

506 COAL MINERS FEARED DEAD

Four Oregonians On Secret List For Rights Bill

Move To Dislodge Stalled Measure

Washington—(UPI)—Backers of civil rights legislation published today a secret list of 175 House members who have signed a petition to dislodge a stalled civil rights bill from the Rules Committee.

The list included 145 Democrats and 30 Republicans.

It was made public by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in an effort to bring pressure on those who haven't signed. Democratic liberals planned a talkshow in the House next Wednesday to persuade more Republicans to join their drive.

219 Minimum Needed

A minimum of 219 signatures, a majority of the House, is needed to discharge the bill from the Rules Committee and bring it to the floor.

By states the leadership conference's list included:

California—(D): James Roosevelt, John Shelley, Clyde Doyle, Harold T. Johnson, George Kassem, George P. Miller, John J. McFall, Clem Miller, Jeffrey Colahan, Harlan Hagen, John Moss, B. F. Sisk, Chet Hoffland, D. S. Sand, Cecil R. King, (R): John Baldwin, Charles S. Gubser.

Oregon—(D): Charles O. Porter, Edith Green, Al Ullman, (R): Walter Norblad.

Washington—(R): Thor Tolfson.

Realtor, Judge, Banker Honored At Ashland Event

Ashland—A realtor, a judge and a bank executive were honored Thursday night as Ashland's three outstanding citizens of 1959.

Realtor Henry Gale received the outstanding senior citizen award from the Kiwanis club, Municipal Court Judge Richard C. Cottle was named the year's "distinguished citizen" by the Ashland Jaycees, and Banker Emmett Whitman received the Ashland Chamber of Commerce's first annual "man of the year" award.

All three were presented plaques at a Oak Knoll Country club banquet sponsored jointly by the Kiwanis, the Jaycees, and the chamber. One hundred persons attended.

Others Mentioned

The Kiwanis also honored Mrs. Guy Applewhite and Clyde E. Smith, while the Jaycees singled out Ashland High School Principal Gaylord Smith and Accountant Lloyd Hoadley.

Banker Archie Fries and Arnold Bauder, Ashland merchant, were honored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Gale, who will be 84 this year, is believed to be Ashland's oldest active businessman. He was cited for 60 years' service to the community.

Principle speaker at the banquet was Dr. Marshall Woodell, who emphasized the importance of the citizens taking part in local government and other activities.

Master of ceremonies was Dr. Arthur Taylor.

Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) has recommended that the postal districts or Ordnance and Hermiton in Oregon be consolidated.

Timber Products Plans Expansion

A three-quarters of a million dollar expansion and modernization program is scheduled for 1960 by Timber Products company, a company spokesman announced today.

A research and development program is being launched at the plant at McAndrews rd. and Central ave. to seek new uses of waste products and improve present manufacturing techniques.

Barking and chipping facilities now manufacturing pulp chips being shipped to the Crown Zellerbach Paper company in St. Helens. Seven railroad carloads of chips, the equivalent of 300 tons, are shipped each day.

Possible elimination of one of the waste refuse burners is being considered for 1960. Now all burners are equipped with forced draft fans and cyclonic vent openings for maximum burning efficiency with the least smoke. By developing further uses for

waste by-products, the company hopes to eliminate all burners eventually, company officials said.

Long Range View

"From the long range viewpoint the company feels that any additional utilization of waste materials must come through new uses and products," a company official said.

"Waste materials will be too valuable shortly to be used as power in competition with highly efficient hydroelectric generators being installed by progressive power companies."

A nationwide marketing program will launch a finely graded and screened bark by-product called "Forest Loam" as another phase of the 1960 expansion. Locally, the product will be marketed in bulk form. Outside shipments will be made in 4-cubic foot bales.

Material source is the company's log control center installed last year. A log grader at this control center decides which logs are best suited for the plywood plant, sawmill and new gang mill. A whole log barker removes the bark from 350,000 board feet of logs daily. It is this material which is converted to "Forest Loam," officials said.

Leading Project

One of the leading expansion projects will be installation of new steam generating facilities for both lumber and plywood divisions.

The unit will replace existing facilities and will be the most modern type yet designed, a company official explained. Boilers will be fired with automatic stokers and will be equipped with automatically controlled forced and induced draft air systems. Cinder collectors and reinjectors will be installed to reduce objectionable smoke and eliminate air pollution. Cost of this installation is expected to be about a half million dollars, the spokesman said.

A new 24-opening hot press will provide the high quality hot press plywood, a company spokesman said. Estimated installation cost is over \$100,000.

Another planned installation for the plywood operation is a semi-automatic panel patching and handling system. Veneer dryers will be equipped with automatic continuous moisture recorders for closer control of veneer moisture content.

Integrated Operation

"Company operations in Medford are among the most completely integrated operations in the west, manufacturing pulp chips, plywood and lumber," a company official noted. "Completion of the proposed 1960 projects will make the operation one of the most modern and efficient plants in the industry. Sustained yield practices are being used for the company's 70,000 acres of forest land."

Timber Products plant covers approximately 160 acres. Forty acres of this is for storage for a maximum inventory of 30 million board feet. It employs 470 people and has a half million dollar monthly payroll.

Jury Returns Verdict In Favor of Longs

A Jackson county circuit court jury yesterday returned a verdict of \$32,500 in favor of Richard H. and Genora Long, who own property near Rogue River which was condemned for the new Highway 99 freeway.

The Longs asked \$37,600.30 for the 3.8 acres of property located near Evans Creek and between the railroad tracks and the Rogue river. It contains 650 feet of river frontage. The state had offered \$22,750.

Final testimony was heard Wednesday afternoon with final arguments and instruction to the jury given Thursday morning.

No Explosion Clue Found in Crash Study

Washington—(UPI)—Continuing autopsy examinations on Julian Frank's remains tend to show no evidence so far of powder burns from dynamite or any other explosive, informed sources said today.

Nor, they said, is there any evidence so far that the airliner in which Frank and 33 others died in a crash near Bolivia, N.C., was destroyed by "willful means."

Court Considers Use of Buildings At Warehouse Site

National Guard Plans To Give Up Structures

Future use for some of the buildings at the National Guard warehouse site at Table Rock and Antelope rds., Camp White, are being considered by the Jackson county court, County Judge Earl Miller has reported.

The court, which has expressed an interest in at least a few of the buildings, was asked to submit a formal request expressing its desire for the buildings, which the National Guard is considering deactivating.

The state military department has plans to keep two large buildings, a small one and the apartment in which the station's supervisor lives. But it plans to dispose of the majority of the large buildings at the east end of the property, according to Col. Robert Irving (Ret.), station supervisor.

Colonel Irving said vehicles and supplies from National Guard units in Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Cottage Grove are stored in the buildings. By restoring, the supplies and most of the vehicles can be kept in the buildings the National Guard plans to retain, he said.

Plans for disposition of the structures, which were part of the Camp White military base in World War II, resulted from an economy move by the state military department, Colonel Irving said.

However, when the county court expressed an interest in some of the buildings, Gov. Mark Hatfield ordered a delay in final disposition until the court's desire was submitted.

Judge Miller said the court is considering its request to the state, which probably will be submitted sometime next week.

Whether the county gets any buildings, Miller emphasized, depends on how much money will be involved.

Miller said one of the chief interests in at least two of the buildings was for use as county shops, since the Highway 99 freeway will take some of the present county shop property. An interchange in the vicinity of the county shop when the freeway is completed may result in traffic problems, and it may be desirable to seek another location for the shops, he said.

Another interest is for Civil Defense purposes, he said. Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county Civil Defense director, said there are now some Civil Defense supplies stored in one of the buildings, and another is used as a communication center for the county CD network.

Interim Group to Have Hearing in GP

Grants Pass—The state interim committee on natural resources will hold a public hearing on a proposal to merge various state boards in the field of natural resources at 8 o'clock tonight in the old fire building here.

Proposed mergers including joining the fish and game commission, consolidation of state hydroelectric commissions, state engineer's department, and state water resources board, and of the state board of forestry, state land board, state board of agriculture, soil conservation department and department of geology and mineral industries.

Presiding at the session will be Sen. Andrew J. Naterlin of Lincoln and Tillamook counties.

Mrs. Ragland New GOP Chairman Here

Mrs. James Ragland has been named chairman of the Jackson County Republican Central committee, succeeding Don Stathos, he Wednesday was named secretary of the State Republican Central committee.

Mrs. Ragland was vice chairman of the local committee.

She will serve until new officers are elected by the committee 45 days after the May primary.

The announcement was made by the executive board after a luncheon conference with State Chairman Peter Gunnar Wednesday.

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Living Costs Show Decline

First Drop in 4 Months Noted In Price Index

Service Rates Continue Higher

Washington—(UPI)—The nation's living costs declined in December for the first time in four months, the government reported today.

The Labor Department's consumer price index fell one-tenth of 1 per cent to the October level of 125.5 per cent of average 1947-49 prices.

It was still 1.5 per cent above the level of a year ago, however.

Wage Increases Due

The department announced that despite the decline, about 575,000 workers will get one to two cents an hour wage increases because of previous advances in the cost of living.

About 330,000 workers in electrical equipment plants, including General Electric, and West Coast aircraft firms will get a penny an hour pay boost.

Another 230,000 workers in the trucking industry will get raises of two cents an hour and 12,000 in miscellaneous categories will get a penny. Their wages are tied to the index through cost of living clauses in labor contracts.

November Advance Erased

The December drop wiped out a one-tenth of 1 per cent advance in the index for November.

The average for the year was nine-tenths of 1 per cent above the 1958 average. This increase in the past four years and well below most of the post-war years, the Labor Department said.

Average buying power of factory workers shot up more than 2½ per cent last month because of the decline in living costs and increasing wages reflected by the end of the steel dispute.

Fire Station Fire Idles Department

Corvallis—(UPI)—Fire early today put the Fairplay fire department out of commission.

The fire station at the small community five miles north of here caught fire shortly after midnight from a flooded oil stove and damaged the district's only engine.

Fire Chief Al Gueber said his son, Allen, smelled smoke coming from the cement block building and called the Corvallis fire department. A farm tractor was used to pull the burning engine from the building. The flames were quickly doused.

Damage to the engine was estimated at \$300 to \$400.

City Manager John Porter of Corvallis said fire protection would be given to the area until the engine can be repaired.

Penalty Is \$1,700, Not As Reported

A penalty ordered assessed against Steven O. Wilson, Camp White, for exceeding his permit authority, totals \$1,700, not \$17,000 as reported by United Press International yesterday.

The penalty was ordered by Public Commissioner Jone C. Hill on a complaint brought by James E. Singleton, PUC transportation director, who said Wilson on 17 occasions transported machinery in the Medford area in violation of his PUC authority.

The penalty is not in effect, as a fine now due and payable, it was pointed out. Wilson will have a chance to present his side of the case before Hill, and a penalty, if any, will depend on the outcome of this procedure.



AMBASSADOR LEAVES CUBA—Spanish Ambassador Juan P. Lojendio manages a broad grin and waves his hat at a jeering airport mob which shouted "Out, you jackass, and don't come back!" as he prepares to board an airliner for New York, en route to Madrid. A Cuban army escort with rifles and submachine guns follows close behind. Lojendio had been ordered to leave Cuba by the Castro government. Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador Philip Bonsal has been recalled to Washington for "consultations". (UPI Telephoto)

Air Pollution Control Meeting Date Is Changed

A public meeting on air pollution control progress, originally scheduled for Monday evening, has been changed to Tuesday, Jan. 26, it was announced today.

Members of the Air Pollution Control and Abatement league said the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the county courthouse auditorium.

It was also announced that representatives of the fruit and lumber industries will be on hand to report what is being done, and that there will be a report from City Sanitary Service Co.

Dunbar Carpenter, chairman of an orchardists committee which is working for voluntary compliance in the industry with air pollution control standards, will report for that group.

To Tell of Efforts

Lumbermen who will tell of their own efforts will include George Flanagan of Elk Lumber Co., Tom Oliver of Timber Products Co., Stuart McQueen of Kogap Lumber Industries, and B. L. (Bud) Nutting of Medco.

Anthony Bointano of the garbage collection firm is scheduled to tell of its progress toward obtaining a sanitary landfill garbage collection site.

A league spokesman also indicated there will be a discussion of open trash burning in residence areas, the cause of considerable air pollution, and what control measures may be required to alleviate it.

Forestry Hearing Set by Democrats

Democratic State Chairman Robert W. Straub has announced that a public hearing will be held in the Multnomah hotel Tuesday, Jan. 26, for interested persons to express their views as to what items dealing with forestry should be in this year's national program.

Straub has been appointed chairman of a subcommittee on forestry by C. Girard Davidson, chairman of the national resources committee of the Democratic National committee.

Straub noted that normally public meetings are not held to consider platform material for a political party, but because of the importance and significance of forestry management to Oregon economy, the Democratic party has expressed a desire to have residents present their views.

Portland—(UPI)—The board of directors of Northwest Natural Gas Company has declared a quarterly dividend on common stock of 18 cents per share.

Straub Discusses Problems Facing Democratic Party

A victory for the Democratic party this year lies in its ability to define problems that face the people of Oregon.

Democrats must sharpen up their arguments and talk in terms of facts and key issues, State Sen. Robert W. Straub, Eugene, state chairman, said in a talk last evening in Medford.

Speaking before a group of party workers in the Medford Labor Temple, Straub told them not to underestimate the amount of work being done by the Republicans as they try to regain the majority in the state legislature.

What Party Must Stress

The state chairman said that the party must stress the lack of performance of Resolutions to problems that the country faces. Cited were the lack of a solution to the nation's farm problem and progress of the missile program.

Speaking of the Republican's failure to establish a program in Oregon to provide housing for the aging, Straub said that Democrats should develop answers to issues even though they cost money. "The party must promote things we stand for," Straub challenged his audience, "present ideas and convictions. We don't want to find ourselves backed into a corner yelling 'lies' at Republican charges."

Mission of Trip

Straub, who arrived here from Portland and Eugene, was en route to Coos Bay. The mission of his trip is to get ideas how the state organization may become more efficient.

He complimented the Jackson county Democratic party saying it had one of the best records of any county in Oregon for work on the precinct and county level. The state chairman added that no matter how active the state party is, without the machinery on the precinct level to get out the votes it is no good.

Following the informal talk a discussion period was held. The meeting concluded with Straub meeting with the local delegates who will attend the Democratic state convention next week in Eugene when a party platform will be formulated.

Oil Industry Members To Be Honored Tonight

Ten members of the oil industry from Medford will be honored at the annual "Go Devil" award banquet at the Rogue Valley Country club at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The Medford Oil Information committee, one of 23 local OICs working under the state committee in Oregon and southwestern Washington, was judged the outstanding such group in the state for its activities in the past year, according to Kenneth G. Johnson, state OIC chairman.

This is the first time since the award affairs started that the annual banquet is being held outside Portland. The state group believed that Medford was due tribute since it had the winning team for the

Men Trapped in Collapsed Shaft Of Africa Mine

Rescue Teams Forced Back

Coalbrook, South Africa—(UPI)—All 506 coal miners trapped for 20 hours by a collapsed shaft "may already be dead," an official of the Clydesdale mine said today.

"There's about 8,000 tons of rock, coal, and dust between the rescue parties and the trapped men," he said. "I can't see how anybody could survive that long."

The men were trapped 600 feet below ground Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (p.s.t.) when a rockfall sealed them in. Shaft filling with gas.

An earlier statement all but gave up hope for the 500 Africans and six white men trapped in a shaft filling with deadly methane gas.

Rescue teams had to turn back because of the heavy concentration of gas, which was freed from old abandoned areas of the mine when the walls collapsed.

The rockfall caused a breakdown in the main ventilating fan machinery and for hours almost no fresh air reached the men. The system was repaired later but officials feared it was too late.

An earlier rockfall knocked out other ventilation machinery.

Others Brought Out

It was almost a twin disaster in the mine. The first fall of rock trapped more than 200 miners Thursday and rescuers were able to bring them out. But then it developed 506 men, six Europeans and 500 natives, were trapped farther down.

Mine officials rushed additional rescue teams from Johannesburg in the Transvaal, 50 miles away, and from other mining centers in the area. But the explosions blocked the miners late Thursday and there was little air to breathe.

Lesser Disaster Year Ago

Today was exactly one year after a lesser mine disaster in Pennsylvania when a flood-swollen, ice-packed Susquehanna river broke through its bed and flooded the tunnels of the Knox Coal Company's Port Griffith mine. A number of miners escaped, but 12 men were trapped in the honeycomb of tunnels and their bodies were never found.

Pear Blossom Group To Consider Theme

Theme for the seventh annual Pear Blossom Festival will be discussed at a meeting of the planning group Monday, Jan. 25, at the Jackson hotel, according to Russ Jamison, president of the Festival association.

Representatives of valley clubs and firms interested in serving on committees to help plan the spring event have been asked to attend.

Committees named at a recent meeting include parade judging, Elliott Becken, chairman; finance and merchants participation, Gene Orr, Ron Gendee, Howard Boyd and Lowell Liverson; floats, Fred Beck; parade Jay Seelye; traffic, Sgt. Raymond Sierce; Medford Police department; publicity, Mrs. Kay Mansfield, Gande and Mrs. Julie Tummers; gifts and awards, Granville Brittain; king and queen, Bob Boyer and John Watkins; and special events, Bob Hawthorn and Mrs. Edith Eden.

Preliminary plans call for a four-day event, April 21-24, highlighted by spring merchant promotions, a parade, tours of the blossom routes and other special events.

Freezing Rain Turns Portland Streets To Ice

Portland—(UPI)—Portland was still suffering from the effects of its worst snowstorm in four years today although no snow has fallen since late Tuesday.

Freezing rain fell this morning on already slippery streets, several families were marooned by snowdrifts piled up by east winds, some outlying schools remained closed, and many persons were injured by falls.

Streets Slippery

A silver thaw was reported between Troutdale and Rooster rock in the Columbia gorge.

In addition, at least six deaths have been blamed on the storm.

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MARK BOYDEN Files for Surveyor

Local Man Files For Surveyor

Mark Boyden, 35, of 2541 Sandy Terrace, Medford, yesterday afternoon filed as a Republican candidate for county surveyor. He is now deputy county surveyor, a position he has held since 1954, when he was appointed.

Boyden said he filed because the office will be vacated this year. Paul Rynning, who retired as county engineer recently, is still surveyor. The term ends this year.

Rynning this week announced he would be a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

Boyden was born in Medford and attended local schools. He received a degree in civil engineering from Oregon State college in 1949, and was registered as a professional land surveyor in 1951.

This is the first time he has sought a public office.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness through Saturday. Chance of a few light showers near mountains. Little temperature change. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 52.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	39
	42

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	5:11 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:35 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	2:42 a.m.
New Moon	Jan. 23

Saturn, the most distant planet easily seen, is now reappearing in the morning sky. A rocket with sufficient speed to reach the Moon in one minute would take nearly 3 days to reach Saturn.

Freezing Rain Turns Portland Streets To Ice

Portland—(UPI)—Portland streets, remained covered with crusted snow here. Some of the snow melted on streets Thursday and more thawing was expected today. But the streets without snow turned into sheets of ice early today from freezing temperatures and light freezing rain.

A snow plow Thursday reached an area near Blue Lake where 70 families had been snowed since Tuesday by snowdrifts. Two oil trucks and a milk truck also got through. Four families had to move in with friends because they were out of fuel oil. Some families also were reported marooned in the Boring Valley, Clackamas county.