

Stevenson Warns Russia on Congo



AEC HEAD TAKES OATH—Dr. Glen T. Seaborg, right, was sworn in as chairman of the AEC, holding the Bible is W. V. Vitale of the AEC. (UPI Telephoto)

7-Year-Old Girl Attacked on Way To Local School

A 7-year-old Medford girl was attacked while on her way to school Wednesday, and her 8-year-old sister was molested, by a junior high school boy who told police he was trying to "prove" himself.

Police said the girls were taken to a doctor following the incident, who said neither girl was physically harmed. The incident took place about 9 o'clock yesterday morning while the girls were on their way to Jackson grade school. The girls told police a boy on a bicycle stopped and threatened them and then took them to the side yard of a nearby house where he proceeded to molest them.

Police said he attempted to rape the 7-year-old girl. From a description of their attacker, given by the girls, police apprehended a 16-year-old youth as he was leaving his classes at McCoughlin Junior High school yesterday afternoon.

Boy Admits Act
Police said the boy admitted the act, and then broke down and cried. Police said he told them that the other boys at school continually kidded him about sex and girls, and he was trying to prove himself.

Police described the youth as well-mannered, nice-looking and of average intelligence. They said the youth appeared to be sorry for what he had done. He was confined in the juvenile detention home. He had no prior police record.

Police said this morning that the seriousness of this incident points up again the need for parents to cautions their children to avoid strangers, even older school children.

They also pointed out that when children are accosted or bothered by an older person, they should try to get an accurate description as possible. It was only through the description provided by the two girls yesterday that police were able to apprehend their attacker, police said.

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Hearing on Billboards Scheduled for March 13

Salem—UPI—A hearing on two bills to regulate billboard advertising along Oregon highways has been set by the Senate Highways Committee for March 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Committee Chairman Anthony Yurri (R-Ore.), said chances of passage for both bills looked good. The measures represent a compromise between roadside advertisers and groups seeking to ban all advertising.

Jarring Explosions Raze Ethyl Firm in Baton Rouge, La.

Baton Rouge, La. — (UPI)—Three jarring explosions ripped the sprawling Ethyl Corp. here today causing massive fires and injuring at least seven persons.

The injured were taken to Our Lady of the Lake hospital, which issued an urgent call for blood donors. Four of the injured had severe burns over most of their bodies. Their conditions ranged from critical to serious. Three others suffered minor injuries and were to be released after first aid treatment.

Clothing Ablaze
A witness to the blasts said he saw one man running across the street with his clothing ablaze.

A workman at the petrochemical plant, Alva Landry, said he started running when he heard the first explosion. He was burned on the back of the neck. He said debris fell around him as he ran.

A spokesman at the plant squelched first reports that dangerous chlorine gas was loosed by the blasts. However, a grade school about a half-mile from the plant was evacuated.

Situation Controlled
The plant, located in the maze of oil refineries and petrochemical firms on the Mississippi river north of the city, reportedly had the situation under control. But the fires prevented investigation into the cause.

The explosions sent a yellow mushroom cloud of smoke over the area, which perched was the cause of the chlorine gas scare.

Ethyl Corp. employs about 2,800 people. A spokesman estimated about half were on duty at the time of the explosions.

Officials Discuss Recreation at Lake
Three valley men were in Portland Wednesday to meet with federal officials regarding recreation facilities of Howard Prairie lake.

Attending the meeting from here were County Judge Earl Miller, City-County Recreation Director Robert Haworth and James Callan, construction engineer for the bureau of reclamation's Talent project.

Judge Miller said today that he considered the meeting "worthwhile," but declined to comment until he could discuss the meeting with the county commissioners. He said they would then formulate recreational plans for the Howard Prairie lake area which will eventually include Emigrant lake.

Others attending the meeting were Gordon Whitaker, Boise, Idaho, bureau of reclamation supervisor of operations and maintenance; Daniel F. Burroughs, Portland, regional director of the Columbia Basin Recreation Development area; Mark Pike, his assistant; and Ed Arnold, Portland, National park service designer and architect.

Board Approves Variance Request
The board of adjustment of the county planning commission Wednesday afternoon granted a variance request by the Peter Klewitz Sons' contractors for fill dirt and rock crusher sites north of Central Point.

The variance will last for the length of the company's contract with the state highway from March 1 for a period of 290 days. The request was granted on condition the company comply with various restrictions. Among these was that any excavating be not closer than 100 feet upstream from the Central Point sewer line's crossing of Bear Creek.

\$6,000 in Penalties Sought in Complaint
Salem — A complaint seeking \$6,000 in penalties has been filed against Ernest W. Mingot, owner of the Foster Logging company and the Inland Equipment company in Grants Pass, Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said Wednesday.

James E. Singleton, director of transportation for the commissioner, charged the trucker with 60 counts of operating as a carrier without the necessary PUC authority. Singleton is asking that a \$100 penalty be assessed for each of the 60 counts.

A date for a public hearing on the case will be set soon, Hill announced.

Contract Awarded For Buildings

A contract for the construction of two buildings for the Jackson county extension service was awarded this morning by the county court to Loren Ritchie, Medford. His basic bid was \$124,902.

Alternates in addition to the amount submitted by Ritchie were \$4,074 for paving the parking area and \$2,800 for sound proof folding doors in the 250-seat auditorium.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said the total bid of \$131,776 is approximately \$3,000 below the estimate for the structure.

Two lower bids received by the court last Friday were reported to contain irregularities as to specifications.

The buildings, consisting of an office building for the agricultural staff and an auditorium, are to be located on county fairgrounds property across from Maple Grove park. The auditorium will be a multiple-use facility for extension service demonstrations, large and small group meetings and conferences and will find use as a display space during the 4-H FFA fair.

The project, designed by Edison and Pappas, Medford architects, is scheduled to be completed July 1.

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Two Major Tax Bills Called for House Vote

Net Receipts Act, Quarterly Reports Will Be Considered

Salem—UPI—The Oregon House voted today to make as a special order of business next Wednesday two major tax bills, including the one affording a 10 per cent cut in income taxes.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk), asked that HB1001 and HB1002 be acted on at 10:30 a.m. that day. HB1001 is the net receipts income tax measure that would replace Oregon's present income tax. The original version abolished deductions and exemptions but the House Tax committee, which Eymann heads, put back deductions for casualty losses in the hope this would be more agreeable to the Senate.

The bill is expected to have rough going in the upper chamber.

Quarterly Reports
The other House tax bill up for special consideration calls for quarterly records of estimated income in the next biennium — a "one-shot" means of raising money faster in 1961-63. It would apply only to those who are self-employed.

The House passed and sent to the governor a bill allowing counties under reappraisal to forego shifting to a 25 per cent true cash value ratio until they have completed reappraisal. About half a dozen counties are affected.

Larger Mortgage
After a short outline of his political career with an aside that he returned home to a larger family, a larger mortgage, "a dog, three cats and two parakeets," Nixon spoke of his future.

He admitted that private life in California would be different. His problems, Nixon stated, included earning a living and seeing to the welfare of his family.

His audience thundered approval at one point as Nixon said he had "a few thoughts to share with you."

Likes Contests
"I have always been interested in contests, I like them," he enthused, "I'm trying to think what I would do."

This hint at the future exploded in mirth when Nixon explained that he was concerned with past endorsement of the Washington baseball club and now would root for the new hometown team, the Los Angeles Angels.

Nixon refused to be drawn into a statement directly that he would oppose Gov. Edmund G. Brown for California's leadership by stating that it was "too early" to comment on the incumbent administration.

533 Dogs Licenses Issued Yesterday

The county clerk's office issued 533 dog licenses Wednesday, March 1, the final day that dog owners could purchase them without paying a penalty.

Although the clerk's office closed at the regular time of 5 p.m. yesterday, the door was not locked, County Clerk Marvin Madden said, and the clerks were issuing the tags until nearly 5:30 p.m.

Madden said two clerks worked full time the last three days issuing the licenses, with part-time assistance from a third clerk. License fees collected for the last three days totaled \$1,150 Monday, \$1,391 Tuesday, and \$1,137 Wednesday.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Fog patches in valley Friday morning. Low tonight 36. High Friday 53.
Highest Yesterday 47
Lowest this Morning 35
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today 0
Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:33 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:44 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 6:27 p.m.
Last Quarter March 9
PROMINENT STAR
Sirius, in the south-west, 11:08 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Venus, in the west 7:48 p.m.
Mars, in the west 11:28 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn, rise 5:10 a.m.
Jupiter is the brighter of the two.

Bill Favored To Change Majority On School Votes

Salem—UPI—The House Education committee heard strong testimony Wednesday favoring a bill that would allow school districts to reject a district reorganization plan by a simple majority.

Chairman Tom Monaghan, (D-Milwaukie), said he likes HB1460, submitted by the Marion county delegation, and the committee will probably vote it "do pass" this afternoon or Friday.

Other committee members seemed to share his feeling as they tabled two conflicting bills, HB1325 and HB1216. HB1460 includes all provisions of these two.

At present, a school district must reject reorganization by at least a 60 per cent vote. Rep. Douglas Heider (R-Salem), explained that this is hard to do. Three actions are involved in order for a district to successfully stay out of a new administrative district. Under HB1460 only one rejection—and that at 51 per cent—would do it.

The Marion county group offered an amendment whereby Union high school districts would be on a par with administrative districts as far as a budget tax base is concerned. This would be more of a home rule aspect. The committee took no action.

Among those endorsing the bill was Serve Our State, strongest critic of the 1957 reorganization act. Mrs. Mary Hintz of Salem, legislative chairman, said she liked the amendment offered by Heider.

Other highlights:
Power—Sen. Robert Straub introduced a bill creating a State Power Commission to market power in Oregon. He said it differs from a controversial plan in 1959 in that it doesn't include power generation as a function of the proposed agency.

Utilities—The Senate Commerce and Utilities committee suggested a compromise on legislation to prevent unnecessary duplication of public utilities. It would allow the PUC to ratify boundaries between utilities in given area after the utilities had reached voluntary agreement.

Higher Education—The Senate State and Federal Affairs committee voted out, with no recommendation, a bill to move headquarters of the state system of higher education from Eugene to Salem.

Morse Urges U. S. To Change World Image

Boise — (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) told a Democratic Jefferson Jackson dinner crowd Wednesday night that America must change its image with the uncommitted peoples of the world if it is going to win its battle with the Communist bloc.

SCHOOL ADDITION
The city building department Wednesday issued a \$33,940 building permit to the Medford school district for construction of an addition to Wilson school.

"To See Or Not To See, That Is The Question"



'GOLDEN GIRL' CRITICAL—Addie Darling, 20, for three years Purdue University's famous "Golden Girl" on the football field, is listed in critical condition at Lafayette, Ind., suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage. Officials said Miss Darling, who gave up performing for Purdue and thousands of gridiron fans last November when she became Mrs. Vell Avery III, was stricken in her apartment Tuesday and rushed to a hospital. She attracted nationwide attention in 1958 when she performed a hula dance at the Purdue-Notre Dame football game. (UPI Telephoto)

Weaverville Mail Truck Robbed of \$12,000 by Gunmen

Weaverville, Calif. — (UPI)—It wouldn't have been unlikely if mail truck driver Bruce Johns had been thinking of the old days as he drove along a lonely former stage coach road with "pay-dirt" in his load.

But he probably didn't expect when he started from here Wednesday on his daily run to the mountain town of Hayfork that his "stage" would be robbed by a team of gunmen.

Today the Trinity county sheriff's office reported one possible lead on the two gunmen who took \$12,000 in unemployment money for Hayfork's residents. Deputies said they may have escaped in a 1956 turquoise and cream Packard sedan which was seen in the area.

Johns said he stopped on Highway 35 south of Douglas City when he was flagged down by a man standing beside a county maintenance truck, which, it turned out, had been stolen Wednesday from Tehama county.

As soon as he stopped, Johns said, another man appeared. Both pulled wool caps over their heads and faces, and drew guns. Johns said he tried to stay away but his gears jammed and one of the men told him, "If you try that again you might get yourself killed."

"That was enough for me," Johns said. He said the men got in the mail truck and drove it a short way to Deer Lick Springs road and up that road. One of them secured his hands and feet and blindfolded him with adhesive tape.

After hiding the truck in brush they entered the rear

Safeway Robber Gets 15-Year Term

Thomas Ernest Smoot, 57-year-old transient, was sentenced to 15 years in the Oregon state penitentiary late Wednesday by Judge James M. Main.

Smoot was charged with the armed robbery of the Safeway store at 130 North Bartlett st. on Dec. 2. He had pleaded guilty in circuit court Jan. 12 and the case was continued pending receipt of an FBI report.

Smoot was apprehended by Medford police near the store shortly after the crime. He had a revolver and sack stuffed with \$599 currency when arrested.

Astoria—UPI—Tuna cannery operations at the Columbia River Packers Association's Elmore cannery here are expected to resume in mid-March or early April.

Envoy Appeals To Kremlin To 'Stay Ambitions'

Power Struggles of Early 1900s Cited

New York — (UPI) — Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, warned Russia today that a Soviet attempt to take over the Congo will lead to war.

He appealed to the Kremlin to "stay your ambitions" in Africa and to call off its attempt to hamstring the U.N. and "thus sabotage the only institution which offers an alternative to imperialism."

Power Struggle Cited
Speaking at a lunch given by Mayor Robert F. Wagner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Stevenson warned the African countries that an invitation to Soviet intervention would mean that "Russian control will remain as it does, today, all over Eastern Europe."

Stevenson cited the power struggle which raged through the Balkans in the early 1900s and led finally to World War I. He said Africa represents the Balkans of today and asked whether Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev wanted it to become the "cockpit" of a spreading, consuming, horrifying general conflict.

States U.S. Position
"When we in America give our support to the ending of all outside intervention, we mean something definite and practical," he said.

"We believe that Belgium should complete its withdrawal. We believe that no other foreign African power should come thrusting in, especially the new imperialism of the Soviet Union."

Referring to Congo groups attempting to seek Communist help to reinforce their local aspirations, Stevenson said: "Happened Before"

"To them we say: Remember the past. All this has happened before. Small states in Asia tried to play off Britain and France and Holland against each other in international struggles for power. In the outcome, the local factions vanished. The Western powers remained."

"Today, we do not think you can manipulate the Russians in your local power game. Do not believe that the color wash of communism covers the brute facts of relative force. You will fade. Russian control will remain — as it does, today, all over Eastern Europe."

Hearing on Petitions To Be Set by Court

A date for a hearing on petitions submitted to the Jackson county court yesterday concerning the stray cat problem in the county will be set by the court after it meets Friday, according to Cat Care Society officials.

The petitions, which were circulated by the Society, contain 30 signatures, and request a public hearing so information on stray cats could be presented. The petitions also ask that a fact-finding committee be established.

The Society said control of stray and unwanted cats in Jackson county is necessary for three reasons. They are (1) to prevent the spread of infectious diseases by strays to house pets, (2) to help preserve game birds which are prey of stray cats and (3) for the welfare of the cat itself.

The Society noted that there are about 20 million dogs and cats abandoned annually in the United States. In view of this, the Society feels that steps should be initiated on a county level to handle the local situation.

COMPLAINT FILED

A complaint has been filed in circuit court by the state highway commission to obtain .08 acres of land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bert B. Lowry for construction of the Seven Oaks-Neil Creek section of the Highway 99 freeway. The true value of the property is listed as \$100.

SBA Procedures To Be Eased, Neuberger Told

Washington — (UPI) — The White House told Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.) Wednesday that it plans to liberalize Small Business Administration procedures for handling the so-called "set-aside" sales of federal timber.

Under the new regulations, SBA will permit bidders in the sales limited to smaller lumber operators to sell up to 30 per cent of the timber they have obtained to non-eligible large firms.

The Oregon senator had asked for reconsideration of regulations after several operators expressed the view that limitations on marketing of timber purchased would curtail their ability to bid.