

Communists Focusing Attention on Germany

It's a Girl! Daughter Born To Duncans in Salem Hospital

Salem — (UPI) — Mrs. Mari-Jane Duncan, wife of House Speaker Robert B. Duncan, gave birth today in Salem General hospital to a nine-pound seven-ounce girl, their sixth child.

The baby was born at 1:54 a.m. Mrs. Duncan, 40, was in labor for 18 hours and the Medford Democrat remained by her side most of the time.

Rusk Encouraged By Developments In Laos Crisis

Washington — (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk returned here from key allied conferences on Laos today with a declaration he was "much encouraged" by recent developments in the crisis.

But Rusk stressed anew that the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization allies would take "appropriate action" if peaceful negotiation with the Communists fails.

Rusk, returning from the SEATO meeting in Bangkok, also indicated the United States might accept an unofficial cease fire in Laos rather than a formal pledge from the Kremlin.

"What is important," Rusk said, "is the cessation of hostilities. If the fighting is stopped and it is clear the fighting has stopped, an opportunity would be afforded for negotiations and discussions."

Rusk landed from a trip to the Bangkok meeting and a talk en route home with India Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi.

Conferences with Kennedy

The secretary said he would confer immediately by telephone with President Kennedy who is in Palm Beach, Fla.

Rusk called the SEATO meetings "highly productive." He said the SEATO powers would not allow South Vietnam to fall to the Communists.

Answering questions, Rusk said "optimism is not quite the word" for prospects of negotiating a Laos solution with Russia.

He said such negotiations would probably be a "step by step process."

Good Friday Service Slated in Ashland

Ashland — A community Good Friday service will be held at Ashland Junior High school at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The combined choir of eight Ashland churches will sing two anthems under the direction of Dr. Herbert Cecil of the Southern Oregon college music department.

Dr. P. Malcolm Hammond of the First Methodist church will give the sermon, "On Losing Life." The program is sponsored by the Ashland Ministerial association, and will be held in the school auditorium.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair through Saturday. Low tonight 37. High Saturday 65-68.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 78
Lowest this Morning 39

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:36 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:55 a.m.
Moonrise today 6:18 p.m.
Full Moon tonight 9:48 p.m.
PROXIMATE STARS
Aldebaran, in the west 8:30 p.m.
VISTA PLANETS
Mars, high above Aldebaran.
Venus, sets 7:48 p.m.
Jupiter, rises 3:34 a.m.
Saturn, near Jupiter.

Another Tenant Sought for Tongue Point

Astoria — (UPI) — Local officials hoped today that another tenant could be found for the Tongue Point Reserve Fleet base, ordered shut down by the Defense Department.

The deactivation order, which specified the base be deactivated during fiscal year 1962, came as no startling surprise here.

Fair Indication
Steady reductions over several years had given the community fair indication that the reserve fleet was bound to go soon. During the past year local officials and civic leaders intensified efforts to have the site converted to more permanent use.

The birth was normal. Mother and child were reported doing well.

The speaker's first reaction was: "She may be ugly, but not to me."

First for State

The event was a first for the Duncans and for the state. It was their first child born in Salem, and believed the first time that a presiding officer has become a father during a legislative session.

Thursday was also the first time in two years that Duncan has missed gaveling the House to order. He deferred the ritual by taking his wife to the hospital and remaining with her. She was admitted at 7:15 a.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Duncan has served as one of her husband's two secretaries.

Duncan, 40-year-old attorney, said the reddish-haired daughter will probably be named Janet Ellen.

The hospital announced recently that delivery of baby No. 25,000 was due and would be "on the house," all expenses paid. The Duncans had kidded about having the lucky baby, and they weren't far off.

Their baby was No. 24,997. The 25,000th baby, also a girl, was born less than two hours later to Mrs. Albert C. Gallucci of Salem.

Speaker Apologizes
Duncan this morning apologized for gaveling the House to order five minutes late. "As you know," he announced, "my wife had a giant baby girl last night."

He said his wife's only comment was that she was ready now to support any minimum hour bills. "18 hours of labor in one day is too much for anyone."

As for just missing the hospital's 25,000th baby, the Medford Democrat added: "I know how Mr. Nixon felt and I'm just about to demand a recount."

Although his wife has delivered safely, Duncan is still concerned because he has a prize mare ready to foal, and she is overdue by two weeks. "I'll have to go through all this again," he said.

Would Have Compromised
The other Duncan children are Nancy Jane, 16; Angus, 14; David Bruce, 9; Jamie, 8, and Laurie Ann, 6.

If the baby had been a boy, the speaker favored the name "Duncan Mack Duncan" but said he and his wife probably would have compromised on Andrew.

A Democratic colleague had suggested "John Fitzgerald Duncan."

Mayor John Snyder of Medford telephoned Duncan Wednesday and said he is insisting that all future Duncan children be born in Medford.

Enrollment Reaches 1,107 at College

Ashland — Spring term enrollment at Southern Oregon college yesterday reached 1,107 students, college officials said today.

The total was 7.5 per cent more than the 1,030 enrolled after four days in the spring term last year. Of the total this year, 645 are men and 462 are women.

Registration continues through April 8, and college officials anticipate that enrollment will exceed the previous all-time high of 1,116 students registered in the spring term last year.

BILL APPROVED

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate Committee on State and Federal Affairs Friday voted out "do pass" the bill intended to prevent Gov. Mark Hatfield from moving state welfare headquarters from Portland to Salem. The vote was 4-3.



ORIGINAL OUTDOOR SERVICES—This is a view of Mt. Rubidoux at Riverside, Calif., scene of original outdoor Easter sunrise services. Barren rocks and terrain leading to the cross suggest Gethsemane, Biblical location of Christ's passion before his crucifixion. (UPI/Telephone)

World Pilgrims Trek in Footsteps Of Jesus Christ

Jerusalem, Jordan — (UPI) — Pilgrims from around the world walked today in the footsteps of Jesus Christ along the "Way of Sorrow" through this ancient Holy City to Calvary where He died on the cross nearly 20 centuries ago.

Christians paused to pray at the stations of the cross on the dusty Via Dolorosa marking the significant events during Christ's crucifixion-buried journey to His death.

There also were church services to commemorate this most solemn day in Christendom. Focal point for the religious rites was the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, marking the site of Christ's tomb.

Hours of Prayers
The Good Friday services included hours of prayers and meditation by churchmen and pilgrims.

Church bells were silenced Thursday and the church will remain in mourning until the joyful ceremonies on Easter Sunday commemorating the Resurrection.

Mgr. Alberto Gori, Roman Catholic patriarch, officiated at the Holy Thursday ceremonies at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The observances began at dawn with a Pontifical High Mass before the tomb of Christ.

Medford Man Meted Brush Cutting Term

Ashland — Darrel Menzies Breton, 21, of 161 Ross lane, Medford, entered a plea of guilty to charges of petty theft in Ashland municipal court this morning.

Breton was accused of taking produce from an Ashland grocery store March 27. He was ordered to cut brush for the city for five hours April 1. An additional 10 hours of brush cutting must be completed by April 15. In addition, he was ordered to pay a \$25 fine.

26 Medford Seniors Receive Academic Honors for Year

Names of 26 Medford High school seniors comprising the 1961 academic honors list were announced this morning by Principal Lester Harris.

The honors list, extending recognition to a group larger than the traditional valedictorian and salutatorian, was inaugurated here last year.

The plan has been largely adopted throughout the state and nation.

Seniors selected this year

are Frank Balch, Nancy Brown, Margaret Childers, Karen Christensen, Stanley Dowson, Julie Faught, Carolyn Finch, James Frake, Mary Kay Harris, Roger Harris, Linda Hess, Nancy Hinman, Donna Hussong, Ralph Lobb, Fred Lorch, Rosalita Patch, Dale Peterson, Michael Phillips, Robert Quincey, Richard Ragsdale, Marilyn Shepherd, Martha Simpson, Judy Sims, DeAnne Taylor, Susan Thompson, and Jack Winchester.

The academic honors list consists of about 5 per cent of the graduating class each year, based on scholastically upon seven semesters of high school work. This year, the group exceeds the 5 per cent minimum since several students finished the seven semesters with identical grade point averages.

According to Harris, the new system operates to encourage "good" students to select courses they really want and need, rather than to avoid certain challenging advanced subjects for fear that they might be eliminated from contending for the two top spots — valedictorian and salutatorian.

Class rank is still to be determined at the end of the senior year for use in scholarship applications and to meet college entrance requirements, school officials added.

With the inauguration of the academic honors list last year, some 22 seniors were included in the group.

Senate Resolution Just a Little Late
Salem — (UPI) — Apparently working under the better-late-than-never theory, the Senate Friday passed a resolution urging the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty with Canada for international cooperation in development of the Upper Columbia River Basin.

The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty two weeks ago.

Budgets for Two Departments Get Tentative Vote

The Jackson county budget committee yesterday tentatively approved a \$95,896.63 over-all budget for the juvenile home and department and \$5,500 for the county home rule study committee.

The budget committee will go back over the budgets later and may trim them further.

On Monday the committee will start review of the assessor's budget.

The juvenile department and home budget is in two parts: the juvenile department, circuit court division, \$44,928, and the juvenile detention home, maintenance and operation, \$23,174.

The juvenile department budget has been cut tentatively to \$44,928 from the requested \$50,968.63, and the detention home budget was reduced from the requested \$23,845 to \$23,174.

The budget totals represent a \$2,781 increase over the current year's total of \$42,147 for the juvenile department, and \$1,180 increase over the current year's total of \$21,994 for the juvenile detention home budget.

New Budget Department

County Judge Earl Miller said the committee has set up a new department in the budget under miscellaneous general county fund.

All office equipment, furniture and supply allocations requested will go under this category. Since this represents "a considerable amount," bids will be called on the purchases, Miller explained. Such items in the juvenile department and home budget were placed in this category.

The \$5,500 total for the home rule study committee tentative budget includes \$1,500 for services of the bureau of municipal research in drafting a home rule charter proposal, \$2,000 for legal counsel, stenographic coverage of public meetings and publication and mailing of minutes plus miscellaneous expense; and \$2,000 for printing of preliminary drafts of the charter.

Restrooms Being Installed at Lake

Restrooms are being installed at Emigrant lake near the launching ramp, and will be ready this week end, according to City-County Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth.

Haworth said water-skiers now have more than 600 surface acres of water to use at Emigrant, and many of them have been taking advantage of it this week. The water is about 10 feet deep.

The restrooms will be four single temporary units, he said.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Portland — (UPI) — The weather man today said there was a possibility of showers in northwest Oregon for Easter Sunday but that most of the rest of the state should have fairly dry, though partly cloudy skies.

TRAIN ON FIRE

La Spezia, Italy — (UPI) — Five persons were killed and 25 others hospitalized when a suburban train derailed and caught fire in a tunnel here Thursday night.

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The committee almost revived the bill to regulate trading stamps. It voted 5-3 to take the bill off the table but six votes are needed. Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) was absent.

Wednesday the committee tabled the bill 5-4.

Rep. C. H. Hoyt (R-Corvallis) asked for reconsideration today and offered amendments which he said would mean a "very minimum in regulation and really be protection for the housewife, the merchant and reliable stamp companies."

His amendments would

have taken out the provision for abolishment of the stamp company exclusive franchise system. This was the biggest objection from stamp companies, who complained the bill was intended to destroy trading stamps.

Those who favored reconsideration were Reps. Montgomery, Kelsay, Howe, Eymann and Dellenback. Voting no were Chairman Norman Howard and Reps. Layman and Whelan.

Tornadoes Cut Destructive Path Across Georgia

By United Press International
Tornadoes cut destructive swaths across Georgia today and floodwaters made almost 5,000 persons homeless at embattled Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A 10 to 14 inch snowfall played havoc with communications and travel in the Southern Plains. Torrential rains, up to 8 inches in 2 1/2 hours at Seminole, Miss., washed Dixie from southeastern Oklahoma to the Georgia coastline.

Flood Warning

A severe flood warning was hoisted along the Pearl, Leaf and Chickasaw rivers in southern Mississippi, areas hard hit in the big February floods.

A tornado killed one person and injured 15 others at Unadilla, Ga., 40 miles south of Macon. Three homes were demolished, all communications lines were downed and there was extensive property damage.

More than 1,200 families fled their homes to higher ground before the raging Cedar river at Cedar Rapids. The river rose to 19.44 feet at 8:30 a.m. today and officials said it was near its crest.

\$70 Million Damage

Observers feared the river would hold its crest for 10 to 12 hours and accentuate the manpower shortage. The Cedar already had wreaked an estimated \$70 million damage upstream in the Waterloo, Iowa, area.

Gulf rains, part of a widespread shower pattern from the southern Great Plains to the South Atlantic states, dumped an inch of water at numerous points in Alabama and Mississippi Thursday night.

Hall three-quarters of an inch thick pelted Shreveport, La., and high winds tore down utility poles at Opelousas, La.

Dr. Roberts Seeks School Board Post

Central Point — Dr. Alvin Roberts, Central Point physician, has accepted the nomination for election as a school board member in district 6.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, who live on Taylor rd., Central Point, have three children enrolled in district 6.

He is seeking election for a five-year term, and will oppose Charles Ghelardi, who filed for election previously. Board chairman W. H. (Bill) Askwith earlier announced he would not seek reelection.

Deadline for filing for election to the board is today. The election will be held May 1.

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"We'll Discuss Another Can of Gas After the Next Lap"



Military Power Strengthened To Counteract West

Lightly Worded
Communique Noted

Moscow — (UPI) — Europe's Communist leaders focused their attention today on Germany as the next world trouble spot and warned they were strengthening the military power of the eight-nation Warsaw Treaty alliance to meet Western preparedness.

But a communique issued early today at the end of a two-day Communist summit conference was so moderately worded that Western diplomats believed the Communists were not planning to step up the cold war and would pursue a policy of negotiation.

Moderate Document

Observers said it was the most moderate document of its kind since the Warsaw Pact was formed in 1955 as an Eastern antidote to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. They said the document was relatively conciliatory and left the way open for a further easing of East-West tensions.

The communique skipped lightly over such issues as disarmament, Laos, the Congo, Cuba and other world trouble spots with a one-paragraph summation accusing the West of continuing to foster colonialism and trying to suppress nationalist liberation movements.

Emphasis on Berlin

The emphasis was almost entirely on Germany and Berlin. It repeated its charges the West was rearming West Germany and called for a separate peace treaty with the two Germanies which would make permanent East German control of the lifelines to West Berlin.

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Diplomats noted its brevity, the conspicuous absence of threats against the West and the paucity of rocket rattling.

Bank Debits Show Decline in Area

Eugene-Bank debits for the southwestern Oregon area, including Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties, decreased 7.9 per cent in February compared to January, according to the bureau of business research at the University of Oregon.

Debits were down 3.1 per cent from February of last year, the bureau noted.

Debits for last month totaled \$77,640,626; in January, the total was \$84,298,841; and in February, 1960, debits totaled \$80,150,450.

Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and firms, the bureau noted. They are considered good indicators of current business activity.

Statewide, with 227 banks reporting, bank debits in February decreased 8.2 per cent from January, and were down 3.2 per cent from a year ago.

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