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Seaton Takes Oath

Washington—(U.P.)—Fred A. Seaton took the oath of office today as the nation's 37th secretary of interior.

Chief Justice Earl Warren administered the oath to Seaton at the White House.

Seaton, who was serving as deputy presidential assistant, succeeded former Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay.

McKay resigned in the spring to run as the GOP candidate against Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in the November elections.

Mr. Eisenhower nominated Seaton to head the Interior department last week. The Senate confirmed his nomination by voice vote Wednesday—less than 24 hours after it sailed through the Senate Interior committee.

The 46-year-old new cabinet member is a Nebraska newspaper publisher. He served in the Senate in 1952; serving out the unexpired term of the late Kenneth S. Wherry (R-Nebr.).

He acted as a top presidential adviser in his former White House post.

Doctors Summoned For Possibility Of Operation

Heart Condition Declared Unchanged

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower has a "partial obstruction" of the small intestine and surgeons have been summoned to see if surgery is necessary.

A team of physicians reported that an electrocardiogram showed no change in the President's heart. As a "precaution," however, they summoned famed cardiologist Dr. Paul Dudley White from Boston for consultation.

This news on the President's condition as of 3:30 p.m. (EDT) was issued at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where the President was taken by ambulance early this afternoon.

Mr. Eisenhower had become ill at the White House during the night.

Confirm Diagnosis

Dr. Howard McC. Snyder, the President's physician, earlier had diagnosed Mr. Eisenhower's ailment as ileitis, an inflammation of the small intestine.

Following examinations at Walter Reed, Snyder and the hospital's commander issued a communique confirming this diagnosis. But they added that they also had found "a partial obstruction in the terminal portion of the small intestine."

This presumably was caused by the intestinal inflammation.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, who made public the medical report, said a group of civilian surgeons is being called in to determine whether the situation requires surgery.

Dr. White said in Boston there is a "possibility" that surgery may be necessary. He said he is leaving for Washington as soon as possible because the doctors "want me there."

Whether surgery will be needed, Hagerty said, could not be determined at this time.

"Is his condition critical?" a reporter asked.

"Certainly none of the doctors used such an adjective to me," Hagerty replied.

Doctor Intercepted

Hagerty said the three surgeons being called in as a "precautionary measure" are Drs. John H. Lyons, Washington, D.C.; Brian Blades, professor of surgery at George Washington University here; and Isador Ravdin, professor of surgery at the Pennsylvania Medical School, Philadelphia.

Dr. Thomas Mattingly, Walter Reed cardiologist who has been a consultant in the President's case from the beginning, was intercepted by police in South Carolina after the Secret Service had sent out an alert. He hurried to Columbia, S.C., to fly to the President's bedside.

The attack occurred about 2 a.m. (EDT). Mrs. Eisenhower summoned Dr. Snyder.

On his advice the President was taken to the hospital. He rode on a stretcher in an olive drab Army ambulance. The ambulance left the White House at 1:30 p.m. with sirens wailing. The trip to the hospital in the extreme northern part of Washington took 10 minutes.

Carried on Stretcher

Four hospital corpsmen, flanked by two doctors, carried the President on the stretcher into the hospital. The President was bareheaded and clad in tan pajamas.

Mrs. Eisenhower had arrived at the hospital a few minutes earlier with their son, Maj. John S. Eisenhower. She managed a faint smile for newsmen and then hurried into the spacious presidential suite on the third floor of the hospital.

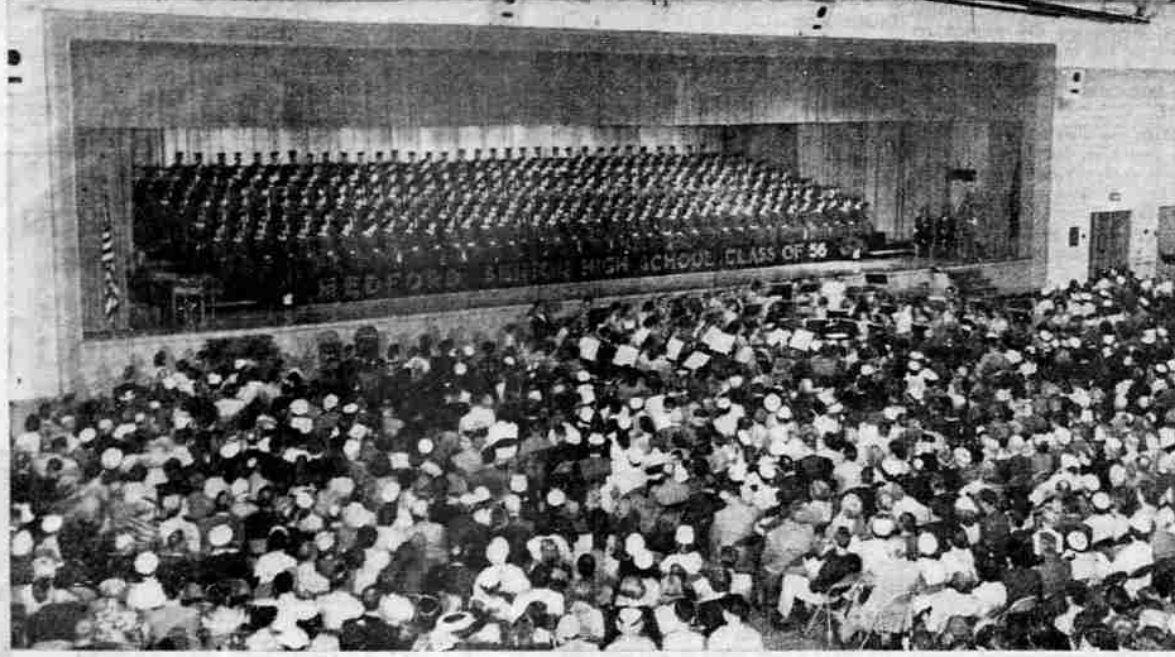
The intestinal upset created worldwide concern. The New York Stock Exchange had its worst break of the year.

The White House notified Vice President Richard M. Nixon even before it first announced the President's upset, but in a series of bulletins it emphasized its belief that the ailment was "no cause for alarm."

Portland Woman Dies In Wreck Near G. Pass

Grants Pass—(U.P.)—Miss Mildred Brown, 67-year-old retired Portland school teacher, died in a hospital here today from injuries suffered in an auto accident yesterday afternoon.

Miss was a passenger in a car driven by her brother, Wilbur Brown, who mistook a trucker's left turn signal as an indication that the road was clear for passing. Police said Brown took to a ditch to avoid collision. The accident occurred on Highway 99 at the Merlin road junction about 3 miles north of here.



GRADUATES—Medford High school seniors who received diplomas at commencement exercises at Hedrick Junior High school last night are shown on the stage of the auditorium. Frank B. Bennett, extreme right, president of Eastern Oregon

college, LaGrande, was principal speaker. Ceremonies were held at Hedrick because of unsettled weather recently. School officials considered holding exercises at Medford High school stadium. A total of 270 seniors received diplomas.

(—Brainerd photo)

Columbia Utilities Installing Direct Distance Service

Direct long distance dialing by subscribers of the Columbia Utilities company's Jackson county telephone exchanges will be inaugurated in the near future, according to D. O. Hood, president of the company.

Four installers are now in operation at the company's White City exchange, where master equipment for the new service is being installed. Hood said installation and testing should be completed about July 15.

Bids To Be Invited For Rehabilitation Project on Canal

Bids will be invited about June 26 for one canal rehabilitation job in the Rogue River basin project and are scheduled to be invited on two other projects later this summer, the bureau of reclamation has announced.

Bids will be for work about 25 miles from Medford on the main canal between Brownsboro, Lake Creek and Bradshaw Drop. Work on the canal includes constructing a 60 inch buried monolithic concrete pipe siphon 325 feet long at Wyant Wash, and a 54 inch buried monolithic concrete pipe siphon 1,100 feet long at Osborne Wash.

Other work on the canal includes removing five wood-heat metal flumes and constructing two 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 foot reinforced concrete bench flumes and a cantilever retaining wall and spillway. Completion date will be 230 days.

July and August planning schedules list several jobs on which bids will be invited.

They include construction of 10.3 miles of open canal including a half mile of concrete pipe siphon, a small diversion dam and other work, 15 miles east of Ashland, and constructing a 60 inch concrete culvert pipe siphon about 375 feet long and replacing a 48 inch wooden siphon with a 57 inch cylinder or 60 inch concrete siphon about 1,970 long in the Medford canal near Medford.

Bids for construction of the Deadwood tunnel will be opened July 2, and bids for the Bear Creek siphon July 10. Bids will be opened at bureau of reclamation offices in Medford.

The commission rejected bids for oiling projects on highway near Pinehurst, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Canyonville and Union Creek. The project called for 33.63 miles of roadway oiling and 4.78 miles of shoulder oiling.

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Commission Rejects Bids for County Work

Portland—The Oregon State Highway commission has rejected as too high bids for oiling and paving projects on highways in Jackson county and three other counties.

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Diplomas Presented Graduating Seniors At Medford High

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Exercises were held at Hedrick Junior High school because of unsettled weather conditions the past week. School officials originally considered holding the ceremony in the Medford High school stadium.

Lester D. Harris, high school principal, presented scholastic and other honors.

Meredith Foote received the valedictorian award and John Van Dyke the salutatorian award. Carol Denman was named outstanding senior girl and Monte Holst outstanding senior boy.

Senior class officers last year included Sandra Robinson Cooper, president; John Bellack, vice-president; David Drummond, secretary; Ed Reinking, treasurer, and Robert Durante, student council representative. Advisors have been Mrs. Alice Kovenz and DeVere Taylor.

Medford Man Injured In Accident at Elk

Alva Reed, 34, of 1357 Lawndridge dr., suffered serious chest and head injuries this morning while working at Elk Lumber company, according to a report from Sacred Heart hospital. He was taken to the hospital by Medford ambulance attendants.

According to reports, a loaded lumber carrier fell over injuring Reed.

Portland—(U.P.)—J. E. Parker of Corvallis won the top award of the American Rose Society's 1956 show in the Portland Auditorium.

Twenty-nine Jackson County Delegates Will Participate in Beaver Boys State

Twenty nine delegates from Jackson county will participate in the 20th annual Beaver Boys state at Oregon State college starting Sunday, June 10.

Beavers Boys state is sponsored by the American Legion to train boys in citizenship, and boys attending are sponsored by local service and community groups.

Elections will be held to determine city, county and state officials with each boy holding an office. The boy elected governor and one other representative will attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C., later this summer as Oregon's delegates.

The boys met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dames recently to receive instructions.

Alex McDonald of Medford High school was elected as senior counselor to accompany the boys to Corvallis. He is the first senior counselor from southern Oregon.

Handling arrangements for the Medford boys were Dames, Col.

W. H. Paine and Carl Olson. Emil Kroeger made arrangements for Ashland American Legion post, and Jerry Blacconi made arrangements for Central Point.

Boys sponsored by the Ashland Post, and individual sponsors are Jim Sinko, Elks lodge; and Jim Busch, American Legion.

Central Point Delegates
Central Point boys, and their sponsors, include Warren Strang, Legion post 129; Allen Kinney, Cheney Studs; Randy Campbell, Panter and Jim Glen; John Neal, Central Point Merchants association; and Gerald Kime, Central Point Lions.

Late News Briefs

AL SARENA REPORT

Washington—(U.P.)—The Democratic majority of a House government operations subcommittee was disclosed today to have approved a report calling for cancellation of the controversial Al Sarena mining claim rights in Oregon.

The report still must be approved by the full House Government Operations committee and a Senate subcommittee which made a joint investigation.

NEW RECORD SET

Salem—(U.P.)—Wages paid by nearly 18,000 Oregon employers covered by unemployment compensation last year reached a new record of \$1,390,065, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported today.

20 Donors Sign for Bloodmobile Visit

About 20 appointments have been made to donate blood June 13 when the Bloodmobile will be at the Elks club between 1 and 5 p.m., Red Cross officials announced today.

At least 250 donors will be needed to meet Medford's quota Wednesday. They pointed out that a total of 162 pints of blood were used in Jackson county during May. At the April Bloodmobile visit, residents donated 198 pints to supply needs over a two-month period.

Donors may make appointments at the Red Cross office in the basement of the county courthouse or by telephoning 3-3813. Bloodmobile hours will be extended another hour, to 6 p.m., if appointments are received.

Red Cross workers said they recently received a report that someone did not want to give blood because he had heard the blood is sent to Portland and he did not approve of "all that blood going out of the county."

It was explained that it is necessary to send the blood to Portland because it must be processed before it can be used, and the nearest laboratory is located in Portland. As blood is needed to replenish the Jackson county supply it is sent back

Escape in Elevator

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Another man cut off from the elevator by the slide was hoisted up the face of the cliff by rescue workers using ropes.

Largest State Plant

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Damage by the rock slide was said to be approximately \$100,000,000.

Niagara Gorge Wall Falls Smashing Big Power Plant

Workman Swept to Death as Gigantic Boulders Tumble

Niagara Falls, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The wall of the lower Niagara gorge tore loose late Thursday, thundering hundreds of tons of rocks down on a huge hydroelectric plant and shearing two-thirds of the building from the face of the cliff into the Niagara river.

One workman was swept to his death in the rapids when he was trapped in the roaring rock slide. However, 39 other workmen scrambled to safety as gigantic boulders crashed down on the Schoellkopf Hydroelectric company, a quarter mile below the cataract along the American shore.

The missing workman was tentatively identified as Richard Draper of Lewiston, N.Y. He and the others had been repairing water seepage in a canal tunnel which funnels water to the station's dynamos from above the falls. The men were warned of the coming slide when windows in the plant started cracking like rifle shots.

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"Look At It This Way—It's Great To Be Alive"



Russia Challenges US To Cut in Manpower

Washington—(U.P.)—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin challenged the United States in his latest letter to President Eisenhower to match Russia's 1,200,000-man military slash, diplomatic circles reported today.

President Eisenhower and U.S. military officials already have made clear they have no intention of matching the Soviet manpower cut.

Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zoroubin delivered Bulganin's two-page letter and an accompanying 16-page document to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles Thursday.

Neither the State Department or the Soviet Embassy would disclose the message's subject matter. The text was expected to be made public late today or Saturday.

Contains New Proposals

However, diplomatic circles reported the message contained new disarmament proposals including the manpower-cut challenge.

Diplomatic sources said Bulganin told the President that an equal manpower slash in U.S. forces would boost trust and confidence between the Soviet bloc and the free world.

There has been speculation here and abroad for weeks that Russia would make the proposal. Russia has beat its propaganda drums loudly about its cut ever since announcing it last month.

Architect Submits Detention Home Plans

William Siebert, Medford architect, Wednesday submitted to the county court his first drawings of the proposed \$65,000 juvenile detention home to be built on a two-acre site at the county fairgrounds.

The architect also submitted sketches of the proposed administration wing of the building provided for in the 1956-57 county budget.

Also viewing the plans were juvenile department personnel and members of the advisory committee.

Members of the county court, who recently visited juvenile facilities in California, plan trips soon to Salem and Woodburn to see Oregon state juvenile facilities.

Stocks Dip on Ike's Illness

New York—(U.P.)—A new selling drive hit the stock market in the early afternoon trading today when the White House announced President Eisenhower was taken to Walter Reed hospital as a "precautionary measure."

In this drive prices were forced down \$2 to \$5 a share, their worst decline since May 22. The year's lows were being threatened.

At the bottom of the decline the market showed a loss of more than \$3,000,000,000 in value of all listed issues. The industrial average at 1 p.m. (EDT) showed a loss of 9.91 points, its widest loss since Oct. 10.

Paris—(U.P.)—Reports of President Eisenhower's illness today caused the black market rate for the dollar to drop 10 per cent.

London—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's health was bannerline news in London afternoon newspapers today.

"Eisenhower Ill Again," headlined the Evening Standard. "Doctor With Him Since 2 a.m."

Court Buys Drapes, Rugs for New Room

The Jackson county court Wednesday purchased drapes and a rug for the new circuit court room in the courthouse annex and a carpet for the judge's chambers.