

RUSS SPACE MAN DESCRIBES FLIGHT

Kennedy Urges Streamlining of Federal Agencies

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy asked Congress today to expand the Federal Power Commission and authorize other measures to prevent undue increases in prices consumers pay for natural gas.

Two Budgets Are Tentatively OK'd By County Group

The Jackson county budget committee this morning tentatively approved budgets for the county treasurer and the elections department.

The adjusted budget for the elections department which was also tentatively approved, totaled \$19,210. The original request of \$29,185 was an increase of \$9,975 over the current year.

The county clerk's budget of \$90,110 is \$6,059 above this fiscal year. Major increases are for salary adjustments, printing, and film photo paper and chemicals.

Kennedy Counters Adenauer's Fears

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy acted today to allay any fears of West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that allied efforts to work out a disarmament agreement with Russia would weaken the Western alliance.

Home Rule Study Group Meets Tonight

The Jackson county home rule study committee will meet with Orval Etter, research attorney with the bureau of municipal research, University of Oregon, as it starts work on a proposed home rule charter for the county at its meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Free Federal Surplus Food Funds Approved by House

Counties Would Pay 30 Per Cent For Distribution

Start of Program Hoped by July 1

Salem—(UPI)—The House today unanimously approved a bill appropriating \$702,240, to get the free federal surplus food program rolling by July 1.

The bill went to the Senate. HB1720 would make the food available to about 118,000 persons.

Counties would have to pay 30 per cent of distribution costs with the state paying 70 per cent.

Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) said indications to date are that 30 of the 36 counties will take part. The program is voluntary as far as counties are concerned.

The program would be administered by the State Welfare Commission. The State Finance Department would order all food items, including rice, corn meal, flour, dry milk, butter and oatmeal. Pork and gravy, dried eggs, peanut butter and beans will be available soon.

Eligible persons include single persons who earn less than \$103 per month, and families of 10 or more whose earnings are less than \$383 a month.

Letting the commission exempt interstate pipeline companies from having to get FPC permission to "enlarge, extend or replace" pipelines "for the benefit of existing customers." This would "release hundreds of millions of dollars for construction," giving employment and business a boost, Kennedy said.

Getting new pipeline into service would prevent natural gas shortages and "an inordinate rise in the price," the Chief Executive asserted.



CONGRATULATIONS—Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, left, congratulates Sargent Shriver after the latter was sworn in as director of the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. Douglas administered the oath while Secretary of State Dean Rusk, right, held the Bible. Shriver is a brother-in-law of President Kennedy. (UPI Telephoto)

Kennedy Says U.S. To Avoid Military Conflict in Cuba

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy is determined to keep the United States from being involved in any military action against the Castro regime in Cuba.

The President told his news conference Wednesday that he would oppose any effort by anti-Castro forces to use this country as a base for an invasion of Cuba.

He also said there would be no U.S. armed intervention in Cuba under any circumstances and the U.S. government would try to make sure American citizens were not involved in any military action on the island.

"The basic issue in Cuba is not one between the United States and Cuba," he said. "It is between the Cubans themselves."

"I intend to see that we adhere to that principle. As I understand it, this administration's attitude is so understood and shared by the anti-Castro exiles from Cuba in this country."

Kennedy, in response to questions, declined to characterize Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as a Communist. But he said it was obvious from his own words that the Cuban leader was hostile to democratic rule in the Western Hemisphere.

He said Castro had associated himself most intimately with the Soviet Communist bloc.

Planners Approve Interim Zoning for Emigrant Lake Area

An interim zoning ordinance for the Emigrant lake area was approved unanimously by the Jackson county planning commission last night.

The ordinance is basically the same as the interim ordinance now in force, commission members pointed out, with the addition of a commercial zone, and some minor additions pertaining to marina.

Andrew Hawver, chairman of the committee which studied the matter recommended its passage for several reasons.

Small commercial businesses are now appearing as close to the lake as possible, and a recent property sale of more than 2,000 acres near the lake had been made, the lake committee noted.

Hawver explained that representatives of the Aaron Ferguson company of Los Angeles had contacted the county planning office concerning subdivision requirements. The total acreage under procurement is about 55,200 acres.

Company officials said they wish to subdivide the land into a few one-half acre lots.

Dr. Raymond Sanger, head of the laboratory of atmospheric physics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland, will speak Friday, April 14, at 2 p.m. in Ashland.

Story Lists Wrong Name for Driver

A story in Tuesday's Mail Tribune incorrectly identified the driver of a car which ran into a bank on West Evans Creek rd. and burned.

The accident occurred about 7 a.m. Monday, according to Oregon state police. The owner of the car is Richard Orval Rhoten, route 1, box 74, Rogue River, who was incorrectly listed as the driver.

Half-Acre Fire Being Mopped Up

Southwest district of the state department of forestry dispatched a crew yesterday morning to a one-half acre fire on the east fork of Evans creek.

The fire was to be mopped up today. Burning was reported still burning.

Our Skies Tonight

Forecast: Variable cloudiness through Friday with a few scattered showers, mostly over the mountains. Low tonight 36. High Friday 65.

Objects Floated During Period of Weightlessness

Series of Medical Tests Conducted

Moscow—(UPI)—Spaceman Yuri Gagarin, 27, today gave the world its first account of an "easier" life in space where man is weightless and he feels excellent.

In a description of life in the space ship which whirled him around the earth Wednesday, Gagarin said he "hung in midair" in his space cabin.

"It became easier to do everything," he said in an interview with the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda.

"One's legs, arms, weigh nothing. Objects float in the cabin. Neither did I myself sit in the chair as I did before that but hung in midair. While in the state of weightlessness, I ate and drank and everything occurred just as it does here on earth."

The "cosmonaut" said that during his 108-minute circuit of the earth he felt "excellent."

As the interview was published, Soviet doctors put Gagarin through a series of medical tests before releasing him for a triumphant return to Moscow where crowds danced and paraded in the streets Wednesday upon hearing that a Russian had become the first man to conquer space.

Describing his sensations while high above the earth traveling at a speed of more than 17,000 miles an hour, Gagarin said it was possible to work while in a state of weightlessness.

He said he jotted down his observations while hanging in the air. He became convinced that the condition of weightlessness "does not affect at all a man's fitness for work."

Handwriting easier
"My handwriting did not change although the hand does not weight anything," he said in the interview.

"Only, I had to hold the notebook. Otherwise it would float away. I maintained communication over different channels and tapped the telephone key."

"There is plenty of room in space for everyone," he said. "We shall welcome the accomplishments of the American cosmonauts when they fly into space."

Congressman To Demand Speed-Up In Space Effort

Washington—(UPI)—Chairman Overton Brooks of the House Space Committee today said he would demand a speed-up in the U.S. space program.

The Louisiana Democrat told United Press International "We're going to demand that the program be speeded up or find out why it isn't."

Brooks' call for a bigger space program came after James E. Webb, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, told the committee that U.S. space plans are not designed to "match" the Russians but rather "to meet the needs of the United States."

Webb said he is "greatly encouraged" by the budget boost requested for NASA by President Kennedy. But he agreed that the U.S. space programs could be further speeded up if Congress decided to vote more money.

Webb conceded the United States "will be trailing the Russians on spectacular events for an extended period."

NASA Deputy Director Dr. Hugh L. Dryden testified that he had not been told what future Russian space plans were but the Soviet probably could launch a space laboratory with more than one man aboard with its present booster capacity. Webb termed the current U.S. program sound and solidly based.

However, Webb told the House group:

"If you speak of catching up, I am unable to say what the Russians will do next in further development of their big booster. This program is not designed to match precisely what the Russians may do. It is designed to meet the needs of the United States. If we deliberately set out to compete with Russia on a point by point basis, this involves a different kind of decision."

Brooks said the American people want the United States to move from second place to first place in the exploration of space.

Application for License for Yard Given Approval

Following a discussion of more than an hour, the Jackson county planning commission last night referred an application for a license for a wrecking yard in Talent to the county court with the recommendation that it be approved. The vote was 4 to 2.

Voting against the recommendation were David Lowry and G. I. Peoples. In favor of granting the application to the 99 Wrecking Yard of Talent were Andrew Hawver, V. F. Birdseye, Gerald Latham, and Bill Duggan.

The application for the license was made earlier this year to the county court, which referred it to the planning commission.

Petitions Submitted
Petitions containing 64 signatures have been received in opposition to the license. Other petitions containing 78 signatures favored it. It was noted that of the 78 signatures, eight were Ashland residents.

Duggan, as chairman of the board of adjustment, recommended that the license be granted on condition several requirements be met. These included the construction of a six-foot fence on four sides of the property, and that a screen of evergreen trees be planted and maintained, to be spaced no more than four feet apart. The front of the yard near the buildings is to be paved and no wrecked vehicles are to appear outside the fence.

Duggan explained that the city of Talent had withdrawn its objections to the yard. City officials had said earlier that the area may possibly be annexed by Talent.

Representatives
Frank Van Dyke spoke for several owners of adjacent property stating that property evaluations would drop, and that noise and smoke would be disagreeable. A motel owner felt that he would be forced out of business if the wrecking yard was established.

Paul Haviland, Medford lawyer, spoke for the owners of the property. It was explained that there are currently two other wrecking yards within a mile of the proposed yard, and that the new owners of the property seemed sincere in establishing a business in the valley. It had been reported that they planned to pay between \$35,000 and \$40,000 improving the property, and would employ six persons at first, eventually increasing the number to 30.

Van Dyke asked that the request be continued so the residents could consider interim zoning in the area.

Alcohol Receipts Total \$3.7 Million

Portland—(UPI)—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission said today sale of alcoholic beverages in March totaled about \$3.7 million, an increase of \$161,938 over March of last year.

Woodburn—(UPI)—Two teenagers escaped from the MacLaren School for Boys Wednesday night.

Three Shifts Now Being Employed on Oregon Mountain Tunnel Construction

O'Brien—Three shifts of workers were in operation Wednesday working on tunnel construction at Oregon mountain for Highway 199.

Elmer Clausen, spokesman at the Grafe-Calkahan construction office, reported that a 12-man day shift and two night shifts of six men are employed in boring the tunnel.

Two logging companies, Sunny Valley and Illinois Valley, are clearing the southern approach to the tunnel by removing all saleable timber. The work is expected to be completed this week, according to Fred Salvage, Illinois Valley office spokesman at O'Brien.



The public is invited.