

# CRISIS THREATENS WITHDRAWAL

## Negotiations May Lower Total Cost Of Detention Home

County Court, Others Start Conferences

Negotiations which may lead to a lower total cost for the county's juvenile detention home started this week, according to County Judge Rodney Keating.

Members of the county court conferred Monday, and will again Friday, with representatives of Beasonette and Graff, the Medford contracting firm which offered the low bid for the home, and William Siebert, the architect. It is hoped that by elimination of some features of the structure the cost can be brought down.

The county has allocated a total of \$90,000 for the structure, which is designed according to national standards as a place to hold juvenile offenders pending legal settlement of their cases. It was approved by a 5 to 1 vote of county residents in 1954.

"Good Work—By The Way, Did You Find Anyone On The Roof Garden?"



## Annexation Proposal Open for Statements

Petitions, reports and written statements for and against annexation for the Berrydale district will be received until Thursday at the city hall, the Medford planning commission announced last night.

The commission held a special meeting to consider boundaries proposed last week for annexation of the Berrydale area. But the planners were confronted with several surprises.

Judge Keating said he is hopeful that by selected decisions from the bringing plans the cost can be brought down to \$80,000 or \$85,000. He said the relatively high cost of the structure is due to a number of factors, including fire marshal's requirements for a public detention facility, plus security features that are not necessary on other types of buildings.

At present juveniles are either held in the county jail, contrary to state law and the recommendations of juvenile authorities, or are referred to parents or to "foster homes," none of which are satisfactory means of handling them, according to the juvenile department.

During the 1954 campaign for the home, members of the Jackson County Juvenile Court Advisory committee and others supporting the plan pointed out that the facility would be in no sense of the word be a "jail," but would serve to house, with both a more or less "home-like" atmosphere and detention security, disturbed and rebellious juveniles. It would eliminate the dangers of keeping them in the jail, and the risks involved in unsupervised custody, they stated.

Sufficient funds from the continuing tax levy approved by the voters are on hand to begin construction immediately, provided the cost can be brought down to the staged limits, according to members of the court.

A county-owned site near the fairgrounds is available for the proposed home. The building was planned would include a juvenile court room and office, living quarters for the attendants, kitchen and dining facilities, and a recreation room for the occupants, as well as their sleeping quarters.

Approximately 50 people, most of them residents of the Berrydale area, attended the meeting. Some wanted to be excluded from the proposed annexation, some wanted to be included and nearly all of them wanted to voice either support or opposition to the annexation proposal.

Another surprise for the commission came when Nick Gier, chairman of the Berrydale committee, proposed that a triangular area east of Merriman rd., west of Biddle rd., southwest of Hilton rd. and south of Garden Acres be removed from the proposed annexation boundaries.

Boundaries agreed upon last week ran roughly north of McAndrews rd., Gore st. and Lynn st., east of the Pacific highway, north of Mace rd., across Table Rock rd., north of the Crater Lake highway to Biddle rd., then south across the Crater Lake highway to McAndrews rd.

Gier acted as spokesman for many of the annexation proponents and emphasized the need for sanitation in the Berrydale area. He noted that in order to obtain sanitation it would be necessary for the area to annex to the city of Medford.

James Redden, Medford attorney, represented a group of annexation opponents east of Merriman rd. and north of Midway rd. He stated that residents of that area were 90 per cent opposed to annexation and asked that they be excluded from any annexation move.

The planning commission attempted several times to halt open debate of the issue, pointing out that the meeting was not a public hearing. They also stated the planning commission could only act in a recommending capacity and could make no decision for or against annexation.

Arguments persisted and the commission finally retreated to a back room for an "executive session."

Fifteen minutes later, the commission returned to the meeting and A. D. Harvey outlined to the people the function of the planning group. He emphasized, "It is our function to consider the proposed area and whether or not the city can handle it, then make recommendations to the council on the basis of our findings."

Harvey reprimanded Berrydale area residents saying, "You're dealing with the problem too much as individuals and not as a community. . . Many residents want their property left out of the annexation boundary. . . You can't zig-zag around like that in installing a sewer. It's impossible to engineer." He added, "We'd like to see you folks quit fighting about it."

Harvey noted that some residents of the district claim they don't want sewage benefits from annexation. "But the files don't stay at home and a hazard is created for neighbors in the district and for the city of Medford."

## Two More Fined for Part in Card Game

Francis Kirk, 48, of 226 North Front st., was fined \$100 in district court yesterday and James Willmar Hokanson, 53, of 1007 West Ninth st., Medford, was fined \$105 after both pleaded guilty to charges growing out of a police raid Saturday night at the Whistle Stop restaurant, 226 North Front st.

Kirk was charged with permitting gambling on the premises and Hokanson was charged with dealing a forbidden game. Eighty other men received fines of \$25 plus \$5 court costs yesterday on charges of playing a forbidden game.

District Judge Rawley Moore reported the Medford city police confiscated \$55.51 in cash, numerous chairs, tables, cards, chips and other items from the room where the alleged gambling was in progress at the time of the raid. The items have been turned over to the sheriff's office, it was reported.

Two petitions were submitted for the file last night. One was signed by 148 people in the Howard district east of Merriman rd. and the other by 49 people in the area north of McAndrews rd., between North Riverside ave. and Crater Lake highway on the west and Bear creek on the east. Majority of signers on each petition opposed the annexation.

**Other Business**

Only other item of business considered at the meeting last night was a proposed change of zone for property on the east side of Crater Lake highway from Delta Waters rd. south one-fourth mile. A. H. Birch of Builders Service, requested the area be changed from residential (IA) to conditional business classification (III A).

Commissioner Don Root and Mark Goidy were appointed to study the matter and report later to the planning commission.

## Demonstrations By Opposition Leaders Feared

Vote of Confidence Chances Appear Dim

By UNITED PRESS

Premier David Ben-Gurion tonight demanded a vote of confidence from the Israeli parliament on his order for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egypt.

He was expected to win the vote of confidence.

By UNITED PRESS

A worsening cabinet crisis today threatened Premier David Ben-Gurion's decision to withdraw Israeli troops from Egypt.

Ben-Gurion postponed for three hours a show-down parliamentary session in the face of the split in his own government and a threat by the opposition Herut, Freedom, party to stage major anti-withdrawal demonstrations in the streets.

**Violence Feared**

Tension mounted in the ancient city as time for the Herut demonstration approached. Informed sources said they feared violence, and police were alerted for riot action.

Col. Nehemia Brosh, the Israeli Army spokesman, announced five Arab Fedayeen commandos killed in two clashes Monday and said Israeli and Jordanian soldiers traded shots in a border incident that began when Jordanians opened fire on an Israeli patrol.

**Hope of Approval Dims**

Ben-Gurion had hoped to win approval of his policies in a series of votes of confidence today, but the hopes dimmed when two political parties in his cabinet announced they would vote with the opposition on a motion of no confidence.

A vote of no confidence would force Ben-Gurion's resignation.

Party leaders quoted him as saying that if the Egyptians return to Gaza "we have it in our power to send them back into their territory in one day." But even this assurance apparently failed, and Ben-Gurion was forced into last minute negotiations.

**Would Weaken Plans**

It also was believed the last minute change of schedule would weaken plans by the Herut Nationalist Party to stage a mass demonstration against the withdrawal and a march on the Knesset, a move almost certain to bring on street fighting.

The movement of U.N. troops to positions from which they could move quickly into Gaza began Monday. Details of the staggered Israeli withdrawal were still not available but military experts said it would take two or three weeks.

**Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Four Youths**

Two Talent boys, ages 14 and 12, were arrested by sheriff's deputies Monday and charged with larceny and malicious destruction of property at the home of Mrs. Richard Ditsworth, route 1, box 1536, Talent, sheriff's deputies reported.

The youths admitted entering the unlocked Ditsworth house Saturday, stealing an air pistol, rifle, and baseball bat, shooting windows, and light bulbs with a BB gun and causing other damage to the premises.

Deputies said the rifle had been hidden in a wooded area and the air pistol and bat were both found in a garage.

The youths were released to school officials and will appear later in juvenile court.

A 13-year-old Talent boy and a 13-year-old Ashland boy were arrested by sheriff's deputies on Monday and charged with theft of \$10 from a purse in the unlocked home of Mrs. Harold Mason, route 1, box 142, Talent.

The theft was reported on February 23. Mrs. Mason said \$9 was in the purse. The youths were released to the custody of their parents and will appear later in juvenile court.

**Weather**

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain tonight turning to steady rain early Wednesday. Showers Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 40, high Wednesday 50.

Highest Yesterday 50  
Lowest This Morning 43

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunrise 6:41 a.m.  
Sunset 6:36 p.m.  
Moonset 10:29 p.m.  
First Quarter March 9

**PROMINENT STAR**

Regulus, high in south.

**VISIBLE PLANETS**

Mars, in the west at 9:30 p.m.  
is now about as bright as Regulus.

Jupiter, low in southeast 2:59 a.m.  
Saturn, high in south 3:22 a.m.

## Israel Lauds Israel Evacuation Decision

Democrats Suggest \$265 Million as Biennium Budget Goal \$5 Million Above Smith Proposal

Salem—(U.P.)—Democratic legislative leaders today suggested "in the neighborhood of \$265 million" as the goal for the next biennium's budget to carry on

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Robert Holmes declared today that a budget figure of \$265 million released today by Democratic legislative leaders as a ceiling for the next biennium was not a repudiation of his own budget.

The Governor admitted that the ceiling would junk most of his request for a \$40 million increase in basic school support funds. He said it appears he will "have to settle for something less."



JIMMY DUNLEVY New Club Manager



GEORGE HARRINGTON Takes Phoenix Position

## Harrington Resigns For Arizona Position

Jimmy Dunlevy, manager of radio station KYJC, will assume duties as manager of Rogue Valley Country club April 1, succeeding George Harrington, who has resigned to take a similar position at the Arizona Country club at Phoenix.

Harrington has been manager of the country club here for 11 years, starting in July, 1946. He is one of Oregon's top-flight amateur golfers.

Dunlevy has been connected with KYJC for seven years, and prior to that was with radio station KMED, Medford. He is a councilman from ward IV, and has been active in many civic organizations and projects.

Under Harrington's leadership, the Southern Oregon Golf tourney developed into one of the major attractions in the Pacific northwest. He was a star athlete at Linfield college in McMinnville, and was the Oregon medal play champion in 1955.

## Ike Asks Expansion Of Drought Relief Aid

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower asked Congress today to approve an expanded drought relief program with states required to pay 25 per cent of the cost.

Under the President's program, states also would be responsible for administering disaster relief to provide "necessary local guidance and supervision."

**Asks Expansion Authority**

In a special message to Congress, Mr. Eisenhower asked for authority to expand existing drought and other disaster relief programs. The President gave no new estimate of the cost of the new program, either to the federal government or to the states.

Accompanying his message was a letter to the President from Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson proposing new drought and other disaster relief measures, based on the report of the special drought conference at Wichita, Kan., Jan. 14-16. The report also was included.

Mr. Eisenhower "strongly" urged "prompt consideration and adoption" of Benson's legislative proposals.

Benson's letter said federal legislation will be offered "requiring a minimum of 25 per cent state contribution in certain future emergency agricultural programs for disaster relief."

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## Patterson Linked In Rackets Story

Washington—(U.P.)—A talkative racketeer charged today that the late Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon "performed" for the Teamsters Union by reinstating a suspended liquor commission official.

James B. Elkins, Portland, star witness at Senate Labor Rackets committee hearings that started last week, testified that the teamsters supported Patterson, a Republican.

The witness quoted a high teamster official as saying, "We had just as well find out if we bought a pig in a poke or if he'll perform for us."

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## Council to Consider Title Changes Today

The Medford city council will consider a proposed reorganizational plan to amend the city's personnel ordinance changing titles of several officers in the police department at 7:30 p.m. today in the city hall.

A public hearing also will be held on assessing benefiting property owners a portion of the cost of a trunk water main for lateral use on South Grape st. from Monroe st. to a point 896 feet north of the street.

A proposal to annex property owned by Wesley Coffeen, 103 Stewart ave., Medford, west of Holly st. and 330 feet south on Stewart ave. will be considered.

## Suspensions May Be Effective Next Week

Portland—(U.P.)—Officials of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission said yesterday that the seven-day license suspension invoked a recent 21 Jackson county liquor outlets probably will become effective March 11.

A spokesman said the suspensions will not be staggered but will be effective at one time. Starting date will hinge on delivery of official notification to each of the outlets, expected to be accomplished next Monday.

The suspensions were meted out after the establishments were found guilty by the OLCC of violating regulations by making political contributions.

## State Unemployment Drops; More Seeking Work Here

Salem—(U.P.)—Unemployment in Oregon dropped 8,500 during February but remained slightly above the year-ago figure of 51,900.

**Fewer Than Previous Month**

Estimates by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission based on reports from 26 local offices showed 55,300 persons actively seeking jobs March 1, compared with 63,800 at the winter's peak a month before.

More settled weather in the past few weeks was given credit for calls back to construction and lumbering jobs although five offices reported more idle workers and some found conditions almost unchanged.

**Medford Notes More**

Toledo, Medford, La Grande, Lakeview, and Ontario noted additional jobseekers, while Baker, Eugene, Klamath Falls and North Bend remained about the same.

Shorter work-weeks, particularly in lumber and logging operations, were reported from several areas.

## Nixon Urged To Investigate Racial Situation in South

Accra, Gold Coast—(U.P.)—An American Negro leader met Vice President Richard M. Nixon in this African city today and urged him to make a first-hand investigation of the racial situation in southern United States.

The appeal was made by the Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

**Met Unexpectedly**

Nixon and King met unexpectedly at a convocation of Accra University college where the Vice President presented an American scholarship to the only higher educational institute in this corner of the Dark Continent.

Both Nixon and King are officials guests to the independence day celebrations transforming this British Gold Coast colony into the free nation of Ghana. Nixon is here as the representative of the United States while King was invited as a leader of American Negroes.

**Report To Eisenhower**

King told newsmen he wanted Nixon to see conditions first-hand in the South and make a personal report to President Eisenhower.

"We are not sure the President knows all the situation," King said. King led the boycott in the Alabama capital in protest against segregated seating in buses.

## Pancake Race Won By Olney, England

Liberal, Kan.—(U.P.)—Liberal lost its pancake race to Olney, England, today when Miss Mary Collingwood ran the 415-yard, S-shaped course in 1:18.8 eight seconds under the record time set seven hours earlier by Miss Sandra Sibley in England.