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Corvallis Business Section Destroyed by Sunday Fire

6 Establishments, Offices and Lodge Hall Demolished
Damage Expected To Reach \$300,000

Corvallis — (U.P.) — A fire, caused damage estimated as high as \$300,000, swept through a business section of Corvallis yesterday, wrecking six business establishments, four offices and a lodge hall.

The fire was first reported at 7:40 a. m. and firemen battled for several hours before it was brought under complete control.

The fire wiped out the sprawling Masonic building, which covered a half block area in the heart of the Corvallis business section. Also destroyed or heavily damaged were Wagner's restaurant, the Pacific Telephone company office, the City Hall Pharmacy, the Phil Small men's store, four attorneys' offices, a bakery and a supply house. All were occupants of the Masonic building.



DIDN'T GET VERY FAR—Police close in on three robbers (numbers) just a few minutes after they had robbed a loan and savings association of \$5000 at Wilmette, Ill. Robbers are John J. O'Brien (1), Lee Robert Simms (2) and John E. Keane (3). Behind O'Brien is Policeman Edward Eggert who was on the spot and stopped the getaway car.

Possible Governor Candidates Continue To Bloom in Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — Political hats, although not all precisely in the ring for the Oregon gubernatorial nomination, certainly were in the air today as several possible candidates indicated that they were seriously considering entering the race.

So far only Republicans Walter Norblad and Earl Dickson and Democrat Robert D. Holmes had made official confirmation that they would seek the office vacated by the death of Gov. Paul Patterson.

Norblad Saturday said he definitely was in the race for governor. He said he could not go along with the suggestion of Mrs. Marshall Cornett, GOP National committeewoman that he again run for Congress because of fear of a Democrat might get the seat.

On the sidelines and giving a great deal of consideration to the race were at least another trio of Democrats.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said that he has been urged by supporters to enter the race. Ex-state Senator Orval Thompson, an Albany lawyer, said he too, had received urging from his supporters to file.

Land Purchased for Adventist Church Site

The purchase of a seven acre tract as the site for a new Seventh Day Adventist church with a seating capacity of 1,200 was announced today by Elder E. F. Coy, pastor of the church.

The property, located at 2630 Crestbrook rd., south of Siskiyou Memorial park, was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson, and is the present site of the Medford Box and Crate company.

The church congregation is now making plans to raise \$50,000 which, with funds received from the sale of the present church, will be used for construction of the new building.

Freight Cars Loaded

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City Planners Slate Zone Change Hearing

Two public hearings will be held at a Medford Planning commission meeting at 7:30 p. m. today in the city hall.

The hearings will be on zone changes for the Leslie property on Boardman st., and Christian Science church property, block six, Siskiyou Heights addition.

A committee of planning commission members and property owners will also be appointed at tonight's meeting to study the zoning of the southeast Medford area which was annexed Jan. 17.

Other business will include consideration of an arterial street system report, consideration of a zone change to include a mortuary on Highland ave., and setting a date for a hearing on proposed agricultural zone requirements.

City Manager Robert Duff will give a report on sanitary sewer districts.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones averages: 30 industrials 467.17, off 0.49; 20 railroads 155.27, off 0.13; 15 utilities 65.05, off 0.04; and 65 stocks 166.51, off 0.15. Sales today were about 1,420,000 shares compared with 1,770,000 Friday.

Army, Air Force Rush Supplies To Europe Cold Spots

London — (U.P.) — The U.S. Army and Air Force today rushed food and clothing by land and air to Italy to alleviate the plight of thousands of Italians isolated in snowbound villages.

In fulfillment of a pledge from President Eisenhower, the first of a fleet of C119 "Flying Boxcars" winged over the Alps from Germany to Rome, Naples and Catania, Sicily, Sunday night. They delivered 10,500 Army blankets and enough rations to provide 180,000 meals for Italians beset by the worst winter weather in a century.

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16 County Democrats Attend Jackson Dinner

A group of 16 Jackson county Democrats attended the annual Jackson-Jefferson dinner in Portland Saturday evening at which Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for presidential nomination, was speaker.

Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, former party chairman for the county, introduced Congressman Edith Green who served as master of ceremonies. U.S. Senator Wayne Morse introduced Stevenson. David Shaw, Gold Beach, was general chairman.

The Jackson county delegation included Robert Boyer, Medford, county chairman, Mrs. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Miss Margaret McGee, Thomas J. Reader, James Main and Clyde Fichtner, all of Medford; Mrs. Albert Straus, Sams Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Redmond, Talent; Al Miller, Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Norton, Phoenix.

Eisenhower Plans Week's Vacation At Georgia Estate

President To Ponder Candidacy Decision

Washington — (U.P.) — The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will fly to Thomasville, Ga., Wednesday to relax at the estate of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey for a week or more.

While there, he will ponder his second term decision. But he is not expected to make any announcement until he returns to Washington. He said last week he expects to be ready to announce his decision by the end of this month.

Mr. Eisenhower will be accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower and her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud.

Gets Medical Report

Before he departs he will hear some time tomorrow a re-evaluation of his medical future and present condition from four physicians who have been close to his case since he suffered a heart attack in Colorado last Sept. 24.

The doctors will meet at the White House tomorrow. They will go over not only the records from the President's examination at Walter Reed hospital Saturday, but all of the medical reports on his condition since his attack.

The start of the medical consultation will depend on the arrival of Dr. Paul Dudley White, Boston heart specialist, who is flying from the Pacific coast. White is expected to reach the White House tomorrow.

Ike Must Decide

The White House anticipated that White and his colleagues would be able to make a public report on their findings some time tomorrow afternoon. But no time has been set for a news conference.

The physicians will give the President "findings and a medical opinion" on his health, but they will make no recommendation on what he should decide about a second term.

"That choice will be his," Dr. White told the United Press in San Francisco.

Talent Man Killed In Logging Mishap

Floyd Wallace Taylor, route 1, box 526, Talent, was killed in a logging accident on Wagner creek, four miles from Talent, about 2:35 p. m. yesterday.

Taylor and his son David, also of Talent, were raising a loading pole when one of the guy line cables broke, allowing the pole to fall. It struck Taylor on the back of the head, according to coner's deputies. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Ashland General hospital.

Taylor was born June 9, 1904 in Wisconsin. He was married to Jeneveve Blevens in Santa Ana, Calif., and in 1929 they moved to Talent in 1950. He had been a logger for two years.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, David and Floyd, both of Talent; two daughters, Mrs. Billy Hagert, Ashland, and Sheila, of Talent; a brother, Charles, Willits, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Hatch, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Mrs. Faye De Motte, Oakland, Calif.; and Mrs. Midge Sanderson, Los Angeles, and six grandsons.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 2 p. m., in Litwiller's Mountain View Chapel. The Rev. Ross Knotts will officiate. Burial will be in the Mountain View cemetery, Ashland.

Russia Accepts Plan For Data Exchange

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet government announced tonight it has accepted a U.S. State Department proposal for cultural and technical exchanges.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry announced it had sent to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow an "aide memoire" Feb. 3 replying to recent State Department proposals for such exchanges.

The American proposal expressed the desirability of exchange based on reciprocity in accordance with programs of mutual interest.

The Soviet government accepted the state department proposal to work out a program in Washington for exchange in medicine and agriculture. The Soviet government also offered to negotiate exchange in the fields of culture, electronics, mass feedings, and other areas.

Roseburg — (U.P.) — The Melody Inn at Winston, eight miles south of here, was destroyed by fire early today.

Burgess, McLean Reappearance Said Show of Distrust

London — (U.P.) — Foreign Secretary Sedwyn Lloyd said today that the reappearance in Moscow of turncoat British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean "shows how difficult it is to establish relations of mutual trust" with the Soviet Union.

Lloyd made his observation while delivering a statement to the House of Commons on the strange case of the two former diplomats who disappeared in May, 1951, and popped up unexpectedly in Moscow last Saturday.

Lloyd told Parliament that while the Soviets "profess so much to desire" mutual trust, they had repeatedly greeted British questions about the two men with a "consistent lack of candor."

Doubts Their Word

The foreign secretary angrily told Commons he placed "no credence" in the words of Burgess or McLean, who denied in their reappearance press conference Saturday that they had been Communist spies.

Lloyd said the Soviet authorities probably permitted the two turncoats to come out of hiding in an effort to "create distrust and drive a wedge between the United Kingdom and United States governments."

"If this is the explanation, they will not succeed," he said.

He said Moscow also might have produced Burgess and MacLean now so that Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev could "avoid awkward questions" when they visit Britain in April.

Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden added to Lloyd's statement by saying that the Committee of Privy Councillors authorized to investigate security measures in the light of the Burgess-MacLean defection now had made its report.

Soviets Dodged Questions

"I have given it careful study," Eden said. "We are now engaged in considering the steps to be taken to give effect to it. I would hope to be able to make a statement in due course."

Lloyd said, "as recently as Jan. 12, when Mr. Harold Wilson (a Socialist M.P.) saw Khrushchev, he put some questions to him. Khrushchev is reported to have replied: 'Are they in our country then? I have not heard anything of them from any Soviet officials, nor have I ever met them.'"

"The House must form its own opinion about the truth of these statements."

Stevenson Would Keep Racial Segregation Issue From Campaign

Portland, Ore. — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson said yesterday that the issue of segregation should be kept out of the presidential campaign because it pits "section against section or race against race."

The Democratic presidential candidate said strong federal action to end segregation may "actually delay the process of integration in education" and said candidates should not "exploit for political ends" racial tensions in the South.

Criticized by Liberals

Stevenson has been criticized by liberal elements in his party for advocating "gradualism" in desegregation. He said there should be no slowdown in ending segregation but warned:

"We must recognize that it is reason alone that will determine our rate of continued progress. 'Certainly we will not improve the present condition or future prospects of any Negro citizen by coercive federal action that will arm the extremists and disarm the men of good will in the South who, with courage and patience, have already accomplished so much.'"

The statement was issued from Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood where Stevenson is relaxing and working on a new series of speeches. It followed on protests of Democratic Negro leaders in California last week.

Disappointment Expressed

The Negro leaders expressed disappointment with Stevenson's "middle of the road" statements on desegregation and indicated they leaned toward rival candidates.

Holdup Activity Flares in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Holdup activity flared up here over the week end as several robberies or attempted robberies were reported and one man was shot in the chest.

Police today recovered a gun with which 66-year-old Olaf Faleide was wounded in a public restroom in downtown Portland last night.

Faleide told police two young men opened a compartment door and demanded he hand over his money. He told them he had none and one of the men pulled out a gun and fired, hitting Faleide in the chest. Another bullet missed and lodged in the wall behind his back. Faleide was reported in good condition.

The 22-caliber weapon was found in a garbage can at Central Bus depot. Police said it had been stolen by two men from a hardware store last week.

A bandit escaped with weekend receipts from a southeast Safeway store last night after opening his coat and revealing a revolver in his belt.

On Saturday night, a holdup man tried to rob grocer Vern Judd but Judd brandished a 10-inch steak knife and the man finally fled with no loot. John Martin, proprietor of another grocery, lost \$300 to a holdup man and later fired a shot as the bandit fled.

Portion of Stolen Poison Wheat Found

Portland — (U.P.) — Police recovered one ton of poisoned wheat early yesterday but the remaining three tons of the lethal loot still was missing.

Acting on an anonymous phone call, police discovered one ton of wheat in a gravel pile on north river road.

The wheat originally was discarded after it had been "too heavily fumigated" and had been piled on a loading dock for disposal.

Early Friday night owners noticed that about half of the wheat had disappeared.

An anonymous phone call Saturday night to Thomas M. Rice, of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, led to recovery of a portion of the wheat yesterday.

The caller said he had learned through newspaper stories that the wheat was poisoned.

West Will Watch Struggle For Power Inside Russia

Washington — (U.P.) — The West will watch Russia's Communist V. M. Molotov, former Premier Georgi M. Malenkov or other high Soviet officials who may be on their way down.

Russian experts do not expect any action affecting international affairs to come from the Congress which would match the dramatic downfall of Malenkov earlier and the rise of the current Khrushchev-Bulganin team. But these same experts, on the basis of past Russian performances, wouldn't be surprised at anything.

They are sure that power jockeying for Stalin's mantle is continuing inside the Soviet Union. Right now Khrushchev and Bulganin seem to be riding high over any opposition. Their trips to the July Geneva confer-

Committee Ends Investigation Of Donation To Case

Hennings Quits Post On Elections Group

Washington — (U.P.) — Oil company attorney John M. Neff, who tried to give Sen. Francis Case a \$2500 campaign contribution, testified today that he had not contributed to any other senator's personal campaign funds in connection with the natural gas bill.

He gave this testimony as a blue ribbon Senate committee investigation contribution wound up its hearings at least for the present. The special committee, headed by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) recessed its investigation "indefinitely" after hearing Neff.

Meanwhile, Sen. Thomas C. Hennings (D-Mo.) announced that he is resigning as chairman and a member of the Senate Elections subcommittee to clear the way for that group to make a "far broader" investigation of campaign contributions to all senators than was made by the George committee.

Unwritten Rule

Hennings bowed to an unwritten senate rule that such inquiries should not be conducted by members who are up for reelection as Hennings is this year. He said he did not agree with assertions that he was unqualified to direct the inquiry, but is quitting the subcommittee anyway because "I can no longer permit my membership on the subcommittee to serve as a refuge for those who may be adversely affected by an investigation."

Both Neff and his attorney were pressed by reporters to elaborate on Neff's testimony that he had made no contribution to any other senator's "personal" campaign fund.

Stormy Exchange

Neff declined comment. Ivan Evans, his attorney, engaged in a brief but stormy exchange with newsmen which offered little clarification.

"We wanted to make it clear that we had made no other contribution to the personal campaign funds of any senator," Evans said.

A newsmen immediately asked whether Neff had contributed to funds that helped elect any other senator. "Now wouldn't you like to know," the attorney said, walking away from the newsmen.

In questioning Neff, a Lexington, Neb., attorney, today, committee counsel Charles W. Steadman asked:

"Have you at any time since October, 1955, made contributions to the campaign funds of other senators in connection with the Harris-Fulbright natural gas bill?"

"I have made no other contribution to any senator's personal campaign fund," Neff replied.

Limited Investigation

Steadman told Neff he asked the questions about other contributions because it was "pertinent" to the four-man committee's inquiry. He said that if a "pattern" were shown, that would be of concern to the committee, even though the committee's investigation was "limited in scope."

Steadman also asked Neff several times when he was particularly interested in Case's attitude on the natural gas bill.

Neff said he knew that the Superior Oil Co., which he represents, was interested in learning various senators' attitude on the measure.

Neff said he decided a campaign contribution should be made to Case after he visited the senator's office here on Jan. 12.

Nyssa — (U.P.) — Completion of processing of 500,000 tons of sugar beets is expected this week.

Pickets Battle Police at Westinghouse Plant Gates

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Massed pickets battled with police and sheriffs deputies at the gates of the Sharon, Pa., plant of Westinghouse Electric Corp. today apparently in protest to the breaking off of negotiations in the 120-day walkout against the firm.

The violence came as the governors of five states awaited the company's reply to their proposal that the deadlocked dispute be submitted to a fact-finding board composed of two nationally known labor experts. The union accepted the plan yesterday.

A Westinghouse spokesman said at noon that the company still had not received the governors' proposal and that no reply could be made until the text had been studied.

The International Union of Electrical Workers agreed to the proposal Sunday shortly after Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania announced appointment of two nationally-known labor arbitrators to the fact-finding board.

A Westinghouse spokesman said the firm withheld comment on the appointment of Dr. George W. Taylor of Philadelphia and attorney David L. Cole of Paterson, N.J., because company officials had not received official notice of the governors' plan.

Leader said the special board would investigate the "facts" and then "determine the unresolved issues of the strike" and present them to the general public, labor and management.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness tonight and Tuesday with a few light showers. Low tonight 33. High Tuesday 45.

Highest yesterday 44
 Lowest this morning 34
 To 4:30 a. m. today Prec. trace