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CHARTER AMENDMENT LOSES

Unusually High Turnout Reported; 2,723 Votes Cast

Medford's municipal off-street parking proposal was defeated at the polls yesterday by a margin of about 20 per cent.

Of a total of 2,723 votes cast, there were 1,623 "No" returns and 1,100 voted "Yes" in the unofficial tally.

Official observers considered the vote unusually high for a special election, although only 20 per cent of the total registered voters participated.

A report from Hedrick Junior High school, scene of the Ward I voting, noted that 160 people were still in line when the polls closed at 8 p.m.

Those waiting at Medford High school, where Ward II voted, required an hour after closing time to be processed.

Total voting by wards: Ward I: Yes, 321; No, 480. Ward II: Yes, 307; No, 479. Ward III: Yes, 172; No, 322. Ward IV: Yes, 300; No, 342.

The official canvass will be held by the city council at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the city hall council chamber.

The proposed charter amendment would have authorized the city to pledge its full faith and credit behind the issuance of general obligation bonds for initial financing of municipal off-street parking facilities.

Its defeat marks the second time in two years that Medford voters have turned down a municipal off-street parking program. In the 1956 general election, a comparable but not identical measure was defeated by a margin of only 393 votes out of a total of 9,321 cast.

Yesterday's proposal was endorsed by Mayor John W. Snider, the city council, the Retail Merchants association, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Medford Pacific tracks.

A special advisory committee to the mayor led a campaign to educate the public in the ballot measure's nature and in the steps that would follow if it approved. These steps would have included establishing a downtown assessment district of properties benefited by the off-street parking and selection of the facilities to be constructed.

Prominent in discussion of facilities was the "Keeney Plan" for a self-parking platform straddling the Southern Pacific tracks.

Proponents of the measure agreed today that the search for some means to solve the city's parking problem must continue.

Other Solutions
"The city must look to other possible solutions," Mayor Snider commented. "Off-street parking is only an extension of on-street parking, and as such merits the full attention of this administration."

"The problem's still there," Otto Ewaldsen, a member of the mayor's committee, said. "Someday it's got to be met."

Otto Frohmayer, president of the chamber of commerce, said he believed those opposing the measure nevertheless recognized the problem's existence. "I think it is now time," he said, "for the opposition to come forward with a plan they think might be feasible."

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PLANT ROSES - As a Centennial project and to beautify the grounds of the historic Log Town cemetery, members of the Applegate Valley Garden club planted a row of 66 cuttings of the Log Town rose stock at the cemetery Tuesday. Setting one of the slips, above, are, left to right, Mrs. Bob Sorber, president of the club, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Rolland Smith and Mrs. Glenn Smith. Mrs. Rolland Smith is the granddaughter of Miriam McKay who planted the original rose near her home in the settlement of Log Town nearly a century ago.

Argument Heard by Court in Nunn Case

Salem - The State Supreme Court Wednesday heard arguments of attorneys in an action brought by Mr. and Mrs. John Eacret, Klamath Falls, to restrain Governor Robert D. Holmes from commuting the death sentence for Billy Junior Nunn, 29, of Klamath Falls.

Nunn was convicted by a Jackson county circuit court jury for the slaying of Alvin William Eacret, 14, of Klamath Falls, in a state park east of Ashland. The slaying occurred April 19, 1956. The verdict was later affirmed by the State Supreme Court.

Three referees have been issued by Gov. Holmes in the case. Nunn was originally scheduled to die in the gas chamber March 28 of this year.

The action to prevent a governor's commutation was filed by Mr. and Mrs. John Eacret, parents of the victim, in Jackson county circuit court. The suit later was transferred to Marion county circuit court.

Marion County Circuit Court Judge Val D. Sloper, following a hearing, held that the governor could not be restrained from granting a commutation. Later the case was appealed to the State Supreme Court.

In the arguments heard on Wednesday Assistant Attorney General Peter Herman, argued that the state constitution gives the governor discretion whether the death sentence shall be commuted. He explained that the courts do not have authority to control the governor's pardoning power.

Walter D. Nunley, Medford attorney for the Eacrets, emphasized that the governor cannot commute a sentence on the basis of conscientious objection to the death penalty.

Russia Refuses To Release Pilot
Berlin - (UPI) - Russia today rejected American demands the Soviets release a U.S. Army pilot held by East German Communists since he parachuted into the Soviet zone Dec. 3.

A spokesman for the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin said the matter was outside Soviet jurisdiction - which meant Russia would insist the United States negotiate with Communist East Germany if it wants the flier returned.

The flier is Lt. Richard Mackin, 27, Washington, D. C., who bailed out of his small liaison aircraft when he ran out of gasoline and wandered into East Germany.

Vehicle Registration Department Head Fired

Salem - (UPI) - John C. Kerrick, 56, has been dismissed as manager of the registration division of the State Motor Vehicle Department.

He had served the state for 29 years.

Failed To Cooperate
Director James F. Johnson said he asked for Kerrick's resignation because Kerrick "failed to cooperate fully with the reorganization program now under way in the department."

Johnson himself is resigning when Mark Hatfield becomes governor Jan. 12. Kerrick said he does not plan to contest his dismissal.

Bombing Blamed On Disgruntled Ex-Cult Members

Chatsworth, Calif. - (UPI) - Tape recordings and notes today showed the bombing of a religious sect's monastery which claimed 10 lives was a carefully planned murder-suicide plot aimed at Krishna Venta, the cult's leader.

Two hour-long tape recordings and notes left by two disgruntled former members of the Fountain of the World religious colony just west of here disclosed the men were determined to "bring the master (Krishna Venta) to justice."

People Will Know
"If we don't return, people will know what happened," the recordings which were left for the men's relatives said.

Ralph Muller, 33, and Peter Dumas Kamenoff, 42, both of Joshua Tree, Calif., were identified by authorities as the former members who apparently lost their lives along with Venta and seven other persons, including two children, in the blast which ripped through the sect's monastery Wednesday.

Tapes Found in Truck
Three persons, including two girls, were seriously injured.

The tape recordings were found late Wednesday night in a truck owned by Muller parked near the colony. An empty dynamite box also was found in the truck as well as a tape recorder and two notes left by Kamenoff for his sister and son.

Ventura County Coroner Virgil Payton said the contents of the notes would not be released until later "because they might have an influence on the case."

Payton said the contents of the notes and other information he had showed Muller and Kamenoff deliberately touched off a pack of 20 dynamite sticks they bought earlier to kill themselves and Venta.

The men had been members from 1949 to 1957 of the sect whose nearly 70 adherents here lead a simple life and wear long robes, no shoes and let their beards grow. The recordings were made shortly before the bombing, according to undersheriff Volney Cummins.

The recordings said the men were unhappy with the master and that they had tried through the authorities to bring him to justice," Cummins said. "But, unable to do so, they said they would take care of matters themselves."

Ashland, Gold Hill 'Differentials' Out

Salem - (UPI) - Proposed differential rate increases for telephone service in Gold Hill and Ashland have been eliminated from Pacific Telephone company's request for higher rates.

During a Public Utilities Commission hearing on the proposals today, attorneys for the PUC and the company agreed to eliminate consideration of several extended-area differentials, including those proposed for Gold Hill and Ashland.

This means that if the rate increase for the state is approved, Gold Hill and Ashland rates will go up the same percentage as those in Medford, for example, rather than an added "differential" amount.

Rate increases sought statewide approximate 9 per cent.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York (UPI)
Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 563.07, off 1.91; 20 railroads 155.30, off 0.34; 15 utilities 87.86; off 0.09, and 65 stocks 196.20, off 0.53.

Sales today were about 4,250,000 shares compared with 4,340,000 shares Wednesday.

North Koreans Demand Return Of Civilians

'Forcible Kidnap' By UN Charged
Panmunjom, Korea - (UPI) - The Communists demanded today the return of more than 2,200,000 North Korean civilians who fled to South Korea.

North Korean Maj. Gen. Kang Sang Ho, made the demand at a meeting of the Military Armistice commission here to counter a U. N. request that the Reds release 48 South Korean fishermen held by the Reds since Nov. 7.

U. S. Rear Adm. Ira H. Nunn, senior member of the U. N. Armistice commission, rejected the Communist demand with a simple 12-word statement:

"I categorically deny that our side has any personnel of your side."

Kang said two million North Koreans were "forcibly kidnaped" by the United Nations during the Korean conflict and another 200,000 were abducted from North Korean islands in the Japan and Yellow Seas.

"All mankind will condemn your inhumanity in forcibly keeping these persons against their will," Kang said.

The United Nations demanded that the Communists "release without any delay" six fishermen and one boat seized Nov. 7 and 42 fishermen seized in seven boats Dec. 6. The vessels were taken off the eastern coast of Korea in the Japan Sea.

The Reds rejected the U. N. demand, saying the six men seized in November had "voluntarily" remained in North Korea because they had families there.

Kang said the other 42 were under arrest charged with violating North Korea waters. He said the North Korean government would take "necessary measures" against them following an investigation.

Second Bowling Alley Planned

Plans to construct a second bowling alley here, the Peat City Bowl, have been announced.

Equipment has been ordered and plans are being prepared, according to John Tomlin and Fred Anderson, who will build and operate the new establishment. A 16-lane layout is contemplated.

Anderson reported that no definite site has been selected but that several, both inside and outside the city limits, are being considered. He said he and Tomlin plan trip into California this week end to look over new alleys.

The two men said that they felt that the town and interest in bowling have grown to such an extent that a new alley is needed. Anderson stated that he intends to retain his interest in Medford Bowling lanes, which has 22 alleys. He is proprietor of the present facility.

An extensive beginners' program is proposed at the new layout. Anderson said that it is planned to use 10 lanes for league play and the other six for open bowling.

Talent Project Work Progressing

Work on at least some phases of the Talent project will be ahead of the predicted schedule because of mild weather this fall, James Callahan, project engineer for the Talent project, has reported.

The bureau of reclamation official said the delivery canal from the Howard Prairie reservoir to Keene creek will be completed about July 1, a month earlier than expected previously.

Work on the tunnels is expected to continue through the winter if the present mild weather continues, Callan said. Lining of the Cascade tunnel was completed last week. Green Springs tunnel is now being lined. Workers are starting to line the Emigrant tunnel.

A concrete plug is being placed on the upstream portal at Emigrant reservoir so water for irrigation can be maintained there next summer, Callan said. Approximately 400 men are now working on the project, Callan said.

Planners Ask DA To Study Bill

The Jackson county planning commission last night again asked the district attorney's office to check the proposed garbage disposal ordinance as to legality.

The commission passed a motion directing a letter be sent asking the district attorney's office to examine the proposal either as an ordinance or as a set of rules and regulations which might be passed by the county court.

The action followed a statement by Deputy District Attorney Gerald J. Scannell in which he questioned whether such an ordinance is needed. Some planning commission members said that is not the reason they asked the district attorney's office to check the ordinance. They asked if it was legal, they pointed out.

Public Hearing
The planning commission hopes to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance in January, but is not sure the Jan. 12 deadline for submitting the ordinance to the county court can be met. The county court will be informed of possible delay because of more examination needed by the district attorney's office on the proposed ordinance.

Commission Chairman Ed Gebhard said the group should be more careful in obtaining definite directions from the county court, which had requested originally that "plans" be drawn up to control garbage disposal in the county.

It is still possible the county court may take no action on the ordinance after the planning commission approves it, he warned.

Not Consulted
The planning commission has not been consulted by the county court on any name changes on roads, Gebhard said. State law indicates it should be, the commission chairman advised.

The proposed subdivision ordinance and recent revisions were examined by the commission. It will be studied further at the next commission meeting. The commission decided to consider at the next meeting sending copies of the proposed subdivision ordinance to subdividers and other interested persons. Following their examination, a public hearing may be held later, it was indicated.

One of the main changes is a paragraph which states "A parcel of ground being planned as a subdivision will be surveyed for individual sewage disposal by the county health department upon request of the planning commission. A report of the health department's findings together with recommendations will be made by the planning commission."

Made On Request
The change was made on request of Chief Sanitarian Orrie Moore. In his letter to the planning commission, Moore said one reason for opposition to the original draft was that too much authority was in the hands of one individual, the sanitarian. Under the original proposal, a subdivision could be rejected on the basis of sanitation after a survey of private sewage disposal facilities.

Commissioner Bob Boyer suggested that more definite "guidelines" be set up for the county clerk in determining approval of signers of sureties.

One part of the proposed subdivision ordinance states that "Signers of sureties shall be approved by the county clerk for financial responsibility."

Lighting Contest Set in Eagle Point

Eagle Point - A Christmas home lighting contest will be held in the Eagle Point area sponsored by the Eagle Point Lions club, according to Darrel Copeland, chairman.

Residents in Eagle Point city limits, as well as those near the city, are eligible to enter, he said. Contest registration must take place by Saturday, Dec. 20, at Olsen's confectionery. Homes will be judged Sunday, Dec. 21, according to Glen Clymer, judge chairman.

Prizes will include \$10 for first prize; \$7.50 for second; \$5, third; and \$2.50, fourth.

Salem - (UPI) - All Oregon open routes are clear of snow and ice.

Minimum Loss Believed Caused In Early Hours

Aftershocks Roll For Several Minutes
San Francisco - (UPI) - A sharp earthquake followed by several aftershocks rocked and rolled San Francisco and a 50-mile area for several minutes early today, but it caused only minimum damage.

The University of California seismograph laboratory in Berkeley said the tremor measured between 4.75 and 5 on the Richter scale and was centered 18 miles southwest of Berkeley in Daly City.

Daly City is a suburb on the southwest edge of San Francisco that suffered widespread damage on March 22, 1957, from a quake that had a Richter reading of 5.25.

Today's quake was first recorded at 1:49 a.m. (PST) and kept the sensitive needle jiggling for several minutes afterwards. It was felt in downtown San Francisco with a rolling motion about 1:53 a.m.

Residents of the Westlake area of Daly City said the quake was preceded by a "loud explosion."

Sharp Jolt
William Benn, a United Press International teletype operator who lives in Westlake, said the shock woke him up.

"I heard a loud report," he said, "and then there was a sharp jolt. It seemed to me it was as sharp as the one in March, 1957."

"Some figurines we had on a shelf fell to the floor and our pictures were crooked. I went out into the garage and found all my tools had fallen to the floor."

The quake touched off minor slides on Highway 1 which runs along the coast. However, the road was not blocked.

Ray Riva, assistant seismologist at the Berkeley laboratory, said "It looks as though we'll have aftershocks and similar shocks following this one."

He suggested that residents keep away from windows and large objects and that valuable objects be placed on floors.

Flood of Calls
"We've had a flood of calls from people in San Francisco and the East Bay reporting that pictures fell, but as far as we can tell that's been the worst of it," Riva said.

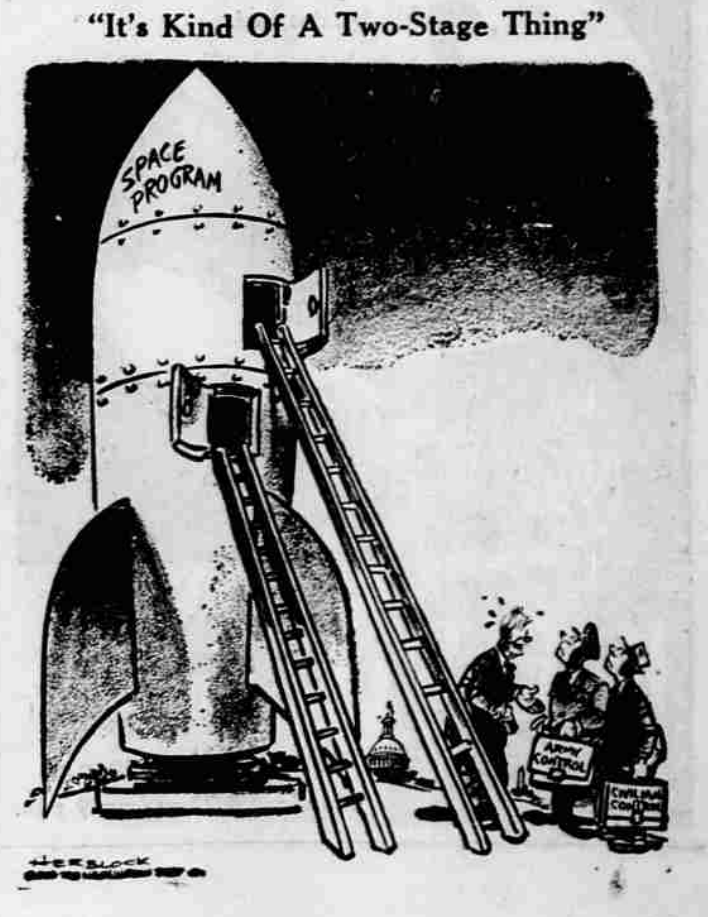
Riva went on to say that the earthquake came as no surprise.

"We've expected this because of the dry weather we've been having," he said. California is currently experiencing its worst autumn drought since the gold rush days of 1849.

Today's quake was felt in all directions from San Francisco - in Sonoma and Marin counties to the north, in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to the east and in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to the south.

Business Building Collapses in Baker

Baker - (UPI) - A building housing a furniture store and second store offices located near the scene of a half million dollar fire last week collapsed today with heavy damage shortly before it was to open for business.



WEATHER
FORECAST: Cloudy with a few sprinkles tonight. Fog continuing through midmorning Friday. Partly cloudy Friday afternoon. Little temperature change. Low tonight 48. High Friday 52-53.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	48
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	.01

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:31 a.m.
Moonset tonight 6:14 p.m.
First Quarter Dec. 17

PROMINENT CONSTELLATIONS
Cassiopeia, high in north
Visible Planets
Mars, in the east at sunset
and in the west 2:19 a.m.
Jupiter, rises 5:28 a.m.

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