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# Officials Explain Medco's Position To EP Residents

Eagle Point—Medford Corporation officials met with about 100 Eagle Point area, White City and Butte Falls citizens Friday night to explain and answer questions about the possibility of Medco converting its present Butte Falls to Medford railroad into a private logging road.

The railroad runs through Eagle Point and some residents have expressed concern over the chance of its being converted into a logging truck route.

B. L. Nutting, Medco general manager, and Al Smith, logging manager, explained Medco's position and answered questions regarding the possible road conversion.

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# New Labor Boss Seeks To End NY Tugboat Walkout

New York—President Kennedy's labor secretary stepped into New York's tugboat strike Saturday in his first official act and offered to help seek an end to the dispute that has crippled two major railroads and threatens to paralyze the entire port.

Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg telephoned Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and offered his "full cooperation" in efforts to settle the tugboat strike, which has halted movement of railroad barges through the harbor.

The New York Central, which previously had closed down all its operations east of Buffalo, announced last night that maritime pickets had appeared at its terminal in Syracuse—bringing all operations of the railroad in New York state to a halt.

Because of Connally's extensive association with the oil industry, he "would be bound to be suspect" as Navy secretary, Morse said.

Connally, a Fort Worth, Tex., attorney was associated with the oil interests and other enterprises of the late oilman Sid W. Richardson, a co-executor of Richardson's estate, he holds relatively small interests in oil-producing royalties but no oil stock.

Morse said the question of conflict of interests goes beyond financial considerations and involves the question of whether a nominee's record leaves doubts as to whether he would be "unduly influenced" by his past associations or would be "suspected of being influenced."

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# Traffic Signal Planned at 99 Medco Crossing

A traffic signal will be installed on highway 99 at the proposed Medford Corporation's truck road near the highway 82 intersection which will guarantee a maximum of time without interruption to highway traffic, according to State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams.

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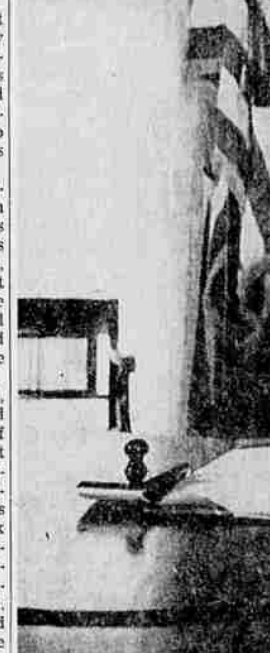
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# Mr. President...



HAPPY TO BE THERE—President John F. Kennedy, wearing a blue suit and a chartreuse tie, was smiling, as he posed for the first picture at his White House desk Saturday.

# Morse To Oppose Cabinet Members Sworn Into Office

Washington—President Kennedy's cabinet members who will help President John F. Kennedy launch his "New Frontier," were sworn into office Saturday after receiving speedy Senate confirmation.

In a White House ceremony, Chief Justice Earl Warren administered the oath of office to the 10 men and to Adlai E. Stevenson, who won Senate approval as the new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Stevenson has been described as having "cabinet rank." Kennedy, who was present, invited all the cabinet members' children—13 of them—to pose for pictures.

Warren administered this oath: "I swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution, that I take this oath freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion, that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter."

After the swearing-in, Kennedy rose, thanked the Chief Justice and congratulated the cabinet members—one of whom is his 35-year-old brother, Robert F. Kennedy, the new attorney general.

Most of the cabinet members came to the White House bearing full endorsement of the Senate, which in all but one case—Robert Kennedy's—confirmed them unanimously by voice vote.

There was no objection at all to the nominations of Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, the first three to come up.

# Ike and Mamie Receive Welcome Home as Citizens

Gettysburg, Pa.—Private citizen Dwight D. Eisenhower, slipping into the lonely existence of an ex-president as if it were a comfortable old shoe, was welcomed home last night by his Gettysburg neighbors.

He and his wife, Mamie, were promised privacy during their retirement years here after eight years of goldfish bowl existence in the White House.

The only fanfare that marked their coming here as permanent residents of their white farm home was a modest welcome home dinner. The historic town's leading citizens turned out in flag-draped Lincoln Square to give a warm reception on a snowy winter evening.

A crowd of 1,500 persons was there in 15-degree weather to hail the Eisenhowers.

Eisenhower told them that he and his wife decided to make Gettysburg their office residence in 1952.

"We never felt it was home to us until today because there's no one to say 'you must come back' (to the White House) or make a phone call," he said.

"We're finally at home," he said, and "we intend to be good citizens—good Republican citizens of this community."

# 3 Students Hurt In Snow Accident

Crater Lake—Three Crater High school students were injured in a toboggan accident shortly before noon Saturday, and are now declared in "good" condition at Rogue Valley hospital.

Injured were Cheryl A. Gherardi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Gherardi, Old Stage rd.; Charla J. Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Meyer, 43 South Ninth st.; and Todd B. Caster, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Burk Caster, Upton rd., all of Central Point. Meyer is the Central Point school superintendent.

The 16-year-old youths were with a special group of students from the high school playing in the snow near highway 62 above Annie Springs.

Francis Jacot, assistant chief ranger at Crater Lake, told the Mail Tribune the trio were all riding on one toboggan when it apparently went over a bump and threw them.

Both Caster and Miss Gherardi were said to have suffered back injuries. The Meyer youth sustained a sprained knee. They were taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

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# Kennedy Sends Peace Message To Khrushchev

Washington—President John F. Kennedy climaxed a fast-paced first day in the White House Saturday by messaging Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that the United States stands "ready and anxious" to work for better relations with Russia.

His first official communication with Khrushchev consisted of a cable replying to a message of congratulations from the Soviet leader on the new President's "quest for peace" inaugural address Friday.

As the nation's chief of state, Kennedy informed Khrushchev: "We are ready and anxious to cooperate with all who are prepared to join in genuine dedication to assurance of a peaceful and more fruitful life for all mankind."

"Speaking on behalf of the government and the people of the United States of America, as well as on my own behalf, I can assure you that the efforts of the United States government will be directed toward this imperative goal."

It marked the second major action taken by Kennedy in the first full day of his "new frontier."

Earlier, he swiftly carried out one of his key campaign pledges by directing that government distribution of surplus food to needy families be doubled.

White House news secretary said the order would benefit four million economically distressed Americans by increasing the amount, variety and nutritional value of food packages given them from agriculture department surplus stocks.

# New President Orders Increase in Surplus Food Distribution to Depressed Areas

1,100 counties and 120 cities and towns, most of them in chronically depressed areas, Salinger estimated the action might cost an additional \$10 or \$15 million a month.

The Kennedy cable to the Kremlin was made public late yesterday. It was addressed both to Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

They had messaged Kennedy congratulations on his inaugural address and had voiced hope that "by our own joint efforts we shall succeed in achieving a fundamental improvement in relations between our countries and a normalization of the whole international situation."

Kennedy's reply, transmitted through the state department, expressed "appreciation for your kind message of congratulations."

The new chief executive added: "I welcome your expression of hope for a fundamental improvement in relations between our two countries and in the world situation as a whole."

Kennedy's reply marked the second exchange of messages between Khrushchev and Kennedy since his election. At that time Khrushchev congratulated him and Kennedy replied briefly but courteously.

Kennedy spent his early hours conferring with staff lieutenants, conducting former President Harry S. Truman on a tour of the White House, and meeting with the Democratic National committee.

# Eleven Crossings

About 11 public road crossings would have to be crossed by the private road, Smith said. The county and Public Utilities commission would have to approve the crossings.

"Our trucks will not have the right of way over other vehicles at crossings," he added. County Court Judge Earl Miller was present and said the county does not intend to give up control of county road crossings. If the crossing isn't to our satisfaction we can hold a public hearing on the matter, Miller said.

"I have no doubt that Medco is just as much concerned with safety of county road crossings as we are," Miller said. The county will be consulted where any county road is crossed by a private road, Miller told the group.

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Smith said the crossings would have to be reinforced to handle the truck traffic.

Some Eagle Point residents said they were concerned over the possibility of decreased property valuation the road possibly could create. They said dust and noise would be factors.

# Clearance Period

Prior to the signal changing to this solid red indication there is a guaranteed solid yellow clearance period to the highway traffic so it does not have to come to an abrupt stop.

"Successive actuations on the Medco road cannot demand right of way at the expense of highway traffic," Williams emphasized. "With an estimated 100 trucks per day, 50 each way, on the road, the percentage of time that the road will demand is very, very minor, and for all practical purposes the highway will be given continuous right of way."

The type of signal to be installed near the intersection is a semi-actuated type of traffic signal with vehicular detectors located on both approaches of the truck road. Williams explained. This means a metal bar will be placed in the road which, when crossed by a truck, will change the traffic signal.

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# Election Planned By County GOP

Three new officers will be elected during a general meeting of the Jackson County Republican Central committee at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Medford High school cafeteria, Chairman Joe Walsh announced Saturday.

Those who have indicated they would be willing to serve as chairman are Otto Ewaldsen, Thomas Helman, V. E. Shangle, and possibly Floyd (Hank) Hart, all from Medford. Those who have offered to serve as vice chairman are Mrs. Paul H. Spargo and Mrs. William Miller, Wally Iverson, Medford, has offered to serve as secretary.

Members of the nominating committee are Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, Shangle, both of Medford, and Mrs. Betty Sanden, Rogue River.

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# Inside Today...

The fourth in a series of "Moonlighter" articles, this one discussing the problem in Medford, appears on page 2A.

A story discussing federal aid to education and how it affects schools in Jackson county appears on page 3A.

Pictures of President John F. Kennedy's inauguration, ball appear on page 8A.

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# Prospect Parents Face School Charge

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Prospect, are scheduled to be tried in district court on Jan. 30 on charges of failing to send their daughter to school in Prospect, District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer said Friday.

The couple appeared in court with their 14-year-old daughter Friday and pleaded innocent to the charges. They waived right to an attorney and jury trial and were released after they posted \$50 bail each.

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# Sports Bulletins

Medford high's Black Tornado basketball team, with Dick Ragsdale pouring in 27 points, rolled over Grants Pass 78 to 47 here last night. The Tornado had a 30 to 19 halftime bulge.

Portland—Southern Oregon college lost their second straight game to Portland State college here last night 51 to 41. The defeat dropped SOC into second place in the Oregon Collegiate conference. Jerry Shults, Medford freshman at SOC, led the Raiders with 20 points.

Klamath Falls—Klamath Falls dumped Ashland 87 to 34 here last night. Halftime count was 44 to 21. Wally Palmberg dumped in 24 for Klamath Falls.

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# WEATHER

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# Marilyn Files Suit To Divorce Miller

Juarez, Mexico—Actress Marilyn Monroe filed suit for divorce from playwright Arthur Miller here Friday night, ending their four-year "beauty and brains" marriage with a charge of "incompatibility of character."

The pinup girl of the century was understood to have returned to New York, where she was reported to have renewed a friendship with her second husband, retired baseball star Joe Di Maggio.

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# GB Presents Plan For Peace in Laos

Washington—Britain proposed to Russia Saturday, with U.S., French and Canadian approval, a face-saving plan for sending an international peace mission to Laos, diplomatic sources reported here.

The proposal is designed to avoid objections raised by either the Communist bloc or the United States and the pro-Western government of Laos against all previous approaches.

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# SUCCESSFUL TEST

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—The Army last night fired its Redstone missile more than 200 miles over the Atlantic Ocean—the first successful test of a major liquid-fueled missile by the United States this year.

# Concentration of Decline Studies Urged

Duplication of research should be avoided and studies should be concentrated now in saving the present generation of pear trees, Prof. Henry Hartman, Oregon State college horticulturist in charge of the pear decline study here, told the Jackson county Fruit Growers League Friday.

Hartman noted that pear decline research is also being studied in Washington, California and British Columbia.

The Medford area decline is different from the rest, he said. If the Medford pear district should lose its present generation of trees it would be disastrous, Hartman stated.

employment which helps the area's economy.

In the state of Washington the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington state experiment station and the Washington state department of agriculture are all working on the problem. However, these researchers are working on what they think is a specific disease affecting rootstocks.

California is working on pear decline research in a big way, Hartman said. It has spent \$64,000 and expects to spend \$154,000 during the coming fiscal year.

However, California has more manpower and money for its study. California right now is conducting research on a virus which seems to be one phase of the problem, the professor explained.

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