

Public Hearing on Alternate Freeway Routes Next Month

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A public hearing on two proposed alternative routes for a Highway 99 freeway in the Medford area will be held here sometime next month by the state highway department.

The two routes now being considered are shown in the map appearing in the adjoining columns on this page.

According to information received from the highway commission by Medford city officials, the state has virtually eliminated from consideration other routes which have been suggested since it became known a freeway was planned for this area.

Two Proposals
The two proposals, as shown on the map, are for a line east of Medford, known as the Hillcrest route, and one through lower east Medford, along a line roughly parallel to Genessee and Cottage sts. In either event, the freeway would be a four-lane highway, with access limited to interchanges. These would be at Seven Oaks, North Medford, Crater Lake highway and South Medford (Barnett rd.) on the Hillcrest route, and at the same locations, plus a South Medford interchange near Barnett rd. and Stewart ave. on the Genessee route.

Further south, the Hillcrest proposal would have interchanges at Fern Valley rd., North Ashland, Oak st., Green Springs and South Ashland, and the Genessee route would have them at Phoenix, Talent, North Ashland, Oak st., Green Springs and South Ashland.

At least four other routes have been discussed locally:

1. An elevated route parallel to Bear creek and along the west edge of Hawthorne park.

2. A depressed route along the Bear creek channel, with the creek confined to a concrete bed.

3. An elevated viaduct over the Southern Pacific tracks through the city.

4. A route to the west of the city, either parallel to Lozier lane, or further to the west in the Old Stage rd. region.

Not Considered

These four, it is believed, are no longer under active consideration by the highway commission. Whether discussions at the public hearing next month will be limited to the two highway department proposals, or whether other routes will also be brought up for discussion, is not known here at present.

It has been reported that the estimated costs of the Hillcrest and Genessee routes are similar.

Gambling Evidence Told in Lane County

Eugene—(U.P.)—The Lane county grand jury today issued a report on gambling in which it claimed there was extensive evidence of gambling in private clubs and taverns in the county with a net profit in excess of \$400,000 per year.

The report said one fraternal club realized a profit of \$90,000 from gambling devices. The jury said gambling was also conducted in Lane county card rooms and beer parlors. Profits from card games was listed as about \$70,000 per year.

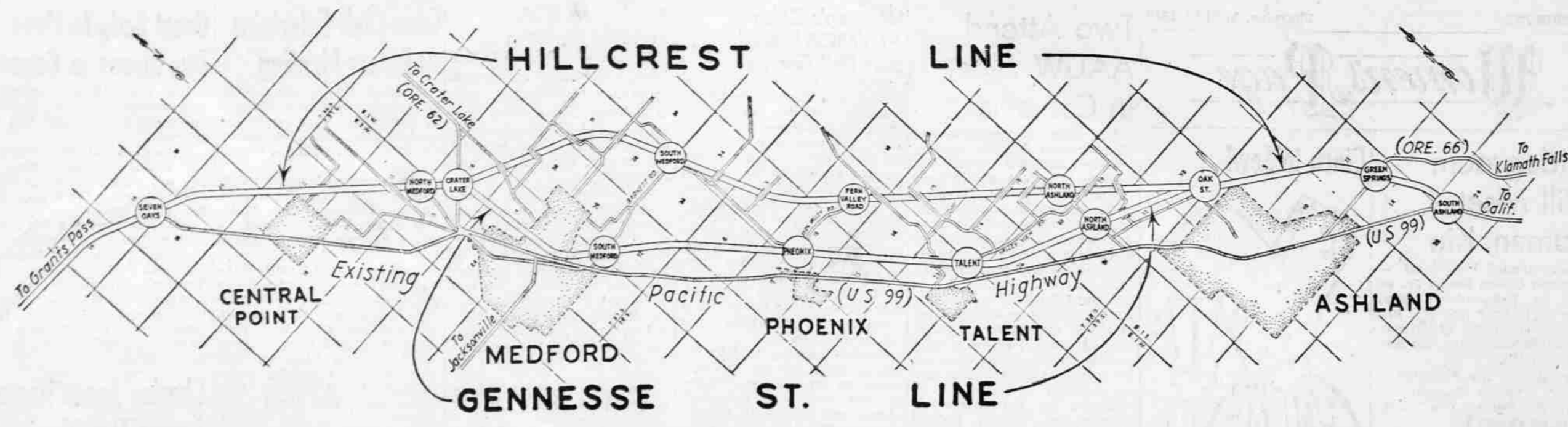
The jury said it found more than 150 pinball machines in operation in the county but not a single slot machine.

Chiropractic Group Against Fluoridation

Southern Oregon Society of Chiropractic Physicians Wednesday voted against fluoridation of city water, officers have announced.

The decision was made at a meeting attended by representatives from Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Ashland and Medford. They made their decision on the basis of research which they have done and the results of the findings, it was explained.

Other business at the session concerned applications for membership. Next society meeting will be at Grants Pass.



CEASE FIRE REACHED IN MID-EAST

Portland Gambling Control Charges Bring Conference

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith today summoned William M. Langley, Multnomah county district attorney, for a conference regarding charges that gambling interests were attempting to gain control of Portland.

Action on the request of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to investigate conditions in Multnomah county will be delayed until persons involved have been contacted, the governor said.

Earlier today Thornton indicated he was asking the governor for authority to investigate the alleged attempts to take over the town.

The charges were made by the Portland Oregonian in a copyrighted story.

Call for Investigation
"The charges made by the Oregonian call for a thorough official investigation," Thornton said.

"In view of the fact that the charges have been directed in part against the Multnomah county district attorney's office, it would appear to be inappropriate for the district attorney to participate in this investigation," Thornton continued.

"Accordingly I am requesting the governor to empower the attorney general's office to handle the matter as a necessary and independent investigation under the provisions of state law," Thornton concluded.

Portland — (U.P.) — District Attorney William M. Langley said today his attempts to rid Portland and Multnomah county of vice and gambling had led to threats against his life.

He said reports that he had plotted with Teamsters Union officials to "open up" the county were false.

Langley said he had notified law enforcement agencies of location of bootlegging dives, brothels and gambling dens and the only reaction was telephoned threats to "lay off."

Courthouse Saturday Closure Hearing Set

A public hearing on proposed Saturday closure of the Jackson county courthouse will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the county court room.

The hearing is the result of a petition recently submitted by courthouse personnel asking that the building be closed Saturday mornings. Several courthouses in the state are now open only Monday through Friday.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 504.33, off 2.22; 20 railroads 171.72, off 0.69; 15 utilities 65.78, off 0.39, and 65 stocks 179.05, off 0.81. Sales today were about 2,210,000 shares compared with 2,470,000 yesterday.

Grace and Nervous Prince Married in Eyes of Church

Monaco — (U.P.) — Beautiful Grace Kelly and a nervous Prince Rainier III became man and wife in the eyes of the Roman Catholic church as well as the civil law today. A few hours later, they left their pink palace on their honeymoon, on a lazy Mediterranean cruise on a white yacht banked with flowers.

Cutting of Wedding Cake
Grace wept at one point in the colorful religious ceremony. And the bashful Prince had to have help in getting the wedding band on his bride's finger.

But, after a buffet dinner and the traditional cutting of the wedding cake in the palace gardens in the afternoon, they finally slipped away on their honeymoon.

When they departed from the throngs of well-wishers, family

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House Group Votes Fund To Start Soil Bank Plan Now

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Appropriations Committee voted today to give the Eisenhower administration \$1,200,000,000 to start its farm soil bank program at once.

The surprise action came at a secret, hurriedly called committee session.

The vote was 36 to 7, with one Democrat, Rep. J. Vaughan Gary of Virginia, reportedly voting with six Republicans against the proposal.

Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) said the money would enable Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson to put into effect

under existing laws exactly the same soil bank plan that had been contemplated in the farm bill vetoed Monday by President Eisenhower.

Rep. James L. Whitten (D-Miss.), chairman of a subcommittee that drafted the money bill at an unannounced session this morning, said there was one exception to this. He said that, as far as he knows, Benson will not be able to make advance payments to farmers this year for soil bank commitments for the next year.

Democrats had bitterly assailed this feature of the ad-

ministration's plans as an effort to buy the votes of farmers in the 1956 presidential and congressional elections.

In testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee, Benson urged that Congress promptly approve new administration legislation providing for a \$1,200,000,000 soil bank with advance payments to farmers.

Benson said the administration does not intend to make permanent the support price floor of 82½ per cent of parity for basic crops which President Eisenhower announced in his message Monday vetoing a Democratic bill. The bill had called for 90 per cent parity for the basic crops.

Heated Dispute
Committee Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) heatedly disputed Benson's contention that the administrative increase in price supports was justified under the present farm law.

The senator contended that the hike wasn't warranted because the supply and demand situation is unchanged.

"If supplies had been reduced by the operation of the soil bank for 1956 crops, the recalculation of the support prices would have put those supports in the vicinity of the figures named by the President," Benson testified.

No Interim Announcement
George Smith, Hammarskjold's spokesman, told the United Press in Tel Aviv that the secretary general would not make any interim announcement on his talks with Arab and Israeli leaders until he reports to the U.N. Security Council that sent him here.

This did not appear to preclude announcement of the cease fire, however.

Government circles said Ben-Gurion decided to get his cabinet to sanction the agreement because of some of the concessions he made during his talks with Hammarskjold.

A principal one concerned the drawing back of border patrols along the Gaza Strip boundary and another gave more freedom of movement for U.N. trade observers, the sources said.

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Shantz and Ginsburg; Gromek, Foytack (6), Marlowe (7), Maas (9) and House.
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Israel, Egypt Agree To Terms, UN Announces

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — Israel and Egypt have agreed to a cease fire, the United Nations announced today.

The agreement covers a complete cease fire along their much troubled borders, the office of the U.N. Truce Supervisory Organization here said.

The agreement came as a result of the current peace mission to the Middle East by U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold.

Its acceptance by Israel and Egypt means that the key objective of the mission assigned Hammarskjold by the U. N. Security Council has been achieved.

Eases War Threat
It will prevent further clashes between the two sides and dampen the possibility of an Arab-Israeli war, which had threatened to set the whole Mid-East aflame.

A U. N. spokesman said the Israeli and Egyptian governments notified Hammarskjold that as from yesterday evening orders were in force on both sides that "no military or para-military forces, including non-regular forces, may shoot across the demarcation line or pass over that line for any purpose whatsoever."

The U. N. chief was reported to have worked it out in his sessions the past two days with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and last week with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo.

Combined Armory Bid Is Approved

The federal government has approved a \$353,154 combined bid of Wiley company, Ashland, and L. C. McLaughlin, Medford, for construction of a new two-unit memorial armory in Medford, according to state National Guard headquarters in Salem.

Contracts are being prepared and work is expected to begin within 30 days.

The two-unit armory will be constructed on the county fairgrounds to replace the old Medford armory at Jackson and Bartlett sts. which was extensively damaged by fire several years ago.

State, federal, county and city funds will finance the project.

The announcement of the approval was made by Gov. Elmo Smith following a conference, with Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of the National Guard.

Kefauver To Speak In Portland Saturday

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver, candidate for the Democratic nomination for president, will give his answer to President Eisenhower's veto of the farm bill when he speaks here Saturday night, his Oregon supporters said today.

Kefauver's address will be the climax of the 25th annual Young Democratic state convention which opens here tomorrow.

Trapped Miners Believed Killed

Sunnyside, Utah — (U.P.) — A federal mine inspector estimated today it would take from 16 hours to five days to reach four miners trapped and believed killed in a cave-in at a Sunnyside coal mine.

Inspector C. T. Hallett, Trinidad, Colo., reported rescue crews were within 80 to 100 feet of the men trapped beneath tons of coal and rock three miles in to the bowels of the Kaiser Steel Co. No. 2 mine.

Hallett explained the cave-in at 1:40 p.m. yesterday was caused by the weight of rock. It had been believed previously the mine collapse was caused by pressure of accumulating gas in the tunnel.

Operations Suspended
He said there was an "outside chance" the four men had survived in a pocket in the cave-in but it was more likely they were crushed to death or suffocated.

Mining operations were suspended as each shift of 20 to 30 men equipped with a mechanical digger and automatic shuttle car tunneled toward the four trapped men. If Hallett's most optimistic hopes were realized,

the men could be reached late tonight.

The four were identified as Joe Otterstrom, 55, and Lloyd Alleth, 36, both of Sunnyside, Lavell Marion Golding, 39, Wellington, and Joseph A. Archuleta, 43, Dragerton. Archuleta is the father of two children, Heath has four and Golding six.

Three other miners, Frank Corrales and Raymond Stowell of Wellington and Garth Frandsen of Price, left the area shortly before the cave-in.

Tried to Run
Hallett said 16 feet of coal and rock had been removed from the debris clogged tunnel.

The mine inspector believed rescue workers were within only 10 feet of a "continuous miner" and mobile loader the four trapped men had been using before they tried to run to safety.

Morse Ordered To Answer Suit On Registration

Eugene — (U.P.) — Senator Wayne L. Morse has been ordered to appear in Circuit Court here April 30 to answer a suit filed by his primary election opponent Woodrow Smith if Hood River and defend his registration as a Democrat.

Circuit Judge Frank Reid said yesterday that he had issued the order. Lane County Clerk Harry Chase also was ordered to appear to show cause why Morse's Democratic registration should not be voided.

Smith challenges Morse's change in registration here in February last year.

Said Truly Republican
The Hood River service station operator has charged that Morse is not truly a Democrat but in effect is a Republican.

An earlier suit brought in Marion county circuit court was thrown out.

The question arose from Morse's change in registration. In 1950 he was elected as a Republican, then subsequently declared himself an independent and later registered as a Democrat.

In Portland, John C. Beatty Jr., Morse's attorney, said he did not regard the order as a serious threat.

Weather

FORECAST: Variable High cloudiness tonight and Friday. Low tonight 42. High Friday 76.

Highest Yesterday 78
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Consolidation To Be Effective July 1
Medford, Oak Grove and West Side school districts will be consolidated, the county school boundary board decided Wednesday.

Consolidation of the three districts was overwhelmingly approved by voters at an election April 2.

63 Lumber Industry Representatives Attend Foremen Fire Fighting School

About 63 lumber industry representatives from southern Oregon are attending a foreman fire fighting school today at the state forestry department's district headquarters on Table Rock rd.

At least 50 men are expected to attend tomorrow for similar courses in large fire organization, radio procedures and practice, timing and safety on large fires. Also scheduled are demonstrations of fire behavior and use of water.

Cooperative Efforts
The school is being conducted through cooperative efforts of industry, state and federal agencies and the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

At an orientation session this morning, George Flanagan of

Elk Lumber company pointed out that through the cooperative effort of agencies and industry fire losses are being reduced. He noted that timber grows about 2 per cent annually, and the fire loss can be kept to two-tenths of one per cent annually through cooperative efforts.

Jack Wood, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, told the foremen that the area protected by fire-fighting groups in southern Oregon, if rolled into a one-mile wide strip, would reach from New York to San Francisco and north to Portland. The total area covers about 4,000 square miles.

Eugene Peterson, district forester for the bureau of land management, said that BLM timber covers about 400,000 acres in this area, and the BLM pays

about \$60,000 annually for fire protection. Timber sold brings in about \$1,500,000 annually to the county from O and C lands.

Attending School
Among those attending the school today are Earl Harrison, captain of the Medford fire department, and Richard Krupp, chief of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district.

Curtis Nesheim, warden of the southwest district, presided at today's introduction and orientation.

The school for training foremen in fire fighting resulted from last September's forest fires in Jackson county, and is the first of its kind conducted in the forest industry. Other such schools have been attempted, but have been unsuccessful, according to school officials.