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Soviet-Freed Fliers Delayed



FLIERS RELEASED - President Kennedy announced Wednesday that two American airmen held captive by the Russians since their RB47 reconnaissance plane was shot down July 1, 1960, have been released and are on their way home. They are Capt. Freeman B. Olmstead, left, of Elmira, N.Y., and Capt. John R. McKone, right, of Tonganoxie, Kan. (UPI Telephoto)

Weather Forces Pair To Remain In Labrador

Kennedy To Greet Men in Washington

By United Press International Bad weather delayed today the reunion of two American fliers with their wives after seven lonely months of imprisonment in Russia. President Kennedy personally will greet the two fliers when they reach Washington Friday.

Capt. John R. McKone, 28, Tonganoxie, Kan., and Capt. Freeman Bruce Olmstead, 25, Elmira, N.Y., arrived at Goose Bay, Labrador, this morning en route to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., but their plane was ordered to remain in Goose Bay overnight because of a forecast of heavy snow in the Maryland area.

Good Will Gesture

The two men, released five days after Kennedy's inauguration in an obvious Kremlin good will gesture, had been scheduled to arrive at the Andrews base this afternoon and go to nearby Washington Friday for a visit with Kennedy at the White House.

Their wives flew in from Kansas today and may be housed at the base pending the airmen's arrival. McKone and Olmstead crossed the Atlantic this morning.

They had been held since their RB47 reconnaissance plane was shot down over the Barents Sea by Soviet aircraft last July 1.

Kennedy Tells News President Kennedy made the dramatic announcement at his news conference in Washington Wednesday night an hour after the two airmen had actually taken off from the Moscow airport.

U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson, who had been unsuccessful in effecting the release of the airmen during the Eisenhower administration, suddenly found the door open in talks with Soviet officials in Moscow during the week end.

News Telephoned President Kennedy personally phoned the elating news to the wives and families of the two men in Topeka, Kan.

"I'm just numb, very numb," said the 26-year-old Mrs. Connie McKone. "It's like Thanksgiving and Christmas rolled into one."

"My feeling was of complete joy, relief and thankfulness," said Mrs. Gail Olmstead, 25.

Awaji Husbands' Arrival The two women were sped to Washington by Air Force plane to be on hand for their husbands' arrival.

For four other women, the news deepened their grief in a way. They are the widows of the four men who were flying with McKone and Olmstead, and were killed when the plane was downed.

MATS Passenger Plane Vanishes Washington - (AP) - A Military Air Transport Service passenger plane with 23 persons on board vanished near Argentina, Newfoundland, today after a trans-Atlantic flight.

Its fate was still unknown this afternoon. The Air Force here reported that a Navy radar picket plane saw an explosion in the air 27 miles northwest of Argentina at 2:14 a.m. (PST). That was 30 minutes after the C118 transport was due to land at Argentina.

School District Reorganization Target of Bill

Salem - (AP) - A bill calling for direct repeal of the 1957 Oregon school district reorganization law will be introduced in the Senate in a few days, Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles), said today.

Musa said the bill would stop any further reorganization under the 1957 law, but would leave already reorganized administrative school districts alone.

Musa said he hoped to muster enough support for passage of the bill, at least in a modified form.

Musa, a member of the Senate Education committee, said there is considerable feeling that the 1957 law "has disrupted a great deal the tax impact on many small, less populous districts, increasing their hardships."

Unfair Tax Burden

"The law has taken away the rights of minorities," Musa said. He said sparsely settled areas were being "sucked into reorganized districts" and forced to assume an unfair proportion of the tax burden.

Musa said his bill would restore voluntary consolidation of school districts to avoid lengthy fights and involved election procedures in order to resist reorganization. The Legislative Counsel is now drafting the bill, Musa said.

Difficulty Predicted

Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland), told the Senate he predicted some difficulty for a proposal by House Speaker Robert Duncan of Medford to switch Oregon's primary election from May to September.

Such a change would do away with presidential primaries and election of delegates to national conventions.

Meanwhile the 3-cents-a-pack cigarette tax bill had its first public hearing here Wednesday and the legislature was warned that the measure most certainly would be referred to the voters in 1962 should it pass.

Robert Bradley of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Tobacco Distributors Association, described the proposed tax as "discriminatory."

The price of cigarettes in Oregon is cheaper than any other state in the union and the tobacco industry likes it this way, he said.

Improves Business Bradley said an undetermined amount of cigarettes are purchased in Oregon by Washington state residents seeking to escape the 6-cent cigarette tax in their state and this makes tobacco an even bigger business in Oregon, he said.

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FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE—These pictures show President Kennedy during his first formal press conference since taking office. The news conference, held at the new State Department auditorium, was televised live for the first time. (UPI Telephoto)

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Tax Legislation Not in Hatfield Plan

Salem - (AP) - The Hatfield administration does not plan to introduce tax legislation in the 1961 legislature because the tax "package" proposed by the Interim Tax Committee could be amended to suit its needs.

This was revealed by Gov. Mark Hatfield late Wednesday.

Pirate Asked To Discharge Liner's Captive Passengers

San Juan, Puerto Rico - (AP) The U.S. Navy disclosed today it urged Portuguese rebel Capt. Henrique Galvao to land the hijacked luxury liner Santa Maria at any northern South American port to discharge his 600 captive passengers.

Adm. Robert L. Dennison, commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet, sent the message Wednesday. There was no indication of a reply today as Galvao resolutely sailed the seized vessel toward Africa, constantly shadowed by Navy patrol planes.

Seeks Neutral Port Dennison's message said: "Request you proceed any port northern South America you wish to discharge passengers. Please advise port selected and time arrival. Will attempt to arrange conference aboard Santa Maria as you request."

Galvao was racing across the South Atlantic, hoping to find a neutral port where he could unload the passengers and not have the Santa Maria interned. He said he would be glad to confer on board his captive ship with Americans or anyone else except Spanish or Portuguese officials.

In Washington, the Navy said the Santa Maria was about 700 miles northeast of the mouth of the Amazon river and appeared to be continuing on an Africa-bound course. It said the ship's course was 101 degrees and it was making 18 knots. That course would take it to Angola if continued. The ship's position was charted by a Navy patrol plane.

The saga of the stolen ship took a new turn when the first Navy pilot to contact the Santa Maria raised the possibility that Galvao may wish to discharge his captive passengers and crewmen at sea instead of waiting until he reaches port.

Lt. (j.g.) Daniel L. Krauss, 24, Sea Island, Ga., reached the Santa Maria Wednesday night and carried on a conversation with a radio operator on board who spoke "fair English."

Heard Background Voice Recounting this conversation, Krauss said he heard a voice in the background speaking broken English and he had the impression that Galvao was standing alongside the ship's operator during the talk.

"I asked about the passengers," Krauss said. "He said he wanted to disembark them as soon as possible. Although he didn't say so, I got the impression he meant on the high seas."

Smith Sees Morse Defeat Big Task Portland - (AP) - Ex-Gov. Elmo Smith said Wednesday the Republican party faces a "Herculean task" to defeat Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) next year.

Smith, who lost in last year's Senate race to Maurine Neuberger, addressed the Oregon Republican Club.

He said Gov. Mark Hatfield would make the party's strongest opponent a candidate for governor but that he accepted at face value the governor's announcement he would seek reelection. He added the swiftly changing Oregon political scene might witness events which would change the objectives of the governor.

Smith said the campaign should stress Morse's "barren record of accomplishment" for the people of Oregon.

County Opens Bids For Oils, Gasoline Bids were opened by the county court Wednesday for oils, gasoline, and greases for the county roads department.

Apparent low bid to supply gasoline and diesel fuel was submitted by Union Oil company for \$60,147.60. It was one of eight bids received. A bid of \$2,209 submitted by McLaren Oil company was the apparent low of seven received to supply furnace and fuel oil.

Union Oil company's bid of \$3,931 was the lowest to supply lubricating oils and greases. It was one of five bids received.

Ashland Man Dies Of Crash Injuries

Yreka - An Ashland man died this morning in the Siskiyou County hospital, Yreka, from injuries received three hours earlier in an accident on Highway 99 approximately one mile north of the California Agriculture Quarantine station.

According to the California Highway Patrol, a pickup truck operated by Dennis Perry McCoy, 33, of 1412 Clay st., Ashland, struck the rear of a Pacific Intermountain Express truck about 2 o'clock this morning.

Patrolman said that both vehicles were northbound. Driver of the truck was Norvel Jesse Ohswaldt, 52, Portland, Ore.

McCoy was pinned in the cab of the pickup, which was wedged under the trailer of the truck. He died shortly before 5 o'clock.

The pickup was demolished, officers said. The truck received minor damage.

Budget Committee Appointments Made

The Jackson county court yesterday made two more appointments for the new year. A. C. (Archie) Pierce, Medford businessman, was appointed to the Jackson county budget committee for three years effective Feb. 11 to succeed Lyndel Newbury, Talent, who was appointed as state senator.

Arnold Bohmert, Central Point, was reappointed to the budget committee for two years effective Feb. 11, when his present term expires.

Tentative Schedule Is Set for Budget Meetings

A tentative schedule for the county court and county budget committee to formulate the 1961-1962 Jackson county budget has been compiled by the county court. Judge Earl Miller said this morning.

Budget work sheets for individual departments are to be distributed Feb. 15 and are to be returned within two weeks so they may be tabulated by March 10.

Miller said that budget committee sessions have been scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The dates tentatively announced are March 13, 16, 20 and 23 and April 3, 6, 10, 13, 17 and 20.

Sometime during February and early March the county

Public Meeting on Future of Indian Land Is Scheduled

Future organization and management of the Klamath Indian Forest lands will be discussed at a public meeting in the Jackson county courthouse at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Conducting the meeting, one of three scheduled in southern Oregon, will be J. Herbert Stone, Portland, regional forester for the forest service, and members of his staff.

Under terms of the Klamath Indian Forest Termination act, 525,700 acres of Klamath Indian land will become national forest April 1, 1961. The forest service has been studying possible ways in which to fit the lands into its system of multiple-use management of all national forest lands, the forest service said.

Two proposals have been under consideration, one to divide the Indian forest land among existing national forests, and two, to form a new national forest with headquarters in Klamath Falls. The second proposal has the support of Klamath Falls interests.

The public meetings, Stone said, will afford the regional forester an opportunity to review the study with residents of the area. Stone will forward his recommendations to Dr. Richard E. McArdle, forest service chief.

The meeting here will be sponsored by the Jackson county court. Judge Earl Miller said all interested persons are invited to the discussion.

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Special Meeting of Commission Tonight

A special meeting of Medford's city planning commission has been called for 7:30 o'clock tonight in the city hall to hear a request for a variance to operate a kindergarten in a single-family zone.

The request is being made by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller who want to operate a kindergarten at the Congregational church, 300 Oakwood dr. A special meeting was called by the commission to accommodate the Millers, who said they needed to know at the earliest opportunity if they could operate the kindergarten.

Reapportionment May Be Put Up To Appling

Salem - (AP) - Rep. George Annals, chairman of the House Elections and Reapportionment Committee, said today if it appeared that reorganizing Oregon's legislative districts would prolong the 1961 legislature, he would just as soon turn the issue over to Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr.

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Signals Installed At Intersections

Traffic signals are now being installed at the intersections of 10th and Central ave., and 10th st. and Riverside ave., to facilitate the movement of traffic over the new 10th st. bridge.

Trowbridge and Flynn Electric company is doing the work under contract to the state highway department. The city will reimburse the state for its share of the cost of the signals.

Charles Wakefield, manager of the project for Trowbridge and Flynn, said they expect to have the signals in operation by the second week in February. The signal poles at both intersections were installed this week, he said.

NEW PORT OPENS

Gold Beach - (AP) - A new Pacific Coast port opened today. The Sause Brothers Tug Go-Getter was scheduled to leave the Rogue river with two barges loaded with 3 million board feet of lumber.

WEATHER FORECAST: Variable cloudiness through Friday. A few fog patches Friday morning. Low tonight 32-35. High Friday 52-55. Highest Yesterday 41. Lowest This Morning 31. Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace. Our Skies Tonight Sunsets today 5:11 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:31 a.m. Moonset tomorrow 4:16 a.m. Full Moon Jan. 31 PROMINENT STAR Aldebaran, leads the Noon. VISIBLE PLANETS Venus, low in west 8:16 p.m. Mars, in the east at sunset, will be in the west 1:31 a.m.