDT. Local authorities said the pilot, Capt. Andre LeSieur, apparently was making his first turn for an approach to the Le Raizet Airport here on Guadeloupe's eastern island, Grande-Terre, when he crashed.

Veteran French Pilot

The crash scene was about 15 miles from the airport on a 2,000-foot hill known as Donkey's Back. The Coast Guard said LeSieur, 42, a veteran Air France pilot and often pilot for French President Charles de Gaulle, was flying visually at the time of the crash. LeSieur had reported the cloud ceiling was quite low.

The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board dispatched two top investigators to Guadeloupe to aid in the crash inquiry. Air France flew 14 investigators to the scene.

It was the fifth Boeing 707 crash since the jets, with a cruising speed of up to 605 miles an hour, went into service in 1958. In addition to the June 3 crash, a 707 crashed in Centerville, Iowa, May 22, killing 45, another in New York March 1, killing 95, and one in Brussels Feb. 15, 1961, killing 72.

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