

U.S. Sees Psychological Motive In Wall Opening

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. officials believe the Christmas hole the Communists knocked in the Berlin wall may turn out to have long-range political significance.

The grim grey barrier, breached for the first time since August 1961 to permit Berliners to visit their kin in the Red-held Eastern sector, can never have the same psychological significance of permanence again, they said.

The fact that the Soviet-controlled East German officials attempted in vain to extract political concessions before opening the wall is proof, in the view of officials here, that there was real significance in the decision to take this action.

It goes without saying, they added, that the Russians approved the East German action if they did not, in fact, order it.

Loosen Satellite Hold
While admittedly a smaller

matter in the broad scope of the cold war, the temporary opening in the wall was considered to be particularly revealing when considered along with Russian actions to ease the rigidity of their grip in other areas of the East European satellites.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk Friday referred briefly to the holiday action of the East Germans at a hastily called news conference during which he discussed a number of European subjects.

He said only that he was "pleased" by the Communist action and hoped that both sides would take "special care" to see that no incidents marred the arrangement. He added that it had "not been easy" to work out.

Trial Date Set On Auto Count

Trial date for James Raymond Gress, 26, charged with larceny by baillee, has been set for the week of Jan. 27. Gress pleaded innocent to the grand jury indictment when he was arraigned in Douglas County Circuit Court Friday.

The grand jury indictment, filed on Dec. 16, charges Gress with larceny by baillee in the alleged taking of a 1955 Chevrolet, the property of Sayre Volkswagen, and converting it to his own use.

Bail was set at \$2,000 following Friday's arraignment.

Glide Church Slates Sunday Programs

The Christmas theme will be employed throughout the entire program of the Glide Church of Christ to be presented at the Bible School hour Sunday at 9:55 a.m.

Beginners will present an action song and primary and junior students will use hand puppets while Ralph Seiple, bass-baritone, sings off-stage. Junior high young people will present the choral reading "The Inn That Missed Its Chance."

At the 11 a.m. worship hour the Rev. Loy Antrim will speak on the topic "The Holy One of Israel." The public is invited to attend the services.

Santa Sets Private Visit To Mobile Park

Santa, as busy as he is, will make a private visit Sunday evening to the 65 children living in the Town and Country Mobile Park.

In the true Christmas spirit and the belief that it is a pleasure to have youngsters in residence, the management of the park has arranged to have St. Nick on hand to distribute sweets and treats to the small fry.

Dick Powell, manager of the park, said the adults would get refreshments, too.

Water Project Steps Listed For Sutherlin Development

(Also see story page 1.)

A step-by-step system of work scheduling for the proposed water control, irrigation and recreation project in the Sutherlin area was outlined at a meeting in Sutherlin Friday.

The meeting was staged by the North Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District, city of Sutherlin, county and Sutherlin Water Control District.

The first step in the project would be channel improvements, which range from the mouth of Sutherlin Creek at Wilbur to various spots in Sutherlin. Improvements would also be made on Camas Swale Channel east of Sutherlin.

Steps Cited

Initial steps toward construction, in 1964, would also be taken on the clearing and snagging of the drainage areas above the reservoirs; either the Plat I or Cooper Creek reservoir; and the grade stabilization structures.

It was proposed at Friday's meeting that work on the Plat I reservoir be initiated first as being of the most benefit in the immediate future.

The grade stabilization structures are measures to be taken to prevent accelerated sedimentation of the reservoir from a natural desilting basin.

Actual construction on these projects could start in the following year or two. Other portions of the work plan would begin following the year the initial projects were begun. The



MORE THAN 100 new pictures will soon adorn the rooms at Douglas Community Hospital. Members of Douglas Community Hospital Auxiliary, working with the hospital administrator, Carleton Lindgren, and Dr. Munroe, selected the prints. Munroe then framed them. Auxiliary members are currently in the process of hanging the art work. It is expected that the picture project will also be carried out in the new nursing care unit and pediatrics section which will be completed next summer. Shown here with two of the pictures are, from left to right, Lindgren, Mrs. Albert McBee, who with Mrs. O. J. Feldkamp is project chairman for the auxiliary; and Munroe. (Chris' Studio of Photography)

Major Drug Firm Charged With Hiding Test Results

WASHINGTON (UPI) — One of the nation's oldest major drug firms was accused by a federal grand jury Friday of keeping secret laboratory evidence that a new drug may have caused serious damage to research animals.

A 12-count indictment was returned here against the William S. Merrell Co., a division of Richardson-Merrell Inc. of New York. It charged that when the company asked for government approval of the drug "Mer-29," it failed to include damaging results from tests on animals.

The indictment said false reports about damage to the eyes, ovaries and bloodstreams of monkeys, rats and dogs used in testing the drug were given to the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). It said the firm concealed the fact that several rats died before experiments were completed.

The drug was on the market for 22 months and had been prescribed by doctors for about 400,000 heart patients. It was withdrawn from sale by the company in April, 1962, under

Programs Scheduled At Assembly Of God

A Christmas program on Sunday and a cantata on Christmas Eve will mark the holiday observance at the Roseburg Assembly of God Church.

The Sunday program, to begin at 7:30 p.m., will be presented by the beginner, primary, junior and intermediate departments of the Sunday School. Entitled "Christmas Lights," the production will be under the direction of Rita Bacon, assistant Sunday School superintendent.

The young people of the church will present the Christmas cantata "Wonderful" on Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. directed by Mrs. Howard Flaherty, church choir director. The public is invited to the programs.

Kidney Is Mom's Gift To Daughter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Mrs. Ethel Mark gave her 26-year-old daughter the gift of life for Christmas this year.

The daughter, Mrs. Louis Sweet, 26, herself a mother of three, suffered from a kidney disease and physicians said she would die unless a transplant operation were performed.

Mrs. Mark, 53, agreed to the operation and on Dec. 13 one of her kidneys was transplanted into the body of her daughter.

Mrs. Sweet still is under intensive care at St. Luke's Hospital and doctors said it would be "at least a month" before they could be sure her system will not reject the gift kidney.

But everything thus far is favorable, they said. Mrs. Mark already has attained the freedom of the hospital. Friday she rode in a wheelchair to visit her daughter down the corridor.

Mrs. Sweet, whose husband is employed by the Bendix Corp., suffered several years from a chronic kidney ailment which had grown progressively worse.

When doctors decided her only hope for life was a kidney transplant, a brother, Norman Mark, 33, stepped forward. The doctors turned him down because, they said, his kidney would not fit. The brother weighs 200 pounds. Mrs. Sweet is small and slender.

It did, however, require the firm to issue a warning letter to doctors telling of harmful side effects such as cataracts, hair loss and other changes. The product was used for another four and one-half months before enough evidence was found to justify its withdrawal.

The indictment charged the firm plotted to deceive federal investigators who asked about reports of injuries to test animals.

Richardson-Merrell also was named in the indictment along with three scientists who worked for the Merrell division: Harold W. Werner, William M. King, and Evert F. Van Maanen.

Residence Involved Exemption Applies To Taxpayer

The exemption applies to the principal residence of the taxpayer. The residence may be shared with his spouse, unmarried minor children or blood relatives actually supported by the taxpayer. The taxpayer must own the property or be purchasing it under a recorded instrument of sale.

The amount exempted will be determined by the taxpayer's age. Exemptions will involve up to \$10,000 true cash value. Those in the 65-69 age bracket will receive a 10 per cent exemption.

Other age brackets and percentages are: 69-71 years, 30 per cent; 72-74 years, 50 per cent; 75-77 years, 70 per cent; 78-79 years, 90 per cent; 80 or over, 100 per cent.

The law provides that the taxpayer must file a claim with the county assessor for an exemption on or before April 1 of each year.

In addition to the exemption law, the legislature also provided for an optional tax deferral for taxpayers 65 or older. The deferral may be applied to the taxes on the taxpayer's residence and will prevent foreclosure of the taxes as long as the deferral status is maintained. The taxes will eventually be

Two Men Arrested For Stealing Purse

Two men accused of stealing \$184 from a woman's purse early Friday morning are being held in the Douglas County jail on \$1,200 bail each.

They were formally charged on arraignment Friday in the court of District Judge Gerald Williams.

The two are Jasper L. Osborn, 24, and Stanley Milo Sherman, both of Winston. They were charged by Ruth Mary Lewis. In her complaint, she said she and the two men had left their car for a time and when they returned her purse was missing. She said the purse contained \$184.79. The purse and part of the money were recovered.

Wrong Photo Shown

The engagement announcement of Jo Morast and Fritz Kuykendall which appeared in The News-Review Friday was shown with a picture of the former Miss Tamppa instead of that of Miss Morast. The correct picture will be published next week.

Eligibility Rules Explained For Elderly Tax Exemption

County Assessor Leland Svarverud Jr. today outlined the eligibility and regulations involved in the new law which allows elderly people property tax exemptions.

The law, approved by the 1963 legislature, will become effective Jan. 1 and will apply to the 1964-65 tax bills.

To be eligible for this exemption, a taxpayer must be 65 years or older by March 1 of the year in which he files for an exemption. He or she must not have received more than \$2,500 total gross receipts in the preceding calendar year. (This includes the receipts of the spouse or other joint owners of the property. Gross receipts include pensions, Social Security payments, rents, sales, services rendered, wages and any other receipts of money.)

Filing Needed

In order to obtain a deferral, the taxpayer must file a sworn deferral claim with the assessor on or before April 1 of each year. Failure to file will terminate the deferral, and the taxes that have been deferred will then be due and payable. Interest will be charged at 6 per cent per annum on the deferred taxes.

Forms and further information are available at the Douglas County assessor's office.

paid when the property is sold or by the heirs if the taxpayer dies.

The deferral may be used in conjunction with the exemption if desired.

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Assault Case Demurrer Filed

The attorney for Dale Andrew Hargraves, 19, Myrtle Creek, who is charged with firing a shotgun blast into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell in Myrtle Creek Dec. 9, demurred to the charges.

Attorney Randolph Slocum in the demurrer said the state "has attempted to blow a larger balloon than is necessary with regard to the offense and thereby to embarrass the defendant." He points out that two separate sets of charges have been filed. One includes assault with intent to kill and assault with a dangerous weapon involving Campbell. The other involves the same charges involving Campbell's wife. He says there are two greater crimes alleged and two lesser crimes. "The state should probably have gone from the sublime to the ridiculous and included simple assault and assault and battery," the demurrer says.

The demurrer insists the state should elect between offenses to prevent "prejudice and embarrassment to the accused."

Slocum says that if the demurrer is denied, he moves for an order requiring the state to elect on which of the several charges contained in the indictment it intends to proceed against the defendant.

The Myrtle Creek youth was arrested Dec. 9 after he allegedly came to the Campbell home after having spent some time in a tavern with Mrs. Campbell, and fired the shotgun blast through a window, wounding Mrs. Campbell. The incident occurred after an altercation.

Lee William Cowan

Lee William Cowan of 425 Cedar St., Drain, died at a Cottage Grove hospital Friday.

He was born in Sheldon, N.D., Nov. 15, 1898 and was married in Lisbon, N.D., Feb. 24, 1921, to his wife, Kathryn, who survives him.

Williams had been a resident of Drain for the last six years, coming here from Myrtle Creek. Also surviving him are a daughter, Dora Randleman of Toledo, and a brother, Stanley Cowan of Minneapolis, Minn.

Funeral services are scheduled Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg. Interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Mills Mortuary of Drain.



AFTER 64 YEARS IN PRISON, jumping into the jet-age was quite an experience Friday for Richard Honeck, shown here as he sits in the extra pilot jump seat in the cockpit of a jet passenger plane before leaving for the flight to his new home in California. Honeck, 85, entered Menard State Prison at Chester, Ill., in 1899, four years before the Wright Brothers made their historical flight. He was released Friday and will make his home with a niece in San Leandro, Calif. (UPI Telephoto)

Area Residents Power Okay

Residents in the west end of the Douglas Electric Cooperative system were without power for two hours Friday, starting at 4 p.m. Places affected were Camas Valley, Tenmile, Olalla, Lookingglass, Melrose, Elgarose, Umpqua, Tye and areas of Garden Valley.

Cause of the trouble was some broken insulators at the Bonneville substation at Lookingglass. Douglas Electric made some temporary repairs, bypassing the defective section, until permanent repairs could be made.

About 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Bonneville crews arrived and, in half an hour, replaced the insulators which were found to be defective.

Howard Crinklaw, Douglas Electric Cooperative power use supervisor, said the repairs are now permanent.

Tenmile 4-H Group Has Officer Election

At a recent meeting of the Tenmile section of the Camas Horticulture 4-H Club at the home of the leader, Mrs. Warren Painter, the following officers were elected: President, Laurie Painter; vice president and treasurer, Sandy McKinney; secretary, Judy Holloway; game and yell leaders, Teddy McKinney and Patty Holloway; junior leader and news reporter, Bonnie Painter.

At a later meeting at the McKinney home Mrs. Nita Spurlock gave a demonstration on the making of corsages. Teddy McKinney gave a talk on health. Mrs. Walter Coats, correspondent, reports.

Congregationalists Slate Yule Events

The Congregational Christian Church on Keasey Road will present its annual Christmas program on Sunday at 7 p.m. with all age groups of the church and Sunday School taking part. The one-hour program will also feature selections by the children's choir.

Following the program, Christmas refreshments will be served to both children and adults. The public is invited.

A special Christmas Eve candlelight ceremony will be held at the church at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. Family groups will be invited to approach the altar for a blessing and the lighting of their candles. A short worship service will conclude the evening.

Wilbur, Sutherlin Holiday Services Set

A number of holiday services have been scheduled for the Wilbur and Sutherlin Methodist churches starting Sunday.

Special services are scheduled Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Wilbur and 11:05 at Sutherlin. The children's Christmas program and party will be held at Sutherlin at 7 p.m. A similar program is slated at Wilbur at the same time Monday.

On Christmas Day, a candlelight service for both congregations and the "Lord's Birthday," a Christmas joint service is planned at Sutherlin at 11 a.m.

An old John Wesley custom will come to life Dec. 31 with a watch night service. The New Year's eve service will take place at 11:30 p.m. at the Sutherlin church.

Anyone interested may attend any of the services, reports Sutherlin correspondent Mrs. William Blakeley.

Beulah F. Reid

Beulah F. Reid, 57, of Idlewild Rd., Box 485A, died Friday at a local hospital following a short illness.

Mrs. Reid was born June 26, 1906, in Greenwood County, Kan. She had lived in the Roseburg area for the past 10 years, moving here from Portland. She was married to Walter Reid in Portland in 1942. Mrs. Reid was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Roseburg.

Mrs. Reid is survived by her husband Walter, one son, Melvin, both of Roseburg; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Hansen, Mrs. Ada Morris both of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Hazel Gabraith of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Eunice Manderson of Ft. Moody, British Columbia, Canada; two brothers, Cecil Hunt of Bonanza, Ore., and Donald Hunt of Del Rio, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Clarno of the Apostolic Faith Church officiating. Private interment will be held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Wrist Hurt In Fall

A splintered left wrist was suffered by Mrs. Maurice Weber Sr. of South Deer Creek Road as the result of a fall at her home Friday afternoon.

According to Mrs. Albert Radcliffe, correspondent, Mrs. Weber was taken to a local hospital and underwent surgery on the arm.

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