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Congressional Achievements Debated

Adjournment Follows Approval Of Housing Bill President Gets Most Foreign Requests

Washington (U.P.)—The Democratic-controlled Congress laid its record before the country today. Partisans immediately began debating whether it gave a new showing of "unity and achievement" or short-changed President Eisenhower on domestic legislation.

After false starts Saturday and Monday, Congress finally achieved its goal of sine die adjournment Tuesday night, the House quitting at 7:36 p.m. (PST) and the Senate at 8:05 p.m. (PST).

Housing Bill Approved
The dam broke when the House approved the compromise housing bill despite last-minute objections from President Eisenhower over some relatively minor provisions.

This was followed by settlement of the bitter squabble between House and Senate leaders over how to handle some pay raises for congressional employees in the appropriation bill for Congress itself.

Compromises were reached and approved over legislation to extend the defense production law and allotting federal funds for free polio vaccine. And in the scramble, the Senate shelved sugar production quotas until next year.

The windup marked the end of seven months in which Mr. Eisenhower got practically all he asked in terms of foreign policy and national defense from a Congress controlled by the opposition party.

On domestic legislation the story was different. Mr. Eisenhower was given much of what he asked but generally the final bills bore a Democratic imprint. And big chunks of his program were ignored, stymied or sidetracked until next year.

'Unity and Achievement' Label
The record was one to which Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson attached a label of "unity and achievement." He said Democratic leadership had enabled the nation, "for the first time in many years," to speak with "a strong and single voice" to the world.

In contrast, Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said the congressional performance was "moderately satisfactory" from the administration viewpoint. A GOP-controlled Congress, he said, would have enacted more of Mr. Eisenhower's domestic program and more of it in accord with the President's recommendations.

Payoff Next Year
Two years—not one—make the record of a Congress and the payoff will come next year. On the basis of the record a year hence, the two parties will have to go before the country for the 1956 campaign. Most Republicans hope and believe, however, they will have a still bigger asset in an Eisenhower candidacy for a second term.

Railroad Says Plan On Trains Unchanged
Portland (U.P.)—Recent instructions issued to Southern Pacific agents to accept Pullman reservations on the Portland-Ashland passenger train after Sunday, Aug. 7, did not necessarily mean that the company's decision to discontinue the train had been cancelled, an SP official said today.

Bernal S. Quayle, general passenger agent, said "the notice given to the public on July 6 that the train would be discontinued Aug. 7 has not been withdrawn." However, he said, Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel has recently "officially challenged our right to do so with a formal order and out attorneys required time to study the legal effect of that order."

Winning of UN Seat By Red China Seen 'Not Too Far Away'

Geneva (U.P.)—Western diplomats closely following the talks between the United States and Communist China said today it "may not be too long" before Peiping wins membership in the United Nations.

They said Red China must first make a genuine success of the Geneva talks and convince Washington it is ready for a cease fire in the Formosa Strait where the United States and Red China appeared close to war early in the year.

The diplomats paid particular attention to Secretary of State

Council Sustains Mayor's Veto of Paving Ordinances
The city council last night, without dissent, sustained Mayor Earl Miller's veto of two ordinances for paving Kenwood ave. between Second and Humphrey sts. The ordinances called for bids and paving on Kenwood ave.

Mayor Miller vetoed the bills last week "after careful consideration, and review of all factors involved, and for the best interests of the City of Medford. He pointed out that because one person withdrew a name from a petition favoring paving the percentage dropped below the necessary 50 per cent of property benefited."

Without at least 50 per cent, the city cannot levy assessments against property benefited. The council passed the ordinances at its last meeting after a public hearing in which objection to paving arose. The Kenwood ave. paving project has been before the council several times this year, but because necessary percentages were not available the matter has been delayed.

Mayor Miller said: "I can well understand the desires of those people on Kenwood avenue who have tried so many times to acquire the necessary percentage to get their street paved, and it is my hope they will be able to obtain the necessary percentage in the future with mutual understanding and their desires will be presented to the council without a recurrence of signature withdrawal."

Assessor Bob Fowler Taken To Hospital
R. G. (Bob) Fowler, Jackson county assessor, was taken to Community hospital by Medford ambulance service yesterday afternoon, for treatment of what apparently was a heart attack, which he suffered in his office at the courthouse.

The hospital today reported his condition as fair, and said he spent a good night.

Fowler served as county agricultural agent from 1924 until his retirement a few years ago. He was elected assessor at the last general election.

Washington (U.P.)—A House interior subcommittee will hold a hearing at The Dalles, Ore., on Nov. 8 on the \$550,000 Wapinita reclamation project in Wasco county, according to Rep. Sam Coon, (R-Ore.).

Baseball
AMERICAN
Cleveland 2 5 0
New York 1 4 1
Garcia, Mossi (9), Narleski (9) and Naragon; Turley, Konstanty (9) and Berza.
Chicago 4 8 3
Boston 6 11 0
Trucks, Martin (4), Howell (7) and Lollar; Parnell, Hurd (7) and White.
NATIONAL
Pittsburgh 3 8 0
Chicago 2 7 2
Face, Surkong (9) and Shepard, Atwell (9); Davis, Jeffcoat (9) and Chiti.

Released Fliers Reported To Have Reached Canton No Hitch Expected In Thursday Arrival

Hong Kong (U.P.)—The 11 American fliers being freed by Communist China were reported today to have reached Canton in South China, and U.S. officials saw no hitch in their return to freedom Thursday.

The Royal Observatory there predicted rain and fog for Thursday but American officials said any decision to delay the men's immediate flight home for a reunion with their families would be made that afternoon.

To Arrive by Train
American sources said the 11 men would spend the night in a Canton hotel and come to Hong Kong by train from the Kwangtung Province capital in the morning. The train usually arrives near the border at 8:30 p.m. (PST).

Lt. Col. O'Wright D. Simpson, Air Force liaison officer and the official American greeter in Hong Kong, planned a trip to the new territories adjoining Red China late today to make a final check on arrangements for receiving the airmen.

The men's contact with the press will be limited in Hong Kong to answering such questions as "How does it feel to be out?" and on their health.

Wreck Kills Four Near Myrtle Creek
Myrtle Creek, Ore. (U.P.)—Four persons were killed and two seriously injured early today in a highway accident involving a loaded log truck and two automobiles on Highway 99 six miles south of here.

State police identified the dead as Cecil Leroy Lemen, 34, a Navy man from Seattle, and his wife, Bernice Jean, 31; and Mr. and Mrs. John Victor Sheely of National City, Calif.

The two Lemen children, Peggy, 6, and Jimmy, 2, were seriously injured and taken to Forest Glen hospital in Canyonville.

The accident occurred about 7:30 p.m. Police said the Lemen car attempted to pass the Sheely car and trailer and was met by the log truck, driven by Arthur Kelly, 26, of Myrtle Creek. In pulling back into the southbound lane the Lemen vehicle struck the rear wheels of the truck. The impact threw the car into a ditch and the load of logs spilled onto the Sheely car, crushing the California couple. Kelly was unhurt.

Prospect Men Fined For Venison Possession
Jessie Merit Taylor, 72, and Wannie G. Hampton, 37, both of Bar GM ranch, Prospect, were fined a total of \$130 for violation of game laws in district court yesterday.

Taylor received a \$50 fine and Hampton an \$80 fine for possession of untaged venison. The meat was confiscated and ordered delivered to the Salvation Army.

Two Annexations, Two Contracts, Approved
Two pieces of property on Black Oak dr., were annexed to the city and bids to two improvement projects were awarded by the city council last night.

The council adopted an ordinance annexing property owned by Allen Hart and Thomas W. McFadden on Black Oak dr., after a public hearing at which no objection was voiced. Both Hart and McFadden had petitioned for annexation prior to the city's annexation proposal which was defeated in a July 5 election.

Sheriff's Blazing Pistol Puts Down San Antonio Riot Too Many Concessions Blamed for Outburst

San Antonio, Tex. (U.P.)—A sheriff who stopped a prison riot last night with his blazing pistol said today the uprising occurred because the convicts were given too many concessions. One prisoner was killed and two others wounded in the brief outburst.

"The more you give them, the more they want," Sheriff Owen W. Kilday said after the riot was put down.

Riot Predicted
He predicted last Wednesday that the riot would occur after a prisoner uprising in which they demanded better food and a later curfew.

The prisoner killed in last night's riot was identified as Rodolfo Escobedo, 27, who was serving a theft sentence. The wounded prisoners were Pastriño Galvino and Rodolfo Reyes, 33. Galvino was shot in both legs and Reyes was hit in the right leg.

The rioting started shortly after supper as some 65 prisoners in the Bexas county jail were taking their recreation period outside their cells in the fifth-floor cellblock. Kilday said they knocked out the lights and started breaking windows and tables.

Plates Thrown
The men started throwing their stainless steel eating plates at Kilday and his deputies as they tried to enter the cellblock.

Kilday said he had two pistols loaded with cartridges filled with paraffin that could "hurt a man, but wouldn't kill him." He said he fired 12 paraffin shells down through the cell block, but the prisoners refused to quiet down.

The sheriff then put five "live" shells into his pistol and fired into the dark cellblock. Escobedo was shot in the stomach as he advanced on Kilday and was caught in the glare of the sheriff's flashlight.

He died a few minutes later.

July Was Second Coldest on Record

Last month was the second coldest July on record at the weather bureau station here. The average temperature was 67.9 degrees, or 3.9 below normal, and only 3 degrees above the coldest July recorded in Medford in 1916 when the mean was 67.6 degrees.

Temperatures during July ranged from a high of 99 on July 13 and 14 to a low of 40 degrees on July 3.

Although there were four days of cloudy skies and nine days of partly cloudy skies, the only measurable rainfall recorded was .01 inch July 26. Average rainfall for July is .17 inches. A trace of rain was recorded July 2.

Validity of Claim

Hearings on the validity of a placer gold mining claim owned by S. L. Dickey being conducted at the Bureau of Land Management office here, are scheduled to finish today, according to Eugene Peterson, district forester.

The claim, located on Galice creek in western Josephine county, has been examined by Bureau mineral experts to determine if the claim was valid.

More than 50 samples from the "Hidden Treasure" claim failed to show gold in paying quantities, Peterson said.

Dickey presented witnesses who had mined there in previous years. They stated that, while their operations were not profitable, they believed they could have been if operated in a more efficient manner, Peterson added.

The hearings are to decide if a road into O&C timber lands will be permitted to go over Dickey's claim. The government has let a contract for the construction of the Galice road for some \$430,000, and construction is now in progress on all parts of the road except through Dickey's claim, Peterson said.

St. Louis (U.P.)—Mayor Raymond R. Tucker has proposed to put St. Louis' policemen in Bermuda shorts and sport shirts.

Two Annexations, Two Contracts, Approved

West Jackson sts., were awarded. J. C. Compton's bid of \$11,250.75 on an alternate plan for Oak st. paving, to use creek run gravel rather than crushed rock for base, was accepted. The bid was within 5 per cent of engineer's estimates of \$10,718.

Warren Conrad's bid of \$3,142.75 was the only bid received on the Oregon ave. sanitary sewer. It was within 6 per cent of engineer's estimates of \$2,959 for the project.

Both bids were recommended by City Manager Robert Duff.

The council authorized Duff to refer back to residents on Stewart ave. a proposed sanitary sewer line because the low bid of \$808.95 by E. O. Stevens was 56 per cent over the engineer's estimate of \$517. Duff pointed out it has been the policy of the council to refer a bid back to property owners when it is over 10 per cent above the estimate.

Conrad bid \$810 for the Stewart ave. project.

Duff was authorized to work out an arrangement between the city, county and Medford school district to install a traffic signal at the corner of Stewart ave. and South Holly st. The school district requested the light to protect children crossing Stewart ave. when school starts at the new Jefferson grade school.



JUBILEE CANDIDATES—A queen and four princesses will be named tonight to reign over the eighth annual Jacksonville Gold Rush jubilee Saturday and Sunday. The selection will be at the annual Queen's Ball, starting at 9 p.m. in Jacksonville Community hall. Candidates, above, left to right, are "Miss X" (Barbara Johnson), sponsored by Medford Exchange club; Connie Eaton, Crater Lions club; Sally Walker, Medford Lions club; Patricia Minnis, Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce; Cora Mae Gleim, Talent Lions club; Zita Maddox, Jacksonville Lions club; Sharon Frazier, Medford Laundrette; and Lee Anne Leach, Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce. Standing behind candidates are Marvin Hart, left, chairman of the queen's contest, and Ike Dunford, jubilee general chairman. The picture was taken in front of U. S. Hotel in Jacksonville, headquarters for the jubilee. The queen is named on the basis of the number of jubilee tickets sold. The annual Queen's Banquet will be held in the new school building in Jacksonville starting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night. Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, Ashland, will be master of ceremonies. The Jacksonville Parent-Teacher association will serve at the banquet. —(Courtright Photo)

Brothers Sentenced To 25 Years in Pen

Glenn Eugene Crow, 31, and Delbert Lee Crow, 33, both of Carthage, Mo., were each sentenced to 25 years in the Oregon State penitentiary by Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna this morning.

The brothers were arrested by city and state police officers and sheriff's deputies on the roof of the Mason & Ehrman Co. warehouse July 20 after blowing the safe and taking nearly \$1,000. They pleaded guilty to the theft last Wednesday.

Further questioning revealed that they were part of a seven-man burglary gang from southwest Missouri, which committed some 140 crimes including almost \$500,000 in that state during the past three years.

Others Given Terms
Six other persons received shorter sentences, four more received suspended sentences, and three cases were continued in today's circuit court proceedings.

Robert Johnston Smith, 35, of 801 Newtown st., pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretenses. This case was continued pending FBI reports. The case of Paul Eugene Peck, 20, Fish Lake, accused of rape, was also continued pending FBI reports.

Sigurd Cholaas, 31, a transient, was sentenced to three years for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

D. G. Hampton, 23, Newburg, Ore., pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretenses and received a sentence of two years and two months. Joseph Patrick Lynn, 36, Clifton, N.J., received a two year sentence for the same crime.

Year's Jail Term
Edward J. Bolen, 31, of 2882 Stewart ave., was sentenced to one year in the county jail for making a false statement in writing for purposes of procuring benefit.

A two year sentence was given Glen Delbert Dunham, 34, a transient who was convicted of entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal.

David E. Porter, 39, Talent, received a sentence of five months in the county jail for concealing stolen property, and his wife, Catherine, received sentence suspension for one year and was placed on probation on similar charges.

Sentence was suspended for one year in the cases of James Espy, 21, Talent, and his wife, Martha Alameda, charged with concealing stolen property. They were placed on probation.

Forest Areas Closed To Non-Permit Entry

Closure of the Jenny creek-Dead Indian creek and Prospect-Butte Falls forest areas will become effective at midnight tomorrow, and permits will be required for travel on roads other than state and county highways.

Permits may be obtained from state forest patrol headquarters on Table Rock rd. or from any guard stations in the areas.

Entry permits ban smoking and building open fires except in designated places.

Guard stations from which permits may be secured for entrance in the Butte Falls-Prospect area are McLeod, Trail, Prospect and Butte Falls, and for permits into the Jenny creek-Dead Indian creek area stations are Lincoln, Ashland and Moon Prairie.

Residents of the area will be contacted to determine which plan they prefer.

Public hearings on zone changes in Queen Anne addition and on East Jackson st., were continued until next meeting because of public hearings had not been posted. The Queen Anne addition zone change request is from single family to two family dwellings, and on East Jackson street between Genesee and Hawthorne sts., the request is from two-family and multiple family to commercial.

Duff reported that the Fruit-grower's league has started construction of sanitary sewer to the Mexican Labor camp, which is on property leased by the city near the airport. Duff said sanitary sewer installation was part of the agreement of the lease.

The council approved a request from Jim Elliott, 720 South Grape st., for an extra wide driveway upon recommendation of Duff.

Forest Patrol Crews Watching Fire Area
State forestry department crews were patrolling about a quarter acre of land south of Lost Lake today after fire burned over the logging area late yesterday.

Ted Maul, forest warden, said damage was not extensive. A crew from Ashland responded to the fire about 5:30 p.m. yesterday.

Missile Expected To Reach 60 Miles Into Outer Skies Light Ball Equal To Full Moon Seen

Washington (U.P.)—The United States plans to fire a sodium vapor rocket 60 miles into the skies over New Mexico in an experiment expected to produce a ball of light equal to a full moon at twilight.

Dr. Homer Newell, an official of the Naval Research Laboratory, confirmed that the experiment will be undertaken after a scientist disclosed the project in London.

Later, a spokesman at the Air Force Research Center, Cambridge, Mass., announced that the rocket would be fired the week of Oct. 14.

The spokesman said the "Acrobee" rocket would be fired 20 to 60 miles in the sky depending on weather conditions, although the high altitude weather missile has climbed as high as 152 miles in tests.

Repetition of January Test
He said the experiment would be a repetition of a similar test made last Jan. 19. He said it had nothing to do with the proposed launching of an artificial Earth satellite by the U.S. government in 1957.

Newell said it is hoped the experiment will clear up some of the mysteries about a layer of sodium which scientists believe hovers in the ionosphere 60 miles above the Earth.

He added that the sodium moon project also may supply important data for the man-made Earth satellite vehicle which the United States hopes to hurl between 200 and 300 miles above the Earth in 1957.

Glow Observed
Scientists have long observed that sunlight entering the atmosphere produces a glow high in the skies that suggests the presence of a layer of natural sodium.

One of the problems of upper air research in the government's rocket program has been to determine the exact altitude and other characteristics of this layer.

The sodium vapor rocket is expected to supply at least some of the answers. A few pounds of sodium vapor will be ejected from a rocket about 60 miles up and at about twilight.

May Give Answer
If this sodium glows brightly, equaling the glow of the moon at twilight, the experts say it will confirm the presence of the natural sodium layer. The reason for this is that sodium ejected beneath the sodium layer would not, for technical reasons, produce any light itself.

The intensity of the glow given off by the sodium rocket also may supply scientists with a means for measuring the concentration of sodium in the natural sodium layer.

Rehabilitation Project Pay Contracts Signed

The boards of directors of two irrigation districts have signed 40-year repayment contracts with the federal government, and the projects are now ready for big awards, it was reported today.

Work contracts, for spillway improvement at Four Mile and Fish lakes, owned jointly by the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts, can be let almost immediately, perhaps by tomorrow. Bids have already been submitted on these jobs, which are the first phases of an eventual \$1,712,000 rehabilitation contract covering most of the canal systems of the two districts.

State Income Surtax Becomes Effective

Salem (U.P.)—Since the 45 per cent surtax on personal incomes passed by the 1955 Oregon Legislature was not subjected to the referendum, the additional tax became effective today. It will apply to personal incomes during the present tax year, payable on or before April 15, 1956.

Increase in the withholding tax from employes' salaries will not become effective until Jan. 1, 1956. A three cent per pack tax on cigarettes, which would have gone into effect, was referred to the people and will be voted upon in the 1956 general election.

LOGGER INJURED

Eugene Anderson, 30, Trail, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital at 12:45 p.m. today for treatment of an injured eye received while working in logging operations in the Tiller-Trail area.