

Defense Leaders Get Plea For Economy

Highway Department Indignant About Recent Magazine Article

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A report in the Saturday Evening Post, a national-circulation magazine, has brought a cry of indignation from the Roseburg office of the state Highway Department.

The lead article, called "Highway Robbery," uses a congressional investigation as a springboard for a list of what it cites as scandals in the progress of the national interstate highway system.

Among the incidents listed is one in which a contractor allegedly tried to move a pile of rejected stockpile gravel to a pile which had been approved by the state Highway Department in construction of the highway.

It says the contractor had two piles of material assembled at the site of a highway job. State inspectors had approved one pile but rejected the second after finding unsuitable material in it. It says the contractor's men went to the site at night and started transferring the rejected materials into the approved pile for placement in the roadbed. "This ruse might never have been discovered had not inspector John Buren driven by the site at 1:30 one morning."

Objects To Inferences
L. R. (Pop) Chandler, Southwest Oregon Division engineer in Roseburg, said these are the

Thanksgiving; Day Of Thanks, Time Of Sorrow

By United Press International

It was a day of giving thanks and taking stock of sorrow. A day of football games and moments of silence, of prayers and parades.

It was a day when the mind of the nation, for a time at least, thought about Hyannis Port, Washington and a widow who knelt at a graveside in Arlington Cemetery.

A day when guards reported to work at Cape Canaveral and went home from Cape Kennedy.

A day when Plymouth, Mass., was put on the balance sheet with Dallas, Tex.

A day of children clamoring for the drumstick and the memory of muffled drums along Pennsylvania Avenue.

A day when thousands prayed at the graveside of a late President and a new President asked for the prayers of millions.

A day when Americans were asked "...to banish rancor from our words and malice from our hearts..."

A day Americans asked themselves what next for this country.

It was Thanksgiving Day, 1963.

Thousands Visit Grave Of Slain U.S. President

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (UPI) — Mourners by the tens of thousands are wearing a scar of sorrow across the Virginia hillside leading to the grave of the slain President Kennedy.

The pilgrimages of tribute show no signs of slackening. Long lines of mourners were waiting at Arlington National Cemetery Thursday even before the gates opened at 8 a.m.

As the day wore on, the lines snaked across the hillside, pausing at the white-fenced grave of the President, and then moving on.

The once-manicured lawn sweeping down from the mansion of Gen. Robert E. Lee at the crest of the hill was turned

brown and muddy by thousands of feet.

Military police set up rope guides to handle the throng, some of whom were forced to park their cars a mile from the graveside.

Among the sorrowing was one who brought even the hushed comments of the crowd to an end.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy paid her fifth visit to the tomb of her husband.

Passing up a family plane trip to Hyannis Port, Mass., for a Thanksgiving day reunion, Mrs. Kennedy knelt briefly in prayer beside the flower-bedecked grave. With her was her sister, Princess Lee Radziwill.

After her prayer, the widow went to the top of the hill which provides one of the most striking views in the capital area.

She stood for a few moments looking out over the Potomac and across to the Lincoln Memorial. In the distance was the Washington Monument, and beyond, the Capitol dome.

Mrs. Kennedy was dressed in black. She was calm and composed, but her face showed the strain of the days since her husband's assassination.

The crowd moved in around her, taking pictures. But aides opened a path and she went back to her car.

facts, "but the inferences are not correct."

Following the paragraph about the Douglas County job, the author of the Saturday Evening Post article said: "In Arizona, bungled construction seems equally prevalent."

Chandler said the inference is that such irregularities "happen all the time" and that the Highway Department is doing poorly in controlling the practices of contractors.

That the stockpile transfer

Connally Faces Long Sojourn In Hospital

DALLAS (UPI)—The "no visitors" sign on the door where Gov. John Connally is recovering will stay there for some time, a state spokesman said Thursday.

The governor still has a "long way to go and the fact he was on television in no way means he has recovered," the spokesman said.

"Doctors reluctantly permitted Gov. Connally's press appearance because they felt it was urgent that Connally make a public statement to the nation and the world as soon as he was physically able," the spokesman said.

Connally gave a graphic, detailed and dramatic account of the shooting of President Kennedy and the wounding of himself. He was sitting in front of the President in the motorcade last Friday.

Connally underwent surgery on his right forearm shortly after the news conference and is "progressing toward healing in a satisfactory fashion."

"Gov. Connally's overall condition is encouraging, but convalescence naturally will require some time, due to the very critical degree of his wounds."

Connally was shot through the chest by the same gunman who killed the President.

The bullet fractured his right forearm and deeply wounded his thigh.

Ruby Enjoys Hearty Meal

DALLAS (UPI)—Jack Ruby, self-appointed executioner of Lee Harvey Oswald, ate heartily of jailhouse turkey Thursday and gave his regards to the chef.

Included on the Thanksgiving menu at the Dallas County Jail was cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans and potatoes. For dessert, there was pumpkin pie.

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was discovered is an indication the department is on the job, Chandler pointed out. He said Buren was on duty and immediately reported to his superior. The division engineer then reported to the Bureau of Public Roads, which conducted a "full-dress investigation."

Chandler said a five-man team spent about two weeks in the county investigating Highway Department practices. He said the BPR investigation gave the department a clean bill of health.

Later, the BPR suspended the contractor for a period of a year. Chandler says, the contractor protested in Washington, D.C., and the suspension from contact with any interstate job was dropped to six months, according to Chandler.

Chandler also reported that the materials involved were not paid for by the state or federal government.

Buren has since been promoted to another post outside the district.

"We're pretty proud of the attitudes and interest of our men," Chandler concluded. He said "bracketing us with cases of carelessness and other poor practices are bad."

The Salem contractor could not be reached for comment.

Council Rejects Swim Pool Offers

All bids submitted on a proposed municipal swimming pool renovation were rejected by the Roseburg City Council this week. The city will re-advertise for bids based on a reduced scope for the improvement.

The council's action went along with recommendations from the city Park and Play-ground Commission which spent a part of Tuesday afternoon trying to find ways of cutting down the size of the project without eliminating essentials.

City officials said today revised plans and specifications will be available to contractors about Dec. 16 and new bids received on or before Jan. 9.

The commission dropped the project down in scale by eliminating all site work, exterior bath house remodeling, painting, and any work to the pool itself. Economies in the proposed shower plumbing were also effected.

The project was estimated at \$16,000. Low bid received for the improvement was \$71,676, an amount far in excess of the city's budget for this work.

With the new cuts made, the consulting engineer on the project and park commission are hopeful that the new bids will be somewhere within the budget.

Under the revised plan, the principal improvements are still retained. These include a filter system, pool heating, recirculation fittings, new showers and some bath house modification, check room modification and certain electrical improvements.

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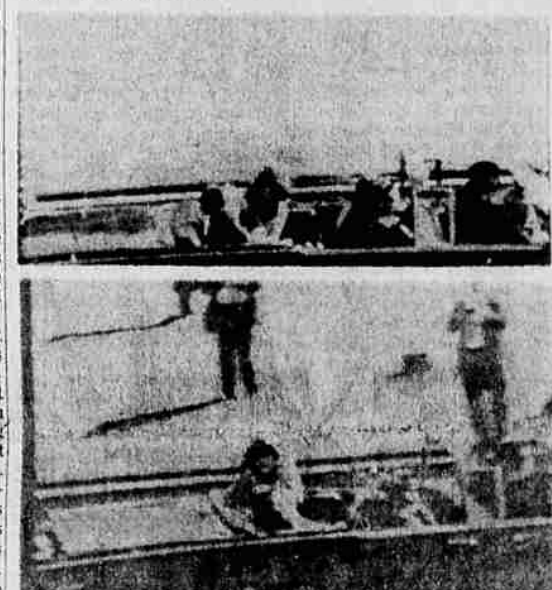
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THIS SERIES OF PHOTOS by a Life Magazine photographer portrays the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy at Dallas on Nov. 22. President Kennedy throws up his hands (top photo) as he is hit by an assassin's bullet while riding in a motorcade. Next to him is Mrs. Kennedy. Gov. John Connally, who was also shot, can be seen in front of the President. In the lower picture the President slumps over towards Jackie.



MORTALLY WOUNDED, the late President falls over (photo 3) and is held by Jackie (4). Subsequent police investigation disclosed that the two bullets which struck Kennedy were fired from a window of the Texas Schoolbook Depository building overlooking the street on which the motorcade was traveling. Lee Harvey Oswald, later shot and killed by an angry Texan, was the suspected assassin.



JACQUELINE KENNEDY turns for help for her husband (5) and in (6) she scrambles toward a Secret Service man who's rushing to the President. The driver sped to a Dallas hospital with the wounded Kennedy but desperate efforts to save the nation's chief executive were futile. (Courtesy Life Magazine, copyright 1963, Time Inc. All rights reserved. Photos transmitted via UPI Telephoto)

Roberts Mountain Bid Opening Set

The Oregon Highway Commission will open bids Dec. 17 on a project to improve Interstate Highway 5 over Roberts Mountain to bring it up to interstate standards.

Involved is a 1.9-mile section starting on the north side of the mountain and continuing to the bottom of the south side of the mountain.

Beside some widening (which involves 975,000 cubic yards of excavation), work will include seeding and mulching of about 46 acres, installation of culverts,

and maybe radio's too.

Big Moonport Is Renamed Cape Kennedy

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) — About 15,000 missile and space workers reported for work today at Cape Kennedy instead of Cape Canaveral.

By an edict of President Lyndon B. Johnson Thursday, America's No. 1 moonport was renamed for his martyred predecessor.

It was a dramatic Thanksgiving Day tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who gave the Cape its mightiest task—that of sending a three-man team of Americans to the moon this decade — and who defended the dream of space exploration virtually unto the day of his death.

It was a surprise to the thousands of space program employees whose spectacular exploits on this launching center made it a "magic dateline," on a par with Washington, New York and Moscow, in a dozen short years.

The change hit the Canaveral environs with a mixture of emotion—a heartfelt wish that the slain President be honored in a singularly fitting way, mingled with a reluctance to give up the cherished name that has come to be synonymous with U.S. space achievements.

"I think it is just wonderful," said Mrs. H. Jackson Downey, her husband, a Coca Beach, Fla., Methodist minister, earlier this week led a memorial service of mourning for President Kennedy.

"It's all right, I guess," a grocery clerk said hesitantly. Then, after a second of thought, he added, "No, I think it's just fine."

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A newsman replied with a question of his own: "But will Cape Kennedy catch on, as a name?" Other asked the same question.

One point seemed certain — had any other name but that of Kennedy been attempted, it would have run into heavy opposition. (The name "Canaveral" is—or was—a revered one buried as it is in antiquity.)

No one is 100 per cent certain of the origin of the word "Canaveral," although it is generally accepted to be Spanish for "field of high reeds (or cane)." The Cape, a triangular spit of land jutting eastward into the Atlantic Ocean, once was inhabited by Indians who grew sugar cane.

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The White House said Johnson emphasized this point to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at his first formal meeting with them as President.

Acting Press Secretary Andrew T. Hatcher said the leaders outlined their operating procedures to Johnson and that the new President did not contemplate calling for any change in this arrangement.

Johnson's meeting with Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman, and other joint chiefs who are the military heads of each armed service, began a busy round of conferences today by the President on international and domestic matters.

Briefed By Bundy
He began his day with an intelligence briefing from McGeorge Bundy, special assistant for national security affairs.

The Bundy briefing will become a daily event. Under the late President John F. Kennedy, the intelligence briefings had been conducted by military aides.

After sitting for his first formal portraits at his White House desk, Johnson met with the joint chiefs and then conferred with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, Bundy and Central Intelligence Agency Director John A. McCone.

He next met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk for a further discussion of foreign policy and security matters.

Then, he discussed pending legislative problems with special assistant Lawrence O'Brien, congressional liaison aide, and deputy special counsel Myer Feldman.

Johnson discussed legislative matters by telephone with House Speaker John W. McCormack and Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield. It was announced that these contacts would also be part of the President's daily routine.

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