

Knight Will Seek Senate Seat In 'Interest of Party Harmony'

Decision Follows Conference With Eisenhower, Nixon

Knowland Running for California Governor

Washington — Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California announced today that, in the interests of "party harmony," he will run for the U.S. Senate next year instead of seeking reelection.

He announced his decision after conferring separately with President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon, a fellow Californian.

Knight said party leaders had persuaded him not to fight Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland for the 1958 California GOP gubernatorial nomination. Instead, he will seek Knowland's Senate seat.

Knowland is quitting the Senate next year to run for governor in what some political observers believe is a long-range campaign for the 1960 GOP presidential nomination.

Knight frankly acknowledged that his "major reason" for not seeking another term as governor was that "many of the responsible leaders of the Republican party, both national and state, became convinced that a Knight-Knowland struggle for the governor's office would split the party so badly that it would, in all probability, lead to loss of the state to the Democratic party at the general election."

"I believe my decision is right," he said, "and I am happy with it."

After making his announcement Knight told a news conference that Nixon had given him an "unqualified endorsement" for the senatorial nomination.

Judgment Signed Awarding Damages

Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly signed a judgement Monday awarding Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Muirhead \$3,150 in damages for property wanted by the city of Medford.

This follows a jury verdict Friday giving the city the right to condemn the property to make Jackson st. a through street from Hillcrest rd. to McAndrews rd. in west Medford. The city previously had offered the Muirheads \$1,855 for the property needed.

Judge Kelly decided yesterday that the Muirheads should also be given \$1,500 in compensation for attorney's fees.

The law provides when sum specified by the jury is greater than the condemnation authorized by the condemning authority, the owners of the condemned property shall be compensated for attorney's fees.

The land is a strip between Barneburg rd. and Sunrise ave.

Two Eugene Men Die in Plane Crash

Salem — Two men, including a Eugene city councilman, were killed Monday night when a Beechcraft Bonanza airplane crashed about three miles north of Harrisburg.

State police said the victims were Larry P. Watson, the councilman who apparently was the pilot, and William H. Jostmeier, also of Eugene.

The crash apparently occurred about 8:15 p.m. Wreckage of the plane was found about 11 p.m. by Gerald Faulk on whose farm the plane crashed.

Larry Watson, who died in a plane crash near Harrisburg Monday night, was nephew of Eston Humphrey, Ross Lane, and had been a frequent Medford visitor.

"All That Noise And It Was Just A Little Cub"



Reeder Seeks Opinion On Keating's Office

District Attorney Thomas Reeder said today that he has requested Attorney General Robert Y. Thorton for an opinion on the expiration of County Court Judge Rodney Keating's term in office.

Reeder reported the request, to clear up conflicting opinions in the matter, was asked by County Commissioner Ralph James.

Some confusion has arisen since Judge Keating's election in 1954 as to whether or not he was elected for a four-year term or a full six-year term.

Judicial Powers
Reeder said the opinion will hinge on whether or not the Jackson county judge has judicial powers. Terms of judicial court judges, when appointed expire at the next general election, and then run for a full six-year term. For non-judicial judges, however, appointive terms run to the next general election, and then run for the remainder of the unexpired term of the original office-holder, Reeder stated.

He said that judicial powers were removed from some county courts, including Jackson, by the Oregon legislature approximately 10 years ago.

Last May Judge Keating sought an opinion from the elections division of the secretary of state's office. He was advised by that department that his term runs through 1960.

But his term in office was listed in the Oregon Blue Book this year as terminating in 1958.

Four other county offices and three judgeships will be up for

Possible Typhoid Case Reported Here

A possible typhoid fever case has been reported in the Medford area, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer. It is the second case this year, if confirmed.

"However, no positive bacterial confirmation has been made yet," he added.

The case, reported to the health department by a private physician, occurred in one of the Medford fringe areas, Dr. Merkel said. This particular family, the public health officer said, has its own water and sewage supply.

Another case was reported and confirmed in April when a two-year old child was found to have the disease. This also occurred in a fringe area, Dr. Merkel said.

The public health officer explained in such isolated cases it is hard to trace the source. A check was scheduled today on the bacteria count in sewage and water facilities the family uses.

Mysterious Object Stalls Automobiles Along Isolated Highway in New Mexico

Alamogordo, N.M. — An electronics engineer reported seeing an unidentified flying object on an isolated desert highway near Alamogordo in Southern New Mexico Monday afternoon.

Army Patrols Report Object
James Stokes, 42-year-old engineer in an upper air research project at the Air Force missile development center near Alamogordo, said 10 automobiles stopped Monday afternoon on U.S. Highway 54, between White Sands Proving Grounds and the Air Force missile development center when the flying object appeared.

Earlier in the day, officials at White Sands Proving Grounds said two Army patrols reported seeing a similar object or objects on Sunday.

Similar reports came Sunday from Loveland, Tex.

Stokes, in a taped interview for Terry Clark, news director at station KALG in Alamogordo, reported that the object approached from the northeast over the Sacramento mountains. He said the first indication that something was out of the ordinary was a gradual fading of the radio in his automobile.

Other Cars Stopped
Then, he said, the car engine died, and he noticed that several other cars on the highway had stopped. Stokes said he noticed that the occupants were getting out of their cars and pointing to the sky.

"Looking up," Stokes said in the interview, "I saw a light-colored, egg-shaped object making a shallow dive across the sky to the northeast."

"Then it wheeled and made a pass at the highway, across the road not more than two miles ahead."

"It then moved away toward the Organ mountains near White Sands Proving Grounds to the southwest."

Felt Wave of Heat
"As it passed at its closest point I could feel a kind of heat wave, but there was no sound. It has no visible portholes and there was no vapor trail, smoke or flame visible."

"When I got back to my car and checked the engine, I found it intact, but the battery was steaming. But it started with no trouble."

FUEL REPORT UPS MOON RUMORS

Basic School Measure Returned Lowry Amendment Guarantees Relief For Property Tax Tough GOP Line on Tax Reduction Seen

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Salem — The bill raising basic school support \$10 per census child was returned by the Senate to its Tax Committee today for technical corrections.

The action delayed consideration of the bill until Wednesday.

Late Monday the bill was amended in the tax committee so that all of the \$10 increase from \$95 to \$105 per census child would be used for tax relief.

The original bill was backed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes. The amendment putting the money in a special school property tax relief fund was supplied by Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford Republican.

The Senate Tax Committee voted the bill out late Monday 7-2 with Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles Democrat, reserving the right to file a minority report.

Meanwhile, a tough Republican line on tax reduction emerged from several caucuses despite some early reports of compromise. The Senate Tax Committee has not yet acted on the income tax reduction bill.

Gill Says GOP Firm
Senate Republican floor leader Warren Gill, Lebanon, said "the Republicans after a discussion in caucus have decided they will support the bi-partisan tax reduction bill."

The bill mentioned by Gill was the governor's tax reduction bill with amendments suggested by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, and other Republicans with some Democratic support. If amendments are adopted, the bill would provide some \$60 million advocated by Gov. Holmes.

"There will be no compromise in committee, on the floor or in conference," Gill declared. "There will not be one penny compromised for the sake of harmony because the Republicans will not sell out the taxpayer to save the governor's face."

Educators Heed

Before voting on an amended basic school increase bill, the tax committee heard Jim Turnbull of the State Education Department explain that it would mean property tax relief for Portland.

Cecil Posey, Oregon Education Association representative, said he thought the amended bill would work, but that it was complicated.

Also objecting to the complexity of the school bill and school legislation in general was Sen. Musa whose move to have it limited to just one year failed 5-4. Musa said that even the experts didn't know what its effects would be in specific counties.

Brownsville, Tex. — Plans to launch the first U.S. satellite from Cape Canaveral, Fla., dimmed today in the face of an impending strike by a clerical union.

Program Sale May Boost UMC Over \$123,130 Goal

Sale of programs at the Grants Pass and Medford football game Friday night, and collections from the Home Crusade, will, it is hoped, boost the United Medford Crusade fund to its goal of \$123,130.

Up to Monday noon \$98,804 had been collected, according to reports made at a noon luncheon meeting of campaign chairman. This represents approximately 81 per cent of the goal and leaves \$24,326 to be collected.

Public employees division still is high with 108 per cent of its goal collected, almost \$2,000 more than the goal. The professional division has collected 93.3 per cent of its goal and is followed closely by the service division with 93 per cent, it was reported.

Medford Kiwanis club mem-



ITEMS FOUND—These two rustic post office items, used when Medford was first established, were found recently in the vault at the city hall by employees during remodeling. The cigar box type container was the first incoming mail box used by Postmaster J. S. Howard, who later furnished the sorting box, displayed by Postmaster Moore Hamilton, above.

Pioneer Post Office Items Found in Vault

Two items used by Medford's first postmaster were found recently by city employees during remodeling work at the city hall.

The items are a cigar box type container, used for incoming mail by Postmaster J. S. Howard in December, 1883, and a 13-separation sorting box, used later when mail volume increased.

They were found in a vault in the city hall during remodeling, and apparently were left there by the late Mayor Clarence Meeker. They were presented to him by W. B. Roberts, Wagner Creek rd., Talent, grandson of

Senate Seen Ready To Probe Missiles

Washington — Senate leaders today appeared ready to push ahead with a full-scale investigation into what the entire U. S. space-missile effort needs to win the race for superiority over Russia.

Once launched, the board Congressional inquiry presumably would also attempt to pin down conclusively whether and just how far Russia—with two Sputniks in the air—is ahead in rocket development.

The decision facing Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Styles Bridges (N.H.), ranking GOP member of the committee, was how far a preliminary investigation already started by the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee should be broadened.

Approximately 100 women were expected to conduct the home drive in Medford yesterday and today. This drive is held to contact those who were not approached during the business solicitations.

General Chairman Bob Johnson said notes are being left on the door knobs of homes where residents are absent when the workers call. These may be mailed in with contributions, he said.

"All indications are that the Home Crusade workers will surpass their goal," the general chairman said.

Salem — The Oregon House met for seven minutes today and adjourned until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

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New Hydroelectric Plant Operating in Eagle Point Area

Copco Uses Water In Irrigation System

California Oregon Power company's new hydroelectric plant near Eagle Point has been placed in operation, the company announced today.

The plant, which cost about \$500,000, makes use of water diverted through a penstock in the Eagle Point Irrigation district system about five miles northeast of Eagle Point. Water for power drops about 430 feet from Nickels Gap in the Little Butte drainage.

With rated water flow, tests indicate that output will be 3,200 kilowatts, about 11 per cent more than the design indicated was reasonable to expect, according to A. S. Cummins, Copco president.

During the irrigation season, discharge water from the plant is diverted into the district's distribution canals. In the non-irrigation season, water from the plant is diverted to Little Butte creek through a natural channel.

Copco officials said the channel was cleaned and widened before the plant was put in operation Nov. 6 resulting in Little Butte creek and the Rogue river being somewhat clouded. They indicated that the channel will have washed clean by the middle of the week and cloudiness from this source should no longer exist.

The plant's turbine is a horizontal Francis type, manufactured by James Leffel company. The generator and accessory electrical equipment were manufactured by Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing company.

Briefs Submitted In License Case

Briefs were submitted by both sides in a municipal court hearing today in the case of the city vs. Ray DeMarrs, who is charged with conducting business without a license.

Jeannette Marshall submitted an additional brief as amicus curiae (friend of the court) on the case for a group of businessmen she represents. Mrs. Marshall said the businessmen felt the city business license ordinance was unconstitutional.

DeMarrs, 708 West Second st., owner of Ray's Barber shop, 139 North Central ave., was arraigned and charged with conducting business without a license on Oct. 14. Richard G. Shafer, 60 North Quincy st., owner of the Shafer Electric, 142 North Front st., and M. J. Olson, Arnold lane, owner of the Tic Toe Time shop, 34 North Bartlett st., were also charged with conducting a business without a city license.

Shafer's hearing was set on Nov. 7 and Olson's on Nov. 12. DeMarrs told the court at the time of his arraignment that he did not mind paying the fee but said he would make a test case of the issue because he felt the tax was unconstitutional.

City Attorney E. R. Bashaw said Municipal Judge Noreen Kelly will study the case before giving an opinion. It will be about 10 days to two weeks before the opinion is announced, he said.

The ordinance carries a maximum fine of \$100 or 50 days in jail, or both. City Attorney E. R. Bashaw said that each day of operation without a license is considered a separate violation of the ordinance. Huson said less than 100 licenses remain to be issued.

Oregon Flu Cases Set
Two All-Time Records
Portland — Oregon set two all-time records in the number of reported flu cases last week, the State Board of Health said today.

A total of 6585 cases of flu were reported, passing the mark of 5815 set the previous week.

The 6585 new cases brought the 1957 total to 29,019, breaking the previous mark set in 1918 of 28,651 cases.

WEATHER
FORECAST Fair through Wednesday. Patches of valley fog in morning. Low tonight 24. High Wednesday 58.

TEMP
Highest Yesterday 56
Lowest This Morning 24

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 6:50 a.m.
Sunset 5:00 p.m.
Moonrise 4:02 p.m.
Moonset Wednesday, 5:56 a.m.
Full Moon Nov. 7.

PROMINENT STARS
The triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair is now high in the west after sunset. Vega, the brightest of the three stars, sets at 12:08 a.m.