

House 'death' mourned in funeral today

Howe House will die this week. Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today for the former red dutch-style house at the corner of 15th and Alder. It was 69 years old. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations of time and interest be made in an effort to preserve other houses of historical interest.

The family—in this case—is a recently formed group concerned about what they say is the destruction of Eugene's heritage. The requiem and wake scheduled for this afternoon is an attempt to create an awareness in the Eugene community that many of the city's historic houses are slated for destruction.

Group member Kathi Balk says several persons who

were concerned with the loss of historic buildings got together last week and decided to use the funeral idea to dramatize their concern.

The demolition of such older houses is a "big loss to Eugene," she says, adding that "these houses have a rich history."

The Howe house—built in 1903—was occupied until 1968 by the family of Herbert Howe, a University professor of English literature for almost 40 years. It is scheduled for demolition this week to make way for a 27-unit apartment building.

Howe's unwritten will specified that the house be used as a center for University students, Balk says, but the house was sold in 1968. His furniture was donated to

the Lane County Pioneer Museum and his library and letters were given to the University.

Balk says the house—which was built with a double parlor, sitting room and library and is distinguished by meticulous carpentry—is the type of house Eugeneans should work to preserve. She says her group hopes to work with the Eugene Planning Commission on a plan that would readjust the tax structure on homes of historical value.

"It's almost too late to save most homes," she says, "and if we want to do anything we've got to do it now."

Persons attending today's "Funeral for a Red House" are asked to wear black, if possible.

At National Demo Headquarters

Nixon remains silent on break-in

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Key Biscayne, Fla. and Washington (AP)—President Nixon was depicted by the Florida White House Monday as taking no interest in the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters and is ignoring the incident.

"This is something that he wouldn't get involved in," said Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary, adding that Nixon had not discussed it with anyone, including former Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, chairman of the Committee for the Reelection of the President.

At a briefing for newsmen, Ziegler at first repeated his earlier statements that the White House had no comment on the early Saturday morning Washington incident in which five men, including a salaried Nixon-campaign security expert, were arrested. He referred all queries to the Reelection Committee.

Then, when pressed, Ziegler said: "I'm not going to comment from the White House on a third-rate burglary attempt...I don't comment on things taken before the lower district courts."

"Obviously, we don't condone second-rate activities," he said. "This is something that should not fall into the political process."

"I'm sure certain elements are trying to stretch this into something more than it is," said the press secretary.

James McCord, Jr., a former CIA agent seized during the weekend break-in, was hired as a Republican security coordinator on the recommendation of a ranking Secret Service agent, sources said Monday.

The source identified the agent as Al Wong, head of the Secret Service's Technical Security Division.

Both Wong and an official spokesman for the Secret Service

declined to confirm or deny that Wong knew McCord or recommended him to the Republican National Committee or to President Nixon's campaign committee.

The Secret Service is charged with protecting the life of a president, among other duties.

McCord was on the payroll of the Nixon committee, as a separate entity from the GOP National Committee, when he and four other men identified as having ties to Miami's Cuban exile community were seized

inside Democratic headquarters Saturday night.

Top Republican officials have vigorously denied any knowledge of or part in the break-in. Democrats have called it "political espionage."

The official Secret Service spokesman refused to provide any background information on Wong or say how long he has been with the service.

The spokesman however, in response to a question, said there is no record McCord ever worked part- or full-time for the Secret Service.

Delegate bid underway in New York primary

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. George McGovern campaigned for delegates Monday on the eve of New York's finale of the marathon presidential primary season, bidding to push his front-running roster at least 200 votes closer to the 1,509 it will take to choose the Democratic nominee for the White House.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, still hoping to head off the towering leader in delegate strength, urged at a Washington news conference that any New Yorker who has doubts about McGovern's positions vote in the primary for somebody else—anybody else.

Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine picked up 37 uncommitted delegates in Kentucky after a session with Gov. Wendell Ford, a major ally in his revived nomination bid. That had been expected.

New York, with 278 delegate votes, was the last big bloc available, and McGovern was the only candidate to field a nearly full slate of entries, and stage a significant campaign effort.

All but 30 of the New York delegates are to be chosen in

today's primary. The balance will be chosen by the Democratic state committee in proportion to the outcome of the balloting.

McGovern had supporters on the ballot for 237 convention seats, in a contest for delegates

apportioned among congressional districts. His backers were unopposed for 41 convention seats.

The opposition was an array of delegate candidates who are uncommitted, or who had signed

on earlier for Muskie or for other candidates. Rep. Shirley Chisholm had backers on the ballot for 47 convention seats.

The whole process was rendered the more complex because the names of the presidential candidates are not on the New York ballot, only those of the aspiring delegates themselves.

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