

Runaway Truck Strikes Train; Five Killed



DISCUSS EGYPT'S ARMS—Assistant Secy. of State George Allen (left) shakes hands with Egypt's Premier Nasser (center) as they meet at Presidency in Cairo, as U. S. ambassador to Egypt, Henry Byroade, looks on. Allen has scheduled a final meeting with Nasser in attempt to turn Egypt from its deal for arms from Communist Czechoslovakia.

McKay's Retirement In January of 1957 Virtually Certain

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Washington—It now appears virtually certain that Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay will retire from the cabinet and from active national political life after next fall's elections.

McKay says he is anxious to go home to Salem, where he left the office of governor of Oregon at President Eisenhower's request almost three years ago to become head of the government department that exerts the greatest influence over the West.

In an interview, the 62-year-old former auto dealer said he hopes to leave office when Eisenhower's term of office expires January, 1957. He said that even in the event the President should run for reelection, he would want to submit his resignation. He said he thought the entire cabinet should do that, in order to give the President a fresh start in case he is re-elected.

Wife's Influence

In view of the recent heart attack of the President's most observers now regard the chances of his seeking a second term as extremely slight.

In McKay's case, it is Mrs. McKay who exerts the strongest pull away from Washington, D.C., toward home and her grandchildren in Oregon. The secretary said she travels 50,000 miles a year between Washington and Salem for frequent family visits.

Not that McKay personally has any desire to stay on in the nation's capital. He is not likely to be found among the sizeable group of ex-politicians who "never go back to Potomac," as the old saying goes of has-beens who can't seem to overcome the lure of social-political life along the Potomac.

Indeed, McKay would like to quit right now and go back to Oregon and take the stump to defend his administration and his policies against the attacks leveled at them by Democrats, especially Oregon Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger.

Would Like To Beat Morse

McKay would like most of all to contribute substantially to the defeat of Senator Morse when Morse comes up for reelection next fall. He said he has no desire to take Morse's seat for himself, for he thinks he is too old to run for a first term in the Senate. He adds that some people may be right when they say he couldn't beat Morse, but he would love to take him on.

The secretary makes no bones about the fact that his blood fairly boils every time he finds Morse and Neuberger flailing away at him, as they do with rhythmic frequency. McKay rarely mentions their names

OREGON MAN WILL BRING HOME EIGHT KOREA ORPHANS

Seoul, Korea.—(U.P.)—An Oregon farmer, father of six children, said today he adopted eight Korean babies fathered by American soldiers because "my wife and I love children."

Harry Holt, 50, Creswell, Ore., will take his brood of mixed blood children home by plane next week. He will leave Seoul for Portland Thursday.

With him he will take four other children to be adopted by families in Michigan, Oregon and Texas.

Holt said he and his wife decided to adopt the children after

talking with a representative who visited the United States to collect donations for Korean-American mixed-blood orphans. He has been in Korea all summer finding and making friends with his four new sons and four new daughters. They range in age from 19 months to three years.

"I'll raise them like I do my own," Holt said. "My wife and the kids at home have toys and eight beds."

Holt's own "kids" are nine and 22 years old.

for adopting the eight infants is "because my wife and I love children."

"I figure to let them grow up like any other American kid," he said. "I don't think they'll have any trouble in America."

While Holt talked with reporters, a blonde girl named Christine, 19, named Joe peeked through a door.

Christine was picked up by GI's after Korean child was knocked down in a rice paddy. He said a missionary in Legu convinced her Korean mother,

whose father she said was an Army sergeant, that the child would be better off in the United States.

Holt said that on the last day of Congress, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) had a special bill passed allowing him to adopt all of the children instead of the two permitted under the refugee act.

He said he hoped that his actions would "encourage others in the U.S. to adopt American-Korean orphans."

Holt said the GI-fathered babies are "really an American

problem because Korea had more Korean orphans than it can take care of."

Holt will be assisted in caring for his charges on the trans-Pacific flight by a nurse from the Presbyterian mission in Seoul.

The four other children traveling with Holt include three girls and a boy. The boy and a girl will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William Collier, Portland, Ore.; the other girls will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin, Benton Harbor, Mich.; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbs, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Stores Smashed As Freight Cars Knocked Off Track

Brakes Apparently Fail on Big Truck

West Newton, Pa.—(U.P.)—This Western Pennsylvania community counted five dead and two injured today in a mighty collision caused when a runaway truck smashed into a slow-moving freight train and sent box cars tumbling wildly through two brick buildings.

The victims included the driver of the truck and residents of the town who were in or near the track-side buildings when the box cars roared into them. Both the two-story brick buildings were demolished. Nine box cars piled up in a heap on the freight struck by the truck.

Witnesses said a heavily laden lumber truck driven by Claude Brandt of Warrenton, N.C., was speeding at 80 miles an hour on a steep down grade just before it hit the train late Tuesday. They said the truck brakes apparently failed as it approached the tracks.

The truck hit the second car of the freight train which was moving at 25 to 30 miles an hour. Many of the 70 cars in the Cumberland, Md., to Chicago express freight train were driven from the tracks and sent careening down the store-lined street.

"The freight cars seemed to go in all directions," said Frank La Salle, a service station attendant. "They smashed into stores on both sides of the track."

One of the smashed freight cars was labeled "explosives." It was roped off and the scattered contents removed.

Railroad crews worked around the clock in order to clear the tracks by late today.

Victims of the wreck, besides Brandt, were Jake Casle, 50, proprietor of a fruit market near the tracks; Sheryl Ross, 6, of Buena Vista; Mrs. Dora Whitman, Industry, Pa.; Sheryl's grandmother; and Mrs. Elizabeth Messner, West Newton.

The injured were Mrs. William Ross, Sheryl's mother, and Emily Paternel of Collinsburg, Pa.

Hearings Continue On Tree Taxation

A state tax commission representative continued hearings today on the taxation of orchard trees in Jackson county.

A single commission representative is conducting hearings this week, and three officials will start hearings Saturday morning. Hearings are expected to be completed in time for assessment notice mailing, and any decisions reached from the hearings will be released from the tax commission, according to Al Thomas, assistant attorney general assigned to the tax commission.

Hearings are being held in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Delta Park Site Picked For Portland Center

Portland.—(U.P.)—A five-man commission today selected Delta Park in east Vanport, as the site for Portland's \$8,000,000 exposition-recreation center.

A provision was added that the South Auditorium site may be added later.

Mercy Flights Places New Twin Engine Planes In Use

Two orange and white twin-engine Beechcraft planes go into service this week to provide improved air ambulance service for thousands of subscribers of Mercy Flights, Inc., George E. Milligan, chairman of the non-profit organization, told the Medford Rotary club Tuesday.

In a luncheon address at the Jackson hotel, Milligan lauded the support of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital and Congressman Harris Ellsworth, whose efforts made possible the acquisition of the seven-passenger surplus planes from the U. S. Air Force.

The new ambulance planes can each carry a pilot, co-pilot and nurse, with provisions for four stretchers, and have a cruising speed of from 180 to 200 miles per hour, the speaker said. This new equipment will bring Mercy Flights' service up to airline standards and place the unique, locally organized and operated air ambulance service

in a position to meet almost any emergency. Widespread publicity for Jackson county has been secured through this service, Milligan said. Started in 1949, Mercy Flights has filled an urgent need for rapid transportation of emergency cases, as indicated by the 406 mercy flights made within the last 5½ years. Now an average of three flights a week are made by the ambulance planes now in service, and expanded use is anticipated with the large new Beechcrafts.

Milligan, chief pilot and chairman for Mercy Flights, told Rotarians that today 60 per cent of Jackson county citizens are subscribers to the corporation's pre-paid service plan. The longest flight made by the organization was to Mexico. Mercy Flights planes have also been pressed into emergency service in flood and forest fire incidents in southern Oregon. James Dunlevy, Rotary program chairman, introduced the speaker.

Pickets, Non-Strikers Wage Gun Fight at Indiana Plant

State Policeman, Six Others Hurt In Demonstration

Lieutenant-Governor Jeered by Crowd

New Castle, Ind.—(U.P.)—Pickets and non-strikers fought a gun battle at the gates of the Perfect Circle Corp. foundry today, injuring at least seven persons during a union demonstration by 1200 persons.

A state police captain was injured and six persons were wounded by gunfire as production workers inside the plant traded shots with demonstrators. The plant has been struck 10 weeks.

A howling, swearing crowd was dispersed by rain and 150 state troopers but returned to the scene later to jeer Lt. Gov. Harold Handley when he climbed atop a car to plead for order. The demonstrators threatened, through CIO International Representative Mose Kucella, to "come back again if the city fathers permit those scabs in there with shotguns again."

In Detroit, United Auto Workers officials called the riot an "assault on union members" caused by promiscuous issuance of gun permits to "strike breakers." They said pickets were fired on from within "without provocation."

Handley, acting in the absence of Gov. George Craig who was fishing off the Florida coast while waiting for the American Legion convention to open, went to the strike scene against the advice of authorities.

The demonstrators jeered Handley but quieted when Kucella climbed atop the police car. Then state police began moving the non-strikers out of the plant in threes and hustling them away from the scene.

The shooting stopped when authorities agreed to remove non-strikers from the plant and confiscate weapons. Police found 26 rifles and shotguns, six pistols and a quantity of ammunition, 20 night sticks and a stack of pipe lengths in the plant basement. Ninety men and 16 office workers, mostly women, were in the building.

Clyde Hoffman, a company attorney, admitted the first shots were fired from inside. He said the company did not know the guns were there. However, Hoffman said the shooting started "in self defense" when the demonstrators broke through a plant gate, overturned a car and threatened to drag non-strikers out of the plant.

\$296 Reported Stolen From Ashland Store

A total of \$269 was stolen from the Bower Hardware store in Ashland yesterday, according to reports received by Medford police.

The theft occurred between noon and 1:15 p.m. and the money was in bills of \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$1. The money was taken from a cash box inside a small safe in the store's office.

Choice of New Premier For Greece Postponed

Athens.—(U.P.)—King Paul today delayed selection of a new premier to succeed Field Marshal Alexander Papagos whose death Tuesday night left Greece without a government leader at a time of grave domestic and international crisis.

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Three Sentenced On Felony Charges In Circuit Court

Three persons were sentenced to terms in the Oregon State penitentiary today in circuit court.

William Boyd Harlow, 65, of 329 Apple st., Medford, was sentenced to four years for contributing to the delinquency of a minor; Cecil Robert Thompson, 50, of Salem, was sentenced to three years on a charge of larceny from a store; and Richard Ray Smith, 19, of Parks Air Force base, Calif., was sentenced to three years for grand larceny in connection with the theft of an automobile.

Suspended Sentence

Robert Eugene Tompkins, 22, of Provolt, was given a three-year suspended sentence on charges of burglary not in a dwelling.

Sentencing of Anthony Henry Silas, 48, of Vallejo, Calif., and Mrs. Bonita Vivian Silas, 38, of Oregon City, was deferred pending receipt of Federal Bureau of Investigation reports. Silas is charged with larceny from a building, and Mrs. Silas is charged with concealing stolen property.

In district court yesterday, Harry Leon Brockwell, 48, Allen hotel, Medford, was fined \$255, had his operator's license suspended for 90 days and was sentenced to 30 days in jail when he pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The 30-day jail sentence is subject to suspension on good behavior.

Second Fine

Brockwell also was fined \$100 and sentenced to four months in jail on a similar charge to which he previously pleaded innocent. He changed his plea to guilty yesterday, when he was scheduled to face trial. The right to parole on good behavior was reserved in the four-month sentence.

Brockwell was arrested early in September on the latter charge, and arrested early this month on the former charge. Sam Henry Renfro, 60, route 1, box 328, Talent, and Elwin Harold Sied, 38, of route 1, box 328A Talent, were fined \$150 each in district court yesterday when they pleaded guilty to spotlighting deer Oct. 2. A .22 caliber rifle and a five-cell flashlight were confiscated and delivered to game commission officials.

Joint Planning Group Scheduled for Study

Organization of a joint city-county planning commission will be discussed at a joint meeting of the Medford city council, city planning commission and the Jackson county court Friday, Oct. 21.

Time and place for the meeting have not been determined. The county court budgeted funds in the 1955-56 fiscal year for organization of such a planning commission.



SHOW-STOPPER—The show did not go on at the Starlite Drive-in theater last night. Just before the 7 p.m. starting time, a light drizzle began to fall, and the driver of the car shown above started to wash the windshield with a pedal-operated device. Accidentally, her foot hit the starter button. The car was in reverse, and started to move backward, gathered speed, missed speaker-stands

en route, went past three parking ramps and crashed into the projection booth. Front of the booth was demolished, and the projection equipment was damaged, although not seriously. Bob Corbin, manager of the theaters here, said it is hoped the projection equipment can be repaired in time to reopen Friday. The driver was Mrs. A. H. Hebert, 2510 Country Club dr. —(Brainard photo)

Hearings on Two Annexations Set By City Council

Ordinances calling for public hearings on two annexations were adopted by the city council last night.

One ordinance calls for a hearing at 12:01 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20 on annexation of property owned by the First Church of Christ Scientist in the Siskiyou Heights addition.

The other ordinance calls for a hearing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, on annexation of property owned by Benton Smith and Odell Larson on the northeast and southeast corner of Murray st. and Columbus ave.

Petitions Submitted

Petitions for both annexations were submitted to the council earlier.

Other Ordinances adopted last night gave permission to Alber's Milling company to build a loading platform on Evergreen st., created the North Side Stewart ave. sewer fund, and accepted work done recently by the Ed Stevens company.

Consideration of ordinances adopting plans and specifications and calling for a hearing on construction of a sanitary sewer in a portion of Verde Hills subdivision were postponed until next meeting until petitions now being circulated are submitted. (See Story on Page 5)

Berber Tribesmen

Capture Key Pass

Taza, Morocco.—(U.P.)—Berber tribesmen swept down from the hills and recaptured the key Nador Pass in the Rif Mountains of Northern Morocco today.

Weather

FORECAST: Clear tonight and Thursday. Increasing high cloudiness Thursday afternoon. Low tonight 35-37 with danger of frost in cold spots. High Thursday 65-68. Temp. Highest Yesterday — 62. Lowest this Morning — 42. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace.

Medford Stores Will Remain Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight