

KENNEDY BRIEFED ON WORLD AFFAIRS



BROUGHT UP TO DATE—President-elect John F. Kennedy and President Eisenhower met at the White House today. The Chief Executive brought the president-elect up to date on a "number of matters" affecting U.S. security in various parts of the world. (UPI Telephoto)

Oregon House Gets Bill To End Death Penalty

Salem—UPI—A constitutional amendment to do away with capital punishment in Oregon was among 27 measures to revise Oregon criminal law that hit the floor of the House today.

The proposal to repeal capital punishment would require approval of the voters, who have defeated similar efforts in the past.

All 27 criminal law measures were prepared by the Interim Committee on Criminal Law.

One of the bills would remove felony jurisdiction from county, justice and district courts.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) would recognize special needs of the blind and would require the Public Welfare Commission to employ a consultant for aid to the blind.

Another measure would permit use of convict labor in tending gardens of prison officials, chauffeuring, fire-fighting and working in forest camps.

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Stadium Proposal Discussed; Plan Will Be Pursued

"You're lucky, if you can get it," "Hub" Kittle, general manager of the Yakima Bears baseball club, told a group of some 60 Jackson county residents who met at Kim's restaurant last night to get information on a proposed stadium and discuss the possibilities of its construction.

"It is a tremendous thing for your area," Kittle declared and he stressed the necessity of getting public opinion behind the project if it is to be realized.

The baseball man, who has been in Medford along with Jim Fleishman, Portland, president of the Class B Northwest league, spoke of a session with the county court. He reported that the court indicated that a stadium is a possibility if enough people let the court know they want it.

No member of the court was at last night's meeting.

No definite action was taken last night. A committee, however, was designated by the meeting chairman, Dr. Kenneth Baker, to pursue the proposal further.

Baker named Bill Askwith, Central Point, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Ashland, and Harry Chipman, Lee Ragsdale and Dick Moody, Medford, to work with John Weisbrod, who has made the present stadium proposal, and with William Siebert, who has drawn up preliminary plans.

Current plans projected by Weisbrod is to erect the facility in and around an excavation at the site of the present ball park at the county fairgrounds south of Medford.

Estimated cost of the stadium, which could be built over a period of years to an ultimate seating capacity of 20,000, has been listed at \$413,000.

Soil at the park site has been tested and found suitable as fill dirt which could be utilized in the construction of the Highway 99 freeway through this area.

Lawrence C. Patterson, a Sears employee and a Teamster Union member, said copies of the petition signed by some 300 Sears employees had been delivered to Chester Dusten, region 21 director of the AFL-CIO and to Joint Council of the Teamsters Union.

Oil, Frozen Fog Cause Accidents

Fog, icy highways and spilled oil combined this morning on Highway 99 near the Bear Creek orchards and caused a pile up of more than a dozen vehicles.

According to state police, an A 3-bury transportation company tanker-trailer loaded with fuel oil was hit by another truck about 7:35 o'clock. The impact ruptured the oil tank, allowing fuel oil to spill onto the highway.

The resulting slippery highway, already icy with glass from the freezing fog, trapped unsuspecting motorists. State police estimate 15 vehicles were involved in the resulting collisions.

Traffic on Highway 99 was delayed for a time. A truck from the Medford fire department was called about 7:45 o'clock and flushed away the oil. The truck also stood by while the remainder of the fuel was pumped into another tanker.

Three state policemen were assisted by sheriff's deputies at the scene.

Three Medford banks and two savings and loan associations will join with other financial institutions throughout the state and close their doors on Saturdays, starting this week.

The decision for Oregon banks and savings and loan companies to close on Saturdays was made by the Oregon Bankers association and the Oregon Savings and Loan league. The action had been desired by most financial institutions for a long time.

Affected locally by the decision will be the Medford branches of the First National Bank of Oregon, the United States National Bank of Portland, the Oregon Bank, the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association.

Most local finance companies have been closed on Saturdays for about a year, under a voluntary agreement.

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Copco, PP&L Merger Meeting Set March 14

Stockholders of the California Power company and Pacific Power and Light company will meet March 14 to vote on a proposal for Copco to merge with PP&L.

The Copco meeting will be held in Medford, and PP&L meeting will be in Portland.

Directors of the two companies yesterday afternoon adopted a detailed agreement covering the proposed merger, and set the stockholders' meeting date.

Previously, the two boards had agreed to base the merger on an exchange of 1.2 shares of PP&L common stock for each share of Copco common.

Terms for the exchange of Copco's preferred stock into shares of Pacific were announced at yesterday's boards meeting.

Holders of Copco's \$100 par value non-callable 7 and 6 per cent preferred stock would receive, respectively, share for share of a new series of Pacific's \$100 par value non-callable 7 per cent and 6 per cent serial preferred stock.

Holders of Copco's \$100 par value 4.7 per cent series preferred stock would receive for each share, one share of a new series of Pacific's \$100 par value 5.40 per cent serial preferred stock.

The agreement to be submitted to stockholders would authorize Pacific to issue additional shares of common and preferred stock equal to the number of shares of each required to effect the exchange.

Merger of the systems require the favorable vote of a majority of Pacific's outstanding shares, including a majority of the preferred, and in the case of Copco two-thirds of the outstanding common shares and two-thirds of the outstanding preferred shares, each voting separately as a class.

Record date for stock entitled to vote would be February 13.

Before becoming effective, the merger must be approved by the regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, including the Federal Power Commission.

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Wendt in Salem As Representative Of Counties Group

County Commissioner Chester Wendt is in Salem this week, as a representative of Jackson county and a member of the Association of Oregon Counties' legislative committee.

Jackson county is particularly interested in a legislative bill which would amend the Oregon constitution to permit computation of the tax base on "the last three years in which a tax was levied" instead of the three "immediately preceding" years.

Now taxing units lose their tax base if they fail to levy a tax for three successive years.

The county measure in which the county is interested is one to permit counties to use the Bancroft bond procedure for financing local improvements.

Passage of the bill would permit property owners directly affected by a local improvement, such as streets, to pay for it in installments over 10 years.

Counties could do more local improvement work at no cost to the general property taxpayer.

Wendt said he is opposed to a proposal to require the rural school district of county government, to make the levy for the county school fund.

The present law requiring counties to levy at least \$10 per census child (some counties must levy more) and turn it over to the schools for expenditure obscures responsibility for the county school fund.

Proponents of the bill say it will materially help the financially weak counties, and would affect only a small percentage of the school revenues.

Manila—UPI—Foreign ministers of four Asian anti-Communist nations ended a two-day meeting today expressing a "deep concern over the precarious state of world peace."

Thomas Dooley Dies of Cancer In NY Hospital

New York—UPI—Thomas A. Dooley, dynamic jungle doctor whose hospital in Laos made him "the good American" to thousands of Southeast Asians, died Wednesday night of cancer one day after his 34th birthday.

Dooley, a co-founder of Medico, Inc., which offers medical care for primitive peoples throughout the world, died at 6:40 p.m. (PST).

He had undergone surgery for chest cancer in August 1959 here and had been discharged as apparently cured. But a recurrence developed in late 1960 after he returned to his Laotian village for the work which has inspired scores of his footsteps.

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Freeway Section Paving Is Slated

Only one more project needs to be completed on the Evans creek to Rock Point section of the Highway 99 freeway before it will be open to traffic this fall.

Bids will be received Jan. 24 by the state highway commission for the grading, paving, structure widening and signing work on the new graded section of the freeway.

Plans call for completion of the grading from the Rock Point interchange south to connect with the existing highway. Concrete paving will be done from the south end of the bridge over Evans creek to the Gall creek county rd. overcrossing structure. The temporary connection with the existing highway at Gall creek will be paved with asphalt.

Also included in the project will be the widening of the Gall creek county rd. to provide for four traffic lanes, and frontage roads and interchanges at Rogue River, Homestead and Rock Point are to be surfaced to provide access to and from the new highway.

BLUE BOOK AVAILABLE

Salem—UPI—The new 1961-62 Oregon Blue Book will be available to the public next week. Copies of the 376-page manual on Oregon's government were delivered to members of the legislature. The manual costs \$1.

FOREMEN TO MEET

Albany, Ore.—UPI—The first foremen's departmental meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association will be held Saturday at the Albany Democrat-Herald.

TREE UPROOTED

Portland—UPI—Heavy winds Wednesday night felled a large tree which fell on the roof of a house at SW Menefee dr.

Western Appointed To Be Head of FAA

Washington—UPI—President-elect John F. Kennedy today appointed Najeeb E. Halaby, west coast electronics executive, as head of the Federal Aviation agency.

United Nations officials said that once Lumumba arrived at Elisabethville Airport and was placed in the hands of Katangese guards, the beatings came to an end.

Life Said in Danger

The Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda said Lumumba's life "is in danger" and held U.N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold responsible.

Lumumba's transfer from Thysville to a prison in Katanga sparked fears that his presence in Katanga will further inflame rampaging Ba-tuba tribesmen.

Builder Dies

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Amendment OK'd

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Eisenhower Gives Next President Full Report

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower today gave John F. Kennedy a full report on world problems affecting U.S. security which Kennedy faces when he becomes president Friday.

The historic second meeting between the outgoing president and the incoming chief executive lasted more than two hours. It covered the crisis in Laos, the Cuban situation, the gold problem and others confronting this country.

"Feeling 'fine - very good' on the eve of his inauguration, Kennedy said he had a 'very cordial' discussion with Eisenhower.

After the two men conferred alone, they were joined by six cabinet aides.

Discuss Major Problems

"We had an opportunity to talk with the President and his responsible officers on some of the major problems abroad facing the United States today so we can more easily assume our responsibilities Friday," Kennedy said.

After leaving the White House, Kennedy conferred for a half hour with Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on military matters. Lemnitzer told reporters, "we discussed procedural matters relating to his taking over Friday the duties of commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces." He said they did not discuss organization of the Pentagon.

During the White House discussion, Eisenhower, the oldest man to ever serve as president, offered to assist Kennedy, the youngest elected chief executive, when he takes office. Kennedy thanked him for his aid.

Those who joined Eisenhower and Kennedy were Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson, Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates, Secretary of State-designate Dean Rusk, Treasury Secretary-designate C. Douglas Dillon and Defense Secretary-designate Robert McNamara.

Web Pressmen Seek Rehearing

Portland—UPI—Local 17 of the Portland Web Pressmen's Union has petitioned the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals for a rehearing and reappraisal of a decision last month in which the court refused to assume jurisdiction in the Portland newspaper strike.

The petition said that issues between the striking Web Pressmen and the Oregon Journal and Oregonian should be settled by the courts, not the National Labor Relations Board. It said the court's opinion "is based on a misconception of the facts."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Clear, warm and windy through Friday except valley fog forming again during the night dissipating by noon Friday. Low tonight near 23 in cold spots; 43 in the windy places. High Friday 30 to 60.

TEMPERATURE

Highest Yesterday 33

Lowest This Morning 24

PRECIPITATION

To 5 p.m. Yesterday T

To 10 a.m. Today T

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:09 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:36 a.m.

Moonset tonight 9:00 p.m.

First Quarter Jan. 23

The planet, Venus, when viewed with a telescope, shows phases like the Moon. Tonight Venus is seen near the Moon and a telescopic view shows 1/2 of its visible disc illuminated by the Sun.

Inaugural Parade Will Be Three-Hour March

Washington—UPI—If you love a parade, Friday is your day.

A procession of 32,000 military men, civilian dignitaries and performers, ranging from Shriner on mule back to pretty girls in colorful floats, will salute John F. Kennedy in a

The inauguration of John F. Kennedy as president Friday will be heard over radio station KMGD (1440 kc) starting at 8:30 a.m. and on station KYJC (1230 kc) starting at 9 a.m. It will be carried by KBES-TV starting at 8 a.m.

Bowles Receives Tentative Approval

Washington—UPI—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today tentatively approved Chester Bowles as undersecretary of state pending his formal nomination by President-elect John F. Kennedy.

The action came on a poll of most committee members after a three-hour and 15-minute hearing in which Bowles was questioned at length about his views on Red China and said he did not think the United States should recognize the Peiping regime.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), said after the hearing that a poll of most committee members showed no opposition to Bowles' nomination.

Leopold Receives Permission To Wed

Springfield, Ill.—UPI—Nathan Leopold, 56, "thrill killer" convicted in 1924 of the slaying of a 14-year-old boy, today won permission of his parole board to wed a Puerto Rican widow.

The board, however, refused to reduce his parole period.

Leopold wants to marry Mrs. Trudi Garcia de Quevedo, who has a florist shop in a San Juan suburb.

Ike Disapproves Of Airline Expansion

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Nixon Has No Plans For Political Future

Washington—UPI—Outgoing Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today he has "no plans at the present time" to run for office in 1962 or 1964, but he would not rule himself out of the political picture.

Nixon told reporters he "will not make any decision or consider a decision on that at the present time."

He urged that parents instill in their children a greater sense of responsibility and respect for authority.

Bids Called For Timber Access Road

Bids will be received by the bureau of public roads in Portland until Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. for the grading of 5.3 miles of timber access road in Jackson county about five miles northeast of Trall.

The project will include construction of a bridge over the west branch of Elk creek for the bureau of land management. The road will extend northward from the point it leaves the highway.

The road will open additional areas of BLM timber for harvesting.

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