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Italy Road Racer Blows Tire; 12 Persons Lose Lives

Spanish Nobleman, American Victims

Brescia, Italy—(U.P.)—Italian road racing appeared doomed today in the wake of the deadly finish of the Mille Miglia (1,000 mile) race, which claimed 12 lives, including Spanish nobleman Alfonso de Portago and his American co-pilot, Eddie (Gunner) Nelson of Beloit, Wis.

The Spanish marquis Ferrari suffered a blowout near the finish of the classic road race Sunday, struck a milestone and a telegraph pole, and then catapulted into a group of the three million spectators who formed a "human corridor" along the dangerous course.

Five Children Killed
In addition to De Portago and Nelson, who was a member of the United States' four-man bobsled team in this year's world championships at St. Moritz, Switzerland, five children and four men also were killed in the accident.

It was the worst automobile racing catastrophe since 1955, when 82 persons died in the flaming crash of a Mercedes car during a race at Le Mans, France.

In the 24 runnings of the Mille Miglia, 30 persons have been killed and more than 400 injured. Because of its bloody history, the road rally became known as "the race of death" in recent years.

And all over Italy today newspapers joined in an editorial chorus calling for its end.

Even the race's staunchest supporter, Brescia mayor Bruno Boni, said it looked like the end. "The race," he said, "will now probably be called off for good."

Death on Straightway
Death came to the 27-year-old Marquis de Portago, who raced cars "for the fun of it," on a strip of straightway one mile from the tiny village of Guidizzolo.

It was his first Mille Miglia. He told a United Press reporter before starting Sunday that all he wanted to do was "finish the race."

He was 25 miles away from doing it when his left front tire burst as he hit an estimated 125 miles per hour on the straightaway.

In the crash, De Portago's body was cut in half by the car's hood, the official Italian police report said, and Nelson's head was crushed.

Another Driver Killed
Another driver, Dutchman Josef H. Goettgens, died in a Florence hospital of injuries received when his Triumph skidded off a wet road in a second, unrelated accident.

Piero Taruffi of Italy, driving a red Ferrari similar to De Portago's death car, won the race with a winning time of 10 hours, 27 minutes and 47 seconds. Germany's Wolfgang von Trips was second.

Equalization Board Considers Requests

The Jackson county board of equalization met this morning to consider three requests by property owners for revisions in tax rates.

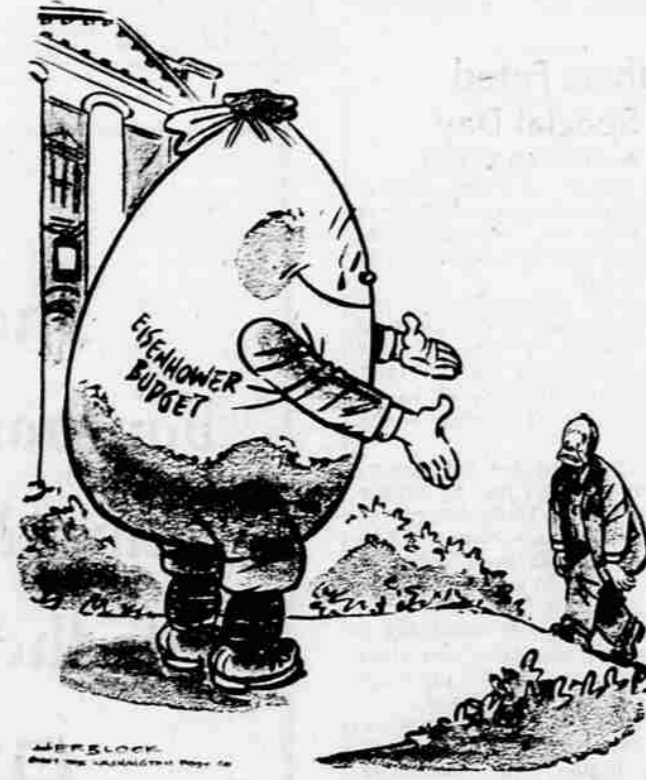
The board, which is scheduled to meet for a two weeks period, will meet until all requests that have been received have been considered. At the present time there are only two other requests pending before the board.

British Shippers Receive Permission To Use Suez

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today gave British shippers permission to resume use of the Suez canal. Macmillan said the permission was given in view of last week's decision by a majority of members of the Suez Canal Users' association to let member governments make their own choice on whether to use the Egyptian nationalized waterway.

The Prime Minister's long-awaited announcement was received with total silence in the crowded house. Macmillan confirmed that arrangements had been made for

The Prodigal Father



Beck Loaned \$175,000 By Trailer Builder, Rackets Probers Told

Washington—(U.P.)—Trailer builder Roy Fruehauf testified today that he "indirectly" loaned \$175,000 to Teamsters Union President Dave Beck in 1954 when Beck was under tax investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.

But he said he did not know Beck was having tax troubles and that the reason the labor leader wanted the money was never discussed.

Installation of New Main Due Tuesday

City crews will start installation Tuesday of about 700 feet of six-inch water main that will provide water service for the new \$85,000 Jackson county detention home.

The home is now under construction on a site near the county fairgrounds.

The \$3,300 water main will run from Highway 99 about 700 feet to the detention home site, according to Robert Lee, water superintendent.

Two fire hydrants will be installed on the water main providing fire protection for the detention home, the new \$400,000 National Guard armory, Footlighter's building, and other fair ground buildings, he explained.

The water superintendent said the water main will be installed with new rubber gasket joints intended to reduce labor costs and property assessments five per cent.

Crews of Everett Den Herder, Medford contractor, started installation last Thursday of an eight-inch water main on Grape St. between Melrose and Stewart aves., according to Lee. Cost of the project will be \$8,308.96.

Lee said the project, which will include about 22 water connections, will be completed later this week.

Radio Highlights

President Eisenhower will speak in defense of his budget in a program to be heard over radio station KYJC 1230 kc Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

State Legislature Tackles Job With Closing in Sight

Calendars Bulging In House, Senate

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Legislature went to work with a rush today on what it hoped would be the last week of the record-breaking 1957 session.

All hands were hopeful of winding up the precedent-shattering session by next Saturday, although Senate President Boyd Overhulse said he hoped for an orderly closing even if it meant going into next week.

The Senate had 37 measures up for final action, including House bill 163, relating to the reorganization of school districts. It was made a special order of business for 2:40 p.m. The Senate Education Committee has revamped this one extensively so that it will have to go back to the House—if it passes the Senate—for concurrence in the amendments.

Also up for action were House bill 796, the controversial corporation tax bill of the House tax program; compromise labor bills, dealing with unemployment compensation, reported out by the Senate Committee on Labor and Industry; compulsory state meat inspection; higher salaries for elected state officials; and a proposed new youth building at the state fairgrounds here.

College Bill Waiting
Also up for final action is House bill 594, the so-called community college bill, which would authorize the establishment of junior colleges in several parts of Oregon. The only such college now is at Bend.

The Senate had before it several House approved appropriation bills, including those providing budgets for the Department of Education, Oregon National Guard, public utility commissioner, secretary of state and state treasurer.

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David Frohnmayer To Go to Germany

David Frohnmayer, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, Medford, who was chosen to go to Europe this summer under the American Field Service youth exchange program, will be sent to Germany, according to C. Weldon Kline, chairman of the organization.

Although Frohnmayer was notified in April that he had been selected, the country to which he would be sent was not known until recently. He is one of over 400 American youths that will leave for Europe under the AFC program in July and is the first ever to be selected from this area.

Frohnmayer will live with one or more German families during his three-month stay.

Portland—(U.P.)—A special report recommending that the \$1 million Corvallis Plywood Corporation be permitted to reorganize under terms of the federal bankruptcy act has been approved by U. S. Judge William East.

City Firemen Rescue Kitty Who Forgot Rule of the Whisker

Medford city firemen, who have a reputation for skill and resourcefulness in rescue work as well as for extinguishing fires, were called on another mission of mercy yesterday.

This time it was to "unstuck" a cat which forgot to go by the rule of the whisker. The kitty got his head stuck in a hole in a garage wall at 228 South Ivy St.

Saudi Arabia-Iraq Talks, Jordan's Shift To West May Bring Coup in Syria

By UNITED PRESS
Israeli sources predicted today in Jerusalem and Baghdad talks between King Saud and King Feisal and Jordan's move toward the West might lead to a new coup by anti-Communist political leaders in Syria.

The sources said increased activities of the Russians in Syria could be expected to show the rightist groups the "suicidal tendency" of the present regime and produce another coup—and another about face in Syrian foreign policy.

Leadership Reported Shaken
Reports reaching Jerusalem strongly indicated the left wing Syrian leadership was badly shaken by Jordan's decision to accept \$10 million in United States aid even if it did not accept the Eisenhower doctrine as such.

Indications increased that the Baghdad talks between King Saud of Saudi Arabia and King

Feisal of Iraq were isolating the Syrian-Egyptian axis more and more. Israeli sources hoped frankly a Syrian coup would leave Egypt on a limb by itself.

Egypt moved today to try to strengthen the neutralist bloc. President Gamal Abdel Nasser was receiving Premier Lemar E. Ali Mohammed Daud of Afghanistan, a strong pro-neutralist who offered Afghan "volunteers" to Egypt during the Suez invasion.

Rain Cancels Parade
In Baghdad, Feisal had hoped to show Saud the western supplied military might he recently placed at the disposal of Jordan's King Hussein during the recent crisis in Jordan. But rain caused cancellation of the parade. Diplomatic sources predicted Hussein would go to Iraq this week for three-power conferences.

A Damascus dispatch said King Saud later would invite Hussein, Nasser and Syrian President Shukri El Kuwattli to

a four-power meeting when he returns home. But Baghdad dispatches have hinted for several days the old four-power alliance was almost a thing of the past.

Another indication came from Jordan Radio which accuses Egypt Sunday night of plotting against the royal regimes of Jordan, Iraq, Libya and Saudi Arabia with the aid of the Soviet Union and international Communism.

Assassination Plot
The radio said the plot was aimed at overthrowing the rulers and establishing "republican" regimes in all four countries and that Syria was ready to intervene militarily in Jordan if necessary.

The Amman radio report said an Egyptian officer had given former Army Commander Maj. Gen. Ali Abu Nuwar money to finance an assassination plot against Hussein. A similar plot was reported against King Saud last week.

Republican Minority Betraying People of Oregon, Holmes Asserts

Albany—(U.P.)—A "recalcitrant" Republican minority is betraying the people of Oregon, Gov. Robert D. Holmes told the state's Young Democrats Saturday night at their annual convention here.

Gov. Holmes said the Republican party which "won too easily for too long... never learned to be responsible and it has not now learned to be responsible."

In spite of what he called Republican obstructionist tactics, Gov. Holmes said the Legislature is making "a good start on our basic programs."

Referring to the evenly divided Senate with its 15 Republicans and 15 Democrats, Gov. Holmes declared: "Fifteen Republican senators who think they are stopping the governor's program are actually betraying the people of this state."

"They are trying to stop a tax program—not because it is a bad tax program but because it is our program and not a sales tax program. They are impeding the business of the courts of Oregon not because we do not desperately need two more Supreme Court justices but because they are determined not to give a Democratic governor an opportunity to appoint possibly two Democratic judges. They are blocking the bill to get rid of the Board of Control not because they have changed their minds about the little Hoover report which recommended this action, nor be-

cause they thought Republican Sen. Rudie Wilhelm's bill to dissolve the board of control in 1955 was a bad bill, but because a Democrat happens to be governor in this year of 1957.

Salem—(U.P.)—Republicans today took issue with Gov. Robert Holmes who hurled "obstructionist" charges against members of the GOP.

Holmes spoke Saturday night to Young Democrats in Albany. Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem Republican, answering charges that the Republicans were trying to stop the Democratic tax program, said he joined with four Democrats to help in moving H.B. 1, which provides for a new personal income tax, to the floor for final debate.

Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, answered charges that Republicans were "impeding the

business of the courts of Oregon." Gill said "the facts are the Democrat-dominated and controlled Ways and Means Committee is holding up a bill which would provide two commissioners to assist the Supreme Court." He said these commissioners were unanimously requested by the high court.

Ruch School Bus Stolen, Wrecked

A bus owned by the Ruch school district was stolen from the Elray Ranney garage at Ruch and found wrecked near the Star Ranger station Sunday night, according to state police.

Officers said the bus was believed taken between 5 and 6:30 p.m. It was driven seven miles before being wrecked. Damage to the vehicle was reported minor.

A 22-year-old man, Ray D. Lunceford, Tigard, Ore., was reported injured in the bus accident. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service, and was released after treatment by the hospital.

State police said no arrests have been made in connection with the bus theft. Officers are still investigating the case.

Box Improvement Week Scheduled

Jacksonville—The week beginning Monday, May 20, has been designated as rural mailbox improvement week, and Jacksonville Postmaster L. C. Matheny has urged patrons of star routes 1 and 2 to check their boxes to see if repairs are needed.

Matheny pointed out that there are many boxes on the two routes that are "sub-standard." In some cases a coat of paint with the patron's name stenciled or painted on the side is all that is necessary to put the mail box in first class condition. For others, a new post is needed. The bottom of the box should be from 42 to 45 inches from the road, Matheny said.

Individual notices will be mailed soon to patrons with sub-standard mail boxes.

Washington—(U.P.)—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army chief of staff, says he "certainly would insist" that the United States use atomic weapons in any future Korea-type wars.

Eagle Point School Budget Vote Tuesday

Eagle Point—Residents of Eagle Point school district 9 will vote on a 1957-58 school budget Tuesday, May 14, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the high school gymnasium. Budget to be voted on totals \$415,029.72. The budget for the present year is \$309,162.08.

Glenn Hale, superintendent of Eagle Point schools, said that the main reasons for the increase are because of increased student enrollment necessitating purchasing more books for both the high school and grade school libraries and the addition of two more teachers. In addition, O & C funds used for indebtedness payments are not available for this purpose this year.

The budget is posted on the school house door, at Ashpole's Hardware and at Putman's Cold Storage in Eagle Point.

Former FBI Man Said Trujillo Agent

Washington—(U.P.)—A federal Grand Jury today indicted John Joseph Frank, a Washington lawyer and a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, for failing to register as an agent for Generalissimo Raphael Trujillo and the Dominican Republic.

The four-count indictment was returned in district court here. Frank, also known as John Kane, was accused on two counts of representing Trujillo's Dominican regime. The other two charged him with failing to register with the attorney general under the foreign agents registration act of 1938.

The indictment said the 42-year-old lawyer has collected information for the Trujillo regime and has been "soliciting and accepting compensation" from the Dominican Republic.

Ashland Senior Among Scholarship Winners

Portland—(U.P.)—Three \$500 scholarships have been awarded by the Oregon State Labor Council to high school seniors graduating this spring.

Receiving the scholarships were Edward J. Haas, North Bend; Timothy Keating, Ashland, and Gary Clark, Washington high of Portland. Receiving \$100 alternate awards were Jane Anderson, Wilson high in Portland; Dale Mohensen, Wy-east high in Hood River, and Carrie Mae Kreutzer of Willamette high in Eugene.

House Votes Waiting Period on Marriages

Salem—(U.P.)—The House voted 48-9 today to restore the three-day waiting period required before marriage. The provision was voted out of the law in 1953. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Rep. Grace Peck, Portland Democrat, argued that the waiting period would help prevent foolish marriages and give couples a chance to evaluate the medical examination also required by law.

The measure provoked some light-hearted debate including a comment from Rep. Shirley Field, Portland Republican, that if she found a man she didn't think she'd want to wait three days.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with isolated showers. Low tonight 43. High Tuesday 68.
TEMPERATURE 46
Lowest this morning 44
PRECIPITATION .12
To 4:30 a.m. today

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 4:52 a.m.
Sunset 7:24 p.m.
Moonrise 7:31 p.m.
Full Moon 12:34 p.m.
The total eclipse of the Moon today ends here at 4:17 p.m. This eclipse will be seen over most of Asia, the Indian Ocean, Africa, Europe and the Atlantic ocean.

Business Section Of Lampasas Hit By 10-Foot Wall

50-Block Section of Residences Battered

Lampasas, Tex.—(U.P.)—Soldiers, state troopers, national guardsmen and civilian relief workers pushed into Lampasas today and found 60 or 70 square blocks ravished by a 10-foot wall of water that burst into the town Sunday night from a broken creek bank.

Four persons were known drowned. Eight others were injured. A woman was missing. Four hundred families were hit by the floods. A fifth person in Central Texas was killed by lightning today.

Merchants Seek Stocks
The business section of Lampasas, through which the flood washed directly, was cordoned off today by national guardsmen so merchants could recover their stocks without interference from curiosity seekers.

Bright sun broke out today over the wreckage. "A 50-block residential area is in bad shape," Highway Patrol Capt. E. K. Browning reported by radio. He said 50 military policemen from Fort Hood had arrived to help order and help in rescue operations.

Five thousand persons live in Lampasas, a town in Central Texas where rains up to 8.34 inches fell in a few hours. New tornadoes were reported in Paris, Dallas and Waco, Tex.

Roofs Torn Off
The worst tornado was in Paris, 85 miles northeast of Dallas, where radio station KPLT's tower was twisted off, buildings were unroofed, a church partly wrecked and most of the city's telephones put out of commission.

The Department of Public Safety reported garages unroofed and a lumberyard wrecked in northwest Dallas. Residents of that district disputed the department, however; they said there was no twister.

A small tornado took away a carport in Waco Sunday night while Lamar Fite, 21, was standing at his backdoor and looking at it. The Brazos river in Waco stood at 26.13 feet. At 27 feet, the residents of 1,000 homes will have to start getting out.

But, comparatively speaking, Lampasas appeared to have suffered the worst among dozens of Texas cities and towns that have been hit by an unparalleled epidemic of cloudbursts, tornadoes and floods that began April 19 and have continued with less than a week's lull since.

Many Residents Trapped
The town lost both its water supply and electric power as water surged over homes and business houses. The Red Cross took care of 300 persons at a Baptist church. Clothing stores in the city of Temple donated clothing for the victims; 250 coats and 750 blankets were rushed in from Fort Hood.

Many persons were trapped in homes and stores at Lampasas. Warren Doolittle, 70, was swept away and drowned. Browning reported the body of a man named "Gunterman," who operated a fishing camp, was recovered in the Lampasas area.

Publisher Ward Lowe of the Lampasas Dispatch said Sunday night that "90 per cent of our town is as near completely destroyed as could be."

Planning Commission To Meet Tonight

The Medford planning commission tonight will hold a public hearing on rezoning property near Crater Lake ave. and Delta Waters rd. from single family (class 1A) to light industrial (class V). The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

In other business, City Attorney E. R. Bashaw will report on legal aspects of creating a special zone for churches in single family (class 1A) zones. The planners also will consider regulations for a proposed subdivision ordinance.

Crashes on Oregon Roads Bring Week End Toll To 6

By UNITED PRESS
Two persons died in traffic accidents in Oregon Saturday and Sunday bringing the week end accidental traffic death toll to six.

Floyd Gowen of Cushman was killed Sunday afternoon in a head-on crash east of Florence on Highway 36. State police officers said the Gowen car and vehicle driven by Mrs. Doris Butler, 32, Myrtle Creek, collided when the Butler car apparently swerved across the center line.

Mrs. Butler, her husband, Glenn, and their four children were injured. Gowen's passenger, Lelo Winegar of Cushman, also was hurt.

Mrs. Marie Metcalf, about 35, of Burlington, died early Sunday of injuries suffered in an automobile collision Saturday night on Highway 99W, about four miles south of Corvallis. Mrs. Metcalf's husband, Paul, 38, and a passenger in the other car, Linda Gray, 15, of Corvallis, were injured.

In other accidents Friday and early Saturday, four persons were killed on the highways: