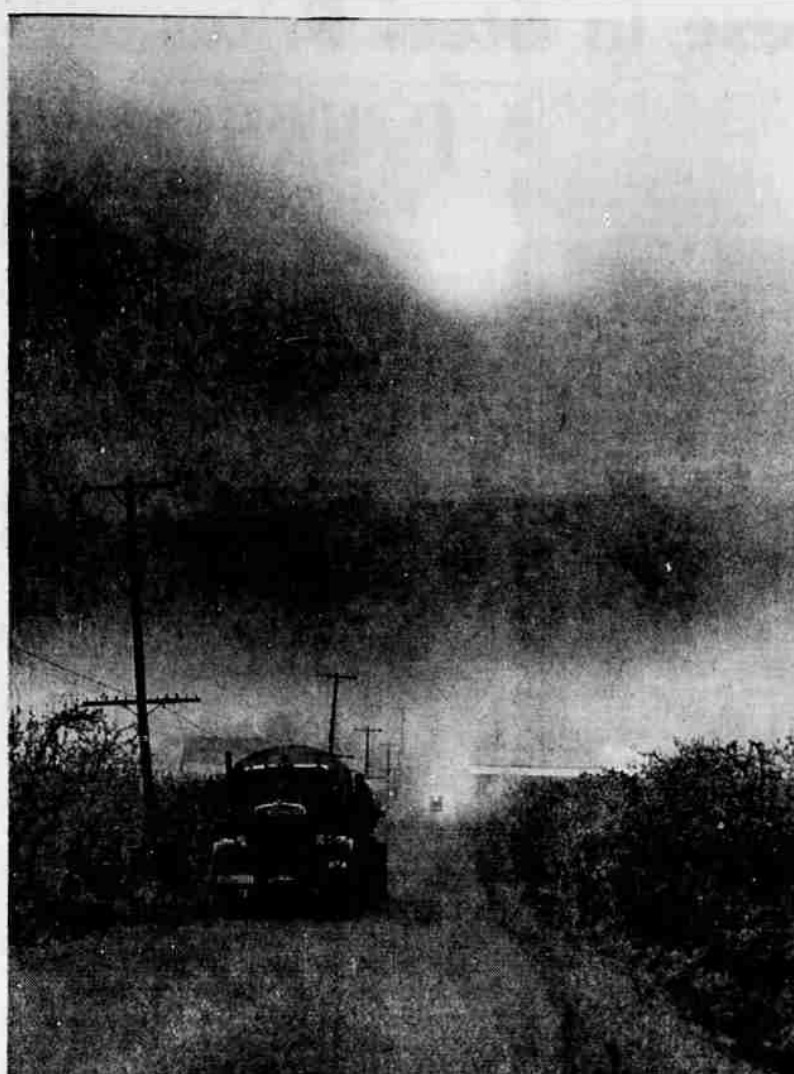


STEEL PRICE HIKE ANGRERS JFK



MORNING SCENE—Many orchards in the Rogue valley were scenes of activity this morning as heating crews "fired" to protect pear blossoms from frost for the second morning in a row. The picture above, taken at 401 orchards, shows an oil truck on its way to deliver more fuel oil while last night's smoke still hangs in the air. Temperatures dropped to about 27 degrees in the coldest orchards, according to W. J. Rogers, meteorologist with the fruit frost forecast service. Rogers forecast temperatures of 29 degrees in the "very coldest orchards" tonight and tomorrow morning, with scattered firing late in the morning.

OAS Casualties Heavy in Clash With Moslems

Algiers, Algeria—UPI—The European Secret Army Organization (OAS) suffered heavy casualties in fighting Tuesday with the Moslem National Army of Liberation in the mountains south of Algiers, military sources reported today.

But OAS gunmen stalked through the streets of Algiers and its suburbs during the day, shooting down Moslems at random. By noon, eight Moslems had been killed and one wounded. Three Moslem-owned shops were damaged by plastic bombs, a favorite weapon of the OAS terrorists.

The reported clash between the OAS and the Moslem units near Duperre, about 50 miles south of here, was the first since the Algerian cease fire was proclaimed last month. Leaders of the Algerian nationalists had urged Moslem civilians to refrain from violence to avoid any action that would jeopardize the Algerian peace settlement.

Military sources said it was believed that at least 30 OAS commandos were killed in the clash with the Moslem army units.

Corvallis Virtually Assured of Fast Time

Corvallis—UPI—This area was virtually assured of being 100 per cent on fast time this summer after the school board Tuesday night voted to move up class starting times one hour starting April 29.

TAX LEVY APPROVED

Salem—UPI—Voters of the Salem school district Tuesday approved a 1962-63 tax levy of \$6 million. The vote was 3,388 to 2,844.

NEWS BRIEFS
ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

ATMOSPHERIC TEST DATE INDICATED
Washington—UPI—Indications today were that the first atmospheric nuclear blast in the new U.S. test series will be set off April 30 or May 1.

CLAY TO DISCUSS RESIGNATION
Berlin—UPI—Gen. Lucius D. Clay left Berlin by plane today for Washington to discuss with President Kennedy his resignation as the chief executive's personal representative in Berlin.

WHITE GETS COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Washington—UPI—The Senate Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved the nomination of deputy Atty. Gen. Byron R. (Whizzer) White, Rhodes scholar and former all-American football star, as an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Water Supply for Area Improved by Better Snowpack

The 1962 water supply outlook for the Rogue-Umpqua basin has improved over the slightly dim outlook of last month, according to Bob Whaley, assistant state snow survey supervisor.

Above average March increases to the snowpack has resulted in near average water supply forecasts for all streams in the Rogue basin, he said.

Water content of the snowpack is now average for the basin as a whole and about one-fifth better than last year at this time. Snow courses in the Umpqua did not receive the good increases in snow water and still remain only near or below average, he said.

Most watershed soils have been well primed by snowmelt and winter rains, and should not require a substantial amount of moisture to bring them to capacity as the spring melt begins.

Lakes Are Fuller

Fourmile and Fish lakes now hold a total of 9,000 acre feet, compared to 8,200 acre feet a year ago. Howard Prairie and Emigrant now hold 56,200 acre feet, compared to 45,100 acre feet last year at this time. Hyatt Prairie has 8,300 acre feet of stored water. Last year it held only 4,000 acre feet April 1.

Streamflow forecasts have been raised as a result of above average increases to the snowpack during March on most of the watershed.

Little Butte Creek, north fork at Fish Lake, is expected to flow 17,000 acre feet for the April-September period, or 101 per cent of average.

Little Butte creek, south fork near Lake Creek forecast has been raised to 46,000 acre feet (110 per cent average) for the April-September period, and the flow is expected to drop to 100 cubic feet per second by June 14.

Fourmile lake inflow forecast is now 7,800 acre feet for the April-September period, or 105 per cent of average.

Rogue river forecasts are now near average with the Rogue at Raygold expected to flow 1,025,000 acre feet for 102 per cent of the 1943-57 average.

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U.S. Won't Submit Security of World To 'Paper Pledge'

Geneva—UPI—The United States warned today it will not submit its own security and that of the free world to a "paper pledge" that Russia will never again test nuclear weapons.

"The motivation for developing new weapons which was strong enough to lead the U.S.S.R. to break its self-imposed pledge not to be the first state to resume nuclear tests would well lead it to attempt the clandestine violation of a nuclear test ban treaty," chief U.S. delegate Arthur H. Dean warned.

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Straub Criticizes Medicare Delay

Coos Bay—UPI—Older people in need of medical care can't afford to wait another two years, as Congressman Durno has proposed," State Senator Robert W. Straub said here Tuesday night.

Straub is a candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress in the Fourth district.

"Durno's proposal to establish a national medical advisory commission to study the problem of medical care is nothing but a stall to delay action on this critical problem," Straub said.

"This problem has been studied for 10 years, and enough statistics and facts have been collected to fill a county courthouse. The problem of providing decent and adequate medical care is acute and it needs action now."

Straub said the most efficient solution is the Kennedy-backed King-Anderson bill which would provide 90 days of hospital care a year, 180 days of nursing home care and up to 240 home health service visits a year and would be part of the Social Security program.

Remodeled Burner Reduces Cinders

Fallout of cinders and ash from the Cheney Forest Products mill burner at Central Point has been completely eliminated, and smoke has been cut 90 per cent, since the burner was remodeled in February, according to Bill Askwith, superintendent.

A new style grate system, which controls the flow of air and causes more complete combustion of materials, was installed, the superintendent said.

Tests began Feb. 22 and have been completed. In mid-March, Ronald R. Ott, Portland, state board of health sanitation authority, made a check of the system and found it to be one of the three best such installations in the state, according to Askwith.

Phelps Bros., engineering contractors in burner fabrication from Eugene, did the installation.

Four Lithia Deer Returned To Park

Ashland—Three tame deer from the Lithia park pen here were still missing this morning as a result of fence slashing Monday night which allowed seven of the animals to wander away.

The women were fence around the deer pen was cut near a post, police reported.

Four of the deer were found later Monday night and returned to the pen.

Ashland police this morning received several calls from area residents who reported seeing deer. These reports were turned over to the park crew to be followed up.

Sportsfair Opens Friday For Stand at Armory

The annual Crater Lions club Sportsfair will open a three-day stand at the Medford armory grounds at 5 p.m. Friday with a variety of exhibits, exhibitions, stage shows, and other events.

The Sportsfair will remain open until 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It will open at 10 a.m. Saturday and at noon Sunday.

Proceeds from the fair will be used by Crater Lions club in its Bear Creek Development project.

In addition to displays of outdoor recreation supplies and equipment, displays for the homeowner also are planned. Hobby and craft displays will be in a tent adjacent to the Armory.



HOLDS KEY—Medford Mayor John W. Snider holds one of many key rings he had received in the past few days from throughout Oregon. Tags on the key rings read: "One dollar reward if returned to Mayor Snider, Medford, Oregon." The first key ring arrived from Japan, and others have turned up throughout the state.

Financial Aspects Of Public Utilities District Reviewed

Grants Pass—Exhibits and testimony showing that any public power agency taking over Pacific Power and Light company's system in Josephine county would operate at an annual loss of a half-million dollars were placed in the record of an Oregon Hydroelectric commission hearing here today.

William Prentice, Medford, a PP&L accounting supervisor, estimated losses in a review of a financial feasibility study submitted for consideration by the commission.

Prentice's testimony on the financial aspects of a public utilities district was offered after W. I. Davidson, president of the Josephine County Public Power association, told the commission that the PUD proponents "could not offer concrete proposals."

Davidson said his group could not make such a proposal because they would not be binding upon the future decisions of elected PUD commissioners if one is formed.

Prentice said the company based its study on the known system operating conditions, the bond capitalization needs for buying PP&L's properties, wages and taxes paid by the company and crews to provide equal service.

The commission moved to Grants Pass today after listening to pros and cons at Cave Junction yesterday. More than 50 persons appeared there to oppose the PUD plan, and 12 indicated they favored it.

A third session will be held in Wilderville Thursday.

Cuban Committee Talks With Castro

Havana, Cuba—UPI—Members of a Cuban exiles committee were hopeful today that they could obtain the release of 1,179 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners being held by the Castro government for \$62 million ransom.

Four exiles, representing the so-called Cuban Families Committee for the Liberation of Prisoners of War, flew here Tuesday from Miami and met with Premier Fidel Castro for four hours in an attempt to scale down his demands. Another meeting with Castro has been planned but the committee was unable to say when it would be held.

Seeks U.S. Dollars

The delegation had been authorized to offer \$28 million in goods and products to meet Castro's stiff terms. But the Cuban leader was reported seeking cash in U.S. dollars for the release of the men, who were sentenced last Saturday to 30 years at hard labor after a four-day mass trial at Havana's Principe Prison.

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Area Zoning Ordinance Will Be Discussed

The basic ordinance for area zoning in Jackson county will be discussed at a meeting of the Jackson county planning commission at 8 o'clock tonight in the courthouse annex.

Included on tonight's agenda will be a tentative schedule of public hearings regarding the development pattern for the valley and the Phoenix and Central Point interim zone area.

Two Antitrust Investigations Are Initiated

U. S. Steel Ups Price \$6 a Ton

Washington—UPI—An angry President Kennedy discussed U. S. Steel Corp.'s surprising \$6 a ton price hike with key advisers today as a prelude to an expected public denunciation of the move later in the day.

He may couple his statement with a plea to the other segments of the steel industry not to go along with U. S. Steel, which usually sets the pace for the industry.

Two antitrust investigations were initiated immediately after the price rise was announced late Tuesday.

Group Aims Situation

Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg was among a cabinet group which met with the President at a breakfast conference where the steel situation figured prominently in the discussion.

Kennedy was pictured by high administration sources as extremely unhappy about the price hike. He was said to be ready to convey his mood to the American people at a news conference today.

The increase was announced just five days after the signing of a new union contract which called for a one-year wage freeze but provided additional fringe benefits. The administration had hoped the contract would avert any steel price boosts this year.

Assistant Press Secretary Andrew Hatcher declined to categorize the President's mood because: "I think the President's statement at his press conference will reflect his temper."

Hatcher said Kennedy's first news of the steel price increase was brought from Pittsburgh by U. S. Steel President Roger Blough. The steel company official saw the President at 5:40 p.m. (EST) and the President, Blough and Goldberg discussed the price hike for 55 minutes.

Opposition Expressed

During this meeting, Kennedy was understood to have expressed his strong opposition to the increase which the administration regards as a blow to chances of price stability.

Justice Department and Senate investigators were ordered to begin investigating possible price-fixing if similar increases are put into effect by other "big steel" firms.

U.S. Steel President Leslie Worthington defended the across-the-board increases as "modest" and necessary to "catch up" with mounting costs since steel prices were last raised in 1958.

The steel industry cooperated last fall when Kennedy asked it to hold the line on prices even though steel workers received a wage increase averaging from 7 to 10 cents an hour under the 1960 contract.

Duncan Lauds Common Market

Ashland—UPI—"One of the greatest accomplishments of this administration might well be its support of and cooperation with The European Common Market," Robert B. Duncan, speaker of the Oregon House and candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress for the Fourth District told the Young Democrats club here.

The organization of European nations into a common market might be the first step to a stronger political union in Europe, with political as well as economic ties. Our original 13 colonies took their first steps towards a Democratic union by eliminating economic trade barriers," Duncan added.

"Our cooperation with this market is inevitable; we have no choice if we are to protect our markets and those of our allies. The government has a responsibility to alleviate the hardships and dislocation which will follow tariff adjustments. This responsibility is one it is prepared to, and will meet," he said.

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