

Planners Prepare to Act Jan. 28 On New Subdivision Regulation

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Theater Time Table

ELSIKORE
"PAL JOEY" 7:12, 9:35
CAPITOL
"DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER" 8:45
"ROCKABILLY BABY" 1:00, 10:15
HOLLYWOOD
"JET PILOT" 7:00, 10:15
"THE LAND UNKNOWN" 9:20

Train Fire Jams Grand Central Again

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP) — An engine caught fire underneath Park Avenue today, knocking out all train service at Grand Central Terminal for an hour. Sixty thousand commuters jammed the station at the evening rush hour only to find themselves in a trainless bottleneck.

All New York Central and New Haven Railroad trains use the station at 42nd St. and Vanderbilt Ave.

The insulating unit on an 45-year-old New Haven train caught fire in the tunnel between 79th and 82nd streets shortly after 3:30 p.m. A flicker of panic raced through the 750 passengers on the 10-car train as smoke billowed back through the coaches and up through Park Avenue gratings.

The passengers quickly calmed, however, and sat out the next two hours in the crippled train. A Poughkeepsie-bound New York Central train behind the crippled one also was marooned.

Eventually, the burning engine was shunted off and the fire put out.

Power on all main line tracks was shut off at 4:26 p.m. from 125th street south to Grand Central. It was not restored until 5:25 p.m.

Famed Pole, Daughter, Wife Reunited

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP) — Dr. Jerry Leon Novinski, a renowned Polish scientist who was granted political asylum here after defecting to the West last fall, was reunited today with his wife and daughter.

He met his wife, Maria, and their daughter, Krystyna, 7, as they arrived at Idlewild Airport from London.

Novinski, a specialist in the field of theory dealing with stresses and strains on metals, came to this country last Oct. 16 to lecture at Johns Hopkins University. He said he found a strong feeling of freedom here and asked for permission to remain.

His request was made after he had been informed his family had safely reached England from Poland.

He said later he had defected to escape political moral and religious conditions of Communist domination in his native Poland. His work could prove useful in dealing with problems of air friction heat encountered in jet aviation, rocketry and in handling the extreme temperatures of nuclear reactions.

Scappoose Man Draws 10-Year Prison Sentence

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP) — A Scappoose man today pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge, and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Paul Harrison to 10 years in the state prison.

The sentence was imposed on Harold A. Johnson, 39, who originally had been charged with first degree murder in the Nov. 9 gunshot death here of Marion Icenog, 29, Scappoose.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP) — Arthur Godfrey tried to do a favor for an acquaintance who is in the clutches of a loan shark.

He apparently succeeded only in scoring the friend.

"I never saw a man so visibly upset in my life," Godfrey said after he had described the man's troubles on his television show.

This brought an immediate investigation by police and the district attorney's office.

"He is a man living in fear, shaking and weeping," Godfrey said. "Hysterical, that's the word."

Started on Show

It all started last night, Godfrey told a guest on his "Talent Show" program. Glen Cove City Judge Aaron Cohen, about his friend's plight, and asked his advice.

Godfrey said the man was a 45-year-old unemployed auto salesman who "quite foolishly" borrowed \$5,000 from a loan shark, and now was forced to pay \$300 a week interest. Later Godfrey said he had changed the amounts to protect the salesman's identity, but the exorbitant interest rate was the same.

Judge Cohen said the man should tell his story to the district attorney.

Kansas City Pupils Victims Of Hoodlums

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 14 (AP) — School and police officers combined forces today in an effort to curb young hoodlums who have been preying on high school students.

Extortion rackets, beatings, knifings and even assaults on teachers have become an increasing problem, school Supt. James A. Hazlett said. Much of the violence comes from troublemakers who are trying to extort lunch money.

Hazlett said he was not sure integration of white and Negro students, begun four years ago, was the cause of the lunch money extortions. But the practice is largely done by Negro students both in integrated and all-Negro schools, he said.

Central High School has been prominent as a trouble spot. A school, once all white, now has a large Negro enrollment. Its junior high school is 60 per cent Negro.

Two Killed as Bus Severed

BEDFORD, Pa., Jan. 14 (AP) — Skidding out of control on the icy-covered Pennsylvania Turnpike, a transcontinental bus was ripped into two chunks against a bridge pillar last night. Two passengers were killed and 16 other passengers and the driver were injured.

Gordon Hileman, 38, of Uniontown, was driving the Continental Trailways bus when it slewed into the middle support of an overpass bridge.

A rear section of several seats, including the rear wheels, was ripped off and jammed against the pillar. The front section skated almost 100 yards before coming to a stop on its remaining two wheels.

Umatilla Official Under Indictment Seeks Re-Election

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP) — Umatilla County Commissioner Roscoe Kelley, under indictment on a charge of attempted bribery, has filed for re-election.

Kelley was arraigned in late November and pleaded innocent to the charge. He is accused of trying to bribe an officer to change his testimony in connection with a raid on a warehouse where illegal slot machines were found.

Kelley began his first four-year term as commissioner in 1954.

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fic proposals affecting Hines, Berry and 14th Streets.
Before the commission's eventful City Hall session was over, its members had split over a principle basic to the planning code, had agreed on final approval of a major subdivision of Marshall Swearingen and Claude H. Morse property on MacLay Road; more over had joined enthusiastically in re-election of Chairman Robert K. Powell and other officers.

Here were commission actions of last night:
SUBDIVISION CODE—Commissioner U. S. Page's plans committee asked to bring in final report to commission Jan. 28 after public hearing of last night produced little comment. This code would set standards of street locations and widths, park area, traffic flow, required sidewalks, approved water and sewage plans—effective in Salem and within a six-mile radius of Salem.

Salem Parks Superintendent Walter Wirth endorsed the proposal that each subdivision set aside parkland, but recommended even more park area might be required. He also suggested regular mowing of tree plantings in parking strips. City Engineer J. H. Davis said he had a few technical points to offer the committee. No others spoke.

SWEARINGEN PLAT—Final approval was given a 33-acre plat for 46 large-size suburban residential lots on subdivided property five miles east of Salem city limits along MacLay Road and to the south. Lot sizes range from 15,000 to 36,000 square feet.

Unanimously Re-Elected

ELECTION — Unanimously re-elected besides Chairman Powell were Vice Chairman Stuart Compton and Secretary Wesley G. Kvarsten.

VARIANCES DENIED — Planners by split vote turned down two requests for special permission to establish multiple family dwellings on lots below the required size. Commissioners Compton and Lloyd Hammel led opposition to the proposed variances on grounds that no convincing special conditions were shown and that required number of square feet for certain developments is a basic principle of the Salem planning code.

Reimann Real Estate was turned down on its request to establish a three-family house on the southwest corner of Berry and Howard Streets SE, with 112 square feet under the 8,000 requirement. The lot is big enough now for a duplex under the code.

Variance Denied

Paul Vetrus was denied a variance for a four-unit house at 1341 McCoy Ave. NE, where the 6,063 square foot lot compares with a 9,000 requirement. In both cases T. W. Lowry's committee had a majority report favoring the variances and indicating the projects would not be a neighborhood detriment.

Merle Brown was granted variance to enlarge a garage at 740 Tillman Ave.

SOUTH SALEM TRAFFIC—The Hammel committee recommended, besides the one-way traffic complete, an extension of 14th Street SE from Mission to Oak Streets to allow much industrial traffic to avoid the bottleneck at present Mission Street crossing of SP Railroad tracks. Estimated costs are \$42,250 plus any right of way costs.

This plan along with other committee actions will be considered by the entire commission Jan. 28 before a recommendation to Salem City Council is made. Preliminary study has been made by the planning staff and the commission's streets and traffic committee including Hammel, Compton and Richard Grabenhorst.

A Berry Street extension suggested by 12th Street Improvement Association for some relief of traffic on South 12th drew an adverse recommendation from the committee last night. Committee also recommended against a Hines Street overcrossing of SP tracks.

Expensive Projects

Both projects would be expensive and would not fit in with arterial street plans, the committee said. The overcrossing was estimated to cost at least \$33,600; the extension of Berry from Cross to Mission Streets, \$95,000.

In urging final planning and acceptance of a one-way traffic system on 12th and 13th Streets south from Mill, the planners' committee advocated a southern end of the system at Fairview Avenue because it is considered a suburban arterial street. Fairview was one of four possible locations studied originally by Marion County Planning Commission.

Widening of 13th Street and new sections to make it continuous from Mill to Fairview are in the committee-approved plan.

Breakdown of cost estimates as follows:
Widening 13th Street to 36 feet, from Leslie to south city limits, \$42,100; extending 13th northerly to a junction with 12th at about Mill Street, \$66,291 plus real estate costs; acquisition and improvement for 13th south of city limits, \$46,000; altering Leslie Street as temporary connection for couplet, \$484.

Woman Visits War Hero in Salinas Jail

MONTEREY, Calif., Jan. 14 (AP) — A comely young woman today visited the man held in the Salinas jail on a charge of trying to steal \$40,000 in receipts from the Bing Crosby Golf Tournament.

The man says he is retired Lt. Col. Melvin Russell Blair, 42, formerly of Alexandria, Va., whose military career is distinguished. The young woman, in her mid-20s and dark haired, identified herself as Miss Jane Egar, a friend of the prisoner. Beyond that, she told newsmen, "I have nothing to say."

Newspaper photographs of the prisoner were identified at Abilene, Kan., by the estranged wife of the war hero as those of her husband.

Mrs. Blair, who wept as she looked at the wirephoto picture, told a newsmen her husband had not been the same since the Korean War. She did not say why they separated. Mrs. Blair lives in Abilene with her sons, Larry, 18; Dennis, 16, and Victor, 14.

Blair will appear in court tomorrow morning for the setting of his preliminary hearing on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, armed robbery and first degree burglary.

House Vote Due Today on Defense Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP) — The House agreed today to vote tomorrow on a \$548,228,000 authorization bill for emergency space age defenses.

Prompt clearance by the House Rules Committee was expected for the legislation, which came to Congress only a week ago. It is part of President Eisenhower's request for some \$1.4 billion in supplemental defense funds for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Meanwhile both the House and Senate continued their investigations of U.S. progress in the ballistic missiles field in the light of recent Russian advances.

It was reported on the House side that the Navy will be firing test missiles by early 1960.

The Polaris, designed for launching from atomic submarines above or below water, has been described in some quarters as the best weapon in sight to counter the threat of Soviet intercontinental missiles.

Boys in Wild Chase Return To MacLaren

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Solon Dies



WASHINGTON, Jan. 14—Rep. August H. Andresen of Minnesota died today at Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital. He was 67. (AP)

Survey Says Water Supply Above Normal

At this early winter date the outlook for 1958 spring and summer water supplies is above normal, U. S. Department of Agriculture said Tuesday.

This favorable outlook is based on early winter snow surveys, soil moisture conditions and reservoir water supplies, the department said.

The Santiam Summit has almost double the amount of water in the snow that it had last year.

The soil mantle in the upper portion of Willamette watersheds is moderately wet under the snow, offering a favorable streamflow this summer, they said.

Flow of the Willamette Valley streams was below normal in October and November but surged to 33 per cent above normal in December as a result of heavy precipitation, engineers stated.

Present storage in five large multiple-purpose reservoirs is more than three times that of last year due to recent flood control operations, they added.

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New York GOP Holds House Seat

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 14 (AP) — Howard W. Robison today held an upstate congressional seat for the Republican party against a stronger than usual Democratic challenge.

Robison, 42, an Oswego attorney, defeated Democrat Francis P. Hogan, 40, of Hornell, by about a 3 to 2 margin. The voter turnout was light in weather that included snow, freezing rain and slush.

With all 364 districts reporting, Robison had 45,557 votes to 30,978 for Hogan, who also was the candidate for the Liberal party.

In the 1956 regular election, Robison defeated Hogan by a margin of about 5 to 2. Cole had 136,044 votes to 53,330 for Hogan, who twice was mayor of Hornell and now is an assistant state industrial commissioner.

Robison will serve until Dec. 31. He will represent the 37th Congressional District, comprising the counties of Broome, Tioga, Chenung and Steuben in an area called the Southern Tier.

Cole, a resident of Bath, resigned Dec. 1 and became the first director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In New York City, Democrats swept three contests for vacancies in the State Legislature, two in the Assembly and one in the Senate.

Romney Says Reuther Plan 'Subterfuge'

DETROIT, Jan. 14 (AP) — George Romney, president of American Motors Corp., tonight called Walter P. Reuther's profit-sharing and car price rebate proposal a subterfuge.

Romney joined top executives of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler in criticizing the plan announced yesterday by the president of the United Auto Workers Union. Romney's statement, like those of the Big Three, amounted to a rejection but he gave the viewpoint of a small independent company.

He said, "Reuther's profit-sharing and price-rebate 'bludges' apparently was devised to silence growing criticism of chain-reaction pattern bargaining. This is a subterfuge."

Reuther said yesterday he would demand from the auto companies in new contract negotiations this spring a profit-sharing plan to include employees and customers, increased wages, an improved cost-of-living escalator clause, extended supplemental unemployment benefits, better pensions and more hospital and medical insurance.

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