

Three Injured In Three Sunday Auto Accidents

Three persons were hurt in three accidents Sunday on Jackson county highways, according to the state police.

Samuel William Matern, 19, of 1149 South 10th st., Coos Bay, and his passenger, Melvin J. Taylor, 28, of Los Angeles, received cuts and bruises when the car in which they were riding hit a highway fence on Interstate Highway 5, two miles south of Rogue River.

Both men were taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Hull and Hull ambulance from Grants Pass. Taylor was treated and released and Matern was reported in fair condition this morning.

Alice Elaine Riegel, 23, of 503 Spencer st., Medford, is being treated at the Ashland Community hospital for numerous bruises and a neck injury as the result of another accident. She is in fair condition.

The accident occurred one mile south of Talent on Highway 59, police said, when a car, driven by Wayne Barrington Hoobler, 18, of Sutherlin, stopped. The car driven by Alice Riegel struck the rear of the Hoobler car. The injured woman was taken to the Ashland hospital by Litwiller Ambulance Service.

The third accident occurred on the South Stage rd. near King's highway when cars driven by Charles William Dailey, 40, of 502 South Fir st., Medford, and by Jesus Ramirez Garcia, 30, 657 South Stage rd., sideswiped.

No injuries were reported and only minor damage to the two cars, state police said.

Contact Social Security Office Before Retiring

Are you planning to retire the end of the year? If you are, see your Social Security office now, advises Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford office.

By applying for your retirement benefits a few weeks before you stop working, you can speed up receipt of your first check, he said.

"Inquire before you retire," is a good rule to remember. Whether you've decided to retire or not, you should visit the social security office a month or so before you reach retirement age.

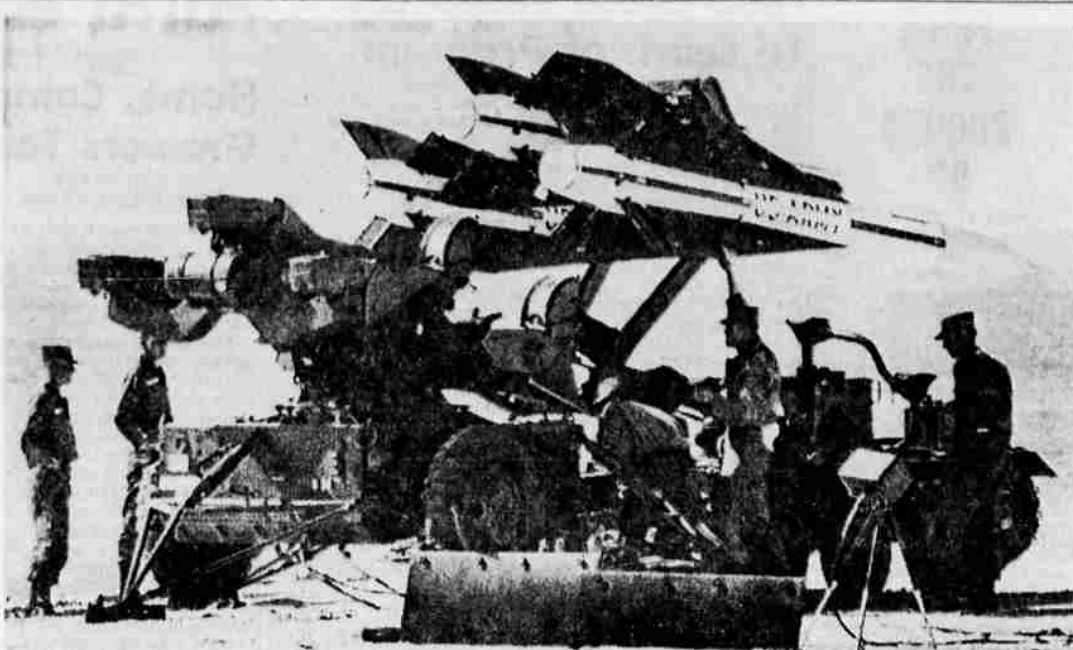
"We won't tell you whether you should retire," Jacobson explained, "but we can tell you when to apply for social security."

By checking with the social security office before you retire, you can be sure of receiving your first retirement check promptly. Payment of retirement benefits at age 62 is now possible for both men and women as a result of amendments to the social security law made last year.

The social security representative will help you get whatever proofs are needed to complete your application. For example, Jacobson said, you'll probably need to prove your age. The office can tell you whether any of the documents you have will do.

Check with social security even if you're still working. You don't have to quit work entirely to get social security benefits. Many people have this wrong impression, and they are losing social security payments.

The Medford Social Security office is located at 1005 East Main st. in the Mail building, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



MISSILES LOADED - U.S. Army anti-aircraft missiles are loaded from caterpillar-wheeled vehicle to their launcher, on George Smathers beach at Key West, Fla. The missiles

which seek out enemy aircraft by heat device, were there just in case of trouble over Soviet missile bases in Communist Cuba. (UPI photo)

Washington Report

By William S. White
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ARMISTICE ENDS

Washington - The long armistice in direct Republican presidential politicking which has persisted since election night of 1960 has now ended. In the political calendar a new year has already opened, as from the morning after the Nov. 6 congressional and state elections.

Already there is a stirring among the various backers of the broadened field of 1964 Republican presidential possibilities which those elections proved in the triumphs won by Governor-elect William Scranton in Pennsylvania and George Romney in Michigan.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York still heads the list of these possibilities. But his old stand-out position has been compromised both by the successes of Scranton and Romney and by the fact he won reelection much less handily than his managers had predicted.

THE defeat of Richard Nixon for governor in California has removed him from real consideration for the presidential nomination itself. It seems increasingly doubtful, however, that it has erased him as a major figure in the 1964 G.O.P. presidential convention.

California's delegation to that convention will be immensely important—and it is far from certain that even in his defeat Nixon will lack influence over which way this and other delegations will go.

The Nixon haters, the most implacable band in American politics, have not been content simply to see him licked. The Balkan-like vendetta with which they have pursued him even beyond the brink of his presumed political grave has been both cruel and foolish. They have undoubtedly rallied to him—and possibly also enlarged that large national political following which might otherwise have been content simply to call it quits and turn elsewhere.

REPUBLICANS - particularly the organization types who usually control presidential conventions—have long memories. And they do not necessarily and always discard the leadership advice of losers. Thomas E. Dewey,

for one example, came back from two crushing presidential defeats to mold and master succeeding G.O.P. conventions as a backroom king-maker.

The shrill animosities of the hysterical kind of Democratic partisan - animosities which President Kennedy himself scorned by making a courtesy call upon Nixon his first business after defeating the former vice president two years ago—have left Nixon at least an enigmatic factor. Otherwise, he might hardly have been a factor at all.

Politics is not a business of sentiment. But politicians are not immune from the common American trait not to enjoy seeing a man kicked when he is down—and indeed some times to pick him up, dust him off and help him have another go.

AMONG the major actual possibilities, Rockefeller has been handicapped by the unwise, extreme forecasts made for his reelection by some of his people—Rockefeller by 800,000 to one million. In fact, of course, he won by half a million—but now this is being described by backers of other Republican hopefuls as "only" half a million.

Scranton and Romney have thus been promoted while Rockefeller has been put somewhat on the defensive. Their immediate problems are less than his, if simply because it is not constantly said of them that they won by "only" such and such.

It is, therefore, less claimed than it was before the recent election that Rockefeller would be the more or less inevitable choice for 1964. Many Republican politicians for the first time are talking seriously, and not merely in a comfortably speculative vein, about Scranton and Romney—with a bit more emphasis on the first name because Scranton has had previous political experience and because he comes from the bigger state in electoral strength.

Queen, Philip Mark 15th Anniversary

London—Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip marked their 15th wedding anniversary today on different sides of the world.

The queen spent part of the morning holding an investiture at Buckingham Palace. Prince Philip, visiting Australia to open the British Commonwealth Games at Perth, arrived in Canberra.

Flags flew from all public buildings in London to mark the occasion.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN ODD-BALL came into a local radio station recently with a "singing dog" in tow. He explained, however, that the dog would only sing while his master was in the bathroom.

Used to just about everything by this time, studio executives obligingly stashed the man away in a hall bathroom—and, sure enough, the dog began to sing—or wail. That's when the lock on the bathroom door got stuck. By the time they got the door open, the dog's "singing" had been heard over a cooking program, and advice to young mothers session, and a discussion about Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer."

Harlan Miller reports that the 14-year-old son of one of his colleagues has purchased a little black book for addresses and telephone numbers. On the outside, the book, no blushing virgin, he has confidently written "Volume One."



Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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FREE WORLD UNITING VERSUS RECESSION

A series of events of potentially enormous bread-and-butter meaning to the hundreds of millions of us who live in the free world has just occurred in Paris and Brussels. Grossly under-reported and underestimated here, these developments will mark another milestone in the unification of the Atlantic nations and in the common defense of the West against any enemy—military, political or economic.

Here is what has taken place.

(1) In Paris, the top financial policy-makers of 20 nations, including those of Western Europe, the United States and Canada, met behind closed doors to work out policies to fight any threat of recession anywhere in the free world next year.

The key word is "together." Not in all history have competing nations made this sort of effort to cooperate to combat general business downturn and to achieve prosperity for all. The effort alone reveals a new recognition that economic deflation in one nation flashes trouble for all.

Most significantly, the meeting resulted in approval by our foreign friends of U.S. plans to slash taxes next year to spur our economy's growth, in an understanding that the U.S. budget deficit caused by the tax cuts will not be "fiscal irresponsibility" and in an implied agreement that they'll not raid our dollar and gold reserves.

(2) In Brussels, the leading policy-makers of the six nations belonging to the Common Market met to work out their own programs to fight recession within Europe in 1963 or thereafter. They also started on the creation of new monetary and economic institutions in the next four years of knock down more of the barriers separating Europe into nations. The era of "one Europe" is unfolding more rapidly than any one even dreamed.

Consider what these developments could mean.

In decades gone by, when the United States economy stumbled, we usually dragged Europe down with us, and independent action which European countries took and we took often helped turn a decline into a slump. In decades gone by when a great country fell into financial difficulties and the solidity of its currency became suspect, raids by speculators and self-protective steps taken by bankers in other nations frequently helped topple the troubled country's currency.

But if the experiments initiated at Paris and Brussels turn into hard agreements, this will be no more.

The free world's leaders will work together to avert business declines, and when we resolve to adopt coordinated policies to keep our economies growing strongly we will achieve the strong growth. We are the masters, not the servants, of our economic systems. We will work together to protect each other's currencies from attack and preserve each other's gold reserves, and when we do this each of us will be able to concentrate more on bolstering our own economies. We are the masters, not the servants, of the speculators.

The 20-nation meeting at Paris was the Economic Policy Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a vital foundation of the Atlantic Community. Our delegation, headed by the President's chief economic adviser, Dr. Walter H. Heller, explained our plans for substantial tax reductions to stimulate our economy, obtained the support of the Europeans for our plans.

The six-nation meeting at Brussels was the Commission of the European Economic Community (EEC). At that meeting "The Six" proposed a monetary union which the London Economist calls "the biggest monetary venture" since we created our Federal Reserve System. The commission also submitted plans for a "community" budget for The Six and for coordination of economic planning on an unprecedented scale.

The economic-financial-commercial unification of the free world began in a faltering way at Bretton Woods in 1944, with the establishment of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. It has progressed since through the Marshall Plan, the European Payments Union, the various international tariff-cutting agencies, the Common Market, the OECD, our new Trade Expansion Act, now these events.

The free world is unifying and the limits and potentialities of this are only those of our own imaginations.

PLANS U.S. VISIT

Washington—(UPI)—The White House announced Monday that President Jorge Alessandri Rodriguez of Chile has accepted President Kennedy's invitation to visit the United States. He will arrive in Washington Dec. 11.

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'Shot in the Dark' Entertaining As First League Play

Those who attend the theater for relaxation and amusement found it last night in the opening play of the Broadway Theater league season in Medford.

It was "A Shot in the Dark," starring the appealing little French actress, Annie Farge, in a French comedy-mystery which depends heavily upon casual love affairs to keep the plot alive. Miss Farge is billed as the star, and she really is the star.

"A Shot in the Dark" was written by Marcel Achard for the French stage and adapted by Harry Kurnitz for presentation in this country. It concerns a wealthy and aristocratic French couple, their parlormaid, Miss Farge's role, and their Spanish chauffeur who has murdered before the play opens but whose presence is constantly there because he had been the maid's lover and she is accused of killing him.

Joel Thomas is the pompous Benjamin Beaureverre, the wealthy Frenchman, and Fredi Chandle is his wife, Robert Burr is a dedicated but vulnerable magistrate who questions the maid, Paul Bantyne is the chief prosecutor and Stanley Jay is the court clerk. Barbara Stanton is the magistrate's pretty, wholesome wife.

Needs To Be Sharp

The dialogue is sharp and it needs to be for the play has little action. For most of the first act, Miss Farge sits in the middle of the stage in a chair, the magistrate sits in his chair and the clerk sits at his table while the magistrate questions the maid.

It is fortunate that Miss Farge is vital, pert and can dominate a stage while sitting in a chair. Otherwise, the play would be pretty much of a loss, in spite of the well-seasoned and comic lines. But Miss Farge's tiny body—she weighs about 90 pounds, fairly vibrates and she is extremely effective with a toss of the hand a shake of the head or a rolling eye. She makes the maid of casual morals an appealing and likeable person.

Carried by the French dynamo, the play held last night's audience; there was much good, solid laughter, ap-

plause for good scenes during the play and several curtain calls at the end. It was, all in all, a most satisfactory opening for the season.

Following the play, members of the Broadway Theater league board sponsored a supper party at Kim's restaurant and most of the cast and other company members attended and mingled with the theater patrons in a friendly fashion.

The season skips December dates, and two plays are booked in January—O.S.

Portland Grocer Shot by Gunman

Portland—(UPI)—A gunman shot and wounded a grocer here Monday night during an unsuccessful holdup.

Grocer Thomas Anderson, 53, was taken to Emanuel Hospital for treatment of a bullet wound in the leg. He was listed in satisfactory condition.

Anderson told police two young Negroes entered his store in North Portland shortly after 9 p.m. One asked for cigarettes, then demanded money. When the grocer resisted, the bandit shot over the counter into his leg and the pair ran.

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