

Kennedy's Speech Praised In Europe

Planners Criticized By Councilmen for Action on Request

Two members of Medford's city council leveled a blast at the city planning commission Thursday night for turning down a request for a change of zone for the reason that the property was in a "proposed" park site.

The commission at its Jan. 12 meeting had recommended denial of a request from Dr. Jim Bayliss to change the zone of some property located north of Barnett rd. and east of the proposed freeway from commercial to light industrial.

Dr. Bayliss said he wanted to erect a new veterinary hospital on the site, since his existing hospital The Skiskiyou Veterinary hospital, was going to be destroyed to make room for the new freeway. The request had been before the commission for nearly a year, before final action was taken.

The commission, while apologizing for the delay in its decision, turned down the request because the property is located in an area suggested by a planning department parks plan for a park site.

Back to Commission

Councilman R. L. Van Sickle said the council should send the matter back to the commission because: "I don't think we should tie up a man's property because we might put a park there."

Councilman Stanley Stark agreed with Van Sickle and pointing to a planning commission report, which said "the property including and surrounding this request for a change of zone is reserved as a site for a major city park..." he said: "I think it is very much out of line to make a statement like that."

He added that the city does not own the property, and said there isn't even a price set for the property.

Councilman Donald Hanson came to the commission's rescue and said the planning commission's recommendation is proper planning. He said it is the function of the planning department to indicate what they think should be done with certain property.

No action was taken on the matter, but Van Sickle directed the city manager to make sure that Dr. Bayliss knows he has the right to appeal the commission's recommendation to the city council.

Russians Print, Broadcast Full Text of Speech

London - (UPI) - Europe Saturday hailed President Kennedy's inaugural address as one of the greatest of modern times and there were indications in Moscow it had already begun to thaw out the cold war.

London newspapers likened the Kennedy speech to President Lincoln's second inaugural address. The Paris newspaper La Croix compared it to those of Pericles who led ancient Greece to greatness.

The speech brought an eruption of editorial praise seldom seen and so impressed the Russians its full text was broadcast and printed in the Soviet press.

The diplomats watched Moscow where Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev called in U.S. Ambassador Lewellyn Thompson for two hours of talks aimed at improving Soviet-American relations.

No Statement

There was no formal statement but Khrushchev's action followed statements by Communist diplomats in London that Khrushchev wants an "early direct diplomatic approach" to Kennedy.

The reaction was remarkably similar throughout all of western Europe. There was a great swelling of confidence in the new American leadership and hope for the future of the world.

The speech won praise, too, in Cairo where Egyptian newspapers that have been critical of Kennedy in the past called his words a "positive... an ardent appeal for peace." The papers made no mention of recent fears that Kennedy's policy might court Israeli friendship at expense of the Arabs.

From the Vatican there were congratulations from Pope John XXIII and the Vatican City newspaper Osservatore Romano said the speech was that of a Christian and a free American.

Should Not Refuse

"... in the meantime," it said, "no enlightened man in the world will refuse sympathy and encouragement to the man and to the principle on which such a noble program rests."

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Sheldon Business Leaders Ready To Go Ahead As Usual

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UPI Special Reporting Team

Sheldon, Iowa - (UPI) - The town of Sheldon, where the most respected business lady in town stole a record-breaking \$2 million, shook off its fears today and faced the future.

The town's business leaders said they were not scared and Sheldon was not broke.

Nineteen of the business leaders of Sheldon, a town which has grown rich on corn and soybeans, gathered Thursday night on the second floor of Sheldon's community building. They had to talk loud because a square dance was in full swing downstairs.

There was only one real subject of conversation - Mrs. Burnice Iverson Geiger and the \$2,126,659.10 which she embezzled from the bank where her father was president.

Bank Examiners Busy

The bank, the Sheldon National, was just down 9th st. and federal bank examiners were busy behind locked doors figuring out how Mrs. Geiger, the assistant cashier, stole the money.

Afterwards, Chamber of Commerce President Mason Skeewis issued a statement.

"This is a wealthy community," he said, "it's not a scared town. We're just completely shocked."

"But Sheldon is still doing business as usual. We're not broke. We've had these experiences before and we're ready for more industries to come to town."

On the face of it, these were Chamber of Commerce platitudes. In reality, they expressed the determination of sturdy Dutch, German and Irish Iowans to win out against shame and disaster.

Their calamity had been brought upon them by a trim, matronly woman who sat with her secret - what she had done with the money - in the Woodbury county jail at Sioux City, 60 miles away.

Mrs. Geiger, 58, refused to let her husband visit her. But she allowed her cell door to be opened to the wife of the second most talked about person in Sheldon, Harold Kistner Jr., president of Sheldon's Northern Biochemical Corporation.

Kistner, 34, is a man with troubles. His livestock and poultry feed additive firm had mushroomed under the Iowa sun since its founding 14 months ago. Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late President, was its financial adviser. But Mrs. Geiger's arrest and the closing of the Sheldon Bank had put Kistner and his company into a painful spotlight.

Roosevelt, in a brief Sheldon visit, revealed Mrs. Geiger was Northern Biochemical's principal stockholder and had paid for her \$130,000 - plus holdings with cold cash. All

Mining Engineer To Visit BLM Office

Stanley Y. Shepard, mining engineer from the Oregon state office of the bureau of land management, will be in Medford Jan. 23, according to District Manager Ross A. Youngblood.

Youngblood said Shepard will be available to supply information concerning the mining laws to interested persons. According to current plans, a mining engineer will be in the Medford district office on alternate Mondays to assist the public and district personnel.

The Medford BLM office is located at the intersection of Barnett rd. with Highway 99 at 1133 South Riverside ave.

of the company's ready money is under federal seal, Saturday the company must meet its payroll.

Major Crimes On Increase in City

Major crimes were on the increase in Medford during 1960, with 16 more crimes being reported last year than the year before, according to Police Chief Charles P. Champlin's year-end report.

Police received reports of 1,257 crimes during the year, including two murders, 16 robberies, 216 burglaries, 940 larcenies and 81 cases of auto theft. Of this total, police were able to clear or solve 332 of the reports for a 26.4 per cent cleared average.

The average was below that of a year ago, when police cleared 342 of 1,093 major crime reports for a 31.3 per cent cleared average.

Chief Champlin attributed the lesser average to the increasing case load. The more cases there are, the less time the department is able to spend investigating each one individually, he said.

The department now has 41 officers. They added one policeman during 1960.

Police received reports of 8,469 miscellaneous offenses during 1960, including 44 sex offenses and four violations of narcotics laws. Police cleared 7,413 of these offenses for an 87.5 per cent cleared average.

Positive Results Seen from Recent 'Lights' Program

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford public schools, said he believes the recent "Lights On for Education" program has had positive results.

He commended Mrs. Tom Ness, chairman of the program here, other Parents and Teachers association members, school principals and laymen who participated in the program.

Dr. Mayfield said he believed that many people who attended and participated in the sessions now have more interest in legislation which has been introduced in the Oregon legislature concerning education.

Legislation Considered

Legislation, he noted, is now being considered on many of the problems concerning Oregon schools which were discussed at various "Lights On for Education" programs.

One of the main purposes of the program was to stimulate interest in and determine goals of proposed school legislation as well as other legislation relating to the welfare of children in Oregon. Organizations sponsoring the program included the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon Education association, and the Oregon School Boards association.

More than 750 persons attended or participated in the program in the 17 schools in the Medford district. Attendance ranged from small groups to about 150 at one school.

Program Well Received

The program, according to an evaluation made by school officials, was well received.

Most of the programs consisted of a panel discussion of school problems, and possible solutions. In some schools, one speaker was engaged.

One group expressed particular interest in items concerning youth and a "blueprint for education," while another expressed approval to keep O and C funds as is and increase basic school support to 50 per cent on a state level. Strengthening juvenile codes received favorable comment from another group.

Cuba Executes Two 'Terrorists'

Havana - (UPI) - Premier Fidel Castro's firing squads Friday executed two more Cuban "terrorists" convicted by military tribunals in mass trials at Cabana Prison in Havana.

The shootings raised to 10 the total of anti-Castroite Cubans who have died before firing squads this month. More than 600 have been executed since Castro gained power in January, 1959.

The two men were convicted of hiding weapons and explosives at a farm near Havana. An appeals court and the tribunal's sentence at commuted to 30 years the death penalty asked for a third "terrorist."

Cuban militiamen began stripping anti-aircraft guns Friday, ending a national alert against the U. S. "invasion" the Castro regime predicted would come before Eisenhower left office.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. W. D. McGraw, Portland, district superintendent of the Oregon Pacific District of the Church of the Nazarene, will speak at the 7 p.m. service Sunday at the Mt. Pitt avenue Church of the Nazarene, 1332 Mt. Pitt ave.

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YMCA Week Schedule

- MONDAY - Jan. 23**
Beginning Square Dances - 7:30 to 10:00 P.M.
Doug Fosbury - Social Hall
High School Church Basketball - 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Dick Kuschel
Swim Team Exhibition - 6 to 8 P.M. - Ken Lions, Pool
Jr. Hi-Y meeting - 7 to 8 P.M. - Bud Geren - Lobby
- TUESDAY - Jan. 24**
Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament - 7:30 to 10 P.M.
Gymnasium
Big Y Program - 9:30 to 11:00 P.M. - Entire building
- WEDNESDAY - Jan. 25**
Rogue Hi-Y Meeting - 7:30 to 8:30 - Social Hall
Free Throw Contest - 7 to 9 P.M. - Gymnasium
Camp RE-Union - 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Game Room
Tiny Tot Minnow Class - 3:30 to 4:15 P.M. - Pool
Family Night Guest Swim - 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. - Pool, Fran Bullard
- THURSDAY - Jan. 26**
Annual Dinner Meeting - 6:30 to 8:30 - Kim's Restaurant
Square Dancing Party - 7:30 to 11:00 - Social Hall, Doug Fosbury
Water Safety Aids Class - 5:30 to 6:30 - Pool, Dr. Roberts
- FRIDAY - Jan. 27**
Family Night - 7:30 to 10:00 - Building - Fran Bullard
High School Dance - 10:00 to 12:00 - Social Hall, Chuck Langsten
- SATURDAY - Jan. 28**
Guest Day for Youth - All Day Program
Jr. High Dance - 7:00 to 10:00 - Social Hall, Chuck Langsten
- SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE - (Exhibitions, Demonstrations, and YMCA information)**
Activities will be going from 2:00 to 5:00 throughout the building. Social activities in the Social Hall, Camp and World Service movies in the Lobby, Gymnasium activities in the Gym, swimming exhibitions in the pool, and demonstrations in the Handball court and Exercise Room.



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