

WEEK END ACCIDENTS CLAIM 14 PERSONS

Drinking Charges Removal Sought by McKeon's Lawyers

Parris Island, S.C. — (U.P.) — The defense fought today to have stricken from the indictment against S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon charges that he was drinking vodka before he led raw recruits on a "death march" that drowned six men in a tidal wash.

McKeon Discusses Atomic, Foreign Policy Problems

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower still wearing a bandage, discussed atomic and foreign policy problems today on his first return to his White House desk since his operation more than five weeks ago.

Mr. Eisenhower arrived at his office at 8:20 a.m. (EDT) and held a brief work session with his staff before swinging into a limited series of appointments.

He conferred later with Adm. Lewis W. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. He later called in Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for a foreign policy review and to discuss plans for the Panama Conference of American Presidents which the President will attend this week end.

Mr. Eisenhower Tuesday will confer with Republican leaders of the House and Senate and Thursday he will preside at a meeting of the National Security Council.

Friday the chief executive plans what the White House described as an "expanded" council meeting which will include representatives of the departments and agencies participating in the new Civil Defense operation "alert" which begins Friday.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Mr. Eisenhower will not hold a news conference this week. Neither will he have a formal Cabinet meeting before he leaves for Panama Friday night.

The President, still convalescent, as a result of his June 9 surgery, planned for the immediate future to follow a rather restricted schedule of office hours.

Jensen Leaves to Face Execution in Salem

James Norman Jensen, 28, Larkspur, Calif., was en route to the state penitentiary in Salem this morning from the Jackson county jail. He was accompanied by sheriff's officers Paul Bettio and Dean DeBerry.

Jensen will await execution in the state gas chamber Sept. 21. He was first sentenced to death for the April, 1954, murder of Mrs. Fern Hile, in circuit court Jan. 7, 1955. His case was appealed to the State Supreme court without success, and he was resented by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna about two weeks ago.

Also taken from the county jail this morning was Prentice Kenneth Cox, 30, of Wichita Falls, Tex. Cox recently was sentenced to one year in the Multnomah county jail for rape.

Salem — (U.P.) — A rash of 43 fires, 32 of them lightning-caused occurred over the week end on state forest lands.

Cincinnati — (U.P.) — A nationwide strike at B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company plants has been averted.

Seventy-two people worked on the ground and in the air yesterday, for the Civil Air Patrol's simulated air rescue, and found their "target" at 3:25 p.m.

The operations, based at the Medford airport, began with a briefing of all personnel by Maj. Patrick Moses, deputy for operations of the Oregon wing, CAP, in Portland, at about 9 a.m. Immediately afterward a weather plane, and then a route plane went up.

The target had been planted by M. Sgt. Harold Schultz, wing observer, U.S. Air Force.

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Senators Major Shakeup Among Mid-East Diplomats

Confirmation by Senate Necessary

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has ordered a major shakeup in this country's top diplomats in the Middle East.

He intends to name new ambassadors to Egypt, Greece, Morocco, and the Union of South Africa. He also plans to replace George V. Allen as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs.

Sen. Walter F. George, (D-Ga.), said today that his Senate Foreign Relations Committee was notified of the proposed changes last week. They must be confirmed by the Senate.

Proposed Changes There was no immediate statement from either the White House or State Department. But according to the senate notification, these are the proposed changes:

Raymond A. Hare, director general of the Foreign Service, to become ambassador to Egypt. He would replace Ambassador Henry A. Byroade who has held the post only a little more than a year.

Byroade to become ambassador to the Union of South Africa.

Allen to become ambassador to Greece, replacing the veteran Cavendish W. Cannon. No one has been mentioned yet to replace Allen in the key assistant secretary post here.

Cannon to become the first U.S. ambassador to the newly independent state of Morocco.

The shift of Byroade and Allen were major surprises. It seemed to signal an administration effort to strengthen its representation in the tinderbox Middle East. Dealing with Egypt is a particularly ticklish assignment in view of its leadership of the Arab bloc in the dispute with Israel and its recently friendly relations with Russia.

Allen, former ambassador to India and Yugoslavia, has been a top troubleshooter for the administration in the Middle East.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today vetoed the \$2,136,000,000 military public works bill on grounds the measure is unconstitutional.

The President vetoed the measure with a message to the House saying that he thought the bill violated "the fundamental constitutional principle" of separation of powers between the executive and the Congress.

Mr. Eisenhower said he thought the measure placed unconstitutional authority in the hands of the Armed Services Committee on the House and Senate.

In adopting the bill, Congress provided that the Defense Department could not spend any money on Talos missile sites or on housing projects until they had been cleared with the Senate and House Armed Services committees.

In his veto message, Mr. Eisenhower said the provision would "compel the secretary of defense, and an executive official to share with two committees of the Congress the responsibility for the carrying out of the Talos missile authorization.

Highway Group Refers Bids to County Court

The Oregon State Highway Commission has referred bids on construction of Willow Kane, Snider and Dry Creek bridges to the Jackson county court for action.

Low bidder was R&M Construction company, Central Point at \$55,532. Other bids were Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, \$55,780, and Orlando C. Bennard, Portland, \$66,233.

Medford Attorney To Head Oregon Democratic Group

Robert A. Boyer, young Medford attorney and Democratic leader, was elected chairman of the Oregon Democratic Central committee at a meeting in Corvallis yesterday.

This morning he was named alternate delegate to the Democratic National convention by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, who advised the Mail Tribune of the appointment by telephone. Senator Neuberger earlier had announced his intention of appointing the new chairman.

Boyer's only opposition for the post was Chet Lowry of Washington county. His victory was reportedly by a heavy majority. He succeeds Howard Morgan of Monmouth in the post. Morgan recently resigned to act as a campaign aide for Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson.

Three other state Democratic officials were re-elected at the Corvallis meeting. They were Edna Scales, Clackamas county, vice chairman; Lloyd Rae, Baker county secretary, and Dexter Fairbanks, Portland, treasurer.

Jack Beatty was nominated by Boyer and elected as liaison officer to maintain contact between the central committee and the numerous other Democratic organizations in the state.

Four Speakers Robert Holmes, Gearhart, Democratic candidate for governor, Congresswoman Edith Green, Portland, Wiley Smith, Portland, Democratic candidate for state treasurer, and Jason Lee, Salem, candidate for congress from the first district, all attended and spoke briefly.

In telling of his appointment of Boyer as his alternate, Senator Neuberger told Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul Butler that Boyer is "an outstanding young man of integrity and ability, with a brilliant future ahead in the public life of our state and of the nation." He told the Mail Tribune he has a high regard for Boyer and looks forward to his association with him during the convention in Chicago next month.

Boyer, 29, in addition to the two posts gained over the week end, is also chairman of the Democratic Central committee of Jackson county, and is a candidate for the state legislature from this county. He has resided in Medford since 1937, and he and his wife and small daughter live at 649 South Ivy st.

He is also active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, and the YMCA. He is a graduate of Medford High school, attended Southern Oregon college in Ashland, and received his baccalaureate and law degrees from the University of Oregon.

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Sunday Fire Covers 70 Acres of Brush, Grass in Tolo District

Fire Swept Over Approximately 70 Acres of Grass, Brush and Tree Stumps

Fire swept over approximately 70 acres of grass, brush and tree stumps north of Gulf Red Cedar company sawmill in the Tolo district yesterday, doing little damage but threatening several homes to the north and east and storage lumber at the mill.

Central Point rural fireman, who were summoned at 4:30 p.m., said that the fire was fought for about two hours with as many as 30 men battling the flames at one time. They described the blaze as "very hot" but reported that the only damage was to an abandoned mill building, which was destroyed, and to fence posts.

The blaze apparently started in the northwest corner of the area, firemen stated. Cause has not been determined, they said this morning.

Central Point rural fire protection district had three vehicles at the scene. A state forestry department pickup truck unit and a Gulf Red Cedar bulldozer also were used. Men residing in the area were among the fire fighters.

The state forestry department reported a three-acre grass fire on Foley lane northwest of Central Point about the same time yesterday. It was believed to have been started from a debris fire. Patrolmen reported there was no damage.

Medford firemen were called about 1:05 p.m. yesterday to the fairgrounds baseball park where a grass fire damaged the board fence slightly. Origin was not known. City firemen extinguished a grass fire in the 400 block on Union ave., about 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

Thirteen fires, started on state forestry department-protected land by lightning storms last week, were found and put out by patrolmen. Southwest District Warden Curt Nesheim reported.

Ten of the fires were in Josephine county and three in Jackson county.

A fire at the head of the Applegate river was the last to be found on the Rogue River National forest. Fire Control Officer S. T. Moore said. Eight lightning fires were found on the national forest.

Police identified the victims as Kenneth C. Jordan, 49, the driver, Eatonville, Wash.; William M. Eskew, 22, Corvallis, Ore.; Edith M. Jordan, Tacoma, Wash., and Stella Stacy, 73, Vancouver, Wash.

The Jordan car struck another vehicle driven by Larry Muller, 19, Glendale, Ore., on highway 99 near Wolk Creek hill. Three passengers in the Muller car, Ben Moore, 22, and Edward Booth, 19, both of Glendale, and John Stange, 16, of Willoughby, Ohio, were hospitalized.

Bill Dodson, 27, Aberdeen, Wash., racing car driver, was killed at the Portland speedway yesterday when a tie rod on his car snapped and the car crashed into a restraining wall.

David Thompson, 27, Celilo Falls, was killed near Troutdale east of Portland Saturday night when his car rolled over on the Troutdale road.

Mrs. Opal D. Ellertson, 28, Vancouver, Wash., was killed in Vancouver Saturday when her station wagon collided with another vehicle.

Samuel Joseph Currier, 59, Portland, was killed Friday night when his car hit a wet spot and rolled over on highway 97 near McCreezy Springs, 36 miles north of Klamath Falls. His wife, Ella Leigh, 55, was injured.

Kenneth Henckel, 18, Troutdale, drowned in the Sandy river yesterday after he tumbled from a railroad trestle near the Lewis and Clark park.

The other drowning accident yesterday claimed the life of 10-year-old Gary Blondell, of Winston. He was swimming in Porter creek eight miles west of Winston when the accident occurred. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blondell.

Salem — (U.P.) — Display space for textiles at the 1956 Oregon State Fair will be increased 50 per cent. The fair runs from Sept. 1 to 8.

Mediators Take Firm Hand In Steel Strike Solution

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Federal mediators took a firm hand today in efforts to seek an end to the nationwide steel strike.

They called industry negotiators into a private meeting and summoned representatives of the United Steelworkers to a similar meeting later. The meeting with the company negotiators lasted all morning.

They also called both sides to meet with the mediators in a joint session this afternoon.

Federal Mediation Chief Joseph F. Finnegan said Sunday that if the union and industry representatives did not work out some approach to settlement soon, he would come up with "suggestions" of his own.

Finnegan spent the week end in Washington reporting on the situation to Secretary of Labor James Mitchell.

He and his aides, Clyde Mills and Robert H. Moore, returned to Pittsburgh today. They were to remain on the sideline on a "standby" basis while the union and management representatives met in joint session.

Worms Ravage Many Clover Fields in Valley

Army worms are ravaging