

Red Backer Blasts U.S.

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — A pro-Communist Cabinet minister denounced the presence of U.S. troops in Thailand Sunday shortly after Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma turned leadership of his day-old coalition over to his Red-leaning half-brother.

Information Minister Phoumi Vongvichit called a news conference as soon as Souvanna's plane had left for France. Claiming to speak for the regime, he denounced the U.S. troops as a threat to "the peace and neutrality of Laos."

"The government of national union protests against the American troops landings in Thailand," declared Vongvichit, a member of Prince Souphanouvong's pro-Communist Pathet Lao faction.

Salan Faces New Charge

PARIS (AP) — Former Secret Army Organization leader ex-Gen. Raoul Salan, who was sentenced to life imprisonment last month has been charged for the second time with crimes against the state, it was announced Monday.

An announcement said the charges were read to Salan Saturday in Fresnes Prison by Examining Magistrate Jean Perez. Perez was acting for the state prosecutor's office which is examining the new charges against Salan arising from his activities after he was captured in Algiers and before his trial here in May.

The formal new charge against Salan was one of "intelligence with the leaders of armed bands"—meaning, in this connection, armed bands acting against the state.

French authorities had alleged earlier that following his arrest late in April, Salan had written a letter to an OAS leader in Algiers instructing him to pay out certain funds from the organization's treasury.

Salan was found guilty May 23 on five counts of leading an armed insurrection against the state by heading the OAS. But the special high military tribunal decided there was extenuating circumstances in his case.

This made it possible for Salan to escape the death sentence, and the tribunal sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Louise Hastings Dies in Cleveland

Word has been received here of the death last Friday of Louise Baker Hastings in Cleveland, Ohio. She was 84.

Mrs. Hastings was the sister of the late Alton P. Baker of Eugene. She lived in Eugene for several years and moved to Cleveland in 1952.

She was born Oct. 20, 1877, the daughter of Elbert H. and Ida S. Baker. She was a graduate of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and received a master's degree from Columbia University.

Mrs. Hastings is survived by a brother, Elbert H. Baker Jr., Cleveland, and 12 nieces and nephews in Eugene, Cleveland and Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services were to be Monday in Cleveland.

Two in Portland Die of Starvation

PORTLAND (AP) — An elderly couple with \$14,000 in the bank died of starvation and senility, the Multnomah County Sheriff's office said Saturday.

Police were called to the home Thursday after a public health nurse discovered the bodies of Swan Stevenson, 81, and his wife, Ranke, 80.

Mrs. Stevenson was found dead in a wheelchair in the living room and her husband's body was on the kitchen floor.

Band Lecture Set Wednesday

Kester Svendsen, head of the English department at the University of Oregon, will speak on William Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" in a Browning Room Lecture Wednesday at the U of O's Erb Memorial Union.

The lecture at 7:30 p.m. daylight will be followed by a discussion led by William McGraw, assistant professor of speech. The meeting will be open to the public.

"Coriolanus" is one of four plays to be presented at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland during July and August.



Fatal Fire

This is all that remained Monday of a Marcola house trailer, following an early morning fire that claimed the life of Velma Mae Cochran, 49. Cause of the blaze has not been determined. Neighbors heard a muffled explosion about the time flames raced through the 55 by 10-foot, one-bedroom trailer. (See Story, Page One).

Smoky Sunday Caused by an 'Inversion'

Layers of blue smoke hung over the Eugene-Springfield area Sunday, even though the area had no major forest fires. The smoke layer, the Eugene weatherman explained, was trapped in the valley by a weather phenomenon called an "inversion." This occurs, he said,

when a layer of air high in the sky is warmer than usual. The warm air serves as a "lid" to keep the smoke in the valley. A similar situation occurs in the winter and spring, he said, when fog is trapped in the valley.

Forest officials Monday reported only a few weekend fires, all caused by a lightning storm over forest areas late Friday night and early Saturday morning. Eight small blazes in Willamette National Forest

were quickly extinguished as were three fires in the area of Eastern Lane Forest Protective Assn.

All told, there were 35 lightning-caused fires in federal timber and range lands in Oregon and Washington over the weekend, according to reports. None was serious, however, and all were extinguished.

Meanwhile, more showers and thundershowers may occur in the mountains tonight, weathermen said.

Eugenean's Son Killed In Mishap

Fourteen-year-old Steve Esselstrom of Roseburg, whose father, Claude, is a partner in McGaffey's Eugene Memorial Chapel, was killed Saturday night when the car his mother was driving plunged off the North Umpqua Highway into Fish Creek some 60 miles north-east of Roseburg.

According to the Associated Press, Mrs. Esselstrom said the brakes of the car stopped functioning when she applied them in trying to slow down on a grade. It went out of control, left the road and overturned in the 34-foot-deep creek.

The mother, another son, Craig, 10, and Steve were all pinned in the wreckage. It was not known whether the boy died from injuries or drowned.

Esselstrom was attending the Izaak Walton League's national convention in Portland.

Other Oregon accidents claimed four others.

About noon Sunday Myrna Scott, 18, of Redmond and a passenger, Carolyn Wilhauer, 18, were killed when the car Mrs. Scott was driving skidded broadside into another car near the Prineville airport.

In earlier Saturday accidents Goldie Yenne Fletcher, 63, of Yuba City, Calif., and Michael C. Devred, 33, of Portland were killed in separate highway accidents.

Seed Hearing Set

A hearing on a proposed national marketing order for annual and perennial ryegrass seed will be held Tuesday in Albany.

The hearing will be at 9 a.m. standard, 10 a.m. daylight, in the fairgrounds meeting hall. All interested parties have been invited to present their views.

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Administration Forces Start Salvage Work on Program

By JACK BELL
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WASHINGTON — The Kennedy administration buckles down this week for an operation aimed at salvaging part of its battered legislative program and putting opponents of its proposals on record.

First on the agenda laid out in a series of conferences between congressional Democratic leaders and White House aides is an effort to get the House to accept a \$277 million stopgap money measure the Senate passed Saturday.

If the House approves this bill, which would supply funds to agencies which have run out of money, the action would be regarded as the first step toward ending the won't-play impasse created by an argument between the Senate and House Appropriations Committees over prestige.

Asks End to Bickering

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said Saturday the time had come to end the bickering over whether senators or House members shall preside over conference sessions to iron out differences of the two houses in money bills.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, assistant Democratic leader, predicted in a separate interview that a compromise will be reached this week.

This would open the way for final action on measures which bear a June 30 deadline—the end of the fiscal year. The Senate took up one of these

Monday, a tax extension bill preserving \$4 billion of federal revenue by continuing for another year present corporation income and major excise tax rates.

The bill also would kill the 10 per cent travel tax on train and bus fares effective Oct. 1 and cut the airline levy from 10 to 5 per cent on the same date.

Humphrey also said administration leaders are hopeful of salvaging some of the provisions of the Kennedy farm bill rejected by the House last week.

He said he anticipates the house will vote to continue the present emergency wheat and feed grain programs for a year. But he reminded that the Senate had voted previously to link far stricter acreage controls and marketing allotments to price supports.

"When we get in conference with the House people, I believe we may be able to save some of the controls," Humphrey said.

The administration bill turned back last week by the House would have required farmers to vote on acreage controls with the results binding on all growers in the big grain states, whether they had voted for them or not.

When the bill was defeated—President Kennedy's worst domestic setback this year—Rep. Harold D. Cooley, D-N.C., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, introduced a bill to continue the voluntary control program.

The committee takes up the

measure today and hopes to finish work on it by nightfall.

The third major administration move of the week will involve the offering in the Senate of a modified version of the Kennedy plan for financing hospital and nursing care for the elderly through Social Security taxes.

Offered As Rider

Mansfield said the compromise will be offered as a rider to a House-passed welfare bill aimed at revising public assistance systems to rehabilitate those on relief.

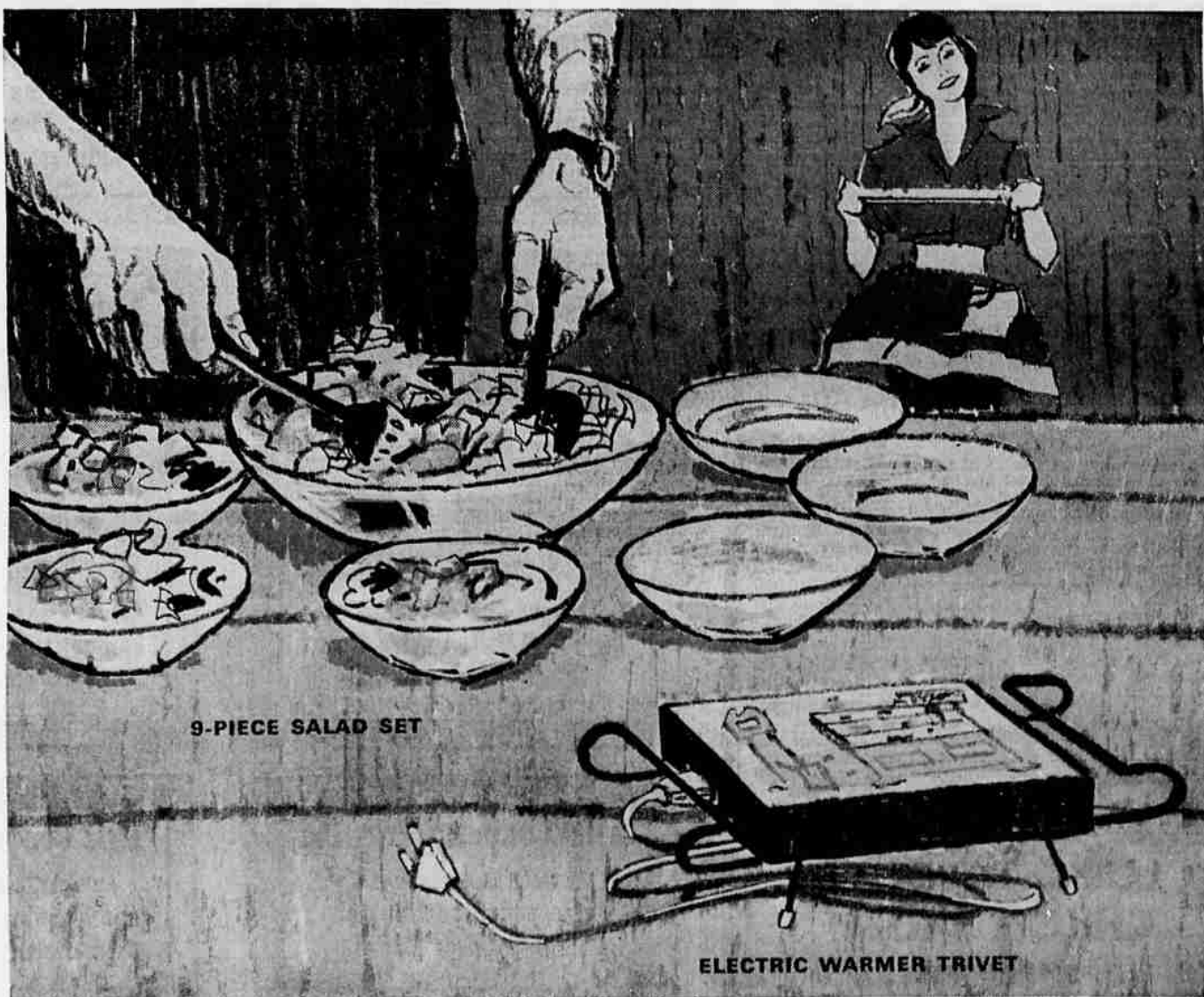
The administration plan is to offer this rider Saturday, the final day of the current fiscal year. The welfare bill carries funds for aid of unemployed fathers of dependent children.

Since thousands of these persons would go off the rolls Saturday if the bill is not passed by then, this circumstance will be cited as a reason for quick action.

The major action in the House this week begins Wednesday, when Kennedy's sweeping new trade bill comes up for debate. The vote, perhaps late Thursday, will be the second major test in a week for the Kennedy legislative program.

Doctor Found Dead

PENDLETON (AP) — Dr. Walter P. Browne, 60, Umatilla County Health officer, was killed by a bullet at his home late Saturday. Dist. Atty. Richard Courson said it appeared to be suicide.



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