



**NEW CHAIRMAN** — Gene M. Williams, (right) Medford, was elected chairman of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging at a recent council meeting in the Senior Activities center. He succeeds Frank Glonning of the Veterans Administration domiciliary staff. Omar Bacon was re-elected vice chairman and John Gribble was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Glonning was elected to a three-

### Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippmann is in Europe. Rescoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

#### PICKING UP THE PIECES

Washington — The question now is not who's to blame for the fiasco in Cuba—but what next? How will the U. S. respond to this initial failure?

The temptation is to look for a scapegoat. Some within the Administration are already trying to blame the Eisenhower administration for the amateurish and inadequate invasion.

Fortunately President Kennedy himself is having no part of this "Operation Politics." He knows he could have vetoed the invasion which was being prepared under Mr. Eisenhower during the past year and that it was his responsibility to determine the time and the circumstances under which it was undertaken. Neither he nor Secretary Rusk are shifting the responsibility to any shoulders other than their own. That's good.

There should be a post-mortem on what went wrong. But the purpose should be primarily to find out what we now need to do to bring about the success of the anti-Castro revolution, not primarily to throw up some scapegoat at whom to shuttle the blame.

The U.S. will "not accept the same outcome which this small band of gallant Cuban refugees must have known they were chancing."

**IF PRESIDENT KENNEDY** refuses "to accept the same outcome" for the Cuban freedom-fighters as befell the Hungarian freedom-fighters, then he is saying that the U.S. is determined to insure the success of the anti-Castro Cuban revolution.

This is what the American people want to hear. This is what the American people want to see.

It is well that Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former Chief of Staff for the Army, is taking a new look at our capabilities—and shortcomings—in unconventional warfare and intelligence. General Taylor is the right man to do it because he has long been dissatisfied with our limited war operations.

But what will count will be the follow-up. Inadequate intelligence may well have contributed somewhat to the failure of the invasion. But this is not the heart of the problem. The need is to increase radically the whole range of our means to combat Communist techniques of take-over by infiltration and subversion. As an essential first step we must, I think, get a single, unified command of all U.S. resources to

be used to counter Communist conquest short-of-war.

**WHAT** the President may well have in mind is that General Taylor will reach this conclusion and will be so convinced of its necessity that he will be willing to take the job himself.

Economic aid to other Latin American countries is not going to bring down Castro. That's wishful thinking. Now fully warned of his danger Castro will be getting more Soviet arms. In another six or eight months he may be nearly impregnable. Just to wait and hope for the best is the way of bringing about the worst.

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### Sierra Leone Gets Independence

Freetown, Sierra Leone—(UPI)—Sierra Leone ended 153 years of British colonial rule today and became the world's newest independent nation.

Dignitaries from all over Africa and outside the continent were present at the flag-raising ceremonies that climaxed pre-independence celebrations here.

Sierra Leone has a population of 1,858,275 and has a coastline on the Atlantic ocean 210 miles long. It is located on the west coast of Africa and is bounded on the north by French Guinea and on the southeast by Liberia.

### Truck Tax Bill Sent To Governor

Salem—(UPI)—Despite a clear-cut veto threat, the House late Wednesday approved and sent to Gov. Mark Hatfield SB32 — the measure giving heavy truckers a two-year tax break of \$1 million per year.

The vote was 41-19 after an attempt by Rep. Clarence Barton to re-refer it to committee failed.

Both houses passed the bill before and sent it to Hatfield who warned they take it back because he would veto it in its original form.

The Senate put the two-year relief limit on but Hatfield indicated he would still veto it.

Hatfield said the bill would be better if a clause was attached referring it to the voters in 1962. But neither house attached this clause on re-passage.

### Sherwood Woman President of PTA

Astoria—(UPI)—Mrs. James King, Sherwood, was installed Wednesday night as president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

She will serve for a two-year term.

Other officials elected were Mrs. Stephen A. Turel, Portland, first vice president, and Mrs. Art Moore, Klamath Falls, secretary.

### Princess Grace, Children in States

New York—(UPI)—Princess Grace of Monaco arrived Wednesday with her two children, Prince Albert, 3, and Princess Caroline, 4.

The former Hollywood star (Grace Kelly) said she plans to stay in the United States a month and will be joined in a few days by her husband, Prince Rainier.

She said she will stay in New York one or two days before going to Philadelphia.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

For the past four days in Washington (where this is written) the editors of our nation's daily newspapers and the members of our new national administration have been hobnobbing as cordially as if some two-thirds of the newspapers whose editors are here had not supported the Republican ticket in the late election.

The theme of these conferences has been the restoration of prosperity after our admittedly brief recession and the expansion of the abundant life under the banner of the New Frontiers. This pleasant activity has been carried on in the midst of a round of breakfasts, lunches, dinners and evening parties.

But in all this harmony there have been some sour notes.

**FOR** example:

Out in front of the Statler Hilton hotel, where this convention is being held, there was a DEMONSTRATION the other day. The demonstrators carried placards proclaiming "Cuba si, Russia NO," "Down with Castro," "Communists Get out of Cuba," etc. The demonstrators were Cuban refugees—people who had been driven out of their Cuban homes and were lucky to get out with their lives.

**WHY** in front of this convention hotel?

Well the Russian embassy is only a couple of blocks up the street, and it so happens that this street is being repaved, and is full of workmen and heavy equipment. This provided a good excuse to shut the demonstrators away from the Soviet's diplomatic headquarters.

Thus balked in their demonstration at the Soviet embassy, the demonstrators moved back a few blocks and demonstrated in front of the White House.

**THIS** morning, they changed their strategy. The street in front of the grim-looking Russian embassy is still closed to automobile traffic and police in parked prowls cars and on foot are seeing to it that pedestrians don't gang up.

Just before noon, a casual group strolled past. When squarely in front of the embassy doors, they pulled from their pockets objects looking like eggs, and cut loose at the doors with a good aim. They weren't bombs. They contained red paint. The paint splashed all over the frames of the doors and some of it splashed onto a couple of resplendent Cadillacs standing under the portico.

When they walked past some minutes later, embassy

### Newport Attorney Indicted by Jury

Newport—(UPI)—Harry W. Matthews, 49, Newport attorney, was arrested Wednesday on five secret indictments returned by the Lincoln county grand jury Tuesday.

The indictments included three charges of larceny by embezzlement, one of drawing a bank check without sufficient funds and one of knowingly uttering and publishing a bank check containing a forged endorsement, according to Dist. Atty. A. R. McMullen. Matthews posted \$5,000 bail.



**TO ATTEND** — Robert G. Davis, Grants Pass lawyer, recently elected chairman of the Republican State Central committee, will be among state party officials attending the Republican banquet May 6 at Hedrick Junior High school. The public is invited to the event and tickets may be obtained at Swem's, Lawrence's Jewelers and Jean Hart's, or by calling SPing 2-6633.

**FAILURE** is tolerable if President Kennedy makes it clear that he is preparing to succeed.

One danger is that Mr. Kennedy may conclude that this first failure in Cuba will create such political division and partisan controversy in the United States that he will not be free to take a bold and risky course of action in the next few months.

I am convinced that the exact opposite is the truth—that timidity toward the Castro regime will divide the county and that full-steam-ahead preparation to prevent further up-building of the Soviet-supported Castro regime will unite U.S. political leadership and will unite the American people. Timidity alone will divide the country.

If I am correctly informed, former President Eisenhower and former Vice President Richard Nixon have assured Mr. Kennedy that he will have their backing in any measures to carry out the commitment he made to the American Society of Newspaper Editors last week.

Referring to the tragic end of the Hungarian freedom fighters, he flatly stated that

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