

U.S.-Panamanian Relations Termed Crucial

Grants Pass Jail Escape By Dozen Men Thwarted

Justice of Peace Hears Sound of Breaking Glass

Jailer Grabbed By Means of Pole

Grants Pass — (UPI) — A jailbreak of a dozen prisoners in the Josephine county jail was thwarted Thursday night when a justice of the peace nearby heard the sound of breaking glass and yelled at the prisoners "get back in there."

The jail is located just across the alley from the courthouse where Justice Larry Ashenbrenner regularly holds night court.

Two Injured

Two men were injured in the escape attempt. They were identified as jailer Ralph Kessler and Jim Duke, 20, a prisoner.

Both were reported in good condition. The escape attempt took place when Kessler came around to pick up trays after the evening meal.

Prisoners had apparently yanked the jailer into the "tank" by means of a long pole with a hook on its end, used to open windows for more ventilation. They then struck him with a sawed off broom handle and tried to break through the window.

Led by Parole Violator

Police reported the attempted escape was led by Gerald M. Griffin, a parole violator wanted in New Mexico. New Mexico authorities were on their way to pick him up when the ruckus occurred. Investigation was being made by city police, county sheriff's officers and state police.

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DISCUSS CARS

Two New Zealand youths discussed with local students the number of high school student-owned cars at Medford High school earlier this week. They arrived in Medford last Monday morning, and have been touring and visiting various places since. Left to right above are Miss Donna Dell, 1121 West 10th st.; Milan Serkovich,

Petone, New Zealand; Peter Cresswell, Wellington, New Zealand; and Miss Cecilia Fichtner, Serkovich, who last night underwent an appendectomy at Rogue Valley hospital, is staying with the Dells, and Cresswell is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Espey, 619 Park st.

Surgery Interrupts Visit in Medford

Sightseeing for one of two New Zealanders visiting in Medford was interrupted yesterday by an appendectomy at Rogue Valley hospital.

Milan Serkovich, of Petone, and Peter Cresswell, of Wellington, who started their acquaintances in Medford through the "pen-pal" system, arrived last Monday morning.

They were met in San Francisco by Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Dell, and their daughter, Donna, 1121 West 10th st., Medford. They started their sightseeing, educational touring and visiting almost immediately.

Lily Sale Planned in Medford Tomorrow

The annual Lily Sale sponsored by the Alpha Lambda chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority will be held in downtown Medford between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Mrs. Richard Harrison, chairman, has announced.

The Lily Sale is sponsored by the chapter in conjunction with the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., she noted. The Alpha Kappa chapter, Ashland, is holding its Lily Sale in conjunction with the Alpha Lambda chapter of Medford.

Wodburn — (UPI) — Mrs. Rebecca Springer, an Oregon pioneer, celebrated her 100th birthday today.

Grading Progressing on Lake of Woods Highway

Grading is approximately 60 per cent complete on a 4 1/2-mile segment of the new Lake of Woods highway, according to officials of the Peter Kiewit Sons' company, contractor for the project.

The \$295,000 job is expected to be completed by June 1, it was reported. This road improvement project extends from the boundary of the Rogue River National forest to three miles east of McAllister Soda Springs. The road will be approximately 48 feet wide when finished.

Work started in the area last September. No work was done for about two months last winter due to the weather, with work resuming March 1.

The segment of the road under construction is closed to traffic, it was reported. Earlier this year the state highway commission allocated money for work on both ends of the project now under construction.

A state highway department project for 5 1/2 miles would run from near the end of the existing pavement above Brownsboro to the forest boundary. The bureau of public roads project will extend from the east end of the project now under construction to the paved highway leading to Upper Klamath Lake. The BPR segment is currently under construction. The two projects total \$1,250,000.

Phoenix Man Dies Of Heart Attack

A Phoenix man Thursday suffered a fatal heart attack while in his airplane en route to Happy Camp, Calif., the Mail Tribune learned today.

Frank (Neal) LeNeal Tripp, 52, of Phoenix, owner and manager of Tripp's Service, Phoenix, was dead on arrival at Sacred Heart hospital, it was reported. A Medford Ambulance Service ambulance met the airplane at the Medford airport at 12:20 p.m.

According to airport control tower personnel, Tripp and a friend, Orrey L. Cotter, 1433 Jasper st., Medford, left the Medford airport Thursday morning. About 30 minutes later Cotter notified the control tower that Tripp had suffered what was believed to be a heart attack and requested an ambulance to meet them at the airport. Cotter is also a pilot, and brought the plane back.

Tripp was a member of the Phoenix Lions club and started Tripp's Service in the 1940s. He was born Feb. 25, 1908, in Junction City, Ore., and came to the valley in 1936.

Funeral services will be announced by Conger-Morris, funeral directors.

Russia Presents 'New Look' Plan

Geneva — (UPI) — The Soviet Union called today on the other nuclear powers to join in a solemn declaration that they would not be the first to use atomic and hydrogen weapons.

At the same time, the Russian delegate handed the West what he claimed was a new look disarmament program designed to break the month-long deadlock in the 10-nation Geneva conference.

Western delegation spokesman said the nuclear proposal was not new. And one western delegate, who would not be identified by name, described the Soviet program as "the same old baloney newly sliced."

Another labeled it "the same old baloney with a new Russian dressing."

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon Supreme Court Justice Alfred T. Goodwin will address a Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon April 18.

Failure Noted in Satellite Camera

Washington — (UPI) — The Federal Space Agency disclosed today that a mechanical failure aboard the Tiros I weather satellite is preventing it from taking detailed cloud pictures over Russia.

Dr. T. Keith Glennan, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said at a news conference that the weather satellite "is working successfully and well."

But he added that since Saturday evening, the satellite's clock timer governing operation of one of the cameras has not been working properly.

County Pays What It Can To Help Local Hospitals

Money Goes for Indigent Cases

County Judge Earl Miller said today the county has contributed all it can to help local hospitals with their financial problems.

His comment concerned a Mail Tribune editorial yesterday, which questioned whether adequate city and county funds have gone to help the hospitals make up their losses from indigent cases. The editorial was motivated by the case of a man in epileptic convulsions who went 2 1/2 hours without full hospitalization this week.

Both Sacred Heart and Rogue Valley hospitals have requested appropriations for indigent cases totaling \$85,000 for the next fiscal year, an increase of \$50,000 over the \$35,000 budgeted for the purpose this year.

During the first 8 1/2 months of this fiscal year, up to March 17, Judge Miller said the county has paid \$30,003.43 to both hospitals for this purpose, leaving a balance of \$4,996.57 in the indigent fund account.

Request Payments

But the hospitals have requested payments totaling \$11,629.35. The unpaid balance of \$11,629.35 is divided, \$4,304 for Sacred Heart and \$7,325.35 for Rogue Valley.

In addition, the hospitals have other bills for indigent patients totaling \$13,531.73 for both, or a grand total of \$25,161.08 in unpaid bills for indigents up to March 17. This, added to the \$30,003.43 paid by the county, indicates \$55,164.51 worth of medical care has been provided for patients unable to pay — not including "routine" bad debt cases.

Additional bills of this nature can be expected before the new fiscal year starts July 1.

Of the \$30,003.43 paid by the county, \$14,318.14 went to Sacred Heart and \$14,685.29 to Rogue Valley.

Water Supply Far From Encouraging

Grants Pass — This year's water supply outlook for the Rogue-Umpqua basin is far from encouraging but at least is better than that for the record dry year of 1959. Forecaster W. T. (Jack) Frost told a public meeting here this morning.

Frost is forecaster for the Oregon State college experiment stations and the soil conservation service.

The outlook for the early spring flow is "fair," Frost said, and the same prediction holds for most areas during the late season. Some areas, however, will have "poor" flow during the latter part of the season, he added.

Fifteen persons, including irrigation officials from throughout the area, attended the meeting in the old Josephine county library.

This year's snowpack as of April 1 was only 72 per cent of average, Frost said, and water sheds, though better off than at this time last year, are in serious need of priming. Storage supplies and reservoirs are considerably below average because there was virtually nothing to start with this year, he said.

Demonstration Slated in Downtown Portland

Portland — (UPI) — The Portland office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has announced that peaceful demonstrations will be held in front of the Woolworth and Kress variety stores in downtown Portland Saturday.

The bond interest and redemption fund totals \$494,909.47, and the school lunch fund totals \$237,060.97.

The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation is estimated at \$2,008,997.10, and an election on the amount outside the limitation will be held May 2.



CENSUS TAKER

Mrs. LeRoy Smith, Medford, (left) one of 56 census enumerators at work in Jackson county, takes statistics from Mrs. Francis Oakes, 1007 Whitman st., Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes have three children, Karl, 6, pictured above; Kenneth, 10, and Karen, 18. The census count is about 50 per cent complete, and will be finished in approximately 10 days, according to Marion B. Caster, crew leader for the Medford area. Caster reminded residents that they should keep their advance census reports until the census taker arrives. Squads of picked crew leaders and census takers in all parts of the county will check missions, all night theaters and parks to make sure all residents of the United States are counted.

Elected County Officials to Get Salary Increases

The Jackson county budget committee raised the salaries of six elected officials by \$1,000 and a seventh by \$800 this morning after considerable discussion.

Thousand dollar raises were granted the county judge and two commissioners, sheriff, assessor, and county clerk, and the county treasurer was given an \$800 raise.

Budget committee members pointed out that County Treasurer Karl Janouch had requested a \$600 raise. They also said his job does not carry as much responsibility as those of the other elected county officials since it is mainly a bookkeeping job. Sheriff Joe Walsh had asked for a \$1,200 raise.

The county judge and two commissioners each make \$6,072, the assessor \$6,072, county clerk \$5,940, sheriff \$5,940, and treasurer, \$5,544.

Considered Raiser

The budget committee had considered at first raising the seven elected officials 10 per cent of their current salaries. However, some felt this would make the various salaries spread farther apart rather than reaching a common standard.

Members of the county court, and Arnold Bohner, lay budget committee member, agreed that county court members spend considerable money out of their own pockets in keeping up public relations by attending many meetings and dinners.

In counties of 50,000 to 100,000 Jackson county ranks next to the bottom in salaries paid the county judge and commissioners, according to official statistics, it was pointed out. In Coos county the county commissioners receive \$6,000 and the county judge \$6,500, in Douglas county \$6,780 and \$7,380; Linn county \$6,380 and \$6,600 and Washington county \$5,112 and \$5,940.

Hearing on School Budget Is Today

A public hearing on Medford school district's \$3,914,846.99 general fund budget for next fiscal year will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the school administration building, 500 Monroe st., Medford.

The proposed general fund budget is \$487,776 more than this year's budget.

Increases in expenditures reflect operational and maintenance cost rises as well as salary increases for teachers and non-certificated personnel. The increases also reflect the need for additional teachers and services to handle an anticipated increase in enrollment.

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Sanitary Authority Reports on Survey Of Air Pollution

Medford has a severe air pollution problem during certain periods of the year. This is the major conclusion of the Oregon state sanitary authority which conducted an air pollution study in and around Medford. Conclusions of the study were received by the city council last night.

The study found that counts of suspended matter in the air are extremely high during the spring period when orchardists fight frost with smudge pots.

In addition, it was found that the fallout of cinders and partially consumed wood particles from lumber and plywood mills is excessive in several Medford neighborhoods.

Studied Role of Weather

The sanitary authority studied the role of weather in regard to Medford's air pollution and found that weather conditions during November, December and January commonly contribute to the accumulation of atmospheric pollution.

These same conditions are relatively rare during the months of May through September, they noted.

It was found that the year-round atmosphere is generally so calm and stable that smoke and other atmospheric pollutants do not rise easily enough to be dispersed aloft.

The sanitary authority made nine recommendations to improve the problem. They are:

1. Control of air pollution in and around Medford should be approached on an area-wide basis with the city, county and state sharing the responsibilities.

2. The Medford city council should pass and enforce appropriate ordinances for the prevention and abatement of air pollution within the city limits.

3. Jackson county should apply planning and land-use zoning ordinances together with requiring standards of combustion control in new industrial plants.

4. The state sanitary authority's air pollution program should be utilized. This would consist of technical assistance, analysis of air samples and review of plans for area-wide control and prevention of air pollution.

5. Control of most of the present air pollution sources is possible now and need not await new technical methods or procedures. Expense involved in replacing offending

6. All large hog-fuel fired steam generating boilers in and near Medford should be equipped with cinder and fly-ash collectors.

7. All wood waste burners must be operated within acceptable limits of smoke and particulate emissions if minimum results are to be attained.

8. Competent technical staffs should review the location and air pollution control installations of future industrial plants to make sure they will not add to the air pollution problem.

9. Area sampling surveys should be continued, preferably as a combined city, county and state function.

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orchard heating equipment may require a gradual program, but this program should not be allowed to lapse. Correction of some existing smoke and flyash problems may also require step-by-step installation because of cost.

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Error Won't Affect Jackson Ballots

A mistake in listing Democrat Gene Conklin, Pendleton, on the state primary ballot, will not affect printing of the ballots for Jackson county, E. M. Madden, county clerk, reported today.

The mistake, which has affected several counties, was made by a clerk in the elections office in Salem, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said.

Madden said Conklin's name was marked out of the list of Democratic candidates and the other candidates were renumbered.

The error listed Conklin as a state at-large delegate candidate to the Democratic national convention when he actually filed for delegate from the second congressional district.

Madden said today that the first proofs for the Republican ballots are expected the first of next week. The list of candidates for the Democratic ballots will be sent to the printers this afternoon.

Oregon Schools Picked To Hold Institutes

Washington — (UPI) — Oregon, Oregon State, Lewis and Clark and Reed College have been selected by the National Science Foundation to conduct in-service institutes for secondary school teachers of science and mathematics during the 1960-61 academic year.

Ambassador Tells Eisenhower of Deterioration

Flag Controversy Continues as Item

Washington — (UPI) — Panama's new ambassador to the United States told President Eisenhower today U.S.-Panamanian relations have "reached a state of deterioration that might be described as crucial."

"This is the painful truth which I, as the emissary of a democratic government, must state without euphemism," Ambassador Erasmo de la Guardia said in an unusually blunt diplomatic statement as he presented his credentials at the White House.

Eisenhower replied, "I firmly hope that the measures recently implemented by this government as well as those presently under consideration may rebound to the benefit of Panamanian people."

The envoy said afterwards that the President showed optimism about improving relations.

Controversy Over Flag

The ambassador told newsmen he and the President had a general discussion of the problems between the two countries. He said the matter of flying the flag of Panama over the Canal Zone was touched on in passing. But he said none of the problems were dealt with specifically. He said it was largely a courtesy visit, but added "we had a pleasant conversation."

For months Panama has asked that the Panamanian flag be allowed to fly alongside the U. S. flag in the Panama Canal Zone.

Eisenhower told a news conference Dec. 2 Panama deserved some "visual symbol" of her "titular sovereignty over the zone."

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SUSPECT SOUGHT

Bulletins Include Sketch of Suspect

Special bulletins with composite pictures of a man wanted in connection with the fatal shooting of Mrs. Lester Hamilton in Ashland March 15 have been issued to all police and sheriff's offices in Oregon and California, Sheriff Joe Walsh said today.

The bulletins show an artist's conception of a man observed near the scene of the murder shortly before the shooting, according to the bulletin. He is described as white male, 25 to 30 year old, from 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing from 150 to 180 pounds, having light brown hair, needing a haircut, slight oval face, mild pleasant voice, and walking with a slight stoop forward.

When last seen he was driving a 1956 to 1958 Ford, light top, dark bottom (blue or green). He told a witness he was out of the service recently and was looking for the Otis family.

The sheriff now believes that the woman was shot at her ranch home, about 2 miles southeast of Ashland, with two guns. Five bullets were fired from a .22 caliber revolver and the other four shots were fired from a different .22 caliber gun. Neither gun nor empty shells have been located. The victim was not sexually assaulted, but had been struck on the head causing a skull fracture.

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