

# After 18 Months Ribicoff Leaves HEW Office Under Mixed Criticism

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** When the Kennedy cabinet took office 18 months ago there were predictions that Abraham Ribicoff would be one of its brightest stars. The following dispatch, based on interviews with Ribicoff and his critics, explores how well he has lived up to these forecasts.

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Abraham Ribicoff is ending an 18-month run as secretary of health, education and welfare with what show business calls mixed notices.

Some critics say the handsome ex-governor of Connecticut didn't live up to his advance billing as the smoothest political operator in the Kennedy cabinet.

Others say he has turned in a very creditable performance, considering the difficulties of his role.

Ribicoff's own appraisal is: "I've done the best I could. I've given this job everything I had."

Ribicoff's own appraisal is: neglectful to run for the U.S. Senate. He hopes to be back in Washington next January to resume, as a senator, some of the legislative battles which he was unable to win as a cabinet officer.

**Two Principal Functions**  
A cabinet officer has two principal functions. One is to administer the affairs of a major federal department. The other is to help shape the administration's legislative program, and then push it through Congress.

It seems to be generally agreed that Ribicoff has done a competent job of administering the vast Health, Education and Welfare Department, which has 70,000 employees working on 110 separate government programs.

Critics center their fire on his record as a pusher-through of legislation. They note that one of the major programs for which he was responsible—federal aid to education—was clobbered in the House last year. Another—medical care for the aged under Social Security—still is languishing in the House Ways and Means Committee, with little prospect of passage at this session.

A Disappointment  
"Ribicoff has been a disappointment here in Capitol Hill," said one key administration Democrat in Congress.

## JFK Postpones Visit To Brazil

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy has postponed his trip to troubled Brazil until Nov. 12, but his press secretary—already there—said it had "nothing to do with Brazil's political crisis."

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger went to Brazil Thursday to make advance plans for Kennedy and his wife, who were scheduled to go to the South American nation late this month.

He said from the capital of Brasilia that Kennedy and Brazilian President Joao Goulart had decided to postpone the trip during two days of telephone calls. Salinger had been in Brasilia only a few hours when the postponement was announced.

Salinger said he would go on to Rio de Janeiro later to begin making advance preparations for the Kennedy's trip in November.

The White House said the postponement was made because Kennedy wants to attend to several matters during the closing days of Congress, and because elections are scheduled later in both countries—Oct. 7 in Brazil and Nov. 6 here.

## OAKLAND KINDERGARTEN SET

Kindergarten will start at Oakland School Monday, reports correspondent Edith Dunn.

Sessions will be held in the morning hours and all pre-school children over the age of five may attend. Linda Noebel will be the instructor.

For registration or further information call Oakland 3407.

# Hatfield Blasts Union For Failure To Attend Meet

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield, angered by refusal of the iron workers union to negotiate in his office with contractors and a federal mediator, charged union officers today with "open defiance of the public interest" and a "play for power."

In Portland, the six members of the union negotiating team issued a statement saying they were at the contractors' headquarters ready to negotiate without the governor.

Juel Drake of St. Louis, vice president of the international union, also was present. He said the team would remain at the Portland headquarters until the contractors "show up or tell us they don't want to meet."

Union representatives failed to show up here at 9 a.m. PST. The time set by the governor, though a negotiating team from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and federal mediator peared.

Hatfield set another deadline of 1 p.m., but the union announced

"When it comes to getting things done in Congress," said another, "Ribicoff has proved to be the least effective member of the Kennedy cabinet."

Ribicoff's defenders contend it is unfair to blame him for the defeat of the education bill, which became entangled in religious controversy growing out of Roman Catholic demands for inclusion of parochial schools. They say that Ribicoff's ability to maneuver was severely limited by White House apprehensions about the political effect of any compromise which might be regarded as a concession to the Catholic hierarchy.

As for the medical care bill, Ribicoff supporters argue that he succeeded, through his pitched battle with the American Medical Association, in stirring up wide public interest in the issue. They are convinced that this interest will pay off, perhaps next year, in enactment of the bill.

**Shrugs Off Criticism**  
The debutant, 52-year-old political veteran tries to shrug off the criticism of his legislative record.

"You won't find Abe Ribicoff being a cry baby," he said. "In

this business you take your lumps and go on from there."

But a moment later he spoke, with more than a trace of bitterness in his voice, about the usefulness of "scapegoats" in politics. And he said, only half-humorously:

"If you work out a program that passes, the senators take the credit. If your program doesn't pass, the secretary is a bum."

"They ought to call this the department of controversy. There are powerful, well-organized interests which oppose nearly every program we administer. I feel sorry for the guy who succeeds me in this job."

## Police Demonstrate Self-Defense Art At Lions Club Meet

The art of self defense was demonstrated by three Roseburg Police officers before the Roseburg Lions Club Thursday night at the Umpqua Hotel.

Police Chief John H. Truett gave a brief discussion on the training given officers in pistol and shotgun shooting. He said the officers make their own bullets with wax tips at about one cent each for target practice, which greatly cuts down on the cost of ammunition. He demonstrated shooting from the hip as well as by sighting.

He then introduced Sgt. Robert Simonsen and Officer Darrell Odell, who gave demonstrations of use of the night stick and jujitsu.

The night stick is never used for rapping people over the head, said Sgt. Simonsen. Instead it is used more as a leverage weapon to subdue a person without hurting him, except in extreme cases. He stated there are around 1,700 uses of a cane in cane fighting, and that he knows about 500. They are largely defensive uses, but the stick can be used when necessary in police work for rapping a person on parts of the body where it will hurt but not injure.

Sgt. Simonsen concluded his demonstration by breaking pieces of wood first with his knuckles, then with his finger tips and finally broke four pieces of one-inch planer wood with the side of his hand. He explained the tremendous force that can be applied this way, but emphasized that the use is for defense and never should be used for offense. He stated that in his police work he has never had to use this knowledge.

## Fire Kills Two At N.Y. Resort

LIBERTY, N.Y. (UPI)—Fire swept a three-story summer hotel near this Catskill Mountain resort town early today killing at least two persons.

Five hours after the blaze broke out at the Hankins Hotel four persons were unaccounted for, but state police said they may not have been in the hotel when the fire broke out at 2:34 a.m. EDT. A search of the ruins was begun.

Thirteen other guests among the approximately 50 registered were hospitalized. One was in critical condition.

## James D. Dobbin

Funeral services for James D. Dobbin, 75, former Roseburg resident, are slated at 11 a.m. BST Saturday in the Hughes-Ranson Seaside Chapel. Cremation will take place at Portland Memorial.

Dobbin died Wednesday in Portland where he had resided for the past two years.

The deceased farmed and operated a stock ranch at LaGrand before his retirement in 1946. He made his home in Portland and Seaside for several years. He was past patron of the Douglas Court of Amarant.

Dobbin was born March 22, 1887, in Union, Ore. Surviving are his widow, Ethel, of Seaside, and a sister, Miss Margaret Dobbin, of Portland.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests remembrances in the form of gifts to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland.

will not be settled in the newspapers and on television, but at the bargaining table."

Referring to earlier arrangements for a negotiating session in Portland today without the governor, the council said the change in plans was first called to the attention of the union late Thursday.

"We will remain here where the meeting was scheduled," O'Halloran said. "We await the contractors' return to this meeting room."

Drake added O'Halloran was "only one member of the committee that made the decision."

Hatfield indicated that John O'Halloran, business representative of Iron Workers Local No. 29, Portland, had gone back on his word by refusing to show up. Hatfield referred to a July 7 telegram from O'Halloran indicating a willingness to meet here.

"It is now apparent that more than the improvement of working conditions, there is a play for power—not just of ruling one local in Oregon, but of over the entire two states" of Oregon and Washington.

Drake replied to the Hatfield statement by remarking, "This

## Yoncalla Council Considers Back Hoe

The Yoncalla City Council this week took under advisement the offer from Midway Machinery Co. of Eugene of a second-hand back hoe at a price of \$2,500, with trade-in.

A public hearing will be held July 30 to determine sentiment of the residents regarding this purchase, according to Mrs. George Edes, correspondent.

Resolution 31 was read by June Bowman, recorder, relative to using \$2,500 now in savings in the water bond interest fund. This is a capital outlay sanctioned by original holders of the bonds. Purchase of the back hoe with these funds would eliminate any increase in taxes for the purchase.

Easements for land for the new water system were donated by A. L. Lasswell of Yoncalla; Neil Tolbison of Cottage Grove; and Dodd and Sons. The new system will bring water over the hill from Adams Creek to the present reservoir. Douglas Electric Coop also donated easements for poles free of charge.

Council members voted three to two that hereafter the Yoncalla City Fire Department will answer any practical call for assistance regardless if in the city limits or not, with the exception of grass or brush fires.

All bills were ordered paid. Mrs. Edes reports.

## Bert E. Edwards

Bert E. Edwards, 59, 510 Mont St., Canyonville, died at his home Wednesday evening after a lengthy illness.

Edwards was born March 5, 1903, at Pleasanton, Kan. He married Eva Lois Skinner in Kansas City, Mo., March 14, 1934. Edwards moved to the Canyonville area from Pleasanton in 1951.

Survivors, besides his wife, include a brother, C. C. Edwards, St. Louis; and two sisters, Mrs. Olive Hart and Mrs. Fern McClanahan, both of LaCygne, Kan.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, Monday at 2 p.m. Elder Louis Verbeck of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints of Roseburg will officiate. Interment will follow at the Masonic Cemetery at Canyonville.

## Two Boys Escape Blast On Boat

PORTLAND (UPI)—Two 15-year-old boys escaped serious injury when their 18-foot boat exploded and burned here Thursday.

The boys are Loren Hegar and Gordon Higby, both of Portland. The explosion occurred on the Willamette River near the Sellwood Bridge.

The boys swam to safety. Police said the explosion came as a result of a backfire in the boat's fueling system.

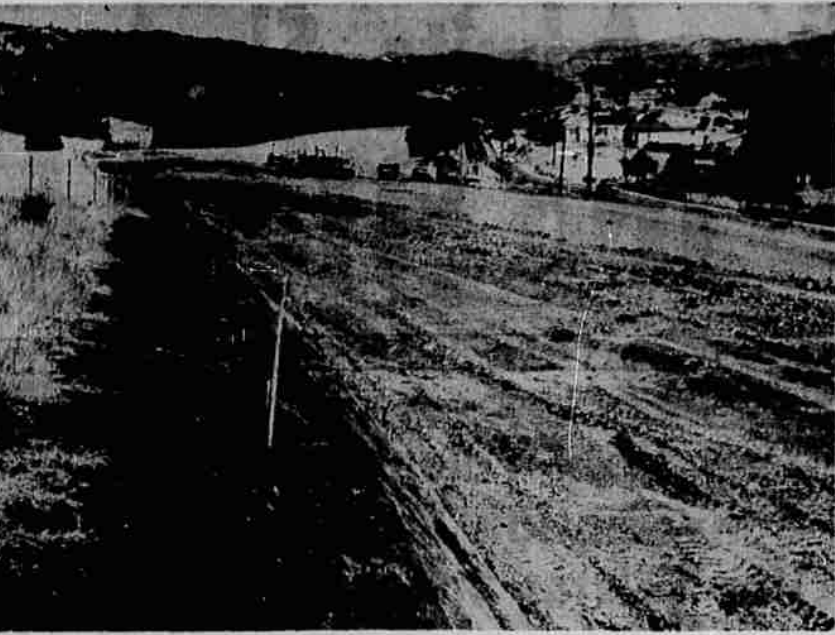
"It eats away at our progress and threatens our very economic bloodstream. Families suffer, business withers, confidence wanes, and Oregon's progress grinds to a halt. The only known cure is good faith and putting the public interest ahead of power grabs," he concluded.

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WORK IS PROGRESSING on the widening and realignment of Garden Valley Rd. The stretch here is looking east near the eastern end of the new section. The project extends from the top of the hill at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the east end, to beyond the top of the hill at Pacific Power & Light Co. sub-station. It will eliminate a number of curves. Contract schedule calls for completion in 120 work days.

# Break In Water Line Repaired, Garden Valley Service Normal

Water service to the western part of Garden Valley Blvd. and the Veterans Administration Hospital served by the Oregon Water Corp. has been returned to normal.

A waterline break in a 12-inch main at Garden Valley Blvd. and the east entrance to the Western Battery mill pond, early Thursday seriously threatened water service to the big veterans facility and surrounding community.

The Roseburg Rural Fire Department said its protection in that district for five hours was seriously threatened.

Alton Andrews, manager of the water firm, said that the firm's main broke about 7:10 a.m. Thursday where the main crosses a sewer main. He said it was caused by the settling of the street under the heavy loads of logs passing over the street.

The firm shut off the main on either side of the break after it had loosed about 460,000 gallons of water, Andrews said. The break caused extensive damage to the street, he noted.

For a time the break was spewing 15,000 gallons of water a minute.

With a crisis rising in the water supply of the reservoir at Belview St., the firm requested users to curtail use of water. At the same time this allowed a certain amount of water pressure to remain at the VA Hospital.

Andrews said the hospital weathered the shortage quite well with shortages of pressure only on the top floors. Normally pressure at the facility is 110 pounds. During the break it was about 40 to 45 pounds.

Full service was restored to the area at 11:50 a.m.

The Rural Fire Department said water supplies in hydrants would have lasted about 10 minutes in the area west of the Southern Pacific Co. tracks if they had to be used for a fire. In such a case, the department would then have had to lay hose from other sources with pumps as relay units.

Andrews said the water ran from Garden Valley Blvd. down Park St. The break occurred five feet from the street surface.

Andrews thanked customers for their cooperation in limiting use of water. Because of this, he said there was no great danger to the hospital or reservoir supply.

The reservoirs have since been filled.

## Roseburg's Newest Restaurant Opens

The new Tom Tom Restaurant opened for business today at the Drive-N-Save shopping center.

Roseburg's newest eatery opened doors at 6 a.m. for its first customers. Telephone car service was opened at 11 a.m.

Grand opening for the restaurant has been set for July 21.

## Olalla Logging Show Reports Stolen Saw

Herbert Counts of the Counts Logging Co., Box 522, Idlewild Rd. Thursday reported to the Sheriff's Office the theft of a chain saw from his logging operation near Olalla.

He told the office the saw was taken from the operation at Live Oak Lookout.

At 4 p.m. Thursday, Robert Irwin, 1221 NW Keasey Rd., reported to deputies the theft of a half tank of gas from his home about 2 a.m. Wednesday. He noted a week earlier he heard someone prowling at his screen door.

He requested further patrols by the Sheriff's Office.

Police are investigating an attempted break-in Thursday night at Harvard Ave. Drugs, 1175 W. Harvard Ave.

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# Supreme Court Rejects Appeal For Escapee From County Jail

The Oregon Supreme Court has dismissed an appeal from Douglas County Circuit Court by Bernard Frank Smith, 50, in connection with his conviction on a charge of escaping May 27, 1961, from the county jail.

The high court order stated the appellant defaulted by failing to make a timely filing of transcript or of appellant brief and the appeal was dismissed with prejudice because of lack of prosecution.

Smith is now serving a five-year sentence in the state penitentiary from conviction on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He received an additional one-year sentence on the escape count, this to be commenced at completion of the five-year term.

Imposition of sentence for Sharon Estelle Ira, 22, Portland, was suspended by Judge Don H. Sanders after she pleaded guilty in Circuit Court Thursday to a charge of larceny in a building.

The defendant was admitted to probation for two years and placed under supervision of the state Board of Parole and Probation. She was arraigned on a district attorney's information and waived Grand Jury hearing.

A complaint charged that on March 4 the defendant stole a wrist watch belonging to Violet Grostine from the residence of Violet Grostine on Cow Creek Rd.

On stipulation by the district attorney, an appeal to the Circuit Court by Norman Thomas Chapell, 46, Canyonville, convicted March 7 in South Douglas District Justice Court on a charge of driving while intoxicated, was dismissed Thursday by Judge Sanders.

The case was remanded back to the justice court for further action.

## Winston Meet Changed

The Woodmen Circle Work Basket will meet at the home of Mrs. Sarah Cyrus in Winston, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was formerly scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Paul White on Oak St.

## Hospital News

Visiting Hours  
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

**Mercy Hospital**  
Admitted  
Medical: Mrs. Clara Jackson, Roseburg; Donald Williams, Loring Boddie, both of Winston; Mrs. Stanley Freeman, Trona, Calif.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Walter Murray and son Kevin Van, Mrs. James Oglesby and daughter Peggy Ann Elizabeth, Mrs. Jack Morris and daughter Tricia Lynn, Lynn Kay Engle, Bruce Stone, Robert Cain, all of Roseburg; Mary Beth Mason, Myrtle Creek.

**Douglas Community Hospital**  
Admitted  
Medical: Claude Elder, Mrs. Lynn Hart, Mrs. Fred Miller; Mrs. Daye Myers, Clifford Nelson, all of Roseburg; Korrene Ledbetter, Winston.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Lyle Bowers, Mrs. Lyle Bursik, Mrs. Mitchell Carmon, Wilson Hyde, Kathy Moore, Mrs. E. Temple Starkey, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Everett Darnell, Anaheim, Calif.; Cyrus Reese, Forest Grove; Mrs. Charlie Peterman, Myrtle Creek; Arthur Longbrake, Gregory Palmer, Wendy Warren, all of Sutherlin.

## Local News

**Deedee Marie**, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces, was born June 17, to AIC and Mrs. Gene Walter in Rantoul, Ill. Maternal grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle R. Eddy, 1362 SE Cobb, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Walter, 4415 N. Stephens. The Walters recently returned from a three-year Air Force tour of duty in Germany and are now residing in Rantoul, Ill., where Gene is attending middle school. His permanent station is Malstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont. Mrs. Walter is the former Lois Eddy of this city.

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