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Hatfield's Sterilization Proposal Charged, Denied

Public Welfare Chairman Says Plan Mentioned

Photostatic Copy Of Letter Offered

Coos Bay - (UPI) - Robert Straub, chairman of the Oregon Democratic Central committee, charged Wednesday night that Gov. Mark Hatfield had suggested sterilization of unwed mothers on public welfare.

Straub produced a photostatic copy of a letter he said was written to J. H. Luhn, chairman of the Public Welfare commission, dated Oct. 8, 1959, which he said suggested the plan.

Hatfield was not immediately available for comment. He was flying from Salt Lake City to Denver today.

In Portland, Luhn would not disclose contents of the letter. However, he said that only a brief reference was made on the proposal and that several plans were proposed by the governor for cutting welfare costs.

Straub said the letter suggested sterilization as "one way to discourage abuse by recipients" of the state welfare program.

Hesitates Making Public Speaking before the candidates meeting of the Coos County Democratic Central committee, Straub said Hatfield also included among other considerations the possibility of de-emphasis of the "very highly developed" child welfare program.

Straub said Hatfield proposed vigorous enforcement of the relative responsibility provisions of the welfare law. Straub told the meeting he hesitated to make the letter public, but "because of the seriousness of the sterilization proposal" he felt the public had the right to know.

Straub said, "Can you conceive of such a lack of compassion shown towards members of our society who have already experienced such trouble and unhappiness."

"Who does Governor Hatfield think he is that he would suggest this shocking proposal to tamper with nature as one of his ideas for saving money?"

"What offices does Hatfield think he occupies? I can assure the governor that if he dares to make a request to the next Legislature for legal authority to implement such a scheme that he will receive the most decisive repudiation that any governor of Oregon has ever received."

Straub also rapped Hatfield for delays in getting a sprinkling system started at the former tuberculosis hospital in The Dalles.

Straub said the improvements were ordered last May and Hatfield had promised completion by January. Straub said the improvements were still not in.

One Appointment Made for Blood

Only one appointment had been made this morning for the emergency visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Jackson county chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., tomorrow morning, Red Cross officials said today.

No quota has been set for the visit, but Red Cross officials here expressed hope of a good turnout of walk-in donors to help meet the state's need of 600 pints of blood.

Hours for tomorrow's visit are between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The emergency for blood developed when soldiers at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where normally 150 pints are collected daily, went on a four-day maneuver.



JACK HOFFBUHR



PATRICIA NOVAK

Medford, Phoenix Seniors Win Elks Lodge Scholarships

Miss Patricia Novak, a senior at Medford High school, and Jack Hoffbuhr, a senior at Phoenix High school, are winners of Elks lodge scholarships, Exalted Ruler William E. Ruck, has announced.

Miss Novak is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Novak, 429 North Holly st., Medford, and Hoffbuhr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hoffbuhr, 555 Murphy rd., Medford.

Candidates for the Elks scholarship are judged on scholarship, financial need, extra curricular and out of school activities, personality and leadership, and perseverance and resourcefulness.

Shop Destroyed by Fire at White City

Central Point - A small shop building behind the Robert Nelson home, 214 Adjax st., in the White City area was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday evening, according to Central Point rural firemen.

The blaze was confined to the shop and was thought to have started from a heating stove. Alarm was given about 8:10 p.m.

The fire occurred on a rural fire district drill and about 17 volunteers answered the call.

Washington - (UPI) - The House Public Works committee has approved a bill designating Detroit dam in Oregon as Douglas McKay dam.

Today's Young People Should Be Like 'Adamantine Chain', Vaughan Notes

Today's young people should be like John Milton's "adamantine chain," a link between the past and the future, Thomas Vaughan told approximately 375 persons who attended the Student Government Day banquet at the Elks' temple last night.

When they are made aware of the past, they then acquire a sense of responsibility for the future and transmit what they have learned forward, he said.

One of the things that youths are receiving from the past today, according to Vaughan, is a personal, individual, and at the same time collective, government, which, because of them, will go on with meaning for many years to come.

Vaughan, director of the Oregon Historical Society and past member of the state centennial commission, paid tribute both to the students participating in the 12th annual Student Government Day and to the City of Medford on the 75th anniversary of its city charter.

Spokesman for Governor Claims Charge 'Untruth'

'Same Old Gimmick,' Assistant Declares

Salem - (UPI) - A spokesman for Gov. Mark Hatfield declared today that a claim by state Democrat party Chairman Robert Straub that Hatfield suggested sterilization of unwed mothers on the welfare rolls "is a complete untruth and distortion."

Warne Nunn, the governor's administrative assistant, said "there was no such proposal."

Denver - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon said today a charge by Oregon Democratic Chairman Robert Straub that Hatfield advocated sterilization of unwed mothers on welfare "is a false, distorted statement."

Hatfield said, "I have not advocated it but I have discussed it with the Welfare Commission."

He confirmed, however, that the topic had been "discussed" at a meeting last fall. Nunn said he talked this morning with Welfare Commission Chairman J. H. Luhn, who recalled that "it was mentioned in passing, as a review of what had been discussed by others around the state. But it certainly did not take the form of a recommendation."

Nunn said "it's the same old gimmick of taking something out of context." He termed Straub's making the letter public "political shenanigans in the night."

In the Oct. 9, 1959, letter from Hatfield to Luhn, the governor said "it constituted an outline of matters which I felt were of major concern." The letter followed the meeting with the commission.

The outline was broken down into four parts and under a sub-heading in the third item was: "What can be done to discourage abuse by recipients of the system of welfare programs."

Under this heading were four subsections: (1) Sterilization of unwed mothers. (2) Statement on back of welfare check. (3) Vigorous enforcement of relative responsibility provisions. (4) Program of public works - Perhaps on a voluntary basis, then caseworkers could focus attention on free-loaders, weeding them out when justifiable."

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Short Weight on Pre-Packaged Meats Charged

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Department of Agriculture said today that short weight pre-packaged meats have been uncovered the past month in a number of Portland markets and court complaints have been filed against seven retailers.

O. K. Beals, chief of the Department's division of foods and dairies, weights and measures, said this was the first such meat check made by the state in Portland.

Checking of package meats outside Portland has been conducted intermittently since 1956, he said.

Beals said 870 of the 1,950 test weights made at 50 Portland retail meat counters the past month ranged from one-fourth to two ounces under the net weight on which consumer prices should be based.

He declared that in some of the cases where complaints were filed, overcharges ranged from six to 10 cents per package.

Milan Gilman of the division, who actually checked the Portland meats, said he found correct net weight labels on 52 per cent of 1,010 packages tested. Three per cent of the packages were overweight from one-fourth to one-half ounce.

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There were four unfired shells still in the revolver, they said. They further noted that the two bullets had been fired from the first and third chambers of the gun, skipping the bullet in the second chamber. They do not know how this occurred, they said.

Although there was a lot of blood on the table and floor there was nothing to indicate any kind of a struggle, they said. The front door was locked and the back door unlocked.

Retail Clerks Vote For AFL-CIO Union

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Retail Clerks officials are planning an election next week to name a negotiating committee.



ROBERT Y. THORNTON

Salem - (UPI) - Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton announced today he will seek election to a third term. He said he will "actively campaign" for the Democratic nomination in the May 20 primary election. Thornton said he expects "to make a forthright campaign to keep the office of attorney general strong and independent, elected by and responsible to the people rather than appointed by the governor."

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Three Possibilities Noted by Officers

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Police say the death may have been a suicide, an accident, or a murder, and are investigating all three possibilities.

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Not Excited She said the man did not sound excited but dropped the phone after he spoke. The operator notified her supervisors who called the ambulance service and listened in on the open connection until police arrived at the scene.

They told police that they heard some heavy breathing for a while, but then it stopped. They also remembered hearing some "squeaking" noises, but nothing else, they said.

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A doctor arrived at 1:27 p.m. and pronounced Semisch dead as soon as he saw him.

Also Investigating Sheriff's deputies and the district attorney are also investigating the death. Police found the death weapon, a .45 caliber English Webley pistol, lying on a nearby table, with a leather holster and belt, a screwdriver, pliers and oil can. These items, they said, indicated that Semisch was cleaning or repairing his gun before his death.

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IKE'S GREETING RETURNED—A young Brazilian woman, braving rain without an umbrella, runs out into the street to wave back to President Eisenhower during a parade through Sao Paulo, Brazil, today. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

Thousands Greet Ike's Arrival in Sao Paulo

Sao Paulo, Brazil - (UPI) - President Eisenhower received the largest and most enthusiastic welcome of his South American trip in this sprawling industrial city today.

Hundreds of thousands of workers, their families and shrill, flag-waving school children braved a soaking rain and cheered Eisenhower as he rode through the city in a triumphal procession from the airport to the Governor's Palace.

The rain left Eisenhower undaunted. He merely pulled on his plastic raincoat and dark fedora and remained on his feet in the open section of his bubbletop limousine, waving constantly for 40 minutes through one heavy shower after another as the yelling crowds dumped rainbow-tinted clouds of confetti and serpentine tape on his car.

Eisenhower flew into this super-modern city, sometimes called the Chicago of Brazil, aboard the propeller-driven Columbine III plane this morning from Rio de Janeiro, where he had received a somewhat smaller and less spectacular welcome Wednesday.

Heavily industrialized Sao Paulo proclaimed this a general holiday. With most of the factories shut down, workers by the hundreds of thousands spilled into the rain-soaked streets to cheer their American visitor.

Eisenhower planned a five-hour stay in Sao Paulo, the third stop in Brazil in as many days. He landed in Brasilia, the new capital, Tuesday.

News Briefs

Washington - (UPI) - The Armed Services Committee today approved authorization of \$56,000 for naval reserve training facilities in Medford, Ore., according to Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.).

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - (UPI) - A U.S. Navy transport plane carrying Navy bandmen to a reception sponsored by President Eisenhower collided over Rio with a Brazilian commercial airliner today, killing at least 61 of the 70 persons aboard both planes.

Washington - (UPI) - The nation's living costs declined for the second month in a row to the lowest level since last September, the government announced today.

Lower prices for clothing, eggs, meat and new cars contributed to a drop of one-tenth of 1 per cent in the Labor Department's consumer price index.

Salem - (UPI) - Victor D. Wolfe, chief locating engineer for the State Highway Department, has been named administrative assistant to State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams effective March 1.

Morse Endorsed by Josephine Demos

Sen. Wayne Morse was unanimously endorsed for president on the Democratic ticket in a resolution passed last meeting by the Josephine County Democratic Central committee in Grants Pass.

The action is the only such action taken in southern Oregon for Morse by a Democratic Central committee. Petitions for Morse have received more than 200 signatures in Josephine county.

In Jackson county, Morse's presidential candidacy petitions received nearly 300 signatures, which are part of the 7,000 signatures received throughout the state.

The campaign for Morse in Josephine County was handled by Cliff Driscoll, chairman of the Josephine County Democratic Central committee.

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Camp White Post Office To Become White City

The name of the post office at Camp White will be changed to White City, Ore., effective April 1, Congressman Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) notified the Mail Tribune this week.

Congressman Norblad last month made the recommendation to the post office department. He noted that during the past several years residents have been referring to the vicinity as White City.

In addition to the majority of the businesses using the White City address, the telephone listings also designate White City.

Norblad said that the name change would help eliminate confusion in long distance telephone calls and the inconvenience of having mail re-

turned to senders since White City is not listed in any post office directory.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Colder tonight. Low tonight 25. High Friday 47.

Highest Yesterday 55 Temp. Lowest this Morning 41 Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:55 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:33 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 6:44 a.m. New Moon PROMINENT STAR Feb. 26 Alphanor, due south 11:16 p.m. This is the brightest star of the constellation, Hydra. Hydra extends eastward and southward from Alphanor more than one hundred degrees.