

LA GRANDE'S NEW FIRE ENGINE

La Grande's new fire engine was undergoing tests this morning before formal acceptance by the city at a 3:15 p.m. ceremony. The equipment was pumping water from the Grande Ronde river at the rate of 1,000 gal-

lons a minute at the test site near the Valley Sausage Co. The truck was built by the Western States Fire Apparatus Co. of Cornelius. (Observer Photo)

Morse Says He Is Not Candidate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse said today he had no intention of becoming Oregon's favorite son presidential candidate in 1960 even though "several thousand" persons want him to run.

He said the same goes for vice presidency. The Oregon Democrat told a news conference he has been "deeply moved" by the "personal friendship and political loyalty" expressed in requests that he become Oregon's favorite son.

"Nevertheless," he said, "I am advising my friends that I am not a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and I am urging them not to place my name on the ballot in the 1960 Oregon presidential primary election."

Statement To Appling
Under Oregon law, the individual's name can be placed on the ballot unless the person specifically requests that it be kept off.

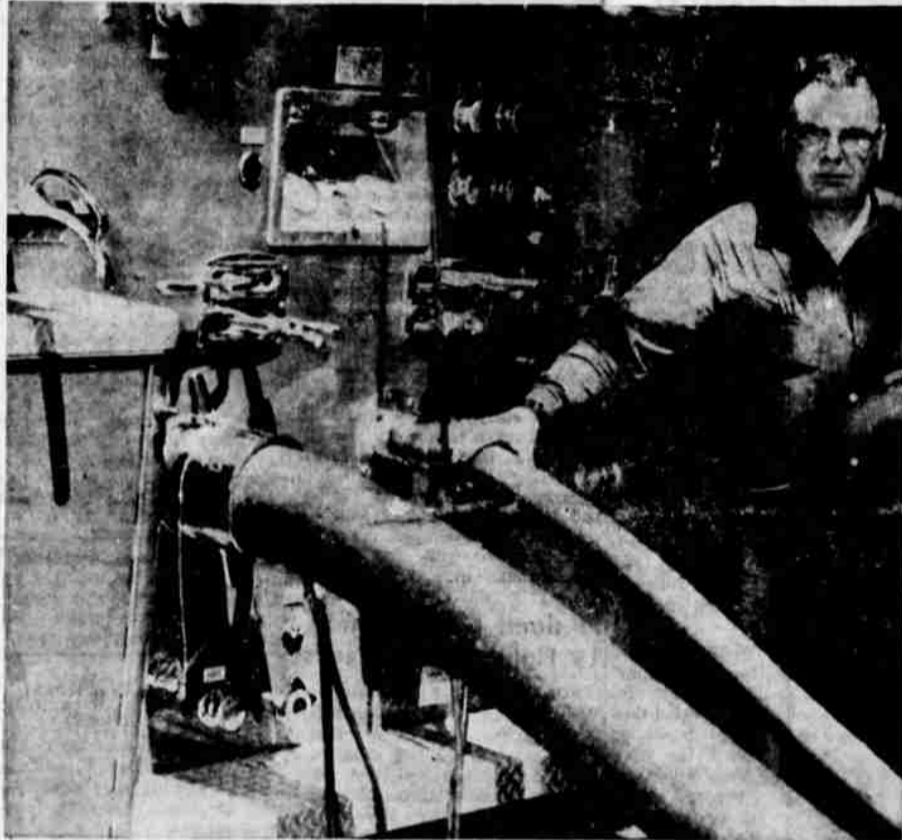
Accordingly, Morse said, he is sending a notarized, sworn affidavit to that effect to Oregon Secretary of State Howell Appling. The Oregon primary is next May.

Under questioning, Morse said he would not personally support any one Democratic presidential candidate in the primary. But he told Appling that "it is my hope that in 1960, the name of each party leader who has recognized, widespread national support for his party's presidential nomination will appear on the Oregon presidential primary ballot."

Candidates Listed
In the case of his party, Morse said, the list of candidates should include "at least" the names of Sens. Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.), Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.), John F. Kennedy (Mass.), and Stuart Symington (Mo.); Govs. Edmund G. Brown (Calif.), Robert B. Meyner (N.J.) and G. Mennen Williams (Mich.); and former Gov. Adlai Stevenson (Ill.).

Morse did not name those who he said have been suggesting him for the presidency or vice presidency.

"But I understand several thousand persons have been involved," he said.



THE 'MIND' OF THE NEW TRUCK

Gloyd Hall of Western States Fire Apparatus Co. checks the controls of the city's new fire engine during tests at the Grande Ronde river this morning. City officials from Baker were on hand to view the tests. (Observer Photo)

A BAD BARGAIN FOR THE THIEF

Somebody stole one of Mrs. Mable McCoy's ducks.
Mrs. McCoy, who lives at 906 G Ave., reported the theft of one of her ducks between 10:30 Monday and 5:30 this morning. Evidently the thief didn't want to leave Mrs. McCoy without payment of some kind so he left a stop sign leaning against a tree.

According to the owner the ducks were more ornamental than anything.

The thief must have thought so too because the life size concrete figure was found by the police in a ditch at Third and G.

Iraqi Air Force Planes Bomb Red-Backed Rebel Positions

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Iraqi air force planes have bombed Communist-backed rebel positions in the city of Kirkuk, the semi-official Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported today.

MENA also reported that 80 Iraqi army officers had been arrested and 400 demobilized because of a defection of part of the army in Kirkuk.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report here. Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem has imposed strict censorship over the Kirkuk fighting and details have been scarce.

West Is Ready To End Talks If Gromyko Won't Cooperate

JUSTICE MOVES AS FAST AS CAR

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — In the case of Samuel Robert Mulligan the wheels of justice moved fast. He was a free man early Monday, but before night fell he was arrested, tried and sentenced to one year in jail for traffic violations.

Mulligan, 23, of Garden Grove, Calif., led police early Monday on a reckless five-mile chase in his 11-year-old car at speeds up to 65 through narrow streets, banged into two pursuing police cars and finally was brought to a halt when a policeman flattened his front tire with a shotgun blast.

Mulligan, hauled before South Bay Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong, pleaded guilty to driving with a revoked license and reckless driving. He was sentenced to six months in jail on each count.



EARLY BIRDS—Loren Hughes, left, and Leonard Selby were up early yesterday morning stringing lights across Adams Ave. The lights are being placed as part of welcome for the Centennial wagon train and will remain throughout the rest of the Centennial program. (Observer Photo)

Mediator Studying Steel Data

NEW YORK (UPI) — Federal Mediator Joseph W. Finnegan, striving against odds to find a way to settle the week-old steel strike, said today that scheduled separate meetings with representatives of the steel industry and the United Steelworkers Union have been put off until Wednesday.

Finnegan said this will enable him to study statistics and data provided to him at his request by both sides in the controversy.

He also reported that he was informed that David J. McDonald, president of the Union, would be busy today interviewing his own representatives and considering the status of current wage negotiations with the aluminum industry.

In Washington, it was learned President Eisenhower had indicated he was reluctant to use the Taft-Hartley Law to invoke an 80-day "cooling off" period in the steel industry.

Gov. Hatfield To Speak Here For Banquet

Governor Mark Hatfield will be the speaker at a Chamber of Commerce banquet at 7 p.m. in the Armory Friday night.

The banquet is being given in honor of Headquarters company of the 1st Battle Group of the 108th Infantry of the National Guard for receiving a "superior" rating on their last federal inspection. The group was formerly Company E before the change-over.

Brig. Gen. Alfred Hintz, adjutant general for Oregon and assistant division commander of the 41st division, Oregon-Washington National Guard, will also be present.

They are the only unit in 21 of the 108th to receive the rating. They are one of the seven units out of 96 in Oregon to be awarded the honor.

Headquarters & Headquarters company consists of 115 enlisted men and 28 officers.

At the time headquarters company was inspected, Capt. Willard Carey was company commander and is now, Col. David C. Baum is battle group commander.

Ike Believes Soviets Are Trying To Split American And Britain

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower believes the increasingly tough Russian tactics at Geneva involve an effort to split the United States and Great Britain, plus an over-riding Soviet fear of a resurgent Germany and a powerful Red China.

The chief executive is deeply concerned—even more pessimistic than he was a month ago—about the Russian roadblocks to successful negotiation at the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference.

It is possible to report Eisenhower's views on the troubled international scene today with excellent authority.

He does not believe the devious tactics of the Russians will work, even though the British are much more convinced than the Americans and the French that the only Russian who can work out a Berlin settlement is Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Nixon's Moscow Visit
Eisenhower has some doubts that Khrushchev really wants a summit conference. He may get more information on this point after Vice President Richard M. Nixon arrives in Moscow later this week. Nixon will have no power to negotiate current points of difference with the Soviet Union, but should Khrushchev put forth any proposal of substance for ending the East-West stalemate, the vice president will relay it to the President immediately.

The President's mood is not one of anxiety over the need for immediate action. He knows that another Communist blockade of West Berlin is possible, but he

remains calmly convinced that Russia does not want a nuclear war. He sees the East-West problem over Germany as one of continued negotiation, but with constant readiness on the part of the West to deal with any situation Russia might precipitate over Berlin.

Insists On Progress
Eisenhower still insists that before he agrees to a summit meeting, there must be what he regards as decent progress by the foreign ministers in Geneva. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter knows what the President means by decent progress and as of this morning, the satisfaction of this requirement was not yet in sight.

McKay's Condition Remains Serious
SALEM, Ore. (UPI) — Douglas McKay, former interior secretary, remained in serious condition today at Salem General Hospital.

McKay, 66, entered the hospital a week ago with a recurrence of a heart ailment. Hospital attendants said his condition was complicated late Monday by kidney trouble.

Hospital spokesmen said the ex-secretary's heart condition involved high blood pressure.

Hotter Crisis Is Risk

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GENEVA (UPI) — The West warned Russia's Andrei Gromyko today that it is prepared to see the Geneva Big Four Conference broken off unless he immediately drops his filibuster against a Berlin truce.

The East-West negotiations could break down within several days—possibly Wednesday—unless Gromyko starts talking business, the western ministers declared at a showdown lunch meeting in Gromyko's own headquarters.

The move made it clear that western patience had run out after 7½ weeks of Geneva foreign ministers' talks that brought East and West no where near agreement on Berlin.

It also was made clear that the West was in full agreement to face the risks that might go along with a break in talks. This included the risk of a hotter Berlin crisis if Russia carried out its threat to conclude a separate peace treaty and cut off western rights in West Berlin.

Herter Not Present
Ironically, today's private showdown took place in the Soviet foreign minister's own villa and in the absence of Secretary of State Christian A. Herter.

Herter sent two deputies to the start of the lunch meeting while he attended a "courtesy" lunch with a top International Red Cross official whose organization is involved in a repatriation dispute between Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Herter later drove directly to the Gromyko villa after lunching with the Red Cross official.

Voters Turn Down School Reorganization

La Grande confirmed the school reorganization measure by a vote of 129 to 102 in yesterday's election, but in an overall unofficial count the measure failed by a vote of 379 to 223. Four areas still have not reported.

At Imbler the unofficial vote was 10 voting for the measure and 121 against.

Unofficial results at Elgin were 56 for reorganization and 158 against.

The Cove count was official. There were 28 people voting for the measure and 105 voting against.

Unofficially in Island City, 41 voted yes and 29 voted against the proposed measure.

Telocast officially downed the measure with a vote of 8 against and 3 for reorganization.

The Ladd Canyon vote was also official with 9 yes votes and 3 against.

Alice voters also defeated the measure with 11 people voting no and 3 voting yes.

The areas who haven't reported are Union, Starkey, Palmer Junction and Fruitdale. The measure was defeated at Muddy Creek.

Little Rock Begins Registering Students For Opening Of School

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI)—The Little Rock School Board today begins registering students for the reopening of high schools this fall under a law that is expected to bring token integration.

The city's four high schools were closed during the past school year in order to avert integration.

An air of calm prevailed. Citizens' Council President Dr. Malcolm Taylor, a segregation leader, indicated registration of students would not be the major crisis time.

"We do not care if this race-mixing school board registers 10,000 Negroes now as long as the city officials do not try to cram them into white schools in September," he said.

Only seniors were to register today. Juniors are slated to register Wednesday, and sophomores on Thursday.

Students will be assigned to schools under a 1959 pupil placement law modeled after those of other southern states that permits the board to consider a variety of factors.

Gov. Orval Faubus, who closed the schools last fall under an emergency anti-integration law that since has been ruled unconstitutional, said Monday he had no plans to call a special session of the Legislature as he did last year.

However, he said "there's always a possibility" that a special session will be convened.

Members of the school board said that if given a chance, they would operate the high schools on a completely segregated basis. But the board has said that it would "not abandon free public education in order to avoid desegregation."

SAYS REDS WON'T TAKE OVER

Cuban President Appealing For Understanding Of U.S.

HAVANA (UPI)—Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, 45, who soared from obscurity to the presidency of Cuba in a few short hours last weekend, appealed today for American "understanding" of the Cuban revolution.

The president said there was no basis for American fears of a Communist takeover here.

He said that if the people of the United States understood this they would have no fears about Communism in Cuba.

Chamber Directors To Meet Wednesday

Powell Graham, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Board of Directors will hold a joint meeting with the National Affairs Committee of the Chamber at the Boulder Park Resort, Wednesday noon.

The joint meetings were started last year and this will be the second meeting of this kind.