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No Pressure Seen For Sen. Knowland To Quit Leadership

Republicans Unhappy, Sampling Discloses

Washington—(U.P.)—Evidence from the right, left and center of the Republican minority in the Senate indicated today there is no significant pressure on GOP Floor Leader William F. Knowland to give up his job.

Knowland last week set off speculation that he might quit when he vigorously criticized President Eisenhower's announced willingness to negotiate with the Chinese Reds on the tense Formosa Straits issue without Chinese Nationalist participation in the talks. He told newsmen Saturday, however, that he had "no present intention" to resign.

Midwest Speeches

He then set off for the Midwest where he repeated his objections to bilateral negotiations in speeches yesterday in Wisconsin and Illinois.

A sampling of opinion among Senate Republicans showed ample evidence that staunch administration backers are unhappy about Knowland's criticism of the President's course. However, there was no evidence of any serious demand for him to retire.

One senator, closely connected with the administration, said he not only hoped Knowland would keep the floor leadership but that he believed the Senate GOP Conference would not accept a resignation if it should be offered. This same senator fervently hoped there would be no complete break.

Declaration of Support

In an obvious response to Knowland's criticism, 12 Republican senators joined Saturday night in a declaration of support for Mr. Eisenhower. They said they were confident the President would carry on any negotiations without sacrificing this nation's obligations.

Six Youths Jailed On Liquor Charges

Six youths were arrested and lodged in Jackson county jail Saturday night on charges of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.

Joseph William Lucas, 18, box 92, Eagle Point, was arrested in Eagle Point about 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning, and five Southern Oregon college students were arrested and jailed late Saturday night.

The five are Charles Leonard Crandall, 18, Coos Bay; Ronald Lyman Owings, 20, Klamath Falls; William David Seymour, 19, 1098 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland; Allen Mamoru Kimura, 18, Waipahu, Oahu, T. H.; and Thomas Lee Jacobson, 18, Coos Bay.

Extra Funds Voted For Fishing Grounds

Washington—(U.P.)—The House voted today to let the government have an extra \$135,000 to replace Indian fishing grounds submerged or otherwise destroyed by the Bonneville Dam.

It passed and sent to the Senate a bill to increase from \$50,000 to \$785,000 the amount the government is authorized to spend in acquiring land and building necessary facilities.

The House Public Works Committee said the increase is needed to cover increased land costs and for access roads, clearing and grading, and partial filling of two substitute sites.

Interior Department Money Bill OK'd by Senate Group

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved a \$327,987,088 money bill to finance the Interior Department and a number of related agencies in the year beginning July 1.

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VACCINE ARRIVES—Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer and chairman of the medical advisory committee of the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is shown above accepting the Salk vaccine from Capt. Leonard Hips of West Coast Airlines at Medford airport yesterday morning. Harry Chipman, chapter chairman, looks on from the left while Mrs. Moore Hamilton, chapter secretary, watches from behind Dr. Merkel. Vaccination of all first and second grade school children in Jackson county, whose parents have signed consent slips, is scheduled to start on Monday, May 9.

Oregon Anti-Polio Vaccine Distributed; Shots Slated May 9

Portland—(U.P.)—Enough Salk anti-polio vaccine was in the hands of Oregon county health departments today to vaccinate more than 80,000 first and second grade students.

First mass inoculations with the vaccine will take place May 9.

Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, said the vaccine

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), urged Congress today to act "immediately" to impose compulsory federal controls on distribution of Salk polio vaccine.

was flown to 30 counties yesterday, while Multnomah and adjoining counties picked up their supplies by truck in Portland.

Four Civil Air Patrol planes were used to deliver the vaccine to 11 counties not served by commercial airlines. The planes stopped at Gold Beach, Condon, John Day, Burns, Hood River,

Radford, Robertson To Report on Trip

Washington—(U.P.)—Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson prepared top-level reports today on their estimates of prospects for war or peace in the Formosa Straits.

Radford and Robertson returned here Sunday night after spending Sunday at Robertson's Richmond, Va., home. They have been to Formosa where they conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Robertson said on arrival at Richmond that he and Radford would report to President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson.

They probably will submit their report to the President before he meets at the White House Tuesday with top Democratic and Republican congressional leaders.

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Trail Man Killed In Auto Accident; Four Persons Hurt

Allen Darnell Dies When Thrown From Car

One man was killed and four other persons were injured early Sunday in a two-car collision on Crater Lake highway near Eagle Point, according to state police.

Dead was Allen R. Darnell, 26, Tiller. Investigating officers said Darnell died at the scene of the accident. He was thrown from his car as it rolled over several times.

Wife Injured

The injured included Darnell's wife, Carolyn, 22; Leonard Lilya, 27, Trail; Henry Diriskell, 25, Canyonville; and Hazel Neff, 14, Tiller. Their injuries were believed to be minor police said.

The accident occurred at about 3 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Crater Lake highway and Alta Vista rd.

Police quoted eyewitnesses as saying Darnell's car, which was northbound, suddenly swerved, crashing into a car operated by Mildred Viola Knudsen, 31, of Box 679, Eagle Point. The Knudsen car was on Alta Vista rd., at the intersection, where it was stopped waiting for traffic to clear, they said.

Darnell's car struck the right front fender of the Knudsen vehicle, according to reports. The Darnell vehicle went over an embankment on the right side of the road, slipped sideways for about 30 feet down a ditch, and then flipped over several times, throwing both Darnell and his wife from the car.

Both vehicles were towed away. No citations were listed.

Second Accident

Two people were injured Sunday evening in a second accident. They were Charlene Virginia Heath, 28, of 5134 Palm st., and her husband, Milton Garfield Heath, 37. The accident occurred at about 7:20 p.m. on Hamerick rd., when the car driven by Mrs. Heath failed to make a sharp turn in front of Lininger Gravel company.

The car rolled, ending up on its top. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heath were taken by Medford Ambulance service to Community hospital, where they were treated and released.

Tuesday Adjournment Of Legislature Eyed

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate voted today to make the sales tax package of four bills the first order of business for final vote tomorrow, as talk grew concerning closing the 1955 session tomorrow night.

While several lawmakers doubted that the session could end that soon, Sen. Rudie Wilhelm (R-Portland), chairman of the Senate Tax Committee, opposed a motion by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) to put final action on the sales tax bills over until Wednesday. Sen. Wilhelm said he thought the session could end tomorrow night if the sales tax package is passed upon tomorrow morning.

Senate President Elmo E. Smith (R-John Day) also said he hoped the issue would be voted upon tomorrow because there would then be a good chance of winding up the session and adjourning tomorrow night.

Sen. Holmes Eyes Senate Presidency

Salem—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart Democrat, today became the first senator to announce his candidacy for president of the 1957 Oregon Senate.

At the same time Rep. Pat Dooley, Portland Democrat, announced his candidacy for the speaker of the 1957 House.

Sen. Holmes said he felt there was a strong probability that the House would go Democratic next session, and a good possibility that the Senate would go Democratic.

"After observing four sessions of the legislature with the Republicans in control," Sen. Holmes said, "I am convinced that the Democratic trend which elected a U.S. senator and a congresswoman from Oregon will continue."

Weather

FORECAST—Partly cloudy through Tuesday. Chance of a few scattered showers tonight and Tuesday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 36-38. High Tuesday 62.
Highest yesterday 59
Lowest this morning 34

Practice Parachute Jump Made North of City Near Camp White

A parachute jump, one of the first in the Medford area in many years, was made shortly before noon today north of the Camp White area.

Jim Wright, who has served as a "smokejumper" for the U.S. forest service out of Cave Junction, made the jump from a Cessna 170 plane flown from the Medford municipal airport by Don George.

Wright, practicing "on his own," bailed out to try a free-fall jump, or delayed parachute opening. He left the flying service plane at about 3,200 feet and his chute opened about 1,000 feet above the ground.

The jump was made about two miles northeast of the Veterans administration domiciliary and Wright drifted little in the descent, George reported. Wright carried an auxiliary chute.

George said the jump went off "swell."

East Nominated As District Judge To Succeed Fee

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today nominated William G. East, Eugene, Ore., Republican, to be U. S. District Judge for the District of Oregon.

East, Circuit Court Judge of Lane county since 1949, would succeed James A. Fee, appointed to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge East, 47, has been an attorney for 23 years. He was born in Leecompton, Kan., but moved to Salem with his family while still a boy. He graduated from University of Oregon Law School in 1932.

He served as an infantry officer in the Army from 1942 until 1946, when he resumed his private law practice in Eugene. He also became city attorney and counsel of the Eugene water board the same year.

In 1949, former Gov. Douglas McKay named him to the circuit bench of the 2nd judicial district, composed of Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry and Lincoln counties. He has held that position until the present.

The judge is married to the former Louise F. Wilhelm, and has a daughter, Sara.

Higher Benefits for Workers Approved

Salem—(U.P.)—The House today approved by a vote of 51 to 8 a bill raising workers' benefits and employers' contributions under the Unemployment Compensation Act. The bill now goes to a conference committee for Senate concurrence with the House amendments.

If finally approved, the bill would raise maximum weekly benefits from the present \$25 per week to \$35. They would be effective Dec. 31 of this year. The law would be effective Dec. 31 of this year.

The law would effect all employers of two or more persons and they would make contributions on salaries up to \$3300 instead of the present \$3600.

In order to halt further drains on the idle pay fund, the bill raised employer contributions by .3 of one per cent on salaries beginning at \$700 instead of the present \$400.

Founder of FFA Dies in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—funeral services for Wilber A. Cochel, founder of the Future Farmers of America and for 20 years editor of the weekly Kansas City Star, will be held Wednesday.

Cochel, 77, died yesterday after a long illness.

A noted farm journalist and educator in the Midwest, Cochel was responsible for the first gathering of rural boys on a national scale.

Yakima Firing Center, Wash.—(U.P.)—The Army's 2nd Infantry Division today threw its mobile units against an "aggressor" force in an effort to throw the "enemy" back across the Columbia river here.

Dai Denounces Deposition by Military Junta

Eisenhower Envoy Rushes To Saigon

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—Free Viet Nam's bloody civil war exploded again today in shell-scattered Saigon with heavy fighting between government and rebel troops.

At the same time Emperor Bao Dai denounced the military junta which deposed him Saturday and said he was determined to return to his native land from the French Riviera.

Today's fighting erupted when rebel troops opened fire on government positions and regular soldiers loyal to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem delivered a full-scale counterattack.

The rebels launched their attacks just after the American-backed Premier announced that five battalions of their army had deserted to the government side.

The sound of new shellbursts greeted President Eisenhower's special envoy Gen. J. Lawton Collins, who flew here this morning from Washington.

Collins said Diem for half an hour this afternoon. Informed sources said Diem brought him up to date on the recent tumultuous events in the capital.

Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's trouble shooting high commissioner for Southeast Asia, arrived from Singapore to make an on the spot assessment of the situation at London's request.

It was reported later that Collins told Diem the United States could give no guarantees on any moves the Premier may make in the future. The Premier's office described the results of the discussion as "excellent."

MacDonald conferred with Diem immediately afterward. Both French and Viet Namese believed he carried with him the American decision on whether to back the new "revolutionary committee" now supporting Diem.

Government troops threw a counter-attack against several hundred Binh Xuyen in the outskirts of Saigon. The Chinese city an the outskirts of Saigon. Smoke rose from over the city areas which were burned in heavy fighting last Thursday and Friday.

Diem appeared to be the shaky victor of a week end of violence and political turbulence when the fighting began again today.

Bao Dai, in an interview published in the mass-circulation newspaper France Soir in Paris, said he would return home as soon as the confusion in Viet Nam had ended.

Bao Dai has been living in a pink villa on the French Riviera since April, 1955, and said he stayed in France only because Diem had asked him to do so. He took sharp issue with the "revolutionary committee" which sprang up in Saigon and declared his deposal. He called it a "plot of extremists who sought to exploit the confusion in Saigon."

Safeway Damage Suit Dismissed

Portland—(U.P.)—Safeway Stores, Inc., was dismissed today as one of the defendants in a \$714,000 damage suit brought by a Portland couple.

The complaint was brought by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zucker. He was jailed in 1952 after his wife wrote checks on the Oregon City Safeway store. The petition contends he was wrongfully jailed.

Remaining defendants in the federal court action are Fred Reakecker, Clackamas county sheriff; Winston Bradshaw, county district attorney; Glen MacDonald, former chief of police at Oregon City, and Stanley J. Mitchell, Oregon City attorney who represented Zucker at the time.

Ambassadors Sit Down To Discuss State Treaty Making Austria Sovereign Nation

Vienna—(U.P.)—Delegates of the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Austria met today in Vienna's inner city to try to write an Austrian state treaty which could change the cold war map of Europe.

For an indefinite number of days they will confer in secrecy to try to write the treaty which will end 10 years of military occupation and make Austria a free nation for the first time since 1938 when Nazi Germany took it over as an annex.

Many obstacles lay in their path, and Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab warned the Austrians not to expect immediate agreement.

Plea of Innocent Entered by White To Slaying Count

Bernice Hampton (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., Medford, pleaded innocent in circuit court today to first degree murder charges growing out of the death of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, of 215 Fourth st., Phoenix, last March 2. Trial for White was set for June 14.

Birk died in an Ashland hospital March 2 of head injuries received when he was struck with a two-by-four at the Talent sawmill.

White also filed notice in writing that he plans to introduce evidence attempting to prove his insanity at the time of the assault of Birk.

Claude Richard Day, 23, of 5808 Southeast Lamber st., Portland, and Jack LeRoy Day, 18, of 7925 East 60th st., Portland, were to be arraigned today in district court on charges of failure to stop at the scene of an accident involving bodily injury to a pedestrian on April 14.

The Day brothers were returned to Medford from Los Angeles Friday. Claude Day is charged with failing to immediately stop at the scene of the accident and remain until he had rendered reasonable assistance to Mrs. Ruby Bartley, 55, route 1, box 237, Talent, who suffered two broken legs, a broken wrist and serious internal injuries.

Mrs. Bartley was found in a ditch beside Highway 99 near the Tally Ho restaurant in Talent.

Jack Day is charged as a passenger and witness with failure to furnish the victim his name and address.

The trial for Richard Rhoten and Conley Carl Rhoten, route 1, box 74, Rogue River, was set for June 7 in circuit court at Medford. They are charged with the theft of more than \$75 worth of furs from the Robert Dollar company last March. They pleaded innocent last week.

Mr. Tucker lived for a time at Boone ranch, where the present house was built by his uncle, and for a time at Eagle Point. He attended the old Bellview schools south of Ashland, and one of his teachers was Susanne Homes, who later was county superintendent of schools and in whose honor the women's dormitory at Southern Oregon college is named.

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Mr. Tucker was married to Mary Homes, who died in the early 1930s, and in 1945 he married the former Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, who survives him. Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Homes and Mrs. Ivy Grubb, both of Ashland, and three stepsons.

Thieves escaped with several dollars worth of animal halters, about 24 dog harnesses, an eight-foot steel rule, and a block plane at the Big Y Feed Store on North Highway 99, Saturday night. No estimate of the stolen property was available.

About \$200 worth of property, including foodstuffs, was taken from Bob's Barbecue, North Highway 99.

Officers said burglars broke glass in windows near doors in both the Big Y Feed store and Bob's Barbecue. Investigations into both burglaries continued today.

Ward Sherman, Fourth and Pine sts., Central Point, reported to sheriff's officers that the radio in his car, valued at about \$25, was removed while the car was parked at Fourth and Pine sts. Saturday night.

Estimated Cost of Hells Dam Declines

Washington—(U.P.)—The estimated cost of controversial Hells Canyon dam has dropped by more than \$3,000,000 in the past three years, a Senate Interior subcommittee was told today.

C. I. Hoisington, a Reclamation Bureau Estimates and Analysis engineer from Denver, Colo., said that under April, 1955 prices, the structure would cost \$353,740,000. A previous estimate submitted to Congress in 1952 set the cost at \$356,810,000, he said.

Hoisington was one of a series of Interior Department witnesses called to supply technical information about the dam. The subcommittee was starting a three-day hearing here, following hearings last month in the Idaho-Oregon area where the dam would be located.

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Atomic Blast Delayed Till Wednesday Morning

Las Vegas—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission today postponed for another 24 hours, until Wednesday morning, the scheduled big atomic blast at Yucca Flat. Heavy clouds which would pose a radiation hazard was given as the reason.

Heavy security precautions surrounded the conference site with some 400 city policemen

and platoons of detectives surrounding the building to hold back crowds and to keep newsmen from entering. The interior of the building was guarded by American military police who have control of the inner city.

U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson, the senior diplomat, was named conference chairman for the first day.

Spokesmen of all five conferring powers have issued formal expressions of optimism, but the brass tacks bargaining on some of the treaty clauses was expected to be far from smooth. Warnings have come from Washington, London and Paris that the Russians may pull new tricks at the conference table.

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Scattered Orchard Heating Reported

Temperatures which went into the low 30s in the Rogue valley early this morning resulted in scattered light orchard heating between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

Don Berry, Jackson county horticulture agent, said the heating was light in the valley lower areas, but by 4:30 a.m. most heating had ended.

The low temperature at Medford's municipal airport was 34 degrees this morning.