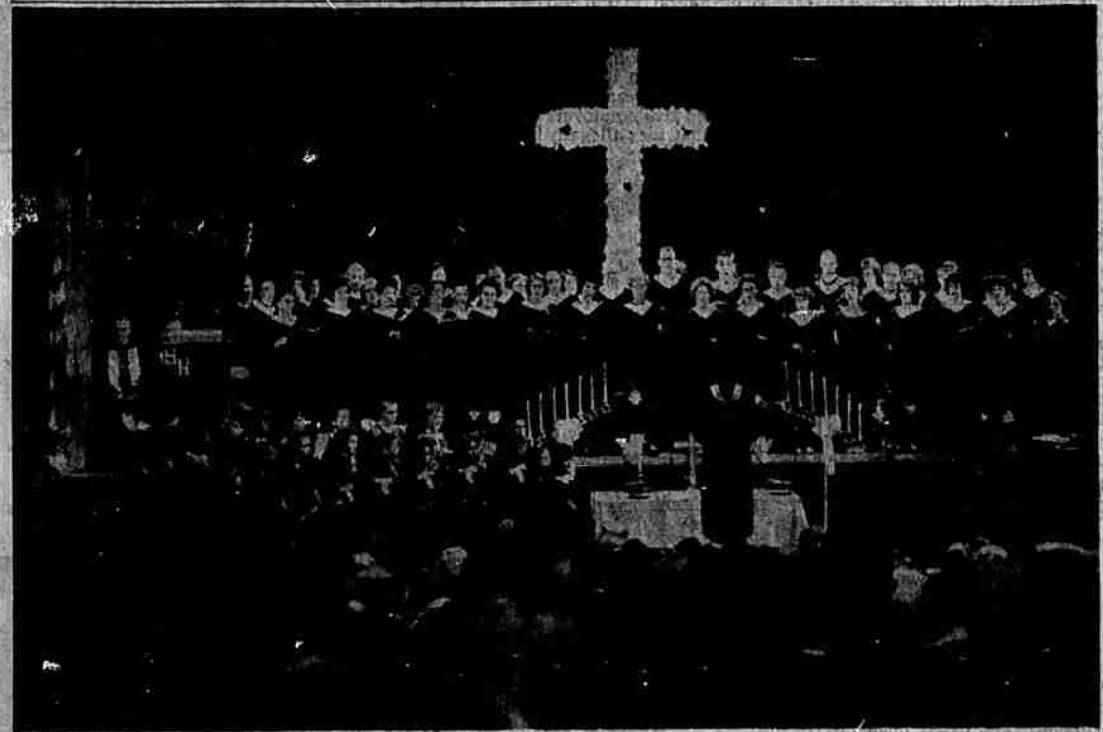


Kennedy Going To France To See De Gaulle

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EASTER SERVICES—Thousands of southern Oregon and northern California residents attended Easter service Sunday at temperatures in Medford reached 78 degrees. At 8 a.m. Sunday, the start of the majority of the sunrise services, the temperature at the Medford airport was 43 degrees. Larger than normal crowds were reported not only at the sunrise services, but later services held indoors. More than 350 persons attended the sunrise service on Huener's Butte near Jacksonville sponsored by the Medford Interdenominational Youth Council. At 11 a.m. a record crowd attended the fifth annual community service held by First Methodist church at the Medford High school auditorium. Dr. George G. Roseberry, minister, (left) spoke and participating in the service were the combined voices of the church, youth and altar choirs. Mrs. C. R. Adamson, church choir director, is shown directing the 70-voice group during the service. (Knackstedt photo)

House Committee Reverses Earlier Vote on Division of Mental Health

Salem—UPI—The House Committee on State and Federal Affairs changed its mind today and decided to go along with Gov. Mark Hatfield's recommendation that the Board of Control be abolished.

The committee voted 5-4 to reverse its action last week in taking the five state mental institutions out of a bill creating a division of mental health.

But as this was done, members expressed fear that opposition to abolition of the three-member board might kill the proposed division altogether. All agreed that establishment of the new mental health division was paramount.

The vote to line up with Hatfield's original plan, oddly enough, was Democrats for and Republicans against. All four Republicans on the committee voted to leave the institutions under the board.

Negotiations Here For New Contract

Negotiations are under way in Medford today between the officials of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 418 and the Plumbers Employers association regarding a new contract, the Mail Tribune learned this morning.

The old contract expired March 31. It was reported that negotiations have been under way for several weeks, but agreement has not been reached regarding wages.

Meeting with the union and employer officials are representatives of the state conciliation board.

It was reported that many plumbers did not report for work today or reported that they were ill.

George Beltz is the business agent for the Plumbers local and E. S. (Sherb) Bowers is chairman of the Plumbers employers association.

Peace Corps Forms Now at Post Office

A supply of Peace Corps Volunteer questionnaires has been received at the Medford post office and anyone interested in the Peace Corps program may obtain the application form at the finance window there, it was announced today.

The completed questionnaires and any inquiries concerning them should be addressed to Peace Corps, Washington 25, D. C.

Money Missing From Service Station Safe

More than \$80 in cash was discovered missing this morning from a safe at the E. R. Ross Service station, 402 South Central ave., according to city police.

James Colven Elbert, a station attendant, told police he noticed the money was missing when he opened the station for business at 7 o'clock this morning. Police are investigating.

Bonds for Highway 42 Wins Approval in House

Salem—UPI—A bill to authorize issuance of \$4 million in state bonds for work on Highway 42 between Winston and Coquille passed the House today, 43-15, in spite of charges the legislature was taking over rights that belong to the state highway commission.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said it would allow improvement to "proceed forthwith" on the worst stretch of highway in Oregon.

"We have to develop our arteries of transportation, and

Fire Insurance Rates Undergo Change in Oregon

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Fire Rating Bureau here said Sunday that continued poor loss experience in some categories has forced a general revision in some structures.

The bureau said that some structures will go down in premiums and others will go up.

The announcement said the change affects very few city private dwellings. It was effective April 1.

The bureau's member and subscriber's insurance companies indicated they expect to collect about \$459,000 more per year. This would be a statewide net increase to the companies of 2.5 per cent.

Leslie Large, assistant manager of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, said the rates were last changed about five years ago. He said they were subject to periodic review.

Rates on some properties were decreased. They include offices and banks, hospitals, sprinklered risks, printing and allied risks, churches and garages.

Places of Amusement

Rates on buildings and contents in other categories were increased. They include rural dwellings with little or no fire protection, hotels, theaters and other places of amusement, grain elevators, fruit and vegetable canning, packing or quick freezing plants and some other food processors.

American 'Copters Flown Into Laos

By United Press International

United States civilian pilots flew five American-supplied helicopters on their first supply runs over "frontline" areas in Laos today while Communist-supported troops continued to advance.

A Communist Chinese threat of intervention in Laos raised the spectre of a new Korean-type war unless the major powers can agree diplomatic means to stop it.

The helicopters, part of a group of 16 supplied by the United States to the Royal Lao government to help ease its supply and communications problems, were assembled by U. S. Marines in neighboring Thailand and flown to Laos.

EX-CHAIRMAN DIES

Corvallis — E. E. Wilson, 91, former chairman of the Oregon Game commission, died here today.

Astoria-Megler Bridge Approved By Vote of 48-7

Measure Sent to Senate for Debate

Salem — UPI — The proposed Astoria-Megler bridge over the Columbia river took a big leap forward today as the House approved reciprocal legislation with Washington 48-7.

The bill went to the Senate. Rep. William Holmstrom (D-Gearhart) carried the bill saying the bridge would bring "great economic wealth" to both Oregon and Washington. Would cost \$22 million.

The 4.1 mile span would cost \$22 million, excluding approaches. Oregon would pay 65.6 per cent of the total cost and Washington 34.4 per cent.

The latter provided the core of the objections. Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) said Oregon is the "first state to adopt a foreign aid policy." He said the project should be 50-50 all the way with Washington paying half.

Seven speakers disagreed with him and Rep. W. O. Kellogg (D-Roseburg) said the bridge would be the "shot in the arm" that the economically depressed Northwest Oregon area needs.

Annala called it "fiscal mismanagement" and the "bluest Monday in Oregon highway history."

The bridge would replace an antiquated ferry system which the state has been operating at a loss for many years.

Annala complained that "nowhere is Washington's credit involved" because Oregon is issuing the bonds. The bonds were authorized in 1959.

Holmstrom admitted this but reminded that the span is a toll bridge and Oregon will get back "every dime" it puts into it, and more.

Those voting no were Reps. Annala, Attyeh, Benedict, Hansell, Hunt, McKinnis and Stuntz.

Rep. Edward Whelan (D-Portland) said the bridge itself would be a tourist attraction. He cited closure of Tongue Point and the drop in population at Astoria while the state has generally gained.

Rep. Robert Klatsman (R-Salem) condemned the ferry system and said it is driving trucks and tourists away from Oregon's coast.

Eagle Point Group Backs Resolution

A resolution has been sent to the headquarters of Medford Corporation in Chicago by the Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association, seeking to prevent Medco from converting its logging railroad into a log truck road.

Signed by the president, Mrs. Darrel R. Stanley and the secretary, Mrs. Donald J. Grissom, the resolution says that the proposed conversion would result in a large number of log trucks crossing the public roads which are used by school buses and students providing their own transportation.

It states that the noise from such truck operation would disturb the sleep of children and students and the diesel smoke, dust and dirt created by the road would create an unhealthy atmosphere.

A similar resolution has been approved by the Eagle Point Parent-Teacher-Student association's executive board, but will not be voted on by the membership until their next meeting, it was stated.

SEES WILL FOR PEACE

Vatican City — UPI — Pope John XXIII said today the large attendance of Romans and pilgrims at his Easter speech was a hopeful sign of the world's will for peace.

"We Can Use A Compact Too"

The bulk of the \$20,692 budget increase is for salary increases under the revised merit pay scale and the hiring of new employees, Schumacher estimated that he had a 50 per cent turnover among his 12 appraisers this year. They left for better jobs, mostly the assessor said. One left for health reasons. It takes more people to replace skilled, experienced help, Schumacher explained.

Main Increases

Other main increases are: printing and supplies \$5,200, a \$2,200 increase; timber appraisals, \$9,000 (new item); assessors' and deputies' travel, \$8,000, up \$1,000; machinery and equipment maintenance, \$2,900, up \$400; educational program, \$1,000, up \$400.

This afternoon the budget committee was scheduled to hear the library board request, review the sheriff's miscellaneous budget and meet again with Mrs. Kay Crowell, supervisor of the Jackson County Juvenile department and detention home.



CARS SCATTERED — Boxcars are strewn about 10 miles west of Ellensburg, Wash., along the Yakima river. About 40 cars were derailed in the accident. (UPI Telephoto)

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Purchasing Policy To Be Reviewed

Ashland — The Ashland city council ordinance committee will review city purchasing policy at the council meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

Questions regarding how bids were obtained for city purchases were raised at the March 21 council meeting. At that time, the council recommended a review of purchasing policy.

In other action, the council is scheduled to consider two ordinances — one calling for issuance of Bancroft bonds to cover costs of last year's curbing and paving program. The other will deal with sending delinquent assessments to the county assessor's office for collection.

Bidding on the sale of the city warehouse on the corner of First and C sts. will be opened.

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Sen. Morse To Seek Showdown on Loans To Private Schools

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune

Washington Correspondent

Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse has decided to seek a showdown in Congress and in the courts on the ticklish constitutional question of whether the federal government can legally extend loans to private schools.

The Kennedy administration has submitted a legal brief to Morse's subcommittee on education which takes the position that such loans are in violation of the first amendment of the Constitution. Senator Morse thinks otherwise.

Consequently, he has introduced with Sen. Joseph Clark (D-Pa.) a separate bill providing long-term, interest-bearing federal loans to private schools. He will hold hearings on this bill April 17 and 18 and then try to get the Senate to pass it.

He notes that one feature of his bill authorizes a taxpayer to bring a suit against the government for engaging in the loan program. This, he explains, is designed to assure a speedy test by the Supreme court, thereby settling the legal issue once and for all.

Morse said in a Senate speech that many others wish to avoid this religious issue, but he wishes to meet it head on and get it settled and "behind us" because "it is not good for our body politic to have this highly controversial and emotional issue repeatedly raised in this country. It tends to split the nation."

The Oregon senator read a letter from a Harvard law professor, Mark DeW. Howe, supporting the constitutional issue of loans to private schools, providing they weren't used for building chapels or other solely religious uses.

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Conference With Macmillan Slated Rest of Week

Paris Visit Only Item on Agenda

Palm Beach, Fla. — UPI — President Kennedy, accompanied by his wife, will visit France next month at the invitation of President Charles de Gaulle for a three-day state visit and discussion of a broad range of problems involving their two nations, the White House announced today.

The Paris invitation to the President apparently stemmed from troubles in Laos and the Congo and French-U.S. divergence on other policies. It followed extensive discussions among Kennedy, de Gaulle and their ambassadors.

'Modified' State Visit

The Kennedys will arrive in Paris May 31 and remain through June 2 in what was described as a "modified" state visit. This meant some of the ceremonies involved in such a visit will be dispensed with to permit de Gaulle and Kennedy greater opportunity to discuss business.

The chief executive's first official visit to Europe was announced simultaneously in Paris and Palm Beach as Kennedy prepared to fly back to Washington Tuesday for conferences the remainder of the week with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Only France at Present

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger declined to discuss the possibility that visits to London, Bonn and Rome might be added to the French trip. He said the meeting in Paris was the only item on the Kennedy overseas agenda at present.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is due in Washington April 11 and was expected to urge Kennedy to include Bonn on his May-June itinerary.

The President's first trip out of the country, according to present plans will be to Ottawa, probably in mid-May, to address the Canadian parliament. This trip originally had been set for sometime in the first half of June, but is being advanced because of the visit to France.

Congressman Durno Schedules Talks

Congressman Edwin R. Durno, Medford, will visit throughout southern Oregon this week.

Tuesday he is scheduled to speak at the noon meeting of Rotary club at the Rogue Valley Country club. Wednesday he will attend the 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting of the legislative committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, and at noon that day he will address the Kiwanis club at the Rogue Valley country club.

Thursday and Friday, Congressmen and Mrs. Durno will visit in Reedsport and Coos Bay. A talk in Ashland is planned but has not been scheduled, the congressman said today.

The couple plans to return to Washington, D.C., Sunday, April 8.

Pump School Slated For Area Firemen

Central Point — A pump school for firemen of all departments in the southern Oregon area will open tonight at the Central Point rural fire station.

The school is expected to run nightly for two weeks. Sessions after tonight will be at the Central Point rural fire protection district's station at White City.

The school is sponsored by the state department of vocational education. Earl Albright will be instructor. He will give training on all types of pumps used in fire fighting.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Tuesday except for morning clouds. Slightly cooler. Low tonight: 38. High Tuesday: 45.

Lowest: Yesterday 37. Highest: Yesterday 47.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:58 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:00 a.m. Moonrise tonight 12:22 a.m. Last quarter April 8. RISING STARS 9:42 p.m. Betelgeuse, high above Rigel. The 3 bright stars on a line between Betelgeuse and Rigel form the Belt of Orion, the Giant Hunter.