

# Welfare Commissioners Reject Charges Leveled by Gov. Hatfield

## Annoyance Voiced Over Lack of Boardman Paper

Salem—(UPI)—Members of a Ways and Means subcommittee expressed annoyance today over Gov. Mark Hatfield's failure to produce a lease application from Boeing Airplane company for Oregon's 96,000-acre Boardman industrial park.

## More Apples, Pears To Europe Urged To Ease Gold Problem

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Washington (Special)—Northwest fruit growers have wasted no time telling the new Kennedy administration that one way to ease the gold problem is to get the Europeans to eat more apples and pears.

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But, they said, apparently planning officials have seen no correspondence related to the Boeing request.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. and Treasurer Howard Belmont also have not yet seen the application.

Members of the subcommittee said they wished to cooperate in furthering development of the Boardman site.

But they said particularly in view of Hatfield's call for inter-agency cooperation in connection with the State Welfare Commission, they thought the legislature should be permitted to review pertinent documents connected with Boardman.

Members of the committee are Sen. Jean Lewis (D-Portland), Sen. Francis Ziegler (R-Corvallis), Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River), Rep. Ben Evick (D-Madras), and Rep. Leon Davis, (R-Hillsboro).

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## Kennedy Pledges Use of Authority On Integration

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy said today he will use the "moral authority and power of the presidency" when it will be "most useful" in the matter of school integration and civil rights.

Kennedy told a news conference that the administration is "carefully considering" what steps to take in connection with implementing a federal court order for desegregation of two public schools in New Orleans.

He said he hoped a preliminary study will be completed by Feb. 20, but that "today we are not prepared to make a judgment."

Touching on the international situation, Kennedy said he hopes some concrete solutions can be worked out concerning relations with Russia, including the problem of Laos and the Congo.

Other highlights of the conference: He has no information that the Russians have a man in space. Russia last week sent a 7.1 ton satellite in orbit.

"Pledged that this country will 'go on as a full and energetic partner' in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and will maintain full strength as a military partner in Europe.

Announced he has appointed former Secretary of State Dean Acheson as head of an advisory group to work with Secretary Dean Rusk in determining the future U.S. course in NATO.

Plans for a major expansion of Pacific Telephone Northwest's Central office building, 502 North Central ave., Medford, have been announced by J. H. Creager, local manager.

Overall cost of the construction and telephone equipment will be about \$1.5 million, Creager said.

Bids on two separate additions to the present building will be opened at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Portland engineering office of the company, Creager added. Work is scheduled to start in March, and be completed in December this year.

The additional space will be for the installation of a new central office switching unit, and also as office space for the plant and traffic departments.

Plans call for a first floor and basement addition on the site of the present parking lot adjacent to 502 North Central ave. A second floor will be constructed over the present one story portion of the existing building, Creager said.

Specifications call for reinforced concrete construction with a brick and terra cotta facing matching the present exterior appearance.

Planholders include H. Barnhart, Medford; Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass; Vik Construction company, Eugene; Bessonet Construction company, Medford; and James S. Hickey, Inc., Portland.

## Senator Church To Speak in Medford

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) will be principal speaker at the annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner in Medford April 8, Harper Edwards, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic party, said today.

Edwards said he received a telephone call from Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) this morning in which Senator Morse said Senator Church agreed to speak in Medford.

Senator Church was keynote speaker at the Democratic National convention in Los Angeles last year.

# Emergency Clauses Urged by Governor



LEOPOLD WEDS — Nathan Leopold, 56, widow of a renowned doctor, in a secret wedding in San Juan, Puerto Rico Sunday, after serving 33 years of a life sentence for the "thrill" murder of Bobby Franks, 14, in Chicago, married Mrs. Trudi Feldman, 31. (UPI Telephoto)

## County Willing to Cooperate in Air Pollution Control

County Judge Earl Miller told a joint meeting of the Medford city council and the county court Tuesday that the county is willing to cooperate in the control of air pollution in the valley, but added that he doubts the county has the power to enforce controls.

The meeting had been called by the city council to discuss mutual problems in the field of air pollution, and to determine whether the county would join with the city in enforcing an air pollution ordinance.

City Manager Robert A. Duff explained at the outset of the meeting that the city is holding meetings with all interested groups in the valley to determine what the scope and content of a proposed city air pollution ordinance should be.

He pointed out that the Oregon State Sanitary authority made an exhaustive survey of air pollution in the Medford area, and found that Medford has "severe" air pollution during certain periods of the year.

The sanitary authority submitted a report to the city last year in which it recommended that the city council pass and enforce appropriate ordinances for the prevention and abatement of air pollution within the city limits.

The report also recommended that air pollution here be approached on an area-wide basis with the city, county and state sharing the responsibilities.

Judge Miller said yesterday that he is "very encouraged" by the amount of work that has been done to control air pollution in the valley on a "voluntary and cooperative basis."

Miller pointed out that the orchardists have voluntarily agreed to reduce the opening type smudge pots by 20 per cent a year over a period of five years. This agreement has been in effect now for two years, he said, and the orchardists are ahead of their own schedule.

Miller also pointed out that mill owners and the lumber industry here have agreed to cooperate in replacing or repairing smoke producers in their mills in order to reduce air pollution.

He said that although the county is willing to cooperate in the abatement of air pollution, "the economy of the valley definitely has to be considered if we are to do it without hurting anyone."

Duff agreed with Miller on this point, and said the city also does not want to force any industry to shut down or move out of the city or valley. He indicated that it is probable an air pollution ordinance here would allow each

industry a reasonable amount of time to comply.

Also at yesterday's meeting was Ted Gerow, state sanitary engineer for this area.

Regarding Miller's comment that the county doesn't have the power to enforce an ordinance, Gerow said much could be accomplished if the district attorney would enforce the state laws and regulations regarding air pollution.

He noted, however, that most district attorneys have so far been reluctant to do this.

Gerow added that if the city will adopt and enforce an ordinance, and if the district attorney will enforce the state laws, there can be "adequate" supervision of an air pollution program on an area-wide basis.

Another possible area of cooperation between the city and county, he said, would be for the two governments to jointly hire technical personnel to supervise and enforce the ordinance and laws in both jurisdictions.

He added that bills are now before the legislature, which would strengthen the county's ability to participate more actively in air pollution control.

FIRE BURNS BRIDGE  
Corvallis—(UPI)—A 200-foot wooden bridge on the Alsea Highway about 17 miles west of here was closed Tuesday night when fire burned over about half of it.

J. A. Callan, construction engineer for the Talent Irrigation project, told the Mail Tribune Tuesday that Emigrant dam is built with the same tested and proven methods as all earth-fill dams, and would withstand the shock of an earthquake much better than would a concrete dam.

Callan's comments were made in commenting on a contention by E. M. Tucker, owner of Tucker Sno-Cat company, that Emigrant dam is not as secure as it should be. Tucker had suggested that the dam be reinforced with concrete or a steel plate.

Callan pointed out that an earth-fill dam is much more resistant to shocks than is a concrete dam. He said concrete is a solid mass and a sudden shock can cause it to crack. Dirt, on the other hand, is pliable and can take a shock without rupture.

WEATHER  
Forecast: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Thursday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 28. High Thursday 30.

TEMPERATURE	
Highest Yesterday	42
Lowest this Morning	39
PRECIPITATION	
To 10 a.m. Today	.04

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	5:34 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:17 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	1:44 a.m.
New Moon	Feb. 15

PROMINENT STARS

Sirius, in the southeast	6:28 p.m.
Altair, high in the south	7:32 p.m.

PROMINENT CONSTELLATIONS

Leo, in the east	8:28 p.m.
Orion, between Sirius and Altair	

County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold told the Jackson county court this morning that the county would be reimbursed \$4,708 it had actually contributed to the county's general education program for mentally retarded children.

The county is reimbursed by the state and the school districts in Jackson county which the program serves, he explained.

Total allocation for the program was \$36,075.78 for the past school year. However, the county operated only three classes and not four as planned so it spent \$30,157.92 of the \$36,075 total allocation. The rural school board had allocated \$28,650 for the program, Mekvold said. The county court had allowed a total allocation of \$7,425 for the special education program and will be reimbursed only for the \$4,708 spent, the school superintendent explained.

Washington—(UPI)—The Oregon Senate today unanimously confirmed four appointments by Gov. Mark Hatfield to the Oregon Resources Board.

They are Robert Root, Medford; Louis H. Foote, Forest Grove; Mrs. Ruth Hagenstein, Portland; and George Corey, Pendleton.

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## Buildings Could Be Started To Boost Economy

Highway Funds Should Be Released

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday urged the legislature to tack emergency clauses on some legislation to provide money for "early starts" to help the state's economy.

He asked speedy enactment of bills providing some \$7 million in higher education buildings, \$1 million at state institutions and \$4 million for a dormitory bonding program.

Hatfield also said the state should make some \$5 million in highway construction funds available now instead of next April.

Not Satisfied  
The governor, speaking of the economy, said, "We're not satisfied but we're not discouraged."

Among higher education buildings he said were ready to be built are an Oregon State College library, a science building at Portland State, Humanities building at Oregon, and a social science building at Southern Oregon.

The governor also made these points at his afternoon news conference: Salmon: The Boise meeting of three governors indicates "progress will be made in halting the decline of the salmon and steelhead resources."

Bridge Proposal Favored  
Astoria Bridge: Both he and Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington "generally" favor the proposed Astoria-Megler bridge over the Columbia river. He said the bridge was discussed at Boise. Hatfield said he had not studied a bill to authorize financing but that he favored any plan bringing the bridge closer to realization.

Boardman: One reason negotiations with Aero-Jet Industrial Corp. for Oregon's Boardman industrial park failed to produce results was that Aero-Jet indicated it had no use for the site in the foreseeable future.

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## Four Hours of Testimony Heard By Big Crowd

Duncan Presides At Lengthy Hearing

Salem—(UPI)—Members of the Oregon Welfare Commission Tuesday night rejected charges by Gov. Mark Hatfield that the agency is arrogant and inefficient. One implied Hatfield himself is partly to blame for any administration chaos.

Commissioner Gerson Goldsmith of Portland, one of the four that Hatfield said "he wished would quit," said: "We respect the governor's wishes when we know what they are."

He said he hasn't seen the governor personally since May 31.

Warne Nunn, the governor's executive assistant, spent an hour documenting commission defiance of executive suggestions and proposals.

Two legislative committees and a crowd of about 650 persons heard four hours of testimony for and against the commission. House Speaker Robert Duncan of Medford, who presided, said the hearing will be continued. No date was set.

Hearing Jammed  
An estimated 300 persons jammed the capitol's biggest hearing room and another 250 overflowed into the halls. The hearing was conducted by House Committees on State and Federal Affairs, and Public Health and Welfare.

All seven members of the commission were present and all testified, giving conflicting opinions on whether commission headquarters should be moved from Portland to Salem and reaction to Hatfield's reorganization plan as it affects welfare.

His proposal would take away the commission's policymaking power, making it an advisory board under a new social services department.

Lead-off witness was Nunn, who traced deterioration of relations between Hatfield and the commission in the past two years.

In a 21-page statement Nunn charged the commission with failure to administer the relative responsibility act and federal surplus food program, and "lack of aggressiveness" in establishing the county work relief program.

He also said the commission is lax in clamping down on welfare cheats and has a "lack of concern for public funds."

UPI Column Linked  
Nunn said Hatfield concurred with a guest column written for United Press International by Duncan last August when Duncan said: "The important thing is not who gets credit for improvements in government, but that improvements take place."

Goldsmith said he feared Hatfield's reorganization plan will "put welfare into politics."

Mrs. Lee Patterson of Portland, a welfare commissioner since 1959, said Nunn called her last month and asked her to resign, adding that the governor "already had a replacement."

Changed Her Mind  
She said she had intended to resign this year before the call, but now has changed her mind. Her term expires in 1962.

Only one commissioner favored the shift of headquarters to Salem. Mrs. Frank Bash, Medford, said it would be a "great economy move."

Goldsmith said the move, ordered for next spring, might "cripple" effectiveness of the welfare program.

