

Thousands Dead, Injured As Tremor Hits Yugoslav City

Day Quits Top Post Office Job To Practice Law

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Postmaster General J. Edward Day has resigned to accept what he called "an unusual opportunity" to enter law practice in the nation's capital.

The Post Office Department announced Thursday night that Day had submitted his resignation in a letter to President Kennedy expressing "deep regret" at leaving the post.

President Kennedy has accepted the resignation, a post office spokesman said. Day told Kennedy July 15 that he was resigning, the spokesman said, and it was agreed at that time that the announcement would be made at Kennedy's discretion.

Authoritative sources said President Kennedy has not yet decided upon a successor to Day. There have been recurring rumors that Day would resign. Asked last March about such a report, the President told newsmen that he had no plans to replace the postmaster general.

Dispute With Brawley
Day was reported to have been in disfavor with the White House since last fall when he was involved in a dispute with Deputy Postmaster General H. W. Brawley.

Brawley left and joined the Democratic National Committee as executive assistant to the chairman, but there was speculation that Kennedy was displeased with Day's position.

Day is the third cabinet member to leave office in the Kennedy administration. Others were Abraham Ribicoff, former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare who is now a Senator from Connecticut and Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg, who was named to the Supreme Court.

Ben Musa Denies Violation Of Pledge

SALEM (UPI) — Senate President Ben Musa today denied he had violated any pledge in making an appointment to the State Welfare Commission.

Gov. Mark Hatfield, who has been attending the National Governors' Conference in Miami, has been critical of Musa for naming Ralph W. Perry Sr., Hood River, to the welfare commission while acting as temporary governor.

"The pledge the governor said I violated I remember very distinctly," Musa declared today.

Pledge Quoted
He said he told the governor: "I assure you, sir, that in any of your absences from the state you need have no worry that I will remove from office any of your appointments, or discharge any of your employees or assistants. I have no intention to rock your ship of state or to frustrate your administration."

Musa declared today, "no mention was ever made that I would not fill a vacancy in any office, if I believed in my judgment it was in the best interest of the state to do so. I shall continue this policy as long as I have the obligation to do so."

Musa assumes full duties of governor whenever Hatfield leaves the state.

Hatfield Returns Home
Hatfield returned to Oregon last night and spent this morning in Portland. He said the whole issue emphasized the need to change the state constitution to eliminate the governor's surrender of powers when he leaves the state.

JFK's War Exploits Draw Panning By London Critics

LONDON (UPI) — "PT 109," the movie about President Kennedy's World War II exploits, received a thorough panning from London movie critics today.

Headlines over the reviews ranged from "It's enough to make a President blush" to "Tarzan Kennedy beats the Japs and surrenders to clichés." The Daily Express asked how a movie could be made about the heroism of a future President "without exaggerating the exploit and making the President look a damned fool."

"Kennedy emerges not as a damned fool but a terrible prig," the Express said. "Sitting

through this film of his wartime exploits must surely have been his most blushing experience this year."

"Oh dear, poor President Kennedy has fallen into the water good and proper," said the Daily Herald. "It embodies all the worst features of the worst type of American war film, including great dollops of sentimental dialogue that are frankly laughable."

"Kennedy appears as one of those smug all-American servicemen who delivered reassuring little homilies to their battle-worn men into the intervals between facing up unflinchingly to the enemy," it said.

Both the direction of Leslie Robinson and the acting of Cliff Robertson, who played Kennedy, were criticized.

"Robertson," said the Daily Telegraph, "plays Kennedy in a manner I can only describe as carefully. The character of the lieutenant appears, thanks to embarrassing, often laughable, lines as a priggish personification of indomitability."

The Mail said that "as a piece of flabby, cliché-clotted, reach-me-down writing it is to be regretted. What should be accepted with respect as a true story trails away into the shallow histrionics of a boys' magazine adventure yarn."

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A "CATASTROPHIC" earthquake Friday struck the city of Skopje (shown in a 1941 file photo), Yugoslavia. The official Yugoslav news agency said there was no official estimate of deaths. "But according to the latest reports" they may reach 5,000. Skopje is located 200 miles south of Belgrade. (UPI Telephoto)

More Than Half Of Skopje Destroyed By Giant Quake; 100,000 Left Homeless

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — A "catastrophic" earthquake today destroyed more than half the city of Skopje 200 miles south of Belgrade and was reported to have caused thousands of deaths and injuries.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug quoted rescue teams in the stricken city of 200,000 as saying "over a thousand people have lost their lives" in the disaster.

"The number of injured exceeded several thousand," it added.

In Geneva, a spokesman for the League of Red Cross Societies said Yugoslav Red Cross officials feared the death toll might reach 5,000. The spokesman said the Yugoslav Red Cross in Belgrade had put in an emergency call to the Geneva headquarters appealing for aid and supplies for the quake victims.

"Over 100,000 people were made homeless in a few seconds," Tanjug said, adding that "nearly three-quarters" of the city was destroyed.

Tanjug reported that "all 300 guests" in the 80-room hotel Macedonia, one of the main buildings in Skopje, were killed and the structure itself "completely shattered."

Many Modern Buildings
Other high buildings in the capital city of Yugoslavia were reported to have been toppled by the force of the earthquake. Much of the city was rebuilt after World War II bomb destruction and many of the buildings were modern, concrete structures.

"Tens of thousands of people are standing in the streets scared, many of them injured," Tanjug said.

A Yugoslav newsmen near the disaster area told UPI by telephone that "thousands" were killed and many more injured.

Aleksandar Blagojevi, a Yugoslav airlines pilot who flew to Belgrade from Skopje after the earthquake, said he saw "great numbers of dead and injured lying in the streets."

The earthquake, which was centered in downtown Skopje, struck about 5:15 a.m.

"All the buildings" in the center of the city were "partially or completely destroyed," Tanjug said.

"Entire settlements, including a large number of those built after the war, are completely destroyed," it reported.

Receive Radio Reports
Authorities were in touch with the city by radio, but virtually all other communications were cut off.

Skopje, an important communications and trading center in southeastern Yugoslavia, is deep in the Balkan Mountains and only about 70 miles from the Greek border. It is built near the site of the ancient city of Scupi, which was destroyed by an earthquake in 518 A.D.

In somber tones, Radio Belgrade gave details of the devastation as they came in minute-by-minute on this second major earthquake to hit Yugoslavia in the past 2½ years.

More than 100 tremors hit the country on the Adriatic coast northwest of Belgrade. This disaster destroyed scores of villages and left 70,000 homeless, although only four persons were killed.

Chlorine Fumes Fell Swimmers
READING, Pa. (UPI) — A chlorine gas tank sprang a leak at a crowded city-owned swimming pool today and deadly fumes felled dozens of swimmers, most of them youngsters.

A total of 49 persons were treated at three hospitals which reported one child in critical and an adult in serious condition.

The violently ill victims had to travel through the heaviest concentration of the gas to leave the area. Many of the youngsters were found staggering around the street, some nearly unconscious, by the first police at the scene.

Every available ambulance, taxicab and private auto in the area was pressed into service to take the children to the hospitals.

Most seriously ill was Robert Leaf, 3, who was reported in critical condition.

Police said the mishap occurred while Andy Stopper, in serious condition at Community Hospital was working on the tank. Stopper, athletic director at Reading High School and director at the pool, apparently was adjusting a valve when a line burst.

The pool, known as the "South of Penn" pool, opened at 10 a.m. The mishap occurred about an hour later.

Firemen wearing gas masks and air packs searched the area in the event any of the youngsters or pool personnel had been left behind, but they reported everyone had escaped.

New Juvenile Counselor Due

A St. Helens man has been hired as a new counselor at the Douglas County Juvenile Department, reports Juvenile Officer Julian Hellock.

Bruce F. Grady, 23, has been named to a position left when one of the present counselors becomes director of a juvenile boys' youth camp.

He is a graduate of Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He is expected to arrive in Roseburg next week.

Grady's experience includes volunteer work at Eastern State Mental Institution in Washington. The job included visitations and coordinating athletic and physical education programs and recreation.

Grady was accepted earlier this year as a Peace Corps member and was selected as a recreation director to go to El Salvador, but he decided against it in order to continue work on a master's degree.

He will take over a full case load in the juvenile department. His salary will be \$100 a month.

Living Costs Jump To All-Time High
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation's living costs jumped to a new all-time high in June and sliced four cents off the buying power of a \$10 bill, the Labor Department reported today.

The department said its consumer price index increased by four-tenths of 1 per cent last month—the biggest one month increase in nine months.

Higher prices for sugar, cigarettes and increased real estate and sales taxes pushed up the index to 106.5 of average 1957-59 prices.

This means it took \$10.66 to buy the same goods and services that cost \$10 about five years ago.

Arnold Chase, price expert for the Labor Department, said chances are that living costs will climb again in July to achieve another record peak.

But he said the increases reflect "past inflationary pressures" rather than present or future inflationary dangers.

Four Lane Residents Challenge Ballot Title For Tax Bill Referral

SALEM (UPI) — A Lane County group Thursday filed a petition with the Oregon Supreme Court challenging the ballot title of a tax bill.

Gen. Robert Y. Thornton prepared for the controversial tax referendum.

The petition was filed at 4:15 p.m., 45 minutes before the deadline. State Sen. Edward Fadelley, D-Eugene, submitted the petition as attorney for the "Committee for Sensible Taxation."

Signers were Richard Miller, a member of the Eugene School Board; Tom Powers, superintendent of Bethel school district; Lyle Swetland, an executive of the Lane County Central Labor Council; and Omer Vrooman, former Springfield city councilman.

The petition challenges the ballot title on seven different counts.

Court Action Uncertain
It was not known when the court would act on the petition, but the delay could be long enough to prevent backers of the referendum from gathering the 23,185 signatures they need to place the referendum on the ballot. The signatures must be filed by Sept. 1.

The move to refer the tax measure passed by the 1963 legislature is headed by Albany newspaper publisher J. Francis Howard. He cannot start circulating petitions until the ballot title is certain.

The petition filed Thursday challenges Thornton's ballot title on these points:

1. The main purpose of the bill is to provide money to balance the state budget, a purpose which does not appear in the title.

2. The title contains "incomplete and insufficient cataloging of some of the alterations made" in the present bill.

3. It does not refer to the extent of reform of the present bill.

4. The statement of the increase in corporation taxes is unfair and misleading.

5. The statement that personal tax rates are lower is unfair and misleading unless qualified.

6. Some provisions for relief to some taxpayers are not mentioned.

7. It fails to disclose why a property tax levy was avoided by balancing the budget through the new bill.

New Title Suggested
Fadelley's petition suggested this title: "Purpose: To balance budget by increased personal income and corporate excise tax revenue. Contains contingent provisions to avoid deficit distribution surplus and property tax relief."

Thornton's title read: "Purpose: To increase state revenues. Abolishes Federal tax deduction. Lowers personal tax rates. Provides minimum tax. Increases corporation rates. Effective on or after Jan. 1, 1963."

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Raymond Kapus Glide Principal

Raymond R. Kapus, 42, principal of Taft High School at Taft, Ore., for the past 11 years, has been named principal of Glide High School. He replaces John R.

Thompson who has accepted a position at Scappoose after serving at Glide for the past four years.

The new principal is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland, Wash., and received his masters degree in education at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore. He is a member of the Oregon Education Association, the National Education Association and the Lions Club.

Kapus is married and has two children. With his family, he is scheduled to move into the principal's residence in Glide around the middle of August.

Hospital Eyes Building Plan
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Todd's low basic bid for the total work specified is \$894,622. The hospital board decided to include alternates which would raise the final figure to \$922,333.

Other basic bids received on the project were: Vik Construction Co. of Eugene, \$941,208; James S. Hickley Inc. of Portland, \$948,000; Teeples & Thatcher of Portland, \$949,480; and Johnston & Meloy of Salem, \$994,600.

New units planned for the hospital include an administrative wing, new obstetrics ward, new storage area over the existing mechanical room, new pediatrics wing of 22 beds and a 34-bed nursing home with four private and the rest semi-private rooms.

Remodeling work in the present hospital will include addition of post-operative recovery rooms and emergency operating rooms to the emergency surgery area.

When the hospital additions are completed, it will have about 136 beds, compared to the 80 currently available.

Six Grass Blazes Reported Thursday
A total of six grass fires were reported Thursday, with the Roseburg Rural Fire Department being called out on three, the Douglas Forest Protective Association on two and the Roseburg city fire department on one.

The Roseburg Rural Fire Department was called out at 12:44 p.m. when a spark from a tractor ignited grass in a field at 3344 NW Bower St. The second call came at 3:15 p.m. when sparks from a burner started grass burning near the Granville Box Mill on SW Austin Road. The third was spotted by a RRFD truck at the intersection right-of-way of SW Gurnee Road and Interstate 5 at 5:11 p.m. There was no damage caused by any of the fires.

The city fire department was called out at 8:35 p.m. when sparks from a locomotive ignited grass in the 1200 block of SE Short Street. There was no damage.

The Douglas Forest Protective Association reported its South Douglas crew was called at 12:10 p.m. when fire of an undetermined origin broke out near the Hanna Mining Co. plant west of Riddle. A Hanna crew helped put out the fire and there was no damage.

Khrush Calls For Negotiations To Erase Cold War Differences
MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev appealed to the West today to follow up the partial nuclear test ban pact with new negotiations aimed at erasing cold war differences.

He pledged "there would be no shortage of goodwill on the Soviet side."

In a joint interview with the official government newspaper Izvestia and the official Communist party newspaper Pravda, Khrushchev said the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain should not rest now that a partial test ban treaty has been reached.

The Soviet leader said the treaty "ought to promote a general relaxation of international tension, thus creating favorable conditions for a solution of long-matured international problems."

But he warned that it did not end the arms race and could not by itself "avert the danger of war."

"We have jointly made the beginning by agreeing on banning nuclear weapons tests. Let us continue toward lessening international tensions and liquidation of the cold war, thereby we will open the way toward deciding the fundamental questions on general and complete disarmament."

He said the question of a "peaceful German settlement" was basic to ending international tensions.

"The Soviet government is ready to conduct negotiations on these questions with representatives of the Western powers on a businesslike basis in an effort to negotiate and conclude a corresponding agreement," Khrushchev said.

He called the partial test ban—which covers nuclear experiments in the atmosphere, outer space and underwater—but excludes those set off underground—"an event of international importance."

Emphasis NATO
He placed major emphasis on the conclusion of a non-aggression pact between the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the eight-nation Communist Warsaw Pact organization.

"It should be a pact of peace among the nuclear powers," he said.

Khrushchev met today with Averell Harriman, chief U.S. negotiator at the concluded test ban talks.

Khrushchev listed a series of other points that could be negotiated.

He named them as:

- Freezing or diminishing of military budgets.
- Establishing of means to avert surprise attack.
- Liquidation of foreign troops in both West and East Germany.
- Exchange of Western and Soviet representatives to take up stations with Western troops in West Germany and Soviet troops in East Germany.

Before meeting Khrushchev, Harriman told newsmen that the West was able to conclude the historic nuclear treaty because the Soviet premier "very much wanted one at this time."