

House Appropriations Committee Makes Further Cuts in Budgets

52nd Year

Price 10c

MEDFORD



TRIBUNE

United Press—Full Leased Wire

United Press—Full Leased Wire

22 Pages

RD, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1957

No. 19

Sun for Post Office

Jordan King Moves For End To Crisis; Anxiety Increased

By UNITED PRESS
King Hussein moved today for a compromise end to Jordan's political crisis, but events there and the deepening dispute over the Gulf of Aqaba increased world anxiety for peace in the Middle East.

Hussein asked Abdul Halim Nimr to try to form a cabinet minister in the cabinet of ousted Premier Suleiman Nabulsi, but is considered more conservative than the left-wing Nabulsi.

The King's first choice for Premier, Hussein El-Khalidi, failed, and it became increasingly evident that Nabulsi still commanded a big following among those who consider him the chief symbol of Jordan's newly-forged ties with Egypt.

There even were reports that Hussein might be forced to restore Nabulsi to the premiership, an event that would bring dismay to Israel which fears a three-front attack from Syria, Jordan and Egypt if Hussein loses the power struggle.

A stern Saudi Arabian warning against Israel's use of the Gulf of Aqaba, published in Cairo aroused new concern for a Mid-East flareup.

Action Needed
American officials in Washington said early action was needed to settle the growing dispute over the international status of the Gulf of Aqaba.

They said failure to face up to the issue may result in a new Middle East explosion. Israel counts heavily on the route through the gulf; Saudi Arabia said it would fire on any Israeli ships using the route.

Israel already has warned it will use its navy to protect its shipping. In London, Edwin Samuel told a meeting of the Anglo-Israel association Israel would use its navy and air force to protect its rights.

In the midst of the tense situation the United States and King Saud of Saudi Arabia issued a joint statement Thursday night reaffirming their pledge to oppose Communist activity and

Budget Committee Discusses Requests
Members of the county budget committee this morning met with representatives of the juvenile department and the district attorney to discuss budget requests of the two departments.

No final action was taken on requested budgets for either department.

Committee members have indicated they expect to complete work on the budget late next week. Total requested budget is \$2,807,146.39, for which no levy would be required.

Idaho Arson Jury Continues Deliberation
Moscow, Idaho—(U.P.)—A jury of nine men and three women resumed deliberations Friday on the fate of a University of Idaho student charged with first degree murder and arson.

Paul D. Matovich is charged with setting a University of Idaho fire last October which killed three persons.

The jury began deliberations at 2:10 p.m. Thursday and retired for the night at midnight.

Portland—(U.P.)—Ross Neal Porter, 33, has been sentenced to 10 years in a federal prison for last January's holdup of the Sherwood bank.

Weather
FORECAST—Variable clouds, showers through Saturday. Low tonight 38. High Saturday 58.
Highest Yesterday 44
Lowest This Morning 38

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 5:56 a.m.
Sunset 8:49 p.m.
Moonrise 5:11 p.m.
Moonset 4:51 a.m.
Full Moon April 14

VISIBLE PLANETS
Mercury, sets 8:03 p.m.
Jupiter, high in south 10:26 p.m.
Mars, sets 10:31 p.m.
Saturn, due south 3:37 a.m.

Elkins Attempted To Blackmail Him, Langley Testifies

Denies Conversation With Seattle Gambler
Portland—(U.P.)—District Attorney William Langley, taking the stand in his own defense, testified today that racketeer James B. Elkins once tried to blackmail him.

Langley, on trial on a misdemeanor charge of failing to prosecute a gambling violation at a 1955 fund-raising party, said he has never been on friendly terms with Elkins.

The youthful appearing district attorney also said he did not have an acquaintance with William B. Nettleton, the man he is accused of refusing to prosecute because of alleged gambling at the party.

Tells of Visit by Elkins
Langley, 41, told of three visits Elkins paid to his home in the fall of 1955, several months after the party at Jack and Jill's night club.

He said that Elkins on one visit said it would cost him \$10,000 to get material Elkins had. "I told him to get out," Langley testified. Langley also denied that he had a conversation with Elkins in the presence of Seattle gambler Tom Maloney in a Seattle hotel and said he never told Elkins there was to be a split of money between himself and Maloney.

No Complaints Received
Langley told substantially the same story of other defense witnesses about his visit to Jack and Jill's night club where the party was held by the Portland Paint and Varnish Dealers in February of 1955.

"They appeared to be playing a card game of some kind and since my wife and I don't play cards, we left."

Langley said no one complained to him about what had occurred at the party. His attorney, K. C. Tanner, attempted to show that no prosecution could have been started because such gambling as may have been conducted was charity gambling.

Wife Tells of Bribe Try
Langley's wife testified Thursday that Elkins once tried to get \$10,000 from her in exchange for some tape recordings.

Elkins, a recent star witness before the Senate Rackets Committee in Washington, D. C., testified that Langley shared in the proceeds of the February, 1955 party and complained of receiving only a "piddling" share.

Mrs. Langley said that Elkins came to her home in October of 1955 when only she and one of her smaller children were home.

"Mr. Elkins came in with a tape recording machine, plugged it in, and played some of the records," she said, adding that she twice asked him to leave.

"Were there any threats or intimidation?" her husband's attorney, K. C. Tanner, asked.

"For \$10,000, he'd leave those tapes with me," she said. Mrs. Langley said Elkins left as she went into the kitchen.

Elkins denied he ever approached Mrs. Langley with a bribe suggestion.

Army Cancels Trip To Fort Knox on Week End of Derby

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army today cancelled its proposed congressional trip to Fort Knox, Ky., for a military show scheduled over the Kentucky Derby week end.

Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker said he is notifying members of Congress who had been invited to the May 3-4 demonstration that he is cancelling it because the "serious purpose has been so distorted."

Until this morning, Brucker's aides had insisted there was no intention of calling off the demonstration unless too few congressmen accepted invitations.

The Army issued this statement:

"Although the Army had hoped to show members of Congress its plans, concept, and tactics for use of armor in the atomic era in a demonstration at Ft. Knox on 3-4 May, the serious purpose has been so distorted by being associated with the same week end as the Kentucky Derby Day, the Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker has cancelled the demonstration and is notifying appropriate members of Congress."

The proposed trip ran into a storm of congressional criticism, even from congressmen who applauded the armor demonstration itself.

Teamsters Kick Off Publicity Campaign

Washington—(U.P.)—The Teamsters Union today officially opened its much-publicized \$200,000 public relations program to promote the union and fight anti-labor legislation.

The publicity funds were approved after Teamster President Dave Beck and other union officials were called before the Senate Rackets Committee to answer questions on union finances and alleged links with the underworld.

Beck originally had announced a \$1,000,000 program to "tell the Teamsters side of the story" on Senate Labor Rackets Committee charges that he had siphoned off more than \$300,000 in union funds for personal use.

But the union's executive board on April 1 cut the price down to \$200,000 and limited the purpose to promoting the union and fighting anti-labor legislation.

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

Medford Services Will Be Curtailed

Cuts in postal service will go into effect in the Medford area tomorrow and Monday, unless Congress provides emergency funds before midnight tonight.

Postmaster Moore Hamilton said the cuts would affect the local service in these ways:

1. No Saturday delivery service.
2. Post office windows will be closed.
3. The substation on East Main st., which will remain open, will not be permitted to accept any parcel post for mailing.
4. Starting Monday, post office windows will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hamilton said special delivery mail will be dispatched Saturday, and crews will work on outgoing mail and on box section mail, the same as on Sundays.

The change in hours during which windows will be open has been cut to 8 1/2 hours per day. Present hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations committee today voted an emergency \$41 million to ease the postal crisis. Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) said the committee expects the Post Office Department to call off service cuts scheduled for midnight.

Receives No Assurance
Cannon said, however, he had received no assurance from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield that he would cancel his order to close post offices Saturday and to eliminate Saturday deliveries.

But he said Summerfield "unquestionably" should take this action.

"He has no reason of any kind now to curtail service," Cannon said after the committee at a closed door session voted to give Summerfield all but \$6 million of the total he has said he must have at once to keep postal service running at full scale.

Statement Expected
A spokesman said the post office has "no comment" at this moment on the committee's action, but that Summerfield is expected to issue a statement later Friday.

Earlier, the spokesman had hinted that action to rescind the cut in service still was "conceivable." Summerfield insisted Thursday, however, that he could not consider the extra funds as in hand until both houses had passed and the President had signed a supplemental appropriations carrying the money. The House is in recess until Monday and is expected to act then.

Cannon said there now is no question that the money will be approved.

James Main Named To Succeed Moore As District Judge

Medford Attorney James Main, 41, of 543 Haven st., this morning was appointed by Gov. Robert Holmes to succeed the late Rawles Moore as Jackson county district court judge.

Governor Holmes telephoned Main about 11:15 a.m. today to see if he would accept the appointment.

Municipal Judge
Main, who served as Medford municipal judge for 2 1/2 years and as district judge pro tem in the absence of Judge Moore, said he probably would assume duties in the district court office this afternoon. He said there has been an accumulation of work during the past week.

He and Judge Moore worked closely when Main was municipal judge, he said, and is acquainted with the way Judge Moore handled cases in district court. Main said changes, if they are made, will not be substantial, and he anticipated no change in personnel.

Main has been active in the Bar association. He attended schools in Milwaukie, Ore., and graduated with honors from Northwestern college of law in Portland in 1949. He was admitted to practice that same year.

Law Clerk
He served one year as law clerk to Chief Judge Alger Fee in federal district court in Portland. He came to Medford in 1950, and worked as title examiner with the Jackson County Title company.

Later he was an associate in the law firm McAllister, Duncan and Brophy, and entered private practice with Stanley C. Jones Jr., in 1953. They still are in partnership.

Judge Moore died last Monday following a stroke. He had held the district court post since it was created in 1951.

Main's appointment will be effective until January 1, 1959. Judge Moore was reelected last November for a six-year term, but appointments are effective until the next general election, in this case in November, 1958.

Wind Causing Pear Blossoms to Fall

Wind in the Rogue valley was causing blossoms to fall from pear trees today, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Cordy said orchards reached the blossom peak Wednesday, as fruit growers had anticipated. He added that this has been a good blossom season. This is because it has been warm enough to allow bees to work in the orchards and dry enough to allow adequate air pollination.

Cordy noted that during moist seasons air pollination is hampered because moisture causes pollen particles to cling together rather than spread.

Wind Causing Pear Blossoms to Fall

Wind in the Rogue valley was causing blossoms to fall from pear trees today, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Cordy said orchards reached the blossom peak Wednesday, as fruit growers had anticipated. He added that this has been a good blossom season. This is because it has been warm enough to allow bees to work in the orchards and dry enough to allow adequate air pollination.

Cordy noted that during moist seasons air pollination is hampered because moisture causes pollen particles to cling together rather than spread.

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

Alaskan 'Strategy' Conference Claimed Luxury Hunting Trip

Washington—(U.P.)—An Alaskan charged today that Air Force brass, including Gen. Nathan F. Twining, were treated to a luxurious hunting trip in Alaska last year under the pretense of holding a strategy conference.

Twining, air chief of staff and chairman-designate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he attended the Alaska conference and did do some hunting. But an Air Force statement said he "denied categorically that he violated any laws pertaining to the use of government equipment, or any game laws of the territory of Alaska."

He ordered "an immediate investigation" on the charges, which were made by Keith Hart, who said he formerly worked with the Air Force's Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory at Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks.

Hart said he resigned his Air Force job "in protest against flagrant disregard for Alaska's resources by certain high ranking Air Force officers."

Hart, who gave his address as College, Alaska, made the accusations in a letter to Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Interior Committee.

Serious Charges
Engle, sponsor of a bill passed by the House Thursday calling for more stringent restrictions on military use of hunting and fishing preserves, said the charges were "very serious."

"I don't think any conclusions should be drawn until the Defense Department has had a chance to answer them," Engle said. "There may have been extenuating circumstances that will explain a lot of this and we want to get the whole story before we investigate further."

In his letter, Hart said that in mid-August last year a "conference" was held in Alaska for the avowed purpose of planning the future status of the Alaskan Air Command with the Continental Air Command.

"However," he added, "instead of selecting one of the

Ground Breaking Set for New Home

Public ground-breaking ceremonies will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday for the county juvenile detention home near the old fairgrounds.

County Judge Rodney Keating will lift the first shovelful of dirt. H. Dewey Wilson, member of the Jackson county juvenile advisory council, will be master of ceremonies.

Officers of the juvenile advisory council said 108 special invitations have been sent to members of the advisory council, judges in surrounding counties and representatives of the National Probation and Parole association.

Contract for the \$89,626 structure has been awarded to Bessonet and Graff, who will begin construction immediately following the ceremony. The building is expected to be completed in about three months if favorable weather conditions prevail.

The building will have facilities for about 12 juveniles, a superintendent and a matron. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bjornsen, 704 South Holly st., were appointed superintendent and matron by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna last week.

Salem—(U.P.)—Avery W. Thompson, veteran western Oregon attorney, has been named Douglas county district attorney.

Jury Finds Medford Man Innocent in Case

A circuit court jury yesterday returned a verdict of innocent in the case of a Medford man charged with possession of stolen property.

John Edward Schuster, 44, of 319 Jeanette st., was charged last summer with stealing two chain saws.

The trial during which about 15 witnesses testified, started Tuesday. The jury deliberated from about 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. District Attorney Thomas Reeder and Deputy District Attorney Al Franke represented the state at the trial. O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney, represented Schuster.

New State Income Tax Plan Proposed by Pair

Salem—(U.P.)—Reps. Guy Jonas, Salem, and Vernon Cook, Portland, both freshman legislators, have proposed a new state income tax plan to lighten the burden on low and middle income families.

The proposal by the two Democrats would remove the surtax, double the standard deduction, raise exemptions to \$600, allow federal income tax to be taken as a deduction up to \$500 and allow deductions for medical expenses in excess of three per cent gross income.

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

Wind Causing Pear Blossoms to Fall

Wind in the Rogue valley was causing blossoms to fall from pear trees today, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Cordy said orchards reached the blossom peak Wednesday, as fruit growers had anticipated. He added that this has been a good blossom season. This is because it has been warm enough to allow bees to work in the orchards and dry enough to allow adequate air pollination.

Cordy noted that during moist seasons air pollination is hampered because moisture causes pollen particles to cling together rather than spread.

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

Donations Not Enough to Justify Bloodmobile, RC Says

Jackson county residents are not donating enough blood to justify the expense of bringing the Bloodmobile unit here.

This announcement and its implications were discussed at length yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. R. Burba, chairman of the county blood program, pointed out that it costs \$1,200 every time the Bloodmobile unit comes here. Yet donations almost always are under the established quota. At the last Bloodmobile visit in Medford Tuesday, 259 pints of blood were collected. Ashland residents also fell short of their quota, she said. This was 31 pints below Medford's quota.

Dr. W. G. Bishop stated that Medford hospitals actually serve all of southern Oregon as well as northern California and there are many specialists who use an extensive amount of blood.

He emphasized the need for impressing upon patients the need for replacing blood they have received. He said he and other doctors had thought about giving cards to patients along with their bills asking for blood replacements. Dr. Bishop noted there have been a number of patients here recently who have used 9 to 12 pints of blood a day.

"It is impossible to get enough walk-in donors to meet needs of this type," he stated.

Jack Crawford suggested the blood program committee make more use of service organizations in soliciting donations. He suggested that service groups alternate in taking charge of a donation promotion campaign and that a competitive element be developed in this practice.

Kenneth MacDonald urged the committee to stress the "housewife angle" in obtaining donors. He said more attention should

"Great News! Another Part Of The Administration Has Come Out For An Administration Policy"



Alaskan 'Strategy' Conference Claimed Luxury Hunting Trip

Washington—(U.P.)—An Alaskan charged today that Air Force brass, including Gen. Nathan F. Twining, were treated to a luxurious hunting trip in Alaska last year under the pretense of holding a strategy conference.

Twining, air chief of staff and chairman-designate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he attended the Alaska conference and did do some hunting. But an Air Force statement said he "denied categorically that he violated any laws pertaining to the use of government equipment, or any game laws of the territory of Alaska."

He ordered "an immediate investigation" on the charges, which were made by Keith Hart, who said he formerly worked with the Air Force's Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory at Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks.

Hart said he resigned his Air Force job "in protest against flagrant disregard for Alaska's resources by certain high ranking Air Force officers."

Hart, who gave his address as College, Alaska, made the accusations in a letter to Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Interior Committee.

Serious Charges
Engle, sponsor of a bill passed by the House Thursday calling for more stringent restrictions on military use of hunting and fishing preserves, said the charges were "very serious."

"I don't think any conclusions should be drawn until the Defense Department has had a chance to answer them," Engle said. "There may have been extenuating circumstances that will explain a lot of this and we want to get the whole story before we investigate further."

In his letter, Hart said that in mid-August last year a "conference" was held in Alaska for the avowed purpose of planning the future status of the Alaskan Air Command with the Continental Air Command.

"However," he added, "instead of selecting one of the

Ground Breaking Set for New Home

Public ground-breaking ceremonies will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday for the county juvenile detention home near the old fairgrounds.

County Judge Rodney Keating will lift the first shovelful of dirt. H. Dewey Wilson, member of the Jackson county juvenile advisory council, will be master of ceremonies.

Officers of the juvenile advisory council said 108 special invitations have been sent to members of the advisory council, judges in surrounding counties and representatives of the National Probation and Parole association.

Contract for the \$89,626 structure has been awarded to Bessonet and Graff, who will begin construction immediately following the ceremony. The building is expected to be completed in about three months if favorable weather conditions prevail.

The building will have facilities for about 12 juveniles, a superintendent and a matron. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bjornsen, 704 South Holly st., were appointed superintendent and matron by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna last week.

Salem—(U.P.)—Avery W. Thompson, veteran western Oregon attorney, has been named Douglas county district attorney.

Jury Finds Medford Man Innocent in Case

A circuit court jury yesterday returned a verdict of innocent in the case of a Medford man charged with possession of stolen property.

John Edward Schuster, 44, of 319 Jeanette st., was charged last summer with stealing two chain saws.

The trial during which about 15 witnesses testified, started Tuesday. The jury deliberated from about 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. District Attorney Thomas Reeder and Deputy District Attorney Al Franke represented the state at the trial. O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney, represented Schuster.

New State Income Tax Plan Proposed by Pair

Salem—(U.P.)—Reps. Guy Jonas, Salem, and Vernon Cook, Portland, both freshman legislators, have proposed a new state income tax plan to lighten the burden on low and middle income families.

The proposal by the two Democrats would remove the surtax, double the standard deduction, raise exemptions to \$600, allow federal income tax to be taken as a deduction up to \$500 and allow deductions for medical expenses in excess of three per cent gross income.

State, Justice, USIA Departments Feel Economy Move

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee swung its economy ax today at the State and Justice departments and the U.S. Information agency, chopping their budgets for the new fiscal year by more than 15 per cent.

At the same time, the committee assailed what it termed increased government secrecy, swollen payrolls, home front propaganda, and "such niceties" as swimming pools and cabin boats sought for State Department employees abroad.

The Information Agency's budget was cut almost \$38 million in the USIA's budget, approving only \$106 million. The reduction of some 26 per cent provided the agency with almost \$7 million less than it got last year.

Backed Hollywood Film
The USIA was told to quit trying to "propagandize the American public" and to restrict itself to a "good sensible job overseas." This apparently was a crack at the agency for secretly spending \$100,000 to subsidize a Hollywood anti-Communist movie for home consumption. The film proved to be a flop.

The committee, in its eighth crack at President Eisenhower's record \$71,800,000,000 peacetime budget for fiscal 1958, approved a money bill for the three agencies and related functions carrying only \$563,799,793 of the \$665,649,302 asked.

The cut of more than \$100 million brought total reductions claimed by the House and its Appropriations Committee so far to \$1,141,175,749, applied against budget requests totaling \$14,968,542,403.

Assuming all cuts genuine as claimed—a fairly broad assumption—this averages out to a reduction of about 7.6 per cent. That percentage applied against the President's overall request for \$71,800,000,000 would mean a reduction of more than \$5 billion.

Seek Tax Reduction
The figure is significant in light of House Democrats' avowed intentions to push for a tax reduction if the budget can be cut by only \$3 billion.

In forwarding the bill to the House the committee approved a report prepared by Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.) sharply critical of some practices in the State Department as well as in the USIA. The report also assailed some features of a cultural exchange program conducted under a special fund of the president.

The State Department got \$180,382,743 of the \$227,713,522 it wanted, a cut of \$47,331,809. That is approximately a little less than the agency got this year.

The committee also cut \$7,600,000 from a request for \$18,500,000 for Eisenhower to spend on trade fairs, subsidization of jazz bands, sports figures and other cultural groups on overseas tours, and U.S. participation in next year's world's Fair at Brussels.

The Justice Department which alone escaped serious committee criticism got \$227,855,000, a budget cut of \$6,800,000. That is \$11 million more than the current allowance.

Jury Finds Medford Man Innocent in Case

A circuit court jury yesterday returned a verdict of innocent in the case of a Medford man charged with possession of stolen property.

John Edward Schuster, 44, of 319 Jeanette st., was charged last summer with stealing two chain saws.

The trial during which about 15 witnesses testified, started Tuesday. The jury deliberated from about 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. District Attorney Thomas Reeder and Deputy District Attorney Al Franke represented the state at the trial. O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney, represented Schuster.

New State Income Tax Plan Proposed by Pair

Salem—(U.P.)—Reps. Guy Jonas, Salem, and Vernon Cook, Portland, both freshman legislators, have proposed a new state income tax plan to lighten the burden on low and middle income families.

The proposal by the two Democrats would remove the surtax, double the standard deduction, raise exemptions to \$600, allow federal income tax to be taken as a deduction up to \$500 and allow deductions for medical expenses in excess of three per cent gross income.