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Action Deferred on Request For More Money for Research



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Salem—(UPI)—Action has been deferred on a request for another \$11,000 from the state toward research into pear decline in the Medford area.

The action was taken after Chancellor John Richards of the state system of higher education told the board he would recommend to the board of higher education that it dip into reserves so that the study may be continued.

Jackson county pear growers appeared before the emergency board and told them for lack of funds, the research might have to be discontinued next June 30.

Two officers of the Jackson county fruit growers league delivered a petition to the board, and were accompanied by former Republican State Sen. Paul Lowry, Medford.

Lowry said the loss in vitality of the pear trees is a "strange and baffling matter." It was first noticed in 1957. Now many trees are dead and others are producing less, he said.

Paul Culbertson of the league said 73 per cent of the orchards in the area have been affected. Pears constitute 51 per cent of Jackson county's agricultural economy.

"And we don't know yet what it is," he said. "It's a kind of pear cancer."

League President Charles Henry said the industry is threatened with extinction unless the disease is checked. An estimated \$18,000 will be needed next year to continue the program.

Oregon State college has been directing the research through Prof. Henry Hartman. F. E. Price, dean of agriculture at OSC, said the school could contribute another \$5,000.

The growers, who have already expended \$27,000, said their funds were limited only to another \$2,000.

The \$11,000 difference is sought from the state.

House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford), board member, moved to defer the request after other members voiced reluctance to allocate the money from the emergency fund.

Price agreed with Duncan that the pear problem is "as serious an agricultural problem as any in the state."

Senate President Walter Pearson (D-Portland), board chairman, spoke for the board, telling the Medford delegation it would get the "appropriate one way or the other."

Forecasts of inflow to Four-mile, Fish and Hyatt lakes are 70, 68, and 77 per cent of normal, respectively, he added.

Flow of streams heading in low elevations will be extremely short this year, he said, but probably slightly better than last year.

Statewide, Oregon's water supply outlook for the spring and summer months varies from only "fair" to "very poor" and is similar to last year's "short" water situation.

Tickets may be purchased from Manville Heisel, John Dellenback, both Medford attorneys, and Sheriff Joe Walsh, or at the door Friday noon.

The congressman has spoken in Medford before as a guest speaker of the Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club.

Judd was a medical missionary and hospital superintendent in China from 1925-31 and 1934-38 under the foreign mission board of Congregational churches, it was reported.

After firsthand observation of Communist movement in China beginning in 1927, and invasion of China by Japan in 1937, he returned from China in 1938 to spend two years speaking throughout the United States to arouse Americans to the menace of Japanese military expansion and the threat to world peace of Communist subversion in China, a spokesman said.

Kennedy Says Thanks—Thanks for What?

Terre Haute, Ind. — (UPI)—Sen. John Kennedy took pains to thank each well-wisher in a long reception line at a Democratic gathering Friday night.

Midway through the line a smiling man shook Kennedy's hand and said, "I hope you get beaten."

"Thank you very much, Sir," Kennedy said, already turning a beaming face to the next person in line.

Weather Boosts Employment Over Winter Average

Generally mild, dry weather this winter brought a higher than usual level of employment in Jackson county, John J. Patton, manager of the Medford state employment service office, said Saturday.

The high unemployment usually associated with January has not occurred, he noted.

In late December, Patton said, there was a considerable amount of unemployment which continued into early January because of freezing weather accompanied by storms in the mountain areas.

As a result, some logging operations closed down and much outside work had to slow down.

The situation proved to be of short duration, he added, and by the end of the month many employees had returned to work.

"This trend of re-employment is unusual at this time of the year," Patton pointed out. "It generally occurs about 30 to 60 days later in the season."

Unemployment claims filed during January covered about 5 per cent fewer weeks of unemployment than for the same period last year, and were about 45 per cent below the level experienced two years ago.

While job conditions are better than usual for this time of the year, Patton said, they are not encouraging for new job seekers with much depending on weather conditions.

There are no general layoffs in any industry, he noted. Even if bad weather should now be experienced, the resulting shutdowns would be of short duration because of the lateness of the season.

In the event of such bad weather, the beginning of the seasonal upturn in employment could still be experienced by the end of March, he added.

"If the present mild weather continues, the season will start even earlier," Patton added.

Orchard operators have found the mild weather favorable, and are making good progress with pruning and no present shortage of help, he said.

Job placements made by Patton's office were slightly more than double the number made last January, he said. This is a good indication of the improvement of business conditions over a year ago, Patton noted.

A shortage of well qualified stenographers still is a problem and many skilled occupations are still on relatively short supply, he added.

Roseburg Firm Submits Low Bid

The Todd Construction company of Roseburg submitted a low bid of \$437,400 to construct the proposed Medford Motor hotel.

Bids were opened Friday at the office of Robert J. Keeney, one of the architects for the proposed motel which, according to its owner, Asa I. Arnsberg, will be the largest in Medford.

Arnsberg said the motel will have 60 units forming a U-shaped structure in the center of which will be a heated swimming pool.

The motel will be constructed adjacent to the Medford hotel which is also owned by Arnsberg.

Medford, Italian City May Join As Sister Cities

Group Recommends Selection of Alba

Alba, Italy may become Medford's sister city. The Town Affiliation committee unanimously recommended Friday that Alba, a city of 16,000 population in northwestern Italy, be selected as Medford's sister city.

The recommendation now will go to the city council and if approved Mayor John Snider will invite the Mayor of Alba to join with Medford in an exchange of visitors, arts, culture, gifts, music, literature and ideas, to promote a better understanding between the cities.

If the two cities do become sister cities it will make them the two smallest cities in the world to participate in the Town Affiliation Program which President Eisenhower recommended in 1956, as a means of combatting Communism.

Portland is the only other Oregon city to have a sister city affiliation. It is affiliated with Sapporo, Japan.

Committee Chairman Robert Bacus said it is the intent of this program to foster better relationships through cultural exchanges on a person-to-person basis as distinguished from official government contacts.

Bacus said that in making the recommendation the committee wanted to find a city of comparable size to Medford with similar interests and cultural background, and decided that a city in Italy would best meet these qualifications.

They asked the American Municipal association if they could help and they indicated that Alba would be a good city and also that they are interested in the program.

Alba is located on the Tanaro river in northwestern Italy. It specializes in agriculture, light manufacturing of silk and food products, and it is said that it is the oldest city in Italy, Bacus pointed out.

The Town Affiliation committee with Bacus as chairman was appointed by Mayor Snider a year ago to gather information on various cities and make a recommendation.

Besides Bacus, other committee members are Bill Barker, Mrs. Justin Smith, Bill Singler, and Dick Woodcock.

State Official to Address Luncheon

Roy Smith, southern Oregon representative of the wage and hour division of the state bureau of labor, will speak at Monday's Medford Chamber of Commerce round-table luncheon.

He will discuss his activities and the services that the bureau provides for this part of the country. The round-table will be held in the Jackson hotel at noon and anyone may attend.

Sports Bulletins

Grants Pass—Grants Pass trimmed Ashland 67-35 here Saturday night in a Southern Oregon conference basketball scuffle.

Medford high ran its undefeated record in the Southern Oregon conference to 10 straight games last night by beating the Crater basketball quintet here 73-37. The Black Tornado led at the half 35-13.

Booth Deskins collected 15 points and Jerry Shults 14 for Medford. Dennis Edwards' 10 was high for the Comets.

Ashland—Southern Oregon College held off a late rally by Eastern Oregon College to defeat the Mounties 75-72 here last night. Pasco Arzmitola of EOC scored all scores with 20 points while Gordy Carrigan hit 19 for the winners as the teams split a two-game series.

Corvallis—Oregon State's Jim Woodland sank two free throws with 20 seconds remaining in the game here Saturday night to give the Beavers a 55-54 victory over Oregon.

World Issues Tops, Says Nixon



GRONCHI IN MOSCOW—Italian President Giovanni Gronchi (left) is greeted by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev after arriving at Moscow airport Saturday. At rear between them is Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella. Just behind Gronchi is Soviet President Kliment Voroshilov.

U.S. 'Strongest Nation,' Claims Vice President

Addresses California Newspaper Group

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said Saturday "the international issue in all its aspects" —including national defense—would override all domestic issues in the 1960 Presidential campaign.

Nixon told members of the California Newspaper Publishers association "We have a complex of strength so great that no potential aggressor can launch an attack and can be certain that he will knock out all our deterrent power."

The Vice President, after earlier stating his entry in Presidential primaries of New Hampshire and California indicated "conclusive proof" he was an active candidate for President, was asked what he believed the major campaign issues would be.

He said the international issue would be No. 1. He elaborated by saying this included the security and survival of the U.S. of America, national defense, foreign policy and the non-military aspects that go with it, including the cold war.

The Vice President discounted what he called the fallacy of "the numbers game" in the so-called missile race and defense. He said the nation had no choice but to maintain a deterrent force that will keep an aggressor from risking an attack.

"As long as they (potential aggressors) are convinced we are going to be firm they will see the folly of maintaining a terrific balance of terror," said Nixon.

"The U.S. has the resources and we must have the will to maintain an adequate deterrent," he told a luncheon meeting of the newspaper publishers, who gave him a standing ovation after the give-and-take of a question-and-answer session. "We can and will maintain a deterrent that will discourage any aggressor."

On the question of the "missile gap," Nixon said, "I think when you do this (speak of numerical comparison) you make a grave error. Numbers are important but what is more important is that we have no deterrent or lag."

Ike Names Global Goals Commission

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower appointed an 11-member national goals commission Saturday "to identify the great issues of our generation" and recommend national policies for the next decade or more.

"The commission has the opportunity to sound a call for greatness to a resolute people in the best tradition of our founding fathers," the President said in a memorandum outlining his job.

Saturday's long-delayed announcement carries out a plan first proposed by Eisenhower in his 1959 state of the union message to Congress 13 months ago.

The membership includes five educators, two business executives, a labor leader, an editor, a retired general, and a retired jurist.

It was announced Wednesday that Dr. Henry Wriston, former president of Brown university and now president of the American Assembly at Columbia university, would be chairman of the commission. Frank Pace, former secretary of the Army and now chairman of the board of General Dynamics Co., Inc., was also named vice chairman.

Los Angeles — (UPI) — The sophisticated surgeon who brought a jury to tears by relating his wife's dying words will explain Monday how he fled in panic from the scene to the Las Vegas apartment of his mistress.

When Dr. R. Bernard Finch completes his version of the fateful night for the defense his story will come under the dissecting scalpel of cross-examination.

Conrad Gives Reason for Absence at Springbrook

W. H. Conrad said Saturday he was not on the job for 13 days at the Springbrook sewer installation because he had to complete work on two small sewer installations before it rained.

He could have told the city council this, he said, if they had notified him that he would be asked to account for those 13 days at last Thursday's council meeting.

The council fined Conrad \$325 for 13 days in which he did not work out of 60 extra days it took him to complete the Springbrook sanitary sewer project, after he was unable to account for those days when he was asked to do so by the council.

Conrad said if they had notified him ahead of time, he could have referred to his work sheets and given them the reason but he was not able to remember that far back on the spur of the moment.

He said he feels that he completed the sewer installation in a reasonable length of time because the contract, based on city estimates, read that 125 cubic yards of rock would have to be removed when there were actually 688 yards.

This is 5 1/2 times the amount of rock that the city engineers had estimated, he said, while it took him only 2 1/2 times the contract time to complete the project.

He said the city wants to fine him for 13 days he did not work on the Springbrook sewer when he was actually doing a rush job on other sewers for the city.

Conrad pointed out that he contracted for the other sewer jobs before he found that the rock estimate by the city was so incorrect as to extend the time necessary to complete the Springbrook job far beyond the original 60-day period.

These two smaller sewer installations had to be completed before it rained, which would have made work impossible, meaning the people in these areas would have been without sewers for the winter.

Because the Springbrook sewer could be worked on under adverse weather conditions, he left that project for 13 days to finish the smaller ones, then returned to Springbrook and completed it as fast as possible, he said.

All of these jobs were being inspected daily by inspectors from the same city department so the city should have been aware that he was not working on the Springbrook project, he said.

Conrad said he realizes the property owners are going to pay more than they first expected and it would certainly be adding insult to injury to assess them an extra \$25 for each day on which he did not work.

"But," he said, "isn't \$25 per day quite a sum to pay because a city inspector, who is a monthly paid employee of the city, drove past the project once a day at an actual cost to the city?"

Italian President Begins USSR Tour

Moscow—(UPI)—President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy began a six day visit to the Soviet Union Saturday expressing hope that it would be a "contribution to the cause of peace."

Soviet President Kliment Voroshilov, who returned only 50 minutes before from a trip to India, Burma and Nepal, handled the official greeting duties as the host chief of state.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, who is head of the government, was on hand but stayed mostly in the background.

As the 72-year-old Gronchi's plane circled for a landing, seven Soviet planes roared over in salute.

With Gronchi was his wife, Carla, their son, Mario, and Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella.

A crack regiment of the Moscow military garrison staged a brief march past.

Voroshilov told Gronchi he hoped the visit would "promote the strengthening of mutual relations between us, and the relaxation of international tension which is the wish of all people."

Washington—Top U.S. officials held a special conference Saturday on preparations for the East-West disarmament talks scheduled for Geneva about March 15.

Washington—Sen. Wayne L. Morse Saturday postponed until "sometime next week" his announcement on whether he will enter the Maryland Democratic Presidential primary May 17.

Northfield, Vt.—Russia plans to hurl into space within the next two weeks a test capsule capable of carrying two men, rocket expert Willie Ley said here Friday night.

Washington—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former Army Chief of Staff, suffered a broken arm, cuts and bruises when struck by a taxicab Saturday evening in downtown Washington, authorities reported.

New York—Two elderly spinsters wearing high-button shoes and black 1900-style dresses were found hanged Saturday night in their immaculate three-room apartment. Police said they had committed suicide rather than be evicted from their home of 25 years.

Hollywood — Lindsay Crosby married a Las Vegas dancer Saturday in a brief Roman Catholic service, to become the third of Crooner Bing Crosby's four adult sons to wed.

Washington — German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will confer with President Eisenhower here on March 15, the White House announced. An Adenauer visit here had been anticipated for some time but the exact date had not been set officially.

Taipei, Formosa—Red Chinese coast artillery bombarded the Nationalist Matsu Islands Saturday for the first time since September, it was announced.

Oil City, Pa.—House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck accused Democratic Congressman Saturday night of "playing a fast political game to get the farm vote."

Cairo—Officials said Saturday the United Arab Republic would reject Israeli conditions for a discussion of border flare-ups between the UAR and Israel.

Cologne, Germany—A young German who said he painted swastikas on a synagogue "to redeem the honor of German soldiers," was sentenced to 10 months in prison Saturday.

Concord, N.H.—The names of Adlai Stevenson and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller officially appeared Saturday in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation Presidential primary.

Irrigation Water Outlook Only Fair

The outlook for the 1960 irrigation water supplies in the Rogue - Umpqua watersheds is only "fair" with nearly "all sections sure to have shortages in the late season," according to W. T. Frost, Portland.

Frost is snow survey supervisor for the U.S. department of agriculture, soil conservation service, Oregon agricultural experiment station and the state engineer.

"Stored water supplies," he said, "are far below normal and expected inflow to the reservoirs will be extremely short."

Water content of the mountain snow cover, he added, is more than double that of last year at this date, but it is still only 54 per cent of the Feb. 1 normal.

Snow Pack Low In a normal winter about two-thirds of the total winter's snow pack is on the ground by Feb. 1, Frost said.

Kennedy Claims Johnson Top Foe

Bismarck, N.D. — (UPI) — Sen. John Kennedy said Saturday he considers Sen. Lyndon Johnson his strongest opposition for the Democratic presidential nomination, despite Johnson's statement Friday night that he is not a candidate.

Kennedy said "There is nothing new about Johnson's statement. I still consider him my strongest opponent and have no doubts he will go to the convention with solid support."

Kennedy arrived here Saturday, after filling in the West Virginia primary. He planned a visit to Jamestown to confer with state Democratic leaders, who are admittedly behind Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

"Oh, There Might Be A Slight Gap In Some Areas"

