

Meredith due to graduate from Ole Miss

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — To James H. Meredith, a 30-year-old Negro, graduation Sunday from the University of Mississippi is "but a single milestone" in a life-long task of advancing the status of his people in America.

Meredith collected his cap and gown this week even before the state college board cleared the way for his participation in commencement exercises at Ole Miss. He took his final exams Wednesday and then returned to his home in Jackson to await the ceremonies.

Upstairs in his apartment in a red brick building surrounded by old wooden Negro homes, Meredith's wife, Mary Jane, was in bed recovering from an operation. On the week-end of his graduation, Meredith was having to pinch-hit as a baby sitter for their 3-year-old son, John Howard, and pick up the groceries.

The Negro whose entry into Ole Miss was accomplished by the use of hundreds of federal marshals and up to 30,000 army troops told a reporter he hopes to go "three or four years more" to college but he wants to do it in Europe. England is his choice.

"I want to study law or political science," he said in an interview.

Behind him were months of loneliness as the only Negro student at Ole Miss, the taunts of white students who were against him and the harassment of cherry bombs exploding in his dormitory; also memories of the grim night of Sept. 30, 1962 when two persons were killed during rioting following his arrival on the campus.

"I've given many reasons why I went to the university," Meredith said. "Now it's been done, and I really know why I went. It was part of a bigger thing ... to make it a fact that any citizen can get what is offered by the state to any other citizen."

"This doesn't mean that everybody has to do it. But it should be established that it can be done."

"I didn't gain the right last October. I always had the right. But that right had to be established."

Hatfield named by Ike among '64 possibilities

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower today mentioned Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield among a handful of Republicans he considers timber for higher office.

Returning from a two-week European visit, Eisenhower reeled off the list of Republicans: Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, Gen. Lucius Clay, Gov. Mark Hatfield, Gov. George Romney of Michigan, Gabriel Hauge, and Rep. Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

Eisenhower said he approved of Rockefeller's efforts to establish himself as a leader of the party.

The former president said he would be for anyone nominated at the Republican national convention but would not commit himself to campaigning for GOP candidates next year.

Timber sold at record pace

PORTLAND (UPI) — National forests in Oregon and Washington sold and harvested record volumes of timber in fiscal 1963, U. S. Forest Service tabulations showed today.

J. Herbert Stone, Pacific Northwest regional forester, said 5,509,927,380 board feet of timber was sold and 4,539,801,560 board feet was cut during the year.

Value of timber sold was \$92,332,699 and value of timber harvested was \$80,239,759, Stone said.



JAMES C. BOWLES

Bowles to get 10-day leave

Recruit James C. Bowles, Bend, is completing basic training in the National Guard at Fort Ord, Calif., and will be home on 10-day leave after August 24.

Bowles, a 1963 Bend High School graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bowles, 1323 E. 11th Street. After his leave, he will report September 6 at Fort Knox, Ky., to continue his training.

Drummond gets life sentence

NEW YORK (UPI) — Navy Yeoman I.C. Nelson C. Drummond, 34-year-old Baltimore Negro, was sentenced to life in prison today for conspiracy to commit peacetime espionage for Russia.

Drummond, who was found guilty July 19 in a second trial on the same charges, could have received the death penalty. But Federal Judge Thomas M. Murphy said he decided to give Drummond the lesser sentence out of compassion for the veteran sailor's wife, Lucille, and the devotion of his parents.

A jury of 10 men and 2 women, found Drummond guilty of stealing classified defense documents from a file room at the Newport Navy Base, where he was on duty, but failed to find him guilty on the indictment count of passing defense documents to the two Russian U.N. aides in whose company he was arrested. The lone Negro juror, a woman, held out on this count.

Murphy described Drummond's act as "a most awful crime."

"Congress has set the death penalty for treason such as yours. You are a man who has betrayed his trust to his country. You have sold the security and safety of your country for \$24,000 while a uniformed member of the U.S. Navy."

BLAMES STREET LIGHTS

BRAINTREE, England (UPI) — Mrs. Minnie Raymond said today she thought recently installed sodium vapor street lights killed her prize 130-year-old monkey puzzle tree.

Hearings to be resumed on rail dispute proposal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House and Senate commerce committees were reported today to be planning resumption early next week of hearings on President Kennedy's proposal that the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) solve the railroad work rules dispute.

The committees had suspended action on the proposal, a political hot potato because of union objections to it, in hopes that renewed negotiations sparked by Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz would resolve the issue. But the talks collapsed Tuesday, and the onus today was back on Congress.

The House Commerce Committee, headed by chairman Oren Harris, D-Ark., scheduled a meeting, expected to be closed, for early next week. The exact date was not immediately disclosed. The Senate Commerce Committee, with chairman Warren Magnuson, D-Wash., back after an illness, was expected to meet on the rails issue late this week or early next week.

House Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., said the House would wait for the Senate to act before voting on any bill. The administration bill was expected to clear the House Commerce Committee by a close vote. Harris was expected to ask Labor Secretary Wirtz for an up-to-date report next week on what had transpired in the labor-management talks before they broke down.

The end of the talks first was announced by a railroad spokesman who said the prospect of voluntary settlement of the issue was hopeless because of what he called unrealistic union attitudes. The unions accused the carriers of failing to bargain in good faith.

Congress has two weeks to act before the Aug. 29 deadline it helped set more than two weeks ago. Congress asked, and got, an agreement from the railroads to postpone until that date imposition of work rules to eliminate so-called "featherbedding" jobs and practices.

Found dead

PENDLETON (UPI) — A man and his wife died in what authorities termed a slaying-suicide Thursday afternoon.

The district attorney's office said Ervin Horn, a logger, shot and killed his wife, Barbara June, and then shot himself. His wife was shot three times.

A neighbor witnessed the shootings which occurred after an argument, the district attorney's office said.

The couple is survived by four children.

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VIP's don't get free rides at military hospitals

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Government VIP's often take their ailments to military hospitals, but this doesn't mean they get a free ride at taxpayer expense.

The Defense Department explained today, in reply to queries, that Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet members and other "very important persons" are charged \$37 a day for care in military hospitals.

This is a flat rate regardless of the ailment—whether a splinter in the finger or a complicated case requiring the most elaborate treatment and attention. It covers everything, including medicine and drugs.

The President of the United States does not fall into the VIP classification in this respect. As Commander in Chief of the armed forces, he is regarded as being on active military duty and the only charge for him or a member of his family—like any military officer—is \$1.75 a day. This is primarily for food the patient consumes.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was charged \$1.75 a day—for a total of \$12.25—for her recent week in the Otis Air Force Base (Mass.) hospital during which she gave birth prematurely to the child which died of a respiratory ailment.

JFK Paid Bill

This was included in a total of \$174.25, which the White House said Kennedy paid by personal check to cover subsistence at the hospital for his wife, her secretaries, Secret Service agents and the first lady's obstetrician, Dr. John Walsh.

The flat fee of \$37 a day for

treatment in military hospitals of non-military personnel is almost the average cost of treatment in civilian hospitals, according to American Hospital Association studies.

The association, citing skyrocketing costs of hospital treatments, estimates that the average daily cost of a stay in civilian hospitals was \$36.83. This is double the estimate of 10 years ago.

The fee charged for treating VIP's at military hospitals is fixed by the Bureau of the Budget and is designed to cover the actual average cost of providing care to prominent civilians. The rate was increased by \$1 a day July 1.

Special arrangements were made at Otis Air Force Base Hospital to meet a possible emergency, which subsequently developed,

as Mrs. Kennedy awaited the birth of her baby. The Air Force confirmed that about \$5,000 was spent to renovate a wing of the hospital.

The Air Force said the \$5,000 was not a special expense to the taxpayers. Officials said the refurbishing was part of a \$1.2 million improvement project for the hospital as a whole. Other sources indicated that the cost did come out of the \$1.2 million fund although the renovation obviously was speeded up, at least, to accommodate the First Lady.

Law Is Vague

Defense Department officials explained that there is nothing in the law that specifically authorizes the military services to provide hospital care for prominent civilians.

The law provides that these

hospitals may provide care for "others" outside the military services. This has been interpreted to mean high officials under policies which are similar in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

There is no hard and fast rule on who is a VIP. In practice,

care is restricted to highest officials in the government and Congress, although any "emergency" case might be admitted.

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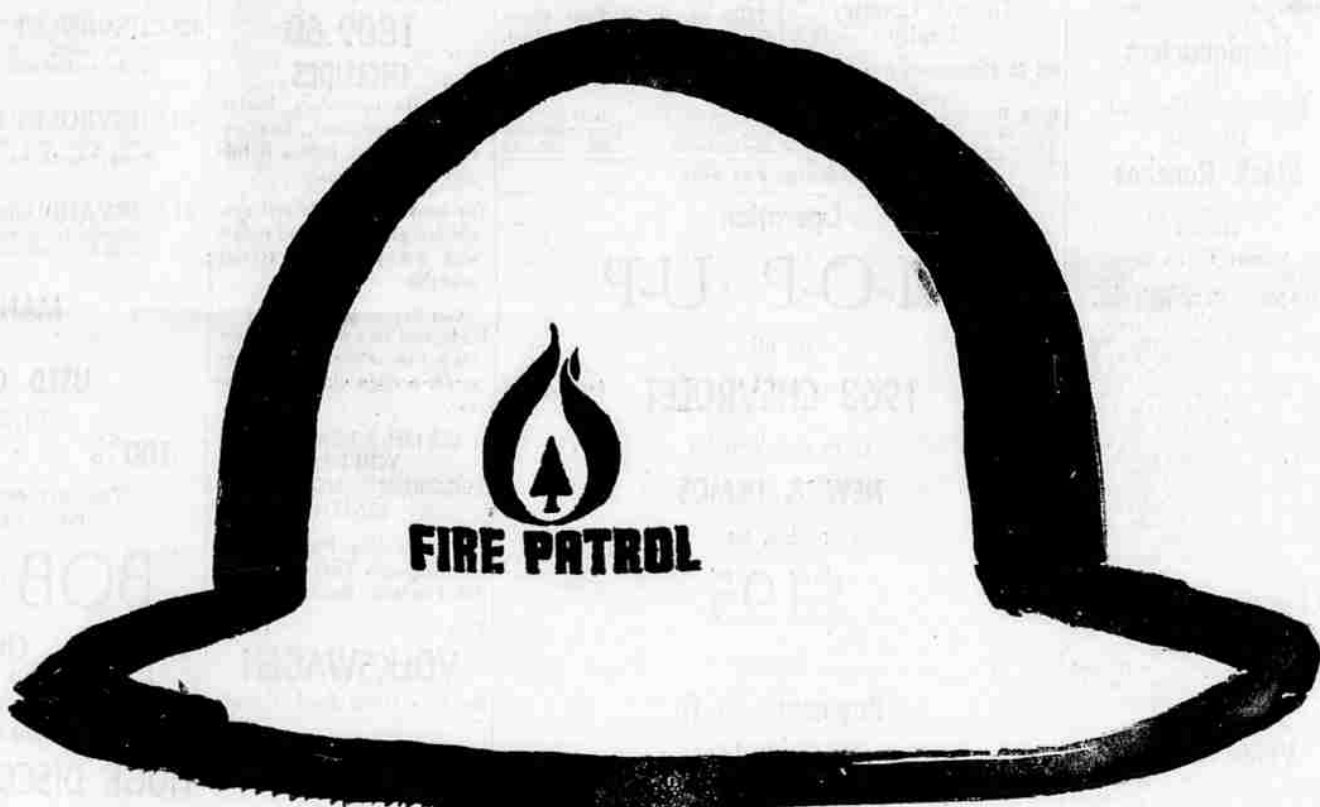
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The forests are littered with explosive blow-down — some 11 billion board feet of timber plus untold volumes of branches and debris felled by Columbus Day windstorms.

Warm summer weather has turned this wind-fall into "red slash"—a condition best compared with a four-week-old Christmas tree, ready to ignite with the slightest spark. This could result in some of the worst forest fires ever seen in this area. Millions of acres of productive forest lands could be lost. Whole communities are threatened. So more areas than usual have been closed by official agencies to reduce the



hazard. These include public and private lands.

Here's what you can do. Please respect all fire closures. Warn visiting friends and relatives of the danger. When you go into the woods, stick to established camping areas. Watch your

matches and cigarettes carefully and make sure they are out — really out. Build fires only in facilities provided for them. Never leave any fire unattended. When you leave, put it out completely and cover the ashes with earth.

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