

Court's Letter Lists Reasons Against Racing

If dog racing were permitted in Jackson county, it "would have drastic social implications," and "serious injury would be done to the existing social structure and moral standards of this community," the county court has declared.

The court gave these views in a letter to the Oregon racing commission, prepared following the court's unanimous vote Monday to refuse approval for a dog racing license application.

Following is the letter in full:

June 28, 1955
Oregon Racing Commission,
Salem, Oregon.
Gentlemen:

Re: Recommendation of County Court on Application for License.

On June 7, 1955, William L. Briggs, Robert Van Vleet, Henry Enders, Richard Watson and Richard Huber appeared before the Jackson County Court and requested that the court make a recommendation to the commission under the provisions of ORS 462.055 approving and recommending their application for the issuance of a license to conduct dog racing within Jackson County. It has not been made to appear whether the formal application required by Chapter 462 of O.R.S. has been filed or will be filed with the commission.

Because of the request, this body ordered a public hearing to be held on June 24th concerning the matter. It was felt that the public interest required that all citizens of the county be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the matter.

Response Immediate

The public response was immediate and vociferous. Prior to the hearing, the court received sixteen times as much mail opposing dog racing as was received approving it. At the hearing the Jackson County Ministerial Association presented a resolution opposing the granting of a license. The retail merchants of the cities of Ashland and Medford formally protested the granting of a license. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce likewise went on record as opposing the issuance of a license to conduct dog racing in the county. The two daily newspapers in the county editorialized against the issuance of a license. Applicants presented several petitions signed by a number of citizens. The public hearing was well attended, but not one person appeared and spoke in favor of licensed dog racing, other than applicants.

The court concurs with the majority expression of opinion that the operation of a dog racing track anywhere in Jackson County would operate to the considerable economic disadvantage of the community, in that moneys would be diverted from the usual and legitimate channels of business.

Specialized Economy

It is felt that this would be especially harmful because of the rather specialized economy of Jackson County, which depends so largely upon seasonal activities. This is true because of the fact that the business of operating such a track is essentially parasitic, producing nothing in the way of goods or material assets, taking of the substance of the community and returning little or nothing of value. It would also attract to the community individuals of like description.

We feel that the operation of a dog racing track in this locale would have drastic social implications. Serious injury would be done to the existing social structure and moral standards of this community.

Recommend Denial

Because of the economic, social and moral considerations mentioned, it is recommended that the commission deny the application of the above named individuals for the issuance of a license, if one has heretofore or is hereafter made. The reasons for this recommendation, as given, do not in any way depend upon the personal qualifications of the applicants.

It is therefore respectfully requested that it be considered by the commission in connection with any applications for the issuance of a license to conduct horse race meets or race meets with animals other than horses in Jackson County which may hereafter be made by any person or persons whomsoever.

Counter-Espionage Increase Against Commies Advised

Reorganization of CIA Declared Needed

Washington—(U.P.)—A Hoover Commission task force called today for bolder U.S. counter-spying on Russia and other Communist countries as a matter of "self-preservation" and to forestall the possibility of another Pearl Harbor.

To this end, it recommended a reorganization of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) so there can be "complete, prompt and continuing information on the plans and potentialities of those who would enslave" the free world.

It said there is a serious lack of "adequate intelligence data" on Russia, Red China and other Communist nations — "our primary target" in the field of spying and counter-spying.

The task force rejected charges aired by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) during the televised Army-McCarthy hearings that the CIA is infested with security risks. It found "no valid ground for the suspicion."

It did, however, recommend that employees in the various U.S. intelligence agencies be given a security check-up at least once every five years to make sure they have not "changed character, fallen from grace or succumbed to alien blandishments or some personal weakness such as strong drink or sexual perversion."

Sincere, Dedicated Men

The group, headed by Gen. Mark W. Clark, said the nation's intelligence agencies are led by "sincere and dedicated" men who merit the "full confidence and support of the American people."

It sharply criticized "some" American diplomats for their reluctance and "abhorrence" in digging out information because of diplomatic niceties.

The recommendations were forwarded to Congress without comment by the parent Hoover Commission.

Old Armory Site Sale Completed

Armory Properties, Inc., has completed the purchase of the old armory site on North Apple st., between Third and Jackson sts., for \$27,500, according to a deed filed in the Jackson county recorder's office.

The deed was signed by Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard.

Otto J. Frohnmayer, attorney representing a group of local investors incorporated as Armory Properties, said no plans have been made for development of the property because the National Guard maintains a right to use the property until March 1, 1956.

The armory building was itself destroyed by fire about three years ago, and the property at the Jackson county fairgrounds has been acquired for construction of a new armory and civic building. Construction has been delayed because bids opened recently were higher than engineers' estimates.

TAX FIGURES DELAYED

Final figures on Jackson county total assessed valuation for 1955, expected two weeks ago, will not be ready this week. According to County Assessor R. G. Fowler, a business machine failure will delay the report for an indefinite period.

Judge Orders New Trial for Fongs in Hank Murder Case

Portland—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson today ordered a new trial for Wey Him and Sherry Fong, convicted last month of the first degree murder of Diane Hank.

Judge Dobson set aside the conviction in response to a motion for a new trial filed by Irvin Goodman, attorney for the Fongs. The court order also vacates the life prison sentences imposed on the Oriental and his Caucasian wife.

Principal ground for the court to grant the new trial motion revolved around jury deliberations.



IS THERE ROOM?—In a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House, President Eisenhower pins the third Oak Leaf Cluster on Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's Distinguished Service Medal. Mrs. Ridgway and their son, Matthew, 6, look on. Ridgway is retiring as Army chief of staff June 30.

Atoms-for-Peace Ship Loses by Narrow Edge But May Be Revived

BY UNITED PRESS

President Eisenhower's proposed atoms-for-peace merchant ship may not be dead even though both houses of Congress have voted against it once.

The administration suffered a narrow defeat on the issue Tuesday night when the Senate rejected the ship project by a one-vote margin, 42-41. It did so in refusing to restore \$21,000,000 to finance the vessel to a bill authorizing \$269,159,000 for other atomic construction.

The House previously passed the same bill without funds for the atomic-powered ship. But the project may not be definitely rejected yet.

The House Merchant Marine Committee has approved construction of both an atomic demonstration ship as suggested by Mr. Eisenhower and a truly experimental atomic ship.

Congressional sources said the President's ship might be built and powered under the House committee bill through a license from the Atomic Energy Commission. But others believed the committee measure would authorize only hull construction.

Foreign Aid: House GOP Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. predicted the House would beat down attempts today to slash the administration's \$3,285,000,000 foreign aid bill.

Marines: A conference committee began resolving differences today in the \$31,488,206,000 defense budget approved by the House and the \$31,882,915,762 passed by the Senate. A major dispute was over whether to provide funds for maintaining the Marine Corps at its present strength, as the Senate voted to do, or to endorse administration plans to reduce Marine manpower, as the House did.

Democrats: Senate Democrats said they have disproved Republican charges that they could not control the machinery of Congress without carrying on a "cold war" with the President. They said the large amount of legislation which has cleared the Senate this year contradicts the GOP claim.

Subversives: The Senate Internal Security subcommittee said the attorney general's list of subversive organizations has been "misused" to bar applicants from jobs in government and defense plants. It suggested the attorney general issue a handbook giving facts about the organizations he listed as Communist-controlled to help in weighing security cases.

Main-Front Lot Purchase Reported

Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association yesterday purchased the 80 by 330-foot lot on the southwest corner of Main and Front sts. John Pletsch, secretary-manager of the association, announced today.

The business property, now occupied by a service station and parking lot, was purchased from Glen L. Jackson and Mark Goldy. Price was not disclosed.

W. J. Warner, president, said the purchase was "an expression of faith in the future growth and continued prosperity, not only of down-town Medford, but of the entire Rogue River Valley."

The firm was established in Medford in 1909, and has been in its present location, 126 East Main st., for more than 20 years. Plans for use of the property were not divulged, but Pletsch said the association's board of directors would study its development.

Baseball

AMERICAN (First game) r h e
Baltimore 2 8 2
New York 9 11 1
Rogovin, McDonald (8) and Smith, Gastell (7); Turley and Berz.

Hopeful Over Peace Prospects

City's Annexation Proposal Opposed; Higher Taxes Seen

Attorney Frank Van Dyke, representing residents opposed to annexation of some 3,000 acres south, east and west of Medford's present city limits, discussed problems of annexation at a meeting in the circuit court chambers at the Jackson county courthouse last night.

The annexation election is next Tuesday.

Among topics discussed were Sen. Phillip Lowry's Metropolitan Sanitary District authority bill, increases in taxes should the area be annexed, and who is qualified to vote in the special annexation election July 5.

Gives Examples

Van Dyke presented the audience of more than 150 persons with a "fair representation" of examples of tax increases on property should the area be annexed. The figures, Van Dyke said, were based on actual pieces of property in the area, and the present city levy of 22.8 mills was applied to their new assessed valuations.

(Present millage rates were applied to new assessments because new millage figures are not available, Van Dyke explained this morning. Actually, the current millage rate is based on present total assessed valuation; future millage rates will reflect changes in future total assessed valuation, with millage rates going down as assessed values go up.)

Increases Figured

The sample properties cited included residences, acreages and small businesses in the area, Van Dyke said. Tax increases indicated by the method he used ranged from about \$50 to a high of \$236 in one instance.

Van Dyke reviewed the Metropolitan Sanitary District authority bill, which will become law Aug. 3, pointing out that the primary purpose of the bill was that incorporated and unincorporated areas could combine to finance consolidation of a sanitary district.

He pointed out procedure would be the same as for sanitary district organization. Under the new authority, present incorporated district sewer lines may be consolidated.

Property would be assessed on a benefit basis under the authority, he pointed out. Medford City Attorney Frank Farrell told the group sanitary districts within the city are assessed in a similar manner, although lateral sewer lines are assessed on a front foot basis.

Several Ways Cited

Mrs. Chester Guches of the Jackson County Public Health association said there are several ways of correcting adverse sanitary conditions, among them annexation, state legislation and through sanitary districts within the area. She said the health association sponsored recent meetings to have citizens informed on facts concerning annexation, and that the health association is not necessarily supporting nor opposing annexation.

Guy Corliss, chairman of the

President Declares Chances of Easing Tension Improved

Raps Demo Claims About Legislation

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today was hopeful about peace prospects, critical of Democratic legislative claims, and bantering about his political future.

The President reacted with gravity, sternness, and jokes to many domestic and international matters called to his attention by newsmen at his first news conference in three weeks.

In a thoughtful mood, the President said he believes that the chances of easing world tensions are better now than he thought two months ago.

Raps Democrats

On the subject of Democratic claims for credit of what this Congress has achieved, the President said someone is confused as to where the credit lies.

Mr. Eisenhower challenged — almost angrily — the Democratic claims.

The President said he is happy to have cooperation from any congressional quarter. But he said he thinks someone is confused as to where the credit for accomplishment or failure should be placed.

He read to the news conference a long list of unpassed legislation which, he said, is vital to the United States. The President mentioned highway construction, the military manpower reserve, housing, health, schools, mutual security authorization, refugee act amendments, water resources, customs simplification, the minimum wage, the atomic "peace" ship, and Hawaiian statehood.

Jokes About 1956

On politics, the President got into a jocular exchange with reporters about whether he may be a candidate for reelection next year. Again, he gave no categorical answer to the question.

On other subjects, the President had these remarks:

Atomic ship: He vigorously promoted his proposal for an atomic powered merchant ship. He said it offered the chance to create a worldwide moral force for turning uranium to peaceful uses and the betterment of man.

Loyalty review: He had no objection to the proposed creation of a congressional commission to check into the government's loyalty program.

Satellites: He withheld specific comment on congressional resolutions concerning the hope for freedom for Soviet satellites. But he reminded that there are limits what this country can do to win their freedom.

Foreign aid: He said the results of the foreign aid program are proving themselves and, regardless of any apparent change in Soviet attitude, this is no time to relax the program.

Yesterday's Rainfall Limited to City Area

Yesterday's rainfall, torrential for a short period in the early afternoon in downtown Medford, apparently had no effect on outlying areas.

The Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station reported "no measurable amounts of precipitation," and the Medford Experiment station on Kings Highway noted only .02 of an inch. The Medford weather bureau at the airport measured only a trace.

The bureau this morning recorded an all time June 29 low of 39 degrees. The previous low reading on this date was 40 degrees in 1919.

Fair weather is expected through Thursday.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The Medford city council will conduct its regular end-of-the-year meeting at noon tomorrow. The new fiscal year begins July 1, and tomorrow's meeting will be concerned mostly with getting the books into shape for the beginning of the new fiscal period.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Thursday. Low tonight 45. High Thursday 80.

Temp.	
Highest Yesterday	83
Lowest this Morning	39