

Phony Auto Accident Insurance Claims Being Investigated in State

Two Men Arrested as Russian Spies



Federal, State, Bar Officials Conduct Probe

Fraudulent Ring Said in Evidence
Portland—UPI—The president of the Oregon Bar Association disclosed today that federal, state and bar officials have been conducting for several months an investigation into possible phony auto accident and fraudulent damage claims.

"There is some evidence that such a fraudulent scheme has existed," Dean Bryson, president of the bar, said. The case was reported to be before a federal grand jury.

A select team of city, county and state police, members of the bar, postal inspectors and the FBI have been investigating the case. A police investigator said evidence being presented before the federal grand jury might require another month.

Statement Given
Bryson said: "The Oregon State Bar has been asked concerning a rumor that an ambulance chasing scheme and phony auto accident ring is being probed by various federal agencies, the city and county police, and the Oregon Bar. The allegations are that Oregon attorneys, physicians and surgeons and local people are involved."

"The fact is that such an investigation has been and now is being conducted on all reported violations. There is some evidence that such a fraudulent scheme has existed."

Pledge Received
He said the bar "has conducted investigations concerning five attorneys and a few others are under investigation." He added "the attorneys charged with unprofessional conduct are of course innocent until proven guilty of at least one of the charges."

Investigators said they had asked for and received a pledge from several reporters from the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian to write nothing about the probe earlier so as not to possibly hamper the case.

One reporter said the accident-insurance claims racket may have involved "more than \$250,000 over a period of years."

President To Plug Nixon Candidacy
Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower goes on nationwide television tonight to make his first major campaign speech on behalf of GOP presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon.

The Chief Executive was scheduled to speak from Philadelphia where he will deliver the address before an estimated 1,200 persons at a dinner sponsored by the Pennsylvania Nixon-for-President committee.

Negotiations for TV Debate Collapse
With Kennedy in Pennsylvania—UPI—Negotiations for a fifth television debate between Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard M. Nixon collapsed in a "no agreement" stalemate today.

Compound 1080 Reported To Be Harmful To Man
Compound 1080 used in predatory animal control here, is definitely lethal to all animals and should not be used for that purpose, Dr. B. J. Gitzel, local veterinarian, said today.

A petition is being circulated by area sportsmen against placing any more poison bait stations containing 1080 in Jackson county, Dr. Gitzel said. Many of the county's veterinarians, also, have already signed it, he said.

Compound 1080 will kill a man if he happens to get it on a scratch on his hand, Dr. Gitzel said. It's made of the same chemical compound used for a nerve gas developed by the United States during World War II, but never used.



ACCEPTS GIFT—Sen. Frank Carlson, center, Republican from Kansas, was presented a gift from Gov. Mark O. Hatfield by Oregon Committee Chairman Lowell Paget (right) this morning prior to a coffee hour in his honor at the Medford hotel. Among those present at the presentation was Joe Walsh, (left) Jackson County Republican Central committee chairman.

Nixon's Experience Cited by Carlson At Coffee Session

"If there was any time when Republicans had qualified candidates for president and vice president, it is now," Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) said this morning during a coffee hour at the Medford hotel.

Carlson cited Richard Nixon's experience as vice president and the many contacts he has made in foreign countries during his travel. He mentioned that Henry Cabot Lodge's dealings in the United Nations on international problems particularly qualifies him.

A recording of the talk given today by Congressman Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) at a luncheon at the Medford hotel will be broadcast at 7:05 o'clock tonight over radio station KMED.

Included in the tape will be an introduction of the congressman by Congressman Charles O. Porter, Democratic candidate for the fourth district. Holifield was in southern Oregon today campaigning in Porter's behalf.

The California congressman arrived in Medford about 12:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Medford airport. He was met by Porter and other Jackson county Democratic officials.

John F. Kennedy doesn't have the background or experience of either Nixon or Lodge, Carlson added. "International problems are more important than domestic issues," the speaker continued, "because our international policies will determine what our domestic policies will be."

In speaking of the Cuban situation, Carlson said that it probably will be worked out, but will take a lot of patience on the part of the United States. He said that the U.S. must be firm in dealings with Cuba.

U.S. Misunderstood
The United States is misunderstood in many foreign countries, the senator continued, due to the vast amount of propaganda put out by the Russians. He said that the United States must also increase its use of propaganda, and commented that President Dwight Eisenhower has asked for millions of dollars for this purpose, but the Democratic congress wouldn't give it to him.

Senator Carlson arrived in Medford Thursday evening and spoke in Grants Pass. Following a breakfast there this morning he drove to Medford. He attended a luncheon at the Mark Antony hotel in Ashland at noon.

Between 20 and 30 persons attended the coffee hour this morning. Traveling with the senator while he is in Oregon were three state Republican officials. He is scheduled to speak in Klamath Falls tonight and will return to Kansas Saturday.

4-H Fair Building Again Broken Into
Vandals broke in to the Jackson county 4-H building for the fourth time in as many nights last night. Nothing was reported stolen, but as in the three previous break-ins a considerable mess was made on the inside of the building.

Police suspect that juveniles are responsible for the break-ins. Entry to the building all four nights has been made through broken windows. In Wednesday night's break-in, numerous papers and foodstuffs were thrown around the building and some minor damage was done to a stove and other appliances in the building's kitchen.

Saturday Parade Among Activities At SOC Event

Ashland—A parade starting at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow will be one of the highlights of Southern Oregon college's homecoming activities. Main event in the homecoming activities will be tomorrow afternoon when the Red Raiders meet the Eastern Oregon college Mounties in a football game at Fuller field.

Scheduled today in connection with homecoming are a variety show, which also will be repeated tomorrow, and a bonfire and rally at the north end of Fuller field, following the variety show at 8 o'clock tonight in the Britt ballroom.

The show is also scheduled at noon tomorrow. David Maxwell, co-chairman of the parade committee, said 15 floats have indicated they plan to enter the parade. Also featured in the parade will be bands from Southern Oregon college, Crater High school in Central Point, Phoenix High school, and Talent Junior High school.

Joan Houston, homecoming queen, will be introduced at the bonfire and rally tonight, along with members of her court, Marilyn Mooney, Sylvia Yell, Pearl Hasegawa and Sally Pears.

The Queen and her court also will participate in half-time ceremonies. After the game, alumni are invited to a tea sponsored by Sigma Epsilon Pi. New residence halls will be open for public viewing between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Climaxing the "Big Pow Wow" will be a dance in the Britt ballroom starting at 9:30 p.m. Saturday with music provided by the Corsairs, a four-piece band.

Bulletin

Missoula, Mont.—UPI—A Northwest Orient Airlines four-engine DC4 crashed into a mountainside 22 miles west of here, today, killing all 12 aboard. The flight originated at Portland, Ore., and its destination was Minneapolis, Minn.

"Faster, Dammit!"



HOLIFIELD ARRIVES—Congressman Chet Holifield, (D-California), right, arrived in Medford about 12:30 o'clock this afternoon for a speaking engagement at the Medford hotel. He was greeted at the airport by Congressman Charles O. Porter, who is seeking reelection in the fourth congressional district. Representative Holifield is campaigning in southern Oregon in behalf of Porter.

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Awards Presented At ATUF Banquet

Ashland—About 80 people attended the Ashland-Talent United Fund victory award banquet last night at the Mark Antony hotel here.

Dr. John Bradshaw, fund chairman, informed the gathering that \$22,886 has been contributed by area businesses and private citizens, putting the fund well over its goal for this year.

G. R. (Spike) Durham, executive director of the Oregon United Appeal, congratulated ATUF workers for being the first in the West and second in the nation to reach their goal. The drive started Sept. 26 and concluded Sept. 30.

Durham said the ATUF has set an example for the nation and community to follow. He praised all fund workers for "a job well done."

"The United Fund is great because it is a program helping demonstrated human needs," Durham said. He called on the ATUF to keep the donors informed on what their contributions are accomplishing.

Bradshaw gave special thanks to fund executives, division chairmen, various committees which contributed special services and publicity media.

Plaques for recognition of special services rendered to Don Provost Jr., assistant drive chairman, and Bradshaw, drive chairman, Mrs. Faith McCullough and Paul Antony, campaign promotion chairman, also received special plaques.

Special thanks of ATUF members went to Howard Wiley, fund president, C. M. Lill-willer, vice president, Floyd Hoadley, treasurer and Mrs. R. G. Tabor, executive secretary.

Charles L. Gettling, night watchman at the mill, told police that he saw a person run to a small pile of scrap lumber and then run back to his vehicle. He attempted to stop the person, and fired six shots at the rear of the vehicle.

He told officers that a fire had been started in the scrap pile which he extinguished. The scraps were reported to have smelled of kerosene.

The scrap pile was about 100 feet from a shed which housed equipment for the mill and was across the road from the mill.

Soviet Official, German Charged With Espionage

Data Sought To Pinpoint Targets
New York—UPI—A Russian U.N. secretariat official and a German-born illustrator were held today in \$50,000 bail each on charges of spying for the Soviet Union.

The two allegedly sought military information for use in picking bombing targets. Igor Yaakovlevich Melekh, 47, who was in charge of translating U.N. documents in the Russian language, and Willie Hirsch, 52, were arrested swiftly and suddenly Thursday night on a federal indictment charging they conspired with a former Russian U.N. official to obtain aerial photographs and a map of military installations around Chicago.

To Pinpoint Targets
The FBI said Melekh indicated the information was to be used to pinpoint bombing targets. Melekh was seized in his West Side apartment in the middle of a birthday party for his 6-year-old son, Mikhail. Hirsch, who came to this country as a youth but was never naturalized, was arrested in his Greenwiche Village apartment. Neighbors said that only a few minutes before the FBI agents arrived, Hirsch's wife and young stepdaughter had been out taking a walk.

Asked To Leave
The other Russian left this country at the request of the United States after his contact with the United Nations ran out in March, 1959. He was Kirill S. Doronkin, former film editor of the U.N. division of public information. In January, 1959, the U.S. mission to the United Nations asked the secretary general to fire him for his activities in obtaining aerial photographs of the Chicago area.

Doronkin was named a co-conspirator but not a defendant in the indictment handed up Thursday by a federal grand jury in Chicago. Melekh was the 23rd Russian to be named a spy by the United States.

Safe Burglarized In Medford Tavern

An undetermined amount of money was taken in a safe burglary at the Hi-Way tavern, 12 North Riverside ave., early this morning, according to Medford police.

Police said the safe was peeped and it was probably the job of an experienced safecracker. The burglary was reported by Blanche Evislitta Darby an employee at the establishment. She told police that the burglary had to have taken place between 4:30 a.m. and a cleaning lady left at 5:50 a.m., when she arrived for work.

Entry to the building was gained through a skylight, police said. The burglar or burglars apparently broke into the Klocker Printery building next to the tavern, went to the roof of the building and then broke through a skylight on the roof of the tavern.

Wadsworth Sick; Meeting Postponed

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—U.S. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth was confined to bed by illness today, forcing postponement of a scheduled meeting with Soviet Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin to seek a way out of the East-West disarmament deadlock.

Musa, Hatfield's Aide Clash on Income Tax Bill

Salem—UPI—State Sen. Ben Musa, (D-The Dalles), and the governor's office clashed today over responsibility for a 1959 bill to raise income taxes now a dead horse because the state has a surplus. The bill came out of the legislature at the end of the session and was signed by the governor. It is designed to raise \$12 million but was referred by a citizens committee and will be on the Nov. 8 election ballot where it is expected to be defeated.

George Van Berge, OLCC administrator, said hearings involved three locations each in Medford and Portland and one each in Coquille, Astoria, Eugene and The Dalles.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday morning. A few fog patches during early morning hours. Mostly sunny and a little warmer in afternoon. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 62-65.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:10 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:41 a.m. Moonset tomorrow 1:22 a.m. Full Moon (Hunter's Moon) Nov. 3. The planet, Venus, tonight appears above the star, Antares. In a few weeks the eastward movement of Venus on its orbit around the Sun will bring it near the planet, Jupiter.