

Appling Defends Against Charges Of Fund Misuse

Salem—(UPI)—Secretary of State Howell Appling Wednesday defended himself from charges made by Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukee) that the secretary had misused public funds by processing what she called a "diatribe against the Democratic party" through the state for mailing to newspapers in Oregon.

Mrs. Hand asked Freeman Holmer, state director of finance and administration, to investigate a four-page news release on a speech Appling made to a Republican gathering in Klamath Falls Sunday. She maintained that the news release should not have been prepared and mailed at state expense.

Appling said Mrs. Hand was "barking up the wrong tree." He denied that the speech was partisan and said that although the paper he used belonged to the state, he paid the cost of mailing to Oregon newspapers himself.

The Milwaukee Democrat wanted Appling to reimburse the state in full for the time of the civil service employee who mimeographed the release and for the state materials used.

Appling said he requested his staff long ago to charge postage for such releases to him personally.

Mayors Approve Veto Hearings

Los Angeles—(UPI)—The United States Conference of Mayors overwhelmingly approved Wednesday a resolution urging the holding of public hearings by Congress on President Eisenhower's veto of the federal housing bill.

The action said a survey among the nation's mayors indicated that \$800 million in federal grants would be needed annually for urban renewal activities. The President's newly proposed measure would authorize only \$600 million for the next two years.

The mayors also endorsed during the final session of their three-day meeting the President's stand on West Berlin. Another approved measure called for support of a congressional bill which would establish a permanent advisory commission on inter-governmental relations.

Richard J. Daley, mayor of Chicago, took over as president in the closing session. He succeeded Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles. Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia became vice president.

Jets Get Blame For Salem Blasts

Salem—(UPI)—Blasts, variously estimated as from one to four, shook the Salem area Wednesday evening and swamped police and press switchboards. They were believed caused by jet planes breaking the sonic barrier.

Minor cracks in concrete and plaster were reported by residents. No broken windows were caused, but residents in north-east Salem were sure some small cracks in plaster walls, driveways and sidewalks were caused.

Portland Air Force Base officials said a jet fighter may have caused this disturbance. There were eight of them in the Salem area.

Maj. Doyle Thompson, a fighter squadron executive officer, said the jets never came closer than about 25 miles to Salem and flew at 34,000 feet or better. But he added the sound could "carry that far."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

PARKE CUMMINGS, listing his mementoes and memorable moments at the Detroit Athletic Club, gave high priority to a pair of tickets to South Pacific that he bought from a speculator. They turned out to be for the wrong night. He also prizes a baseball hit by the immortal Babe Ruth. It was a foul pop that conked Parke behind the ear. He was in a seat behind third base. "I still get headaches," adds Cummings proudly.



Now Zsa Zsa's press agent would have us believe (if these Gabor said half the things attributed to them, they'd have to talk continuously 24 hours a day) she suddenly announced, "In school, they taught me that money isn't everything and that being happy is what really counts—but as soon as mother got wind of this, she made me change schools."

A very big talker from Texas was speedily defeated at Sardi's the other night by a singing "Pipe down, Buster! There wouldn't even be a Texas today if that Alamo had had a back door."

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Solar Eruptions Disrupting Radio Communications

Worldwide radio communications slowly returned to normal today after 24 hours of disruption caused by sun spots and accompanying electrical disturbances. The solar activity was described by scientists as the greatest in many years.

The sun spots resulted from an immense explosion of the sun's gases. The huge flare on the sun was observed early Tuesday in Europe and its effects were felt 30 hours later on earth.

It was the second such bombardment in the last 45 days and a Standards Bureau spokesman said its effects were expected to equal or exceed the record disturbance Feb. 11, 1958.

A cosmic ray balloon was launched Wednesday by University of Chicago physicists to measure the subatomic particles loosed by the solar blast. The balloon was released from Stag Field on the university campus and drifted high over the city, remitting radio signals detailing the intensities and approximate energies of the particles.

Three Geiger counters attached to the balloon took continuous readings which the physicists said would take weeks to evaluate. Detectors at the University of Alaska and a balloon launched by the University of Minnesota were also reported studying the sun spots.

Minneapolis, Minn.—(UPI)—Lethal sun spot rays with an energy of 500 million volts could kill future space travelers, scientists revealed today. University of Minnesota astronomers, who launched balloons to study recent sunspot disturbances, said the seriousness of such beams was discovered during measurements of a "solar flare" May 11.

Dr. John R. Winkler, University physicist, described the deadly beams as "low energy cosmic rays."

Winkler said any manned space flight within the earth's magnetic field probably would not undergo the danger of exposure to the rays. "The closer you are to the sun, the worse it would be," Winkler said. He said it is "not possible to shield against these cosmic rays."

University scientists have sent up "about a dozen" instruments carrying balloons the past few days, reaching heights of 100,000 to 120,000 feet.

Klamath Indian Loan Plan OK'd

Portland—(UPI)—The Interior Department today announced a change in federal regulations which will permit the Bureau of Indian Affairs to make loans to withdrawing members of the Klamath Indian tribe of Oregon regardless of their degree of Indian blood.

Under former rules, loans could not be made to individuals of less than a quarter degree Indian blood. The amendment of the regulations was made possible as a result of legislation recommended by the Interior Department and recently enacted by Congress.

The Indian Bureau has been making loans to withdrawing Klamath tribe members of one-fourth or more Indian blood since last February. Loans have been made without interest and have been set off against funds payable to the borrowers under the Klamath termination act.

Flash Fire Aboard Boat Injures Boy
Detroit, Ore.—(UPI)—A nine-year-old Portland boy was out of the hospital and recovering today from burns he received when a flash fire erupted on a boat on Detroit lake Wednesday.

The boy, Donald Gaske, was with his father, R. F. Gaske, and two brothers when a leaking gas tank exploded. The family was about 300 feet from shore when the accident occurred.

Monitors To Seek Authority To Probe Hoffa Complaints

Washington—(UPI)—The Teamster Union's "watchdog" monitors were to ask a federal judge today for authority to investigate rank-and-file complaints against union President James R. Hoffa and his lieutenants.

The action came on the heels of a charge Wednesday night by Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) of the Senate Rackets Committee that Hoffa is a "fountain-head of... corruption" who never will clean up the Teamsters.

McClellan said congress and the courts will have to undertake the clean-up job because "notwithstanding Mr. Hoffa's previous promises and assurances... he has failed and still refuses to remove known criminals and disreputable characters."

The three court-appointed monitors were to meet with Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts to discuss a revision of the rules covering their assignment to oversee a clean-up of the Teamsters.

The monitors were reported to feel that they could get faster and fairer results if they conducted their own investigations of rank-and-file complaints rather than turning them over to the union.

The monitors have investigated a few cases in the past. But they do not have the authority to conduct inquiries over union objections.

Two new monitors, Washington attorney Daniel B. Maher and New York City attorney Lawrence T. Smith, will be attending their first meeting. They replaced two former monitors.

Rivers, Harbors Bill Called Up

Washington—(UPI)—A \$640,931,000 rivers and harbors bill was called up today for House action. Backers said the measure was certain to be approved because it had unanimous approval of the House Public Works Committee and contained no projects opposed by the administration.

The bill would authorize Congress to provide funds for the projects in later appropriations bills. It would authorize: -28 harbor improvement projects costing a total of \$80,136,300 in 15 states and Hawaii.

-Seven new or modified flood control projects in five states at an estimated total cost of \$35,423,700. This includes work at a reservoir on the West Fork of California's Mojave river, and construction to protect the area at and below Walnut Creek, Calif., from flood damage.

-Increases totaling \$379,000,000 in previously authorized outlays for work on comprehensive basin plans. The basins include the Los Angeles river, and Columbia river.

Vice President Is Named at Local Bank

Ron E. Cordon of Rogue Valley State bank was elected vice president of the bank's board of directors at a recent meeting, according to Clarence Young, president.

A graduate of Oregon State college, Cordon has been with the bank since 1954. The directors noted that total assets of the bank have passed the \$5 million mark and the board looks for continued growth of the community.

Young stated that work on the building of the East Medford branch is progressing and it is hoped that the office will be open early in September.

Cohen's Girlfriend Faces Sentencing

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Showgirl Liz Renay, sometime girlfriend of ex-gambler Mickey Cohen, will be sentenced Friday on one count of perjury arising out of her testimony before a federal grand jury investigating Cohen's finances.

The 34-year-old showgirl entered a surprise plea of guilty to one count of perjury Wednesday just five days before she was to go on trial for five counts of perjury. She faces a possible sentence of \$2,000 fine and five years imprisonment.

Chessman Will Petition Court For Rehearing

San Francisco—(UPI)—Convict-author Caryl Chessman will petition the California Supreme Court for a rehearing within the next two weeks, according to attorney Rosalie Asher.

Miss Asher, who visited prison Wednesday, said the Chessman at San Quentin convicted kidnap-rape was not optimistic that a new appeal to the court would succeed. However, she said he planned to go back to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

"I think he has a better than even chance in the U.S. Supreme Court," she said. Sentences Affirmed

The State Supreme Court affirmed the two death sentences against Chessman last week. Condemned under California's "Little Lindbergh law," Chessman has spent 11 years in death row at San Quentin. One of his principal contentions is that the transcript of his original trial was faulty.

Although not an attorney of record for Chessman, Miss Asher has been associated with the case at various times during the past 11 years. "There is no doubt in my mind that certain very valid constitutional rights have been violated," she said after Wednesday's two-hour visit. "I hope that ultimately he will be saved."

Body of Florence Man Discovered

Florence, Ore.—(UPI)—The body of Elbert Straight, 76, missing since June 29, was found in some brush Wednesday southwest of Canby about five miles from here.

The victim's son-in-law, Charles Panschow, located the body. Authorities said Straight apparently died of exposure.

Straight was the object of a widespread search when he vanished after setting out to pick berries. When the official hunt was discontinued for lack of clues, relatives continued to look for him.

Youngster Drowns In Fern Ridge Lake

Eugene—(UPI)—Larry Wyman Chick, 9, son of George and Donna Chick of Woodland, Wash., drowned Wednesday afternoon in a swimming area at the northwest end of Fern Ridge lake, 11 miles west of here.

The Lane county coroner's office said the boy, who was unable to swim, had been playing in three and one-half to four feet of water with three cousins.

He had been staying with his aunt and uncle, Don and Irene Chick of Junction City. The body was discovered when Shirley Deadman of Springfield stepped on what she thought was someone's arm on the bottom of the lake. She told the coroner that she ran to shore and no one would believe her. She said that she returned to a raft in the lake where two boys dived into the water and eventually found Chick's body.

Woman Divorced From 'TV Addict'

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Television actress Caroline Van Dyke was awarded a divorce from her husband, Bernard Goetke III, Wednesday when she testified he was a "TV addict."

"From the minute he got home at night he was glued to that set," she said. "I even had to serve his meals there."

Actress Elrae Harris, a witness for Miss Van Dyke, said, "I never saw anything like it. He was like a man hypnotized."

Miss Van Dyke told Superior Judge Joseph L. Call she and Goetke, an accounting, were married in 1954. Asked Judge Call before granting the decree: "Don't you ever watch TV yourself?" "Never" answer Miss Van Dyke.

Dulles Airport Named

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower has named Washington's new international airport after the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The new 9,400-acre airport, now under construction near Chantilly, Va., is expected to be in service some time in 1961. It will be known as "Dulles International Airport."

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Bonneville Power Hearings Resumed

Washington—(UPI)—Senate hearings on the establishment of a Bonneville Power Corporation resumed Wednesday. The Bonneville Power Corporation would be a new public agency designed to sell revenue bonds for financing construction of dams and related Pacific Northwest power facilities.

Main attention in the hearings was centered on a modification proposed by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), sponsor of the bill. Neuberger's modification is aimed at ensuring that Oregon receives a fair share of Columbia river federal power in future if public power agencies in Washington decide to use their preference rights to utilize most of the energy.

Grange News... Upper Rogue

A "fisherman's breakfast" of hotcakes, ham and eggs and coffee, will be served by Upper Rogue Grange Sunday, July 19, between 6 and 11 a.m. The public is invited.

The Grange hall is located on Crater Lake highway about 10 miles north of Trail. The breakfast is one of several Centennial events Upper Rogue Grange is planning this summer.

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