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APPARENT MURDER SUICIDE KILLS TWO

McKay Being Urged To Enter Campaign For Senate Seat

Would Run To Oust Oregon's Wayne Morse

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Washington — Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay is being urged to step out of the president's cabinet and run for the Senate seat now held by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

This was an almost instantaneous consequence of the sudden death of Oregon's Gov. Paul Patterson, to whom virtually all Republicans had looked as the man to take on Morse in this fall's upcoming election. Refuses to Discuss

McKay, for his part, is having none of it. He has refused even to discuss the issue at this time. His close advisers report that he is as adamant as ever against continuing for long in public life, inasmuch as he and Mrs. McKay have longed to return to private life and retirement in Oregon.

To many Republicans here, as in Oregon, who feel intensely a need to defeat Morse, the news of Patterson's death was a double blow. Before the sun was down on the day the news was flashed to Washington, D.C., a group had called on McKay here to return to his home state to make the race.

McKay turned them down cold, refusing to discuss the question at all. He had been up much of the night from about 2:30 a.m. when his telephone in his apartment brought him the shocking news of the death of his close friend, the Governor.

Later when a reporter asked if he would consider running for the Senate, McKay said, "no comment." When his advisers later pointed out that this could be interpreted to mean he was considering running but just didn't want to discuss it publicly, the secretary said in effect:

"I just don't want to talk about it with anyone. Nobody should be talking about politics so soon after the Governor's death. It's disrespectful and unseemly. The funeral hasn't even been held yet."

Beyond this, McKay reiterated his previously expressed desire to call it quits when his present tour of duty in the cabinet is over. McKay was scheduled to fly out of Washington, D.C., Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for Portland.

Another name being mentioned as a potential candidate among public officials here is that of Rep. Walter Norblad, (R-Ore.), who has long been regarded as a possible GOP Senatorial candidate. Norblad declined to discuss the question, but said that after attending the Patterson funeral he expected to remain in the state for a week or more to confer with party leaders on the new political problems that confront the GOP as a result of the Governor's death.

Third Prospect
A third prospect being talked about here is former Sen. Guy Cordon, who has been practicing law here since his defeat in the 1954 senatorial election by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.). Cordon is known to have held no desire to seek re-election in that campaign but ran only after being urged to do so by President Eisenhower. Reportedly, he has enjoyed the private life of a lawyer which has been his the past year.

Most observers here feel the party agreement among Republicans on who would be the best candidates of the GOP for Senate and Governor will be made within the coming week or two in Portland, following the Governor's funeral.

Coincidentally McKay, Norblad and Cordon had reservations on the same Thursday afternoon plane for Oregon. They were the only prominent Oregonians in the Capital planning to attend the funeral.

Portland—(U.P.)—Some 60 firemen fought a stubborn two-alarm blaze in 20-degree weather today in the Peninsula Iron Works in north Portland.

Six Burn To Death When Fire Destroys Home Near Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—A mother, four children and a nephew who was staying with the family were burned to death last night when fire destroyed their home in the outskirts of Portland.

The father, 50-year-old Arthur Merrill Graham Sr. was the only occupant of the house to escape the blaze.

His wife, Thelma May Graham, 39, and all four of his children were trapped in the inferno.

The dead include: Richard Michael Graham, 7; Susan May Graham, 5; Kathleen Joan Graham, 3; Arthur Merrill Graham Jr., 2, and the nephew, Gerald Edward Myers, 13.

Benson Calls For Speedy Enactment Of Farm Program

Portland—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson today called for speedy enactment of the administration's new farm program to help farmers who "cannot wait for some more or distant tomorrow to bring them opportunity."

Benson said farmers "need opportunity to share in our national unprecedented prosperity now—this year—in 1956."

He plugged President Eisenhower's proposed nine-point farm program as the farmer's way out of low income problems, high production costs, overproduction of crops, and huge surpluses. He made the statements in a speech prepared for delivery before the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Immediate Income
He said the soil bank, which he called the backbone of the proposed new farm legislation, would provide "immediate" income for farmers hard pressed for cash.

Soil bank certificates, based on normal acreage yields participating farmers would not plant, "plus a little more," should "be available soon after the planting season," Benson said. He added that this would provide immediate income.

"The 'plus' would be additional income for 1956," he said. At a news conference, Benson was asked to comment on reports that not enough grass seed would be available to seed the 20,000,000 acres envisioned in the soil bank plan. He said he had been assured there was a generous supply of seed, as well as ample tree stocks for nursery plantings.

There is no question, he told newsmen, but that farmers are "in a bind." But he asserted that a good part of their price declines had come under the rigid support program of the Truman administration and that much of the slump had been halted by the Eisenhower administration.

Memorial Hospital Fund Still \$67,200 Short of Goal With 4 Days Remaining

Church of Latter Day Saints. Other memorials and memberships are planned.

Persons who may not have been contacted and are interested in memorials may contact campaign headquarters at 28 South Bartlett st.

At this morning's breakfast guests included Mrs. Shelby M.

Paris Folies Draw Hisses From Audience

Rome—(U.P.)—The famed Folies Bergere of Paris drew more hisses than applause last night at its grand opening in Rome. The girls wore halter type brassieres instead of the traditional rosebuds.

Police and city officials sat in the first three rows of seats to protect both the public morals and the performers against outraged Romans who had threatened to throw stink-bombs.

Postage Increase May Be Headed For Dead-Letter Office

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's request for a one-cent increase in postage on first class mail appeared headed today for Congress' dead-letter office.

But members did not rule out the possibility that Congress might seriously consider Mr. Eisenhower's request for increases in postage rates on newspapers, magazines, and third class mail.

Mr. Eisenhower in letters to congressional leaders Wednesday asked that postage be raised from three to four cents an ounce on first class letters and from six to seven cents an ounce for airmail.

The increases—rejected by Congress in 1953, 1954 and 1955—would raise \$311,000,000 of the \$405,000,000 in rate boosts proposed by Mr. Eisenhower.

Proposes Increase
Mr. Eisenhower also proposed rate increases of \$77,000,000 a year in third-class mail and two successive annual increases of about 5 per cent each in postage rates on newspapers and magazines. The latter would yield \$17,000,000 the first year.

He assumed in forecasting a budget surplus of \$400,000,000 for the next fiscal year that Congress this year would raise postage rates at least \$350,000,000.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.), a member of the Senate Post Office Committee, commented that "a readjustment in third-class 'junk' mail might be helpful and we should take a look at second class to see if it can stand an increase."

Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.), said he would urge early Senate hearings on Mr. Eisenhower's proposals. Rep. Edward H. Rees (R-Kans.), senior Republican on the House Post Office Committee, said that "of course, if the President sends us this request, the department is entitled to be heard." But he wouldn't predict that any action would result from hearings.

Eugene Firm Submits Low Bid On Project

Ephrata, Wash.—(U.P.)—Werner and Tauf Charneski, Eugene, Ore., submitted the apparent low bid of \$597,772 today for construction of laterals, structures and wasteways in block 89 of the Columbia Basin project, the Bureau of Reclamation reported.

Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital Will Be Built With Your Help

● If you have not been visited by one of the 220 volunteer workers and you wish to make a pledge to the community Memorial Hospital, sign this blank and mail it or phone Campaign Headquarters. A worker will visit you.

Name _____
Street or R.F.D. _____
City _____

Man Shoots Wife, Then Self, County Coroner Reports

Frank Denham and Wife Are Victims

What police described as a murder-suicide resulted in the death of James Frank Denham, 45, and his wife, Bessie May, 47, at their home, 1014 West Fourth st., at about 1 p.m. yesterday.

According to County Coroner Carlos W. Morris, Denham apparently shot his wife two times through the head with a .22 caliber rifle, and shortly afterwards killed himself by placing the rifle in his mouth and discharging it. Denham was owner of the Rogue distributing company, 2514 Jacksonville hwy.

State of Depression
No note or other information indicating a motive for the double death was found, but District Attorney Walter Nunley stated that Denham reportedly had been in a state of depression recently.

Wesley W. Driscoll, 169 Clover lane, called city police about 7:20 p.m. yesterday when Denham failed to report to work and Driscoll was unable to get into the house. The bodies were discovered by a city police officer a few minutes later.

The bodies were lying together in the rear of the house in a small hallway leading from the dining room. One bullet had grazed the top of Mrs. Denham's head and the other entered her mouth, according to the coroner's report.

Neighbor Visits
Bertha C. Nicewood, 1015 West Fourth st., told city police that she had visited the Denhams at about 11:45 a.m. and that they had both appeared normal at that time.

Mrs. Denham's body has been taken to Litwiller funeral home in Ashland. She is survived by her parents and a brother who lives at Talent.

Mr. Denham's body is at the office of the county coroner.

Timber, Leases Net \$963,800 In Oregon

Salem—(U.P.)—An income totaling \$963,800 was received during the calendar year of 1955 from the sale of timber and leases on the various state forests under jurisdiction of the State Forestry Department, Marvin L. Helland, forester in charge of timber management, said today.

Nearly the entire income came from the sale of timber. For the first time the state received an income from oil leases in the amount of \$3176. Most of this came from the Elliott state forest in Coos county.

In the distribution of the funds, the various counties wherein the income originated will benefit to the extent of \$661,830. Tillamook heads the list with \$288,963, practically all of which came from sale of fire killed timber in the Tillamook burn, Clatsop county was second with \$84,273.

Temperature Drops To 19 For New Season Low

The thermometer at the U.S. weather bureau station at the airport registered 19 degrees this morning, lowest temperature reading for the Medford vicinity during the current winter season.

Previous lows this year were 21 degrees on Tuesday and Wednesday. On last Nov. 15 a low of 20 degrees was recorded. A 21-degree temperature also was registered on Dec. 31.

Funeral Services For Patterson Scheduled; Observe Mourning Day

Salem—(U.P.)—A day of mourning will be observed in Oregon tomorrow as funeral services for the late Gov. Paul L. Patterson are held in the House of Representatives chamber here.

Gov. Elmo Smith, sworn in yesterday some 12 hours after Patterson's death of a heart attack in Portland, requested that flags be flown at half staff throughout the state.

Offices Closed
All state offices will be closed in honor of Patterson, whose weekly newspapers.

The physician who was called to attend Patterson minutes after his attack said the governor suffered a massive coronary occlusion.

Death of Patterson will mean that Oregon will have a gubernatorial race next November, as well as the contest for Morse's senate seat. Smith will serve until next January when the state legislature will inaugurate an elected governor.

Addition of the gubernatorial race to Oregon's two elections this year gives the Democrats an opportunity for an all-out attack to gain control of the state's administrative machinery. All officers on the powerful State Board of Control will be up for election; governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

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Hog Sees Shadow; More Winter Ahead

Punxsutawney, Pa.—(U.P.)—The Punxsutawney groundhog crawled from his burrow atop Gobbler's Knob today, spotted his reflection on the snow covered landscape and promptly popped back into his hole to sleep out another six weeks of wintry weather.

Members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog club, who kept a night-long vigil at the Gobbler's Knob Weather Station, said the sun peeped through an overcast sky at exactly 8:33 a.m. EST, permitting their famed weather prophet to see his shadow. The club members pulled their wintry duels around them tighter as Erer Groundhog took one look at his shadow and disappeared.

If there had been no shadow, the club members would have hauled out their spring duels.

Portland—(U.P.)—The groundhog's shadow practically froze in Oregon today.

Frigid air continued to dominate the weather picture throughout the state. The weather bureau held out only slight hope of relief with western Oregon due for increasing clouds and eastern Oregon expected to get "slowly rising temperatures." However the forecast called for low down to 25 below zero east of the Cascades tonight.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 473.43 up 0.15. 20 rails 158.40 off 0.23. 15 utilities 64.35 up 0.27, and 65 stocks 168.39 up 0.07. Sales today were about 1,900,000 shares compared with 2,010,000 yesterday.

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FREEDOM SCROLLS—In one of the latest pictures of the late Governor Paul Patterson, he is shown handing Freedom Scrolls for Oregon's 1956 Crusade for Freedom campaign, Feb. 12-22, to Lofton Tatum, center, and Chester E. Capon, both of Portland. Mr. Patterson was honorary state chairman of the annual drive to support truth broadcasts and balloon-leaflet operations behind the Iron Curtain. Tatum is 1956 state chairman and Capon heads the Multnomah county campaign.

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Bulletin

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