

Puget Sound shipyard one of 11 in U.S. which may be closed by government

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department hopes to shut down four of the government's 11 naval shipyards in its drive to cut costs, it was learned Saturday. But it may take a year to decide which ones get the ax.

Military, economic and political factors are so interrelated in the intended major curtailment that Pentagon proposals will get closest White House scrutiny before decisions are reached.

The blow may well be delayed until after the elections next November.

In any event, with memory of the recent congressional furor over base closings fresh in mind, the Pentagon was said to be in no hurry about performing a more drastic surgical operation on shipyards.

The 11 yards are in nine states and employ 93,055 workers.

Their original cost, dating in some cases back to 1890, totaled more than \$1.5 billion. The present value is about \$3.4 billion.

The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard is one of the 11.

Defense officials now reckon that excess capacity in all the yards combined amounts to 30 per cent or more. This was the basis for their aim to close four yards.

On Dec. 11, when the Pentagon was preparing to announce plans for closing 26 domestic and seven overseas military facilities, reports circulated that the shipyards at Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco might be closed. Senators and congressmen reacted sharply.

The next day Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara told newsmen he did not know why some members of Congress expected those shipyards to be closed. But he said it was "quite clear that we have excess capacity in our naval shipyard system today." He said "a very complicated, extensive and intensive study" was under way and would be completed "sometime in the next 12 months."

Information which became available Saturday indicated there would have been shipyard closings or reductions but that McNamara was frustrated in his effort to get conclusive information from the Navy on which ones should be closed.

The secretary would have to have an airtight case to support action to shut down one naval shipyard as against another, in view of the large economic and political factors concerned.

On Dec. 18, it was announced that Navy Secretary Paul H. Nitze would himself be chairman of a new high-level board to study "shipyard capacity and requirements."

Defense officials gave no hint what deadline there was for the Nitze study.



HUNDREDS TALK—Central Oregon children lined up 1400 deep for the Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce Santa program held at the community Christmas tree in downtown Bend Saturday afternoon. The local organization presented a stocking full of candy to each youngster. Picture shows part of the long line which stretched for several blocks awaiting the arrival of Santa by Bend fire truck. Bob Gardner was Santa again this year.

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Two killed, two others wounded by disgruntled man in Seattle

SEATTLE (UPI) — A disgruntled man, asked to leave a neighborhood Christmas party because of objectionable conduct, returned with guns blazing, killing two guests and wounding two others.

A gay party turned into a nightmare in seconds Sunday when the offending guest fired wildly into a group of 30 merry-makers in the basement of the home of Robert T. Darrah in suburban Bothell.

Killed were Mrs. Darlene Richardson, 31, and Robert Connel, 45, both neighbors of Darrah. Darrah's wife, Oma, 30, and Raymond L. Glenn, 33, another neighbor, were wounded.

Mrs. Darrah was reported in serious condition, Glenn satisfactory.

King County sheriff's officers were holding James Mol, 25, of Bothell, in connection with the shooting. Charges were to be filed today.

Witnesses said the man ejected from the party went to his home nearby and got a .22 caliber rifle and a .45 caliber pistol and headed back for the Darrah home. En route he fired a bullet into a car driven by Donald R. Johnson who had left the party a short time before and was driving a baby-sitter to her home. The bullet barely missed Johnson and the sitter, Sue Hammer, 15.

The assailant then returned to the party and began firing into the crowd of guests.

Leaving two dead and two wounded, he went to a nearby small grocery and broke into

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Sheep 500. Slaughter lambs small lot choice around 95 lb woolled 17.50; feeder lambs small lot choice woolled 79 lb 15.75.

DAIRY MARKET

Eggs—To retailers: AA extra large 49-52c; AA large 47-50c; A large 45-47c; AA medium 41-45c; A small 25-32c; carton 1-cent higher.

Butter—To retailers: AA and A prints 67c; cartons 3c higher; B prints 66c.

Cheese (medium cured) — To retailers 46-49c; processed American 5-10 lb loaf, 43-48c.

POTATO MARKET

PORTLAND (UPI) — Potato market steady; 100 lb sks washed Russets U.S. No 1 unless otherwise stated; Oregon 2.50-3.00; 6-14 oz 2.75 - 3.00; bakers 3.00-3.10; U.S. No 2 1.00-1.05; few lower; U.S. No 2 bakers 2.25-2.40.

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Bend City Police

Edward V. Silveira, Roseburg, charged with basic rule violation, with bail fixed at \$100. John Carol Christenson, 21, 407 E. Sixth, charged with intoxication on a public street, with bail fixed at \$27.50. Donald Eugene Nored, South Highway 97, charged with basic rule violation, with bail fixed at \$10.

Circuit Court

Gerald Allen Rasmussen, 18, of Route 1, Bend, was sentenced this morning to two years in the Oregon State Correctional Institution. He had pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of taking and using a vehicle without authority. Judge Robert H. Foley ordered a pre-sentence investigation by the State Board of Parole and Probation before pronouncing sentence.

Francis Delmore Tallman, 37, LaPine, pleaded guilty this morning to a burglary charge. A pre-sentence report was ordered.

TREE BLOWS DOWN

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (UPI) — Strong winds here Sunday night blew down a 60-foot Christmas tree erected in the city center.

The tree, erected by the local Jaycees, was cut up in short lengths and hauled away.

Area won't be without agent

Deschutes county will not be left without a county 4-H agent in the interim before a replacement is obtained for John Schmid, members of the 4-H Leaders Association were told at a meeting Saturday night. His resignation takes effect January 1, and a replacement is not expected until about February 1.

At the same meeting, a vote on whether or not to push efforts to maintain the second club agent's position ended in a tie. The group decided to let the matter rest pending future developments.

As the result of the slash in Oregon's budget, following the tax referendum vote, the Extension Service is cutting its staff. The position of second Deschutes county 4-H agent is one of those being eliminated.

The leaders group met recently with a representative of Oregon State University to try to work out a plan for continuing the position, now held by Miss Lynn Hoffman. A proposal to raise funds locally, by subscription or taxation, was discouraged by the state college.

On the heels of the probable loss of Miss Hoffman to the local staff came the announcement of Schmid's resignation, to accept a position in California.

Mrs. Walter Smead, president of the leaders' association, told the group Saturday night that assurances have been given that Miss Hoffman will remain here probably a month after Schmid's successor takes over, to assist in orienting the new staff member.

Some of the leaders expressed a hope that Miss Hoffman could be retained on a local basis until after the County Fair next September. The Extension Service has indicated that a position will be available for her elsewhere in the state.

Burglars hit auto sales firm

Special to The Bulletin
 REDMOND — Burglars broke into Red's Auto Sales, N. Sixth Street, some time in the early morning hours today, in much the same fashion as four other Redmond establishments were broken into two days earlier.

Nothing was missing from the automobile sales outlet, according to city police. Desk drawers were disarranged. There was no cash in the building.

Officers said that the vandals gained entry by forcing a window, and left by a door, which was unlocked from the inside.

Weekend accidents claim lives of twelve in state

By United Press International
 Twelve persons died as a result of accidents in Oregon during the pre-Christmas weekend. There were 10 traffic deaths and two drownings.

Thomas Purcell, 18, Cottage Grove, was fatally injured when his sports car went off State Highway 226 four miles north of Cottage Grove Sunday.

Lyle McClure of Silverton was killed in a two-car collision on State Highway 22, about 20 miles southwest of McMinnville, Sunday.

Air Force T. Sgt. Jack Owens, 35, drowned in Agency Lake 20 miles north of Klamath Falls Sunday. He fell into the water from a small boat while hunting waterfowl. He was stationed at Kingsley Field near Klamath Falls.

George Helm, 22, Bend, was killed when the car in which he was riding slammed into a tree on U.S. Highway 97 five miles south of Bend Saturday.

Brian Hanson, 2, Fortuna, Calif., died in a Medford hospital Friday night from injuries suffered in a one-car accident near Cave Junction Friday.

The head of the animal has been sent away for a laboratory test.

Smith suggests that residents of the area keep a close watch on their animals, because of the danger that the suspected dog might have bitten them.

Rabid bats have been found in the northern part of the county.

Chimney blaze brings firemen

A chimney fire at the residence of Earl Rives, 431 S. Third, summoned Bend fire rigs on a general alarm Sunday night. The general alarm was sounded because the party who spotted the fire from a distance reported it as a roof fire. No damage occurred.

Only other weekend call was to the 44 E. Revere home of Alonzo Anderson. Saturday night, where a backfiring furnace filled the house with smoke. Crews used a smoke ejector to clear the air.

Hatfield issues yule message

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield called for a change in emphasis today as he issued his annual Christmas message.

The governor noted, "Over the years the emphasis of Christmas has been more Santa and less Christ. The conception of America in nations abroad has become more a paternalistic rich uncle and less missionary zeal. It is not giveaway that should be the emphasis. It should be a matter of sharing—sharing of gifts of sustenance, education, and spiritual being," he said.

The message continued: "Last Christmas, Oregon had recently weathered a storm which wrought devastation and death to our people. For many, it was a time of thoughtful reflection about the destruction nature had dealt to us. This year we are again in an era of recovery from shock of deeper meaning. And we can benefit from some contemplation about the spirit of Christmas as it relates to our nation and to us as individuals.

"Christmas focuses our attention on God's great gift to the world. His was a life of sacrifice and salvation for others, love and compassion, brotherhood and tolerance. His gospel was spread to the ends of the earth by those who followed His teachings and it has come down to us through the centuries of time.

"It is for us the living to so live our lives in the example of Him who gave his life for us that the spirit of Christmas might be advanced to all the world in such a manner that we shall one day truly find 'Peace on earth — God will toward men.'"

Collection stations are the Redmond and Bend branches of U.S. National Bank and the Bank of Central Oregon, and the First National Bank.

Most of the decks collected in a previous drive staged by the Elks National Service Commission have gone to veterans' hospitals. Some were brought to rehabilitation centers where cards are used to help cerebral palsied children regain manual dexterity.

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