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ROBERT F. KYLE
Dies at Home Friday

President of Loan Association Dies At Medford Home

Robert Kyle Headed Association in City

Robert F. Kyle, 57, president and manager of the First Federal Savings and Loan association, Medford, died at his home at 42 South Keeneway dr. Friday night. He had been in failing health.

Mr. Kyle was born in Republic county, Kansas, Nov. 27, 1898, and moved to Lebanon, Ore., with the family in 1902. The family moved to a farm near Central Point in 1905.

He attended school in Central Point and graduated from Central Point High school. He received a bachelor's degree from Oregon State college.

After graduating from OSC, he lived in Los Angeles until 1933, when he returned to Medford and became associated with the savings and loan association. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were married in the Los Angeles area.

Mr. Kyle was manager of the savings and loan association in 1934 when it received its federal charter. He is a past president of the Oregon Savings and Loan League and was active in Medford civic affairs.

He served as chairman of the city budget committee, chairman of the OFA panel, chairman of the Jackson County Housing authority, was a member of the war finance committee, and former finance officer of the Boy Scouts and American Legion here.

He served in both the Army and Navy during World War I, was a Mason in the Central Point lodge, and a member of Hillah Temple of the Shrine. He was a past treasurer of the University club here, and was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Metta N. Kyle, Medford; two sons, Robert F. Kyle, Jr., Medford, and Capt. Richard R. Kyle, who is stationed with the Air Force at England Air Force base, Alexandria, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Jean A. Gardner, Salem; a brother, Elmer E. Kyle, Medford; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Perl Funeral home at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 12. The Rev. William C. Piper, pastor of the First Christian church, will officiate. Private interment will be at Medford Memorial Mausoleum.

Pallbearers will be Herbert G. Grey, John E. Myers, Harry C. Skyrman, Frank E. Ross, Samuel D. Koehler and Robert Taylor. Honorary pallbearers will be Thomas G. Ross and brothers-in-law A. W. Herrigan, D. W. Hutchens, Sheldon Crow, C. P. Ellison and C. B. Howard.

J. Edgar Hoover Marks Anniversary

Washington — J. Edgar Hoover Saturday began his 35th year as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As the first chief of the nation's "G-Men" Hoover has served under five presidents. He was a 29-year-old lawyer in the Justice Department when Attorney General Harlan F. Stone gave him the job of building and directing the FBI.

Saturday, at 63, Hoover has become an institution, his name a household word throughout the country.

"We're Faced With A Security Crisis. Information Is Still Leaking Into This Country"



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Navy Backs Ruling On Sailor's Death

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In a letter to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), it said "extensive investigations" of the Feb. 16 death of John Edward Rutan "have failed to unearth any suggestion of foul play."

Jackson said however that he would ask the Navy to continue its investigation "if there is any further evidence."

Rutan was found hanging in a paint locker aboard the carrier while the vessel was in a Bremerton, Wash., shipyard for overhaul.

A controversy over whether his death was suicide or murder arose when Al Segerquist, Kitsap, Wash., county coroner and a veteran of 36 years in criminal investigation, claimed the sailor was a victim of foul play.

He flatly contradicted a Navy Court of Inquiry's verdict of suicide and wrote letters to five senators, including Jackson, and three congressmen, asking for a further inquiry.

Jackson requested a full report from the Navy and Saturday made Public a letter signed by Rear Adm. Chester Ward, Navy Judge Advocate General. Ward said that "based on all the obtainable evidence, there is no reasonable evidence to support the theory of foul play."

He said the Navy's finding was based on "separate, exhaustive investigations" by the police of the Puget Sound Navy yard, the Board of Investigation and by the Office of Naval Intelligence. He said the latest in scientific methods and equipment were used with assistance from the FBI, the Washington State Toxicology laboratory and the Medical Laboratory of the Sixth U. S. Army area.

Segerquist had said in Bremerton that the Navy can sail ships but when it comes to criminal investigation it is an incompetent organization.

He had based his murder theory, in part, on his observation that markings on Rutan's throat were those of a three-eighths inch rope although the sailor was found with a half-inch rope around his neck.

The administration's reciprocal trade program also figured in council discussions, with majority, in Weeks' opinion, favoring the five-year - extension legislation sponsored by President Eisenhower. This request has encountered rough sledding in congress.

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Housing Authority Residents Protest Order to Vacate

Residents of the "temporary" housing project off West Jackson st., who have been ordered to vacate their apartments by July 1, have protested the order and appealed for support from a number of government officials.

Grading on Site Of New Shopping Center to Resume

Grading on the site of a big new shopping center off east Jackson st., which has been delayed in recent weeks, will resume this week, it was reported yesterday.

J. E. McClellan, of the Los Angeles firm of Buttress and McClellan, owners of the property, in a telephone conversation with Mayor John Snider, said the delay was occasioned by a change in the location of one of the proposed buildings on the 28-acre center, which required an engineering revision of the grade sheets for the property.

McClellan told the mayor that the announcement of the date on which actual construction will start is expected in the immediate future.

The shopping center will include a big Sears, Roebuck and company store, a Safeway store, and several others. Total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1½ million, according to earlier announcements.

Mayor Snider said McClellan told him he has full confidence in the future of the Rogue River valley, and is glad to have a business enterprise going in here. He said his firm is going "all-out" on the development of the center this summer.

Members of the housing authority include Mark A. Goldy, Robert A. Duff, H. S. Deuel, Elwood Hedberg, R. B. Thierolf and Otto Edwardsen.

Members of the city council toured the project last week, after a delegation of tenants asked for their help at a recent council meeting. Any action the council would take would be purely advisory in nature.

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MOBS RIOT IN TRIPOLI



GUEST OF HONOR—Scott Brill, 65, who, at the end of this school term, will be the first Medford High school teacher to retire, was guest of honor at a party given for him by faculty members after school, Friday. Students of the school's home economics class baked the cake, above, that represented a check made out to him for "one thousand best wishes." Brill has been metal shop instructor at the high school for 14 years and recently received injuries from a "homemade" bomb planted in the school. Brill and his wife, who was also present, live at Trail. Above, city school superintendent Leonard B. Mayfield, (left) congratulates Brill for his years of service while High School Principal Lester Harris looks on. Other teachers to retire from the city school system this year are school nurse Olive Curry and Mary Norvell, Lincoln school second grade teacher.

House Group To Concede On Military Streamlining

Washington — The House Armed Services committee appeared ready Saturday to offer several concessions to President Eisenhower's views on how to streamline the nation's military high command.

However, key features of the President's defense reorganization plan still faced either heavy rewriting or rejection when the committee sits down next week to draft its version of the bill.

If the President and his congressional supporters stick to the "no compromise" line taken by the White House so far, one of the year's hottest fights is in store when the committee's bill reaches the

house floor later this month. Committee sources said Saturday that chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), the President's most powerful opponent in the fight, will push his 37-member committee to bring out a watered-down defense reform plan by next weekend.

Here is the way major features of the President's plan are likely to fare, according to committee sources and comments during open hearings: For Authority Boost

Strengthening the authority of the unified commanders. The committee probably will go along with the President on this.

Enlarging the staff of the joint chiefs. The Eisenhower plan calls for wiping out the legal limit of 210 officers on this staff. The committee probably will insist on keeping a limit but raise it to 400.

Repeal of the legal requirement that the Army, Navy and Air Force be "separately administered." The committee will refuse this.

Power for the defense secretary to abolish, merge or consolidate combat functions. The committee is dead set against this.

Joint Chiefs — The President wants to allow the chiefs to delegate duties and responsibilities to their vice chiefs. He also would repeal a provision that the chairman can't vote and allow the chairman to name the staff director and assign duties to the staff. The committee probably will permit the chiefs to delegate duties but not responsibilities; repeal the voting ban, and allow the chairman to name the director but not confine to him the power to assign staff duties.

Research — The President wants to create a new director of defense and research and engineering. The committee is ready to go along but will limit his contracting power to that field alone and coordinate his office with the recently established advance research projects agency.

Officer Transfer — Eisenhower seeks authority to transfer officers between services, with their consent. The committee probably will grant it.

Appeals to Congress — The President would repeal a seldom if ever used law permitting top officials of the services to take differences with the defense secretary directly to congress. The committee will refuse this request.

Secretaries — President's bill would cut out one assistant secretary of each service and two assistant defense secretaries. The committee generally favors some reduction but isn't decided on how far to go.

Paaris — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles leaves for home Saturday after secret talks with U.S. diplomats, apparently covering East-West problems and France's troubles in North Africa.

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Anti-Government Mobs Set Tripoli In State of Siege

15 Reported Dead During Violent Riots

Tripoli, Lebanon — Anti-government mobs sacked and burned the U.S. information service library Saturday and clashed in violent riots with police and soldiers.

Saturday night this second largest city of Lebanon was in a state of virtual siege.

There were no official estimates of dead or wounded, and there was no immediate indication that any Americans were hurt. But reliable sources said there were at least 15 dead and more than 125 wounded, some seriously.

The rioters concentrated their attack on the one-story U.S.I.S. building. It was burned and looted.

But the violence raged widely until army units using tanks and trucks were able to drive the rioting mobs off the streets.

No Immediate Explanation

There was no immediate explanation why the mob concentrated its fury on the U.S.I.S. building. But it was believed that Communists took advantage of the riot to direct the demonstrators violence against the United States. And the U.S.I.S. building was handy since Tripoli is headquarters for the service in Lebanon.

Army officers said they were sealing off the narrow alleyways of the old city, where the anti-government elements were lodged. They said most of the rioters were armed with rifles and pistols.

The officers said that, with the exception of heavily-armed patrols, they were not going into the area in force in hopes the situation would play itself out without further bloodshed.

Sporadic firing from light arms echoed through the city throughout the afternoon as patrolling troops and hidden snipers exchanged shots.

Steel-helmeted soldiers with arms at the ready were posted every 50 yards along the streets leading into the old city. Most of them took cover in doorways while waiting the call to go into action.

Patrols Sent Out

Patrols of five men each equipped with portable radios made their way into the old city on probing missions.

Army trucks and radio "equipped teams stayed on the fringes and barred the way to the old quarter.

Outside the city, police threw up roadblocks and searched all vehicles coming into Tripoli for arms.

All civilian life in Tripoli itself was paralyzed. The shops were closed and the inhabitants of apartment houses put up shutters or temporary covers on their windows.

Army trucks, jeeps, fire engines and ambulances took up positions at key intersections. At the height of the morning rioting, and before the army units had intervened, a crowd of rioters estimated at several thousand persons smashed its way into the five-room library building.

The demonstrators ripped up books and films, destroyed furniture and filing cabinets, and shattered three glass display windows.

Then the mob heaped the debris into piles and set the building on fire.

Another segment of the crowd also pillaged and burned the store of a government supporter who had refused to close down his shop in line with opposition demands.

Sports Bulletins

Seattle, Wash. — Behind the two-hit pitching of Marion Fricano, the Seattle Rainiers defeated the Vancouver Mounties 4-1 Saturday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Portland — Spokane dumped the Portland Beavers, 3-1, in a Pacific Coast league baseball game here Saturday night with winning pitcher Connie Grob singling in all three Indians runs.

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