

Substitute Sales Tax Bill Introduced by Senate Group

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FLIERS KILLED—Maj. Robert S. Fitzgerald, 38, left, of New York City, commander of the famous U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team, and his co-pilot, Capt. George A. Niel, 31, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., were killed Thursday when their F100F jet crashed 60 miles from Las Vegas while on a training mission. Just three days ago Major Fitzgerald had received the Distinguished Flying Cross for participating in 31 aerial demonstrations during a two-month Far East good will tour in 1959. (UPI Telephoto)

\$300 in Prizes To Be Presented Parade Winners

Nearly \$300 in cash prizes will be awarded to winners in six categories and the grand sweepstakes at the eighth annual Pear Blossom Festival parade, Saturday afternoon, April 8.

Members of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce will marshal the young entrants into parade line at the Library park at 1:30 p.m., and the march will begin down Main st. at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus will assist during the parade by helping youngsters with the heavy floats as they maneuver down the hill at the Main st. bridge leading to Hawthorne park.

Bands To Perform

Bands which will perform include those of Phoenix, Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools, Phoenix, Medford and Crater High schools and the Ashland Elks Klity band. Members of the Central Point Junior High school band will play a short concert at Hawthorne park during presentation ceremonies following the parade.

The judges will man information booths near the Library park and on Ivy st. near Sixth st. to assist entrants in locating their proper place in the line.

News commentator Frank Hemingway will be grand marshal. Others in the line will include a National Guard color guard, Boy Scouts, the official Pear Blossom float carrying the king and queen and royal court, and the many young paradeers. Medford city police will take charge of downtown traffic control during the parade.

Elliott Becken, chairman of the judging committee, reported that all entrants will receive an award ribbon and judging by public school instructors, will take place before the parade begins.

The line of march will be from the Library park down Main st. to Hawthorne park.

Farmer California Man Arrested in Ashland

Ashland — Ashland police yesterday arrested William Francis Hinch, 50, of 446 Allison st., Ashland, upon notification of a warrant from Los Angeles county, California, charging him with escape from a prison road camp in 1959.

Hinch was lodged in the Jackson county jail pending arrival of California authorities. Herb Hays, police chief, said Hinch has been living in Ashland for several months.

WOOLEN MILL PLANNED

McMinnville — Plans to construct a new woolen mill employing 90 people were announced here Thursday by Norwest Fabrics, Inc.

Three Men Jailed for Using 'Switched' Plates

A car without tail lights was spotted by a Medford police officer this morning, and the subsequent investigation of six vehicles involved law enforcement agencies throughout the northwest.

The car was one of six en route from a used car agency in Tacoma, Wash., to the Oldsmobile garage in Medford to which they had been sold. Three cars were each towing another car, police said, and all displayed "switched" license plates. The three drivers were cited on this charge, and were sentenced to one day in the city jail in municipal court this morning. "Switched" license plates was the only charge involved in the incident.

Jailed were Floyd Clayton Soles, 50; Emil Strabul, and Charles Freeman Hampton, all Portland. They pleaded guilty.

Executive Board to Exercise Option on New Mission Site

An executive board of the Medford Gospel Mission this week voted to exercise its option on the North Front st. property for a new mission.

The mission has 60 days in which to raise the \$4,000 needed for the down payment, according to Clarence Wilson, president of the Mission board.

No organized drive has been planned to raise the necessary \$10,000 for the property, which is 75 by 150 feet, Wilson said.

A no-host dinner has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at the Jackson hotel at 5:30 p.m. for members of the executive board, and all persons who are interested in helping to raise the needed funds.

The proposed site is across from the Medford fire station. Wilson said that he had received only one objection to the site. The objection was that it was felt that the property was too valuable for a mission and was better suited for an industrial site.

Approximately 31 churches from throughout the county assist in the support of the Gospel Mission. They are in charge of conducting the nightly religious services at the present site on South Front st.

The trio's arrest followed an indictment by a Jackson county grand jury April 3 on evidence presented by the district attorney involving a fire which damaged a house at 1307 Iowa st., Ashland.

Each of the three is being held in the Jackson county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

Hatfield-Seen Choice To Oppose Kennedy

Portland — Rep. Ken Maher (R-Portland) named George Mark Hatfield Thursday as the man best qualified to vie with President Kennedy for the presidency in 1964.

Speaking to members of the East County Republican Club, Maher said Hatfield, in his opinion, had the flair and the "new look" needed to "counteract the young, fresh image of President Kennedy."

Circulating Fan Takes Snoopy Cat's Odor Into Parts of Manor

A civet cat was harmlessly snooping around a basement storage room at the Rogue Valley Manor Thursday morning — harmlessly, that is, until a Manor employee decided to remove it.

The incident might have gone unnoticed if the circulating fan in the Manor's air conditioning system had not taken 90 seconds to stop. The resulting odor was evident in a few places in the building, Walter Higgins, Manor executive director, said, although it did not last long.

The cat? It is being kept by the brave employee who captured it, and who plans to keep it for a pet — after it has been deodorized.

Bids Called for Lake Concession

Bids for concession at Emigrant lake will be received at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, the county court announced this morning.

The bid requirements call for operation of a mobile toy store to supply soft drinks, other refreshments and staple goods. The successful bidder will be required to submit a \$500 bond to protect the county against any liability incurred.

The county court today received a letter of transmittal from the bureau of reclamation giving the county formal control of the Emigrant lake recreation area.

The letter announced that the basic recreation facilities, parking area, access road and boat ramp have been completed. Further development of the area may be made when the plans are approved by the national park service and the bureau of reclamation, the letter stated.

Tshombe Army Says Rail Center Seized

Elisabethville, Katanga, The Congo — President Moise Tshombe's army claimed today it captured the rail center town of Kabalo, the last major Baluba tribe stronghold in northern Katanga. It was reported striking westward to clean up remaining pockets of resistance.

Three Per Cent Tax Money Would Pay for Schools

Direct Offset To Property Taxes

Salem — The Senate Tax Committee today introduced a substitute sales tax machinery measure which would set a 10 mill tax limit and allow all money derived from a three per cent sales tax to pay for schools.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 37 replaces SJR31 which put a ceiling of 20 tax mills on all taxing districts.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland) said the 10 mills would be "plenty" for schools and other taxing districts would still come under the six per cent limitation.

The amount of sales tax money for schools would be a direct offset to property taxes levied by school districts.

The constitutional amendment would go before the voters in 1962 and if approved would permit the 1963 legislature to enact a sales tax.

Racing Bill Revived

The House, voting 30-23, reconsidered a bill that would fatten the racing purses paid to horse breeders. HB1399 was defeated Tuesday 31-27. The House today sent the bill back to the planning and development committee for amending.

The bill providing for community colleges was sent from the Senate to the Ways and Means Committee for a check on the impact on the state's budget. The bill would allocate \$2.5 million over the next two years.

Notice Required

The Senate Committee on State and Federal Affairs introduced a substitute bill requiring the State Land Board to give notice when applications are filed with it for easements or licenses.

The new policy would be effective Aug. 15, and would require the board to publish such notice in a newspaper of general statewide circulation, and in papers in each county where the involved lands are located.

The bill also would make decisions of the board subject to court review.

Hospital Has Guest; Electric Iron Gone

Central Point-Crater Osteopathic hospital in Central Point had an uninvited guest Wednesday night, and he conveyed his gratitude by making off with a hospital electric iron.

Police Chief Wallace Bowen said hospital officials reported someone spent Wednesday night in the hospital laundry, and he helped himself to blankets and spent the night sleeping on the floor, Bowen said. He apparently spent some time contemplating the problems of the world while having a relaxing smoke. Pipe ashes were dumped next to the bunk.

Bowen said the man apparently gained entry through an open door. There was no evidence he had forced it. Police believe he left early Thursday morning, taking an iron as a souvenir.

"They're ALL Communists Except Thee And Me"

Only 30 appointments have been made so far for the Monday and Tuesday visits of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Red Cross officials reported today.

The Bloodmobile's visit will be used as an experiment this time, according to Mrs. J. W. Burns, blood program chairman. She said that residents had complained of the early afternoon hours for the visit and were therefore unable to donate.

Monday, April 10, the Bloodmobile will be at the Red Cross chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., from 3 to 7 p.m. On Tuesday the hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Appointments may be made by telephoning SPring 3-3813. A total of 350 donors is needed to obtain the 300 pint quota for this month's visit, Mrs. Burba said.

PAY HIKES APPROVED

Salem — The full Ways and Means committee today approved pay increases for the state's top officials.



BOY MISSING—A distraught father said he was "nearly desperate" about the disappearance more than two weeks ago of his 13-year-old son. The father said he believed the boy, Randall Cobb, above, had run away because he was disciplined for skipping school. The youngster is five feet, two inches tall, has blonde hair and weighs about 110 pounds. He has run away three times before and was picked up once while hitchhiking to Los Angeles. He has a cast on his right arm and was wearing a brown zipper jacket, buff-colored trousers and black loafer shoes. (UPI Telephoto)

Chrysler Accused Of Unlawful Dealer Pressure

Washington — The Justice Department today accused Chrysler Corp., third largest U. S. auto manufacturer, of applying illegal pressure on Chrysler dealers who also sell cars made by the Studebaker-Packard Corp.

Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy announced the filing of a civil antitrust action in U.S. District Court in Ft. Wayne, Ind., against Chrysler and its subsidiary, Chrysler Motors Corp.

Chrysler Motors distributes and sells vehicles for the parent firm.

The complaint charged that Chrysler unlawfully has required retail dealers to give up franchises for other cars, particularly Studebaker-Packard — in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, Kennedy said.

In Detroit, Chrysler had no comment.

Chrysler, with 1,147,001 units sold in 1960, is approximately 10 times the size of Studebaker-Packard, smallest U. S. car maker which sold 105,958 vehicles last year.

Lark, Valiant Involved Of approximately 2,258 Studebaker-Packard dealers, nearly a third also sell cars of other makes, including Chrysler products.

The principal cars involved in the complaint are Studebaker-Packard's Lark and Chrysler's Valiant. Both are compact cars.

A number of Chrysler dealers sold the Lark before Chrysler went into the compact field.

Kennedy said that after the Valiant became available in late 1959, Chrysler representatives "on numerous occasions" told dealers that they could not sell the Valiant unless they stopped selling Larks.

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SECURITY UNIT CLOSING

Astoria — The Coast Guard's port security unit is officially closing here Monday after 10 years of operation.

U.S. Will Remain Firm on Full Cease Fire in Laos

'Strong Support' Is Pledged To South Viet Nam

Steps Necessary Before Conference

Washington — Secretary of State Dean Rusk indicated today the United States will stand firm on its demand for a full cease fire in Laos before an international conference is held on the war-torn country.

"It will be awfully hard to hold a conference while people are still shooting," Rusk said.

Support Pledged

At the same time, the United States pledged "strong support" to South Viet Nam in its mounting struggle with Communist guerrillas.

The pledge was made in a State Department statement after President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan agreed on the urgent need for action to meet the mounting campaign of murder and sabotage in Viet Nam which borders Laos.

Officials said that U.S. military aid was being increased in response to an appeal from South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem.

The secretary also said it is urgent for Laos political factions to move ahead in forming a coalition government.

He declined to spell out what degree of Communist participation in a coalition government the United States would agree to when the matter is settled. He said "this is a matter for the Laotians to work out."

Permit Issued for MHS Shop Project

Eight Medford High school students and their shop instructor, Vern Voss, applied for a building permit Thursday to construct a \$18,000 residence at 921 Jasper st.

The house building project for high school students was approved last month by the Medford school board. The house will be constructed on a district-owned lot in the vicinity of the high school shops. The lot is 50 by 100 feet.

City building department officials commented today that before the \$104.25 was paid for the permit, the students checked as to why it cost so much, and just what they would be getting for their money. Officials added that they asked many "intelligent" questions.

The permit was issued to School District 349C.

Fire Season Starts In CP Rural District

Central Point — Fire season in Central Point rural fire protection district will begin on Monday, April 10, Fire Chief L. C. Lisenbee announced today.

From that date, until further notice, permits must be obtained before trash or debris is burned or other type burning is done. Permits will be granted at the rural fire station at Central Point, only.

Permission may be obtained by telephoning NORMANDY 4-2244.

Boivin Urges House To Pass Timber Tax Measure

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GROUNDWORK LAID—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, left, takes leave of French President de Gaulle aimed at harmonizing Premier Michel Debre after a 45-minute conference which saw the groundwork laid for talks between President Kennedy and French-American relations. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

Upturn in County Employment Noted During Late March

Good weather in the latter part of March brought a decrease in job layoffs and a small upturn in employment in Jackson county, John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment service, said today.

Several logging firms and some sawmills resumed operations, and there was a small increase in construction work in the area, he said.

These changes took place in firms which had been shut down because of bad weather, he added.

"There were no major layoffs, and no large callbacks of employees," Patton said, "but some improvement in the local work situation took place."

One indication of this trend was a 50 per cent increase in job placements through the local employment service office over the month of February.

Patton said there has been speculation in this area about the effect of increased population on unemployment, and said that "this factor stands out prominently" at the present time.

He said the number of unemployment compensation claims based on employment in other states, indicating short-time or no employment in Oregon, are at an all-time high. These claims represent people who have located here in recent months, but have not yet established a firm job attachment in this area, Patton added.

During the current school year, the state employment service has given aptitude tests to many Jackson county high school seniors who do not plan to attend a college or university. These students will be seeking permanent employment when school is out in June.

Patton said the students are registered with the employment service, and employers are invited to contact the Medford office for specific information about possible employees.

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Boat Patrol Will Start on County Lakes This Week

A boat patrol will start operating this week end in Jackson county, Sheriff Joe Walsh said today.

The Rogue Aqua Ski club will be asked to assist, he said.

The patrol is now a roving one, making spot checks at all boating areas in the county. However, Walsh has asked for \$3,900 in the 1961-62 budget to cover marine equipment and to purchase a second boat. This would be kept at Emigrant lake where most of the boating traffic is expected, he said.

"We will have a patrol at Howard Prairie lake when general trout season opens April 22," the sheriff announced.

"The public has always been cooperative when we were there," Walsh said with a grin. "But we have had some trouble with fishermen moving directly in front of ski-boats," he added.

The sheriff said all safety regulations will be enforced, including carrying proper safety equipment and obeying the zoning restrictions. Zones for fishing and skiing were established last year for Howard Prairie.

A new regulation expected for legislative approval is one requiring a person to act as lookout in each boat towing a water-skier, or require a rear-view mirror on the boat.

Walsh noted four serious water-skiing accidents last season in which skiers were run over by boats towing them. Main violations of the state marine boating regulations last season were reckless operation of boats, Walsh said. That law went into operation for the first time last summer.

Most of last season's boating law enforcement was concentrated on the Rogue river since Howard Prairie water was low and Emigrant was dry due to construction, the sheriff said.

Bomb Explodes in Downtown Havana

Havana — A powerful bomb planted in the once-famous El Encanto department store by Fidel Castro's forces blew out windows of buildings on all four corners of a busy downtown intersection here Thursday night.