



HALL S. LUSK
To Speak Here

High Court Judge Sets Medford Visit

Hall S. Lusk, justice of the Oregon supreme court, will speak to a meeting of the Jackson County Bar association at noon Thursday, May 3. Justice Lusk will discuss "Modern Judicial Trends" with local attorneys.

Justice Lusk has been a judge for 25 years and has served on the Oregon supreme court for the past 18 years. He served a term as Chief Justice of the court from January, 1949, to January, 1951, and participated in the first national conference of state chief justices in St. Louis, Mo., in 1949.

Judge Lusk was admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia in 1907 and to the Oregon State Bar in 1909. He was in private practice in Portland from 1909 to 1930 except for a two-year term as assistant United States attorney for the district.

He is also well known for his work in civic affairs and on numerous bar committees. He is a candidate this year for another six-year term on the Supreme court.

Eisenhower Expected To Accept Farm Bill

Washington — (U.P.) — Republican congressional leaders said today that President Eisenhower probably will accept a new farm bill without advance payments for the soil bank.

Democrats have denounced as "a political gimmick" the administration's proposal for \$500,000,000 in payments this year to farmers who promise to put acreage into the soil bank next year.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R-Ind.) member of the GOP top command in the House, was asked after the conference with the President if Mr. Eisenhower would sign a farm bill without that provision.

"That would not be a reason to veto the bill," Halleck said.

Alabama, District of Columbia Voters Cast Ballots in Primary

Washington—(U.P.)—Voters in Alabama and the District of Columbia cast ballots in presidential primaries today.

The district balloting provided a contest between delegates pledged to Adlai E. Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in the Democratic primary. But only six convention votes were involved.

In Alabama, a state with 26 convention votes, delegates were unpledged and neither Stevenson nor Kefauver's name was on the ballot. But about one half of the delegates have said they favor Stevenson.

Other political news: The death of Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) started speculation immediately that Gov. A. B. (Happy) Chandler of Kentucky might resign and take the Senate seat himself by appointment. Or he might appoint some one else temporarily and run for the seat at a special election in November.

Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler swung at Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio, fellow Democrat and possible dark horse presidential candidate. Butler at a news conference in Delaware, O., accused Lausche of failing to help the Democratic party. He said he expects President Eisenhower to carry Ohio in the November election.

Butler told students at Ohio Wesleyan university his party "will not make any concessions to the South" on civil rights this year. He said: "We will support

the integration decision of the Supreme court."

Kefauver barnstormed across Florida. He said at Blountstown he never favored using federal troops to enforce the Supreme court school integration order. He called the idea "unthinkable."

Stevenson campaigned in Oregon. At Astoria, he accused the administration of falling down on extending Social Security and developing natural resources.

Fears He Is Behind
Both Stevenson and Kefauver forces made cautious comments regarding the District of Columbia primary. Kefauver said he feared he was behind.

Less than 60,000 residents registered for Washington's first primary since the Grant administration.

Most of the 113 candidates running in the Alabama Democratic primary left themselves plenty of room to change even the weak endorsements some of them made. No candidate would be able to consider his chances much strengthened by the results of the primary.

The Republicans are not involved in the Alabama contest. They name their convention delegates at a state convention. The Republican primary in the District of Columbia is a formality. All candidates favor President Eisenhower.

Senate Committee Opens Investigation Into Gas Bill Lobby

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate investigators began their widely heralded lobbying investigation today by seeking testimony from the head of a large industry group that favored the controversial natural gas bill.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) called Maston Nixon, chairman of the General Gas Committee, to testify before the special eight-man investigating committee. The Corpus Christi, Tex., oil man was the first witness to be heard in public session.

Created in 1954

The General Gas Committee was created in 1954 to collect and circulate information favorable to the natural gas bill. It has filed reports in the Senate and House under the federal lobbying act, but asserts that its activities were not primarily designed to influence legislation.

McClellan's investigating committee was established in the wake of a lobbying furor that resulted from Senate debate on the since-vetoed gas bill. The bipartisan committee voted to make lobbying for and against the bill its first item of business.

Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) started the furor when he disclosed during the debate that he had turned down a \$2500 campaign contribution from an oil lobbyist interested in the passage of the gas bill.

Attorneys Criticized
Two attorneys for the Superior Oil Company of California were criticized for "irresponsibility... run riot" by another special committee that looked into the Case incident. The first special committee said Superior's president, Howard B. Keck, could not escape the blame.

McClellan said he hopes Nixon's testimony, and the record of his organization which he

has promised to supply, will set a "broad base" for the inquiry's future activities. McClellan said the scheduling of Nixon as first witness does not indicate any wrong doing by the organization.

Governor Praises Crime Prevention

Bend—(U.P.)—Efforts in Oregon toward juvenile crime prevention were praised here last night by Gov. Elmo Smith in an address to the City Police Officers' association.

Pledging the interest and help of state government in combating the participation of juveniles in serious crime, the governor praised communities that have undertaken constructive programs of juvenile crime prevention.

"J. Edgar Hoover's report on the high percentage of major crimes committed by persons under the age of 18 should cause us all to take serious stock of our situation," the governor said.

"It has been alarming to note the greater participation of juveniles in serious crime and it is certainly better and also cheaper to carry on activities which will reverse this trend," he continued.

Gov. Smith pointed out that city officials now are responsible not only for suppression of crime, apprehension of offenders, recovery of property and so on, but they also are expected to regulate automobile use, cope with juvenile delinquency, develop a crime prevention program and carry on many other significant duties.

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