

Australia Expected To Face Ejection From British Commonwealth

Troops En Route To Seek Release Of Missionaries

Leopoldville, The Congo—U.P.—Malayan troops of the United Nations are en route to Kivu Province to negotiate the release of 30 missionaries—probably including some Americans—held prisoner by Congolese troops, the UN Command announced today.

The missionaries were reported under house arrest at Kasongo, 186 miles west of the provincial capital of Bukavu.

News of the rescue mission came as tough Gurkha troops from India flew into the Congo aboard U.S. Air Force planes during the night in the face of warnings by Congolese leaders that "blood will flow" if they are used against Congolese troops.

A U.N. spokesman said the missionaries are short of food and the Malaysians are carrying flour with them for food relief. The Malaysians will escort those who want to leave to Kindu, the spokesman said.

Observers here noted that L.U.M. militant authorities in Kindu have been obstructing the departure of Europeans. Only 19 of an estimated 300 missionaries and civilians stranded in Kindu have been allowed to leave so far.

Stray Cat Problem To Be Evaluated By County Court

An evaluation of the stray cat problem in Jackson County will be made by the county court at 2 p.m., Friday, March 31, County Judge Earl Miller told a group of citizens and animal agency officials yesterday afternoon.

Seven citizens and representatives of the Jackson County Humane Society and Dog Control Officer, Chris Hagler attended the meeting. The citizens presented petitions containing approximately 1,000 names. After persistent prodding by spokesmen for the group asking immediate action, the county judge firmly replied that the county court would have to consider all the facts first, then make a recommendation.

The group said the large number of stray cats in Jackson County presented a disease problem, was a threat to the health of children and tended to reduce the bird population. They added that the dumping of cats is a public nuisance.

The citizens requested a new wing be built into the new county dog pound quarters at the old experiment station property near Phoenix. They also asked that a fact-finding committee be appointed.

The county dog control officer's report shows that from Jan. 1, 1960 to Feb. 28, 1961, his department handled 639 cats, of which 422 were taken to the pound. New homes were found for 21 and 618 were destroyed.

Motor Vehicle Office Still South of Town

Motorists were reminded today by the Oregon Motor Vehicle License department's area office that business is still being transacted at its office on South Pacific highway.

In past weeks local residents have confused the office's location with the new building for both the Oregon state police and the public utilities commissioner's office on North Pacific highway. The new offices were opened Feb. 24.

The motor vehicles department is also scheduled to move to the new building, but not until later this year, according to spokesmen.

Washington—U.P.—The Senate agreed today to limit debate and complete action on the Columbia River basin treaty with Canada.

County Juvenile Division Budget Requests Made

Members of the Jackson County juvenile department and advisory council presented the department's proposed 1961-62 budget to the county budget committee this morning.

The committee began sessions with department heads Monday afternoon in preparation for the county budget for 1961-62. Members are County Judge Earl Miller, Commissioners Chester Wendt and Edwin Taylor, Gordon Hudson, Arnold Bohner and Archie Pierce.

Representing the juvenile department were Mrs. Kay Crowell, director; Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly; Shelby M. Tuttle, chairman of the advisory committee to juvenile court; Mrs. Ben Day and Jerry Lausmann, committee members; and Robert Swan, superintendent of the juvenile detention home.

Proposed budget for operation of the department next year totals \$53,585.63, an increase of \$11,438.63 over this year's budget of \$42,147. The proposed budget for the juvenile detention home totals \$13,347, also an increase over the current year.

In explaining the requested increases, Mrs. Crowell listed department problems of inadequate clerical staff for volume of work, inadequate space for reception needs, needed equipment for expanded volume of work, need for funds for foster care, and inadequate telephone service.

Mrs. Crowell stressed the increased load of children's cases carried by the department. A total of 1,086 cases, including 586 delinquencies, were referred to the juvenile department during 1960 compared with 749 the year before.

AMA Likes Highway Financing Program

Washington—U.P.—The American Municipal Association said today it wants the interstate highway system finished by 1972 and that President Kennedy's controversial financing program was one good way to get it done.

Mayor Ben West, Nashville, Tenn., an official of the organization, said his organization, which represents 13,000 cities, towns and villages, was opposed to any stretch-out or cutback in the program.

Kennedy proposed that the gasoline tax on all motorists, scheduled to drop from four to three cents July 1, be kept at four cents. In addition, he wants to boost taxes on trucks, diesel fuel, tires, tubes and other items.

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School board members are nominated by petitions signed by at least 25 voters of the zone, in the case of a zone candidate, or by at least 50 legal voters of the county for the candidate-at-large.

Petition must be filed in the county clerk's office at least 30 days prior to the election, this year, March 31. In addition, the candidate's acceptance of nomination must also be filed in the superintendent's office by that date.

Nominating petitions may be obtained upon request from the county school office.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Intermittent rain tonight with showers and clearing periods. Friday, Low to mid 30s. High tomorrow 35.	
Highest, Yesterday	35
Lowest this Morning	33
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.	
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	6:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:31 a.m.
Moonset today	6:32 p.m.
First Quarter	March 23
VISIBLE PLANETS	
(their approximate distances from the Earth tonight)	
Venus	34 million miles.
Mars	105 million miles.
Jupiter	585 million miles.
Saturn	920 million miles.

Sanitary Authority Letter Commends Local Water Pollution Committee

Observations and definitions of water pollution problems in Bear creek as reported by a local committee, are accurate and well outlined, according to a letter the Oregon State Sanitary Authority sent County Judge Earl Miller yesterday.

The Jackson County Water Pollution Fact Finding committee report is "most acceptable in context and generally in accord with the program of pollution abatement carried on by the authority," Kenneth H. Spies, deputy state sanitary engineer, wrote.

The work of the committee is "an excellent example" of public education, Spies wrote. In its report the committee mentioned that official agencies were reluctant to take legal action to enforce the

Kennedy Proposes Write-it-Yourself Plan for Farmers

Washington—U.P.—President Kennedy today proposed a write-it-yourself program for American farmers.

Under the plan, farmers themselves would be authorized to draft and adopt, subject to congressional veto, a sweeping new series of crop-by-crop farm marketing control programs to cut surpluses and boost farm income.

Would Relieve Congress

Congress, which rejected a similar plan last year, would be relieved of the chore of writing farm law.

The plan, presented in a 6,800-word message to Congress, is aimed at carrying out Kennedy's campaign promise to seek to lift farmers' income to equality with the income of city dwellers.

The President coupled it with proposed expansion of programs to use the nation's food abundance to feed the needy at home and abroad, including a five-year extension of a law authorizing "Food for Peace" exports of farm surpluses for foreign currencies.

No Early Solution

Kennedy said the farm problem could not be solved "in a day or in a year, or perhaps even in this administration." But he said his proposal would eventually cut the tax cost of the farm program by reducing farm surpluses, and would "gradually reverse" the decline in farm income.

The alternative to boosting farm income, he said, is a "substandard rural economy and a weakened nation." He promised consumers the proposed new plans—none of them detailed in the message—would assure them "stable" price levels.

"No farm program should exploit the consumer," Kennedy said. "But neither can it subsidize the consumer at the cost of subnormal income to the farmer."

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Members To Be Elected To Board

Three members will be elected to three-year terms on the county rural school board at the annual meeting May 1, according to Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county school superintendent.

One will be elected from Zone 5 (Ashland-Pinehurst districts); one from Zone 2 (Medford district); and one member-at-large. Incumbents are Harold C. Buck, Zone 5; Glenn W. Smith, Zone 2; and Sam B. Harrison, member-at-large.

Mekvold said that the entire county votes for the member-at-large, but elections in Zones 2 and 5 are limited to only those zones.

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Holmes pointed out that some salaries employees listed in the county budget start as low as \$170 a month. Each employee should be assured of a raise if he merits it, and the general county financial condition permits it, the district attorney insisted.

Court's Position

Two letters written to department heads in June 3, 1959 explain the county court position on the merit pay scale.

"We believe in compensation for similar work being performed in other industry," the opening paragraph of one letter read. "It will be the policy of the county court in the future to grant pay increases on a merit system and any increase in pay must be one step at a time."

"Any reclassification of employees must be approved by department heads before being presented to the county court," the letter stated.

The other letter explained how the county court had accepted Plan 2 of three presented by the civil service commission representatives in their report. It noted that the county court and budget committee had made every effort possible to correct "any inequities" in classification and salary after the budget was in operation. A three man review board to which employees can appeal was also established, the letter noted.

Grants Pass Not To Get GOP Headquarters

Salem—U.P.—Oregon Republican Chairman Robert G. Davis today ruled out the possibility of moving state GOP headquarters to Grants Pass and there was talk the office may be moved back to Portland.

Oregon Senate Approves Public Utilities Measure on 20-10 Vote

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ARSENAL FOUND—Target practicing in the attic of his home in Milwaukee, Wis., led to the arrest of Jesse James, 18, when police traced bullets which entered the apartment across the alley. Police discovered this arsenal in the attic of the James home. James said he used the weapons only for gang fights. In the arsenal were gloves with metal studs, wrenches with taped handles, padlocks with leather straps, paper hook, knives, stilettos, ice picks, bayonets and a .22 rifle with cartridges.



(UPI Telephoto)

Merit Pay Scale Revisions To Be Considered Today

The Jackson county budget committee will consider the requested revisions in the merit pay scale for county employees this afternoon, County Judge Earl Miller announced.

Various county department heads Monday required an upward revision of salary ranges established by the 1958 Civil Service commission report. With District Attorney Alan Holmes acting as spokesman, the county officials also asked that a high-speed downtown auto chase. The warrant is for forgery.

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A four-state all points bulletin is out for his arrest.

The suspect was chased by Medford police yesterday at about 2 p.m. after he allegedly tried to obtain some blank checks from the Medford branch of the First National bank. Bank officials had tipped police off that Ballard, already a suspected forger, was in the bank.

By the time police arrived at the bank, however, the man thought to be Ballard had climbed in a car and started south on Front st. The car was later learned to have been taken from Ballard's parents in Klamath Falls.

Officer Gene Deputy the only officer dispatched to the bank, gave chase in his patrol car. During the chase the pursued car went the wrong direction on two one-way streets, forcing several cars off the road. Officer Deputy, who stayed behind the vehicle with the siren blaring, said the cars reached speeds of more than 60 miles an hour.

The suspect was finally forced to abandon his vehicle at 12th st. and Central ave., when oncoming traffic on Central ave. made it impossible for him to go any further, police said.

The suspect then ran from his car up an alley toward the railroad tracks. Officer Deputy who was right behind him, fired one warning shot from his police revolver in the air, but the man only ran faster.

The man outran Deputy and was last seen ducking behind the Medford Ice company building at 535 South Fir st. Ten policemen, including sheriff's deputies and Oregon state police, searched a sizeable area around the railroad tracks from about 2:30 until 6:30 p.m., but were unable to find the suspect. A number of citizens also helped in the search.

Reported Seen

The man was not heard from again until about 7:45 p.m., when a person answering his description was reported seen in the 800 block on South Riverside ave. Police again searched this area without success.

A car, belonging to Signe Virginia Lusk, 333 South Riverside ave., was reported stolen a short time later, and police believe that the suspect is responsible. The car is the one that was located in Klamath Falls this morning.

About 8:30 p.m. yesterday, Ashland police reported chasing, but losing, a car answering the description of the one stolen from Mrs. Lusk.

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Warrant Issued for Man Believed To Have Been in Chase

Medford police today obtained a circuit court warrant for Roger Dean Ballard, 18, Klamath Falls, who is believed to be the man that yesterday eluded city police after a high-speed downtown auto chase. The warrant is for forgery.

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Budget Proposed For Phoenix School

Phoenix—A proposed budget for the Phoenix school district totalling \$787,610 for the fiscal year 1961-62, has been approved by the Phoenix school district's budget board.

The budget for all funds is \$45,505.21 higher than for the 1960-61 fiscal year. Of the total \$378,459.38 is outside the six per cent limitation.

The proposed budget includes \$695,085 in the general fund; \$52,020 for bond interest and redemption; and \$40,505, school lunch fund.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held April 4 at 8 p.m. in the Phoenix grade school gymnasium.

The increase is due to teachers' salaries and a school site purchase, it was explained.

Two Children Die In Hecata Mishap

Florence—U.P.—A 13-year-old girl died and her younger brother was swept out to sea Wednesday when a wave rolled over a log on which they were standing at Hecata Beach just north of here.

The backwash carried the two into the breakers.

The dead girl was Dianne Kizer, 13; missing was her 9-year-old brother, Russell.

Authorities said the father, Charles F. Kizer, Harrisburg, saw the log roll over onto the children and raced into the surf. He was up to his chest in water when he was able to get hold of his daughter's jacket. He and the Rev. Rex Jones, Harrisburg, pulled her to shore and started artificial respiration.

State School Food Service Meet Opens in Medford

Almost 300 members of the Oregon School Food Service association began their 11th annual conference this morning in Medford High school. Mrs. Gladys Negelsbach, Portland, is president.

David R. Page, school lunch director for St. Louis, Mo., public schools, was the main speaker at this morning's session. He is president-elect of the American School Food Service association and spoke on "The school lunchroom—The problems and the opportunity."

Edward Branchfield, chairman of the board of education, Medford Public Schools, welcomed the members and Mrs. Blanche Barnett, Park Grove, president-elect delivered the response.

A panel discussion on the school lunch program was held before this morning's business session, when chapters for Beaverton, Eastern Oregon and Junction City chapters were presented.

Today's Program

Today's program included a report on the national convention by Mrs. Betty Marchant, president, Portland chapter; a luncheon; a panel discussion on "Getting the most for your money"; and food demonstrations. A banquet will be held tonight in Rogue Valley Country club.

Friday's activities will begin with a coffee hour, followed by a talk by Dr. Betty Lou Dunlap, associate professor of education, Southern Oregon college, and an electrical safety demonstration by Claude Haggard, California Oregon Power company.

Officers will be installed at 10:30 a.m. Miss Mary Ellen Bell, a registered nurse, Medford, will speak on "Glimpses from Overseas" at 10:45 a.m., followed by a fashion show and luncheon.

A tour of the Jacksonville museum and the Shakespearean theater Friday afternoon will end the conference.

Subcommittee OKs Food Surplus Plan

Salem—U.P.—A Ways and Means subcommittee gave unanimous approval today to a \$1 million two-year federal food surplus distribution program for Oregon.

The committee said the plan should be started as soon as possible on a state-county share the cost basis, with the state paying 70 per cent and the counties chipping in the rest.

Counties would participate on a voluntary basis. The program would extend to welfare recipients and low income families.

State payments would be retroactive for counties which already have started the program.

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Sports Bulletin

Eugene—U.P.—St. Helens, Central Catholic and Tillamook advanced to the semifinal round in the consolation bracket of the Oregon A-1 high school basketball tournament here today.

St. Helens defeated La Grande 50 to 43, Central Catholic turned back Seapoo 62 to 48 and Tillamook edged Bend 53 to 49 in the first overtime game of the tournament.

Newport Demo Says Bill Would Create 'Czar'

Mahoney Says No More Power Given

Salem—U.P.—The Senate today approved, 20-10, a "compromise" bill which Sen. Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport) said would make a "czar" out of the public utility commissioner in determining areas that utilities may serve.

SB487 went to the House over strong objections of Naterlin and other advocates of public power.

Naterlin said it is not a compromise bill but only an "attempt to cripple expansion of people's utility districts."

Not Mandatory Measure

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Portland), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee which approved it, said the bill is a compromise. He said it is not mandatory measure and grants no more power to the commissioner "unless requested by all parties concerned."

Mahoney said the bill reaffirms the rights of cities in granting franchises and allows utilities to get together over who serves what territory. He admitted that it gives the PUC the right to approve or disapprove any agreements.

Monopolies Feared

Naterlin said the bill would spawn monopolies with the result that rates would go up.

He said Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill wants the bill and "wants it badly" because it would give him additional powers.

Naterlin tried to substitute his minority report on the bill but this failed 18-12.

Those joining him in voting against the majority report were Sens. Cook, Alfred Corbett, Grenfell, Hopkins, Leth, Musa, Naterlin, Straub, Sweetland and Thiel.

Naterlin introduced a bill requiring the State Highway Commission to pay all costs of relocating public utility facilities in the path of federal-aid highway projects.

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Picketing Ends At Development Site

Picketing of the million-dollar Alpine Village development in Medford ended today when the Laborers Union Local 1400 agreed to a settlement with the Morris and Sims Construction company of Grants Pass, the demolition contractor on the project.

Terms of the settlement were not made public, but Jerry Christman, business agent and secretary of the local, said the dispute "has been settled to the mutual satisfaction of both parties."

STORE ENTERED

Ashland—Ashland city police are investigating the burglary of Provost Furniture store, 357 East Main st., which occurred some time Wednesday night. A small amount of money was taken from a safe in the store, according to Dom Provost, owner.

"We'll See How Tough The New Cop Is"

