

Kennedy Urges Canada To Join Food Program



MURDER SUSPECTS—Mrs. Gertrude Mae Jackson, 33, left, was arrested at Oakland, Calif., Tuesday along with Jeanne Freeman, 19, right, after an Oregon murder warrant had been issued for them. Miss Freeman was wearing men's clothing when arrested. The warrant charged them with the murder of Mrs. Jackson's children, Larry, 6, and Martha, 4, whose bodies were found last Friday at the foot of a gorge near Madras.

Mother Confesses To Part In Slaying of Children

Oakland, Calif. — (UPI) — Mrs. Gertrude Mae Jackson, 33, confessed early today that she participated in the slayings of her two children, according to Oakland police.

Mrs. Jackson and Jeanne Freeman, 19, both admitted being present when the youngsters were beaten and thrown into a 350-foot ravine near Madras, Ore., but they disagreed on details of the slayings.

Arrested on Warrant

Mrs. Jackson's confession came four hours after she and Miss Freeman were arrested here Tuesday night on an Oregon murder warrant. Miss Freeman was in men's clothing when arrested.

The two women and a companion, Letha June Little, 21, were taken into custody when authorities spotted Mrs. Jackson's car.

Mrs. Jackson had been sought for the murder of her daughter, Martha, 4, and of her son, Larry, 6.

The battered bodies were found at the bottom of the gorge in Peter Skene Ogden State Park last Friday. County pathologist George D. McGee said studies made at the state crime laboratory showed there had been no sexual assault. It was earlier reported that there had been such an assault.

"I couldn't support them and I loved them so much," Mrs. Jackson was quoted as saying. She said she threw the body of her son over the edge of the cliff, while Miss Freeman hurled the girl's body off the precipice.

Miss Freeman told a different story. She said Mrs. Jackson decided to discipline the children and told her to stop the car. The mother beat the children.

Corvallis — (UPI) — Oregon State University will graduate its second largest class in history June 5 and one out of every four of the approximately 1,855 degrees will be a master's or doctor's, the school said today.

U.S., Russia Clash On Laos Veto Power

Geneva — (UPI) — The United States and Russia collided head-on today over the question of veto powers for an international control commission to police a cease fire in Laos.

The differences were aired when Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko presented plans for a permanent peace to the 14-nation conference on the future of Laos.

Gromyko's Proposal

At the morning session, Rusk called for a strengthened, veto-free control commission to enforce the cease fire in Laos, where the Communists and pro-Western government are reported to have agreed on the principles of forming a broad coalition regime.

Gromyko came back at the afternoon session to demand that the SEATO alliance renounce its pledge to protect Laos and call for withdrawal of all foreign forces from that country within 30 days after a peace settlement.

But the Soviet plan he presented for policing the settlement in Laos would give the

Bid Opening for Wiring Deferred

The Jackson county court received three bids for wiring the proposed addition to the Jackson county curriculum materials center, but deferred the bid opening for a week due to an error in bid advertising procedure.

Bids may be received until 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 22. Bid opening will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24.

James McDonald, director of the county center, explained that a five-day waiting period required by law had been omitted through error.

He explained the expansion is necessary to meet the expanded use of the center. Plans include a larger recording tape library, enlarged production and storage facilities, a larger reception area and a classroom for in-service training of teachers using the audio-visual aids and other materials. Basement walls which now enclose the center will be removed, McDonald explained.

Ashland, Medford Youths Win 4-H Trip

Corvallis — (UPI) — Expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 26-30 have been won by 22 Oregon 4-H Club members, it was announced today.

Those winning trips include Steve Stewart, Ashland, and Robert Kuest, Medford.

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Local Merchants Will Change to 'Daylight Time'

The Retail Merchants committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce this morning overwhelmingly approved "Southern Oregon Daylight Time" to start with the opening of business June 1.

It is to continue for the duration of daylight saving time in Washington, California, and northern Oregon. It means setting clocks ahead one hour until late in September.

The merchants also urged customers, other allied merchants, and surrounding communities to support the time change. The motion was approved by a vote of 29 to 2.

Principal discussion at the meeting, which was also attended by merchants from Grants Pass and Ashland, who were there as observers, concerned the difference between daylight saving time and "fast or summer" time. Daylight time, it was explained, is when the clocks are set one hour ahead. The other time would be for merchants to start the working day one hour earlier, thus closing one hour earlier, without resetting the clocks.

Fast Time Proposal Opposed

The fast or "summer time" was opposed by many merchants, who said their customers' buying habits would have to be changed. Some merchants expressed a feeling that their customers, who had voted against daylight saving time, might object to such a move.

Don McNeil, local chamber manager, stressed the amount of pressure that has been brought on the southern Oregon area to go on daylight saving time since part of the state is currently observing this time. He added that Medford is also a hub for the northern California area which has daylight saving time now.

The manager listed a number of stores who would be willing to consider the change in time, adding that some of the area's industries are already observing daylight saving time.

One major opposition to the change was voiced in a letter from Continental Trailways Bus company. Medford is currently a meal stop, since the city is on standard time. With the change in the clocks this will be eliminated meaning a loss of approximately \$10,000 in business.

Jack McMann, manager of the Josephine County Chamber of Commerce, said that a group of Grants Pass "interested citizens" had approved changing their clocks starting June 1.

School Board to Decide

Medford School Superintendent Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield said the school board will have to make any decisions regarding a time change for the schools. He said that his recommendation would be for the schools to remain on standard time since only about one week would remain in the school year after June 1.

Medford City Manager Robert Duff said that neither he nor the city council had given the question of standard or daylight time any consideration. Both Duff and County Judge Earl Miller said that they would have to check into the legality of any time change before anything definite could be decided.

Legally, all of Oregon outside of Multnomah and four other counties in northern Oregon, is on standard time, so the action taken by the merchants is voluntary and unofficial.

Salem Group Joins In Fast Time Push

By United Press International

The Salem Chamber of Commerce plans to ask Gov. Mark Hatfield Thursday to put state office there on unofficial daylight time.

The chamber also said it would urge the Salem City Council and the Marion County Court to adopt daylight time hours.

The action is in line with a growing move to conform to daylight saving time in the Portland area and four nearby counties authorized by the legislature.

The Albany Retail Merchants association voted unanimously to open and close stores an hour earlier — and many said they would change their clocks back. City Manager William Bowman said city office might open and close an hour earlier — without changing the clocks since this technically is against state law.

Merchants in Lebanon voted 17-8 in favor of fast time. A group of businessmen in Eugene voted to "urge everyone" to go on the daylight hours. The City Council there will vote next Monday night on a proposal to open and close city offices an hour earlier.

Many merchants in The Dalles went on unofficial fast time Monday and on Tuesday grocery stores, service stations and gasoline distributors, due to delivery schedules from Portland, decided to go along starting today.

All but two of 60 persons appearing at a Tillamook meeting Monday night favored daylight time. Many towns in Lincoln county have gone on the daylight schedule.

Oregon voters next year will decide the issue again. In 1960 they turned down a statewide daylight time measure.

Bids Called for New High School

Bids for construction of the first unit of St. Mary's High school at its site on Black Oak dr. off Barnett rd. will be opened at 5 p.m. Friday, May 26, in the office of Edson and Pappas, Medford architects.

Plans for the school have been issued to selected contractors in this area. There will be two academic structures providing 11 classrooms, an administration unit including a library, a multi-purpose building, which also will contain the boiler room, and a shower and locker room building.

Classrooms and the administration building will have wood frame floors and the two other buildings will have concrete floors. Construction will be a combination of frame and concrete block.

Plans for the new high school were announced in March, this year. A new high school plant is deemed necessary to handle an expected enrollment increase and relieve crowded conditions in the present school.

Letters Mailed To Ordinance Violators

Nine letters were mailed from the district attorney's office yesterday charging penalties for violation of dog control ordinances, according to District Attorney Alan B. Holmes.

The letters were mailed to residents of Medford, Ashland and Rogue River and assessed a penalty of \$10. If the fine is not paid, the district attorney can file civil suit in district court within five days, Holmes explained.



FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION—One of the huge supporting pillars for the freeway set in place yesterday at the east end of the 8th st. bridge. With the pillar in place it is possible to visualize how the freeway will change the appearance of this section of town.

Eight Indictments Against Bengtson To Be Resubmitted

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly yesterday sustained a motion to resubmit to the grand jury all eight pending indictments against Medford Lawyer O. H. Bengtson, who is charged with embezzlement.

The affidavit and motion to consolidate the eight indictments into one had been filed by Paul Haviland, court appointed prosecuting attorney. Judge Kelly said he would call a grand jury meeting in June.

Yesterday, Bengtson again insisted that Judge Kelly should disqualify himself from presiding over the case as he had offered to do previously. The circuit judge repeated that he would not disqualify himself from the preliminary procedure.

"The only reason I said I would disqualify myself is that he (Bengtson) thought I should," Judge Kelly said. "I said I would disqualify myself at the time of the trial."

Bengtson is charged with embezzling funds from the Medford Escrow company. He has been found guilty on two similar charges by juries in Jackson and Josephine counties, and was scheduled to be tried on a third indictment Monday in Jackson county circuit court.

Including the indictment on which Monday's scheduled trial is based, there are eight indictments now pending against him. He is currently out on \$24,500 bail.

The brief appealing the verdict in the first conviction has been submitted to the state supreme court. The acting prosecuting attorney is now working on his answering brief.

Motion by Hoffer Denied in Court

A motion was denied in Jackson county circuit court yesterday which would have granted David Albert Hoffer a change of venue or permitted the case to have been heard in another court.

Hoffer, a 26-year-old transient, is charged with burglary in a dwelling. Circuit Judge James M. Main set his trial on May 23.

Hoffer is charged with entering the Crockett Hardware store and the Corner Club tavern, both in Central Point, on March 28 and 29 and Cook's Reception in Ashland March 27.

Tunnel Feasibility Being Studied by State, Chamber Told

Ashland — The state highway department is investigating feasibility of constructing a 4,200 foot tunnel through the Siskiyou mountains as part of the interstate Highway 5 freeway, according to R. B. Miller, Medford manager of Peter Kiewit and Sons construction company.

In speaking at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce Tuesday luncheon, Miller said potential slide conditions which exist on a road over the mountains is causing concern. A tunnel, similar to one being pushed through Oregon mountains on Highway 199, is a possible solution, Miller claimed.

Miller discussed various aspects of Highway 5 freeway construction in southern Oregon. However, he emphasized that he was not speaking as a representative of the highway department.

Purchasing Equipment

He estimated more than \$30 million will be spent for construction work in the Rogue valley area in the next five years. Contractors buy as much equipment from local businessmen as possible, Miller remarked. He said this was particularly true of small hardware items and petroleum products. "Permanent materials such as steel and concrete are purchased locally frequently," Miller said.

"The percentage of workers imported from other areas is small," according to Miller. "Contractors prefer hiring local people," he added.

He said the economy of the area will be greatly benefited. "About 30 per cent of total construction cost is for wages which are spent in the area," Miller observed.

In discussing bad aspects of construction, Miller said it creates hazards for children, dust and noise.

Bids for freeway paving from 12th st. in Medford to the North Ashland interchange south of Talent should be let in the summer of 1962, Miller said. He estimated construction would be completed by 1963.

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Surpluses Would Be Used To Feed Hungry of World

Inter-American Partnership Urged

Ottawa — (UPI) — President Kennedy appealed to Canada today to join the United States in turning the farm surpluses of both countries into vast pools of food to feed the hungry people in impoverished areas of the world.

"If we can now work closely together to make our food surpluses a blessing instead of a curse, no man, woman or child need ever go hungry again," the visiting chief executive said in a speech prepared for a joint session of the Canadian Parliament.

Urges Increased Role

Kennedy at the same time urged Canada to increase its hemispheric role by joining the United States and Latin American countries as "partner in inter-American affairs."

The president outlined for his Canadian hosts, fellow members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a two-point program for strengthening the Western alliance "to meet the defense requirements of the 1960s."

U.S. Promises Arms

Giving "highest priority" to building up the conventional capability of the alliance, to which the United States will increase the strength and mobility of its own forces and equipment, while looking to the other NATO allies to give equal attention to this task.

"Making certain that nuclear weapons will continue to be available for the defense of the entire treaty area," under close and flexible political control that meets the needs of all NATO countries.

To Return Thursday

"We are prepared to join our allies in working out suitable arrangements for this purpose," Kennedy said with respect to that latter point.

The president's speech followed more than two hours of talks with Canadian Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker, the major business item in Kennedy's 42-hour visit here which will end with his return to Washington Thursday.

Kennedy took up with Diefenbaker his tentative plans for a forthcoming meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, it was learned on official authority.

City Committee Reviews Budget

The Medford city budget committee reviewed the budgets of the water, library, police, fire, and health departments last night.

Referred to committee for study was a request from the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county for additional funds for salary, lighting and equipment. Also assigned for further study was the contract between the city and Jackson county for general health services.

An immediate need for new fire stations in the north part of Medford was stressed. It was announced that approximately \$9,800 more than anticipated will be received by the city from an increase in liquor revenue. It is expected that the majority of this money will be added to the police department's budget.

The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, May 23.

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Residential Zoning Ordinance Passes Ashland Council; Objection Noted

Ashland — A residential zoning ordinance proposed five months ago was unanimously approved by the Ashland city council last night.

The ordinance calls for establishing two residential zones in the city. Zone 3 is a multiple-family dwelling unit area, with most property along Siskiyou blvd. and Main st. Zone 4 is all areas not included in Zone 3, commercial or industrial zones. Minimum lot area for construction in both zones is 6,000 square feet.

Only one objection was raised at a public hearing preceding the council action. R. E. Jeter claimed the ordinance would prevent construction of a duplex on his property on Mountain ave. He asked Marvin Gloege, city planner, why the boundary for Zone 3 was cut at his property line.

Existing Land Use

Gloege responded by saying existing land use in the area was used in establishing boundaries. Jeter then pointed out that his land would be worth more in taxes to the city if he were allowed to build a duplex.

Councilman Duane Baker observed that it was impossible to adopt any ordinance that would satisfy everyone. Several property owners commended Gloege and planning commission members for development of the ordinance.

A tentative plat for the Quiet Village subdivision was accepted. Ken Jones and Phil Bryant are developing the 10-acre subdivision located on Nevada st. west of Ashland creek. A request for city water was referred to the council water committee.

June 6 was set as the date for a public hearing on annexation of the five-acre Norwood subdivision on Park st. A request by M. E. Norton to develop a subdivision on property bordering Ashland Mine rd. was referred to the plan-



"He Seems To Be Getting It Bad Again, Doctor"