CASTRO QUITS AS PRIME MINISTER

Rogue River Basin

Corps Discusses Salmon Spawning

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of stories on the report of the Corps of Engineers development program for the Rogue basin. Today's article concludes information about fish spawning and other miscellaneous information.)

Storage at any site on the Rogue river proper is anticipated to be seriously detrimental to existing chinook salmon spawning, according to the Corps of Engineers report on the Rogue basin.

However, on the basis of relative amounts of spawning and numbers of fish involved, it would appear to the corps that Lewis creek would have a more serious effect than would Lost creek.

Total siltation effects on Rogue basin reservoirs based on soil conservation service and forest service experience has been estimated on the basis of an annual silting rate of .2 acre foot per square mile of tributary drainage area, according to engineers.

Total storage space reductions of about 4 to 8 per cent in 100 years, or about 3 to 6 per cent of the usable storage, would not materially reduce the usefulness of the Rogue basin reservoirs until after they would have been fully amortized.

Descriptions of the proposed Lake creek reservoir still are not available from the corps due to recent information provided by the bureau of reclamation. The description, plus the economic data for Lost creek, Elk creek, and Lake creek and Evans creek is expected from the corps of engineers within the next two weeks.

Five Petitions Being Checked for County Signatures

Five referendum petitions seeking referral of House Bill 760, an income tax bill passed by the 1959 state legislature, to a vote of the people have been filed with the secretary of state's office.

Signatures of the Jackson county residents are being checked by the county elections department, it was learned today.

Following the checking of signatures by the elections department, 203 names were found to be legal, it was reported.

General purpose of the new income tax bill is to lower the personal income tax rates and abolish the federal tax payment as a deduction. However, this has been amended by Howell Appling Jr., secretary of state to read, "To increase state revenues. Lower personal income tax rates. Abolish federal tax deduction applicable to all tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 1958." This is what would appear on the ballot if brought to a vote of the people. Appling's letter to the elections department stated.

The referendum must be completed and filed not later than 5 p.m., Aug. 4 to appear on the 1960 ballot, an official of the county elections department explained. Approximately 21,000 signatures are needed.

The move to refer the measure to a vote of the people is headed by an Albany, Ore., group known as the Citizens Committee for Economy and Equitable Taxation.

If the referral effort is successful the Albany group has stated it plans to circulate initiative petitions with a "proposed remedial tax program" drawn from a nonpartisan study committee representing all segments of Oregon's economy, according to the Oregon Tax Research publication, "Your Taxes."

Court Notified Of Creek Turbidity

The Oregon state sanitary authority, Portland, notified the county court this week that the county road department's sand and gravel operations between Talent and Phoenix have caused excessive turbidity in the downstream Bear creek waters.

The letter, from Curtiss M. Everts, secretary and chief engineer of the authority, said this is in violation of public policy and statues pertaining to water pollution control.

County Engineer Paul Rynning reported that the sand and gravel operations in that particular area are finished and the operation will be moved.

Ray D'Autremont To Get Hearing on Federal Charge

Portland —(UPI)— Ray D'Autremont, one of three brothers convicted in Oregon's 1923 Siskiyou mail train robbery attempt, will be given a hearing here next Monday on a 36-year-old charge.

The old charge is a federal one involving the dynamiting of a mail car. Ray, his twin brother Roy, and Hugh D'Autremont were sentenced to life in prison on state murder charges. Hugh was paroled from the state penitentiary this year but died March 31 in San Francisco.

Apparent Parole Move

Judge Gus J. Solomon had suspended sentence after Hugh D'Autremont pleaded guilty to the federal charge, paving the way for his eventual parole. Ray D'Autremont filed his motion for trial on the same charge last June 22, in an apparent move to get eventual parole.

Roy D'Autremont has been confined in the State hospital for some time.

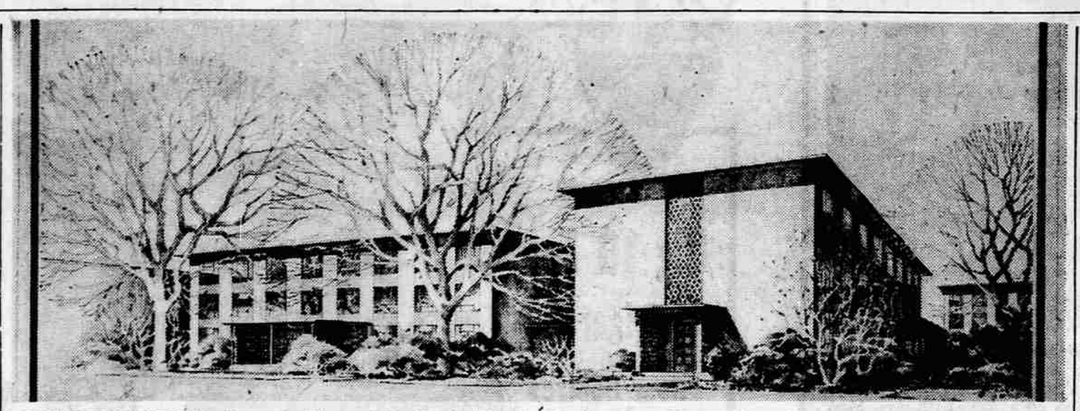
Accident Victim Dies of Burns

Willie Berry Thompson, 42, of 1800 East Main rd., Ashland, died this morning in Ashland General hospital from burns received June 18 while working on the Talent project in the Green Springs area.

He suffered second and third degree burns over approximately 80 per cent of his body. He was burned, it was reported, when he checked the gasoline tank of a tractor he was operating while the engine was running.

Thompson had made his home in Ashland for seven years.

Funeral services will be announced by Litwiller's Funeral home, Ashland.



GIRLS DORMITORY–Above is the architect's sketch of the proposed new women's dormitory at Southern Oregon college. Architect is Robert J. Keeney, Medford. The building will house 121 students with the major portion of it having three floors, plus a basement. Study bedrooms are planned for two occupants. Bids for construction of the dormitory were opened Wednesday.

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Rep. Porter To Enter Stevenson in Oregon

Decision Made As Result of Newsletter Poll

Washington – (UPI) – Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said today he intends to enter Adlai E. Stevenson's name in the Oregon Democratic presidential primary next May.

Porter said he reached the decision as a result of 2,600 returns from a poll of residents of his congressional district in which Stevenson led potential candidates of both parties.

Sure of Acceptance

The congressman said he felt sure that Stevenson would accept the nomination to head the Democratic ticket for a third time, even though the former Illinois governor says he doesn't want to run again and won't seek the nomination.

Porter said his poll showed Stevenson was the choice of 26 per cent of the voters, Republican Vice President Richard M. Nixon placing second with 23 per cent.

Other Possibilities

They were followed by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), 14 per cent; Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), 9 per cent; New York's Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, 5 per cent; Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), 4 per cent, and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), 3 per cent.

Porter said he polled 9,000 persons on the mailing list for his newsletters. He said they are both Republicans and Democrats, and that the poll was "as scientific as any."

Written Opinion Sought for Officer

County Judge Earl Miller today requested a written opinion of the district attorney to establish which county body is responsible for hiring a new county health officer.

Miller explained that there is some doubt in the state statute as to whether the county court or the Jackson County Health association makes the appointment. The association is a board established by the county court.

The opinion was requested by the county judge following the resignation of Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer for the past 21 years.

Carpenters to Name New Officers Today

The 34th annual convention of the Oregon council of Carpenters started its second day of meetings this morning in the Labor Temple here.

Election of officers, including the office of executive secretary for the council, is expected to be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

George L. Softley, president of Eugene local, has announced his intention to run for the executive secretary position. Others expected to compete for the office are Ivor T. Jones, Salem, incumbent, and George Hann, business agent of the Portland district carpenter council.

During Thursday's session, J.D. McDonald, Portland, Oregon AFL-CIO president, announced a campaign by the union to get members to the polls in the state.

McDonald, in announcing the plan, said that the new program is in addition to the voter registration plan which has been used in previous years. The new campaign will include the job of seeing that the members vote once they have registered.

McDonald explained that since half of the state's population is represented by labor it was important for the unions to be strong politically.

Convention Chairman

Chairman of the convention, which is being attended by 100 delegates, is Swan Nelson, state council president.

Committee appointments announced during the afternoon session include George Potucek, chairman of Medford local 2067, rules and finance; and James Griffith and Perry Smith, both Medford local, credentials committee.

Among the Thursday speakers were Roy Smith, federal mediation and conciliation service; E. R. Busselle, Portland, editor of the Union Register; and Harry Carr, business representative of the Seattle and King county district council.

The convention will continue through Saturday.

Rates at Farm Home Are Raised

An order to raise the rates for private patients at the Jackson county farm home to $160 a month has been signed by the county court as of July 1, it was reported today.

Previous rate for private patients was $130 a month. At the same time county court members, who are also members of the Jackson county public welfare commission, placed the rates charged welfare patients on a sliding scale from $90 to $184 a month. The county farm home has 13 private patients with the remainder welfare patients.

More Bed Patients

Millard Hoffman, county farm home superintendent, explained that the rise in rates was mainly because the farm home is getting more bed patients, who cost more to care for.

Welfare Administrator James Pullman said the new scale for public welfare patients represents an increase from an over-all average rate of $130 a month to $150 a month. He said that the welfare department had 41 patients in the county farm home as of July 7.

"Even with the increase in rates the welfare commission saves money by sending its bed-ridden patients to the county farm home, since it provides both doctors and medicines for the patients," Pullman said. "For that reason we have been anxious that the county farm home take more nursing home patients.

Treasurer Receives Check from State

The county treasurer received a quarterly payment of $116,022.63 payment of the county's share of state gasoline tax and motor licenses. The money will go into the county road fund.

The quarterly payment is $12,299.46 over the same quarter last year.

Housing Authority Funds Transferred

The dissolution of the Jackson County Housing authority was acknowledged last night at the city council meeting, and the council accepted the assets of the authority.

The funds, amounting to $74,938.62, were transferred from the general fund to the Jackson st. swimming pool and park reserve fund. The money has been earmarked for a swimming pool at the Jackson st. site.

A motion to deed certain property of the authority to school district 549C was postponed until next council meeting.

City Manager Robert A. Duff said today that the city engineer is in the process of completing plans for the swimming pool. He said that bids are expected to be called in about 30 days.

Steel Arrives for New Creek Bridge

Steel for the Bear creek bridge at Eighth st. was delivered to the sit today and part of the necessary excavation work has been completed, City Engineer Vernon Thorpe reported.

Work is expected to begin Monday on the bridge proper, which will be completed by Oct. 31.

With the completion of the bridge the Eighth st.-Riverside ave.-Main st. bottleneck for eastbound traffic will be eliminated, Thorpe said.

One building, the body shop at Dick Knight company, has been razed and Western Auto Supply has moved part of its equipment and stock from the north end of its building. That building is to be razed this month, city officials reported.

Bids Opened for Girls Dormitory On SOC Campus

Ashland–Bids were opened Wednesday afternoon for construction of a 121-student women's dormitory at Southern Oregon college here.

Three bids were submitted for the general construction, six for the mechanical work, six for the electrical work, and two for built-in furniture, according to Donald E. Lewis, business manager.

The dormitory will be varied heights with the major portion having three floors and a basement. Study bedrooms are planned for two occupants, Lewis said.

The structure will cover about 28,458 feet. Funds for construction will be from $380,000 to be obtained from bond borrowings with $20,000 to be provided from restricted fund balances at the college, Lewis said.

The bids will be submitted to the state board of higher education at an Ashland meeting July 27-28 after they are reviewed by the building committee.

General Construction

Bids for general construction were submitted by Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, $240,900; Todd Building company, Roseburg, $253,617; and Wiley company, Ashland, $298,000. Mechanical bids were submitted by Bowen Brothers, Salem, $75,335; Lord Brothers, Portland, $90,225; McLaughlin Plumbing, Medford, $73,998; Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Medford, $79,900; Patterson Plumbing, Medford, $73,245; and Stuart Mechanical, Medford, $66,800.

Electrical bids were submitted by Allison Electric, Portland, $30,000; Electric Corporation, Salem, $26,936; Electronic Service, Medford, $33,900; Perrine Industrial Electric, Ashland, $26,626; Steeck Electric, Medford, $26,613; and Trowbridge and Flynn Electric company, Medford, $31,938.

Roy A. Hilliard and associates, Seattle, Wash., submitted a bid of $44,765 for built-in furniture work, and the J. O. Olson Manufacturing company, Eugene, bid $39,904 for the work.

Steel Strike Cuts Into Employment

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—The strike against the nation's basic steel industry cut deeper into employment in related fields today.

With no further peace talks scheduled until Monday at the earliest, United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald and his top lieutenants carried their fight fora better contract to the picket lines.

In addition to the half-million USW members who struck at mills from coast-to-coast at one minute after midnight last Tuesday, it was estimated that more than 25,000 railroaders, truck drivers, miners and seamen were idle because of the steel strike. More layoffs in those lines were expected to raise the total to 75,000 in another week or two.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair, hot and dry through Saturday but some afternoon cloudiness with a chance of scattered thunderstorms over the mountains south and east. Low tonight 62. High tomorrow near 100.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	102
Lowest this Morning	60

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today ..... 7:46 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow ..... 4:49 a.m.
The Moon is in Perigee today, 226,300 miles from the Earth, it rides low tonight, sets ..... 3:28 a.m. tomorrow and will be Full July 19. Near it is seen the planet, Saturn, which is now nearly 850,000,000 miles from the Earth.

Pollutants of Creek Viewed

By EVELYN OUSTERHOUT
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The plentiful pollutants of Bear creek were viewed Thursday afternoon when more than 25 state and local officials and private citizens toured the low, brown, scum-covered stream.

Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league sponsored the trip, which began at 1 p.m. at the Bear creek bridge on East Main st.

Among officials attending were Cole Rivers, fish biologist, Oregon state game commission; David C. Hendricks, County watermaster; Quentin Bowman, field representative, state water resources board; R. C. Dunlap, parks planner, Oregon state parks department; Mark Astrup, landscape engineer; and Frank Morgan, division engineer, both of the state highway department.

Leads Tour

Col. Paul H. Weiland of Izaak Walton league led the tour. League President Earl H. Knight was in charge.

Beginning at Hawthorne with discussion of what Weiland termed the "unnecessary, ridiculous pollution of Bear creek by our own citizens," the group traveled by bus to Ashland and the north end of Fordyce st.

From the home of G. E. Anderson, the group viewed a low area in the foothills which is considered a possible site for a 4,000-acre-foot reservoir to feed Bear creek.

Explains Reservoir

Keith Allen of the Soil Conservation service explained briefly the possibilities for a reservoir which would be fed by Gaerky creek. The dam site had been considered by the army engineers in their original Rogue Basin study, Weiland said, but only from the standpoint of flood control, rather than with consideration of pollution control and other advantages.

Pollution problems are not evident above the Gaerky creek site, and a "healthier" stream flow below that point could do much toward solving the pollution.

Proceeding to the Oak st. crossing of Bear creek, tour members saw the middle lateral of Talent Irrigation district where removal of water dropped the flow from 50 cubic feet per second to an estimated .4 c.f.s

Stop to Enlighten

Weiland said the stop was made "to enlighten, not to criticize," and Rivers explained that irrigation needs in the valley are so great little water is left to maintain stream flow.

However, the group was reminded by Walter H. Hoffbuhr, manager of the Talent Irrigation district, that without the irrigation districts and their reservoirs and planning, stream flow in the valley would be even less than it is at present.

Fish habitation above the Oak st. diversion is good, but below that point the stream drops in water content and rises in temperature and pollution.

Meat Packing Plants

Weiland pointed out three meat packing plants which operate on Bear creek in the Ashland area. Further downstream he described the spot where domestic sewage from Ashland and refuse from a cannery pollute the creek.

Increasing impurities enter as the stream winds along the Eagle Mill and Valley View rds. and Highway 99 south. The thickening waters continue through a gravel operation, where they spread out and warm above the Fern Valley bridge.

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Word on Legality Of School Budgets Expected Monday

Word on the legality of school budgets in Jackson county is expected from the state tax commission Monday, County Assessor Ray Schumacher said today.

He said a full clarification could affect also the Central Point and Ashland school district budgets. The two districts may want to reuest an extension of time to resubmit the budgets to the voters if necessary, Schumacher explained.

"Rejection of the Eagle Point and Medford school districts may want to request an for an opinion is more of a safeguard to determine a more exact formula for adjustment of the tax base," the county assessor explained. "This formula is now under the 1957 rural school law."

The county assessor invalidated the budgets submitted to his office Tuesday by the Medford and Eagle Point school districts.

Declared Invalid

The 1959-60 budgets were declared invalid because of a recent interpretation of an attorney general's ruling relating to school budgets, he said.

The current Medford school district budget included a proportionate increased base brought about by consolidation of Medford, Oak Grove and West Side districts on April 9, 1956. At the time of the consolidation the law was interpreted by county and school officials to allow inclusion of proportional base from the consolidating districts.

However, an attorney general's ruling interpreted the law to allow only the base for the original district before consolidation, resulting in the present invalidation.

Eagle Point consolidated with Districts 45 and 89 in 1958 and its budget is in a status now similar to Medford's. Both Medford and Eagle Point districts have applied for a 30-day extension for resubmission of the budgets to the voters.

Salem– (UPI) –A. J. Dwyer, Portland, has been reelected chairman of the State Aeronautics Board for the third time.

Warm Spell to Continue in Area

Today will make Medford's 10th straight day with over-90 degree temperature but the weather bureau termed it "not exceptional."

The highest temperature recorded so far this year was 102, which was noted yesterday and also on Friday, July 10. The current warm spell was kicked off on July 8 when a high of 93 was reached.

High temperature today was predicted to be near 100. On July 10, 1946, it was 115 degrees here.

Medford has seen no rain since June 26, when .02 of an inch was recorded. The weather bureau said that summer showers should come along soon, although the city has been known to go over 100 days without rain.

The bureau said that summer showers are usually accompanied with thunder and lightning, so the cool relief becomes a mixed blessing because of the fire danger.

Salem—(UPI)—Former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay said he was "feeling a little better" at Salem General Hospital today. The former Oregon governor suffered a recurrence of a heart ailment Monday and was hospitalized.

President Says Resignation Not To Be Accepted

Cabinet Meets in Urgent Session

Havana —(UPI)— Revolutionary leader Fidel Castro resigned today as Prime Minister of Cuba.

But President Manuel Urrutia, speaking to thousands of Cubans massed before the Presidential Palace here, said the government would not accept the resignation.

"This revolution cannot be directed by anyone other than Fidel Castro," he said. "You can be sure the resignation presented by him will not be accepted by the government."

Urrutia met in urgent session with the members of the Council of Ministers (cabinet) in the palace to discuss Castro's surprise action. Following a morning-long meeting, the cabinet went to Cuban armed forces headquarters at Camp Liberty to formally request Castro to reconsider.

Will Make Broadcast

There was no reason given immediately for Castro's decision to step down from the post he had held for five months and one day.

The official rebel radio said Castro would report to the people on a nationwide radio and television hookup at 3 p.m. (PST) today.

The news of his resignation touched off an uproar in Havana and spread like wildfire across the island. Havana's police chief said special precautionary measures were taken to avoid any street disorders in support of Castro. However, he expressed confidence that public order would be maintained.

Immediately following the news of Castro's resignation, the Communist party demanded the formation of a "truly representative government," including Communist representation.

Thousands of Castro supporters turned out into the streets of Havana and marched on the palace to demand Castro change his mind.

No Disorders Reported

Government, labor and civic organizations called on the populace to remain calm and stay on the job. But there were reports of demonstrations and flash strikes.

There was no report, however, of any disorders.

Raul Castro, Fidel's brother and chief of the Cuban armed forces, said that Fidel would explain his reasons for stepping down from the post he has held since Feb. 16 in the broadcast.

Nikita Asked To Withdraw Threat

Geneva—(UPI)—The West launched a new round of secred Big Four talks today with a demand that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev withdraw the war threat from Berlin at once if he really means his latest pledge of peace.

The Soviet Premier's declaration in Poland Thursday that Russia will "never, never, never'" start a war gave the West an immediate opening to challenge Soviet threats against Berlin and Russian rebuffs of western efforts to keep the peace in the divided city.

"Who Cares If It's No Good? It Doesn't Cost Any Money"

Council Passes Ordinance Prohibiting Uninvited Telephone Solicitation

The Medford city council last night passed an ordinance prohibiting uninvited telephone solicitation.

The ordinance is designed to prevent uninvited solicitation for the purchase of sales or services. According to the ordinance's wording, it is not meant to apply to one who practices a profession.

Councilmen R. L. Van Sickle, Ward III, and Donald Hansen, Ward II, voted against the ordinance. Hansen said it "will prevent telephone solicitation of the type we don't mind, but it won't keep the nuisances away."

Councilman Ed Hall, Ward I, voted for the measure, but indicated that he didn't think it could be properly enforced.

The council also approved the purchase of a fire truck, costing $24,345 for the Medford Rural Fire Protection district. The truck will be a 1,000 gallon pumper equipped with a 750 gallon water tank.

Councilmen rejected the single bid received for demolition and removal of the north section of the Western Auto Supply building. The only bid received was for $3,600 from Robert Gray of Eugene. City Manager Robert A. Duff said that new bids will be called.

A request for an extension of an after-hours work permit was granted the Donald M. Drake company by the council. The company is currently doing construction work on the Rogue Valley Manor project atop Barneberg hill. The permit allows work there to occur from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Mayor Snider said he lives in the area and finds the noise "not actually objectionable." Councilman Jimmy Dunlevy, Ward IV, moved that the permit be extended until July 25, with "no further extensions considered." Councilmen Stan Stark, Ward IV and Hall voted against the motion to allow the extension.