

The Week in California

Meisenbach Found Innocent of Charge in San Francisco Riot

United Press International
A jury found College Student Robert Meisenbach innocent in an assault case arising out of last year's San Francisco City Hall riots against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Meisenbach, 23, was one of 64 persons arrested May 13, 1960, during violence which broke out when 150 persons, many of them students, were refused admittance into the committee's hearing room. Police used fire hoses to disperse them.

Charges were dismissed against all those arrested except Meisenbach, who was accused of taking a police officer's club away from him and hitting the officer on the head with it.

During the two-week trial

in Superior Judge Harry J. Neubach's court, contradictory testimony was presented by prosecution and defense witnesses. Meisenbach denied that he attacked officer Ralph E. Schaumleffel and accused police of beating him.

Accuses Other Side
In final arguments each side accused the other of presenting perjured testimony.

The city hall riots received worldwide attention and were the subject of a controversial film, "Operation Abolition," which was made from seized newsreel film. Editors of the film were accused of presenting a false overall picture of the incidents. The debate centered around whether the riot was Communist-inspired and directed, or a spontaneous demonstration by students.

The jury deliberated 2½ hours before announcing its verdict. It was greeted by a cheering crowd of spectators in the courtroom, largely students.

"Down deep, I always felt I would be acquitted and that justice would result," Meisenbach said.

Defense attorney Jack Berman said the verdict "knocks 'Operation Abolition' into the creek" and was a "direct blow" to the House committee.

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Doctors: The House of Delegates of the California Medical association approved by a substantial majority the proposed merger of the CMA with the California Osteopathic association. The proposal will go before the COA's House of Delegates for a vote in Long Beach, Calif., May 17.

A proposed amendment calling for referral of the question to the general membership of the association was rejected overwhelmingly after lengthy debate.

Cooley: Former Western band leader Spade Cooley, 50, indicted for murder in the death of his wife, is under treatment again at Kern General hospital for a recurrent heart ailment. Cooley first was taken to the hospital a few days after his arrest in the April 3 slaying of his wife, Ella Mae, 35, at their Willow Springs ranch home. He was returned to jail, and then became ill in his cell.

University: Gov. Edmund G. Brown signed an order turning over \$3 million to the University of California for planning and development of campuses at Santa Cruz, La Jolla and the Irvine ranch in Orange county. The funds were appropriated by the 1960 legislature, but were held in reserve until the University had selected sites for its three new campuses. The bulk of the money—\$2.6 million—will go to the Santa Cruz site for land purchase and surveys. Another \$300,000 will be used for site development in San Diego and \$100,000 for site development in Orange county.

Driscoll: Bobby Driscoll, unemployed laborer and former Academy Award winner, was back in jail for the second time in three days—this time on a narcotics charge. Driscoll, 24, former child actor, was arrested a few hours after his release from jail on a writ of habeas corpus. He was accused of driving a car under the influence of narcotics. A forgery charge led to his earlier arrest.

Sothern: The 76-year-old mother of Ann Sothern sued her millionaire daughter for support, but the actress denied she was shirking her responsibility to care for the older woman. In her suit, Mrs. Annette Lake contended the star declined to pay medical bills of \$500. Miss Sothern said she had been "for many years the sole support of my mother and have always provided for her generously. I intend to continue to do so."

Estimated Revenue For Medford Totals About \$3 Million

In its preliminary budget, the city of Medford estimates its total 1961-62 fiscal year revenue at \$3,134,539, which includes an estimated \$952,730 balance from the current fiscal year.

Of this total, the city will leave a balance of \$500,334 for the next fiscal year.

The sources of city revenue are: taxes, \$948,476; licenses and permits, \$152,630; fines, forfeitures and penalties, \$71,600; revenue from use of money and property, \$14,970; revenue from other agencies (state and federal), \$323,950; current services, \$256,372; utility or other enterprises, \$76,260; assessments, bonds and other revenue, \$310,550.

Spending Revenue
The revenue will be spent on: general government services, \$183,333; cultural and recreational services, \$376,237; protection to persons and property, \$589,537; health services, \$4,750; street and sanitation services, \$1,036,771; utilities or other enterprises, \$93,178; and bond redemption and interest, \$350,389.

The majority of the city's revenue is earmarked for specific purposes, such as the sewage treatment plant, street repairs and improvements, and special assessment projects. Some \$938,431 remains to be used in the city's general fund, according to the preliminary budget.

General Fund
The city's general fund revenue will come from a balance in the fund of \$32,295; taxes, \$466,070; licenses and permits, \$152,600; fines, forfeitures and penalties, \$71,600; revenue from use of money and property, \$11,970; revenue from other agencies, \$78,600; current services, \$33,546; utilities (airport), \$47,000; and other revenue (engineering services), \$44,750.

The general fund revenue will be spent as follows: mayor and council, \$5,255, an increase of \$450 from the current fiscal year; city court, \$7,800, a decrease of \$827; city manager's office, \$27,605, a decrease of \$1,557.

Finance department, \$34,467, an increase of \$12; legal department, \$11,663, an increase of \$277; purchasing department, \$8,615, an increase of \$2,311; planning office, \$18,697, an increase of \$295; city hall, \$15,108, a decrease of \$119; non and interdepartmental, \$56,123, a decrease of \$3,321.

Library department, \$30,066, an increase of \$2,739; park and recreation department, \$54,778, an increase of \$10,440; building department, \$35,686, a decrease of \$8,328; civil defense division, \$3,098, a decrease of \$272; fire department, \$101,620, a decrease of \$422; police department, \$284,888, an increase of \$9,214.

Health Services
Health services, \$4,750, no change; engineering division, \$121,907, an increase of \$20,045; sanitation division, \$41,816, a decrease of \$1,736; traffic division, \$35,094, a decrease of \$681; and airport, \$41,407, an increase of \$3,901.

The total city property tax levy for the 1961-62 fiscal year is estimated at \$914,640. This will be broken down into general fund, \$397,263; fire maintenance fund, \$118,369; library maintenance fund, \$8,000; park and swimming pool fund, \$29,591; arterial street bond construction fund, \$143,600.

Sanitary sewer construction fund, \$19,000; storm sewer construction fund, \$47,500; general bond sinking fund, \$100,634; and water bond sinking fund, \$50,683.



CONFERENCE—Ex-Vice President Richard M. Nixon shakes hands with Gen. Douglas MacArthur after their conference in New York Thursday. The meeting was held in advance of Nixon's first political speech since he was defeated in the presidential election. He said he will not "rake over the past" but "will make constructive suggestions." (UPI Telephoto)

Oregon Highway Mishaps Kill Two

By United Press International
Two more persons met death on Oregon highways Friday.

The victims are Robert Lee McIntyre, 23, Portland, and David DeVohn Register, 34, Corvallis.

45 Cases of Disease Reported in County

Forty-five cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Diseases reported included influenza, Ashland 11, Shady Cove 1, Medford 7, and Phoenix 2; gonorrhea, Medford 4; infectious mononucleosis, Medford 2 and Ashland 1; infectious hepatitis, Shady Cove 1; tuberculosis, Trail 1, Medford and Ashland each 1; chicken pox, Phoenix 1; mumps, Medford 1, Eagle Point 2, Shady Cove and Jacksonville each 1;

'Spring Sing' Set for Tuesday

The annual "Spring Sing" elementary music program will be presented by the elementary schools of Jackson county in cooperation with the Jackson county school superintendent's office Tuesday, May 9, at 1 p.m. in the Medford armory.

"This program is a culminating activity to the year's music programs in the schools and serves to give the elementary children of the schools of the county an opportunity to participate in a joint music program," County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades and their music directors from the following elementary schools will participate: Butte Falls, Mrs. Mabel Meadows; Central Point, Mrs. Joanna Sousa; Eagle Point, Keith Krambeal; Elk-Trail, Richard Gannaway; Evans Valley, Kenneth Brew; Gold Hill, Marvin Throne; Phoenix, Gary Monical; Prospect, Lawrence Drake; Rogue River, Miss Ethel Jacobs; Sams Valley, Ruth Brewster; Shady Cove, Richard Gannaway; and Talent, Harry Kanasto.

Guest director will be Mrs. Virginia Cecil, supervisor of music in the Ashland public schools. Pianist will be Mrs. Ruth Brewster, music instructor in School District 6, and the organist, Mrs. Joanna Sousa, music instructor, Central Point Elementary school.

Gold Hill 4, and Talent 1; and measles, Medford and Eagle Point, each 1.

Tourist Advertising Brings 800 Requests

The current tourist advertising campaign has already produced more than 800 requests for more information, it was reported at last week's Medford Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting.

Coupon returns from space ads for the Josephine and Jackson counties area has totaled 1,800 so far, according to Ron Gandee, chairman of tourist promotion.

The current advertising campaign includes the four chambers of Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Cave Junction. The Josephine and Jackson county courts are co-operating in making the overall tourist promotion possible.

The committee has presented already a formal request to the county courts for continued financial aid for this program in 1962.

A highlight of the board meeting was a discussion of the permissive legislation passed in Salem granting certain counties in Oregon the opportunity of changing to daylight saving time. Should these counties go DLST, Oregon would be in a much worse state of confusion.

Ashland Youth Wins \$1,000 Scholarship

Ashland — Theodore Kinney, son of Mrs. T. R. Kinney, 261 West Hersey st., Ashland, has been named winner of a \$1,000 scholarship given by the Max D. Turner Fund.

The award is made annually to 10 outstanding students who attend, or will attend, the University of Oregon, Oregon State university school of forestry, or Lewis and Clark college. Kinney is a sophomore at OSU school of forestry. He is a graduate of Ashland High school.

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