

Vanguard of Americans Landing in Thailand

Southern Oregon Gas Line Permit Sought From FPC

Conversion Due To Start Soon

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said El Paso Natural Gas Co. would apply to the Federal Power Commission today for a \$7.6 million natural gas transmission line from Eugene to Grants Pass.

El Paso officials said the start of construction depends upon early processing and approval of the application by the FPC, Hatfield said.

The proposed pipeline would bring natural gas to a number of communities in Southern Oregon for the first time. They include Medford, Ashland, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Talent, Phoenix, Oakland, Sutherlin, Winston, Dillard, Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point and Jacksonville.

Conversion to Start
Hatfield said he was advised that initial steps to convert customer appliances and distribution systems in Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg will begin in about two weeks. This information came from officials of California - Pacific Utilities Co., which now serves the areas with liquefied petroleum gas.

The proposed line will be 127 miles long, some of it 18 inches in diameter and some 10 inches in diameter. Compressor stations would be located in Portland and Albany. Also, there would be six measuring and regulation stations along the route.

To complete the system, California-Pacific will build 10 and 6 inch pipelines, hooking it on to the end of the proposed El Paso line terminating at Grants Pass. The Cal-Pac line would run from Grants Pass to Ashland and cost \$5.3 million.

Bradford Expresses Feelings on Charter

Al Bradford, Democratic candidate for the state legislature, today issued the following statement with respect to his feeling about the proposed Home Rule Charter:

"It has been suggested that candidates for state offices from Jackson county should take a stand on the proposed Home Rule Charter.

"I have never taken a position opposing the Charter. But neither do I feel I should, as a candidate for a state office in which I would have no decisions to make in this area, take a position recommending that the voters approve the Charter.

"I feel that the people should decide for themselves, after thorough study, whether or not they wish a change in their county governmental structure.

"I believe the voters of Jackson county will make the decision they feel to be correct."

Safe Taken From Ashland Auto Firm

Ashland—A safe containing checks but no cash was taken from Jim Busch Ford Sales, 355 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland, last night.

Burglars apparently loaded the safe into a pickup truck, which they also took from the firm, and drove off with it. The safe and truck were reported missing at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

APPLIED CONFINED

Salem—UPI—Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. was home today with a painful attack of pleurisy, a respiratory ailment. He suffered the attack Tuesday. It followed a lingering cold.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

DUTCH CAPTURE ARMED INDONESIANS

Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea—UPI—Dutch naval units today captured a boatload of 20 armed Indonesians attempting a landing near Fak Fak in Western New Guinea. Dutch military headquarters announced.

ALASKA BLIZZARD KILLS THREE

Anchorage, Alaska—UPI—A flash blizzard, a weather rarity for this time of year, lashed a company of soldiers on night maneuvers on a high, bald ridge in the Chugach Mountains Tuesday. Three died and nine others were hospitalized.

MINISTERS QUIT FRENCH CABINET

Paris—UPI—The five Catholic popular Republican (MRP) ministers in the French cabinet have resigned. It was announced today.

PHILIPPINE BILL TO GO TO FLOOR

Washington—UPI—The House Foreign Affairs Committee today voted 15-4 to send a new Philippines claims bill to the House floor. Sponsors hoped it would heal a major rupture between this country and the island republic.

Estes Called To Washington For Testimony

Washington—UPI—Senate investigators disclosed today that Billie Sol Estes has been subpoenaed to appear at congressional hearings on his shattered Texas farm empire and the possible involvement of Washington officials.

A spokesman for the Senate permanent investigating subcommittee also said that many of Estes' records have been subpoenaed and the group plans to request Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman to testify.

A spokesman for the subcommittee, headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), said about a dozen new investigators have been assigned to the Estes case, which Tuesday led to the firing of another administration official. He was James T. Ralph, a former assistant agriculture secretary.

Freeman, meanwhile, told a Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee he "would be willing to appear in good time" before congressional investigators looking into Estes' tangled financial dealings.

The Senate hearings are not expected to get under way, the staff investigator told UPI, for another three or four weeks.

He said Estes was served with the subpoena in Texas Sunday. No date for his appearance was set.

Fire Department's Request for Shorter Week Is Supported

Fire Chief Gordon Barker and Fire Captain Vernon F. Ritchie appeared at last night's meeting of the Medford citizens budget committee to support the fire department's request for a 60-hour work week, reduced from the present 72-hour week.

With or without annexation of the area lying to the southwest of Medford, the fire department budget, based on the proposed 60-hour week, totals \$327,864.

The total additional cost to the city of the change from a 72-hour week to a 60-hour week would be \$49,822. This sum would provide for the addition of four engineers and six firemen.

A Compromise

Chief Barker told the committee his department's request for the 60-hour week was actually "a compromise." The state legislature, he said, has been working for some years now with proposed legislation which would set 56 hours as the maximum work week.

The fire chief said he fully expects the measure to pass at the next session, and that if the Medford department had in the meantime gone to a 60-hour week, the transition would be less drastic.

Captain Ritchie told the committee the reduced work week for firemen is "a national trend." A recent survey of 156 cities of comparable

size in the United States revealed, he said, that 149 of them had fire departments working less hours than the Medford department.

Possible Expenditure

In other action, City Manager Robert Duff told the committee it was the administration's recommendation that the sum of \$109,118 in the parks and recreation department budget be regarded as a possible expenditure this year, and that individual allocation from the fund be made at the city council's discretion.

Dr. Earl Johnson, member of the Medford library board, and Omar Bacon, head librarian of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, addressed the committee on behalf of the library's budget requests.

Dr. Johnson said the library "was once a third-rate library and is now a second-rate library." He pointed out that the library spends the lowest amount per person in the county of any neighboring county with the single exception of Douglas county.

Bacon said that additional staff had been made necessary by a 15 per cent increase in the use of the library during the last 10 months.

Bacon had requested an increase of approximately \$4,000 in the city's allocation to the library for the coming fiscal year. The administration, however, has recommended the same allocation as last year—\$40,266.

Boy Scout Council To Meet in Portland

Portland—UPI—The 52nd annual meeting of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held here Thursday and Friday with some 2,500 adult Scout leaders expected to attend.

Theme of the meeting is "Strengthen America - Character Counts." The leaders represent 529 local councils serving 5,210,294 members in 132,626 units.

Goldberg To Receive Degree at Portland

Portland—UPI—Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg will receive an honorary doctorate of law degree from the University of Portland at graduation exercises May 27.

Goldberg also will be the commencement speaker.

Shoup Quits as State Milk Audit Supervisor

Salem—UPI—The milk audit supervisor for the Oregon Agricultural Department, D. P. Shoup of Salem, resigned today, the department announced.

Shoup has been chief auditor for the state's grade A milk audit program set up in 1957. He came here from Medford five years ago and said he expects to return to private industry.

APPOINTED
Salem—UPI—The State Board of Education Tuesday confirmed the appointment of Arthur M. Gillespie as a vocational rehabilitation counselor in the Pendleton office of the State Education Department's vocational rehabilitation division.

Medical Care Program Given Damaging Blow

Texas Democrat Tells Opposition

Washington—UPI—A damaging, and possibly fatal, blow was delivered today to prospects for congressional passage this year of President Kennedy's medical care program for the elderly.

One of the Democrats who had been tentatively counted upon to help pry some compromise version out of the House Ways and Means Committee disclosed that he would vote against the measure.

"I don't intend to vote for it this year," Rep. Clark W. Thompson (D-Tex.) told United Press International.

Doubt Raised

Thompson's opposition raised grave doubt administration forces would be able to break the committee bottleneck that has blocked congressional action for five years on bills to add hospitalization insurance to cash benefits of the Social Security program.

The showdown vote is expected next month.

Thompson spoke out just five days in advance of simultaneous rallies that will be staged by medical care supporters in 30 big cities in an effort to whip up "grass roots" pressure on Congress.

President Kennedy will lend his prestige to the rallies next Sunday afternoon with a nationally televised address from New York City's Madison Square Garden.

Newspapers, TV, Radio Station To Provide Coverage

Two newspapers, a radio station and a television station will cooperate in a locally unprecedented effort to provide fast and accurate election night coverage here Friday night.

Television station KBES-TV and radio station KYJC will assist in both collection and tabulation of returns, and in their immediate broadcast.

The Mail Tribune and the Ashland Tidings will collaborate in collection and tabulation in the joint venture, the first locally in which three different news media have pooled their resources for the purpose. A combined crew of some 50 persons will be at work.

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Fire Razes Bend Department Store

Bend—UPI—Fire blazed through Bend's largest department store Tuesday night, threatening other buildings in the city center before it was controlled.

An unofficial estimate placed damage at \$100,000.

Police blocked off the downtown area at the height of the blaze, which burned for about 2½ hours.

Stock in the one-story Wetzel's Department Store was described as a total loss. Sections of the roof also caved in.

Owner John Wetzel said he believed insurance would cover most of the loss.

Medford District May Receive \$22,855 For Participation in Oregon Project

Elliot Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford public schools, last night reviewed for the school board Medford's and Southern Oregon college's participation in the Oregon Project, a four-year, \$3.5 million project designed to improve schools and teacher education.

More than \$1 million has been deposited with the state department of education to initiate the state-wide program from Ford Foundation's Fund for Advancement of Education, Becken said.

Tentatively, the Medford district will receive \$22,855 and Southern Oregon college \$26,810 for participating in the program in 1962-63.

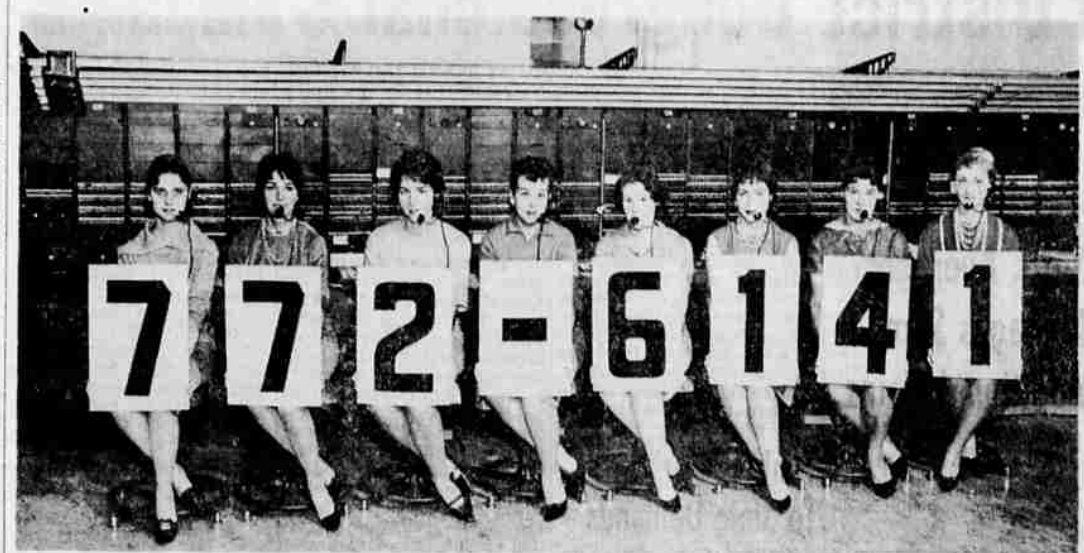
Flexible Schedule

The college program will concern teaching teachers, and the Medford school district program will be for a flexible schedule at Medford High School.

Class scheduling at Medford High will be changed to deviate from the "Carnegie Unit"

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NEW NUMBER—This is the new "letterless" telephone number of the Medford Mail Tribune. It will become effective May 18 and be dialed exactly the same as our old number, SP 2-6141. Pacific Northwest Bell operators displaying the number are, from left, Elaine Reisinger, Sylvia Gardner, Wanda Smith, Mary Miles, Doralee McKee, Irene Caster, Pat Pellett and Marilyn Schempp.

Policy on Mexicans In Fruit Harvest In Area Said Same

The Seattle office of the U.S. labor bureau said today the policy of allowing Mexican labor to help harvest the Rogue valley fruit crop is the same as in the past.

The Seattle office said that when all domestic labor sources are exhausted, only then will Mexican nationals be allowed north of the Oregon-California line. The labor bureau said it is not able to tell what the situation will be.

A local fruit shipper and grower said this morning he does not know how to interpret this statement. It could indicate a slight change in policy from the statement made earlier this year, he said.

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Bill Would Increase Unemployment Claims

Salem—UPI—The Oregon AFL-CIO intends to sponsor a bill in the 1963 legislature that would increase the maximum unemployment claim in Oregon from \$40 a week to \$47, according to George Brown of Portland, political education director.

Brown said the legislation would increase the maximum weekly benefit to one half the average weekly wage in Oregon—which is \$94.

Federal Help Said Needed for Schools

Washington—UPI—Education officials from Michigan, Oregon and Tennessee told Congress today that the state and localities need federal help to continue improving their schools.

The three officials brought to 13 the number of states whose education departments have appeared before a House Education subcommittee to support "new approach" school aid legislation by Chairman Cleveland M. Bailey (D-W.Va.).

Fighter Planes Bolster Defense; Marines on Hand

SEATO Nations Will Send Help

Bangkok, Thailand—UPI—United States fighter and transport planes landed in Thailand today as the vanguard of an American military buildup to bolster this country's defense against Communism.

Headed for Bangkok Harbor was a force of 1,800 combat-ready Marines, scheduled to be landed within hours and to be swiftly deployed to tactically important points near the border with Communist-threatened Laos.

Landings Begin Today

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said only that the Marines would be landed within the "next 24 to 36 hours" but the White House in Washington said the landing would begin at 2 p.m. (PST) today.

The Marines will join a 1,000-man Army force already in Thailand, the soldiers having been kept there for a familiarization period following their participation in a SEATO maneuver last month.

Others To Help

The United States plans to follow up the Marines and soldiers with other reinforcements in the near future to bring its force here up to an estimated 5,000 troops. Other SEATO nations are expected to send at least token forces to help.

As the Marines moved up the Gulf of Siam aboard units of a 7th Fleet task force towards Bangkok Harbor, there were strong indications the Communists had brought their offensive in neighboring Laos to a halt.

Russians Renew Cease Fire Pledge

Washington—UPI—Hope for a diplomatic settlement of the Laos crisis rose slightly here today with Russia's renewed pledge to support a cease fire and creation of an independent, neutral government in the strife-torn Southeast Asian kingdom.

Top officials, however, warned against any undue optimism. They pointed out that Communist intentions in the area still were far from clear.

Officially said Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin's reaffirmation, in a conference Tuesday with Secretary of State Dean Rusk of Russia's year-old pledge to support a cease fire and creation of an independent government in Laos was heartening as far as it went.

The real test will come, they said, on the ground in Laos where the Communist-led Pathet Lao rebels appear to be holding their fire after wresting the northwest part of the country from pro-Western royal government forces.

With those words, Salan followed a principle common to all armies: The commander is ultimately responsible for the actions of his subordinates, and accepts the rewards or punishments as they fall due.

Mysterious Objects Said Flakes of Ice

Edwards AFB, Calif.—UPI—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration disclosed Tuesday that the "mysterious objects" filmed by the X15 rocket plane during its world record altitude flight two weeks ago were actually flakes of ice.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair tonight with warmer daytime temperatures through Thursday. Low tonight 35. High Thursday 65-70. Temp.

Highest Yesterday 51
Lowest This Morning 32
Precip. To 10 a.m. Today .04

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:31 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:44 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:11 a.m.
Full Moon May 19

VISIBLE PLANETS
Mercury, 9:16 p.m.
Venus, 9:16 p.m.
Saturn, 1:03 a.m.
Mars, 1:03 a.m.
Jupiter, in the southeast at sunrise.

