

France Says Russian Plane Operating In 'Danger Zone'

Duncan Proposal For Welfare To Be Considered

Solution Designed To Preserve Powers

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield and State Welfare Administrator Jeanne Jewett said today they would like to take a look at House Speaker Robert B. Duncan's proposed "compromise" to put an end to their welfare battle.

Duncan (D-Medford) said his solution was designed to preserve the essential powers of the Welfare Commission while opening new lines of communication and responsiveness between the commission and the governor's office.

Hatfield said he would reserve comment. But, he said, he would "look with favor" on any proposal that would improve the administration of welfare and make agency operations more economical and more responsive.

Lumumba has lashed the welfare commission for arrogance, lack of cooperation, and poor performance, and has sought the resignations of four commission members.

Miss Jewett, who denied Hatfield's charges, said she was interested in seeing Duncan's proposal and was "open to consideration of any proposal that would point toward a sound operation."

Duncan's plan would dismiss Hatfield's government reorganization proposal to abolish the commission and create a welfare division in a new social services department. Instead, Duncan would leave the commission as a policy-making body. Social services director would serve as a coordinator between the commission and the governor.

Court Decides Not To Sign Contract

The county court this morning decided against signing an agreement with the state highway commission on widening the Galls creek to Seven Oaks section of the new freeway.

It approved a recommendation of County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen that the agreement not be signed. He pointed out that the agreement does not mention replacing the Blackwell creek bridge as an access to a county road, nor is any mention made or implied on the map accompanying the agreement that the highway commission intends to construct a crossing over Blackwell creek on the county road serving the area.

Under the agreement, the highway commission will close the county road at the thruway right of way when that section of the existing highway is widened.

Six families affected would have to drive through the Rock Point interchange, a distance of seven miles away, or they would have to go to the Kane creek interchange about six miles away.

The county engineer said he understood a new agreement will be drawn up and the replacement of the Blackwell creek bridge will be included. The county had condemned the bridge two years ago as unsafe.

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EX-SENATOR DIES—Former Sen. Millard E. Tydings, 70, a Democrat, died at his home near Havre de Grace, Md., Thursday. Tydings became one of the nation's youngest senators when he was elected to the upper chamber in 1927 at the age of 37. He was beaten for reelection by John Marshall Butler, a Republican, in 1950. (UPI Telephoto)

Lumumba Spotted Fleeing Prison With Lieutenants

Elisabethville, The Congo—UPI—Katangese Province government sources said today deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba, 36, escaped from prison and had been seen from the air as he fled by car with two of his lieutenants.

The reports said a helicopter had spotted the three men near the town of Kasati, 40 miles from the farmhouse prison where the government said he overpowered his guards during the night and fled in a stolen police car.

The Katanga government announced his escape only hours after Congo President Joseph Kasavubu in Leopoldville dissolved the military regime which had jailed Lumumba.

The government reports said Lumumba was sighted slightly north of Mutshatsha, where he had been held prisoner with two former members of his government. Mutshatsha is 380 miles northwest of Elisabethville, capital of anti-Lumumba Katanga Province.

Moscow Radio already was hinting that reports of his escape from jail may be only a preparation for an announcement he had been shot while trying to escape. It noted there had been rumors that he died in prison of savage beatings inflicted by Congolese troops.

JUDGESHIPS ASKED
Washington—UPI—President Kennedy asked Congress today to create 59 new federal judgeships to relieve serious congestion and delays in many federal courts.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Rain, heavy at times, tonight. Showers and occasional sunshine Saturday. Cooler, low tonight 38. High Saturday 48.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 55
Lowest this Morning 49
Prec. To 10 a.m. Today .50

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:14 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 3:33 a.m.
New Moon Feb. 15
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Heavy Rains Cause Slides; Roads Closed

By United Press International
Heavy rains caused slides and road closures throughout Western Oregon today. More than 3.5 inches fell at North Bend and Newport while Salem had 2.87 and Portland 1.72 in 24 hours.

Roads were blocked by slides and high water in the Portland area, several Marion county roads were closed due to high water and slides were reported as far south as the Grants Pass area.

Highway 101 Closed
Rain caused slides on Southwest Canyon rd. near Sylvan, highway 43 south of Lake Oswego, the Estacada highway near Carver and North Greeley road in Portland.

Highway 101 was reported closed near Coquille because of a washout.

The Marion county road department reported that high water closed the old Silverton road between Silverton and Chemawa. Other Marion county roads that were closed included several in the Lake Labish area, several in the Jefferson-Independence area, and the Turner-Marion rd.

Water Over Road
Water was reported over the road on routes both south and east of Salem although cars are getting through.

Slides were reported on Highway 128 between Vida and the McKenzie bridge in Lane county.

The Eddyville-Budget secondary highway was closed.

Mrs. Carter Case To Be 'Closed'

The case against Mrs. Rachel Peterson Carter, former employee of the Medford E.Crow company, will be "terminated" through court action in approximately two weeks, according to Paul Haviland, Medford attorney and special prosecutor.

Haviland, who is also special prosecutor of the case involving O. H. Bengtson, involving the escrow company, said Mrs. Carter is charged with embezzling \$200 from the company. He did not indicate whether the case will be brought to trial, or whether he expects Mrs. Carter to plead guilty.

Bengtson, Medford lawyer, formerly associated with the escrow company has been convicted on two separate charges of embezzlement. Notices of appeal on both cases have been filed. Disbarment proceedings against Bengtson are under way this week before a trial committee of the Oregon State Bar association.

District Attorney Alan Holmes earlier had excused himself from prosecution of the Bengtson case since his former law partner, Robert Boyer, is one of the attorneys representing Bengtson. Holmes has also been exempted from prosecution of the case against Mrs. Carter.

Holmes said today he had thought he was eligible to prosecute the Carter case since it would be considered separate from Bengtson's case and was anxious to get started. Later he discovered he would also be ineligible to prosecute the case against Mrs. Carter.

Tunnel Approach Contract Awarded

Sacramento—UPI—The California Department of Public Works has awarded a contract for \$1,186,789 for construction of approaches to the Oregon Mountain Tunnel in recession-hit Del Norte county.

The contract was awarded Thursday to Morrison-Knudsen Co., of Seattle. The project calls for grading and paving of 4.6 miles on U.S. highway 199 just south of the Oregon state line.

A \$3,432,000 contract for construction of the tunnel has already been awarded.

Authorities Say Soviet President Not Endangered

Paris—UPI—France said today that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was not endangered when French jet fighters fired across the path of the airliner carrying him to Rabat, Morocco, Thursday.

A French communiqué said the warning shots were fired because the Soviet plane was inside a "danger zone" over the Mediterranean.

The communiqué said an inquiry had established that "several irregularities and infractions by the (Soviet) crew had made interception necessary."

It said that for "some unknown reason" Brezhnev's plane was "far to the south" of its announced itinerary of about 85 miles north of Algiers.

France Cites Treaty
France claims a "zone of responsibility" in the air over Algeria and part of the Mediterranean under a 1944 convention giving each state the right to restrict or ban flights over her territory for military or public security reasons.

French sources said the regulations were sent to Moscow through diplomatic channels. These sources said the Soviet plane was actually about 25 miles inside the zone when three French jet fighters were sent up to intercept it.

The communiqué said the French pilots "took the view that the aircraft should have entered into radio contact... as regulations provide."

"The aircraft then would have received advice on the route it should follow. It was to draw the attention to its position and its irregular behavior that one of the fighters received orders to fire warning shots in such a position that the shots should not endanger the aircraft," the communiqué said.

Soviet Rejects Explanation
Russia, in a statement distributed by the official news agency Tass, rejected France's explanation of the incident.

Another Tass dispatch from Rabat where Brezhnev's plane landed said the pilot of the Soviet liner rejected French explanations as a "complete fiction."

The plane's commander insisted that radio contact had been established with Algiers before the incident and said the French jet buzzed his plane three times and fired at it twice.

CLUB PLANNED
Plans for a \$170,000 tennis club project, to be called the Medford Racquet Club, were announced at a meeting of the Medford planning commission last night. The project is to include four tennis courts, a club house and two swimming pools.

The following day, it will be in Ashland at the Elks club. Quota is 200 pints, for which 250 donors are needed. The Bloodmobile will be there from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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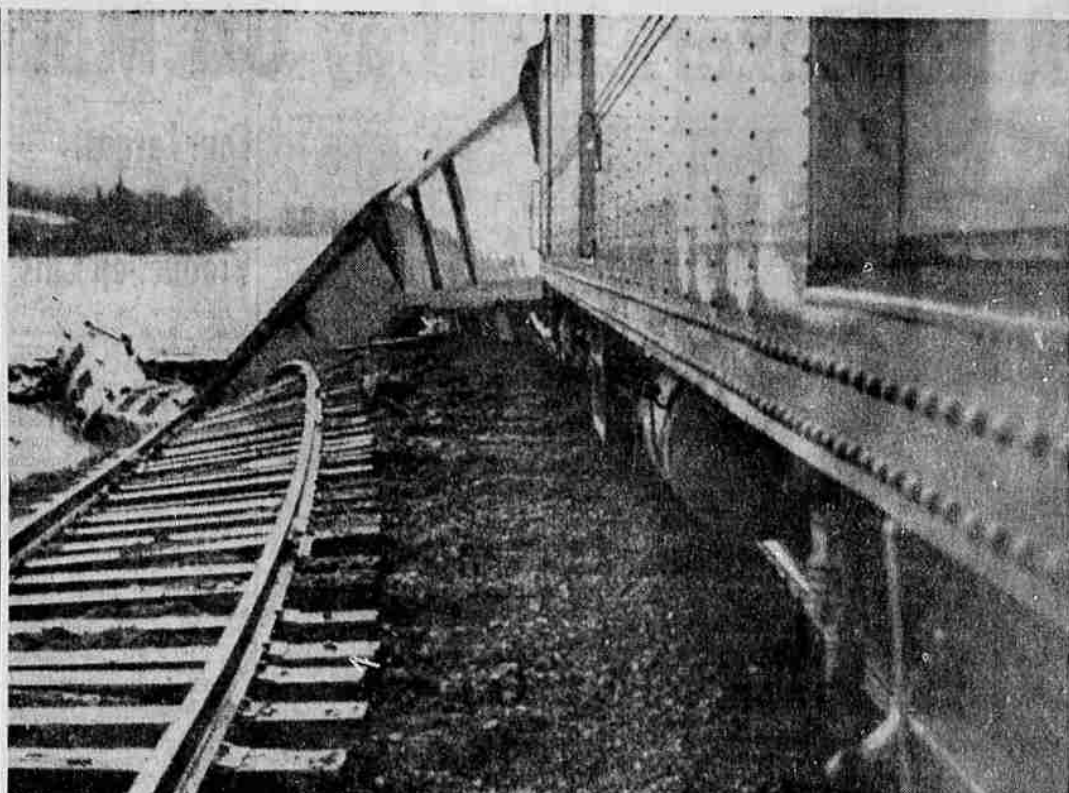
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Six European Nations Confer On United Front

Paris—UPI—Six European nations opened a "little summit" conference here today in an attempt to develop a united economic and political front in their relations with the United States and the rest of the world.

President Charles de Gaulle of France and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany, who fail to see eye to eye on many problems, dominated the meeting.

Representatives also were present from Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Every Action Watched
If it were true that the ladies who do not attend the Thursday afternoon bridge club are the ones who get talked about, then that is pretty much the position of President Kennedy, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

It is particularly true of Kennedy. His every action is watched in Europe these days and his words studied closely.

The basic difference between the French and West German viewpoints here is this: The French favor a confederation of the six nations with each keeping its own striking force inside the NATO alliance; Adenauer favors a real unity of the six—a United Europe—with some sort of supranational authority in control.

20 Appointments Made for Blood

Only 20 appointments have been made so far for the Tuesday, Feb. 14, visit in Medford of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Red Cross officials reported today.

A total of 350 donors is needed to obtain the 290 pints, the quota for the visit. The Bloodmobile will be at the Red Cross chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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Portland—UPI—An east-bound Union Pacific mail-passenger train carrying more than 100 youths to a church meeting was struck by a rockslide in the Columbia River gorge today, but no fatalities were reported.

Four persons were injured. Two locomotives were knocked into a trackside lake, about 20 miles east of here.

Thomas Marshall, 42, Portland, electrician aboard the nine-car train, was taken to a Gresham hospital with abrasions about the face and a possible arm injury. He was reported in good condition.

Three Others Hurt
Three other persons, fireman Charles Wilson, engineer Cecil Key, and Judith Page, were brought to a Portland hospital.

Deputies said some of the rocks were as "big as cars." The front part of the train was struck.

The slide area covered the length of three railroad cars. Track both in front and behind the train was torn out.

A sheriff's officer who went to the scene said tons of rock and mud fell off the bluff almost at the same time as the train was passing. One of the locomotives was filling with water and the other was sitting upright atop the slide which carried the debris into the lake. Two baggage cars also were derailed.

The officers said the cars did not come uncoupled.

Carried Methodist Youths
Union Pacific officials said the train carried 118 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from Portland. They were heading for a meeting in Pendleton.

Buses were sent to return the youths to Portland.

The slide occurred on the south side of Highway 30. The Columbia river is on the north side of the highway.

The accident occurred near Rooster Rock in the Columbia River Gorge.

The railroad said the train was struck by the landslide as it passed the site about 7:50 a.m.

BILL PASSED
Salem—UPI—The Senate today unanimously passed and sent to the House a bill that would make it a misdemeanor to place a long distance phone call and charge it to someone else's number.

Legislature Hears Plea To Increase Driving Age

Salem—UPI—Automobiles in the hands of teen-agers 16 to 18 years old were described to the House Highways committee Thursday as the contributing factor in an "appalling overall picture" of poor scholarship, bad habits, moral laxity and juvenile delinquency.

Rep. Ken Maher (R-Portland) appealed to the legislature to eliminate many of these problems by boosting the driving age from 16 to 18, and raising the age of a learner from 15 to 17.

Maher said in addition to high accident rates, studies show young drivers have poorer grades and worse records of trouble and delinquency than their friends who do not drive.

But, he said, the temptation to drive, and pressures from friends who have a car, are so great that parents will not prohibit driving and the problem will not be solved unless the legislature acts. His bill would offer special permits for young people driving to school or work.