

Thornton's Delay Rapped by Governor Hatfield

FLURY CASE DISMISSED

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LOOKING FOR DADDY - Two little boys peer through the bars at La Cabana military prison in Havana, looking for their fathers who are prisoners inside. Some 560 accused agents and supporters of the overthrown Batista regime are being held in

Castro's Executioners Again Echo Shot Throughout Cuba

Havana - (UPI) - Firing squads echoed throughout Cuba at dawn again today but authorities in Havana said the "No. 1 war criminal" of the Batista regime had temporarily escaped revolutionary justice.

The reports said Maj. Gen. Eulogio Cantillo had been hospitalized for an operation for stomach ulcers. Fidel Castro has accused him of a dou-

Major Breakthrough Achieved at Albany

Portland - (UPI) - Scientists at the Bureau of Mines laboratory at Albany, Ore., have achieved a breakthrough important to this nation's space and missile programs, the Interior Department said today.

Produced at the Albany plant was the world's first molybdenum casting. Bureau Director Marling J. Ankeny said molybdenum melts at the extremely high temperature of 4748 degrees Fahrenheit and until now had thwarted efforts to form it into a casting because in its molten state it destroyed the crucible.

Metalurgists managed to produce a simple cylindrical molybdenum casting and are now seeking to improve techniques so various intricate shapes can be created by the process, Ankeny said. He added that such items would help advance the nation's development of missiles, rockets and satellites.

Ankeny explained that molybdenum has excellent strength at high temperatures which is needed for certain applications in missile parts to withstand intense heat. The

Oregon Has Good Travel Year, Jordan Tells Club

Oregon enjoyed a good travel year in 1958, Carl Jordan, director of travel information division of the state highway department, told members of the Medford Rotary club this week.

He noted that Crater Lake National park attendance figures showed an increase of 3.2 per cent as of September, while at Oregon Caves, for the same period, the increase was 12.5 per cent.

Stayed 3.84 Days

The division's annual travel survey shows 1,800,000 licensed vehicles, carrying an average of 3.2 people drove an average of 440 miles and stayed 3.84 days, Jordan noted.

Total expenditures from the visitors, he pointed out, is computed to be \$135,440,000 with another \$14,500,000 estimated to have been spent by those traveling by rail, bus and air.

Higher Gasoline Tax Bill Introduced

Salem - (UPI) - A bill to increase from 6 to 7 cents per gallon the tax on gasoline for the next five years was introduced in the Oregon House today.

Portland - (UPI) - Sale of the 33-year-old Bedell women's store was announced Wednesday.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York - (UPI) - Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 594.81, up 3.17; 20 railroads 167.38, up 2.75; 15 utilities 92.01, off 0.10, and 65 stocks 207.84, up 1.37. Sales today were about 4,500,000 shares compared with 4,090,000 shares Wednesday.

Judge Drops Case; Presents Reasons for Move

Not Employee of Municipal Group

Ted Flury, secretary-manager of the Eagle Point Irrigation district, this morning was cleared of criminal charges against him.

Circuit Judge James M. Main dismissed the case against Flury on the grounds that an employee of an irrigation district is not an employee of a "municipal subdivision" within the meaning of the Oregon statute under which the prosecution was initiated.

Flury was indicted by a grand jury last fall, and charged with the acceptance of consideration by public official for services rendered for a person dealing with a public body.

The indictment followed allegations by Mrs. Ann Todd, a water-user of the district, that Flury had improperly accepted payments from the California Oregon Power company while employed by the irrigation district.

Jury selection started Wednesday and the group was empaneled today shortly after 10 o'clock. The trial came to a quick conclusion with Judge Main's ruling on the motion of a defense attorney.

In his ruling the judge stated that the case involves the issue of whether an irrigation district comes within the meaning of the statute which prohibits employees of municipal subdivisions of the state from certain acts.

"It is the opinion of the court that it was proper for the district attorney to bring this charge in order to obtain a court decision of the question involved as there is no Oregon law of record deciding this particular point. The court cannot give advisory opinions and therefore this was the only method the district attorney could follow to have the matter decided."

The ruling further stated that it was the opinion of the court that it was proper for the defendant's counsel to wait until this time to make a motion against the charge as it is not until now that his client has been in jeopardy, according to the Supreme Court.

Moccasin Clue To Missing Martins

Portland - (UPI) - A child's white moccasin was the latest lead today to the disappearance of the missing five-member Ken Martin family of Portland.

The size 7 moccasin was found in a load of logs in the Willamette river at the Crown Zellerbach Paper company at West Linn. It will be shown to relatives and friends on the chance they might be able to identify it. The moccasin was found by Earl St. Jacques of West Linn and turned over to Civil Defense Director H. I. Jackson of Clackamas county.

Martin, his wife, and their three daughters have been missing since Dec. 7.

General Marshall Suffers Stroke

Ft. Bragg, N. C. - (UPI) - Gen. George C. Marshall suffered what Army doctors called a "mild stroke" before dawn today and was rushed to the Army hospital here.

Doctors said the attack was transitory and did not leave paralysis of any kind. They said the condition of the 78-year-old general and statesman was "satisfactory at this time."

Marshall, World War II Army chief of staff and later secretary of state and defense, fell ill at his home at Pinehurst, N. C.

"I'm Constantly On Guard Against You Spenders"



President's Defense Budget Emphasizes Air-Atomic Power

Washington - (UPI) - The heavy emphasis in President Eisenhower's new \$40,900,000,000 defense budget will be on air-atomic power and intercontinental missiles.

The fiscal 1960 spending program, which will be sent to Congress next Monday, will hold the Army to its current manpower strength of 14 divisions. It will allow only about half of what was wanted for a five-year Army equipment modernization program.

Missile Projects Cut

It also will slow down some Army missile projects, notably the 200-mile range Redstone which is now deployed in Germany and the Hawk anti-aircraft missile which is about ready for service.

Bids Called for Freeway Grading

The state highway commission will receive bids for grading 5.68 miles of the new Pacific highway freeway from the North Grants Pass interchange to the Jackson county line Jan. 20, the commission has announced.

The work calls for grading to provide four traffic lanes on the main highway roadbed with complete separation of local and through traffic by means of frontage roads and overcrossing structures at county roads, the commission said.

The section of highway is north of Rogue river and part of the freeway section which will extend to the Gold Hill vicinity from the Josephine county line. Right of way for the section between the Jackson county line and the Gold Hill area is now being purchased.

Payroll Checks Forged, Cashed

Sixteen payroll checks of Skeeters and Skeeters, Talent, on the Rogue Valley bank have been forged and cashed, according to Jackson county sheriff's deputies today.

The checks were part of a known 30 blank payroll checks stolen from the company's camp office at Prospect several months ago.

Total amount of the checks returned to date is \$2,421.09, deputies reported.

Forged on the checks were signatures of Eldred R. Colver, office manager of the firm, and Charles Skeeters, deputies said. The checks were cashed in amounts ranging from \$20 to \$197.28 during the last two weeks in December.

Transient Held on Charges of Assault

Ben Bradsher, 30, a transient, was held in Jackson county jail today in connection with the alleged stabbing of Harold Raymond Benson, 1911 Hazel st., in a Front st. tavern Tuesday afternoon.

Bradsher is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, according to Medford police. Bail is set at \$1,500.

Benson, 44, who said he formerly boxed under the name of Jackie Nelson, was released from Sacred Heart hospital yesterday. His wound was reported as superficial.

Bradsher was arrested by Ashland police yesterday on a charge of drunk in public. He was interrogated by Medford police in connection with the Front st. incident and later lodged in county jail.

Barley Elected Head Of CP Planning Group

Central Point - Dale Bartley was elected chairman of the Central Point planning committee at an organizational meeting this week.

John Smock was elected secretary. Other members of the committee include Vic Noel, Jerry Bianconi, Harry Tonn and L. P. Lovejoy.

The committee set the meeting date as the last Monday evening each month.

Case Expected To Be Filed in High Court Today

Delay Claimed 'Inexcusable'

Salem - (UPI) - Marion County District Attorney Hattie Brazel said today she expected proceedings to be filed in the Oregon Supreme Court this afternoon to try to settle the secretary of state problem.

She said the "quo warranto" proceedings must be typed and one more conference held between her and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton before the way is cleared.

Her approval is needed before the case can be presented to the Supreme Court.

At the same time, Gov. Mark Hatfield hit Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton for "dilatatory inaction" in the case.

"Our pleadings, position and all papers were ready Monday," Hatfield said.

"When the private legal counsel for former Gov. Robert D. Holmes (Orval Thompson) bowed out, the attorney general demanded that he

Checks totalling approximately \$140,000 usually received by the county from the Secretary of State's office have not arrived, according to County Treasurer Karl Janouch.

The checks expected are quarterly payments to the county for motor license, amusement device, and liquor license and tax fees. Local officials believe the delay is due to the controversy over the secretary of state's office in Salem.

United Nations, N.Y. - (UPI) - Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan said today a high-level conference between East and West "is bound to take place" but it is difficult to say when.

The touring Soviet leader, answering unrehearsed questions at a news conference attended by more than 250 correspondents, repeated his appeal for an end to "nyet-nyet" (no-no) diplomacy and the institution of "da-da" (yes-yes) relationships.

But, under pointed questioning from diplomatic correspondents, he did not retreat an inch from Soviet positions expressed here and at international conferences in the past.

Mikoyan, behind a phalanx of New York police cars, arrived 10 minutes early for a visit to Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold. They talked and Hammarskjold took the Russian on a brief tour of the building.

Predicts Summit Meeting

At noon, Mikoyan, flanked by Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev, Oleg Troyanov, the ever-present Kremlin interpreter, and Boris Ivanov, Soviet delegation press officer, walked into the conference chamber of the General Assembly's Main Political Committee.

Correspondents sat at the double tier of horseshoe desks usually occupied by diplomats.

Mikoyan, who has been picketed by exiled Hungarians and nationals of other Iron Curtain countries throughout his U.S. visit, said Communist Hungary requires no help from the United Nations in its domestic problems.

No U.S. Fliers Held

Without saying so definitely, he implied that Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, appointed last fall as the General Assembly's special representative to investigate the Hungarian situation, would not be welcome.

Asked if and when Russia would release 11 American fliers who were downed in its territory, Mikoyan snapped: "There are no American fliers in our country! One American plane crashed near the Soviet border. The bodies were handed over to the Americans. We have no other bodies nor living people. This is only alleged in order to poison the atmosphere."

Propane Gas Tank Explosion at Bend Damages Highway Department Shop

Bend - (UPI) - A propane gas tank explosion at a Highway Department shop here Wednesday afternoon severely burned one man, knocked another down and caused an estimated \$5000 damage to the shop.

Shop Superintendent Floyd Starkey said that about 40 per cent of an estimated 500 glass window panes in the concrete building were splintered and steel window

PARKS GROUP FOR COUNTY IS SUGGESTED

The Jackson County Planning commission last night recommended that a separate county parks and recreation commission be established.

County Judge Earl Miller, in suggesting the parks and recreation commission, said an independent group is needed to handle the large scope of such developments. He noted that other counties use such a group for development of parks and recreation facilities.

The parks' and recreation commission would work with the planning commission, which would screen sites suggested by the parks and recreation group before making a recommendation to the county court.

The county court would have to approve such a proposal before it goes into effect.

Mikoyan Believes East-West Talks Will Take Place

New Members

New members of the county planning commission attending last night were C. O. Lovejoy, Old Military rd., Medford; Ron James, 3710 Calhoun rd., Medford; and C. W. Duggan, route 2, Sams Valley.

Edwin Gebhard, Central Point, was reelected planning commission president for a second term, Jerry Latham was elected vice-president, and new Commissioner Ron James was elected secretary.

As the first of a series of talks which planning commission members hope to make before various groups, Gebhard and Planning Technician Jack Eaton were to discuss the proposed subdivision ordinance before the Live Oak Grange in Rogue River at 1 p.m. today.

Council Agenda Lists Hearings

Public hearings on the proposed Temple dr. sanitary sewer and a zone-change request for the Nick Gier property on North Pacific highway held tonight's agenda for the Medford city council.

The council meets at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

One item not on the agenda is the appointment of a new municipal judge. Mayor John W. Snider said this noon that he intends to poll the councilmen today for their approval of his alternate choice.

A. Eugene Piazza, Mayor Snider's original selection for the municipal bench, withdrew after being named two weeks ago when it was discovered that residence beyond the city limits rendered him ineligible.

Consideration of awarding contracts for the Eastover terrace-Hillcrest rd. sanitary sewer and for new police cars is also slated for tonight.

City Manager Robert A. Duff notes in his report to the council that the sewer bids ran from 55 to 107 per cent over one engineer's estimate. He suggests a review of the situation with an eye to alternate routes.

The councilmen postponed action on bids for the police cars pending receipt of a report on operation and maintenance costs of vehicles during the 1957-58 period. This report, according to city officials, is now in the hands of the council.

WEATHER	
FORECAST:	Generally cloudy with a chance of a little light rain tonight and Friday. Low tonight 38. High Friday 50.
Highest yesterday	TEMP. 35
Lowest this morning	33
To 10 a.m. today	PRECIP. Trace
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	5:04 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:28 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	12:10 a.m.
First quarter	Friday
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Venus, sets	5:51 p.m.
Mars, high in southeast	6:20 p.m.
Jupiter, low in southeast	5:04 a.m.
is now much brighter than Mars.	
Saturn, rises	6:31 a.m.