

Truman Urges Presidential Succession Plan

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There has been an understandable reluctance to deal with the delicate and sensitive problem of what we are to do when a President becomes incapacitated and is unable to perform his duties.

Our Founding Fathers did not provide for such an eventuality. During the 168 years of our history under the Constitution, there have been only two occasions when the question arose of a President's ability to serve.

I refer to James A. Garfield and Woodrow Wilson. We have been fortunate, indeed, that we have not had to face such crises more often.

But the job of the President is getting to be an almost unbearable mental and physical burden, and we ought not to go on trusting to luck to see us through.

Discussion, Study Needed

We may find that we have waited too long to provide a way of meeting the situation in the event a President becomes incapacitated. There have been suggestions to deal with the matter through legislation. Others have proposed amending the Constitution.

However we deal with it eventually, this is too vital a matter to be acted on hastily without the widest discussion and study. I have felt that there is always a great danger in writing too much into the Constitution. We must have certain flexibility to meet changing conditions. We have already experienced the consequences of hastily amending the Constitution without adequate public discussion, as in the cases of the 18th and 22nd Amendments (Prohibition and limiting any President to two terms).

In response to the many letters I have received on the subject from all parts of the country, and the world, I am taking the liberty of suggesting a way to meet this problem.

No Reflections Cast

I would like to make it perfectly clear that it is not my intention to cast reflections on anyone, or to raise any doubts about the health or condition of the President. Along with all of our citizens I wish him good health and a long life.

But there is a growing concern about our needs to provide against the danger of a lapse in the functioning of the Presidency and the crises that might ensue.

The power of the President of the United States and his influence on the world today have grown so great that his well-being is of paramount interest to people everywhere. It is no longer a matter to be de-

Medford Man Hit by Auto Driven by Wife

Rollin Lester Harden, 30, of 113 Rose st., Medford, was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance Sunday at 6:25 p.m., after he was hit by an automobile driven by his 28-year-old wife, Nadie Lou, according to city police.

Police said the accident occurred at the north side of Linden Park Service station, 843 West Jackson st., Medford, when the vehicle came out of the driveway. The car knocked the pedestrian down and damaged a fence. It was reported.

Harden sustained bruises on chest and back, and several large cuts on back and leg. He was treated at the hospital, and released, according to police reports.

Fifty Acres Burned In Grass, Brush Fire

State forestry department patrolmen were mopping up today on a grass and brush fire of approximately 50 acres near Gold Hill.

The blaze was said to be an "escaped camper's fire." It broke out yesterday afternoon and 18 crewmen and four pump trucks were sent to the scene.

Sermon on Gambling Has No Bearing on Schunk Trial, Judge Rules

Portland — The defense lost one motion and won another today as the jury trial of Mayor Terry D. Schunk moved into its second week.

Schunk is accused of lying to a grand jury last summer when he denied picking up an envelope allegedly containing a bribe near the 8212 Club during a 1955 raid. Schunk was sheriff of Multnomah county at the time.

Sermon on Gambling

Edwin Hicks and Thomas H. Tongue III, Schunk's attorneys, lost a motion that a mistrial be declared because of a church sermon at members of the jury heard Sunday.

The defense, over objections of the state, won permission to try to prove a frame of Schunk by inquiring into conversations in Great Falls, Mont., between an employee of racketeer James B. Elkins and Clifford O. Bennett.

aided by political leaders and Constitutional authorities. Even a minor indisposition of the President will set into motion unexpected and often unreasoning fears, such as we have recently witnessed.

Brilliant Document

The framers of our Constitution drafted a brilliant and inspired document in which they anticipated and provided for nearly all the basic developments of our democracy. But who could fully foresee the role of the American Presidency in the kind of a world in which we now live — a world which also requires in person at any hour to make decisions which he alone can make and which cannot be put off?

As Vice President, I found myself acutely conscious of this problem in a personal way when I met President Roosevelt upon his return from Valparaiso. Up to that time I regarded the circumstances of an incapacitated President as an academic problem in history, such as was posed by Presidents Garfield and Wilson.

Grants Pass Man Arraigned in Court On Narcotics Charge

Stokes Addison Applin, 41, Grants Pass, was arraigned in district court this morning on charges of unlawfully obtaining narcotics.

He was bound over to the grand jury with bail set at \$2,500.

Applin is accused of obtaining a narcotic, dolophine, from the Central Point Pharmacy Thursday on a forged prescription. He was brought to the county jail here Friday by sheriff's officers and city police after he was arrested in Grants Pass by city police there.

First Reports

The first reports on a man attempting to obtain narcotics in this city came to city police Wednesday when Waincott's Pharmacy, 322 East Main st., reported that it had filled two prescriptions for a man who gave his name as "E. A. Roberts," and had discovered the prescriptions were forged.

The man had received tablets of dolophine and diadid at Waincott's. The same day, reports were received from Western Thrift Drugs, 30 North Central ave., and West Main Pharmacy, 1632 West Main st., that someone had attempted to pass narcotic prescriptions at both establishments.

Prescriptions Obtained

Dr. LeRoy C. Jensen, 1121 South Oakdale ave., told police a person of "E. A. Roberts" description had come to his office Tuesday and again Wednesday and obtained a prescription for phenobarbital. He told Dr. Jensen he was an epileptic. The second day, Jensen said, the man said he had lost the first prescription.

Arrested with Applin in Grants Pass was Stella Jean Worth, 28, last known address Chicago, Ill. She was out on bail from the Josephine county jail today, and is charged with lewd cohabitation.

Weather

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Our Skies Tonight

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Sunset 7:33 p.m.
Moonrise Tuesday 2:45 a.m.
New Moon June 27

PROMINENT STARS

Venus, sets 8:15 p.m.
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These two out of state officers of Fraternal Order of Eagles will be among visitors to Medford attending the organization's state convention, June 26-29. Pictured are Lawrence Leahy, (top photo), Wenatchee, Wash., grand worthy president of the state and Ralph Goodman, Vancouver, B.C., grand aerie president of the northwest region.

Hearing on Train Speeds in Medford Scheduled July 30

A public hearing on the matter of fixing and regulating speed of railway trains within the city of Medford has been set by the Public Utilities commission for Tuesday, July 30, at 9 a.m.

A statement received June 17 by the Public Utilities commission from the Southern Pacific railroad company stated that the maximum speed of trains within the Medford city limits had been voluntarily reduced in May of 1956.

The present speeds used by the company, according to the statement, are Stewart ave., 25 miles per hour, Eleventh st., 15 miles per hour, Main and Sixth sts., 10 miles per hour, Fourth and Third sts., 15 miles per hour, and Jackson, Clark, and McAndrews rd., 25 miles per hour.

The Southern Pacific company stated that the speed of 10 miles per hour at Main and Tenth sts., is the lowest possible maximum speed for the practical operation of trains.

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Reds will Fight To Defend Korea Armistice Pact

Seoul, Korea. — A formation of about 19 Communist MIG jet fighters invaded the air south of the Korean truce line today, a Republic of Korea government source reported.

Government intelligence sources said the Russian-built jets flashed over the villages of Chorwon and Kumhwa between 9 and 10 a.m., then disappeared into North Korea.

The villages are situated just south of the truce line about 50 miles northeast of Seoul in an area where Republic of Korea troops are stationed.

A spokesman for the U.S. 5th Air Force at Omsan Air Base said Air Force personnel had received no report of a violation of the armistice by the planes.

A ROK Defense Ministry spokesman did not deny the report when queried on it and said "more details" would have to be gathered before any official announcement was made.

Tokyo. — The Communist radio said today the Reds will "fight resolutely to defend the Korean armistice agreement" against the U. S. decision to match the Communist military buildup in the divided country.

Radio Peiping broadcast a round-the-clock barrage of statements by Red leaders in China and Korea saying "the United States must be responsible for all consequences" of the decision.

"The U. S. aggressive bloc regards South Korea, South Viet Nam and Taiwan (Formosa) as three fronts... for attacks against Red China," said a broadcast quoting the Peiping "People's Daily."

"To prevent a relaxation of tension in Asia, they are using every conceivable means to tighten their control of these three military bases."

The propaganda barrage was touched off by the decision, announced Friday, to scrap paragraph 13D of the truce agreement. This paragraph forbids either side to bring new weapons into Korea.

It has been ignored by the Communists, who have moved some 700 Russian-made warplanes and sizeable quantities of other weapons into North Korea since the truce was signed.

Nevertheless the Reds bitterly protested the Allied decision. "The Americans have no right to revise or abolish the armistice agreement," said a broadcast quoting Kim Ki Soo, vice chairman of Red Korea's "Democratic Youth League."

"If they ignore the warning of the Korean people and persist in their decision, they will be held responsible for the consequences."

U. S. leaders were reported going ahead with plans to modernize the arms of South Korea's defenders. Although there was no official announcement, the Air Force is expected to fly a swarm of F100 jet fighters from Japan to Korea sometime this week.

15 Break, Entries Reported Here

Fifteen break-and-entries and attempted break-and-entries were reported in Medford Saturday evening and Monday morning, according to city police.

Three more were reported early this afternoon. Seven of the entries occurred Saturday. In the Franklin building, 125 South Central ave., the Safeway Stores Inc., room 207, Services Unlimited, rooms 201 and 204, DeForest and Hansen Law office, room 228, and Farrell and Blackhurst Law office, room 230, were entered. Others were Medical Center bldg., 33 North Central ave., room 414; and Mid-State Dental Supply, Davis bldg., 34 North Central ave.

Twenty dollars was taken from a cash box in the Dental Supply office, police said. The only other money reported taken was in room 16 of the Brophy bldg., 10 N. Central ave., where \$26 was reported taken.

Attempted break-ins were reported at rooms 1, 2, 3 and 20 in the Goldy bldg., 18 North Front st., authorities said.

Although the entries in the Goldy and Brophy buildings were not reported to city police until Monday morning, authorities believe they took place prior to 8 p.m. Saturday. Neither of the street doors on the buildings had been forced, police said.

Columbia Utilities Purchases Crater Lake Phone System

Columbia Utilities company has purchased the government-owned Crater Lake National park telephone system according to an announcement made today by D. O. Hood, president of the company.

The company plans to install a modern dial telephone system at the park. Preliminary work is already under way. Local exchange service will be substantially expanded, replacing the present government-owned magnet type system, Hood said. Most of the outside distribution system is in underground cable, and this too will be expanded and improved. Radio toll circuits will be installed between the park and the company's toll center at White City, replacing the present limited land line toll circuit to a connection with the West Coast Telephone company at Fort Klamath. Future toll traffic will thereafter flow through the White City toll center.

Modernization Planned

Service to the Lodge located on the rim will be modernized and expanded, Hood said. Aluminum outdoor pay station booths will be installed at convenient locations at the rim, park headquarters and the Annie Springs trailer camping area.

The local mobile radio service recently installed at the park by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will be continued by that company. Columbia Utilities does not currently offer that type of commercial service except through connections with the Pacific company.

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The company's plans include installation of radio toll circuits between White City and Lake of the Woods resort, Diamond Lake resort and Toketee village. Diamond Lake and Lake of the Woods are now served by a single wire tree-line, both of which will be replaced by the more dependable radio facilities. The company expects to install a small dial exchange at Toketee early next year.

A-Bomb Exploded

"And We Have Also Saved Money, Dear Friends By Eliminating Flood Insurance Funds"



Governors' Conclave Keynote Attacks Federal School Aid

Williamsburg, Va. — Gov. Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia keynoted the 49th annual governors' conference today by attacking President Eisenhower's proposal for federal school aid as "totally unwarranted."

Stanley, chairman of the conference, spoke at the opening business session less than 12 hours before Eisenhower was scheduled to address the governors.

The four-day conference opened Sunday with a round of informal activities for the state executives who assembled in this historic capital of colonial Virginia. Highway and school problems were on the agenda for today's sessions.

One of the school proposals billed for discussion involved the possibility of operating schools on a 12-month basis to make greater use of existing school buildings, textbooks and teachers. Under such plans, pupils would take staggered vacations or attend public school for the entire year and complete their work in a shorter time.

Interested in Idea

In his speech at today's session, Stanley said he was keenly interested in suggestions for expanding the use of existing school buildings.

Stanley said the states would encourage federal aid for school construction if they fail to deal with the classroom shortage.

"The Commonwealth of Virginia regards these proposals as totally unwarranted and another means of undermining the state and local governments," he said.

"The federal government has no authority and no responsibility in the field of public education."

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Man Hurt in Rail Speeder, Car Crash

Carl J. Stockford, 39, route 1, box 410-A, Medford, employee of Medford Corporation, was injured about 8 a.m. today when the railroad speeder he was operating collided with a vehicle at the Antelope rd. crossing.

According to state police, Stockford was operating the speeder north on the Medford Corporation railroad tracks and Arleigh Anton Anderson, 31, Trail, was driving his vehicle west on Antelope rd. Officers said both Stockford and Anderson slowed down as they approached the crossing, but neither saw the other in time to stop.

Stockford was taken to Medford Osteopathic hospital by Medford Ambulance service. He reportedly suffered severe head lacerations, but no fractures. He was expected to be released from the hospital this morning.

Anderson was not injured, police said. Both the car and speeder sustained minor damage. No citations were issued.

Door Ripped Off, Concrete Cracked By Force of Blast

Angels' Peak, Nev. — The Atomic Energy Commission unleashed the fifth and heaviest atomic explosion of its 1957 experiments today, a blast so powerful it ripped off a door and cracked the concrete wall of the control blockhouse 14 miles away.

The AEC said no one was hurt in the control point.

The bombs' mighty flash shamed the post-dawn daylight and momentarily blinded on-guard witnesses 45 miles distant. Its sound wave bounced off a stratosphere layer and was heard in Reno, 300 miles away.

The detonation was set up as the first major test in the scheduled 20-shot series of a totally new approach to civilian underground shelters.

In addition to testing the survival characteristics of mole-like civilian shelters beneath concrete domes, experiments were conducted to determine the most suitable radiation-protective clothing for soldiers and civilians and the effects of radiation fallout on foodstuffs.

Concrete Cracked

The earthy-door went flying off its hinges and a four-foot long crack split the thick concrete wall by the damaged door moments after the secret atomic device exploded at 5:30 a.m. (P.S.T.) from a platform suspended beneath a captive balloon 700 feet above the floor of the Nevada Proving grounds.

The size of the fireball and the resulting above nominal size mushroom cloud belokened the most powerful blast of nuclear fission yet in the series, estimated roughly to be equivalent of 30,000 tons of TNT or more. That is 10,000 times more tons of TNT than the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombs.

Spread beneath the balloon of varying distances was a field of shelters that looked like a colony of giant trap-door spider homes. These were thick concrete dome structures in which humans are intended to enter and exit via pop-up steel doors.

A total of nearly 1,000 military observers occupied trenches 5 1/2 miles from ground zero, the first use of troops close up in the current series.

However, troops have been closer in tests during previous years. They have been stationed up to one and one-half miles from ground zero, although undergoing less powerful blasts.

Military items for testing included field fortifications, fox holes and gun emplacements and battlefield equipment in addition to various types of protective wear for the soldier of the atomic age.

From Angels Peak, the blast appeared to shatter with the ground beneath it. Within a fraction of a second the entire 10-mile wide area of Frenchman's Flat was obliterated by dust.

But the AEC said the fireball did not touch the ground, thereby lessening the "burden of radiative area anticipated" along Highway 93 and "for further distances into Utah," the AEC said after the blast. Its announcement said the cloud, which had started out to the southeast, had taken a firm course as scheduled, slightly north and due east moving about 35 miles per hour toward Utah.

MEETING POSTPONED

The special city planning commission meeting scheduled for this evening has been postponed to Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting had to be scheduled for a later date due to lack of sufficient notice of publication, city officials said.

Dr. Lee Mellish Elected Chairman of State Lions

Dr. Lee Mellish, Medford dentist, took office as state chairman during the Oregon convention of Lions International which concluded here on Saturday.

Mrs. F. L. Thompson, Sutherlin, was seated as president of Oregon Lady Lions.

Four men were named to the state executive council. They were George Goodrich, Tillamook; Hale Thompson, Eugene; Bill Rohlfing, Grants Pass, and Sterling May, Baker. They will serve on the council with the four new district governors.

Larry Sheehan, Rogue River; Robert Scherr, Wellington Park; Gerald Murray, Eugene, and Keith Parkinson, Redmond.

Lady Lions taking office included Mrs. Berne Conwell, Milwaukie, first vice president; Mrs. Harry Greer, Umatilla, second vice president; Mrs. Dana Shelton, North Lincoln, third vice president; and Mrs. Henry Nelson (36-0), Portland, and Mrs. Evelyn Thompson (36-E), Coos Bay, district directors.

Mrs. Burton Dunn, Salem, immediate past president, also will serve on the board of directors.