

Mailorder Alligator Proves Too Much; Law Officers Are Called

Monrovia, Calif. (UPI)—Mrs. Carol Benedictus' new mail-order "pet" alligator was more than a little perturbed. The 18-inch reptile had been confined in a 3-by-6 inch box in a postal trip from New Orleans to this Los Angeles suburb. When Mrs. Benedictus opened the package Monday she received anything but a cordial greeting. The gator sprang out, jaws clacking.

"He snapped at me — you know, getting up on his legs in a defensive position," said Mrs. Benedictus. "I tried to corner him with a larger box, but I couldn't."

"It finally chased me up on top of a table."

Mrs. Benedictus bided her time. When she thought she could make it to the telephone without being nibbled at by the alligator, she jumped from the table top and called sheriff's deputies.

Intrepid deputies soon corralled the gator and placed it in a large pan containing some water. The alligator quickly stretched out and went to sleep.

But Mrs. Benedictus' day of surprises wasn't over yet. When she had given the mail-order firm \$6 during a recent trip to New Orleans to send her the reptile, she thought the firm would place in the box whatever change she had

coming along with the gator. "But when this was all over, the alligator in the pan, I looked in the box and there was a little turtle they had sent me to make up for the extra money I gave them."

The turtle, at least, was apparently happy and did not snap at Mrs. Benedictus.

Kennedy Urged To Broaden Program

New York (UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy was urged Tuesday to broaden even further plans for medical care for the aged under social security to bring in 14.5 million persons at an annual cost of about \$1 billion.

A task force headed by Dr. Wilbur J. Cohen, professor of public welfare administration at the University of Michigan, recommended legislation which would go considerably beyond the Kennedy-Anderson bill which failed of passage in Congress last year.

The \$1 billion program would be financed by increasing social security withholding taxes by one half of 1 per cent—one-fourth of one per cent to be paid by the employer and one-fourth by the employee.

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HALO FOR CATHEDRAL—Air Force jets leave a large halo around a Cathedral spire at Kansas City, Mo. The large circle is half of a giant figure eight formed by the jets' contrails as they flew high above the city. (UPI Telephoto)

Legislative Briefs

Salem (UPI)—The Senate Monday confirmed appointment of Mary Owens of St. Helens as Senate reading clerk. Owens was defeated for Congress last year by Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.)

Only major change in House personnel was naming of Prof. Frank Roberts of Portland State college as chief clerk.

House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery (R - Eugene) said today he looked for continued cooperation with Democrats although his own party got only one House committee chairmanship out of 20.

He said despite this he felt Republicans won a net gain in committee power over the last session.

Gov. Mark Hatfield's plan for tighter food and liquor restrictions in bars will "drive bars catering to lower income groups out of business," Sen. Vern Cook (D-Troutdale) said Monday. He said the proposal would abolish the "ordinary man's drinking establishment" and result in class discrimination.

Senate President Harry Boivin was made an honorary

Belton Criticizes Hatfield's Plan

Salem (UPI)—State Treasurer Howard Belton says Gov. Mark Hatfield's message to the legislature proposed added authority for the governor "without a corresponding concentration of responsibility."

It was the second time Belton, a fellow Republican, has criticized Hatfield's legislative plans.

Two weeks ago Belton joined Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. in criticizing Hatfield's cabinet government proposal, especially elimination of the State Board of Control.

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Appointments Go To State Senate

Salem (UPI)—Fourteen appointments made by Gov. Mark Hatfield since the last legislature adjourned will go before the Senate for confirmation this session.

Chief on the list is the name of Dean E. B. Lemon of Corvallis, chairman of the State Scholarship commission, whose reappointment was the center of a controversy last year.

Other appointments up for Senate approval are Francis I. Smith, Portland, Board of Education; Harold Banta and Earl Mollard, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; Sidney Schlesinger, Salem, Mrs. E. B. McNaughton, Portland, and May Darling, Portland, Scholarship commission; C. E. Brogotti, Helix, Board of Education, and Henry F. Cabell, Portland, Board of Higher Education.

The Senate will be asked to okay five Board of Health appointments — Dr. Carl L. Holm, Salem; Dr. Forrest E. Riecke, Portland; Dr. Fred R. Otten, La Grande; Dr. Gerhard B. Haugen, Portland, and Orville Corbett, Burns, Oregon. Sen. E. B. McNaughton, Portland, and May Darling, Portland, Oregon. Sen. E. B. McNaughton, Portland, and May Darling, Portland, Oregon.

Pearson Not Sold On Proposal

Salem (UPI)—Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, says he is "not too much sold" on Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposal to do away with the acting governor when the governor is out of the state.

As Senate president during the last two years, Pearson served "about 146 days" as acting governor while Hatfield traveled.

The governor's recommendation to eliminate such a job came in his message to the legislature Monday.

"In these days of modern communication and transportation," Hatfield declared, "there is no more need for a temporary governor than there is for a temporary president."

Pearson said he felt it was important to have an acting governor available during the governor's absence.

A spokesman for the governor said the proposal was "in no way" based on personalities or previous actions of acting governors. He said Hatfield felt the \$30 daily salary paid to the acting governor was an unnecessary expense for the state.

Pearson also said he opposed a proposal by Hatfield to make the secretary of state next in line of succession to the governor, instead of the Senate president.

Washington (UPI)—The National Science Foundation will grant \$13 million to college and secondary school science teachers to encourage them to participate in scientific research.

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La Grande Man Named To Board of Health

Salem (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield has appointed Dr. Fred R. Otten of La Grande to the State Board of Health and reappointed Drs. Forrest E. Riecke, Portland, and Carl L. Holm, Salem.

Dr. Otten succeeds Dr. Leo C. Skelly of McMinnville.

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Petitions Seeking Recall Are Filed

Independence (UPI)—Petitions seeking the recall of City Council men John Werline and Dean Smith have been filed with the Polk county clerk's office at Dallas.

The recall move stems from last month's firing of Police Chief George Utley by Mayor Ray Dunckel.

Both councilmen named in the petitions backed the mayor's action.

Two Marriages Said Saved in Hollywood

Hollywood (UPI)—Two film-land marriages on the verge of divorce have been saved.

Actor Ernest Borgnine, 43, said Tuesday he and his wife of one year, Mexican actress Katy Jurado, 33, have reconciled after a brief separation.

And Swedish actress Gita Hall, 27, went to court and voided an interlocutory divorce decree she received from actor Barry Sullivan, 46, last November, saying they since have made up.

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