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Hatfield Will Accept Welfare Compromises

No Modifications Will Be Made in Basic Principle

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he will accept "modifications" in his plan to reorganize the state welfare commission if they do not violate his basic aims of making the agency more efficient and responsive.

Two such compromises have been offered by House Speaker Robert Duncan and Senate President Harry Bolvin. They would leave the commission with more power than Hatfield's plan.

Proposals "interesting" Hatfield said the proposals were "interesting" and he would have to see them in relation to the whole program before commenting further.

"We are certainly going to support programs that bear out our basic principles," Hatfield said.

"There may be modifications that will be necessary," the governor said, "but not in principle at all."

Hatfield, at his weekly news conference, also urged passage of enabling legislation for a \$24 million bridge over the Columbia river between Astoria, Ore., and Megler, Wash., and said State Land board records are "open and available" if the legislature wants to investigate the board's activities.

Hatfield said it was "hard to evaluate" a hearing last week to air his charges of "chaos" in activities of the State Welfare commission.

But he thought his own case as given by his assistant, Wayne Nunn, had been well presented. He said he expected his office would be able to "rebut" charges by commission spokesmen at a second hearing Tuesday.

"No doubt, we will certainly have our case well established and well proven," he said.

Aggressiveness Asked Hatfield said the welfare recovery division should be more "aggressive" to get at cases where people should not be receiving money. He declined to estimate how many cases he felt were involved.

The governor said he hoped Seattle's Century 21 exposition next year would recognize the proposed Astoria-Megler bridge as a "symbol" of regional progress.

Hatfield said he has not recommended any candidates for a new Republican state chairman to replace Peter Gunnar, who resigned.

Rural School Group To Meet Tonight

The Jackson county rural school budget committee will consider the curriculum materials center budget again when it meets at 8 o'clock tonight in the county school superintendent's office.

James McDonald, curriculum materials center director, has been asked to revise his budget estimates. During Monday night's meeting the budget committee objected to estimated expenses for supplies, equipment and printing for the center.

County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold said the committee may also consider the budget sections on special education and the superintendent's office.

Hatfield Sees Economy Conference 'Imperative'

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield today recognized a "downturn in economic activity, and particularly the continuing increase in unemployment," and said these made an economic conference slated for Tuesday "imperative."

In a brief statement prepared for the conference, Hatfield said economy lulls and joblessness have "caused some concern," and it is "imperative that a comprehensive, dispassionate appraisal of the economy of this state be obtained."



DR. A. L. STRAND At Lincoln Day Event

OSC President To Speak at Luncheon

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, Corvallis, will speak on "Lincoln and the Law of Nature" at Tuesday's Lincoln Day luncheon at noon at the Jackson hotel.

The luncheon is open to the public and tickets will be sold at the door for the yearly commemoration of Lincoln's birthday, according to Lincoln Day club officials.

Dr. Strand was a member of the U. S. economic mission to the Philippines in 1950 and a member of the board of trustees, Northwest Regional Council from 1938 to 1943. He served as president of Montana State college from 1937 to 1942 when he became OSC president. He has engaged in biological research, teaching and extension work at Montana State college, Pennsylvania State college and the University of Minnesota. He received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Minnesota in 1928.

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Criminal Trial May Be Postponed

A criminal trial involving assault charges may have to be postponed tomorrow in circuit court since the key witness has not yet been found.

Law enforcement officers are still seeking John C. Logie, 57, transient, wanted as a material witness in the trial of Martin David Wilkinson, White City domiciliary member, charged with assault. Wilkinson is charged with assault on Forest Conrad Armstrong, also of the domiciliary. Wilkinson is charged with cutting Armstrong over the left eye and under the ear with a broken wine bottle on Nov. 14.

Logie, the witness, is described as 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighing 175 pounds, having light brown, sandy hair and a heavy Irish accent. Anyone knowing his whereabouts should notify local law enforcement officers.

LAWN DAMAGED

A Yellow Cab company limousine got away from its driver Saturday night and damaged 30 feet of lawn at the Medford Municipal airport, according to city police. Police said the driver, Bert Ellis Cooper, 49, apparently had started the motor and when he went to put the limousine in reverse gear it got away from him. No citations were issued.

Applegate Rd. Work To Get Under Way

Jackson County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen said that work will start soon on improvement of the Applegate rd. from Ruch to the Little Applegate junction.

BILL IN TROUBLE

Salem - (UPI) - The bill to give Oregon teachers a higher minimum wage ran into trouble in the Oregon Senate again today and went to the state and federal affairs committee - sometimes known as the "burial ground" for legis-

Home Rule Group To Discuss Talk Heard Recently

The Jackson county home rule committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county to discuss their talks with a representative of the bureau of municipal research last week.

Meeting with home rule committee last week, Orval Eitter, research attorney for the bureau of municipal research, said the committee should decide if a legislative mandate and voluntary cooperation of county officials would solve the needs of Jackson county. If not, it is essential to explore further the possibilities of a home rule charter, he said.

Committee Member W. E. Davies, Eagle Point, said another way the question might be put is - "If we already had a home rule charter and an efficient form of county government would the people ever vote to give it up?"

Two such districts are pending, in southwest and central Oregon.

The trading stamp bill would regulate stamp companies instead of the consumers. Stamps would have to be redeemable in either cash or merchandise and a stamp firm would have to let any businessman handle them if he chose.

Stamp companies would have to put up a bond with the state ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, furnish proof of financial responsibility and pay a license fee amounting to five per cent of the bond.

Donors Needed For Bloodmobile

Donors for the Tuesday visit in Medford of the Red Cross Bloodmobile are desperately needed, Mrs. J. W. Burba, Bloodmobile chairman, reported today.

Only 35 appointments have been made so far for the visit tomorrow, for which 350 donors are needed to obtain the 290 pint quota. The Bloodmobile will be at the chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., from 1 to 6 p.m.

Appointments may be made by telephoning Spring 3-3813 or persons may stop by the Bloodmobile during the hours it will be here. Mrs. Burba said that drop-in donors will be welcome.

Reports on Basin Study To Be Given

Grants Pass - A report on the current Rogue River basin study will be made during the annual meeting of the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the Josephine county circuit court room here.

Travis Roberts, of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Henry Stewart, of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will present their agencies' findings.

Six association directors will be elected. Nominees include Andy Schmidt, Medford; Ralph James, Sams Valley; Claude Eaker, Gold Hill; Bud Randolph, Cave Junction; Conrad Nystrom, Merlin; Wally Martin, Grants Pass; Don Cameron, Grants Pass; Clyde Broeffle, Cave Junction; and Edwin H. Taylor, Central Point, the county court delegate.

Big Game Hunters

A Southern Pacific brakeman whose legs were severed below the knee Saturday night in a railroad accident here, was reported in fair condition this morning by Rogue Valley hospital attendants.

Injured Brakeman In Fair Condition

Alva Ernest Teeter, 60, of Roseburg, was rushed to the hospital Saturday night by police after he fell under a train near the Kogap Manufacturing company railroad crossing south of Medford. He lost a considerable amount of blood, state police said.

Officers said no one was near Teeter when the accident occurred, so exact details are not yet known. He was connecting the air hose between the 22nd and 23rd car as the freight train was backing up.

Junior College, Trading Stamp Bills Introduced

Medicare Plan Also Presented

Salem - (UPI) - Bills were introduced today that would put Oregon community colleges under higher education and regulate trading stamps.

Gov. Mark Hatfield's medicare plan also went in, with House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) a key sponsor. The \$4 million a year program would cover everything from hospital services to eyeglasses and dentures.

However, if the federal government should alter the aged care program, Oregon's position would revert to the general fund.

The legislature began its sixth week and today was the cutoff for routine introduction of measures.

The junior college bill sponsored by Sen. R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay), would allocate \$3,307,587, with a third of it earmarked for the next two years to establish colleges in Coos, Deschutes and Clatsop counties.

In 1961, Deschutes would get \$475,000; Coos \$300,000, and Clatsop \$205,087. The State Board of Higher Education would get \$95,000 to set up a special community college division.

At present the state does not operate any junior colleges. Authority for establishing such area education district now rests with the Board of Education and it is left up to the area itself to take the initiative for its own post high school center and raise the money.

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Water Blocks Route

The Corvallis-Lebanon secondary highway was closed by high water while traffic on several other secondary routes was hampered by slides and water.

Cooler air moved in following the first big rainstorm last Thursday and Friday and snow fell Sunday night in mountain passes. The weather bureau's river forecaster said the new storm "has us worried" but that the cooler air and the fact that most tributary streams had fallen could help alleviate the flood threat.

Willamette Crests

The Willamette river created above the 20-foot stage in the valley during the week end and had dropped to 19.6 at Corvallis this morning. It was two-tenths of a foot above the 18-foot mark in Portland at 7 a.m. with a crest of 18.5 expected this afternoon.

Sports Bulletin

Phoenix - (UPI) - Arnold Palmer won the \$30,000 Phoenix Open Golf Tournament today when he defeated Doug Sanders by three strokes in an 18-hole playoff before 3,000 fans.

LUMUMBA DEAD

Former Premier Claimed Killed by Katanga Natives

Village To Receive Reward of \$8,000

Elisabethville, Katanga, The Congo - (UPI) - The Katanga government announced today that natives of an unidentified village killed former Premier Patrice Lumumba and two aides early Sunday, three days after their escape from a farmhouse jail. They will receive a cash reward.

Katangese Interior Minister Godfried Munongo broke the news of the death of Lumumba, former Minister of Youth and Sports Maurice Mpolo and former Deputy Senate Speaker Joseph Okito at a news conference this afternoon.

The announcement hit the world with sledge-hammer impact. It raised fears that the Congo was approaching all-out civil war, with inevitable slaughter of retaliation. One high Belgian official here said Lumumba's slaying could bring a "night of the long knives" against white men. Observers felt it was the grimmest moment to date in The Congo.

Munongo said the fugitives were killed by means he did not disclose in a village he refused to name. But he said the village will receive a reward of \$8,000, which was the total price put on the heads of Lumumba and his companions by the Katanga government.

Russia Blames U.N. The death announcement came barely an hour before the United Nations Security Council met in New York to consider The Congo and Lumumba's fate. At this session, Russia blamed Belgium, its allies and agents, and Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold and the U.N. Command in The Congo for Lumumba's death. Then, after hearing praise of Lumumba and pleas for forbearance, the council adjourned until Wednesday.

Kennedy 'Shocked' In Washington, President Kennedy reacted with "great shock" to news of Lumumba's death, but his press secretary, Pierre Salinger said any further comment will have to come from the State Department.

At the United Nations, Hammarskjold called for a complete investigation of Lumumba's death.

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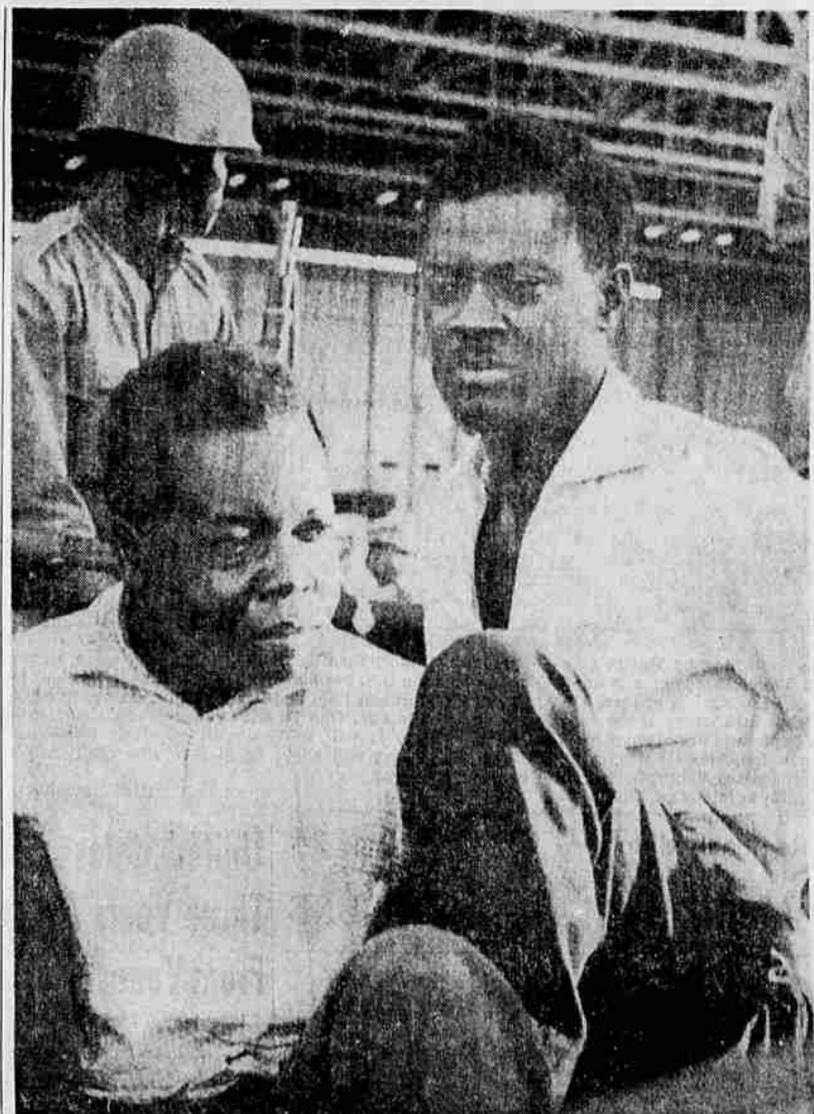
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EX-PREMIER KILLED - Katanga Interior Minister Godfried Munongo announced today that former Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba and two men who escaped from jail with him on Feb. 9, are dead. The announcement said they were killed by natives and had been buried immediately. Munongo

refused to reveal the place of burial or the name of the village where they were killed. Lumumba, right, is shown with Joseph Okito, one of the men killed with him, while they were under police guard at Leopoldville. (UPI Telephoto)

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