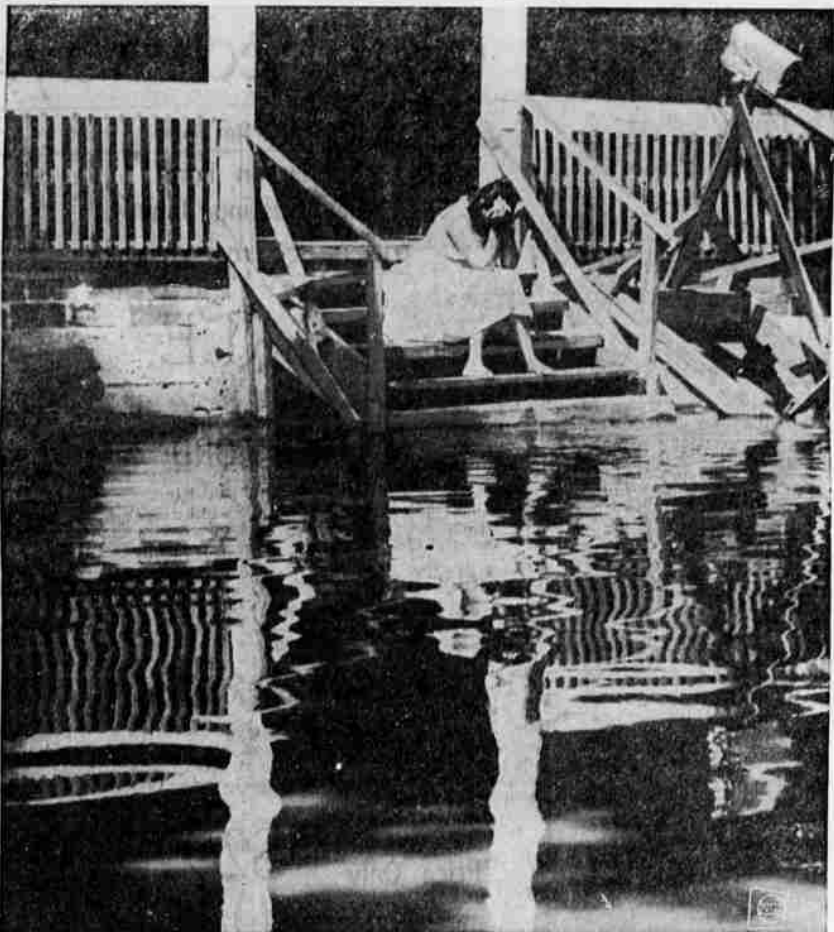




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Secretary Udall thinks contest between JFK, Goldwater would be good for nation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Interior Secretary Stewart Udall feels a 1964 contest between President Kennedy and Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., "might be a healthy thing for the country."

The resulting battle for the presidency would be "an old-fashioned campaign between conflicting political concepts, something we haven't had for some time," according to Udall.

The interior secretary, a liberal Democrat from Goldwater's home state, told a news conference Thursday that the Republican party might do well to nominate the conservative GOP senator.

Udall said selection of Goldwater "would pit a true conserva-

tive — a nominee carrying a conservative banner — against our President and the record he has made."

He said Goldwater "apparently represents the view of the party," and nomination of such a candidate by the Republicans would be something the GOP "hasn't done in 20 years."

Udall's comments came while the senator was in San Francisco to speak to the national Young Republican convention, which has demonstrated strong backing for Goldwater.

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., meanwhile told a news conference Thursday that whoever seeks the GOP nomination "will find it desirable and even necessary" to have the backing of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Republican National Chairman William F. Miller also said at a Senate hearing he hoped there would be another series of televised "great debates" between the Democratic and Republican candidates next year.

Miller testified in favor of suspending the "equal time" provision of broadcast laws to make this possible. Kennedy already has said he will debate the GOP candidate on television as he did with Vice President Richard M. Nixon in 1960.

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Lists Candidates

Scott listed eight GOP candidates he said might run for president: Goldwater, Gov. George M. Romney of Michigan, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, Sen. Thruston B. Morton, Ky., Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania, Gov. Mark A. Hat-

field of Oregon, Gen. Lucius Clay and former NATO commander-in-chief Gen. Lauris Norstad.

Regarding Scranton, the Pennsylvania senator said he believed the governor "prefers to limit his activities to a favorite son status" to keep the state delegation independent until it decides on a national candidate.

In Harrisburg, Pa., Thursday, Scranton denied that a favorite son role for himself would be designed to prevent Goldwater from winning the Pennsylvania delegation.

Anguished cries expected from armed forces

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Kennedy administration measures to stop the rise in defense spending are expected to cause anguished protests from the armed forces this fall.

Military spending has gone up from \$41.5 billion in the Eisenhower administration's final year to \$51 billion for the fiscal year beginning Monday.

The Kennedy administration—having strengthened the U.S. military establishment in those 2½ years — is discussing measures to level off defense outlays for fiscal 1965, which begins July 1, 1964.

Cries of alarm are expected to come from the armed forces when they feel the pinch of restricted funds as the fiscal 1965 budget reaches the preparation stage this fall.

Measures under discussion include cuts of perhaps 60,000 men in military manpower, thinning out troop overseas, fleet reductions for the Navy, quicker junking of older aircraft such as B47 bombers, and a huge cut by the Atomic Energy Commission in production of fissionable material for nuclear weapons.

The Pentagon put out cautiously worded denials this week on specific details of the reported reductions. But Rep. George H. Mahon, D-Tex., chairman of the House subcommittee which writes defense appropriations bills, said: "I don't think you can rule out in future years the possibility that some (defense) reductions will be made."

Several factors are behind the move to stabilize expenses. Chief among them is the foreign drain on U.S. dollars, which Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara is committed to reduce. Support of overseas U.S. bases sends \$2 billion a year abroad, and the Pentagon hopes to cut this to \$1 billion by 1966.

Second session of Ecumenical Council dated

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI, continuing the work of the late Pope John XXIII, Thursday set the second session of the Ecumenical Council for Sept. 29.

He ordered the council's preparatory body to resume work next week.

The new date for the beginning of the second session was announced by Papal Secretary of State Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani. Originally it had been scheduled for Sept. 8 but was delayed because of the illness and death of the late Pope.

Meantime, workers began setting up stands in front of St. Peter's Basilica for dignitaries among the 300,000 persons expected to witness the coronation of Pope Paul VI next Sunday.

On Tuesday, the new leader of the Roman Catholic Church will meet President Kennedy in a private audience with a minimum of pomp and ceremony. Kennedy and Pope Paul, who speaks fluent English, are expected to converse without the help of interpreters in the pontiff's library.

Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States, will head the official American delegation to the three-hour coronation ceremony. It will be held outdoors at the request of Pope Paul to accommodate more people.

At a time when the big powers of the Communist world — Russia and China — are debating between policies of peaceful coexistence and violence, Viet Nam and neighboring Laos are the "test cases" of the latter school.

South Viet Nam also is a country of contradictions, which have caused U.S. aims to clash with each other, and thus have made it controversial.

The United States has sent about 12,000 U.S. military men to advise the South Viet Nam army in fighting the Communists. But the United States has been unable to support many political policies of President Ngo Dinh Diem.

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20 measures become law

SALEM (UPI)—A group of 20 measures enacted by the 1963 legislature became law Thursday without the signature of Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Fifteen were budget bills, including the reduced funds for the State Civil Defense Agency, the Department of Higher Education budget, and a measure transferring the Salem Tuberculosis Hospital to the board of Higher Education for operation by the University of Oregon Medical School.

The entire legislative revenue package came down without signature.

Included was the \$60 million revenue increase measure, a bill setting aside \$300,000 and an Oct. 15 date for a referendum of the revenue measure, and a bill correcting an error in the effective date of the tax increase.

Also included among the unsigned bills was one increasing to 10 from 7½ years the minimum sentence before parole for first degree murder. The change becomes effective only if voters approve removing mention of the death penalty from the state constitution.

The 20 unsigned measures automatically became law at 12:01 a.m. today. The budget bills have a July 1 effective date. Most of the others become effective Sept. 2, if not referred.

Mercy mission ends in death

BEVERLY, Wash. (UPI)—Two men were killed Wednesday when a helicopter on a mercy mission crashed in the Saddle Mountains near here.

Dead were Bill Crider, 41, Soap Lake, a lineman for the Grant County Public Utility District, and Vincent Quagliere, 42, Yakima, pilot.

A spokesman for the PUD said Crider had been seriously injured in a fall from a pole. The helicopter crashed as Quagliere was attempting to fly Crider from the top of a hill to an ambulance waiting on the highway.

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