



BATTLE SNOW — Snow descended on Ashland shortly before noon yesterday and left a white blanket covering ground in some areas. The storm made life miserable for three Southern Oregon college coeds on their way to a

class. The girls are unidentified. Why? They were unwilling to stop in the gale long enough to tell the Mail Tribune photographer their names.



POT LIGHTERS—Barry Goodroad, (left, above) and Harold Bailey are among valley high school students a little short on sleep today after they were called from home to light orchard heaters late Tuesday night. Temperatures fell to 25 degrees in the coldest spots. The two are shown with

their kerosene lighters touching the pots of crude oil in Perrydale orchards on Jacksonville highway. Frost damage was reported in some unheated orchards. This is Bailey's sixth season lighting the pots, and it is Goodroad's second.

Kennedy Warning Has GOP Backing

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy's warning to Russia to keep hands off Cuba drew strong support today from key Republican senators.

Kennedy's pledge Tuesday to block any Soviet armed intervention in Cuba was praised by Republican Sens. Styles Bridges (N.H.), Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), and John S. Cooper (R-Ky.).

Javits said Kennedy is "entitled to the support of all political elements in this country."

Meanwhile the White House indicated that Kennedy publicly will speak out on Cuba Thursday for the first time since the week end invasion of the island by the anti-Castro forces.

Optional Time Bill Sent Back

Salem — (UPI) — Rep. Ken. Maher (R-Portland) today won another chance for a once-defeated bill to let cities or counties choose summer daylight time.

The measure was sent back to the committee on planning and development with suggestions the bill be rewritten calling for uniform statewide fast time and another referral to the voters. The voters defeated a similar plan last years.

Russia Demands UN Condemnation of U.S.

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — Russia demanded United Nations condemnation of the United States today for its alleged participation in the Cuban invasion.

Soviet Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin, in a midnight resolution, called on all countries to support Fidel Castro's government if asked and "repel the aggression." His resolution was placed before the General Assembly's Main Political committee.

The committee hoped to dispose of the resolution, one of four before it on the Cuban situation, in time for the General Assembly to take final action before its adjournment deadline Friday.

Considerable Frost Damage Reported In Valley Orchards

A cold front moving southward yesterday brought rain and snow to southern Oregon and resulted in what probably

Mrs. Jennings Temporary Assessor

The Jackson county court this morning signed an order appointing Mrs. Elva Jennings, chief deputy in the county assessor's office, as county assessor until a regular appointment can be made.

The temporary appointment is to fill the office vacated by the late county assessor, Ray Schumacher, who died last Friday.

County Judge Earl Miller said today he would send a letter to Harper Edwards, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee, asking for two recommendations for a regular appointment to the assessor's office.

The executive council of the Democratic committee is scheduled to meet tonight to consider nominees for the appointment. Next, a meeting of all Democrats in Jackson county will be called and vote held on nominees.

Pears which have been polinized may have enough of a hormone balance to stick on, he added. It is too early to tell if any marked or misshapen pears will result from this freeze, Cordy said.

"It's interesting to note that fruit acreage heated has increased 50 per cent during the last six years. However, the smoke has not been as bad as in former years," Cordy said. "At least 40 per cent of the old heavy smoke producing heaters have been converted to the less smoke producing ones," he added.

Eichmann Voice Heard at Trial

Jerusalem — (UPI) — The recorded voice of Adolf Eichmann told the court today he deserved no mercy and perhaps ought to have hanged himself in public.

The voice boomed through the courtroom from a tape recorder. It was a statement Eichmann dictated shortly after he was flown to Israel from Argentina for the purposes of being put on trial here on charges of slaughtering six million Jews.

At a point where he was placing the main blame on his superiors, he added:

"I cannot claim my hands are clean... I will ask for mercy. I am not deserving of mercy. Perhaps I ought to hang myself in public so that all the world's anti-semites can have the terrible nature of their acts made clear to them."

Thursday is the 13th anniversary of the creation of Israel as a state. There will be no court session.

Two Receive Life Terms for Slaying

Portland — (UPI) — Two men were sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday for the hold-up slaying Jan. 18 of James Chambers, a service station operator.

Both Thomas Cullen Hodgkins, 26, and Paige W. Church, 30, entered pleas of guilty to second degree murder.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Heavy frost tonight. A little warmer Thursday. Low tonight 28 at airport. High Thursday 35.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today — 6:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 5:23 a.m.
Moonset tonight — 11:37 p.m.
First Quarter — April 22
At moonset tonight the Twins will be in the west. The Big Dipper in the north, Capella in the northwest, and Vega in the northeast.

Explanation Requested on Workmen's Compensation Votes Valued at \$2,000

Portland Steel Official Asked For Statement

House Committee Asks Appearance

Salem — (UPI) — A Portland steel firm official has been asked to explain to the House Labor committee where he heard about three-way workmen's compensation votes "worth \$2,000."

Requested to appear and confront a state employee before the committee April 27 is George Jones, personnel manager of Oregon Steel Mills. Comment Denied

Jones testified at an earlier three-way hearing that State Industrial Accident Commission Inspector Ed York had told him "it is well known that a vote was worth \$2,000."

The committee decided to recall Jones and York at the same time after York Tuesday denied making such a comment.

The three-way bill, which would shift millions of dollars in industrial accident insurance from the state to private firms, was tabled in the committee by a 6-3 vote.

Airing Asked
One of the three members voting for the bill said inferences implied in the comment should be aired.

The committee agreed to summon Jones after examining a transcript of the earlier hearing on the heavily-disputed measure.

At that time, the record said, Jones described a discussion on the three-way fight during a visit from York.

Inspector Quoted
Jones quoted the inspector as saying "a lot of lies have been told about the accident commission" by backers of the three-way bill.

Then, Jones said, York asked if he had contributed to a fund to back the three-way bill and made the comment about votes worth \$2,000.

York denied the reference to \$2,000 votes, and told the committee Tuesday there was nothing improper about his visit to Jones.

Facilities To Be Ready at Lake

Recreation facilities at Howard Prairie lake will be ready for fishing season opening Saturday, County Engineer Robert Carstensen said this morning. This includes the mooring docks.

"Further improvements will have to be made on the docks, but they can be used this week end," he told the county court this morning.

The county court directed the county engineer to assume full charge and responsibility for all construction in the Howard Prairie recreation area.

Considerable confusion occurred there this week between the county engineer's crew, City-County Recreation Director Robert Haworth and Bob Johnston, concessionaire. It seems to be a problem of too many bosses, it was reported.

"Someone had ordered two heavy rocks be placed atop one of the docks which tipped it over and warped the concessionaire's booth out of shape," Carstensen said. "Apparently the idea was to float the dock to a desirable spot and kick the rocks off."

He commended Haworth's crew on its construction of the floating docks, but said connecting cables will have to be used to compensate for wave action.

Hornbrook Voters Create Problem for Political Experts

Hornbrook — Voters in Hornbrook couldn't make up their minds in a special school election held yesterday.

Included on the ballot was a measure for the recall of two school board members, Frank Cardosa and Jack Wayne. Voters recalled both men by identical, two-vote margins. Andrew Skeehan was named to replace Cardosa. The term will expire in July. Ralph Bennett, a write-in candidate, was elected to fill out Wayne's term, also expiring in July. So Wayne is off the board. But in a contest for a regular school board post, the term beginning in July, Wayne led all candidates.

Let the political experts figure this one out!

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Cuba Invaders Said Linked Up With Guerrilla Groups

GE Executive Tells of Orders On Price Fixing

Secret Meetings With Competitors

Washington — (UPI) — A General Electric Co. executive testified today that his superiors ordered him to meet secretly with competitors to fix prices on electrical equipment in violation of the antitrust laws.

The executive, L. B. Gezon, former manager of marketing of low voltage switch gear at GE's Philadelphia plant, said he knew he might be indicted by the courts if he participated in price fixing.

Yet he went to secret meetings with competitors, he said, because if he didn't other executives would.

Started in 1953
Gezon, testifying before the Senate antitrust and monopoly subcommittee, said he started going to secret price fixing sessions with executives or competitor firms in 1953.

He said he stopped in April, 1956, on the advice of a new superior, Frank E. Stehlik. But he said that in the fall of 1958, Stehlik countermanded the order, probably on command from higher up, and directed him to start participating in the meetings again.

The superiors who told him to engage in the conspiracy, he said, kept reminding him that the practice was contrary to official company policy.

Leveling Starts For New Building

Ground leveling and other preliminary work began today on a three-acre site of a 102-bed convalescent hospital on Stephens st. near the Medford Shopping center.

Plans for the large hospital were announced last fall by Western Convalescent Foundation, Inc. Payne and Struble are architects.

Total cost of the structure, land and furnishings is expected to be \$750,000, according to William Brooks, spokesman for the foundation. The hospital will be in the shape of an X, and made of light weight block, vertical redwood siding and glass, with a crushed rock roof.

Administrative offices will be in the center of three patient wings and a service wing. Visitor parking and an interior drive are also planned. Rooms will be primarily double; eight will be single. Gardens are planned for the back.

The institution is believed to be the first of its kind to be financed through the Federal Housing Administration's current loan program, Brooks said. Completion is scheduled for this fall.

Mitchell Victor at New Jersey Polls

Newark, N.J. — (UPI) — Former Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell swept to the Republican gubernatorial nomination today on a wave of personal popularity that could carry the GOP back into executive power in New Jersey for the first time in eight years.

National Republican leaders were jubilant over Mitchell's 45,000-vote victory over two strong opponents in his first try at an elective office.

Mitchell, who had little organizational support, beat off a determined bid by State Sens. Walter H. Jones and Wayne Dumont. In the November showdown he faces former Superior Court Judge Richard J. Hughes, who won the Democratic nomination overwhelmingly.

QUIT POST

Baker — (UPI) — Baker County School Supt. Lowell Hall has announced his resignation effective July 1.

Obscene Material Bill Approved

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate today approved and sent to the House two bills designed to crack down on obscene literature and those who knowingly traffic in it. Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) carried both bills and the vote was unanimous.

SB94 puts a new crime on the lawbooks—that of knowingly peddling literature that "manifestly tends to corrupt the sexual morality of a child," those under 18. It retains the penalty of a \$1,000 fine, one year in the county jail, or both, or up to five years in prison.

SB542 redefines obscene literature as that which appeals to "prurient interest." Francis noted that while the state supreme court recently held the present law constitu-

tional, it said the law as a whole is shaky. This bill strengthens it.

In the House, a harvest tax to replace the present property tax on eastern Oregon ponderosa pine won 54-2 and went to the Senate. The measure had support of virtually all eastern Oregon timber operators and is a companion to a value tax plan for Douglas fir in western Oregon.

A resolution requiring lobbyists to register and list the interests they represent in order to obtain house lobbying privileges was introduced in the House by the rules committee. It was read and referred to that group.

House Speaker Robert B. Duncan, Medford, said he supports such a requirement for the lobby.

Odds Seen Mounting Against Success for Invaders of Cuba

Editor's note: Francis L. McCarthy, United Press International Latin American news editor, and a veteran at covering upheavals in South America and elsewhere, has been following the Cuban invasion day and night since it began three days ago. In the following dispatch he presents his considered personal assessment of the plight of the invasion forces.

By FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY
UPI Correspondent
The odds now appear to be piling up grimly and heavily against the 3-day-old invasion of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

The position of the outnumbered invaders in the key area around Cuchinos Bay may be described as desperate.

Information filtering out

Ashlander Named To Church Post

Ashland — Carroll W. Smith, 806 Clay st., has been appointed president of the Western Canadian mission of the Latter-Day Saints church, according to church officials at Salt Lake City.

Smith is owner of a trucking firm in Ashland, and is president of Memory Gardens Memorial park. He is president of the Klamath stake of the church, chairman of the Ashland school board, director of the Ashland-Talent United fund, a member of the Jackson County School Reorganization board, and vice president of the Boy Scout Council. His son-in-law, Clair Schiffman, will operate the trucking firm in his absence.

Smith, who expects to fill the new position for three or four years, will be in charge of missionary work of the church in Alberta and Saskatchewan Provinces, with home offices in Edmonton. About 170 missionaries work in the Western Canadian mission. He replaces Parley A. Arave, Blackfoot, Idaho, rancher, who has presided over the mission since 1958. The church has 16 missions throughout the world.

Ponderosa Pine Tax Wins Approval

Salem — (UPI) — An industry-supported plan to levy a harvest tax instead of a property tax on ponderosa pine in eastern Oregon won 54-2 approval today from the House.

The measure now goes to the Senate.

The bill, HB1114, is a companion to a bill combining property and severance tax principles for Douglas fir in the western part of the state. Cutting practices for the two kinds of trees differ.

The western Oregon measure, an Industrial Forestry association compromise, also has gone to the Senate.

Castro Declares Enemy Will Be Eliminated Soon

Americans Killed By Firing Squads

By FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY

UPI Correspondent
The Cuban Revolutionary Council said today its invading forces have "completed the planned first phase of their military operation in the south of Cuba" and linked up with guerrilla groups in the Escambray mountains. The operation was reported to be under continuous attack "by Soviet MIGs, heavy tanks and artillery."

A council's communique said, "Numerous elements of the forces from the Cuchinos Bay area have completed a movement north of Cienfuegos from which they will be able to reinforce the patriots already fighting in the mountains."

Cienfuegos is about 50 miles to the east of the original beachhead in the Bahia de Cuchinos area.

Resist Soviet Tanks
"It can also be revealed that additional guerrilla units have infiltrated Matanzas province," the communique said. "The heroic action of a small holding force which resisted Soviet tanks, artillery and aircraft during the last 20 hours made this result possible."

The revolutionary communique was issued shortly after Premier Fidel Castro's government claimed it shot down four planes on bombing missions over Cuba this morning, including one piloted by an American.

The Castro regime also boasted that the invasion force in south central Cuba would be totally wiped out in "a matter of hours."

During the night Castro looked a wave of terror throughout Cuba in an effort to keep the invasion from setting off an internal uprising.

Two Americans Executed
Castro firing squads executed two Americans — Angus McNair, Coral Gables, Fla., and Howard Anderson, Yakima, Wash. In addition, there were mass arrests of Cubans, U.S. citizens and other foreign nationals.

A mid-morning communique broadcast over the Castro government's emergency radio network said a third American was killed when his "military plane" was shot down over Cuba. The Spanish-speaking announcer gave his name as Leo Francis Burney or Burley, of Boston.

Portland Post Office Move To Go Ahead

Washington — (UPI) — The Post Office Department announced today that it has decided to go ahead with the transfer of its Pacific Northwest regional office from Portland to Seattle.

"I Hold In My Hand A List Of 179 Million U.S. Underground Communist Agents!"

