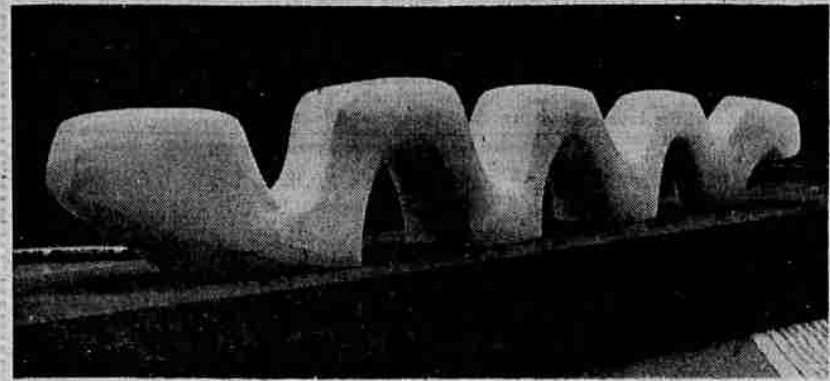


WE'LL MEET OBLIGATIONS, JFK WARNS



SNAKE APPROVED—Medford's parks and recreation commission last night unanimously recommended that the above concrete snake be erected as a piece of play apparatus in Jackson park. The commissioners immediately dubbed the snake "Snively," after a Pogo comic strip character. It will be 15 feet in length and no more than four feet high.

'Snively Snake' Gets Confidence Vote by Officials

Medford's parks and recreation commission last night gave "Snively the Snake" a vote of confidence, and publicly thanked the Swimming Team Parents association for its efforts in promoting and backing the city's swimming team.

Snively, a name taken from the Pogo comic strip character, is the unofficial nickname given to a piece of play apparatus to be erected in Jackson park. The snake-like apparatus will be roughly 15 feet long and four feet high at its tallest point. It will be placed in a large sand area at the park.

The structure was designed by Charles H. Forrester, the Ashland sculptor who also designed the modernistic play apparatus in Hawthorne park. Unlike two of Forrester's previous suggestions for a piece of Jackson park play equipment, Snively was acceptable to the entire commission.

Donation From VFW

It will be financed with the remaining \$400 of a \$1,500 donation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The majority of the money went for the purchase of conventional play apparatus for Jackson park.

Herb Partridge, chairman of the committee's play apparatus committee, indicated that Snively was also acceptable to the VFW. The commission's recommendation to build it will now go to the city council for final approval.

Parks Director Robert Hawthorn said last night that it is hoped the entire play apparatus area at Jackson park can be completed by mid-June.

Comprised of Parents

The association is comprised of parents of the various members of the swimming team, who organized to give support to the sometimes expensive travels of the team to other cities in Oregon.

Recently the association sponsored a Harlem Clowns basketball game here and reportedly raised \$450 for swimming team activities. With the help of donations from the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs the association has also succeeded in acquiring necessary funds to provide the team with approximately 30 warm-up suits bearing the name of the team.

The team swims for the YMCA in the winter months and for the city of Medford the rest of the year. A total of 150 youths have registered for the team which is coached by City Recreation Supervisor Ken Lyons.

At a meeting with a Eugene swim club here last week, which Medford won, more than 70 local swimmers turned out.

The commission voted last night to change its regular monthly meeting from the second Wednesday of every month to the third Wednesday of every month.

Straub Announces Plan To Quit Democrat Post

Salem—UPI—Sen. Robert W. Straub announced Wednesday night he is resigning as chairman of the Oregon Democratic party "by the end of the year."

Straub said he plans to rest up when the legislature ends, then look at his problems at home and in his business before deciding exactly how much longer to hold the state Democratic reins.

Opposition to Building Code Is Expressed

At least 200 people in Jackson county do not want a county building code and said so before the county planning commission last night.

A noisy, vocal crowd from many parts of the rural county

Strike of Meat Cutters Averted With Settlement

A strike of meat cutters in the Medford area was averted this morning when the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL-CIO, local 503, voted to accept a package settlement with the Independent Retail Meat Dealers association and chain operators.

The settlement was recommended to 125 or so members of the local by their officers, James Cain, secretary and chairman of the negotiating committee, Ron Mete, local president, Robert W. Wilson, union international representative; Charles J. Mentron, Seattle, national vice president; Mrs. Ardy Smith, Mrs. Frances Booth and Russell Fowler, members.

Representatives of the union and the retail dealers met with Charles (Chuck) Williams, Portland, of the federal conciliation and mediation service, in the Medford hotel Wednesday night. The union vote this morning was almost unanimous, Mentron reported.

The package calls for a \$5 weekly across the board increase in all classifications, male and female, retroactive to April 2, with a \$4 weekly pension contribution by the employer, effective April 1, 1962. The pension plan is to be reconfirmed by the membership in March, 1962.

Additional increases were made in health and welfare benefits and pro-rata holidays for regular part-time employees. Other changes were made to strengthen the agreement. Local officers said their local is the first retail group in Oregon to be covered under a pension program, although the plan is in effect in many meat packing and jobbing plants. The settlement was a last minute decision before a threatened strike began today, they said.

Milk Price Cut Seen Threat To Industry

Salem—UPI—Rep. Don McKinnis said today there is agreement among processors and producers that a recent milk price cut in the Willamette valley might "create a serious threat" to the entire Oregon milk industry.

There have been fears of a price war on milk spreading throughout the state.

lober, 1959 and was reelected for a two-year term last August.

Straub said he feels "an urgency to devote more time" to his family and business.

He said he felt the Democratic party had made "real headway" in the past 18 months in showing how it differs with Republicans. But he said the 1961 legislature, with a Democratic majority, has not "moved as imaginatively and boldly" as needed.

Straub said he has not yet decided whom to recommend as his successor.

ty packed the courthouse auditorium to express their views at a public hearing called by the commission to consider the proposed draft of a county building code.

None in the audience expressed support of the commission's entire proposed code, and only a small number showed support for sections of the draft. Most were opposed to all of the code.

Complaints were aimed mostly at the hardships the audience believed the code would cause individuals who were building their own homes, and who could not meet requirements such as completion dates, design and quality of material.

Those expressing opposition to the proposal included Jerry Laumann, as spokesman for the lumber industry. He read a statement prepared for the hearing, which asked for a 30 to 60-day continuation of the hearing to give the industry time for further study and recommendations.

Laumann's statement added that "We feel that to rush into a uniform building code for the county is not only unwise, but unfair to the industry responsible for the major portion of our local economy and directly and indirectly responsible for the majority of the funds necessary to operate the county."

Lovejoy, and two or three in the audience, showed signs of disappointment in the belligerence of some in the crowd. One man asked Lovejoy, "How'd you like a poke in the nose?" and others expressed distrust of county government officials.

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DA Says Purchasing Agent Not Possible

The Jackson county court may not delegate the power to purchase county equipment and supplies to a purchasing agent, District Attorney Alan B. Holmes stated in a written opinion submitted yesterday afternoon.

The county court had asked for the opinion on the recommendation by the lay members of the Jackson county budget committee.

Purchasing of county equipment and supplies involves judgment and discretion and cannot be delegated, Holmes wrote in his opinion.

Authority to establish a purchasing agent could be one of the powers included under a proposed home rule charter for the county, it was pointed out.

Higher Dividend Taxes, Expense Curb Suggested

Seven-Point Plan Presented Congress

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy asked Congress today to curb "expense account living," raise taxes on dividends and take other steps toward sweeping tax reform next year.

In a special message presenting his seven-point tax program Kennedy said Congress also should enact this year proposed tax cuts for businesses which invest in plant and equipment.

The President estimated this investment would cost the Treasury \$1.7 billion a year, but create 500,000 jobs. He said the revenue would be recovered through his other proposals, so that the federal budget would not be affected.

Kennedy's program would not increase taxes paid by taxpayers with income only from wages or a salary.

Affects Millions

But millions of Americans with stocks, savings accounts and mutual fund shares would be affected by his proposal for a 20 per cent withholding rate-effective Jan. 1-on dividends and interest and his request that Congress repeal two provisions of the 1954 tax law which lowered taxes on dividends.

To keep tax cheating from spreading, the President urged Congress to grant his request for funds to hire more Treasury agents to check tax returns and for authority to give each taxpayer a number.

Kennedy also said he had directed the Internal Revenue Service and the Justice Department to make "a maximum effort" to crack down on tax evasion by gangsters—the method used to put the late Al Capone in jail.

Requests Extension

The President renewed an earlier request for extension of excise and corporate taxes due to decline or expire June 30. These included levies on whiskey, beer, wine, cigarettes, automobiles, auto parts, passenger travel and telephone service.

Charging that "widespread abuses have developed through the use of the expense account," Kennedy declared "too many firms and individuals have devised means of deducting too many personal living expenses as business expenses."

"Indeed, expense account living has become a byword in the American scene," the Chief Executive lamented. "The slogan—'It's deductible'—should pass from our scene."

Would Restrict Deductions

He said Congress should disallow deductions for the cost of entertainment facilities, such as yachts and hunting lodges. It also should restrict deductions for gifts, business trips combined with vacations and "excessive personal living expenses incurred on business travel away from home," he added.

The President asked for repeal of the exclusion from taxation of the first \$50 of dividends received by a taxpayer each year and of the 4 per cent credit on dividends above \$50. He said they cost the government \$450 million a year.

Mrs. Gebhard on Study Committee

Mrs. Edwin Gebhard, Central Point, has been appointed by the Jackson county court to the home rule study committee, County Commissioner Edwin Taylor announced today.

Mrs. Gebhard, wife of a Central Point area fruit grower, will replace Eugene K. Ricker, Medford, who recently resigned.

The home rule committee is scheduled to meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County to study further possible powers under county home rule.

The public is invited to meet with the committee.

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MEETS WITH LEADERS—Former Vice President Richard Nixon makes his first major Washington appearance since President Kennedy's inauguration as he meets with GOP leaders at the Capitol. From left, they are Rep. Charles Halleck, House minority leader; Nixon, GOP National

Chairman Thruston Morton, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.), Senate leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.), Sen. Styles Bridges (N.H.), and Rep. Leslie Arends (Ill.). See story on page 2A.

(UPI Telephoto)

Criminal Division Budget Is Tentatively OK'd

The Jackson County budget committee this morning tentatively approved the requested budget for the criminal division of the sheriff's department.

The tentative budget totals \$75,800, with an additional \$26,020 added to the miscellaneous general county fund for supplies and equipment. The total is approximately \$5,000 less than this year.

Much of today's discussion concerned salary raises requested by Sheriff Joe Walsh. Raises were asked for two and three steps above the one step cost-of-living increase which had previously been approved for all county employees.

Asks for Basis

Budget Committee Member A. C. Pierce asked Walsh the basis for his requests since the raises are the "most marked increase" for any county department. Walsh explained that his department has not received salary increases in recent years, and he was attempting to get the pay scale for the sheriff's office in line with city and state law enforcement agencies.

He cited a problem of recruiting and keeping deputies with the present salary range. The overall budget request is lower than the present fiscal year since three vehicles will be traded in this year on the purchase of three new ones. Last year \$13,000 was budgeted to purchase new cars.

Also included in the request is \$1,500 to send a man to the federal bureau of investigation academy.

Also awaiting tentative approval is the assessor's budget.

Reapportionment Measure Voted

Salem—UPI—A resolution asking the voters to enlarge the legislature and freeze into the constitution guarantees of minimum representation for Eastern Oregon passed the House 32-38 today.

Rep. George Van Housen (D-Portland) changed his vote to yes in order to be able to make another try to defeat the measure.

The resolution, which would go before the voters in 1962 if the Senate approved it, would increase the House from 60 to 65 and the Senate from 30 to 33.

Truck Tax Bill Passed by Senate Despite Veto Threat

Salem—UPI—The Senate decided to butt heads with Gov. Mark Hatfield over a proposed \$1 million a year tax break for heavy trucks and repassed the bill 19-9 despite a veto threat.

Amendments limit duration of the tax relief to two years. SB32 went to the House. If the House concurs, the bill will head back to Hatfield who dislikes it even with the two-year limitation.

Override Try Hinted

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said he did not know "precisely" what Hatfield would do with the amended version. But Yturri has indicated an attempt to override a veto. This would require a two-thirds majority in both houses. Hatfield has never been overridden.

Yturri said if there is no referendum, the tax relief would begin Jan. 1, 1962, for a two-year period. He said if the Illinois Road tests mean while show that "a mistake has been made," the 1963 legislature can restore the tax.

Trucks that would benefit are those 44,000 pounds and over. But Richard Groener (D-Milwaukee) said "80 per cent of the benefit" will go to trucks 75,000 pounds or more. He urged defeat of the measure, which first went to Hatfield with no limitations but was taken back when he threatened to veto it.

Commission Opposed

Yturri declared he would rather cure "an equity" now instead of letting the State Highway Commission accumulate money and "dictate to this legislature." The commission opposes the reduction in revenue.

Yturri said the truck tax is five cents in Washington state, four cents in California but seven cents in Oregon—"highest in the entire nation."

Those voting against the bill were Sens. Ward Cook, Alice Corbett, Francis Goode, Groener, Husband, Musa, Straub and Ziegler. Sens. Vern Cook and Alfred Corbett were excused.

OSC Students Defeat Compulsory ROTC

Corvallis—UPI—Oregon State students Wednesday expressed sentiment against compulsory ROTC military training at their student body election.

Votes for compulsory ROTC totaled 1,053 while voluntary ROTC got 1,924.

Castro Proclaims Destruction of Invasion Force

Fidel Castro proclaimed triumphantly today the destruction of a Cuban invasion force and capture of its equipment including American-made Sherman tanks. He followed this with a new wave of executions to tighten his grip on the country.

Havana Radio announced that seven persons including an American—the third in two days—were executed by firing squads at dawn in Havana today. It named the American as Diaz Bencom and said he let a plot to kill Castro. His home was not given.

'Tragic Losses' Admitted

A communique read over Havana Radio early today said Castro's regular army and militiamen overran the invaders' last position at Girón Beach on the Bay of Pigs at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. But he admitted his men suffered "tragic losses" along with the invaders.

Exile groups in the United States insisted the move to oust Castro was far from over. They said there would be new landings and new supplies sent to the guerrilla forces in the mountains where Castro himself battled against Fulgencio Batista.

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Work To Resume on Tunnel Construction

O'Brien—Work on the outside portal structure of the Oregon Mountain tunnel project on Highway 199 is expected to resume with short crews Monday.

Project Engineer Ted Kadel said it will be about a month before three full shifts will resume work on the project to improve the route from Grants Pass to Crescent City. Construction at the tunnel was halted last Friday for about three hours when loose earth above the entrance was declared unsafe.

An inspector for the California Division of Industrial Safety declared the site unsafe, and ordered cessation of tunnel operations until the slide threat was removed. An entrance approximately 95 feet long and six feet square had been completed by that time.

Restraint on Intervention Not 'Inexhaustible'

Cuba Must Not Be Abandoned

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy warned today that American restraint in intervening in Cuba "is not inexhaustible."

Kennedy said that, should the inter-American doctrine of noninterference fail to guard against outside Communist penetration, this country would not hesitate "in meeting its primary obligations which are to the security of our own nation."

Speaking out publicly for the first time on the current Cuban crisis, Kennedy said that if the time came when the United States had to act alone to protect its own security, we do not intend to be lectured on intervention "by those whose character was stamped for all time on the bloody streets of Budapest."

Kennedy spoke before the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Broadcast to Nation

The speech, delivered before an audience of 500 leading newspaper editors, was televised and broadcast to the nation.

"Cuba must not be abandoned to the Communists," Kennedy said. "And we do not intend to abandon it either."

He flatly rejected the attempts of Fidel Castro to blame the current situation on the United States, saying the battle was "a struggle of Cuban patriots against a Cuban dictator."

Kennedy cited the historical record of no unilateral U. S. intervention in the affairs of other nations in the absence of external attack upon itself or any ally.

"But let the record show that our restraint is not inexhaustible," Kennedy warned. "Should it ever appear that the inter-American doctrine of noninterference merely conceals or excuses a policy of nonaction—if the nations of this hemisphere should fail to meet their commitments against outside Communist penetration—then I want it clearly understood that this government will not hesitate in meeting primary obligations which are to the security of our own nation."

Comparison with Hungary

Besides rejecting the idea that U. S. intervention in Cuba, if it becomes necessary, could be compared with the Russian treatment of Hungary, Kennedy said the United States would not expect or accept a Hungary-type result in Cuba.

"Cuba is not an island unto itself," he said, "and our concern is not ended by mere expressions of non-intervention and regret. This is not the first time in either ancient or recent history that a small band of freedom fighters has engaged the armor of totalitarianism."

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