

Air, Water Pollution Bills Clear Senate

Kennedy Hopes School Issues Will Be Settled

Parochial Aid Would Be Studied

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy expressed hope today that the controversy over aid to parochial schools would not be permitted to fuel religious prejudice and thus undermine the strength of the nation.

The President said that once Congress passes on his program of federal aid to public secondary schools, his administration would be happy to cooperate in the study assistance in the form of loans to non-public schools.

Right To Air Views

As for opposition to his stand on school aid by prominent members of the Catholic hierarchy, Kennedy said they had a right to speak their views, as did leaders of all religions. But he said he was hopeful that "when the smoke clears" there would be harmony again among different religious groups.

Kennedy told a news conference that this particular situation went far beyond the question of education itself and involved an important ingredient of national strength.

Wants National Unity

He said he hoped that the school discussion in and out of Congress could be conducted in such a way to maintain the strength of the country, and not divide the nation along lines of religious allegiance.

The administration education bill calls for aid to public schools only, providing money for building construction and teachers salaries.

Kennedy, a Catholic, has opposed federal grants to parochial and private schools on grounds that this is unconstitutional.

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Burglar Pays for Theft, Damages

Yreka—Not all burglars are bad guys. Just ask Jack Meamber, owner of Meamber Coca-Cola bottling plant in Yreka which was burglarized March 5.

The burglars took eight cases of beer and did a small amount of damage to the plant facilities. Henry Watson, police chief, has theorized that several young people were responsible.

Last Friday Meamber received a letter from one of the persons involved. Enclosed was \$50 cash. In part the letter said, "I am one of the persons who was connected with the robbing of your plant. Since it happened I have had much time to think how this would affect the people I know, my friends and especially my parents. I can think of nothing that would cause my parents more grief. We were all very drunk. The money is the only way I can think of to clear my conscience."

The letter was unsigned. The \$50 is more than enough to replace the beer and repair damages, Watson says.

WEATHER

FORECAST: A few clearing periods tonight and Thursday, but generally cloudy with occasional showers. Low tonight 35. High tomorrow 53.

Highest yesterday 67.

Lowest this morning 41.

Free to 10 a.m. Today 31.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise today 6:18 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 4:23 a.m.
New Moon tomorrow 10:51 a.m.
PROXIMATE STAR
Spica, rises 9:03 p.m.
Venus, sets 8:36 p.m.
Mars, in the west 10:37 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn, rise 4:24 a.m.
(Jupiter is the brighter of the two.)

School Board Approves Contract With University's Study Council For Project

The Medford school board last night approved a contract with the Oregon school study council, University of Oregon, for a study of the Medford system.

The study is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Keith Goldhammer, who with his staff is now working on the statistical aspects of the study.

Dr. Goldhammer's study will include enrollment, growth trends, operation of three or four year high schools as well as a review of the curriculum. It also will include recommendations as to the feasibility and need of a second high school.

The board, in other action, authorized establishing polling places in the district's 14

50 Scholarships Given Approval By State Senate

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Senate late Tuesday approved 50 new state scholarships for the "cream" of high school graduates in Oregon.

They would be good for four years, worth up to \$500 apiece, and could be used in either private or public colleges. It would be the first time in Oregon that a state scholarship could be used in a private school.

The bill, allocating \$75,000 for the program over the next two years, went to the House.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie), said SB453 carries an emergency clause per-

Copco, PP&L Stockholders Approve Merger

Stockholders of the California Oregon Power company and Pacific Power and Light company registered near unanimous approval of the merger of the two firms at special meetings yesterday.

A. S. Cummins, Copco president, announced here that 99.4 per cent of the common and 97.7 per cent of the preferred shares represented at the company's meeting were in favor of the merger proposal.

Proxies were received by Copco from 92.5 per cent of the outstanding shares of its common stock and 94.3 per cent of the outstanding shares of its preferred stock.

Cummins said the sweeping vote cast by Copco shareholders "indicated confidence in the fairness of the exchange offer and faith in the long range benefits to result from the merging of two strong, neighboring utilities."

Portland Meeting
At the PP&L meeting in Portland, 99.6 per cent of the common share votes and 99.6 per cent of the preferred share votes were cast in favor of the merger, reported Paul B. McKee, chairman of the board.

Represented at the meeting were 94.4 per cent of the company's outstanding common and 87 per cent of its preferred shares.

"It is gratifying that such an overwhelming majority of the 60,000 stockholders of the two companies have endorsed the idea of consolidating the Pacific and Copco systems," McKee said.

In addition to the favorable stockholder action, McKee noted that approvals must also be obtained from state regulatory authorities and the Federal Power commission before the merger can become effective.

Budget Proposed for Prospect School

Prospect—A proposed budget for the Prospect school district totalling \$203,512.47 for the fiscal year 1961-62, was adopted recently by the school district's budget committee.

The budget for all funds is \$4,912.88 higher than for the 1960-61 fiscal year. Since the budget increase is within the six per cent limitation, voters will not have to vote on it this year.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the journalism room of Prospect High School.

The proposed budget includes \$173,829.97 in the general fund; \$17,432.50 for bond interest and redemption; and \$12,250, school lunch fund.

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mitting the State Scholarship Commission to issue the first of them for next fall.

Students would have to apply with the commission and meet certain requirements, one of them high academic standings.

There was only one no vote—by Sen. Eddie Ahrens (R-Turner). He said the state should open them up to all students.

A bill by Sen. Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie) clamping down on certain "so-called benevolent societies" won unanimous Senate approval and went to the House. He said a number of insurance-type groups have bilked large sums out of elderly people.

Action Pending On Wimer Bridge

Further investigation will be made of the old Wimer covered bridge to see if it can be made safe for pedestrian traffic, County Judge Earl Miller said this morning following a public meeting at Wimer last night.

Approximately 70 Wimer area residents of the Wimer area attended the meeting at the Enterprise Grange hall and unanimously voted against removal of the historic landmark. Spokesmen for the group asked that an investigation be made as to the feasibility and cost of replacing approaches on both sides of Evans creek, save the center span, add a new shake roof and strengthen the sides, Miller said.

"We had proposed to remove the bridge until the next fiscal year's budget comes up then build a permanent type of foot bridge in that location," the county judge said.

The bridge was one of the first built in the county and closed to motor traffic several years ago. It is considered as a hazard by county officials.

A number of the area residents volunteered to help work on the bridge and furnish gravel.

Contract Signed By Concessionaire
Robert Johnston, concessionaire at Howard Prairie lake, signed a 1961 contract with the Jackson county court Tuesday which broadens his privileges and responsibilities at the lake.

Johnston, doing business as Johnston Stores, is now authorized to rent boats and trailer houses at the lake. In return, he will pay the county 10 per cent of his gross receipts.

The county will charge an overnight camping fee during the coming season and Johnston will be responsible for issuing camping permits and collecting the fees. These will be deposited in a Howard Prairie revolving fund controlled by the county.

Johnston also will assume the responsibility for all maintenance and service to the public within the developed recreation area and will be reimbursed by the county from the revolving fund on a monthly basis.

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TRIBUNE

Kennedy's Program on Highway Taxes Runs Into House Committee Criticism

Increased Taxes On Users Draws Some Disapproval

'Pay-Before-You-Go' Deal Said Disliked

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy's highway tax program bumped into bipartisan criticism today in the House Ways and Means committee.

Some key members made it clear that they didn't like the President's proposal for keeping the \$40 billion, 41,000-mile road building program on schedule by raising highway taxes on highway users, mostly truckers.

Defense Team Sent

Kennedy's sent proposed legislation and an all-star team to defend it to Capitol Hill Tuesday. Gov. L. R. McNichols of Colorado was expected to add a kind word at today's hearing.

The administration contends the program will be delayed five years beyond the 1972 target date unless additional funds are provided. It wants to keep the program on a "pay-as-you-go" basis by cancelling a scheduled one-cent drop in the federal gasoline tax on July 1, and by increasing levies on trucks, diesel fuel, tires and other items.

But Reps. Hale Boggs (D-La.) and John F. Byrnes (R-Wis.) both members of the Ways and Means committee, agreed that it looked like a "pay-before-you-go" deal instead of "pay-as-you-go."

Would Be Passed Along
The two congressmen noted that truckers would have to pay taxes for five years or so before they felt any financial benefits from the new roads.

Rep. Steven B. DeRouin (R-N.Y.) added acutely that new taxes on the truckers would just be passed along to consumers in higher costs for the things they buy.

Kennedy has said that if Congress refuses to enact the truck and other taxes, then it should increase the gasoline tax to four and one-half cents a gallon.

General Assembly Slow To Start

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—The General Assembly's faltering attempt to get down to work sputtered out today when its special political committee adjourned indefinitely.

Failure to achieve agreement to curtail the disarmament debate and drop cold war items from the agenda brought strong pressure from several sides Tuesday to get the assembly session under way. Since it reconvened March 7 after an 11-week recess, only its trusteeship committee has held sessions.

The 99-nation special political committee was convened this morning, ostensibly to discuss a Czech-sponsored item dealing with colonialism. But no delegation was ready to go ahead and Committee Chairman Carlet R. Auguste of Haiti adjourned the session.

Boardman Purchase Bill Unconstitutional
Salem—UPI—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said today the bill by Rep. Robert Smith (R-Burns) for purchase of the Boardman site is unconstitutional.

The bill envisions purchase of the Morrow county tract by the state with common school funds. But Thornton said the state constitution requires that the fund, administered by the State Land Board, be "irreducible."

Sports Bulletin
Eugene—UPI—Grant of Portland advanced into the second round of the Oregon high school A-1 basketball tournament here today by defeating Scappoose, 61 to 56.

Grant will meet South Eugene in the champion bracket at 4:15 p.m. Thursday while Scappoose and Central Catholic clash at 8:45 a.m. Thursday in the consolation bracket.



CRASH KILLS SEATTLE DOCTOR—Dr. Philip Rogers, 59, Seattle, died in the crash of his light plane in a heavily wooded area near Portland Tuesday. Dr. Rogers, a flier for

35 years, had been missing since Monday afternoon on a flight from Palo Alto, Calif., to Everett, Wash. (UPI Telephoto)

Operating Budget For County School Office Formulated

The operating budget for the Jackson county rural school board and county superintendent's office for 1961-62 will be \$189,138.16, Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said today.

Of this amount an anticipated \$92,973.76 will be returned to the county from federal, state, and school district funds. The remaining \$86,164.40 operating costs will cost the county taxpayers approximately one mill.

Mekvold said that the county school office administration costs are estimated to be \$41,237.85; curriculum center costs, \$97,511.83; mentally retarded program costs, \$43,388.48; the able and gifted program, \$3,000, and an estimated \$4,000 emergency fund.

The anticipated offset receipts will completely pay for the mentally retarded program which is returned from the state and on a student tuition basis from the county school districts. Offset funds will amount to \$30,875 for the curriculum materials to be paid by the federal government and approximately \$6,150 will come back from the various districts for repair and maintenance on audio visual aids equipment and purchase of various equipment.

If approved by the library board, the curriculum materials center will receive \$500 for transporting books for the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

The county equalized levy for the Jackson county rural school district will total \$2,170,173.97, or approximately 23 mills, Mekvold said. He explained that this is determined by a formula which is set up by law. Of this amount \$293,845.78 is outside the tax base, Mekvold said.

Indian Brigade Winging Way Toward Leopoldville

Leopoldville, The Congo—UPI—U.S. Air Force planes winged toward Leopoldville from India today with tough Gurkha reinforcements for the United Nations command in the Congo despite warnings from the Congolese government and threats of "bloodshed."

Leopoldville Premier Joseph Ileo said the Congo is "categorically opposed" to the sending of any more U.N. troops here, including the Indian brigade due to start arriving Thursday aboard U.S. Air Force Globemasters.

"It is for the Congolese to settle their own problems," he said.

Will Oppose UN
He also warned that the Congo will oppose the United Nations by force if it attempts to apply the Security Council resolution of Feb. 21. The resolution authorizes the U.N. to use force if necessary to preserve peace in the Congo. But the Congolese fear it

means the world organization will try to disarm their troops.

In case the United Nations tried to apply such measures there would be bloodshed and the United Nations would have to bear the responsibility," Ileo said. "We have decided to react by force."

Ileo also told newsmen that pro-Lumumba officials in Stanleyville will meet with Leopoldville authorities to try to weld the Congo into a united nation.

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Boy, 15, Runs Light In Chase by Police; Two Students Killed

Portland—UPI—Two University of Oregon medical school students were killed late Tuesday night when, po-

lice said, a car being chased by officers went through a red light and struck the students' vehicle.

Killed were William R. Fore, 22, Corvallis, and Maung M. Kun, 23, from Burma.

Police were holding Edmund Russell Zochert, 15, Portland, on negligent homicide and auto theft charges.

Patrolman Leroy W. Vollmer said the youth, who suffered a cut lip, was halted on foot after the accident by a warning shot the officer fired into the air. They said the chase lasted 26 blocks.

Disobeyed Signal
Vollmer said he and his partner, Patrolman John Leckman, gave chase to a car after it disobeyed a traffic signal and they observed it was on their stolen list. Speeds reached up to 85 mph during the chase, police said.

The officers estimated the car Zochert was driving was indicating about 60 mph with both foot and emergency brakes locked when it struck the side of the small foreign sedan occupied by the two victims at Southwest 3rd ave. and Caruthers st.

Fore and Kun were thrown to the street. Their car was crossing an intersection on a green light with several others, police said.

Police said the Zochert youth had been in trouble before.

Police also said Zochert was only three merit badges away from Eagle Scout ranking.

Numbers Racket Found in Pentagon
Washington—UPI—Federal authorities today broke up an alleged \$500,000 a year numbers racket in the Pentagon building, arresting 35 persons in a half hour raid.

Joseph S. Bambacius, U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Virginia, announced the arrests and said they climaxed an investigation of three to four months.

Bambacius said those arrested were Negroes who worked for the defense supply service, an agency administered by the Army department which handles office supplies for the Pentagon building.

"As far as could be determined they all were confined to the laboring class," he said.

Boivin Will Head Delegation To Boeing
Salem—UPI—Senate President Harry Boivin said Tuesday he will head a 6-man delegation this week to confer with Boeing Airplane Co. officials in Seattle about the proposed lease of Oregon's 100,000 acre space age industrial park.

The poll was taken, he said, to quell isolated reports of

opposition in the area to the reported lease with Boeing."

Bill Belt, Hermiston attorney who is president of the group, reported in his recent tour of Boeing facilities in Seattle. He expressed confidence that Boardman soon would see an immediate start toward utilization of the area, although the Boeing company could not commit itself until a lease is signed.

The space age group also voted to start surveying the Boardman lands to determine the relative economic importance of potential farm use as compared to industrial value with its accompanying pay-

Power Desired by State Sanitary Authority Lacking

Both Bills Now To Go To House

Salem—UPI—The Senate today passed air and water pollution control bills giving the State Sanitary Authority some new teeth, but not all it would like, for cleaning up Oregon's air and rivers.

The air pollution measure, SB 145, passed unanimously, but the water pollution bill, SB336, passed 23-7 amid grim predictions by both supporters and opponents that it appeared headed for a court test.

Both bills now go to the House.

Sens. Robert Straub (D-Eugene) and William Grenfell (D-Portland) led objections to a phrase in the water pollution bill letting the SSA enforce anti-contamination measures where "technically practicable and economically feasible."

These five words, Grenfell warned, "will probably weaken the authority... and open up an entire area to litigation."

Committee Added Words
The words were added by the State and Federal Affairs committee. The Senate voted down a move by Straub to send the bill to the Natural Resources committee to debate the phrase.

Sen. Donald Husband (R-Eugene) called the bill "a big improvement," but agreed a court ruling may be needed to clarify the phrase.

Sen. Lyndel Newbury (R-Talent) carried the air pollution bill, which would clarify SSA powers but would permit open burning for urban renewal and highway clearance projects. Both bills were labeled a compromise.

Voting against the water bill were Sens. Chapman, Cook, Grenfell, Naterlin, Straub, Gooden and Sweetland.

The House Welfare committee, over labor objections, gave 5-4 approval to a bill to let political subdivisions start work relief projects for welfare recipients.

Labor spokesmen said available jobs should be channeled through regular employment agencies instead of setting up projects to compete with steady labor.

Truck Bill Heard
The House State and Federal Affairs committee opened hearings on a Senate-approved bill to reduce weight-mileage fees on trucks over 44,000 pounds—which comes at a time when President Kennedy is trying to increase truck charges.

Truckers said they are paying more than their share, but former Govs. Charles Sprague and Elmo Smith lined up to oppose the bill and said it would not give much relief to single truck operators.

The bill, SB332, would cut Oregon revenues from trucks by \$1 million.

In the House, Reps. Harry Elliott (R-Tillamook) and Carl Back (D-Port Orford) introduced a bill for the Oregon Coast Association authorizing the State Highway commission to sell another \$17 million in bonds.

Under HB1704, the improvements would be made "where the needs of the state highway system are most immediate and where there are depressed economic conditions."

House Speaker Robert Duncan, noting only two bills up for final action on today's house calendar, rapped committees and told them to step up action on sending bills to the floor.

SPORTSCAST

The University of Oregon-Southern California NCAA regional basketball game being played tonight will be broadcast by station KJYC (1230 kc) starting at 9:30 p.m.

Residents Said To Favor Boardman Development

Boardman—UPI—Ninety-five per cent of Umatilla and Morrow county residents are in favor of the proposed Boeing development of the Boardman bombing range, a poll of a new development group revealed Tuesday night.

The poll was taken at a meeting here of the newly organized Space Age Industrial Park Development Association. A spokesman said it represented the views of the incorporators of the coordinating group, which represents business and civic interests of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

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