

# Big 3 Talks Animosity on Canal User Plan

## SP Attorney Denies Discrimination in Southern Oregon

Frank C. McCulloch of Portland, general attorney for Southern Oregon, today denied charges that the company had discriminated against southern Oregon.

McCulloch was the first witness as SP resumed its case today in the hearing on abandonment of rail passenger service a year ago between Eugene and Ashland.

In a complaint seeking restoration of passenger facilities, Sen. Philip Lowry, Medford, Sen. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, and Sen. Gene Brown, Grants Pass, have charged SP with discriminating against this area by withdrawing passenger service.

Loss of Revenue  
The company has claimed loss of passenger revenue on the Siskiyou line made it advisable to discontinue the service.

McCulloch listed popularity of air travel, improved highways and improved bus transportation facilities as contributors to passenger revenue losses for all railway companies. He added that the Korean conflict failed to stimulate railway travel in the same manner as World War II had.

Concerning bus facilities, the attorney pointed out that only one driver is needed to transport 50 people between Ashland or Medford to Portland, while a crew of 9 or 10 is necessary to transport the same number of people the same distance by rail.

He also stated prior to discontinuance, Southern Pacific had tried to encourage passenger line patronage between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir by installing improved equipment and conducting a large scale advertising campaign.

Study Requested  
McCulloch explained that he and other officers of SP's Oregon operation were requested for several years prior to the abandonment to study the passenger situation in the state. He said discussions specifically concerning abandonment of the Siskiyou passenger line started early in 1954. A definite decision on the matter was reached in the summer of 1955, he said.

Considerable discussion took place concerning events leading to construction in 1923 of the Natron cut-off, located south of

**Vets Urged to Attend Meeting With Nixon**  
Vice President Richard Nixon, who will be in Oregon this week during his reelection campaign, will meet with Oregon veterans in the Empire room of the Eugene hotel at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, according to Robert D. James, representative of the local American Legion post.

All veterans interested in attending the meeting have been urged to attend, James said.

**Weather**  
FORECAST: Isolated showers in the mountains with a threat of occasional lightning this evening. Variable cloudiness and decreasing chance of showers tonight and Wednesday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 58. High Wednesday 64.  
Highest Yesterday 68  
Lowest this Morning 58

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunrise 5:53 a.m.  
Sunset 4:16 p.m.  
Moonrise 3:19 p.m.  
Full Moon Wednesday night  
MARS tonight is due south. It will be 15 or 17 years before we again see Mars shine so brightly as it has this month. The planet's best appearance of the century was in August, 1924.

## Southern Whites Denounce Integration With Rallies, Debates, Cross-Burning

By UNITED PRESS  
Southern whites denounced racial mixing Monday night in rally speeches, in legislative debate, in a wrangle with a teacher and by a cross-burning.

Voices of the segregationists sounded from Sturgis, Ky., and Richmond, Va., to Alabama and Georgia during a lull at school integration hot spots.

More Boycotting Urged  
A crowd of 2,000 persons rallying under the segregation banner Monday night near Sturgis heard a white Citizens Council leader urge more boycotting of the mining town's integrated high school.

## Nixon Compliments Adlai Stevenson For Hiss Remarks

Indianapolis — (UP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon today complimented Adlai E. Stevenson for a "forthright statement" on the Alger Hiss case and said he hoped "it will not become an issue" in this election campaign.

Nixon, arriving at Indianapolis as first stop on a 32-state campaign swing, told newsmen at an airport news conference: "I see no reason why (the Hiss matter) should be an issue in the campaign. I hope it will not become an issue."

Asked to comment  
Nixon was asked to comment on the statement by Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, that he did not doubt the jury verdict whereby Hiss was imprisoned for perjury in connection with testimony denying he headed a Communist spy ring while serving as a State Department official.

"I am glad to see him (Stevenson) make such a forthright statement," Nixon said. "Nixon arrived here after a breakfast sendoff in Washington where President Eisenhower urged Republican leaders to go with the people with the 'truth' during the 1956 campaign and let the Democrats 'do the yelling.'"

The breakfast at National Airport was attended by about 250 Republican leaders. It marked the departure of five other Republican campaign teams in addition to Nixon's.

Truth Squad Introduced  
Mr. Eisenhower spoke after GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall had introduced members of a Republican "truth squad," which will tour the country.

"I see no reason for going to the public with anything but the truth," Mr. Eisenhower said.

He said the GOP does not need to claim perfection for the administration. "The record itself is sufficient if it is made sufficiently clear," he said.

"The record is there and it is good." Where there have been failures, Mr. Eisenhower said, they were "because of circumstances often beyond our control." For example he said, while world peace may not yet be secure, thousands of American mothers are thankful that their sons are not fighting.

Hope for Farmers  
The President said the economic situation is good although there may be trouble spots. As for the farmers, he said, they have been taken out of a system which failed to work and have been given hope of getting their fair share of the national income.

Speaking after Mr. Eisenhower, Nixon said GOP campaigners should "look at the record."

"We don't have to whitewash it with clever quips or fancy phrases," Nixon said. "Plain talk will do the job."

The American people under the Eisenhower administration have had the best four years of their lives."

**Two Public Hearings On Council's Agenda**  
Public hearings will be held on the method of assessment for the Verde Hills sanitary sewer project and for the water main on Murphy rd. at 7:30 p.m. today by the Medford city council.

The council will also consider adopting plans and specifications for paving Murray st. from the end of the existing pavement to Columbus ave. and accepting sanitary sewer projects in the Capital Hill area and on Valley View dr.

Sturge's Affliction Ended  
The strife at Clay apparently ended Monday with a local school board ruling that four Negroes enrolled there must return to a Negro school at Providence, Ky.

Georgia's beset school teacher, Mrs. Colleen Marie Wiggins, indicated she might bring court action against the state board of education ruling that she is "not a fit person to teach" because of her beliefs.

At the site of another school integration fracas, white-robed demonstrators burned a huge cross at the home of Mrs. Dor-

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Robert Kuhel, whose father manages the Heidelberg branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, opened fire with a .22

calibre pistol as the would-be robber was driving him downtown toward the bank, the U. S. Army reported.

The bandit invaded Kuhel's home and took young Robert hostage in an attempt to grab \$71,500 from the bank, the Army said.

The slain man was identified as Hugo Walgenbach, a German national.

The Army spokesman said Robert managed to hide a target pistol in his pocket when Walgenbach entered the house and terrorized the family.

Walgenbach forced Robert to accompany him in the Kuhel family car, the Army said.

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## Boost in Production Of Oil Said Possible If Suez Canal Closed

Washington — (UP) — Federal and state officials concluded today that domestic oil production could be boosted immediately to supply United States and basic European needs in case a Suez Canal shutdown cuts off Middle East oil supplies.

The conclusions were reached at a two-hour conference between H. A. Stewart, director of

the Interior Department's Oil and Gas Division, and officials from state oil conservation commissions which set allowable production levels in four big oil states, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

Stewart told a news conference after the meeting that the United States would have to aim at producing between 500,000 and 1,100,000 barrels a day of additional oil in event of a Suez emergency in order to cover U. S. needs and to prevent a "slow petroleum starvation" in Europe.

He said the states assured him that these production demands could be met without any long lag in boosting production.

But, Stewart said, the "biggest bottleneck" to such emergency program, might be a shortage of tankers to transport the oil for movement from the Gulf Coast to the East Coast or to Europe.

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**Placer Claims Are Declared Null, Void**  
Seven placer mining claims, totaling 1,120 acres, located about two miles north of Prospect on Rogue river, were declared null and void by the mineral examiner of bureau of land management in Portland recently, according to records received in the county clerk's office here.

The claims, each of 160 acres, were part of the Sunset Canceled Claims, and were owned by Melvin Halm, and two were owned by Marx Law, Arthur DuPont, Mary DuPont, Eva Torson, Carl Torson, Melvin Halm, Margo Corforth, Marie Artuso, Daniel Law and A. R. Robinson.

The BLM mineral examiner's finding were given to the claimants in each case, and they were offered an opportunity to dispute the findings at a public hearing, according to the BLM, but none chose to do so.

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Two of the crewmen suffered minor injuries in the crash and were flown to Agana, Guam, for treatment, the Navy said. The other 16 were taken by surface craft and returned to the Pacific island.

The plane, attached to Early Airborne Warning Squadron Three, was returning to Guam from a mission 800 miles to the south when one engine developed trouble. Six minutes later a second engine went out, and the pilot reported the plane was heading for the water.

After the plane ditched, the crewmen took to two life rafts in calm seas and fired flares while rescue planes and surface craft rushed to the scene.

The Navy said the downed plane was piloted by Lt. Cmdr. J. B. Nabors Jr., whose family is on Guam. The two slightly injured men were identified as AT3 T. S. Bodek (hometown unavailable) and AT2 B. W. Holladay, Lebanon, Tenn.

**30 Citations Issued At One CP Stop Sign**  
Central Point — More than 30 citations have been issued to drivers failing to stop at stop signs installed last Friday on Main st. near the new Jewett elementary school, according to Police Chief Wallace Bowen.

Offenders are mostly Central Point people who are having difficulty getting used to the new stop signs, Bowen said. The police department will continue to issue citations to drivers who fail to observe the signs, he added.

Bowen emphasized that in order to protect school children, ranging from 6 to 8 years old, using the crosswalk, drivers should get in the habit of stopping, whether children are there or not.

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**Trials Dated Oct. 15**  
Dio, who was born John Dioguardia, and the other accused conspirators were ordered Monday to stand trial Oct. 15. They will be accused of planning and carrying out the acid attack to prevent the labor columnist from testifying before a grand jury investigation of racketeering in the fur garment industry.

**Hoodlum Disappears**  
The heaviest hoodlum, with arrests for draft dodging and felonious assault, disappeared from his usual lower East Side haunts soon after the July 28 murder of Abraham Telvi, named by the FBI as the actual acid-thrower.

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