

NEW HOSPITAL WING—Construction will begin immediately on the new architectural firm, Martin and Rudd, Portland. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Monday.

House-Senate committee again fails to reach intertie accord

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A House and Senate conference committee failed again Monday to agree on legislation designed to pave the way for construction of transmission lines to carry power from Columbia River dams to the Pacific Northwest.

Examination of Ruby is sought

DALLAS (UPI)—Jack Ruby's lawyers fought today to move the strip club owner from jail to a psychiatrist's couch to seek evidence that Ruby was insane when he shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

A writ of habeas corpus was filed with criminal court Judge Joe B. Brown Monday that charged Ruby was held illegally without bond and that he could not get "proper psychiatric treatment" in jail.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade promised a pitched fight to keep Ruby in jail, because he will seek the death penalty on the murder with malice charge. He said such a charge was not bondable.

Ruby was expected to appear in court for the hearing Monday. Brown barred news and television cameras from the hearing. A ruling on photo coverage of the actual trial, Feb. 3, still has not been announced.

Refugee claims seeing what may be Red rockets

MIAMI (UPI)—A Cuban refugee reported Monday he saw a Russian convoy of trucks and trailers transporting what appeared to be huge rockets on a highway in Cuba.

Ignacio Bladeres, a 21-year-old skin diver, said the "cylindrical objects" aboard the vehicles were covered with canvas but they "certainly must be rockets . . . (and) really big ones."

Bladeres, who fled the Communist island with three friends, was picked up by an American oil tanker when the refugees' small boat sank about 15 miles off the Florida coast. Fifty-three other refugees arrived here from Cuba over the weekend.

Several Cuban fishermen said Soviet captains are in command of a number of the more than 200 patrol boats in Premier Fidel Castro's coastal navy.

"They have to use interpreters to give orders," said one refugee, the captain of one of two vessels which fled Cuba together.

New wing construction due to start

REDMOND — Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new wing on Central Oregon District Hospital were held Monday morning as crewmen of Mills Construction Company, Salem, began preparations for the ten-months' construction program.

The first shovel was turned by Ken Munkres, president of the board of directors. Other directors taking their turns were Gordon Whittier, secretary, Mrs. Laddie Jordan, treasurer, and William Mayfield, also present was Administrator Fred Baer. The fifth director, Lloyd Friday, Lower Bridge, was unable to attend.

Construction will begin immediately on the 13,000 square-foot addition, for which a \$375,000 bond issue was approved this fall by district voters. Mills Construction Company submitted a bid of \$328,755. Remainder of the money will be used for equipment and furnishings.

Foreman on the construction project is Lynn Barker of Redmond. Carl Carlton, father of Mrs. Samuel Toews, has been hired by Architect Joseph Rudd of Martin and Rudd, Portland, to act as building supervisor. He recently moved to Redmond from Idaho.

SCARED OF LINGERING

MADISON, Wis. (UPI)—Gov. John Reynolds boasted Monday he had quit smoking cigarettes.

"I gave them up 10 days ago," he said at his weekly news conference. Then he reached into a box of cigars and pulled one out.

"I'm not scared of dying, but I'm scared of lingering on," Reynolds said between puffs.

Cutback seen to provide funds for chemical industry, farming

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has ordered a cutback in plans for the nation's iron and steel industry to provide funds for the buildup in the chemical industry and farming, economic experts said today.

The Supreme Soviet today continued its debate on the budget and economic plan for the next two years. The parliament was expected to adopt both with only minor changes Wednesday.

Khrushchev also provided for a \$660 million cut in military spending to help finance the seven-year crash program to develop the chemical industry and solve the chronic farm shortages with chemical fertilizers.

But he warned Monday night

that despite these projected cuts and his policy of peaceful co-existence with the West, Soviet military forces will remain strong. In a statement at a reception for Czech Communist leaders, Khrushchev said: "We are realists and we see perfectly well that there exist forces quite substantial . . . which are not averse to starting on the road of new military adventures. That is why we remain vigilant."

(In Paris, NATO planners said serious economic troubles were behind the Soviet military cuts. They predicted further cuts, but said the reductions promised do not mean a sizable change in Soviet defense plans. (It was stressed that the Soviet defense budget was raised by 50 per cent only three years ago.

Theme selected for formal

SISTERS — "Winter Magle" is the theme chosen by the student body at Sisters High School for their annual Christmas formal which will be held Saturday, December 21, at the multi-purpose room.

Princesses elected for the occasion were Margaret Sydall, senior; Toni Steele, junior; Ronnie Hunking, sophomore, and Susan Barclay, freshman. One of the girls will be chosen as queen and will be crowned at the dance.

The decorating committee is busy making plans under the direction of the chairman, Kathy Roberts. The music will be provided by records of the best bands in the land. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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EAST CHICAGO, Ind. (UPI) —Six-thousand barrels of a TNT component mixed into the waters of Lake Michigan evaporated today and this heavily industrial city breathed deeply in relief.

For 14 hours Monday, the people of this city, part of the Calumet district complex of steel-making areas south of Chicago, lived in fear of a terrible holocaust.

A match could have done it. The bow of a barge sank in the Indiana harbor ship canal in the pre-dawn hours as its cargo of 12,000 barrels of toluene was being pumped into the American Oil Co. refinery.

Toluene is a blend of gasoline used to increase the quality of ordinary motor fuels.

The toluene—a component of tri-nitro-toluene (TNT)—bubbled to the surface and its fumes filled the air. The canal became "like dynamite," one officer said, and explosive conditions spread for at least three-quarters of a mile.

The Coast Guard ordered all marine traffic halted between Lake Michigan and the ship canal and it stopped movement on seven railroad bridges. Major passenger trains were delayed as much as two hours.

Smoking was banned. Firemen poured foam on the canal. The toluene was so volatile that it twice destroyed the suit of a diver sent down to try to plug the leak in the barge. The diver, Jack Downey, 38, said the acid ate through his suit and burned him on the face and feet.

The toluene was pumped into waiting tank cars and tank trucks as it collected at closed bulkheads.

At 3 p.m. Fire Chief Nick Palla lifted the "all clear" signal.

Injuries fatal in accident

CALDWELL, Idaho (UPI) — Frank B. Lord, 75, Winnemucca, Nev., died in a Caldwell hospital Monday from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Jordan Valley, Ore.

Lord was admitted to the hospital here Dec. 6.

Annual Christmas program tonight at Sisters school

SISTERS — The annual Christmas program at the Sisters School will be given Tuesday evening, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

The program will include the showing of a film on Christmas carols. Groups of grade school students, under the direction of Mrs. Mardell Proby, county music teacher, will sing several numbers. The combined first and second bands will play. The advanced band will play "White Christmas."

Presidential automobile is refitted

DETROIT (UPI)—The car in which President Kennedy was assassinated is being refitted with bulletproof glass and armor plate for use by President Johnson.

The work on the famous "bubbletop" presidential Continental is being done at a Ford Motor Co. experimental garage in suburban Dearborn. But Ford officials and the Secret Service declined to comment.

However, sources said the limousine in which Kennedy was killed and Texas Gov. John Connally was wounded in Dallas Nov. 22 was brought to Dearborn under a cloak of secrecy Saturday night.

It was learned that the following work is being done: —A new windshield has been installed, lending credence to reports the old one was damaged in the shooting.

—Springs and shock absorbers have been strengthened so the car can carry an additional 1,600 pounds of bullet-proof armor plate.

—The brakes also have been stiffened and the exhaust system reworked to accommodate the heavier load.

—New trim and carpeting have been installed in the back seat where Kennedy was riding when he was shot.

The arrival of the car here was the first indication that President Johnson planned to use the 21-foot special limousine in which his predecessor died.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Mrs. Ray Smith was honored with a surprise party Friday evening when a group of friends gathered at her home to celebrate her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Ray Heiney and Mrs. Don Baker were co-hostesses for the occasion.

Others present were Mrs. Roy Tyler, Mrs. Swan Johnson, Mrs. William McNutt, Mrs. Alfred Henry, Mrs. Bryan Shaw, Mrs. Ellis Edgington, Mrs. Lillie Morrell, Mrs. Belle Stills, and Mrs. Smith's children, Laurie, Jan, and Jeffery.

Refreshments of birthday cake and coffee were served by the hostesses after the gifts were opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bonin of Tillamook came Saturday to spend the weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Landis.

Keith Sorenson, pastor of the Sisters Church of Christ, was a guest speaker Saturday morning at a breakfast meeting of the men's Ninety and Nine group at the Redmond Christian Church.

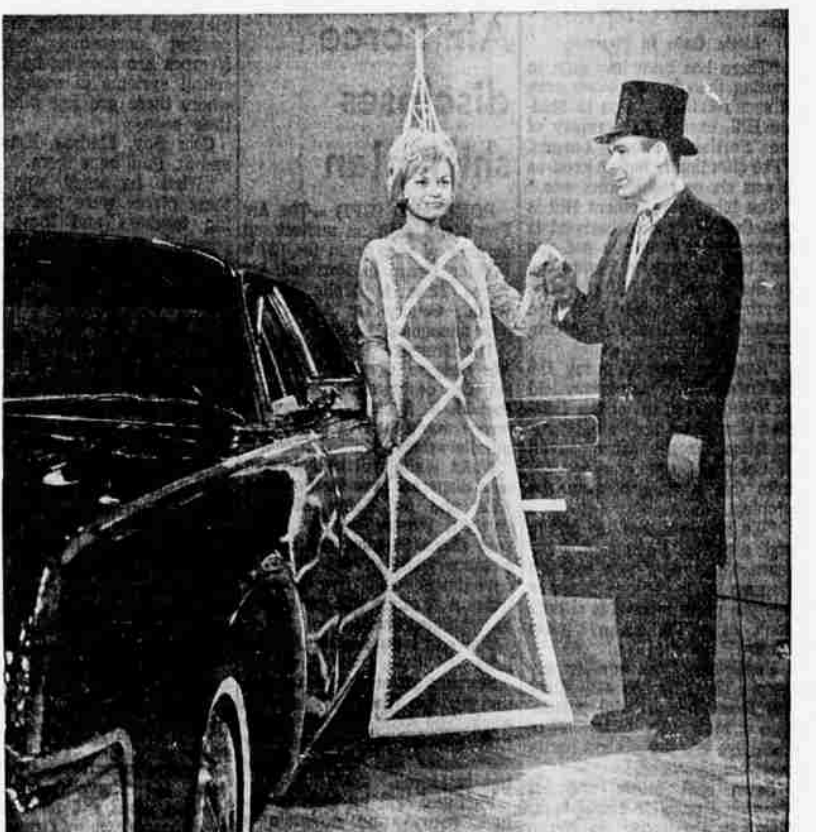
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wakefield of Redmond were dinner guests Sunday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wakefield.

The holidays at the Sisters schools will be from December 23 through January 1, with classes commencing on Thursday, January 2.

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