

U.S. YIELDS IN TEST BAN TALKS



TREES REMOVED — A number of evergreens were removed from a traffic island between North Main and Glenn sts. on Highway 99 in Ashland Monday. R. L. Lammert, state highway department district superintendent, said the trees were removed at the request of Ashland residents, because the trees blocked the view of oncoming

traffic for motorists turning left onto North Main st. from the highway. The trees will be replaced with low growing shrubs, Lammert said. The trees removed will be replanted around the new state police building in Medford. Maintenance men pictured are Don Stanley, at left, and Floyd Leith.

County Health Budget Approved By Committee

The Jackson county budget committee yesterday afternoon tentatively approved the health department's total budget request of \$105,100.

It reserved the right to alter salary requests, however. The budget total of \$105,000 is \$3,880 more than last year's budget of \$101,220. Most of the increase is due to requested salary raises.

Next meeting of the budget committee will be Monday, and will be an open session when any of the department heads may appear to give further statements. The budget committee is expected then to evaluate budgets examined so far during hearings and start cutting down some items.

Request Increases
At yesterday's budget hearing, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health officer, urged increases for the personnel, mainly the nurses. Requested raises for nurses ranged from \$360 to \$600 a year.

He and H. P. Jewett, chairman of the Jackson county public health board, pointed out that the nurses had professional and college training ranging from three to eight years. Most of them had received five to eight years training.

Most of the nurses also have from seven to 22 1/2 years experience in the local health department. One had 16 years of local experience and another 22 1/2 years.

Health Board Member James Dunlevy remarked, "Salaries for public health nurses are low here compared to the rest of the state. If these people didn't have other ties than salary they would leave."

AGREEMENT APPROVED

Salem — (UPI) — Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Tuesday approved an agency agreement naming C. D. Mason of Myrtle Point as a joint agent in that city for Pacific Motor Trucking Co. and Railway Express.

Deferral of Taxes By Elderly Given Approval in House

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon House today approved a bill to make elderly citizens in the state "secure in their homes" by permitting them to defer property taxes until death. The vote was 47 to 12.

Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) protested the bill as part of a "rash of social legislation."

Rep. Victor Atiyeh (R-Portland) immediately criticized Annala and retorted "this bill is not a gift." He said the taxes would be repaid with interest, and the law would apply to persons who "truly, severely need the help" instead of to persons who would like a handout.

The bill would let any Oregon resident over 65 choose to put off home taxes until death. The spouse would have the same option. There would not be any means test.

The deferred taxes, at eight per cent interest, would be payable from the estate.

A companion bill, not yet acted upon, would let counties issue bonds to make up the loss of revenue over the interim until the deferred taxes start coming in.

After that, Rep. Clarence Barton said, the program would finance itself like any revolving fund.

Barton said partial exemptions, instead of deferrals, would fail to give the necessary relief. In addition, he said, exemptions would break communities like LaFayette where some 70 per cent of the homeowners are elderly.

Boardman, Income Tax Cut Cleared
Salem — (UPI) — Committees of the Oregon Legislature Monday approved bills enacting the Boardman project and cutting state income taxes by 10 per cent.

The Ways and Means Committee, voting unanimously, moved Gov. Mark Hatfield's bill for a \$800,000 price tag on the Boardman transaction to the House floor where action is expected Wednesday.

HB1601, the appropriation, is expected to come up at the same time as HB1600, already at the House desk.

"Too Bad We Can't Leave The Whole Darn Thing"



Vandals Damage Unoccupied House

Vandals have done considerable damage to a new, unoccupied house at the corner of Whittle ave. and Patrick st. during the past two weeks, according to Medford police. The damage was reported yesterday.

Police said vandals broke two windows, including a large picture window; damaged or destroyed five light fixtures; broke numerous light bulbs; damaged a thermostat; smeared asphalt roofing on the walls, and crushed lighted cigarettes on a hardwood floor, causing several burned spots.

The owner of the residence, the Crater Land and Development company, tentatively estimated damage at \$250. Police suspect youths in their early teens are responsible for the vandalism, due to the nature of the damage that was done. One of the vandals apparently cut his hand, police said, as blood stains were found on a wall in the home.

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Gromyko Demands Prompt End To Operations of UN in Congo

Withdrawal of Troops Within Month Stressed

Adlai Stevenson Castigates Russian

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko demanded today the end of United Nations operations in the Congo and withdrawal of all its troops within one month.

The Russian attack on the U.N. Congo role and upon Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold brought from U.S. delegate Adlai E. Stevenson a blunt rejection and a castigation of Gromyko for a speech "in the worst and most destructive traditions of the cold war."

Wants Dag Ousted
Gromyko, opening the general assembly debate on the Congo, reiterated the Soviet demand that Hammarskjold be removed from his post and accused him of acting as a "field marshal" for the colonial powers in the African republic.

Gromyko also demanded the arrest and trial of Moise Tshombe and Joseph Mobutu for the assassination of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba.

Stevenson's Angriest Speech
His speech brought from Stevenson the angriest speech since he was named to the U.N. role. When Stevenson had finished, the assembly gave him thunderous applause.

Stevenson said Gromyko's speech was evidence that the Soviet Union does not look to the United Nations as a means of helping the Congo solve its own problems peacefully but as a means of international discord.

Stevenson said the Soviet foreign minister had made a "wild and irresponsible attack" on the secretary general. Then he told the applauding delegates:

"The United States will oppose the removal of Hammarskjold with all its strength."

"The United States will oppose flatly the Soviet Union demand for the end of the United Nations operation in the Congo in one month."

Astonished at Speech
Stevenson said he wished the Soviet Union would contribute something to the Congo operation besides "obstruction and criticism." He said he was astonished at Gromyko's speech after his talks with the foreign minister aimed at keeping the U.N. session free of "chaos."

"We need a fruitful period for effort in the Congo," Stevenson said.

"We must stop pulling up the roots of this plant every five days to see if it is still growing. That is the way to kill the plant and I suspect that is exactly what some people have in mind."

Central Point Man Held for Assault

Cleo Marie Atchley, 29, of route 2, box 668H, Central Point, was in good condition this morning in Sacred Heart hospital after being cut across her left shoulder with an axe yesterday.

Her father, Joseph Alexander DeLorme, 53, of route 2, box 668H, Central Point, is being held in the county jail on charges of assault.

Sheriff's deputies reported that DeLorme arrived home late last night with his wife, and started a disturbance.

When his daughter tried to calm him, he knocked her to the floor, according to sheriff's deputies. When she started to get up, DeLorme allegedly seized an axe and cut her shoulder. She was taken to the hospital by a friend.

LUMBERMEN MEET

Portland — (UPI) — The 50th annual meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association opened here today.



OLD WIMER BRIDGE—The Jackson county court Wednesday will consider a 90-signature petition for the preservation of the Wimer covered bridge. The petition was filed with the court Monday. The old covered bridge, (above) as it looked in 1951, has been closed to motor traffic for the last several years. It is now considered by

county officials to be unsafe for pedestrian traffic. The county has proposed to construct a foot bridge nearby and raise the covered bridge. At a hearing attended by the county court and county engineer in Wimer March 14, residents asked that the covered bridge be restored with donations of labor and materials offered.

Bids Called for Freeway Work Totaling About \$3.5 Million

Three Separate Projects Planned For Start in '61

Bids on three Highway 99 freeway projects in Jackson county with an estimated value of more than \$3,500,000 will be opened by the state highway commission Tuesday, April 11, the commission, announced today.

The three projects are:
1. A 3,222-foot concrete and steel structure to carry traffic over Medford city streets and Hawthorne park. The estimated cost of the structure is about \$1,500,000.

2. An overcrossing for the freeway at McAndrews rd. north of Medford.

3. And 9.45 miles of grading and some of the structures on the section from 12th st., Medford to the North Ashland interchange at Valley View rd. The estimated cost of this project is about \$2 million.

Construction of Medford's four-lane bridge at Fourth st. across Bear creek. The bridge will be just south of the present Jackson st. bridge. Cost is estimated at \$75,000, and will be paid for by the city.

The state highway commission has estimated that it will take 1 1/2 years to complete the overpass structure through Medford. It is planned that construction of the section will start this summer.

The first segment of the freeway in this area is expected to be opened later this year with completion of the Seven Oaks-Crater Lake highway section. Peter Kiewit Sons was awarded a \$3,032,472 contract for 2.29 miles of grading 6.78 miles of paving and nine structures along the Seven Oaks-Jackson st. section in January this year.

Other major construction projects on the freeway are planned in the near future.

One is construction of the Mistletoe railroad separation in Ashland, bids for which are expected to be called this year; another is surfacing and more structures on the 12th st.-North Ashland interchange section (estimated to cost about \$3 1/2 million) and the remainder of the work from North Ashland interchange to Mistletoe in Ashland (estimated to cost about \$8 million).

Public Hearing Set April 6 on Budget For School District

Central Point—A public hearing on a proposed \$1,250,701-50 budget for school district 6 for the 1961-62 school year will be held at 2 p.m. April 6 in the Central Point Junior High school cafeteria, Superintendent Charles A. Meyer has announced.

The proposed budget is \$70,127.43 more than this year's, he noted, but is \$64,815 less than was originally proposed for next year.

Total estimated expenditures for the district, which includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley, include \$1,133,409 in the general fund, and \$112,772.73 in the bond interest and redemption fund.

Budget committee members said the new budget allows for 6 1/2 additional teachers, and includes money for two new school buses.

Estimated Receipts

Total estimated receipts and available cash balance is \$470,414, leaving \$770,767.73 as the amount necessary to balance the budget. Added to this is the estimated amount which will not be collected in taxes, \$35,000 for a total estimated tax levy of \$805,767.73.

Of the latter total, \$127,810-15 is within the 6 per cent limitation, and \$112,772.73 is not subject to the limitation, leaving \$565,184.85 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The tax levy outside the 6 per cent limitation in the present budget is \$508,967.64, the budget committee noted.

The general fund budget increase, budget committee members said, is due to salary adjustments, additional teachers, maintenance and operating costs, and new state text book adoptions. Some of the increase, it noted, is due to principal and interest payments on last year's bond issue.

Difficult To Determine

Budget committee members pointed out that the estimated millage is difficult to determine at this time. District 6 is being reassessed, additional state aid support, growth and the rural school levy will help to control the amount of the millage, members said.

107 Measures Sent To Executive Desk

Salem — (UPI) — The governor's office today that as of Monday, the legislature's 71st day, the lawmakers sent 107 bills to the executive desk. This compares to 151 bills in 1959.

The budget committee feels that district 6's budget is in line with other districts in the county.

An election on expenditures totaling \$565,184.85, the amount outside the 6 per cent limitation, will be held Monday, May 1, at the three polling places in the district. At the same election, one school board member will be elected.

Members of the district 6 budget committee are Don Morrow, Gold Hill, chairman; Lester James, Sams Valley, secretary; Bill Askwith, W. C. Higginbotham, Bill Anhorn, Dr. Bruce Turner, H. S. Deuel, Wilton White, Paul Molloy and Jerry Fitzgerald.

Reflectorized License Plate Plan Studied

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon House Tuesday sent the bill calling for reflectorized state license plates to the ways and means committee to study fiscal implications.

The bill would add \$1 to cost of issuing the plates. They now cost \$10.

If approved, the new-type plates would probably go into effect in 1964.

BAN REMOVED

Washington — (UPI) — The Treasury department Monday ended a 10-year ban on Soviet canned crabmeat in a move to help better relations with Russia.

Recreation Facilities at Two Lakes To Be Ready for Opening of Fishing Season

Howard Prairie lake and Willow lake recreation facilities will be ready for the opening of fishing season April 22, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain late tonight or early Wednesday morning. A few showers and partial clearing Wednesday. Low tonight 40 to 42. High tomorrow 51 to 57.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:25 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:12 a.m.
Moonset tonight 11:59 p.m.
First Quarter March 23

PROMINENT STAR
Aldebaran, close to the Moon.
Venus, sets 6:40 p.m.
Mars, in the west 10:47 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn, rise 4:02 a.m.
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Russia Warned To Equal Moves If Treaty Reached

Delegate Ordered To Produce Results

Geneva — (UPI) — The United States today announced concessions to meet Soviet demands "more than halfway" but warned that the Russians must make equal moves if a nuclear test ban treaty is to be reached.

The U.S. move was put before the 247th session of the three-power nuclear test ban talks this afternoon by chief U.S. delegate Arthur H. Dean. Dean, who came here for resumption of the negotiations with instructions to bring the conference to a rapid conclusion, said the Soviet Union specifically must abandon its insistence on self-inspection if it wants progress.

Semyon Tsarapkin, Russia's chief delegate, who was chairman of the session, countered by warning "in a serious way of the negative effects . . . on the outcome of these Geneva talks" if France continues to test its own nuclear weapons.

French Continue Tests
Britain, represented by David Ormsby-Gore, is the third power at the current talks. France is not represented, since it joined the nuclear club after the test ban treaty conference started two and a half years ago. But the French have continued to develop and test nuclear devices on their own, refusing to sit down here until their program is completed and until certain conditions are met.

The United States and Britain suspended nuclear tests Oct. 31, 1958, when these talks started. Russia says it also has suspended tests.

Today's meeting was the first since the conference adjourned last December to permit the new administration of President Kennedy to review the entire nuclear arms field and to develop its policies.

The session was the first in which the Kennedy administration has come face to face with the Soviet Union on the question of a nuclear test ban. As it started Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said in a speech in Central Asia that he would agree to any controls the West might propose provided the West accepts his previously rejected disarmament plan. This calls for scrapping all nuclear weapons and the means for delivering them within an 18-month period.

Kennedy Wants Action
Dean brought with him a letter from Kennedy telling Dean to make certain the talks bear fruit in a reasonably short time.

The letter, addressed to Dean rather than to the conference, was written primarily for the benefit of the Russians. It contains a thinly veiled hint that Kennedy's patience may rapidly wear thin if the Russians continue their refusal to accept check-proof control and inspection of a nuclear test ban.

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