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House Votes Change in Selection of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Russia Asked To Join in Call for Laos Cease Fire

By United Press International
Britain asked Russia today to join in calling for an immediate cease fire in Laos, the Foreign Office announced in London.

A spokesman said a note delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office by British Ambassador Sir Frank Roberts suggested that Britain and Russia launch the appeal in their capacity as co-chairmen of the 1954 Geneva Conference on Indo-China.

First Step

He said the proposed cease-fire was suggested as the first step in a three-stage plan for peace in Laos.

If the cease fire plan were accepted, the spokesman said, the three-nation international control commission, representing Canada, India and Red Poland, would be reactivated to determine if it was proving effective.

If the commission returned a satisfactory report, he said, a new international conference would be called to seek a lasting solution of problems in Laos.

Discussed With Allies

The spokesman said the plan had been discussed fully with and "generally endorsed" by the United States and other British allies concerned with the Laos crisis.

No deadline was set for Russia's reply to the proposal, the spokesman said, but Britain hopes it will come "in as few weeks as possible."

He said Roberts delivered the note in writing to a deputy foreign minister, and also offered an oral explanation of what Britain regards as the "incendiary risks" of the Laos situation.

Reaction Not Indicated

The ambassador reported that the Soviet official listened carefully but gave no indication of Russia's reaction to the plan, the spokesman said.

The British approach to Moscow came at a time when allied forces were moving into position for battle against the Communists in Laos if the Russians refused to negotiate.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight. Increasing cloudiness Friday with rain by noon. Low tonight 35. High Friday near 60.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise today 6:27 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow 6:08 a.m.
The Moon sets 1:45 a.m. tomorrow and rises 11:45 p.m. First quarter tonight 6:49 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS

Venus, sets 8:31 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn, in the southeast 9:05 a.m.

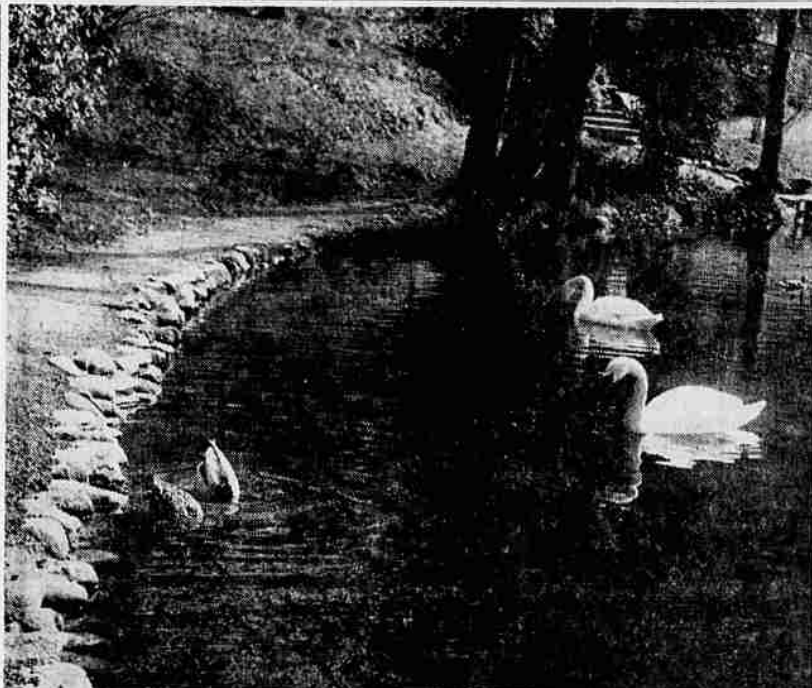
Youth Turns Himself in After Hiding From Police

An 18-year-old Klamath Falls youth turned himself in to Medford police Wednesday after hiding from authorities in two states for nearly a week. He is charged with forgery.

Roger Dean Ballard, a starting end on the 1960 Klamath Falls high school football team, told police yesterday that he was tired of running and wanted to get things "squared away."

Ballard escaped from Medford police a week ago, following a high-speed downtown auto chase that ended when Ballard abandoned the car he was driving and hid under some empty packing crates near 12th and Fir sts. Police searched for Ballard for nearly six hours, but were unable to find him.

Ballard told police yesterday that he hid under the crates until dark, then stole a car in south Medford and drove to Klamath Falls.



PLEASANT LIFE—Ducks and swans basked in the sun at Ashland's Lithia park one day early this week. The water was a little chilly, but it didn't bother the ducks as they bobbed under for food. The photo-

grapher couldn't keep from pondering that perhaps a duck's life isn't so bad. Possibly the workmen cleaning up the park had similar thoughts.

Reforestation Budget Believed Still Below Estimated Needs

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune

Washington Correspondence—The Kennedy Administration has substantially increased the budget for reforestation—but the amount is still below what the Forest Service has estimated will be necessary to catch up with lands that need attention.

President Kennedy has expressed the ideals of rebuilding national forests, but he has also encountered the problem of keeping the overall budget stable.

The Forest Service has estimated that \$375 million ought to be spent over a 12-year period for reforestation and thinning and pruning to bring the national forests up to an optimum level of timber production.

Senators Critical

When the Eisenhower Administration last year asked for \$3,465,000 for fiscal 1961, some western senators were critical of this amount because they figured at this rate it would take over a century to do what ought to be done in little more than a decade.

But Congress increased the amount only to \$4,451,000.

The last Eisenhower budget boosted the figure to \$6,151,000. The Kennedy Administration has now revised that budget request to \$9,551,000. At this rate it will take 40 years or more to complete the job.

Kennedy outlined the problem in his natural resources message when he said "our

forest lands present the sharp challenge to our foresight... most projections of future timber requirements predict a doubling of current consumption within 40 years."

"Unfortunately, the condition of our forest land area is substantially below par: 45 million acres are in need of reforestation; more than 150 million acres require thinning, release cutting and other timber stand improvement measures if growth rates are to be increased and quality timber produced; forest protection must be extended to acres now poorly protected. Losses in growth from insects and disease need to be reduced substantially by wider application of known detection and control measures," Kennedy said.

He urged Congress "to accelerate forest development on federal public lands both as a long-term investment measure and as an immediate

method of relieving unemployment in distressed areas."

More recently, in his message to Congress on agriculture, Kennedy spoke of forest resources as a crop. He said it would be necessary to "rejuvenate the Forest Service's long-range program for development and improvement of our national forests—a program already returning substantial revenue to the Treasury and designed eventually to return \$500 million a year."

In the farm message, Kennedy also stressed the need for improving timber production from smaller private woodlots and other privately-owned woodlands. He urged greater federal action to assist with fire protection, disease control, tree planting, stand improvement and management and marketing.

Contained Increases

All these activities take more money. The forestry budget, as revised by the Kennedy regime, contained the following increases: forest research, \$3 million; insect and disease, \$2 million; state and private forestry cooperation, \$2 million; construction of forest access roads and trails, \$3 million; aid to states for tree planting, \$1 million (there was nothing in the Eisenhower budget for this purpose); fire protection, \$1,100,000; recreation and public use, \$2 million; and for reforestation and stand improvement, \$3,400,000.

DeLorme Arraigned On Assault Charge

Joseph Alexander DeLorme, 53, of route 2, box 668H, Central Point, was arraigned before Circuit Judge James M. Main yesterday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

A preliminary hearing was set for Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Sheriff's Deputy Lee Rice signed the complaint charging DeLorme with cutting in the shoulder, his daughter, Cleo Marie Atchley, 29, also of route 2, box 668H, Central Point, Monday night.

Sheriff's deputies said DeLorme seized an axe, cutting his daughter's shoulder after she tried to calm him following a disturbance.

Durno Says BLM To Close Regional Office

Washington—The Bureau of Land Management plans to abolish its regional office in Portland, Rep. Edwin Durno (R-Ore.) said Wednesday.

Durno said Interior Department officials had told him they would eliminate all four of their regional offices but did not disclose to him when this would be done.

Committee Kills Bill To Lower Gas Taxes

Salem—The Senate Tax Committee has killed a bill to lower the Oregon gasoline tax by one cent a gallon.

Chief sponsor was Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland), who said gas taxes are raising more revenue than the State Highway Commission needs.

The bill would have lowered the tax from 14.5 cents to 13.5 cents a gallon.

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Senate Extends Unanimous Vote For Tax Court

Billboards, Drunken Drivers Involved

Salem—The Oregon House today passed, 36-7, a bill to switch selection of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from the voters to the Board of Education. The Senate approved measures creating a traveling tax court and clamping down on billboards and drunken drivers.

The tax court, long advocated as an improvement in Oregon's economic climate, was approved unanimously. It would have divisions for small claims and larger appeals. The State Tax commission now must hold hearings on tax differences before court will rule.

The Billboards measure, approved 26-3, would create a Scenic Area commission to govern highway advertising along state highways. The compromise measure was okayed by billboard advertisers, after voters turned down tougher control measures at the polls last year.

Short of Plan

The measure to let the board of education pick the state's public school education chief fell short of Gov. Mark Hatfield's reorganization plan to make the position appointive by the governor.

Rep. George Layman said the constitution required the post to be elective, but attorneys felt "election by the board" might stand up under a court test.

Educators said selection by the board would insure nominees of high professional quality.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Yurri led supporters of a bill to permit chemical tests on drivers suspected of drunkenness unless the driver flatly refuses. Otherwise, consent would be implied. At present written consent is required, hamstringing conviction efforts.

A flat refusal would mean license suspension until hearings could be held.

Yurri said aim of the bill was protection of "millions of innocent people who use the highways" for carnage and property destruction that have been linked to liquor.

He said some 70 per cent of drivers arrested in Oregon now refuse blood tests, preferring to take their chances with judge or jury.

The House passed, 46-11, a controversial bill revising the Oregon milk usage audit law, suspected of being unconstitutional in its present form.

Dairies sell the same grade of milk at two prices, a higher one for milk resold fresh, and a lower one for milk processed into ice cream, cheese or other dairy products.

Department Budgets Reviewed by Group

The proposed budgets of three different county departments were reviewed today by the county budget committee. The three departments were the county farm home, the sheriff's office and the juvenile division.

No action has been taken so far by the committee on the budgets since they were presented by the department heads. Committee members said this morning that they plan to consolidate the requests in today's session.

The fourth budget presented, the county health department, has been tentatively approved by the budget committee.

Committee chairman is Arnold Bohnert, with other members, the county judge and two commissioners, A. C. Pierce, and Gordon Hudson.

ORCHARD HEATING MEET

Growers and lighters are reminded of the orchard heating meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the county courthouse auditorium. According to County Horticulturist Clifford B. Cordy both the technical aspects and management involved in heating will be discussed.

REVIEW PROGRAM

Miss Evelyn Funk and C. L. Smith, Corvallis, state agents with the county extension service, are in Jackson county today reviewing the county's 4-H program with local agents.



THEATER ADDITION—Excavation is progressing on the basement section of a new wing for Ashland's Shakespearean theater. The wing is part of a long range expansion program. The basement will house a costume workshop and will be used for additional rehearsal space. William Patton, wing for Ashland's Shakespearean theater, left, festival manager, and C. E. Corry, Lithia park superintendent, are shown checking progress.

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No Decision Yet by Medco On Conversion of Part of Road

B. L. (Bud) Nutting, general manager of Medford Corporation, told representatives of the Jackson County Home Owners Protective Association yesterday that the company has not yet decided whether it will convert its railroad right of way from Vilas rd. to Butte Falls to a log truck road.

He said the corporation has decided to convert the right of way from Vilas rd. into its Medford operation.

Representatives of the association discussed with Nutting and Al Smith, Medco logging superintendent, the problems which may result from converting the railroad right of way to a road for off-highway logging trucks.

The group also discussed pending federal and state legislation affecting taxes on trucks. Nutting noted that this may also be a factor in arriving at a decision to convert the right of way.

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Present Letter

Mrs. Burton Jensen, president; Mrs. Joseph Layton, secretary; Claude Hoover, a director, and Ben Day, attorney for the association, presented to Nutting a letter signed by more than 100 people living along the right of way between Butte Falls and Medford.

The letter reviews problems which would be created by the conversion, and suggests that the corporation use public highways for hauling logs. Medco has been hauling logs over public highways since it discontinued its logging train service recently.

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Stevenson Proposes Broad Development Program in Africa

United Nations, N.Y.—U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, urging that the cold war be kept out of Africa, today proposed that a broad development program for the continent be initiated by Africans with cooperative international aid.

Stevenson said a multilateral program based on "enlightened selfishness" would help the Africans overcome their economic and social problems and move peacefully into independence.

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Nigerian Disappointed

Nigerian delegate Jaja Wachuku, in the first African reaction to Stevenson's proposal, said he was disappointed because the U.S. statement did not contain a concrete program for African development. He said he hoped the United States will commit itself as firmly on African aid as it does on a program for Latin America.

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Birch Society Founder Demands Probe by California Committee

Sacramento—UPI—A resolution asking U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy to investigate the ultra-conservative John Birch Society was introduced in the assembly today.

Beverly Hills, Calif.—UPI—Robert Welch, founder and head of the John Birch Society, demanded Wednesday night that the conservative anti-Communist society be investigated by the California Senate's Un-American Activities committee.

Brown, in announcing his request for a report, said: "Unless they violate a law they have a right to speak" and added that he "couldn't imagine" what law they might have broken.

Welch's telegram, copies of which also were sent to Burns and Mosk, was made public here by Paul H. Talbert, a member of the society's council.

Promise to Testify

It said: "We respectfully and, in view of statements made to the press by officials of your state, urgently demand the proposed investigation of the John Birch Society

Correspondents To Be Required To Keep Copies

Writers Will Be Held Responsible

Moscow—UPI—The Soviet Union today announced the abolition of censorship of foreign correspondents.

Press Chief M. A. Kharlamov announced that from now on foreign correspondents would be free to send dispatches by cable or telephone from any point at their convenience.

He added, however, that correspondents will be required to keep copies of their stories for examination at any time by the Press Department.

Kharlamov said whether to install teleprinter machinery in correspondents' offices was another question and would be considered in due time.

Also Consider Films

He said consideration also would be given to letting correspondents send film out of the country unhampered.

At no time during the press conference did Kharlamov use the word "censorship."

He sidestepped all questions as to how the censorship had operated, how many people had been involved in it and so forth.

He made it clear that correspondents would continue to be held responsible for anything they wrote.

This dispatch, telephoned from the UPI's Moscow bureau to Helsinki, Finland, was the first to move uncensored out of Moscow under the new rules.

Phoned From Anywhere

Dispatches now can be telephoned from anywhere instead of only from the central telegraph office where the censors sat.

The abolition of censorship ended some of the most severe restrictions in the world on freedom of communications. Censorship had been in effect almost continuously since 1917.

There were indications Soviet authorities are planning other measures to ease the work of foreign correspondents and expedite the flow of news.

Federal Complaints Filed Against Men

Four Southwest men arrested near Ashland Tuesday were filed today in Portland on a charge of transporting a stolen motor vehicle across state line.

The men, arrested by Oregon state police Tuesday near Ashland, are charged with the theft of an automobile in Phoenix, Ariz. They are Walter Curtis Henderson, 21, of Globe, Ariz.; Roman Douglas Holton, 20, of Tama, Ariz.; Billy Bob Williams, 18, of Safford, Ariz.; and John Henry Campbell, 33, of Muleshoe, Tex.

When arrested, state police found some articles in the vehicle which had been reported stolen in Redding, Calif. The men are being held in the county jail for the U. S. marshal. The federal warrants set bail at \$1,500 each.

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Who Is Responsible

In a prepared statement made available to UPI, Talbert demanded to know who was responsible for leading the attack on the society and who was keeping it alive.

"... what is happening to a cause supposedly reputable newspapers to refer to us as Fascists, Neo-Fascists, Silver Shirts, Red Shirts, Black Shirts, subversives, and even compare us with the Ku Klux Klan?" Talbert asked in his statement.