

Gold Hill is facing problems not uncommon to many other cities of similar size. City officials and business leaders are working to determine what major problems the city faces and what can be done to solve them. Read about the Gold Hill story on Page 12A of today's Mail Tribune.

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## Expense Measure May Receive Court Test

### Constitutionality Doubted in View Of No Pay Hike

Salem — (UPI) — Members of the 1961 Oregon legislature have scattered for the week end while their first week's chief achievement — a legislative expense measure — underwent scrutiny that may lead to a court test.

Secretary of State Howell Applegate Jr. said it appeared "likely" he may have to ask Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton for an opinion on the legality of the controversial expense measure.

The pay proposal — to reimburse lawmakers for out-of-pocket legislative expenses up to \$75 monthly during the session and \$150 in the interim — passed the house after a floor fight Friday by a vote of 42-18.

It passed the senate unanimously earlier.

Its constitutionality was questioned, in view of voters' defeat of a legislative salary raise last May.

#### Bills For Schools

Meanwhile, as the legislature rounded out its first week, the wheels were grinding on the meatier matters of appropriations, education, labor, tax, commerce, and government reorganization.

Slated for introduction this week is a 29-bill package containing the interim education committee's recommendations on school. These include a hike in the state's share of school costs and a distribution formula designed to alleviate property taxes in heavily burdened districts.

Also expected this week is a so-called subject for labor: a "Little Landrum-Griffith Bill" to regulate the non-man's land unoccupied by federal or state lands.

House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) said he sees "no need" for such a law in Oregon.

He said, however, he supports another bill to set out secret election provisions for employees in determining a bargaining agent, and is considering an amendment to include farm workers.

#### Budget Bills Introduced

Senate President Harry Boivin said he considered the lawmakers "ahead of previous sessions" — in spite of time off Tuesday for an orientation school for new senators.

Sixty-two appropriations bills — more than half of the governor's budget proposals — were introduced in the house Friday and shipped off to the Joint Ways and Means committee which handles the budget.

A bill containing the core of Hatfield's cabinet system plan for Oregon was introduced in the Senate. It was sent to a committee headed by Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) who has already said he likes the reorganization blueprint.

### Dr. Putnam Suffered 'Mild' Heart Attack

Salem — (UPI) — The physician attending Dr. Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, said Saturday Putnam suffered a "mild heart attack" last week but he will leave the hospital in three or four days.

Dr. Don E. Woodard of Salem said Putnam was up and around Saturday for the first time since being hospitalized. His condition is described as "fairly good."

Putnam, who retires Jan. 31, suffered a more serious heart attack two years ago. He is 70.

#### WEATHER

Forecast: Fog or low clouds this morning. Partial clearing this afternoon and Monday afternoon. Rain tonight and Monday morning. High today 53. Low tonight 35. High Monday 48.

#### Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:28 a.m. Tonight's moonrise 7:12 p.m. Tonight's moonset 8:49 p.m. and Venus, the brightest star, rises at 8:36 p.m. The group of stars above Sirius forms the constellation of Orion.

"Some Of These Days, You're Gonna Miss Me, Honey..."



## Bengtson Is Found Guilty by Jury in Josephine County

Grants Pass — A Josephine county circuit court jury of nine women and three men found O. H. Bengtson, Medford lawyer, guilty of embezzlement Friday afternoon. The jury reached its verdict in little more than an hour after receiving the case. The vote was 10 to 2, the minimum required.

Bail was continued at \$2,500 on the charge. Bengtson is free on \$13,000 bail. Sentencing will be held Monday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 a.m. in Grants Pass.

Bengtson, a former official of the Medford Escrow company, was charged with embezzling \$1,700 from the firm. He was convicted on a similar charge involving \$3,701 last fall in a Jackson county circuit court trial. That case is under appeal.

**Appeal Almost Certain** — Richard Carney, Portland defense attorney, said Friday afternoon that "I feel certain we will also appeal this case."

Foreman of the jury was Theodore McLain, a Grants Pass painter.

The defendant appeared calm at the announcement of the verdict.

The trial was held in Grants Pass after a motion for change of venue by the defense was successful. Paul Haviland was appointed prosecutor for the case after District Attorney Alan B. Holmes disqualified himself.

There are currently eight additional indictments charging Bengtson with embezzlement pending.

**License Funds Go Toward Enforcement** — County Judge Earl Miller said Friday that the county's share of marine boat license funds go into the general fund, but are budgeted for enforcement of boating regulations.

During the last fiscal year, the county put \$8,000 from the boat licenses into the general fund, but when the budget was established, the court added \$4,000 to it and used the money to purchase boats and motors for the sheriff's office, Miller said.

Miller said he would explain this in a letter to the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton League. The League sent the county court a copy of its motion proposing that all boating license funds be earmarked by the county court for either boating regulation enforcement or for development of boating facilities.

**Flood Control Group Schedules Meeting** — The Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association will hold its annual meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, in the Josephine circuit court room, Grants Pass. President Ben Hilton, Grants Pass, has announced.

Five directors will be elected for three-year terms. Reports will be given by the president, secretary and board of directors.

Five directors whose terms expire are Andy Schmidt, Medford; Ralph James, Sams Valley; Claude Baker, Gold Hill; Bud Randolph, Cave Junction; Conrad Nyström, Merlin; Wally Martin, Grants Pass.

Friday the county court voted to send County Commissioner Edwin Taylor as its delegate to the association, and proposed him for nomination as director. Former County Commissioner Ralph James was official county court delegate, and his term is expiring as director.

## Reports Indicate Red Man-in-Space Program Started

### Alaska Station Tracks Object

Washington — (UPI) — A U.S. radar station in Alaska tracked an object with "missile characteristics" rising out of Russia for six minutes Friday night headed for the Pacific ocean, the Defense department said Saturday.

The defense announcement cast no light on the question of whether the Russians were merely testing a missile or trying to launch a satellite — perhaps with a man aboard.

But it coincided with two significant U.S. reports on the Soviet man-in-space program. The head of the U.S. Civilian Space agency said a Russian attempt to put a Red astronaut into orbit might be coming up soon, perhaps timed to take the edge off the inauguration of President-elect John F. Kennedy.

**Specific Information** — An Air Force official said this country has "unofficial but very specific information" that two Russians died last September in an attempt to put men into space when Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev attended the United Nations general assembly in New York.

The September report was disclosed by Lt. Col. Paul D. Hickman of the Armed Forces Industrial College at a national security seminar in Honolulu Friday.

He said the Russian flop resulted in the demotion of the scientists in charge and orders to a new "team" to get a man in space "immediately."

Coincidentally, the Defense department report was the first disclosure that long range radar was at work on Shemya island off the Alaskan coast or any other Aleutian post.

No other free world tracking station reported spotting the shot.

## Hillcrest Girls Are Apprehended

Salem — (UPI) — Authorities last night apprehended the last two of 10 girls who broke out of a juvenile detention home here Friday night.

The two were picked up on a highway near here where they were trying to hitchhike. The other eight had been recaptured earlier.

The pair was identified as Catherine Day, 17, Portland, and Ona Lee Morgan, 18, Medford.

The break-out at the Hillcrest School for Girls came while the 10 were watching television. Two of the girls suddenly produced a hammer and a garbage can lid, striking guard Kenneth Hovenden and matron Ethel Lind on the head.

Matron Emma Halter also was attacked before the girls piled through a fire escape window. Hovenden and Mrs. Lind were hospitalized briefly.

The other girls were Rita McGinnis, 15, Veneta; Charlotte Clarno, 16, Gold Beach, Ore.; Vera Teemen, 17, Burns, Ore.; and Rose Emma Mendenhall, 15, Kathleen Garrison, 17, Jean Stevens, 16, Donna Pettit, 16, and Carol K. Ford, 18, all of Portland.

**Hatfield Sees Program For Surplus Food** — Gov. Mark Hatfield said Friday he hopes a program to distribute government food to welfare recipients soon will be in operation in Oregon.

His comment came after Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) criticized Oregon as being one of the six states in the nation where the program is not operating.

The order applies whether the holders of gold abroad live in this country or overseas.

**Plans for 'Largest Oregon Convention' Of American Legion Made in Medford** — Plans for the "largest Oregon convention" were made this week end when officials of the American Legion met with the Medford Convention Commission Corporation.

The Legion's executive committee has set June 22 to 24 as convention dates when more than 6,000 Oregon Legionnaires are expected to converge here.

Legion officers said the summer convention... assumes greater significance as the (American Legion) Department of Oregon bolsters

its strength in preparation for holding a national convention in Oregon at some future date.

Attending the local planning sessions were representatives of the Legion, and its affiliated bodies, the Legion auxiliary, Forty and Eight, Eight and Forty, and Twenty and Four Jennings Pierce, Medford, is chairman of the Convention commission.

Eugene Orr is vice chairman of the commission, and the board of directors includes Pat Kilby, Bob Dames, Les

# UN Rejects Red Charges



**GUERRILLA FIGHTERS**—This picture smuggled to Miami by a Cuban courier known as "Henry" shows a rebel officer, Maj. Evelio Duque (left), greet Capt. Ramon Perez at the guerrilla fighters headquarters in the hills in Las Villas province, Cuba. The courier said the rebels are well equipped with modern arms. (UPI Telephoto)

## Two People Will Receive Awards At MSC Banquet

Two local residents have been named to receive the annual Save-A-Life awards given by the Medford Safety Council.

They are Elaine A. Bjornson and Naomi Jean Walker. They will be presented the awards at the council's awards banquet Friday, Jan. 20, at the Rogue Valley Country Club. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Other awards, including an industrial safety plaque and several certificates, will be announced Friday. Tickets for the program, which is open to the public, can be obtained from council members or at the door.

Edward M. Syring, manager of the drivers license division, department of motor vehicles, will speak. He will discuss the "Driver Improvement Program."

The speaker is currently chairman of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' committee on driver licenses and driver improvement, and a member of the driver license advisory committee to the National Safety Council.

A former University of Oregon student, Syring also serves as a member of the operating committee of the Oregon traffic safety commission. He has been employed by the state department of motor vehicles since 1934. In 1957 he was named manager of the license division.

## President Orders Gold Disposition

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower Saturday ordered American citizens and firms to dispose of gold holdings abroad by June 1, 1961.

The President, by executive order, said persons and companies subject to U. S. jurisdiction have not been allowed to hold gold in this country since 1933 and it therefore is reasonable to ban such holdings abroad.

The order applies whether the holders of gold abroad live in this country or overseas.

Wilson, and Granville Britton.

Assisting in the preparations for the June meeting are Earl Bigalow, chairman of the finance division; Herb Alford, housing; Melvin McElhiney, budget and finance; Robert Boyer, legal advisor; Clark Walker and Elliott Becken, convention halls; Bud Fisher, Forty and Eight liaison; LaMuriel Beck, Women Legionnaire activities; and Dorothy Sutter, auxiliary general chairman.

## Taylor Sentenced To Life in Oregon State Penitentiary

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly Friday afternoon sentenced John R. Taylor, 27, Salem, to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary after he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill.

District Attorney Alan Holmes said Friday afternoon he would drop the two remaining charges against Taylor. The charges are grand larceny in connection with the theft of two cars in Jackson county.

"I feel one life sentence is enough," Holmes said.

Taylor would be eligible for parole after serving 7½ years of his life sentence.

After a strong plea by Medford lawyer Edward Branchfield, Circuit Judge Kelly said, "I think it is a little late for him to take stock of his life. However, it is not too late to change. He has, however, served a third of his life."

As a footnote to his plea for Taylor, Branchfield strongly criticized the sheriff's office for not providing Taylor decent clothes in which to appear in court. He noted that Taylor has had to wear the same torn shirt since he was jailed. Friday morning, his torn slacks were replaced, the lawyer said.

Branchfield said he was making this appeal for better clothing on behalf of all the county jail prisoners. Having to appear in court in dirty, torn clothing is automatically a strike against the person, Branchfield remarked.

Judge Kelly said he would call this matter to the attention of Sheriff Joe Walsh, but felt it was an oversight. "If necessary I will call it to the attention of the grand jury," Kelly added, "but I'm sure it won't be."

Taylor was charged with firing three bullets into the

**Three Killed in Portland Mishaps** — Three persons were killed in Portland traffic in separate accidents late Friday and early Saturday.

Lavern A. Hansen, 21, Portland, was killed instantly in a crash of a sports car here Saturday. A passenger, David A. Myers, 23, was hospitalized.

Arzy Harold Whelchel, 34, a transient, was killed late Friday when struck by a car driven by Vernon R. Hamilton. Whelchel died in a hospital.

Nina Willa Preston, 48, Portland was hit by a car and dragged 90 feet. She was dead on arrival at a hospital. Driver of the car was Neal O. Mathews.

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## Coast Guard Has Inquiry Into Loss Of Seven at Sea

Astoria — (UPI) — A Coast Guard board of inquiry convened Saturday afternoon to investigate the circumstances surrounding a sea tragedy Thursday in which seven men lost their lives and four boats were wrecked.

Beach patrols were searching for the bodies of six men still missing. One man was drowned when three Coast Guard craft capsized while trying to bring a crab boat to safety.

Search for the missing men, who include four Coast Guardsmen, Friday was hampered by continued bad weather. Coast Guard vessels and helicopters participated in the first day's search.

**Dead Guardsman** — The dead man was also a Coast Guardsman and was identified as Boatswain Mate I-C Culp of Hammond. His body was washed ashore Thursday night.

Missing were John S. Hoban, 27, Independence, Mo.; Gordon F. Susex, 21, Bellevue, Wash.; Ralph E. Mace, 19, Vashon, Wash., all Coast Guardsmen, and two crew members of the crab boat "Mermaid," Bert and Stanley Bergmen, Ilwaco, Wash.

The drowned Coast Guardsman and the four missing Coast Guardsmen were swept from the 52-foot motor lifeboat "Triumph." A 36-foot and a 40-foot Coast Guard craft also were wrecked.

Gordon E. Huggins, 22, a Coast Guard engineerman 3-C from Vancouver, Wash., was washed ashore alive.

The rates in question apply to limestone, logs, wood chips and sugar beets.

## Sports Bulletins

**Medford's Black Tornado** basketball aggregation subdued Crater High 82 to 61 here last night in Southwestern Oregon conference play. Bob Quinney tallied 31 points for Medford and Loyd Higginbotham 25 for the Comets. Halftime score was 37 to 28.

**Ashland — Southern Oregon** college swept a two-game series from Oregon College of Education last night with a 63 to 54 victory. SOC retained its perfect record — now 4-0-in Oregon Collegiate conference play.

**Klamath Falls — Henley** High school defeated Phoenix 54 to 38 here last night. Henley held a 22 to 15 half-time bulge. Mike Conbruck led Phoenix with 11 points. Roy Brown had 13 for Henley.

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## Red Ambassador May Take Congo Issue to Assembly

### Seven Abstain From Council Voting

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — The Security Council Saturday rejected Russia's charge of Belgian aggression against the Congo from the Central African Union Nations trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

The council turned down a resolution sponsored by the United Arab Republic, Ceylon and Liberia calling upon Belgium, as the administering authority of Ruanda-Urundi, "Immediately to cease all action against the Republic of the Congo."

The United States, Britain, France, China, Chile, Ecuador and Turkey all abstained on the vote, making the official tally 4 to 0 with 7 abstentions. Council rules require a favorable vote of seven members for action.

**Offers No Resolution** — The Soviet Union offered no resolution on its own but Soviet Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin threatened to carry the issue before the General Assembly, perhaps at a special session.

The situation in Ruanda-Urundi, a territory the size of West Virginia situated east of the Congo, continued to simmer, however.

Belgian Ambassador Walter Loridan told the council that forces loyal to ousted leftist Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba had been directing fire, including mortar shells, across the border into the trust territory since Friday night.

In a report not yet issued here, a U.N. spokesman at Leopoldville said pro-Lumumba forces stormed across the Ruanda-Urundi frontier from the Congo province of Kivu today and fired on Belgian soldiers there.

Russia charged that Belgium granted transit rights in Ruanda-Urundi to forces of Congolese strongman Col. Joseph D. Mobutu.

Zorin said Belgium organized the move, flew the Mobutu troops into Ruanda-Urundi in Belgian planes and trucked them 90 miles down the border to a vantage area instead of taking them to the nearest crossing point, only 13 miles away.

**Secretary - General Dag Hammarskjöld**, in a brief statement to the council before the vote, said it was "immediately obvious" how groundless the charges are.

**Mountain Named For Neuberger** — The government Friday named a mountain in Alaska in honor of the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

The interior department's board of geographic names said it had so designated the 6,747 foot mountain upon the joint request of Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, the Alaskan congressional delegation and the Alaskan state legislature.

Neuberger, who served in the senate from 1954 until his death in 1960 was a strong advocate of the conservation of natural resources.

**Family of Six Die In Youngstown Fire** — Youngstown, Ohio — (UPI) — A family of six perished early Saturday when a second-story fire swept a frame apartment house in suburban Campbell.

The fire of unknown origin was believed to have started in the kitchen of the apartment. The family died or asphyxiated.

**Federal Building Site Is South of 10th Street** — The site under consideration by the general services administration for a proposed federal building in Medford lies south of 10th st. between Central and Riverside aves.

The information was received last week from Congressman Edwin R. Durno.

According to officials of the GSA in Washington, the agency asked the regional office Jan. 4 to make an appraisal of the suggested site in Medford. It was stated that the appraisal usually takes about 60 days. There have been no offers received and no options secured on any of this land, Durno pointed out.

Dimensions of the land were listed as 335 feet on 10th st., 355 feet on Central ave., 280 feet through the block to Riverside ave. and 260 feet on Riverside ave. The south boundary would be the south line of 11th st., if the street were extended to Riverside ave.

Some question has arisen regarding this location since the property has also been proposed as the site of a new 33-unit motel, owned by the Imperial 400 Motel chain of Los Angeles.

In a previous announcement regarding the site, the government said it would build on the property only if it could be obtained at "reasonable cost."