

Nixon Wins Renewed Support by White House

Nunn Murder Trial Expected To Go To Jury Late in Week

Parents of Victim Testify This Morning

District Attorney Walter Nunnley said state's testimony in the first degree murder trial of Billy Junior Nunn will be completed by noon Wednesday.

Nunnley predicted the case would go to the jury on Thursday. Defense Attorney Sam Harbison said he didn't expect the jury to get the case until Friday, though Judge H. K. Hanna estimated the jury would retire Wednesday.

State's Witnesses
Among state's witnesses appearing this morning were Mr. and Mrs. John Eacret, parents of 14-year-old William Alvin Eacret, who was slain at Tub Springs state park April 19.

Nunn is accused of killing the Klamath Falls boy after sexually assaulting him.

Mrs. Eacret said her son had suffered from rheumatic fever. Harbison interrupted her testimony to say to the court, "I think it's absolutely inhuman to ask this woman to testify." He requested that she be excused before her testimony was complete, but Judge Hanna denied the request.

She was later recalled to the witness stand to identify a red and black plaid lunch pail. She said her son had a similar lunch pail but could not remember whether it was red plaid or tan plaid.

Truck Driver
Another witness, Charles Wilbur Hammond, Klamath Falls truck driver, told the jury he had participated in a conversation with the defendant on April 18 on the Green Springs highway at the site of a wrecked car.

Hammond, whose wife is married to the Eacret family by marriage, said he recognized Alvin and was "curious" about his being so far from home. In the courtroom, Hammond identified Nunn as one of the men he had conversed with at the scene of the wrecked auto.

Other state's witnesses included Miss Shirley Dean Bannop, an employee of the Sliding Door cafe in Medford, where Alvin had asked for a job on April 19 while accompanied by Nunn; James Barry, who said he had served Nunn's car on that date at Mountain View camp on the Green Springs and identified Nunn in the courtroom; Kenneth Dale Alexander, 12-year-old Klamath Falls boy who said he saw his friend, Alvin, get out of a gray Buick, go into a store and come out with a pack of cigarettes at 8:10 a.m. April 19; and Mrs. Eva LaMarche, Klamath Falls housewife, who said she had known Alvin four years before his death and saw him the day he disappeared.

Officers Testify
Testifying Monday afternoon were State Police Sgt. Earl Tchenor and Deputy Sheriff Joe Walsh. Both officers told of questioning Nunn in the Modoc county jail at Alturas.

Nunnley relinquished to the defense tape recordings of conversation at Alturas between Nunn and the officers. The district attorney said elements of the recordings would be inadmissible as state's evidence. Harbison said he did not know whether or not he would play the tape in the courtroom. The court previously declared inadmissible a statement of confession which Nunn had written in Alturas.

Frank Jenkins Heads Order of Antelope

Lakeview, Ore.—(UP)—Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, was elected head of the Order of the Antelope at the group's annual meeting at Hart mountain over the week end.

Other officers named include Bud Leano, Creswell; Lew Wallace, Portland; John Housell, Hood River; Giles French, Moro and E. Breed Garrison, Eugene.

Liquor Commission Raids Net 19 Youths for Drinking

Portland — (UP) — Two week end raids by the Oregon liquor control investigators brought the arrests of 19 youths involved in drinking bouts.

Juvenile girls accounted for four of the 19 arrested. They were turned over to juvenile authorities.

In two instances, investigators led by Lt. Gordon McCreary were forced to battle their way out when youths rushed the officers trying to take the prisoners from the scene of the drink-

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Oil Company, Two Lawyers Cited On Charges of Illegal Lobbying

Action Taken in Connection With Natural Gas Bill

Superior Oil, Neff and Patman Charged

Washington — (UP) — A federal grand jury today indicted the Superior Oil Co. and two attorneys on charges of illegal lobbying in connection with Senate passage of the natural gas bill.

In addition to the oil firm, the indictment named Superior's attorney Elmer Patman, Austin, Tex., and lawyer John M. Neff, Lexington, Neb.

President Eisenhower vetoed the controversial measure after its passage on grounds that a small segment of the gas and oil industry used "arrogant tactics" to push it through.

Charge Creates Sensation
During debate on the bill, Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.), reported to the Senate that he was offered \$2,500 by Neff as a campaign contribution. He rejected the offer.

Case's charge, made on the Senate floor, created a sensation and led to the creation of a blue ribbon Senate investigating committee.

After lengthy and often stormy hearings, the committee April 7 issued a report charging Neff and Patman with "galloping irresponsibility" for allegedly trying to sway Case's vote on the gas bill.

But the investigators ruled that "there was neither a bribe nor an attempt to bribe" involved. They said, however, that Superior Oil President Howard B. Keck had to share whatever blame was involved in the actions of Neff and Patman because he was "remarkably lax" in directing their activities.

From Special Fund
Testimony during the hearings showed that the money Neff offered to Case's campaign had been given to him by Patman from a special fund provided by Keck.

The grand jury, which met here, cited one count in which all three defendants were named. This charged they conspired to violate the lobbying act.

Five other counts named either Neff or Patman.

The grand jury said Neff and Patman collected money from Keck "to be used principally to aid in the passage" of the natural gas bill. The measure would have exempted independent gas producers from federal control.

Law Said Violated
It charged further that the two attorneys violated the law by failing to register as lobbyists with Congress.

It said "it was part of the set conspiracy" that Neff and Patman "should make personal contact with U.S. senators and have direct communication with them" and "should encourage other persons to communicate" with senators urging them to vote for the measure.

The indictment specifically cited visits by Neff to Case and Sens. Roman L. Hruska and Carl T. Curtis, both Nebraska Republicans, urging passage of the bill.

Portland — (UP) — The federal government has mailed checks to 855 members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community as their share of the assets of the tribes on a pro rata basis.



Planning Consultants Discuss County Work

Lawrence Wise and Art Pritchard of Hahn, Wise and Associates, Redwood City, Calif., discussed possible city and county planning projects at a joint meeting of the Jackson county and Medford planning commissions last night.

The planning consultants' methods and experience in city and county planning also was discussed.

The California planners recently signed a contract with Siskiyou county. They are presently working in several southern cities.

Wise said his firm would prefer short term contracts. He also explained that Hahn, Wise and Associates would want to work under separate contracts to the city and county if both decided to retain the firm so that they would have definite responsibilities to each.

Asked by Tom Wray, chairman of the city commission, if he had had experience with planning where a joint director represented both county and city, Wise replied: "Yes, and it's been bad."

Wise explained that the firm believed in a public education program so people would understand clearly what was being done.

Both he and Pritchard will be shown various parts of the city fringe area today before returning to California.

\$300 Per Month
Wise offered on behalf of his firm to submit to the city and the county contracts for six months for about \$300 per month.

After the joint meeting, members of the county planning commission held its regular meeting and discussed the possibility of hiring Hahn, Wise and Associates for the short term period.

All members present agreed that it was of first importance that county planning be done with an eye to the needs of the various smaller communities in the area. Each of these should, they said, be given a chance to participate in the planning program.

Senate Votes Ban On Yugoslavia Aid

Washington — (UP) — The Senate handed President Eisenhower a slap today by voting to ban practically all military aid to Yugoslavia from new funds in the \$4,000,000,000 foreign aid bill. The vote was 50 to 42.

A few moments before, the Senate appeared to give the President a victory by blocking a vote on a similar ban.

In the earlier action, the Senate refused to suspend its rules for a vote on a slightly broader amendment.

Both proposals were sponsored by Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California, who broke with the President on the issue.

The ban limits new military aid to Yugoslavia to replacement parts and maintenance equipment for arms already shipped.

Late News Briefs

WAGE TALKS RENEWED
New York — (UP) — Industry and union leaders resumed wage talks today and informed sources said the companies were ready to make a new contract offer aimed at ending the 24-day-old steel strike.

Neither side would confirm that a new proposal was up for discussion.

ATOMIC BILL KILLED
Washington — (UP) — The House voted tentatively today to kill a Democratic sponsored \$400,000,000 atomic power program.

The action, on an unrecorded 155 to 135 vote, was subject to a possible but unlikely upset later.

BILL CLEARANCE REFUSED
Washington — (UP) — The House Rules committee refused today to clear for House action the bill to authorize the Frying Pan-Arkansas Project in Colorado. The action was on a tie vote of 5 to 5.

Marine Instructor 'Slapped at Him,' Witness Testifies

Bottle Raised To Lips, Court Martial Told

Parris Island, S.C. — (UP) — Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon "slapped at me once or twice" and raised a bottle of vodka to his lips just before taking a recruit platoon on a march of death into a tidal creek, a former member of that outfit testified today.

The witness, testifying at McKeon's general court martial was Marine Pvt. David H. McPherson, 20, Chatham, N.J. He said McKeon, junior drill instructor of the Marine recruit platoon, was irate because the outfit lacked spirit in training.

McKeon, 31, Worcester, Mass. is charged with manslaughter, oppression of troops, and drinking against regulations. Six recruits drowned about 8:45 p.m. last April 8 when McKeon led the platoon into Parris Island's Ribbon creek to "teach them discipline."

Holding a microphone close to his mouth, McPherson spoke in a level voice and appeared composed at all times.

Praises Drill Instructor
When the prosecution finished with him and the defense took over on cross examination, McPherson followed the lead of other recruit government witnesses, extolling the qualities of his drill instructor.

He said McKeon is an "excellent drill instructor, a man of great patience."

"Did the two smacks hurt?" he was asked.

"No, Sir."

He said he "definitely felt" that the platoon "was very poorly disciplined and had no spirit at all. They worked individually and not together at all."

Objection Sustained
McPherson testified that in his opinion McKeon had a drink from the bottle while it was at his lips, but law officer Capt. Irving N. Klein sustained a defense objection to the opinion and that testimony was not allowed to go into the record.

McPherson was the prosecution's 19th witness in its attempt to send the Marine veteran to prison for a maximum of six years and three months.

Hearing Tomorrow On Bus Fare Rise

A hearing to consider the application by Evergreen-Bus lines to increase passenger fares will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, according to Charles H. Heltzel, public utilities commissioner.

Proposed changes are to equalize fares with those of competing common carriers of passengers and to meet Evergreen's need for additional revenue.

Proposed changes in fares are to increase minimum one-way fares from 15 to 20 cents; to increase minimum 10 ride fares from \$1.25 to \$1.60; and to increase minimum round trip fares from 30 to 40 cents.

Rogue Flood Control Survey Passes House

Washington — (UP) — A \$134,871,000 flood control, navigation and beach erosion projects bill passed the House yesterday and now goes to the Senate for action.

Included in the appropriation are flood control for the Columbia basin, expected to cost \$112,000,000 and a survey for flood control of the Rogue river in Oregon.

The bill merely authorizes construction. Congress must appropriate the funds before actual construction begins.

Salem — (UP) — A hearing on an integrated program for use and control of water resources in the Umpqua river basin will be held in Roseburg Oct. 15-16.

Portland — (UP) — The Portland Central Labor council has decided not to sponsor a proposed Labor Day picnic this year.

Hagerty Firm on Prediction of Renomination

Stassen's Move Starts Whirlwind

Washington — (UP) — Harold E. Stassen's vice presidential boom for Gov. Christian A. Herter collapsed today when it was announced that the Massachusetts Governor will nominate Richard M. Nixon as President Eisenhower's running mate.

The disclosure was made by Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall.

Washington — (UP) — The White House renewed its support of Vice President Richard M. Nixon for renomination today in the face of a dump Nixon campaign launched by Presidential Assistant Harold E. Stassen.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen that he is standing firm on his previous prediction that Nixon will be renominated as Mr. Eisenhower's running mate when the GOP convention meets in San Francisco Aug. 20.

President Eisenhower himself, on his return from Panama early this morning, went out of his way to give a warm, cordial greeting to Nixon. For Stassen.

Boston — (UP) — The office of Gov. Christian A. Herter said today a telephoned threat had been made against his life. An extra state police guard was assigned to the executive suite.

Police said an unidentified man telephoned Boston police headquarters, saying he was going to "kill" Herter.

Stassen threw a bombshell into the GOP political campaign Monday by announcing he will fight to get the vice presidential nomination for Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts instead of Nixon.

The announcement touched off a whirlwind of opposition from top Republican leaders. Newsmen besieged Hagerty for official White House reaction.

Hagerty was reminded that he said recently at Gettysburg, Pa., that he has no doubt Nixon will be renominated.

Asked if he was standing firm on that prediction, Hagerty replied:

"I haven't taken it back."

Hagerty refused to say anything further on the political snafu rocking the President's official family. He simply referred newsmen to a statement he made in Panama City Monday.

No News Conference
Hagerty disclosed that Mr. Eisenhower will not hold a news conference this week because of the pressure of business from the impending adjournment of Congress. This rules out any chance for newsmen to ask the President about the Nixon-Stassen controversy.

Herter was definitely in the middle. The Scripps-Howard Newspapers reported that only a few days ago the Massachusetts Governor was asked, with full knowledge of the White House, to nominate Nixon for a second term at the GOP convention.

The dispatch said Herter so far had not replied.

Knowland's Reaction
Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland, a political rival of Nixon in California, disclosed Stassen's move. "I have no reason to believe that the ticket in 1956 will be any different than the ticket in 1952-1953," Knowland told reporters.

Congress About To Up Taxes To Pay for New Social Security Plan

Washington — (UP) — Congress is about to raise taxes on 33,000,000 workers and self-employed persons and add more than 1,000,000 persons to the benefit rolls of the social security program.

These big changes in the multi-billion dollar social security system are contained in compromise legislation slated for final Senate and House approval this week.

To Add 800,000 Women
Effective in November, it would lower from 65 to 62 the age at which women can draw social security benefits. This is expected to add 800,000 women to the rolls within a year, even though most women who take advantage of the provision would get reduced annuities.

An additional 250,000 would be put on the rolls by a provision lowering from 65 to 50 the age at which permanently and totally disabled persons can draw benefits.

Besides revamping the contributory social security system, the bill, effective in October, would liberalize the federal-state public assistance program, giving nearly 3,000,000 needy aged, blind and disabled persons an additional \$3 to \$4 a month in welfare payments.

Would Increase Taxes
Social Security payroll taxes would be increased Jan. 1, 1957, to finance the new disability insurance. Instead of deducting a 2 per cent payroll tax on earnings of up to \$4,200 annually, the government would take 2.25 per cent. Taxes also would be increased for employers, who must contribute the same amount in taxes as employees on jobs covered by social security.

For self-employed persons covered by social security, the tax would jump from 3 to 3 1/2 per cent.

'Late Love' Opening At Theater Tonight

"Late Love" summer production of Medford Footlighters, will open tonight at the Little Theater at the Fairgrounds.

Fans have been installed in the theater, officers announced this morning, and it is expected that by 8:30 p.m., curtain time, the theater will not be uncomfortably hot.

Miss NoREEN Kelly and Jerry McDougall have the lead roles in the play, which is directed by Robert Stedman. Both Miss Kelly and McDougall are experienced actors, and Stedman has coached many of the valley's most successful dramatic productions.

Mrs. Max Wimmer, president of Footlighters, said punch will be served to theater patrons between acts.

As an added attraction, local artists will display a collection of their works in the theater lobby.

The play will continue through Saturday night. Tickets are on sale at Purucker's Piano house and Swem's Gift shop, or may be obtained at the box office.

Oregon Bound To Back Nixon

Salem — (UP) — Gov. Elmo Smith said today that Oregon's delegation would be bound by law to support Vice President Richard Nixon at the Republican national convention in San Francisco next month.

Gov. Smith said he had not talked with members of the state delegation since Harold Stassen's move to replace Nixon on the GOP ticket with Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts but he said "I have not heard of any defections from Nixon before this happened."

The Governor commented, "Maybe Stassen was just trying to stir up some excitement for the convention."

Nixon won 78,322 write-in votes from Oregon Republicans in the May primary. That was 33 per cent of the total for President Eisenhower whose name was printed on the ballot.

Gov. Smith said "What Stassen said won't have any influence on the delegates from Oregon. We are bound by law to vote for Nixon."

New Patrolman Assumes Duties With Department

William Albert Hall, 31, 1100 Dakota st., started work Monday at the Medford police department as a patrolman. Police Chief Charles Champlin has announced.

Hall previously attended Medford schools and graduated from Granite Falls High school in Washington. He recently returned from Washington to live in Medford. He is married and has two children.

Medford Man Dies In Oklahoma Hospital

Charles Joseph Haas, 83, of 802 West 11th st., Medford, died in an Enid, Okla., hospital last night of injuries received in an automobile accident July 17, according to the United Press.

The condition of his wife, Alberta, 52, was not given. She was reported to have received head lacerations and chest injuries at the time of the mishap.

The accident occurred on U.S. Highway 81 several miles north of Enid in a rainstorm, according to the Enid Morning News and Eagle. Haas was driving a car with Mrs. Haas as a passenger when it collided with another vehicle. Two occupants of the other car were killed.

President in Cordial Chat With Nixon; Has Casual 'Hello' for Harold Stassen

Washington — (UP) — President Eisenhower returned from Panama today and immediately held a cordial plane-side chat with Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The President had only a casual "hello" for Harold E. Stassen, his special disarmament adviser who stirred up a political tempest Monday by urging publicly that the Republicans dump Nixon as Mr. Eisenhower's running mate. Stassen endorsed Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts for Republican vice presidential nominee.

Made Special Point
Mr. Eisenhower appeared to make a special point of talking with Nixon while the two men were ringed by newspaper and television cameras at Washington National Airport.

Mr. Eisenhower landed at the airport aboard his government plane, Columbine III, after an overnight flight from Panama City, where he had attended the good neighbor conference of American presidents.

President Congratulated
Both Nixon and Stassen were on hand to welcome him home, along with a large party of diplomats, congressmen and government officials.

Nixon was the first to greet the President. He and John F. Simmons, State Department protocol officer, presented acting heads of Latin American diplomatic missions to Mr. Eisenhower.

When Mr. Eisenhower got to Stassen he shook hands quite

briefly and said "Hello."

Stassen told the President: "Congratulations on the great job you did down there. It was wonderful."

Later Stassen and Nixon happened to come together in the welcoming crowd and shook hands briefly, with set smiles on their faces.

After the formal welcoming was over, Mr. Eisenhower sought Nixon out of the crowd and they chatted for a few moments.

Goes To White House
As the two men parted, Mr. Eisenhower said, "Thank you very much for coming out." Nixon replied, "We'll be seeing you. Take a little time off."

Mr. Eisenhower then entered a government limousine and was driven to the White House.