

Bodies of 4 Massacred Missionaries Found



BLUE CRUTCH DAY—Jerry Lausmann, right, county March of Dimes chairman, is shown above pinning a Blue Crutch on Russell, young polio victim. The little crutch, symbol of the fight against polio, will be sold on streets of towns throughout Jackson county tomorrow with all funds to go to the polio campaign. Young Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Russell, 647 J st., was stricken with polio in Junction City in September, 1953, and was cared for by the Lane county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In July, 1955, the family moved to Jackson county and the local chapter has care for him since that time. —McMurray photo—

Farm Plate Code Amendment Favored

Salem —(U.P.)—The section of the motor vehicle code dealing with issuance of farm plates should be amended to eliminate illegal use of such plates, the Legislative Highway Interim Committee was told today.

A report to the committee by H. G. Mason, superintendent of state police, said the department had issued 130 citations during the past year for farm plate violations.

Objects to Requirement

Earl McNutt, Eugene contractor and farmer and former member of the Legislature, objected to one requirement for farm plates, that of making the major part of one's livelihood from the farm.

"I own and operate a farm but I get my living from other sources too," he said. "However, I don't think a farmer in my fix should be penalized."

He suggested the requirement for farm plates should be that the vehicle is used in farm work, regardless of what other sources of income its owner might have.

Robert Gile, head of the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office, which issues farm plates, said that the farm plate section of the law was the most difficult to enforce.

He told the committee headed by Sen. Warren A. McMinnice of Tillamook that the department had 97 cases of violation under investigation and that about 30 holders of such plates had returned them when it was

Solin Elected Head Of Local UN Group

Lawrence Solin was elected president of Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bosworth Jr. Solin has been serving as treasurer. Bruce Manley is retiring president.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Bosworth, vice-president; Mrs. George Rode, treasurer; and Miss Mary K. Davenport, secretary. Retiring officers will make up the board of directors, with Manley as chairman.

Miss Noreen Kelly spoke on a European tour last year. She said she found approval of the United Nations among younger people of Europe, but that older people were reluctant to give up prejudices and hatreds brought on by past events.

Chance Remote Fifth Survived Indian Attack

One Man Decapitated, Radio Report Says

Quito, Ecuador —(U.P.)—The bodies of four massacred American missionaries have been found in the "green hell" jungles of eastern Ecuador, and there is only a "remote chance" that a fifth survived a savage Indian attack, it was reported today.

An unconfirmed radio report from the jungle said at least one of the slain men had been decapitated — recalling the Auka Indians' grisly practice of shrinking the heads of their victims.

Only one of the murdered missionaries had been positively identified so far — Nathaniel Saint, of Fullerton, Calif., the only member of the party who was wearing khaki clothing. Mutilation made it impossible to identify the other three bodies.

The men who flew into the jungle with Saint Sunday were T. Edward McCully Jr., Wauwatosa, Wis.; Roger Youdarin, Billings, Mont.; Peter Fleming, Seattle, and James Elliott, Portland, Ore.

Sighted From Helicopter

A U.S. Army helicopter manned by Capt. Robert B. McGhee and 1st Lt. James E. Claunch, based at Fort Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone, sighted the four bodies yesterday in shallow water along the banks of the rain-swollen Curacay river. Also aboard the craft was Maj. Malcolm L. Nurnberg, who is aircraft maintenance officer for the U.S. Air Force mission in Quito.

Abraham Vanderpoint, an official of the Protestant mission that sent the five men to convert the Auka, reported by radio from the jungle that "there is a remote chance the fifth missionary is still alive, but hope is fading with the passage of time."

Two men sighted early Thursday near the scene of the massacre and tentatively identified as survivors turned out later to be friendly Jibaro Indians who guided searchers to the missionaries' radio set.

Meanwhile, examination of the reports prepared by the missionaries before their last, fatal trip into the jungle indicated they probably were slain by Aucas they had not met on previous trips.

Relations Were Friendly

The five men had established friendly relations with the Indians who lived near the river beach. They had won the Indians' confidence to such an extent that a few of the bolder savages came close enough to shake hands, and one even went for a short hop in the mission plane.

"The Indian gave yells of happiness while in the air," Saint said in his report of the day's activities.

A week ago today, the missionaries set up a prefabricated hut on the river bank without drawing any protest from the Indians.

On Sunday disaster struck, and the last report radioed by Saint indicated it was the result of the arrival of strangers on the scene.

"Here come some Indians we have not met before," he said. "Everything OK. Will contact you again at 4:30 p.m."

Knowland Asked To File in Wisconsin

Milwaukee —(U.P.)—A 20-member Wisconsin committee today asked Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.) to enter his name in the Wisconsin Republican presidential primary election this spring.

The Knowland for President Planning committee, which was organized here today, sent a telegram to Knowland in Washington. It was signed by Ashland Editor John Chapple, who organized the group.

"I urge you to enter your name in the Wisconsin presidential primary," Chapple wrote. "As we see it, the issue is American foreign policy, and the fate of our nation and our civilization is at stake. On this issue we are firmly united in your support."

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York —(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 481.80 unchanged, 20 rails 160.68 up 0.57, 15 utilities 64.01 up 0.10, and 65 stocks 470.58 up 0.22. Sales today were about 2,120,000 shares compared with 2,310,000 yesterday.

Salem —(U.P.)—Byron D. McBride, Lake Grove, has filed his candidacy for Democratic nomination for state representative from Clackamas county.

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Weather

FORECAST: Thickening cloudiness tonight. Rain and gusty winds Saturday. Low tonight 38-40. High Saturday 50.
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High Yesterday 54
Lowest This Morning 35
PRECIPITATION
To 4:30 a.m. Today .18

SPEEDY BRINKS TRIAL PLANNED

Reason Behind 'Hurry' in Sarena Case To Be Probed

Decision Said Made Prior to Reports

Washington —(U.P.)—Sen. W. Kerr Scott said today his joint congressional subcommittee will try to find out next week why the government was in such a "mighty big hurry" to hand public lands in Oregon over to private ownership.

The North Carolina Democrat said the Interior Department was in such a hurry it handed down its 17-page final decision in the controversial Al Sarena mining claim case before the field reports reached Washington.

15 Claims Involved

The case involves the granting of full title to 15 mining claims beneath 300 acres of national forest to Al Sarena Mines, Inc., of Mobile, Ala. Democrats say the title was sought for the timber. Republicans charge an attempt to "smear" the administration is underway.

Scott, chairman of a Senate and House subcommittee looking into the case, said yesterday records show field reports on the claims were mailed from Spokane Jan. 5, 1954. But, he added, the final decision was handed down "the very next day."

Concrete Evidence

The dates, he said, are "very concrete evidence that the Interior Department, for some as yet undisclosed reason, was in a mighty big hurry to hand over these public lands to private ownership." The claims are in the Rogue River National Forest.

The congressional investigators have called on Forest Service officials to determine whether Al Sarena got a \$110,000 windfall out of the deal.

One source said Al Sarena already has taken \$110,000 in timber from the land and still has \$140,000 left. Another said only \$77,000 worth of timber was on the claims originally.

The hearings resume Tuesday.

Columbia Utilities Buys PT&T Property

About 40 suburban party line telephone subscribers in the White City area were transferred recently from the Medford exchange of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to Columbia Utilities company exchange, D. O. Hood, president of Columbia Utilities, has announced.

The sale of certain telephone territory and outside plant facilities for \$6,000 cash was granted by Oregon Public Utilities commissioner to the PT&T last month. The price did not include telephone instruments.

Hood said the transfer includes stations along Crater Lake highway between Four Corner and Gregory rd., Sticky lane, Corey rd., Foothills drive, and Gregory rd., an area generally contiguous to the White City exchange.

Housing construction under way in the area is expected to ultimately increase the total subscriber stations by about 200, Hood said.

Extended area toll free service between White City and Medford, and between White City, Central Point and Eagle Point was established last year.

Eisenhower Expected To Consent To Name Appearing on New Hampshire Ballot

Washington —(U.P.)—Sen. Styles Bridge (R-N.H.) said today he expects President Eisenhower to consent to his name being placed on the ballot of New Hampshire's March 13 presidential primary.

Such consent would not necessarily mean, however, that Mr. Eisenhower had decided definitely to be a candidate for renomination.

Bridges' statement to reports echoed a similar one from Gov. Lane Dwinell of New Hampshire. Dwinell announced yes-

Ike Calls Meeting On Atoms for Peace

Washington —(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today summoned five top advisers to find a way to breathe life into his bogged-down atoms-for-peace program.

Although Mr. Eisenhower unveiled two years ago his dramatic plan to put the atom to peaceful use for all men, ground so far has not been broken for even the first atomic reactor envisioned under the program.

The President called these officials to confer on the problem: Secretary of State John

D'Autremont Case Extension Granted

District Attorney Walter Nunley this week was granted an extension of time to Feb. 6 in which to consider motions filed in circuit court requesting dismissal of five indictments against Hugh D'Autremont.

The motions were filed late last month by Attorney Edward C. Kelly. D'Autremont is serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for first degree murder. He was convicted in connection with the robbery and dynamiting of a Southern Pacific mail train in the Siskiyou in 1923.

His brothers, Roy and Ray D'Autremont, also were convicted of the same crime and are still serving life sentences.

Kelly seeks dismissal of the remaining indictments against Hugh D'Autremont on the basis that the period of time elapsing during which the charges have not been brought to trial is too great.

HEW Gives Sanction To Valley Hospital

The federal Health, Education and Welfare department has given preliminary approval of the proposed Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, Rep. Harris Ellsworth and Sen. Richard Neuberger informed the Mail Tribune today.

In a telephone conversation shortly after noon, Ellsworth said he was notified today of the preliminary approval, which includes a grant of \$563,960 in federal Hill-Burton funds.

On the basis of preliminary approval, they said, the board of directors may proceed with plans and specifications, and final approval will come after plans are completed.

A general fund raising campaign is now under way in Jackson county to raise part of the estimated \$1,900,000 necessary for construction and equipping the 78-bed hospital at the corner of Barnett and Murphy rds.

The federal grant previously was recommended by the Oregon State board of health.

Copper Released to Flood-Ravaged States

Washington —(U.P.)—The government announced today it will release 4,200,000 pounds of copper for use in rehabilitating flood-damaged areas in California, Oregon and Nevada.

The supplies will be taken from inventories maintained for defense production.

Foster Dulles, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey, Atomic Energy Chairman Lewis L. Strauss and Dillon Anderson, the President's special adviser on national security matters.

Mr. Eisenhower announced his atoms-for-peace plan in an historic address before the United Nations Dec. 8, 1953. He urged then that an international atomic energy agency be created and

Dulles Backs Up Statements About Threats of War

Washington —(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today stood back of his Life magazine statements that only strong action by the Eisenhower administration has prevented war with Red China on three different occasions.

A storm of protest arose after Life quoted Dulles as saying the administration "walked to the brink of war" with Red China three times, "looked it in the face," and took "strong action" to avert it.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White told reporters that "the secretary has now read the Life article."

"He (Dulles) feels the statements specifically attributed to him do not require correction from the standpoint of their substance," White said. "That is all."

The Dulles statement, however, did not settle one of the main points as to whether Britain had agreed to take united action in Indochina in 1954 if the Geneva truce talks had failed.

The article said the British had a change of heart after Dulles had believed they would agree to intervention. However, this was not specifically attributed to Dulles.

In the article quotations attributed directly to Dulles were quite limited.

The statements attributed to Dulles which he said are correct in substance were that the Eisenhower administration had to look war "square in the face—on the question of getting into the Indochina war, on the question of Formosa."

"We walked to the brink and we looked it in the face," Dulles said. "We took strong action." (See Stories on Page 8)

Jackson Industry Due Ordnance Aid

Oakland, Calif. —(U.P.)—The San Francisco Ordnance District announced today it is extending its priority procurement program into 12 flood-stricken counties of Oregon and six in Nevada.

Fifty-one California counties already have been certified by the Office of Defense Mobilization for possible industrial relief.

The Oregon counties affected are Benton, Clackamas, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Joseph, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk and Washington.

that the major atomic powers contribute fissionable material to an atomic bank run by the agency.

The stockpile would be used for all kinds of peaceful purposes, but especially for providing "abundant electrical energy in the power-starved areas of the world."

Despite favorable reception of the idea, no agency has been set up yet because of Soviet stalling and other problems. The United States already has gone ahead with a program of its own to help friendly nations build research reactors and train nuclear scientists. Agreements have been signed with 19 nations and five others are pending.

But although the first of these bilateral agreements was signed more than eight months ago, no work has yet started on construction of a reactor.

Bids Asked on Four Area Road Projects

Bids on four Jackson county road projects will be received by the Oregon State Highway commission in Portland later this month.

Bids for a 302-foot reinforced concrete deck girder bridge over Applegate river about nine miles south of Ruch will be opened at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. The bridge will replace the wooden covered McKee bridge. Completion date is Nov. 30, 1956.

Two projects are along Crater Lake Highway. One is in the Casey Park section about six miles northeast of Trail for 24 miles of grading and filling, to be completed by July 31, 1956. The other is .68 mile of grading and paving in the Reese creek section about 15 miles northeast of Medford. Completion date is Aug. 31, 1956.

The fourth project is in Ashland for structures over Ashland creek at Water st. The project calls for a 256-foot reinforced concrete deck girder bridge with approaches. Completion date is Sept. 30, 1956.

Bids on the latter three projects will be opened in Portland at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27.

Kefauver Loses Two Wisconsin Supporters

Milwaukee —(U.P.)—A serious crimp developed in Sen. Estes Kefauver's Wisconsin presidential primary plans today with the withdrawal of two of his ardent 1952 supporters.

State Sen. Casimir Kendzioriski (D-Milwaukee) and Fred Voigt said they were pulling out of the Kefauver campaign because they doubted his sincerity in dealing with his supporters.

Voigt was executive secretary of the 1952 Kefauver for President club of Wisconsin. Kendzioriski was temporary chairman of the New Friends of Kefauver committee until a permanent organization was completed this week.

The two men said they felt the Tennessee senator had bypassed them in dealing with Wisconsin Democrats in his campaign organization.

Road Conditions

Highway 66, Green Springs —Some snow and ice, traffic moving without chains.

Highway 99, Siskiyou —Some snow and ice, traffic moving without chains.

Highway 97 —Snow in places, motorists advised to carry chains.

Highway 101 —Open to all traffic with some delays.

California highways —Some icy conditions, motorists advised to carry chains.

Highway 62, Crater Lake National Park —South and west entrances open, chains advised; open Annie Springs to rim, chains required; skiing good; 4 1/2 inches new snow, 103 inches on the ground.

District Attorney Seeks Indictments In Biggest Robbery

O'Keefe Expected To Be Star Witness

Boston —(U.P.)—A Grand Jury today indicted the gang which allegedly staged the \$1,219,000 Brinks robbery.

Boston —(U.P.)—The state moved swiftly today to prosecute the bandit gang that staged the \$1,219,000 Brinks holdup nearly six years ago.

District Attorney Garrett H. Byrne went before a Grand Jury to obtain indictments. His star witness was expected to be Joseph (Specs) O'Keefe, 49, one of the alleged participants in history's biggest cash robbery.

Byrne entered the Grand Jury room with two aides to make an initial statement. O'Keefe was scheduled to follow him.

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