

# CLAIM INVESTIGATION SCHEDULED NEXT MONTH

## Accidents Fatal To Four In Oregon; Two Duck Hunters Drown

**By UNITED PRESS**

Eight persons died in Oregon as the result of week end traffic accidents and two Astoria duck hunters were feared drowned.

A skiff belonging to Eugene Legate and Clarence Bitley, both 23, was found yesterday afternoon. The two had gone duck hunting in bad weather near the Columbia river mouth Saturday.

A 53-year-old woman and an 18-month-old girl were killed last night when a car struck a power pole two miles north of Woodburn. The victims were Mrs. Laura Shalman and Donna Hooe, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hooe. Mrs. Shalman's husband, Fred, was treated for non-critical injuries while Mr. and Mrs. Hooe escaped injury.

**Strikes Pole**

Charles E. Raid, 17, Mt. Angel, was killed when the car in which he was riding struck a power pole last night two miles north of Silverton. Ronald E. Moan, Silverton, was injured.

Lena Ann Hughes, 36, Oregon City, was killed early Sunday when struck by a car near Jennings Lodge.

W. E. Dutcher, 64, Linslaw, Ore., was killed early Sunday when a pickup truck went off a 75-foot embankment and landed

## Subcommittee To Study Lee's Ouster

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Ore.) announced today that his Senate Aviation subcommittee will investigate the ouster of Civil Aeronautics Administrator Frederick B. Lee.

Monroney called Lee's forced resignation "an attempt by the Commerce department's ground-manned clique to seize control of all civil aviation." He said Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks and Undersecretary Louis S. Rothschild head the "ground-manned clique" and were responsible for Lee's "firing."

President Eisenhower accepted Lee's resignation Saturday. Weeks had suggested that Lee, a Vermont Republican, resign from the \$15,000 a year job as head of the agency which is responsible for aviation safety.

Charles J. Louwen Jr., Denver, former deputy administrator of the CWA, was named by Mr. Eisenhower to succeed Lee.

Monroney told reporters that he hopes the subcommittee can launch its inquiry before Christmas. Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) of the parent Senate Commerce Committee had suggested that the Aviation Subcommittee look into the case.

"We want to find out whether this is an attempt to punish Fred Lee for telling Congress the truth about the nation's unsafe and obsolete airports," Monroney said.

## Planning Commission Meeting Postponed

The regular meeting of the city planning commission, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until tomorrow, Dec. 12.

The meeting will include appointment of a committee to study possible zoning in an area southeast of Medford which has been approved for annexation; discussion of a proposed agricultural zone; zoning of a portion of the Laurelhurst addition, and consideration of the Pioneer subdivision, extension number one, for final approval.

Also included on the agenda are three changes of zone.

## Dismantling of Historic Merrick Ballroom Starts; Structure Known As Natatorium Built In 1910

Work started today on dismantling Merrick's ballroom, 120 North Riverside ave., one of Medford's most historic buildings.

The building, formerly known as the Natatorium, was purchased in 1953 by the Riverside Investment company, which plans future construction at the site. Plans have not been completed, company officials said, but both a shopping center and motel have been considered.

Clifford E. Schleigh and G. R. Ford are tearing the structure down.

**Built In 1910**

Built in 1910 by A. C. Kentner, W. H. Brown, Jesse E. Enyart, and F. E. Merrick, as the Natatorium Amusement company, the building served as the

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## Eisenhower Confers With Congressional Leaders on Program

**First Of Two Meetings On Legislature For '56**

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower met with Republican congressional leaders today for an all-day conference on the administration's legislative program for the coming year.

It was the first of two big White House conferences to be cleared from the presidential calendar before Mr. Eisenhower forces doctors' orders to ease up on his work load.

His physicians said, after examining him at Walter Reed Army hospital Saturday, that he is still making a basically good recovery from his Sept. 24 heart attack, but that he has been showing some signs of fatigue from his increased official activities recently.

Today's conference began at 8:30 a.m. and was to run through the afternoon. The White House said Mr. Eisenhower would leave the meeting for two or three hours at mid-day to rest.

**Preview of Program**

Mr. Eisenhower called the meeting to give Republican House and Senate leaders a preview of his legislative plans for 1956 and his State of the Union Message to be read to Congress by clerks next month.

The President will meet tomorrow with Democratic as well as Republican leaders from Capitol Hill to discuss foreign policy and national security aspects of his program. After the bi-partisan meeting tomorrow, he will return to his Gettysburg, Pa., farm.

Mr. Eisenhower spent Sunday resting up for the meetings.

**Admit Wishful Thinking**

Some Republicans admit wishful thinking may be a factor; others say the President is facing an unfinished job as a world leader, others concede they just have a "feeling in the bones" that he will run again.

Those who remain unconvinced are expressing their opinion only in private. Some are suspicious of a plot among White House lieutenants, encouraging hopes of a second Eisenhower candidacy to discourage moves by other possible candidates.

On the other side of the political fence, New York Democratic leader Carmine DeSapio predicted the Democratic presidential nominee in 1956 will be a capture of the "Solid South" and be elected—even if Mr. Eisenhower runs.

The Tammany chief, who is pushing Gov. Averell Harriman of New York for the 1956 presidential nomination, said Democratic gains in the 1954 congressional and gubernatorial elections amounted to "a definite repudiation of the Republican philosophy regardless of who its leader may be."

**Five Arraigned In Circuit Court**

Five persons were arraigned in circuit court today and one in district court today. They were indicted by the grand jury last week.

Kenneth A. Sheldon, Central Point, appeared on a charge of rape and sodomy, involving a minor girl, Jerry Y. Sparling, 26, 724 Oak st., and John B. Childress, 25, 430 Debarre ave., were arraigned on charges of entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal.

The two allegedly entered a sedan owned by R. Reynolds June 25.

Arthur W. Ellison, 79, Medford, was arraigned on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Richard D. Akins, Canyonville, appeared on a charge of grand larceny, involving the theft of well drilling equipment from Goff brothers well drillers.

All five were given additional time to enter a plea.

Ralph A. Feenemore, 59, a transient, was arraigned in district court on a charge of larceny from an office. He is charged with taking a briefcase belonging to James Armsom, juvenile probation officer, December 9. He was bound over to the grand jury under \$1,500 bond.

## 50 Killed In Syria In Fight

### East German Reds Order Riot Squads To Demonstrate

**Pretext That West Germans Meet In Cafe**

Berlin—(U.P.)—The East German Communists ordered riot squads to demonstrate in the Western sectors of the city today as further proof of the growing might of the "sovereign" East German state.

The Communist pretext was that the West German "Stahlhelm" (Steel Helmet) veterans organization had scheduled a meeting in a cafe of the French sector of the East-West city border.

The cafe owner said no meeting would be held there but the Communists ignored his statement and said they would break up the meeting whether it is held or not.

**Mobilize For Trouble**

West German police mobilized their reserves for trouble and ordered them to border positions to beat back the invaders should they stream across the border as expected. The cafe is so near the border the Communists could send in wave after wave of assault teams.

The last such invasion occurred in May when 3,000 Communists swarmed across the border and battled 300 police. The police won and 68 Communists were arrested. Thirty-four police and scores of Communists were injured.

The new Communist threat built up despite an apparent move to slap the Red regime on the wrists for pressing their claims to sovereignty too rapidly.

**Reds To Release Tenneson Tuesday**

Hong Kong—(U.P.)—American turncoat prisoner Richard R. Tenneson will be delivered to the Hong Kong border from Red China tomorrow, British sources said today.

An American Red Cross representative, Richard Tomlin, will meet Tenneson when he is delivered by the Chinese Communists.

Tenneson, of Alden, Minn., one of 23 American soldiers who refused repatriation at the end of the Korean war, technically will be in British police custody until the U.S. consulate general determines whether he has done anything to forfeit his American citizenship.

Tenneson's arrival in Hong Kong has been delayed two weeks.

The Communists tried two weeks ago to turn him over to an American official but the American Red Cross representative present did not have authority to receive him.

Diplomatic quarters believed the Chinese Communists were insisting on dealing with Americans as one more step in their struggle for international recognition.

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**A REAL WHITE CHRISTMAS**—Margaret Simone, 20, is mighty glad her car isn't under all that snow as she stands near the top of a six-foot high street marker at International Falls, Minn. Snow, which has been falling daily here since October 28, has accumulated to a record 35.7 inches. Nine inches fell in two days. International Falls is located on the Canadian border.

## High Court Refuses To Interfere In Utah Plural Marriage Cases

Washington—(U.P.)—The Supreme Court refused today to interfere with Utah court ruling that parents who teach that polygamy is "God's law" are unfit to rear children.

In a brief order, the high court rejected an appeal brought by eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Black, members of an excommunicated Mormon sect, of Short Creek, Utah.

The juvenile court of Jackson County, Utah, held that the Black home was an immoral environment for children. It awarded custody of the children, ranging in age from 19 to 4, to the Utah department of public welfare. The state Supreme court upheld the finding last May.

The Blacks are members of a small religious sect that practiced polygamy as part of their faith. The isolated community of Short Creek, which straddles the Utah-Arizona border, was the scene of a large scale police raid in 1953. About one-half the town's population of some 250 was arrested by Arizona authorities. The men, including Black, who were married to more than one wife were prosecuted.

**Henry Suydam Dies; Services Held Today**

Washington—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held today for Henry W. Suydam, chief State Department press officer who died unexpectedly Sunday of a heart attack.

Suydam, 64, will be buried Wednesday in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore. Services will be held today at the home of Mrs. George Barnett.

The pajama-clad body of the veteran newspaperman was found by a maid who entered his room about 12:15 p.m. Sunday. Associates said Suydam had complained recently of not feeling too well.

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**Weather**

**FORECAST:** Chance of a few light showers tonight. Foggy Tuesday morning. Partly cloudy and cooler. Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight 35. High Tuesday 45. Temp. Highest yesterday 61. Lowest this morning 41.

## Hearings Planned Before Congress On Al Sarena Patents

**Company Mines Located In Rogue River Forest**

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. W. Kerr Scott said Sunday that Senate investigators have heard testimony indicating that some high-level Interior Department officials "concocted a scheme" and improperly gave away \$500,000 worth of government property to a private firm.

**By A. ROBERT SMITH**  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—The Al Sarena mining claim investigation by Congress has tentatively been scheduled to open here Jan. 11, with officials from the Eisenhower administration being called to explain the decision under which 15 disputed claims in Rogue River National Forest were patented to an Alabama firm last year.

The investigation, which was touched upon briefly during hearings held in Oregon last month by a joint Senate-House committee, has been scheduled to run through four days of hearings—Jan. 11, 12, 17 and 18.

The case involves an application for patent to 23 mining claims in Jackson County located in Rogue River forest by Al Sarena Mines, Inc., of Mobile, Ala. The Forest Service contested 15 of the claims, but had no objection to the other eight.

The Bureau of Land Management, which decides on patent cases on public lands, held hearings and determined that the 15 disputed claims did not qualify for patent due to insufficient showing of mineralization. This 1951 ruling by BLM was later appealed by the company to Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman, who failed to act on the appeal before leaving office in January, 1953.

The appeal was acted upon by his successor, Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, who granted patents to the company on the 15 claims on the advice of Clarence Davis, who is now undersecretary but was then solicitor of the department.

The case has since been the subject of charge and counter-charge—between critics and supporters of the Eisenhower administration. The Senate Interior committee began looking into the case last spring at the request of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.). The forthcoming hearings are an outgrowth of that staff investigation.

In announcing the scheduled hearings, Sen. W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.), acting chairman of a Senate interior subcommittee, noted that thus far the owners of the mining company have not begun any commercial mining venture on the Al Sarena tract.

"On the other hand, however, about \$100,000 worth of timber has already been cut from the disputed claims," said Scott. "And about another \$400,000 worth is standing ready to cut."

He added that the government obtained \$2,355 for the issuance of patents to the firm—an amount which is the customary \$5 per acre charge stipulated under the mining laws.

"The purpose of the hearings in Washington will be to determine why—and upon whose orders—good judgment and normal procedure were thrown out the window in order to bestow upon the Al Sarena Corp., \$500,000 worth of public property," Scott declared.

A probable witness in the planned hearings will be Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), in whose district the company's property lies. Ellsworth interceded in behalf of the Al Sarena company in conferences with Interior officials when their appeal was pending. Last year, after the Senate committee staff began probing the case, the congressman said he would welcome a full investigation.

Ellsworth appeared as a witness before the same joint committee last month in Portland when it touched on the Al Sarena case. He charged then that "it was the committee's purpose 'to dig out and warm over a completely discarded smear attack used last year' (against Ellsworth in his re-election campaign by the Democratic candidate for his congressional seat, Charles O. Porter of Eugene).

Defending the Al Sarena claims in an issue of his weekly news letter last spring, Ellsworth said: "The Al Sarena claims were filed more than 50 years ago and a part of a long established bona fide mining operation. Having complied with the provisions of the mining laws the claimants were entitled to patents. Secretary McKay, if he knew about the matter at all, could not have prevented the operation of the law."

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