

# Senator Morse Refuses Hatfield's Invitation

## Snow Falls Over Oregon

**Scattered Light Showers Forecast Tonight, Saturday**

16 Inches of Snow Reported at Lake

Heavy rainfall yesterday brought the precipitation total for the Medford vicinity above normal for the first time this month. Cool air accompanying the storm front lowered the snow level to about 3,500 feet.

Medford station of the weather bureau recorded .86 inch of rain for the 24 hours ending at midnight last night. The precipitation brought the total for November to 1.31 inches which is .22 more than normal.

Another .07 fell this morning but only scattered light showers are forecast for this area tonight and Saturday.

16 Inches at Park

More than 16 inches of snow was reported at Crater Lake National park this morning, and it was still snowing. The road from park headquarters to the rim is temporarily closed, they said, with chains mandatory for travel in the park.

Telephone lines to the park have been out for several days, officials said.

State police report more than a foot of new snow on Highway 230, the Diamond Lake cutoff. They discouraged travel in the area. Chains are mandatory.

No chains are needed for southbound travelers on Highway 99 over the Siskiyou, police said. Two inches of snow which fell early today has broken up.

Snow plows are operating on Highway 66, the Greensprings route, and it was still snowing heavily at midday. Police said the highway was covered with packed snow with four inches on the roadside. Chains are required.

It was snowing on Highway 199, over Oregon mountain south of Grants Pass, with chains advised. Sexton mountain, on Highway 99 north of Grants Pass, as reported open and clear.

### Gunnar to Speak at Monday Meeting

Peter M. Gunnar, Salem lawyer who was active in the campaign of Mark Hatfield for governor, will address the Jackson County Republican Womens club at the Girls Community club Monday noon, Nov. 17.

Mrs. Lester Adams, club president, said Gunnar is expected to announce a basis upon which Oregon Republicans will proceed in their efforts for a successful 1960 campaign. Mrs. Adams said a special invitation had been issued to Republican men.

Gunnar is chairman of the Marion County Republican Central committee and as such is regarded as an important adviser to Hatfield.

Van Nuys, Calif.—(UPI)—Shock waves from a terrific sonic boom caused by a fast-flying jet plane swept across the San Fernando Valley Thursday, breaking windows and cracking plaster and dishes.

### Make Medford Beautiful



**DEAD SHEDS**—These defunct structures abut on Bear creek and are plainly visible to motorists crossing an adjacent bridge on one of Medford's traffic arteries. When the proposed freeway running beside the creek to the east is completed, they will be visible from another angle. If freeway travelers are to have a good impression of Medford, this scene and others along Bear creek should be cleaned up. Meanwhile, this particular scene is visible from the existing traffic artery right now.

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### Russia Refuses To Reveal Any Military Secrets

**Surprise Attack Conference Bugged**

Geneva—(UPI)—The Soviet Union has refused to consider revealing any of its military secrets under a possible East-West agreement to prevent surprise attacks, it was reported on highest authority today.

The Soviets have told the West, it was learned, that discovery of defense secrets is a job for military intelligence and that Moscow's main interest at the Geneva Conference is to reach a political agreement to prevent the use of such secret weapons by either side for surprise attacks.

**Sharp Difference**

The Soviet Union's attitude on secret weapons marked still another sharp East-West difference. American sources said before the present Geneva talks opened that the United States might be prepared to share some of its military secrets with the Russians during the conference on surprise attacks.

But the East-West conference on prevention of surprise attacks bogged down in total deadlock today after four formal sessions.

The Russians have sought from the outset to turn the talks into another cold war political and disarmament battleground. The West has refused to back down from its stand that these are purely technical talks between experts.

The deadlock was just as great as in the conference on suspension of nuclear tests which is going on simultaneously in Geneva. These talks were adjourned Thursday until Monday while the Soviets studied the text of a new U. S. offer of a treaty for an East-West ban on nuclear tests with built-in controls to police it.

Russia and the West argued again today over the agenda for the surprise attacks parley.

### Man Strikes Bus Driver at Station

A Continental Trailways bus driver received a fist instead of a fare yesterday when he opened the door of his bus at the downtown Trailways depot here, according to Medford police records.

Frank Augustus Lindstrom, Sacramento, Calif., the driver, told police investigators that when the door opened an unidentified man jumped inside, grabbed him by the necktie and struck him with his fist.

His assailant, Lindstrom said, accused him of having almost caused an accident a short time before. The man then departed in his automobile.

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### 'Mystery' Tree May Be Collector's Item

That "mystery" tree on South Beekman ave. may be a "choice collector's item," according to one local authority.

Medford's tree committee announced recently it had completed its inventory of trees lining the streets of the city and had identified all the trees with one exception.

The exception, situated in front of 820 South Beekman ave., had the committee members baffled. It was cautiously identified as a species of oak.

Not at all, Marcel Le Piniec, proprietor of the Garden Center-Nursery in Phoenix, reports.

### Ex-Medford Man Killed Hunting

Gilbert Blackburn, 58, formerly of Medford, and owner of Blackburn Motel, Klamath Falls, was fatally shot while elk hunting with his brother, Jess Blackburn, also of Klamath Falls, Thursday morning, local relatives reported today.

The accident occurred near John Day, Ore., according to information received here. Blackburn was shot by a hunter in another hunting party.

He was a son of Mrs. G. A. Abbott, 525 Alberts st., and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Howard, 219 West Jackson st., all Medford.

Blackburn was born Oct. 21, 1900, in Tyrone, Pa., and moved with his parents to Medford in 1911. He is a graduate of Medford High school. He was well-known in the Klamath Falls area for his activities in many outdoor sports.

Other survivors include his widow, Ethel Blackburn; one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Caldwell, two granddaughters, all Klamath Falls, and one sister, Mrs. Glenna Maude Taevs, Seattle.

The body was sent to Eugene.

### Morrow Rd. Line Reported Complete

The Morrow rd. line of the Kenwood-Grandview and Laurelhurst sanitary sewer system has been completed as far as Vella st., according to Vernon Thorpe, Medford public works director.

Thorpe said a manhole was to be constructed today connecting the Morrow rd. line to the previously-constructed sewer serving the new Wilson school.

The contractor, R. A. Heintz Construction company, Portland, has three power backhoes and crews working at present, Thorpe said. He added that one is on Roberts rd. and Grandview ave., a second is in the Laurelhurst area and one on Crater Lake ave. near Buckshot rd. and the third is the one on Morrow rd.

### Federal Gasoline Tax Increase Proposed To Ike

**Boost Said Needed To Avoid Deficit**

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower has advised that an increase in the federal gasoline tax of one or 1 1/2 cents per gallon will be necessary next year to avoid adding materially to his deficit difficulties.

The Chief Executive was expected to decide shortly whether to recommend the increase to the new heavily Democratic Congress. Firm recommendations for the hike have been delivered to the White House. A final decision apparently awaits the outcome of talks between the President and Secretary of Treasury Robert B. Anderson, just back from India.

**Difficult Decisions**

The gasoline tax increase is only one of many difficult fiscal decisions facing Eisenhower as the budget for fiscal 1960—the 12-month period ending June 30, 1960—nears completion preparatory to its submission to Congress in late January.

The 1959 budget picture remains bleak despite an energetic upward spurt in business conditions during recent weeks. The President's top financial advisers have not reduced their estimate of a federal deficit of \$12,250,000,000 in this fiscal year, which ends next June 30.

Some private experts have expressed belief the deficit will be considerably less due to improved business activity and higher revenue collections.

### County Officials To Attend Meeting

Several Jackson county officials will attend the annual Association of Oregon Counties meeting in Portland Nov. 19 through 21.

Karl Janouch, county treasurer, will speak at the Tuesday afternoon session before the Oregon counties' tax collectors. He will be one of two speakers on the subject of tax collections, and whether it should be a duty of the sheriff's office or the county treasurer. Speaking in defense of the current arrangement for collections by the sheriffs will be John C. Elfring, sheriff, president of the Oregon Association of County Sheriffs.

Also attending the sessions from Jackson county will be the members of the county court, Judge Rodney Keating, and Commissioners Ralph James and Chester Wendt. County Judge-elect Earl Miller also will attend the sessions, it was reported at his own expense.

Several other county officials were uncertain as to their attending the meeting.

### Crow's Lumber Price Index Down 63 Cents

Portland—Crow's Lumber Price Index declined 63 cents in the last two weeks. Green Douglas fir shouldered most of the blame for the drop, but kiln-dried fir ran it a close second. Western Pine region species also helped pull the index down, but the decline there was only about half that of green fir.

### Christmas Treasure Hunt Scheduled in City

A Christmas Treasure Hunt will be held Friday, Nov. 28, for downtown Medford instead of the parade as has been held in previous years.

Santa Claus will make his appearance this year accompanied by the Medford High school and Junior High school bands.

Sponsored jointly by the Retail Merchants association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the bands will play in the downtown area from 7 until 8 p.m., it was announced.

**Follow Bands**

Santa Claus will follow the bands until 8 p.m. when he will stop on Bartlett st. between Eighth and Sixth sts. and continue to talk with children and distribute candy until 9 p.m. Carolers will also accompany Santa on his tour.

### Below-Freezing Temperatures Over State Seen

**Two Inches of Snow Reported at Sandy**

By United Press International

Wintery weather came to Oregon today as Portland got its first snow of the season and below-freezing temperatures were predicted over much of the state for tonight.

Big wet snowflakes fell in parts of Portland shortly after 7 a.m. Two inches of snow fell at Sandy on the Mt. Hood highway and chains were needed to go beyond the snow gate on Larch mountain, and from Rhododendron to Government Camp.

The weather bureau said snow was falling in mountain areas above 1400 feet.

Temperatures tonight will range from 28 to 38 in western Oregon and from 24-32 in eastern Oregon. The cool weather was expected to remain over the week end with a decrease in precipitation. More rain is expected early next week.

Rivers were still below flood stage. The Santiam at Jefferson was expected to fall after reaching 11.5 feet. The Willamette's main stem below Harrisburg will rise through Saturday but it was far below the flood level.

The State Highway Department recommended that chains be carried when traveling mountain pass areas. Santiam pass had 12 inches of new snow, McKenzie pass 14 inches, Sisters five inches, Bend one inch, Ochoco three inches, Lapine one inch, Willamette pass 14 inches, Warm Springs 10 inches, Chenut five inches and Klamath Falls one inch.

### No Action Taken Seeking Fee Refund

The Medford school district has taken no action seeking a refund of building permit fees paid to the city earlier this year, Dr. Leonard Mayfield, school superintendent, said today.

The school district paid the city a total of \$3,621 for building permits for the new Wilson and Hoover schools, and for remodeling and additions at the high school.

A recent attorney general's opinion held that school districts, as governmental organizations, are not liable for such fees. Dr. Mayfield pointed out that the payments were made during the last fiscal year, and that there is no machinery for making refunds by the city.

He said, however, that the matter would be discussed at the next school board meeting on Dec. 9.

### Weed Plywood Mill Expansion Progresses

Weed, Calif.—(UPI)—John Mante, general manager of International Paper Company's Long Bell division here, said today expansion of the plywood plant was almost complete. He said production on an increased basis would start the second week of December and employment would be given to about 100 additional persons.



MERELY WINDOW DRESSING—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) above left, has refused to attend a proposed meeting of the Oregon congressional delegation with Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield, above right. Morse, who attacked Hatfield during the recent election campaign, termed Hatfield's invitation as "merely political window dressing."

### 69.54 Per Cent of Voters Cast Ballots

Approximately 69.45 per cent of the registered voters in Jackson county voted during the recent general election Nov. 4, according to an official count made in the county elections department.

This means that of the 35,518 persons registered to vote in the general election some 24,169 persons voted, an election official said. This was an "average" figure, she added.

This compares to more than 53 per cent who voted during the May primaries, it was reported. The November, 1956, vote showed an 85.93 per cent turnout of voters. The smallest voter turnout in recent years was 56 per cent in 1947, figures in the county elections department showed.

### Walter D. Green, Well-Known Area Resident, Dies

Walter Douglas (Pop) Green, 87, of 212 South Ivy st., Medford, died at home this morning.

Mr. Green was born July 6, 1871, in Westboro, Ohio, a son of the late Daniel and Guglielma Green. His mother organized the first Quaker church in Kansas, which was still standing until a few years ago.

He came to Medford in 1923, where for many years he was a carpenter and owned his own business. From 1943 until 1949 he operated Green's Confectionery and newsstand at the corner of Main and First sts., retiring in 1950.

He was married Dec. 27, 1900, in Jennings, Okla., to Myrtle McNeff, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Ralph B. Green, Central Point, and Horace A. (Buzz) Green, Medford; five daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Pruitt, Mrs. Fae Mische, Mrs. Nila Hornecker, and Mrs. Betty Jane Lewis, all of Medford, and Mrs. Nelle Hearn, Eugene; 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. A brother, John, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Conger-Morris Funeral home. The Rev. Clayton Crisman, of the Friends church, will officiate. Committal will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

### Cut-Rate Gas Prices Still Preval Here

No abatement in competition of cut-rate gasoline prices in this area is in view, representatives of the Rogue Valley Dealers association indicated today.

Reduced rates on gasoline went into effect at some service stations about a month ago, and have spread to many stations throughout the valley. Some stations have not reduced prices, representatives said.

Prices on regular grade gasoline range from near 25 cents a gallon to 33.9 cents, with the latter price offered at most stations competing in the cut-rate sales.

The price cut indirectly resulted from similar action in the Portland area recently. Portland sources blamed the cut rates on inexpensive gasoline shipped into the west coast area from South America.

### Western Democratic Leaders Set Meeting

Los Angeles—(UPI)—The West's top Democratic party leaders have scheduled a meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 21-22, to develop a legislative program for Western States.

Seattle, Wash.—(UPI)—Great Northern Railroad's Western Star passenger train was derailed in Eastern Montana, 58 miles west of Williston, N. D., today, slightly injuring three persons.

### Neuberger Sees Political Moves As Unfortunate

**Invitation Said 'Window Dressing'**

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) refused today to attend a proposed meeting of the Oregon congressional delegation with Republican Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield. Morse said Hatfield's invitation was merely "political window dressing."

In Portland, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said "it will be very unfortunate if the great and urgent needs of our state are neglected while Senator Morse and Governor-elect Hatfield jockey politically for 1962."

Neuberger apparently was referring to speculation that Hatfield might run for the U. S. Senate against Morse four years from now.

**'Empty Gestures . . .'**

Morse said "I respectfully decline your invitation to participate in a conference meeting with you and the other members of the congressional delegation because I do not know of any constructive purpose that would be served thereby."

"I am never interested in empty gestures or political window dressing," Morse added.

Morse said any conference on plans for the next congressional session "would be highly speculative." He promised to keep Hatfield informed about issues affecting Oregon, including what he said were "the Republican administration's partnership scheme for turning over to the private utilities a large share of the power profits from multi-purpose dams."

**Campaign Recalled**

Hatfield had asked Morse, as senior member of Oregon's delegation, to arrange for a meeting. Morse said he would send copies of the letter to other members of the delegation.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) already has said he would be unable to attend such a meeting.

Neuberger said he had not heard directly from either Hatfield or Morse about the proposed meeting. "When I do hear further, I will comment at that time," he said.

The closing days of Hatfield's campaign for governor were highlighted by a verbal attack on Hatfield by Morse in connection with an auto accident 18 years ago.

Salem—(UPI)—Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield said today he was sorry Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) had turned down his invitation to a proposed conference with the Oregon congressional delegation.

The governor-elect said he would avail himself of Morse's invitation to use the services of the senator's office.

### Wholesale Coffee Prices Reduced

New York—(UPI)—General Foods Corp. and Standard Brands Inc. today touched off what may turn into another round of wholesale coffee price cuts.

General Foods announced a two-cent-a-pound reduction in the wholesale prices of its four regular-ground grocery-packed coffees—Maxwell House, Sanka, Yuban and Bliss-effective Monday.

A similar cut is in the offing for Standard Brands' regular-ground Chase & Sanborn.

### Duncan Top Candidate For Speakership of House

State Rep. Robert Duncan, Medford, is the leading Democratic contender for speakership of the house of representatives at the forthcoming legislature, it was reported today.

Duncan reports he has pledged to vote for him from "more than half" of the 33 Democratic members of the house. Other Democrats interested in the speakership include Clarence Barton, Coquille, who said he has "six or seven" pledges, and Al Flegel, Roseburg, who is backing Barton, but in the case Barton is unacceptable, might seek the election himself, according to the Oregonian's political writer, Mervin Shoemaker.

Meanwhile, the 27 Republican members have been summoned for a meeting in Salem Nov. 23 to discuss how best to exert a minority influence in the house. James Short, Republican state chairman, called the meeting, and said it will include development of a minority organization, selection of floor leaders, and a start in setting up a legislative program.

Republicans, outnumbered in the house as well as in the Senate, may decide to support a Democrat acceptable to them as a sort of "compromise" candidate. Shoemaker mentioned George Anna of Hood River. If he can obtain the votes of three other Democrats, then the added 27 GOP votes conceivably could elect him.