

# Herter Declares Russians Attempting Plot

## Douglas McKay, 66, Dies

### Former Cabinet Officer Succumbs To Heart Ailment

#### Kidney Trouble Complicated Illness

Salem—UPI—Douglas McKay, 66, who rose from a newspaper boy to become Oregon's second cabinet officer in history, died today.

The former interior secretary died in a local hospital following a recurrence of a heart ailment complicated by kidney trouble.

Death came at 8:25 a. m. His wife, Mabel, was at his bedside.

McKay, a lifelong Republican was President Eisenhower's surprise choice for interior secretary shortly after the 1952 election. At his death he was chairman of the U. S. section of the International Joint Commission, which has the job of deciding upon joint use of water resources belonging to both the United States and Canada.

McKay, also a former Oregon governor, suffered his only defeat at the polls in 1956 after he resigned from the cabinet to run against one-time Republican Wayne Morse for the U. S. Senate.

#### Attended OSC

He became interested in politics early in life and was freshman class president at Oregon State College in 1913. Subsequently he became mayor of Salem, a state senator and finally governor. He held the latter position when Eisenhower summoned him to the cabinet. He was the first man from Oregon to be named to the cabinet since George H. Williams, then mayor of Portland, was named attorney general by President Ulysses S. Grant.

McKay met Eisenhower shortly after the latter returned from Europe. He was one of the first governors to call for Eisenhower's nomination at the 1952 Republican convention. A delegate to the same convention was Morse, then an Eisenhower supporter.

#### Wounded in War

Eisenhower's confidence in McKay was shown after his defeat by Morse when the President named him to head the U. S. section of the International Joint Commission. Democratic party leaders criticized it but of late both Sens. Morse and Richard Neuberger of Oregon said they were pleased with the way McKay was handling negotiations with Canada.

McKay served his country in both world wars. He won a commission in World War I and was badly wounded in the Argonne offensive in France. He spent two years in Army hospitals and the veterans administration gave him a 60 per cent disability rating. When Pearl Harbor was bombed McKay was in Honolulu with the Williamette university football team. He later served on the West Coast and came out of the service with the rank of major.

#### Born in Portland

He was born in Portland on June 24, 1893, carried newspapers, attended public schools and worked his way through Oregon State College as a janitor. He went to work after graduation at a Portland train depot for \$35 a month. Later he entered the insurance and automobile business and in 1927 came to Salem where he started a profitable auto agency.

He married Mabel Hill in Portland in 1917 before he went overseas. Survivors include his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Wayne Hadley and Mrs. Lester Green of Salem.

His only son, Douglas Jr., was killed in an automobile crash while a student at Oregon State.

He was elected as Oregon's governor in 1948 to fill out two years of the term of Gov. Earl Snell, who was killed in a southeast Oregon plane crash. He was re-elected in 1950.



DOUGLAS MCKAY  
From Newspaper Boy to Governor

## Public Officials Join in Praise of Doug McKay's Work

Salem, Ore.—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield extended Oregon's sympathy to the family of former interior secretary Douglas McKay, who died today at the age of 66.

"Doug McKay's life story is one of remarkable rise from a family-supporting paper boy to a presidential confidant.

"Through it all he maintained iron-clad integrity and was true to his beliefs while never losing the common touch. Severely wounded in World War I, he exhibited inspiring courage to make a valiant comeback by reaching the heights in both business and public service. On behalf of the state he served as legislator and as chief executive I extend official sympathy to his family."

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.): "Douglas McKay was a friendly and warm-hearted man who invariably inspired personal devotion to those around him. While his career as Secretary of the Interior was surrounded by controversy, I feel that he made a successful start toward mutual use of the upper Columbia river in his capacity as chairman of the International Joint Commission. His family can always take pride in the fact that his personal integrity and honor

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower today issued a statement of deep regret over the death of Douglas McKay, former interior secretary.

"I was saddened to hear of the passing of Douglas McKay. As former governor of his state and former secretary of the interior, Mr. McKay devoted much of his life to public service. In his passing the nation has lost a distinguished citizen and an American of outstanding character. He was a loyal and valued friend."

"Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in extending our deep sympathies to Mrs. McKay and her family on the great personal loss they have sustained."

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower said today his priority list for legislation during the remaining days of Congress included:

—A bill to correct labor abuses.

—More financing for the highway construction program.

—A decent farm measure.

The President identified himself as the source of news stories Tuesday that he was becoming increasingly pessimistic about a summit conference with Russia. He said the road to a summit conference was still open, but that he had lost some of his earlier hopes for truly productive negotiations with Russia during the course of the Geneva Foreign Ministers Conference.

Utility Property Passes Billion Mark

Salem—UPI—The true cash value of utility property in Oregon has passed the billion-dollar mark for the first time, Dean Ellis, chairman of the State Tax Commission, reported today.

The 1959 value has been set at \$1,030,804,905 — an increase of nearly \$96 millions or more than 10 per cent over last year's \$934,814,678.

## BASEBALL

Washington ..... 2 3 3  
Detroit ..... 6 7 0  
Ramos, Cleveland (8), Stobbs (8) and Naragon; Lary, Nareski (8) and Berber.

## Ashland Abattoir Gets Suspended Sentence in Court

### Charged With Creek Pollution

Leslie Lusk, manager of the East Side Abattoir, Ashland, this morning pleaded guilty to a charge of polluting Bear Creek.

He was sentenced to six months in jail. The court, however, suspended the sentence on the recommendation of District Attorney Thomas Reeder, who said Lusk has a reputation as having one of the cleanest of the county's slaughterhouse operations, and that he has promised to take immediate corrective action.

Conditions of the suspension of the sentence, Reeder reported, were:

1. That Lusk install an additional septic tank at the abattoir within one month;

2. That he not allow any solid animal parts to enter the creek; and

3. That he take due care to prevent the escape of animal blood into the stream, pending the improvement of the blood tank at the operation.

Lusk was represented by Billy Briggs, Ashland lawyer. Reeder, in commenting on the case, promised further prosecutions if they prove necessary. He said:

"I hope that this action will remind the public that Bear Creek is a public stream, and that none of us have the right to pollute or foul the waters thereof. I expect that other prosecutions will follow unless those people who are presently polluting the stream take corrective action as soon as feasible."

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## Secretary Rejects 'Concession' by Andrei Gromyko

### Big String Tied, U. S. Leader Claims

Geneva—UPI—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter charged today that Russia is trying to make the West its "unwitting accomplice" in a plot to hold all of West Berlin for ransom.

Herter sharply rejected a new "concession" offered by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at today's session of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference. Gromyko pledged that Russia would take no "one-sided action" during a possible Berlin truce or the negotiations following it.

The U. S. leader pointed out that the Russian offer still had a big string tied to it — insistence that a Berlin truce must have a time limit.

Gromyko's speech indicated no great change in the Soviet position on Berlin. In particular, it gave no indication that Russia is willing to withdraw its "impossible" demand that West Germany and the Communist East should have equal representation in negotiations for German reunification.

So far as could be learned, the Soviet foreign minister did not refer directly to the "one-sided action" most objected to by the West — a separate peace treaty between Russia and Communist East Germany.

Gromyko's statement was a reply to western demands for a clear statement of Russia's conditions for a Berlin truce.

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## Pinehurst People Protest Joining Ashland District

### Residents Wish to Keep Grade School

Pinehurst residents last night protested the proposed reorganization of the non-high school district with Ashland school district, according to Bruce Hitt, assistant county school superintendent.

Hitt said, however, the group is not bitter toward the Jackson county reorganization committee which held the hearing nor did residents criticize the state or state law. Pinehurst people said they were against any coercion from Ashland to join its school district.

Pinehurst residents also want to keep the elementary school, which serves as a community and social center.

Difficult Highway

They felt also, Hitt said, that the highway to Ashland in the winter time would make it difficult for the younger Pinehurst pupils to travel the 22 miles to Ashland. Reorganization with Ashland would also make it difficult for those living on the Copco rd. two miles from Pinehurst since this road is blocked by snow during the winter.

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## Nixon Leaves Tonight To Visit Khrushchev

### "Oh, Not You Again!"



### Vice President Undismayed by Sudden Coolness

#### Russian Leader Puzzled by Trip

Washington—UPI—Vice President Richard M. Nixon prepared to fly tonight to Moscow, evidently undismayed by sudden Russian coolness toward his visit.

Emerging from a 40-minute final meeting with President Eisenhower, Nixon told reporters that the purpose of his trip was well defined and that he was prepared for "frank, give and take" talks with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Puzzled by Remark

Nixon said he could not understand why the Soviet leader said Tuesday he was puzzled about the aim of his visit to Moscow and his goodwill tour deep into Siberia. Asked about Khrushchev's remark, Nixon said:

"I could answer that better after I talk to him. The purpose of my trip is well defined. I would have thought that he was aware of it."

Nixon then added with a laugh: "I'm puzzled as to why he is puzzled."

The vice president's remarks indicated he was not dismayed by Khrushchev's statement or the attack made on U. S. policy by the Communist newspaper Pravda on the eve of Nixon's visit.

No Negotiations

The newspaper attack arose out of the President's proclamation of "captive nations week" calling for prayer on behalf of captive peoples.

Nixon said he was not authorized to negotiate with Khrushchev but that he intended to engage in "frank, give and take" discussion of differences between the two nations. He expressed hope that the talks would help "clear the air" but cautioned against linking his discussions to the Geneva talks aiming at paving the way for a summit conference.

Klamath Marsh Bill Introduced

Washington—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) introduced a bill in the Senate today to provide for acquisition of the Klamath marsh by the U. S. Wildlife Service on next Sept. 30, rather than April 1, 1961.

Neuberger said this was done to make available to Klamath tribal members as soon as possible the sum of \$510,905 which the government will pay for the marsh.

The Oregon senator said: "Many of these Indians are now in desperate financial circumstances because timber sales have ceased. Earlier payment of marsh funds will help keep them from becoming destitute, and welfare charges on state and local governments."

More Funds Needed For Highway Work

Washington—UPI—The Eisenhower administration warned today that contracting for new interstate highways will be halted for nine months if Congress doesn't act soon to provide more money.

Administration officials issued a fresh call for Congress to approve President Eisenhower's request for a 1½ cent gallon hike in gasoline taxes to ease this "critical situation."

The problem was outlined by Undersecretary of Commerce John J. Allen Jr. and the federal highway administrator, B. D. Tallamy, before the House Ways and Means committee, which opened three days of hearings on the highway financing muddle.

Seattle—UPI—Lehm Brown, Wenatchee, has been elected president of the International Apple association at its 65th convention here.

## Records Near New Mark As Hot Spell Continues in Area

Whew! If it hits 100 degrees here today—and it most likely will—Medford will tie a 31-year-old record for consecutive days over 100.

And if it hits 100 degrees tomorrow—and it probably will unless afternoon thundershowers develop—a new record will be set.

Only three times in the weather bureau's history has Medford had seven straight days of 100-plus weather. The first time was in 1911, the second in 1917, and the most recent in 1928.

It hit 106 degrees at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, equalling Saturday's high of 104 and two degrees over Monday's top.

The hot spell started last Thursday, when the mercury climbed up to 102. Friday was 104 and Sunday was 103.

The forecast today is for temperatures as high as 104, if the clouds don't work up a local storm. The weather bureau said they may or they may not, but if they don't it will continue hot.

In the five-day forecast, a definite cool trend is indicated for later in the week, with high marks dropping down to the 80's and 90's about Friday.

Yesterday's low was 63 degrees at 4 a. m. and the high was hit 13 hours, and 43 degrees, later.

Prospect, Siskiyou Dumps May Be Closed

The Prospect dump may be closed since it is a fire hazard, representatives of the state department of forestry told the Jackson county court today.

The state department of forestry also is urging that the dump maintained by the state highway department on Siskiyou, district warden, Curt Nesheim, be closed, Curt Nesheim said this morning. Nesheim said

the Siskiyou summit dump also is a fire hazard.

The Prospect dump, located across from the guard station, caught fire last week and endangered a stand of nearby timber. One member of a crew fighting the fire was injured when he fell down a cliff while returning to the guard station.

To Hold Meeting

Nesheim said state department of forestry officials would meet with residents of Prospect at the community hall there at 8 p. m. tomorrow to discuss the situation.

Both state department of forestry and highway department officials plan to examine the garbage dumping situation at the Siskiyou summit to see if the fire hazard there can be eliminated.

Meeting with the county court this morning were Nesheim and Doyle Stockton, of the state department of forestry, and Richard Lytle, resident engineer here with the state highway department.

Swimming Pool Gets Large Crowd

The municipal swimming pool has an attendance of more than 900 persons daily for the past several days, Robert Hayworth, city parks and recreation director, reported today.

He explained that Tuesday, children waited as long as two hours to get into the pool. He added that capacity, for safety reasons, is 450. This number includes both swimmers and those using the deck.

Hayworth said that this is the longest period of high attendance for the pool since it opened. He also mentioned that the season's attendance so far this year is exceeding previous years.

House Vote Approves Foreign Aid Measure

Washington—UPI—The House today approved a compromise bill authorizing foreign aid spending of \$3,556,200,000, 9 per cent less than President Eisenhower requested.

## Scouts Plan Climb Up Mt. McLoughlin

About 20 Explorer Scouts from troops in this area will climb 9,495-foot Mt. McLoughlin tonight in the fifth annual midnight climb, Scout officials said.

The boys, who are now at the Lake of the Woods camp, will carry full packs, and arrive at the top shortly before midnight. Flares will be set off when they reach the top, officials said.

They will camp on the mountain tonight, cook breakfast there in the morning, and return to the camp tomorrow morning.

John Crubb, Ashland, and Dick Clark, a senior at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, are hike leaders. They will be accompanied by other adults.

Humphrey Advocates East-West Cancer War

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## Final Report Set For Pace Program

The final progress report and the victory luncheon of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program will be held tomorrow noon in the Jackson hotel.

Bob Taylor, general chairman, said that all groups are conducting a last minute drive to complete their assignments and assure the goal of new members and an increased chamber budget.

Campaign officials express confidence that the minimum goal will be exceeded when the final tally is made at tomorrow's session.

All those engaged in campaign activity have been invited to attend the luncheon.

Association Sets Shady Cove Meeting

The Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association will hold a meeting at the Shady Cove school gymnasium at 8 p. m. Monday, Aug. 3. Bill Jess, president, has announced.

Henry Stewart of the Corps of Engineers and Travis Roberts of the U. S. Sport fisheries and wildlife service plan to attend to further discuss the Corps' Rogue basin program and its effect on fish.

Jess said they will answer questions which remained unanswered at the last meeting of the association.

## Police Agencies Ponder Questions of Unidentified Flying Objects Following Reports by Residents

Is Medford undergoing a visitation of unidentified flying objects? Are natural phenomena being seen in a way which makes them appear unnatural? Or is someone kidding?

State and city police were pondering these questions today, in the wake of reports that one former Medford couple had seen a "flying saucer," and that two couples on Mae st. had sighted a "terrifically bright, whitish-orange light" go across the sky last night.

The "flying saucer" report was made to city police by a couple who identified themselves as Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Evans, 706 South Oakdale ave. City police referred them to state police, and the couple, in considerable excitement, told officers they had seen an object they said was a flying saucer, and heard unexplained noises, on Hillcrest

rd. sometime after midnight.

They said they had gone there to visit the caretaker of a house, and, while waiting for him to return, heard footsteps, and then saw a blinding flash of light, followed by a piercing, whirling noise like helicopter blades. They left in a hurry, they said.

Returning a half-hour later, the couple said they saw lights come on, revealing a large, round object with octagon-shaped windows lit in brilliant yellow. "It definitely was a space ship," they told the investigating officer.

They then fled the Hillcrest rd. area again, and encountered a car they said was a 1955 Ford, which was blocking the intersection of Hillcrest and North Phoenix rds. They sped around it, they told police, but suddenly it was right behind

them, with "enormous yellow lights" skimming through the rear window of their car. They said it followed them, but "vanished completely" when they reached Valley View rd.

A state officer this morning visited the South Oakdale ave. address the couple had given, and found they had moved from there two weeks ago. Evans, a former employee of radio station KMED, left the station about that time, and his present whereabouts are not known by station officials.

The other report — given in a far less excited manner — was made by Vernon Hansen, 783 Mae st., who told the Mail Tribune that he and his wife and two neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Crandall, 678 Mae st., last night saw a bright, unexplained light go across the sky toward the north.

He said it was visible for about a minute, then blinked off and on several times, and then disappeared.

He said he estimated its speed at more than that of a jet plane, although guessing the real speed was difficult. He thought it was "pretty high" in the air.

The light, Hansen said, was brighter than any star in the sky. He watched it through binoculars, but could make no additional identification.

Another report of a strange light in the sky, possibly the same one seen by the Mae st. residents, came from Paul Mitchell, P.O. Box 315, Talent, who said he watched a "yellowish-orange" light cross the sky in less than a minute, at about 11:23 p. m. last night. He said it looked "too high and too fast" for a plane.

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