

Venezuelan terrorists free U. S. Army colonel

Laos official victim today of assassins

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—Col. Leuang, chief intelligence officer for neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma, was assassinated today by unknown killers near his home here. He was the fifth Laotian official to die of assassin's bullets this year.

The assassins pumped 18 bullets into Leuang's body. Dressed in khaki uniforms, they escaped in two unmarked jeeps.

Leuang, father of nine children, was chief of the dixieme (second) bureau of the intelligence service of the Laotian neutralist faction and reported directly to Premier Souvanna.

Neutralist Gen. Amkha termed the assassination a "well organized plot." He told a news conference that he knew of no personal or political motives for the slaying. He also promised a tightening of security regulations in Vientiane.

Piece Together Account
From witnesses who reached the scene in time to see the assassins flee, police pieced together this account:

Leuang was riding home shortly after midnight when a jeep cut in front of his car, forcing him to stop. Another jeep then pulled alongside of the car and gunmen in both jeeps opened fire.

The assassination reflected the acute tensions in this strategic Southeast Asian kingdom. It was also another example of the violence since the agreement last year to form a government of Communist, neutralist and pro-Western factions.

Repeated Clashes
The pro-Communist Pathet Lao control about two-thirds of Laos and have clashed repeatedly with the non-Communist forces.

Last Feb. 12, neutralist Col. Ketsana was assassinated near his home in the Communist-dominated Plain of Jars area. Two other officials were killed in March, and on March 31, Foreign Minister Quinim Philena was shot down outside his home in Vientiane. In May, Col. Onthi, police chief of Vientiane, was murdered in his home.

Since Pholsena's assassination, most high Communist officials, including "Red" Prince Souphanouvong, a deputy premier in the coalition government, have refused to stay in the administrative capital of Laos.

City to require financial report

Hereafter, any public utility firm requesting residential rate increases will be obliged to submit a financial report by a qualified rate expert.

This provision was added to Bend's general policy on utility rates during a meeting of city commissioners Wednesday night. The board's action follows a request by the Bend TV Cable Company for higher monthly residential rates. The request was rejected by commissioners at their November 20 meeting. In response, the company announced it would file for the increase again, but has not yet done so.

In other business, the board signed a warranty deed allowing the sale of 20 acres of city-owned property to Leico, Inc., which proposes to use the tract as bark storage and log decking space for a green veneer plant. A reversion clause requires that the plant be built within five years in the city or the city will repossess the property.

Two ordinances received second reading. One increases the occupational tax on persons in the power and light business. The other adopts certain sections of the state traffic code.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
By United Press International
Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 763.86, up 8.35; 20 railroads 172.79, up 0.30; 15 utilities 137.16, up 0.41, and 65 stocks 265.70, up 1.94.
The industrials reached a new high.

Bystander dead Brazilian senators stage gun fight

BRASILIA (UPI)—Two senators staged a frontier-style gunfight Wednesday on the floor of Brazil's streamlined upper house, fatally wounding a third legislator.

Sens. Arnon De Melo and Silvestre P. Gois Monteiro, the pistol-packing principals in the impromptu duel, escaped injury. Sen. Jose Cairalli was hit by a .45-caliber slug and died in a hospital a short time later.

Senate President Auro M. De Andrade adjourned the session and turned the two principals over to military authorities pending a decision on what action to take against them. The Senate was expected to expel both men.

Church sit-ins may result if solons block legislation

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A Negro leader said today after meeting with President Johnson that church sit-ins might be the next course of antidiscrimination demonstrations if a Senate filibuster occurs over civil rights legislation.

A. Philip Randolph, fifth Negro leader to be invited to the White House to see Johnson in less than a week, told newsmen of possible "people's education filibusters" in churches, with round-the-clock meetings, in event a talkathon stalled the legislation.

Johnson breakfasted earlier with House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck who predicted House passage of the civil rights bill next month. This was the second successive day that Johnson had held a secretive session with a Republican congressional leader and got a pledge of help toward passage of the rights bill.

Randolph, who organized the "March on Washington" by more than 200,000 Negroes in August, told newsmen he did not mention the "people's filibuster" in his talk with Johnson. He said these demonstrations would be sponsored by the over-all committee of the Washington march and would be conducted in most major cities.

He said the sit-ins would be staged in churches by white and Negro supporters of the civil rights bill.

The signal for them to start, he said, would be a filibuster on Capitol Hill.

Randolph said he had a comprehensive discussion of the legislation with Johnson.

Johnson stopped by Halleck's house and picked him up on the way to the White House shortly before 9 a.m.

In addition to civil rights, the Chief Executive concentrated on a broad spectrum of problems — both national and international.

At 3 p.m. EST, he presides for the first time as President at a meeting of the National Security Council. It has been arranged that Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., next in line of succession to the presidency, attend council meetings and other top-drawer sessions on national security to keep him informed in case of an emergency.

Johnson was also scheduled to meet with Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for further discussion of defense matters at 4 p.m.

The President also had an appointment listed with Anthony J. Celebrezze, secretary of health, education and welfare, at 5 p.m. The meeting was another in a daily series with individual cabinet members designed to familiarize Johnson with their operations and to give him a chance to spell out to them his views. Johnson saw Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman Wednesday.

The Randolph meeting marked Johnson's fourth with a prominent Negro leader in as many days and his fifth since last Friday. He met Wednesday with James Farmer, head of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

AN ENGLISH WESTERN
BRISTOL, England (UPI) — John Wakeman, 24, and Dudley White, 22, were fined \$224 Wednesday for firing flaming metal arrows into the sides of passing trains and buses.

"It reminds one," said an attorney, "of hostile Indians on the plains of Colorado, with attacks on wagon trains and the defenses of General Custer and Colonel Cody."

John Schmid has resigned as 4-H agent

By Ila Grant Hepper
Bulletin Staff Writer

The resignation of John H. Schmid, Deschutes County agriculture 4-H agent, became known this morning. Announcement was made at a meeting of 4-H adult volunteers hopeful of continuing the position of 4-H home economics agent, to be scuttled December 31 as the result of tightened state budgets.

A plan to continue the position through subscription, or possibly county tax money, was proposed by the group last week.

Turner Bond, district extension agent from Oregon State University, told the group of a dozen persons that Extension Service administrators recommended against continuance of the second post, but that Schmid's position would be filled by another man.

Mrs. Walter Smead, president of the 4-H Leaders Association, said that loss of both 4-H workers at one time is a severe blow to the program, and that all efforts should be made to continue the second position, now held by Miss Lynn Hoffman. Mrs. Smead expressed admiration for Schmid's work in his seven-year tenure in the county, and said that he has been "100 per cent."

Judge D. L. Penhollow said the loss would be "irreparable." Bruce Bates commented there would be lost motion in the replacement of even the primary 4-H staff member, and that the second position should be continued, without having to go to local people for support.

"It's too bad that the economy drive was directed on our citizens of tomorrow and the unfortunate people of the state," Bates said. "We've had the axe."

Bond pointed out that a locally supported program, administered by the Extension Service, would give critics an opportunity to charge "double taxation," and that the Oregon State University staff is "less optimistic than the people here" that funds would be allocated by the 1965 legislature.

Representative Kessler Cannon said that the cut was a directive from the State Board of Higher Education, and that the Extension Service was slashed more heavily than other fields.

Schmid has accepted a position in Ventura county, Calif. He said that although he felt he had more of a future there, in the light of Oregon's present financial situation, he and his wife are both from California, and have discussed before the possibility of returning to their native state.

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There were 323 trees on the truck when the arrest was made, officers said. Silver tips are the most valuable of all yule trees growing on the forest, and nominally bring the Forest Service around \$3 each. The market value of these trees is much higher.

The arrest of the men took place on Upper Big Marsh Basin Creek. The men were questioned in Crescent, then taken to Klamath Falls Wednesday evening by state and federal officers.

Members of the Deschutes National Forest staff took part in the questioning of the accused men.



AUCTION UNDER WAY—The Bend Kiwanis Club's second annual radio-phone auction got under way this afternoon at the Bob Thomas showroom, with two more sessions due on Friday and Saturday. Shown this morning getting in some practice handling calls from bidders are, left, Cort Hackett, chairman of the event this year, and Craig Coyner.

Herbert Lehman taken by death at age of 89

NEW YORK (UPI)—Herbert H. Lehman, who served as governor of New York during the Depression years and later as a U.S. senator, died of a heart attack today. He was 85.

The Jewish banker-philanthropist-turned-politician was the protégé of the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith. He became lieutenant governor under Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1928 when Smith ran for the presidency and was elected governor when Roosevelt went to the White House in 1932.

Affectionately, the late President called Lehman "that good right arm of mine." Several years later, the two split when Governor Lehman persuaded the New York congressional delegation to oppose Roosevelt's plan to enlarge the U.S. Supreme Court.

"There is no question that Franklin Roosevelt was the greatest man of my time," Lehman said of the late President. "He had what it takes to be great—vision and courage."

The late Harold L. Ickes, interior secretary under Roosevelt and President Truman, said Lehman showed "industry, imagination and real courage."

"When a measure is proposed to promote the public welfare or protect our cherished form of government, he will fight for it, even if he is on the losing side," Ickes said. "He has convictions and the courage of them."

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Behind closed doors Panel begins study of assassination

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A blue ribbon commission to investigate the Kennedy assassination held its first formal meeting today. A top Justice Department official and a shorthand stenographer were the only outsiders present.

As the organizational meeting began behind closed doors, Deputy Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach was on hand along with the seven commission members named by President Johnson to conduct the special inquiry.

A spokesman for the group told newsmen that none of the members of the panel had any statement before the meeting began and there was little likelihood any would be forthcoming after the session.

The commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, is expected to proceed carefully in its investigation, partly because Jack Ruby, Dallas night club owner who shot to death the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, faces trial on murder charges.

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