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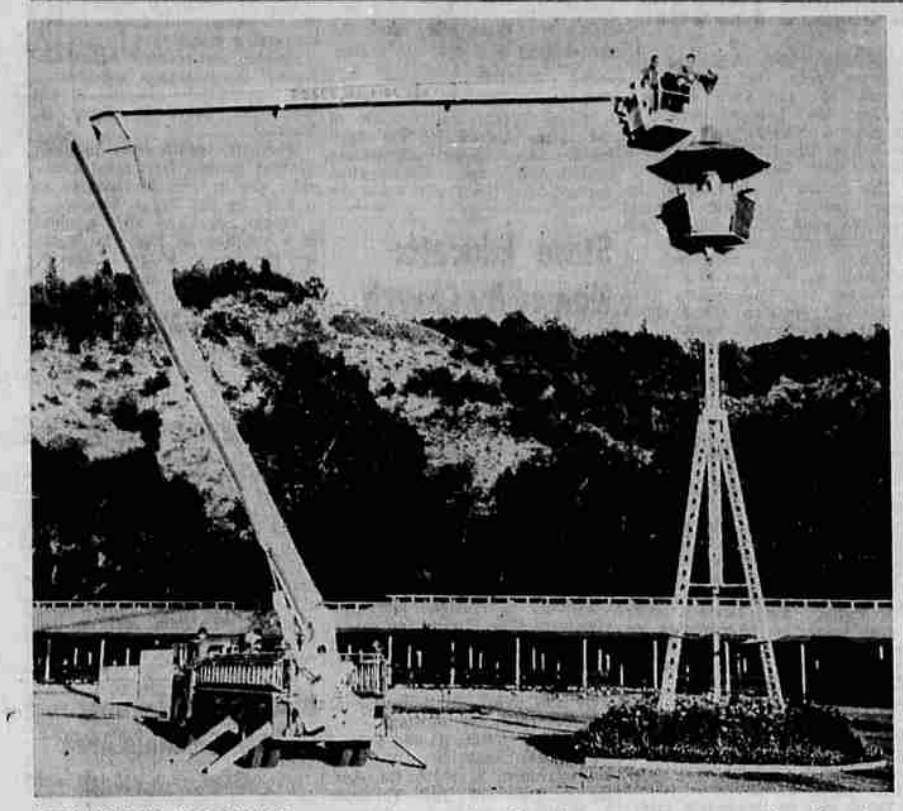

ROSEBURG'S "SNORKEL" was made to order for this assignment at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Tuesday. As a community service assist, the Fire Department brought its snorkel into play to help a gas company install a torch at top of the county fair space needle. Fireman Melvin Holcomb and a gas company employ can be seen in the snorkel "bucket" as it is jockeyed into position for the job at hand. The unique space needle torch will eject colorful gas flame during fair time. (News-Review Photo).

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Two Women Inmates Leave Perch Atop Federal Prison Smokestack

TERMINAL ISLAND, Calif. (UPI)—Two young women voluntarily climbed down today from their perch atop a 40-foot smokestack at this federal prison which once housed Al Capone.

They had spent about 38 hours on the smokestack, blithely waving to sailors on ships in the harbor and laughing off attempts to persuade them to come down.

Prison authorities had no immediate comment to make about possible disciplinary action against the young women.

Other prisoners had tossed notes to newsmen on the street identifying the perchers as Betty Smithley, 20, of Texas, and Barbara Roberts, 20, Sacramento, Calif.

The female "Shipwreck Kellys," both under 21 and unidentified because of their age, climbed defiantly to the top of the smokestack about 9 p.m. PDT Monday and defied all efforts to get them down.

"We figure they'll come down when they get hungry," a prison official said Tuesday night after the girls had spent more than 24 hours atop their perch without food, water or sleep.

The women, one aged 20 and the other 19, climbed a metal ladder up the side of the brick incinerator smokestack and began their protest by sitting with their legs dangling over the side.

There they remained throughout the day as ships in Los Angeles harbor passed beneath them. Crewmen and passengers hooted at them and their fellow inmates cheered them on from the yard of the federal correctional institute.

"It's a beautiful view up here," one of the women shouted down, "But don't build a fire in the incinerator or we'll jump."

Warden Raymond W. May and the prison's psychiatrist and chaplain tried vainly to reason with the women, one of whom had her hair shaved.

But the girls stubbornly refused their demands.

The warden said the two inmates were in a "light-hearted mood" and were getting a "big kick out of the big show they're putting on for everybody."

He said one of the women probably was staging a protest "because she wants to go back to the reformatory in Utah where she escaped a year ago."

May said the second woman was greatly under the influence of the first and "just went along as a friend."

He said one was serving a sentence for interstate car theft and the other for kidnaping.

Reedsport Firm Wins High School Project

Tom Lillebo, Reedsport contractor, was the winning bidder in a field of five for the Reedsport Union High School expansion project, according to Dawn Peseau, correspondent.

The contract was awarded last night at a meeting of the board. Second low in the total bid estimates was A. T. Fox of North Bend. Balzhiser, Seder and Rhodes of Eugene are architects for the construction.

Lillebo's total bid including deducted or added alternates was $264,085, against Fox's $266,267. The basic bids without alternates were, Lillebo, $210,975 and Fox, $206,871.

Lillebo's completion schedule calls for 180 working days from the date of the signing of the contract. The contract is to be signed Thursday night at a special meeting of the board of directors of the school district. Other bidders for the job were Johnston and Meloy of Salem; D. W. Thompson of North Bend; and Vik Construction Co. of Eugene. The high total bid was $284,631 from the Salem firm.

The contract calls for the construction of a multipurpose cafeteria with portable stage; a boys' physical education room, including locker room, showers and other facilities; a chorus room with risers; a band room; and a grandstand to seat 1,500.

Alternates listed in the specifications including two qualities of floor covering, a court yard and a choice between box beam and glue laminated construction for the grandstand. The grandstand is to be of plywood.

The board of directors, with chairman Dean DePriest presiding, later discussed the faculty organization with Supt. Rudy Johnson. Johnson outlined faculty vacancies which included those of a German teacher and a vice principal.

The regular August board meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 8 p.m.

Canadian Lumber Embargo Requested

SINGAPORE (UPI) — Oregon Senatorial candidate Sig Unander Tuesday called for an immediate embargo on imports of lumber from Canada.

Unander's views came in a statement issued here. He is on a two-week tour of the Far East.

The Republican candidate for Sen. Wayne Morse's seat in November said President Kennedy's plan to persuade Canada to limit her exports voluntarily is doomed to failure.

"Not only would Canada not accept such a drastic blow to her economy," he said, "In fact, she has refused to accept it. That is why I have continually advocated taking the bull by the horns and imposing an immediate embargo on imports of wood into the United States before our lumber industry completely collapses."

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Cloudy nights and mornings, fair afternoons today through Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	84
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	48
Highest temp. any Aug. (60)	103
Lowest temp. any Aug. (56)	41
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Aug. 1	0
Precip. from Sept. 1	32.49
Excess from Sept. 1	2.31
Sunset tonight, 7:35 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:04 a.m.	

Loggers Fire Weather

High temperatures expected today and Thursday in the mid-80s, with lowest humidity around 25 per cent. Winds both days northwesterly 15 to 25 m.p.h. The outlook for Friday is for variable middle and high clouds with a 20 per cent chance of lightning. Fire danger is high.

Bids Will Open Aug. 7 For Street Improvement

Bids will be opened by the County Court Aug. 7 at 10:30 a.m. for three street improvement projects in the Roseburg area.

These involve excavation, grading, paving, curbs and gutters on NE Johnson and NE Club streets and excavation, grading and paving on NE Ward St.

Miscellaneous drainage items are also required.

Specifications are available in the County Road Department.

Reedsport Hospital District Gives Breakdown On Needs

An itemized breakdown of estimated additional needs for the projected lower Umpqua Hospital at Reedsport, for which a $105,000 bond issue is being proposed, totals $108,859.20 according to figures released by C. Dudley Ross, district administrator.

The itemized listing is as follows: site purchase, $25,000; soil survey, $1,500; land survey, $1,500; water, $2,000; black topping, $1,500; land clearing, $3,000; excavation and construction to present site, $15,000; sewage disposal, $15,500; contingency, $5,000; and equipment, $38,859.20.

The proposed bond issue vote is set for Friday, Aug. 10, according to Dawn Peseau, correspondent. The site purchase is from John Hubbard, Reedsport realtor and land owner and is a tract southwest of Reedsport outside the city limits near Highway 101 and against the hillside. The site was selected by the hospital board following difficulties which caused the abandonment of the original tract. A vein of blue clay formation was encountered when excavation was undertaken. Ross stated "if the bond issue fails, we must request an emergency session with the state Board of Health and Public Health Serivce and show to their satisfaction that we can complete the hospital or Hill Burton support would be endangered."

The hospital project was under way when the contractor, Murphy Construction Co. of Roseburg, discovered the unstable condition of the site. This led to the need for more money for a new site. A previous bond issue raised the amount for construction to almost $700,000.

Filibuster On Satellite Bill Closes

WASHINGTON (UPI)— Senate opponents of the administration's space satellite bill agreed today to halt their filibuster on the basis of a compromise that will send the bill to committee for a 10-day study.

Republicans, who Tuesday night blocked the first leadership effort to compromise the bitter dispute, agreed to the procedure today after being assured there was no likelihood the administration's farm bill would be called up for action in the interim.

Under the agreement, the controversial measure opposed by a group of liberal Democrats will be studied for 10 days by the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

The agreement also was conditioned upon Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield's promise that the satellite bill, when returned to the Senate floor by Aug. 10, would remain the pending business until disposed of one way or the other.

The bill would create a privately owned but government-regulated corporation to operate space communications satellites. Democratic liberals opposed to the measure had conducted a five-day filibuster against it.

Republican Sens. John G. Power, Texas; Barry Goldwater, Arizona, and Roman L. Hruska, Nebraska, all of whom figured in holding up the agreement Tuesday night, accepted the compromise today.

Mansfield said he felt sure the Foreign Relation Committee would start hearings on the communications bill Thursday.

Acceptance of the compromise by all sides ended the possibility of a cloture, or gag, move by the leadership—a procedure which has not been invoked since prohibition days.

Mark Slates Visit To Fair

Officials of the 1962 Douglas County Fair have announced that Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will visit the fair on Aug. 18 and will act as grand marshal of the circus-Shrine-Fair parade in downtown Roseburg.

The governor will open the day as grand marshal at 10 a.m. by riding in a 1913 Model T owned by Jack Gorthy of the Cascade Auto Club.

At the conclusion of the parade, the governor will visit the Fairgrounds. He is scheduled to eat lunch in the 4-H dining area at the Fairgrounds.

Hatfield will deliver a speech to fairgoers at 1 p.m. in the grandstand area. County Judge V. T. Jackson will introduce the governor.

To complete his day at Roseburg, the governor is slated to dedicate the new wing of Mercy Hospital at 2 p.m.

West Oregon Medic Got Sinister Drug

PORTLAND (UPI) — A spokesman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said here Tuesday a "Western Oregon doctor" had given the drug Thalidomide to some patients.

But the FDA official said the doctor discontinued use of the drug as part of a clinical research program early this year when he heard of its dangers.

The drug is believed to be responsible for birth deformities.

The FDA officials said they agree with state health authorities who reported earlier that none of the drug seems to be in the state now. The federal officials said an investigation did turn up some in the hands of a qualified clinical investigator who is doing work with animals. They did not seize the supplies.

Two federal officers were checking in Southern and Eastern Oregon to determine whether any of the drug was used by doctors there. The Washington office of the FDA said Monday that supplies had been sent to three Oregon doctors.

The Western Oregon doctor apparently did not give the drug to any patients during the early stages of pregnancy, the FDA said. That is the period in which it is believed to cause deformities.

New Centenarian

WOODBURN (UPI) — Clarence F. Jackson, Woodburn, will celebate his 100th birthday here Friday. He was born on a farm east of here still being farmed by his son. Jackson and his wife, who died in 1939, raised seven children. He has ten grandchilden and 16 great-grandchildren.

Coast To Get Drizzle

The five-day weather forecast, according to the Weather Bureau station at the Roseburg airport, calls for some light drizzle along the coast but otherwise no precipitation. Temperatures will be near or a little above normal with highs in the 80s and 90s except for 60s along the coast. Lows will be in the 50s.

Gov. Faubus Claims Victory In Arkansas Primary Vote

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., (UPI) — Gov. Orval E. Faubus, a Democrat, and the dean of U.S. governors, won an unprecedented fifth term by a majority over five opponents in a primary election Tuesday. He formally claimed victory today.

Latest returns showed him with 10,863 more votes than the combined vote of his opponents.

Unofficial figures showed that he polled 184,165 votes to 73,973 for Rep. Dale Alford; 72,045 for former Gov. Sid McMath; 5,740 for lawyer Kenneth Coffelt; 2,083 for farmer David Cox, and 19,461 for lumberman David Whitten. These returns were from 2,236 of 2,351 precincts.

Winning a Democratic primary in Arkansas is as good as election. Faubus did not formally claim victory until 8 a.m. PDT, today because he feared late returns might throw him in a runoff.

Finally claiming victory, he said the people "have spoken for progress."

The gubernatorial primary overshadowed a race for the U.S. Senate, in which J. William Fulbright continued to hold a 2-1 edge over a conservative opponent, Winston Chandler.

"This vote indicates the people do not wish to wander in the thickets of extremism, to either the right or the left," Faubus said.

This was a reference to Alford, a segregationist, and McMath, who criticized Faubus for his 1957 stand in the Little Rock school integration issue.

In that year, Faubus called out the National Guard to keep nine Negroes out of Central High School. A U.S. District Court judge ordered him to remove the guard or go to jail.

Faubus did and riots broke out at Central. Then President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent in 1,000 paratroopers to protect the Negroes. Next session, the high schools of Little Rock remained closed under special legislation sponsored by Faubus.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the special legislation. Central was peacefully integrated in September, 1959.

Faubus contended that he was never against integration, per se; he was against it being forced upon people against their will.

Oregon Moose Session Starts Here Friday

The Roseburg Moose Lodge is in the final stage of preparation for its role as host to the Oregon Moose Association annual convention. Over 1,000 are expected to attend the three-day sessions beginning Friday.

Preliminary to the convention will be the registration session and party for local members Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. at the Moose Hall. All local members are urged to register at that time to avoid conflict with the registration of out-of-towners Friday and Saturday.

Friday's activities will literally "tee off" with a golf tournament at Stewart Park between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The state officers meeting at 4 p.m. at the Cavalier Lodge will be followed at 8 p.m. by the enrollment of a large class of candidates at ceremonies at the Moose Hall honoring state president Joe Cole. Guest speaker for this event will be Judge Ralph D. Moore, of Mooseheart, general governor. A dance will follow at 10 p.m.

Ladies activities during the day will include the coronation pageant for Queen of Sponsors at the Elks Temple, preceding the 10 p.m. dance at the Moose Hall.

Saturday's schedule will begin with a cowboy breakfast at the hall for both men and women. The opening session at 10 a.m. at the hall, to which the public is invited, will be presided over by general co-chairman Al Hammell.

All women's activities during the convention will take place at the Elks Temple.

The state president's banquet and ball will be a highlight of Saturday's events.

Argentine Strike Runs Out Of Steam

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — A 48-hour antigovernment general strike which started at midnight began to run out of steam today only a few hours after it got under way.

City life in this huge metropolitan capital was almost normal except for the lack of newspapers and a shortage of public transportation.

The larger cafes and department stores were open, which has never occurred in a general strike before, and shopping along famed Florida St. in the heart of Buenos Aires was normal.

Scattered bombing attacks on strike-shunning private buses were reported Tuesday and Tuesday night. No one was hurt and damage was minor.

No other violence was reported in the early hours of the strike, but police were supported by radio cars, light planes and helicopters to deal with any disorders that might occur.

The federation is demanding blanket wage increases to offset a 22.5 per cent increase in living costs since Jan. 1.

The strike was expected to close down a good many factories, especially in Buenos Aires' Peronist - dominated industrial suburbs, but consumer services were expected to operate about as usual.

Rebuilding To Start On Fire-Razed Lumber Mill

The C. & D. Lumber Co. planer mill in Riddle which was destroyed by fire last week, will be rebuilt immediately, reports correspondent Erma Best.

According to owner E. P. (Bud) Johnson, the rebuilding may possibly begin as early as this week.

The company Monday of this week secured the use of the Stomar Lumber Co. planer to handle its lumber during the rebuilding period, thus providing employment for most of the planer crew, Mrs. Best reports.

Eaton Gets Bid To FBI Academy

John H. Williams, head of the Portland FBI office, announced today that Capt. Berwyn Calvin (Burt) Eaton of the Roseburg Police Department has been invited to attend the 70th session of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D.C., beginning Aug. 13.

The FBI National Academy was established in 1935 for training of state, municipal and county law enforcement officers as instructors and executives in the field of law enforcement.

BERT EATON
... FBI school calls

More than 4,000 officers throughout the United States have attended the school. Twenty-seven graduates are now in law enforcement in Oregon, including Chief of Police John Truett at Roseburg and Undersheriff Lyle Dickenson with the county sheriff's department.

The course consists of 12 weeks of intensive instruction, much of which is given at FBI facilities on the U.S. Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Va. The course is free of charge to the officers, and the city of Roseburg will pay travel and other expenses. The council recently authorized approval.

Capt. Eaton, 35, is married and has one child. They reside at 2832 W. Sanders. Born in Portland, he has been a member of the Roseburg Police Department since 1954, except for a short term with the Eugene Police Department, returning to Roseburg in 1956.

Area Residents Vote For Fire Protection

The Del Rio-Fisher Rd. area and the part of the Green district south of Landers Lane to the Green Bridge voted Tuesday in favor of annexation into the Roseburg Rural Fire District, while the Lookingglass voters defeated annexation by a close margin.

Green had 34 votes cast for annexation and seven against. The count in the Del Rio-Fisher Rd. area favored annexation 88 to 4. In the Lookingglass precinct the vote was 59 against and 51 for annexation.

Tuesday's vote was considered representative in the Lookingglass area as only a portion of the registered voters in the precinct were included in the area, reports correspondent Hazel Marsh.

4 Children, Adult Hit On N.Y. Span

NEW HAMBURG (UPI)—A one-car New York Central train plowed into four children and an adult on a drawbridge Tuesday night. Three of the children were killed, one was missing and presumed dead and the adult's arm was torn off.

The father of two of the victims was at the north end of the bridge when the train smashed into his children, their cousins and his brother-in-law.

State police said Francis J. Chasman Sr., 32, of North Merrick, N.Y., was at the opposite end of the 100-foot long bridge over Wappingers Creek near the Hudson River when the "Beeliner" train struck the others.

Police said the victims, who had been fishing at the south end of the bridge, apparently were walking with their backs to the northbound train.

Cashman told police he did not see the accident but said "they never knew what hit them."

Dead were Cashman's son and daughter, Francis Jr., 10, Eileen, 7, and his nephew, James Lynch, 10.

Robert Lynch, 9, was missing and presumed dead. His father Robert Sr., 34, of Poughkeepsie, had his right arm torn from the shoulder by the impact. He was reported in critical condition in St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie.

A search of the creek and nearby river failed to turn up the boy's body. Police said it might be located at low tide later.

State police quoted the train's engineer, George Feece, 59, of Croton, N.Y., as saying he spotted the group on the bridge when he was about 200 yards away. He said it was dark and foggy.

Feece said he blew his whistle and set his emergency brake and then watched helplessly as the train plowed into the victims.

"There was absolutely nothing I could do," police quoted him as saying.

Salt Lake City Milk Found Radioactive

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — A "disturbing" jump in the level of radioactive iodine-131 has prompted a diversion of the Salt Lake City milk supply from pasture-fed cattle to those fed on dry grain and hay.

The sudden rise occurred following recent above ground nuclear testing in Nevada. The state health director said the Salt Lake City milkshed got the highest contamination of any city because of wind currents.

Milk producers in the area have agreed, in cooperation with state and city health departments, to divert milk from farms and areas with unusually elevated iodine-131 levels into manufactured dairy products such as powdered milk, where radiation will decay to very low levels before consumption.

The city board of health said the increased levels are disturbing but still within federal radiation protection limits. Meantime they suggested that citizens continue their usual consumption of dairy products.

The state health director agreed but warned that another above ground nuclear explosion in Nevada might put Salt Lake City above the yearly limit, if the same factors prevail.

The level of iodine-131 rose from "not detectable" July 6 to a high of 2,050 micro - microcuries per liter July 25. Afterward it tapered off gradually to 960 by July 28.

Newton Creek Road Yields Rattlesnake

A rattlesnake measuring 42½ inches was killed Tuesday night about a mile up Newton Creek Rd. by Rex Quinton, an Oregon State Highway Department employe, and Ike Winship, tractor operator.

The snake was believed to be a Northern Pacific rattler which, according to snake experts, is the only type of rattler inhabiting Douglas County.

Quinton, who resides in the area, said he and Winship had gone up the road on a "cat" tractor. Winship had stopped the equipment to inspect a track when the men heard the rattler's warning buzz.

A wrench was used for the kill. Inspection disclosed the snake had 11 rattles.

The dead reptile was taken to the Quinton home where it became a major neighborhood attraction.

President Signs Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy, praising both parties for their support, signed into law today a $4.6 billion foreign aid authorization bill.

He hailed the legislation as a sign of recognition by Republicans and Democrats that the program is strongly tied in with this country's defense.

With Secretary of State Dean Rusk, congressional leaders and a bipartisan group of lawmakers looking on, Kennedy signed the measure after making a statement about its importance.

The bill, containing almost all that the President requested, was viewed as an administration victory.

However, the actual money authorized in the bill must still be appropriated in later legislation.

The $4.6 billion authorized in the bill represented $206 million less than Kennedy requested. Rep. Otto E. Passman, D-La., has promised to lead a drive to cut $2 billion off the total when the appropriation bill comes before his House Foreign Aid Appropriations Committee.

Passman was successful in an effort to trim last year's appropriation.

Mishap Claims Woman

LAKEVIEW (UPI) — Aubrey Harrison, 67, of Paisley, was injured fatally in a traffic accident at Valley Falls junction, 23 miles north of here, Monday night.

The two-car crash also injured Mrs. Mabel Overton, 45, of Paisley and Joann Flossie Evins, 19, of Burns. They were recovering at a hospital here.

Unemployment Report Seen Aid To Tax Cut Opponents

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation's jobless rate fell to the lowest level in more than two years in July when unemployment dropped by 445,000, the government announced today.

Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg described the job figures as as encouraging and welcome news. But he noted that other economic indicators have not been favorable.

The report may make it more difficult, however, for advocates to convince President Kennedy of the need for a tax cut to stimulate the economy.

The number of jobless dropped from 4,463,000 to 4,018,000 last month. Employment inched up by 25,000 to a July record of 69,564,000.

The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment—a key measure of economic health—dropped from 5.5 to 5.3 per cent of the labor force in July. This was the lowest level since May, 1960.

Goldberg was asked at a news converence whether the figures indicated a tax cut was necessary.

He replied that Kennedy had this matter under consideration and he would give his advice to the chief executive privately. He said he would not discuss it in public.

The labor secretary pointed out, however, there was a "mixed bag" of economic indicators for the President and other government officials to consider in reaching a decision.

The secretary is believed to be among the Kennedy advisers who favor tax reduction now.

Kennedy has said he was waiting to see the July economic indicators before making the decision on whether to ask for an economy-stimulating tax cut this year, or delaying it until next year.

Weekly reports on unemployment benefit claims have shown a slight decline in July, but this is far from conclusive. Only slightly more than half of the labor force is covered by unemployment insurance.

A significant rise in the unemployment rate in July would intensify the pressure on Kennedy to request an immediate tax cut. But a decline, or an insignificant change, would not do much to help him make the decision.