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Castro Ridicules U.S. for Paying 'Indemnification'

Kennedy Compared To Pirate Chief

Havana –(UPI)– Premier Fidel Castro lashed out at President Kennedy today and ridiculed the United States for paying "indemnification" for 1,113 ransomed Cuban invasion prisoners.

"They call it ransom," Castro said. "We don't care what they call it.

"They had to agree to pay indemnification.

"For the first time in history, imperialism has paid war indemnification."

Anniversary Highlight

Castro's speech was the highlight of his regime's observance of its fourth anniversary in power. He spoke after a two-hour review of Cuba's armed might before a reviewing stand of 400 Communist notables.

Castro tried to poke fun at Kennedy's action in welcoming home the invasion prisoners and pledging that their flag would be returned to a "free Havana."

Castro suggested that perhaps there was a bar in Miami called the "Free Havana" and speculated that Kennedy may have had "too much to drink" when he spoke with the prisoners.

He said Kennedy "acted like a vulgar pirate chief" when he met with "the invasion cowards . . . They have hoodwinked Kennedy," he shouted.

Castro said the only reason the United States paid the ransom he demanded for the release of the invasion prisoners was "because they were defeated . . .

"At Giron Beach (a reference to the April, 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion attempt) they (imperialists) suffered their first defeat in Latin America."

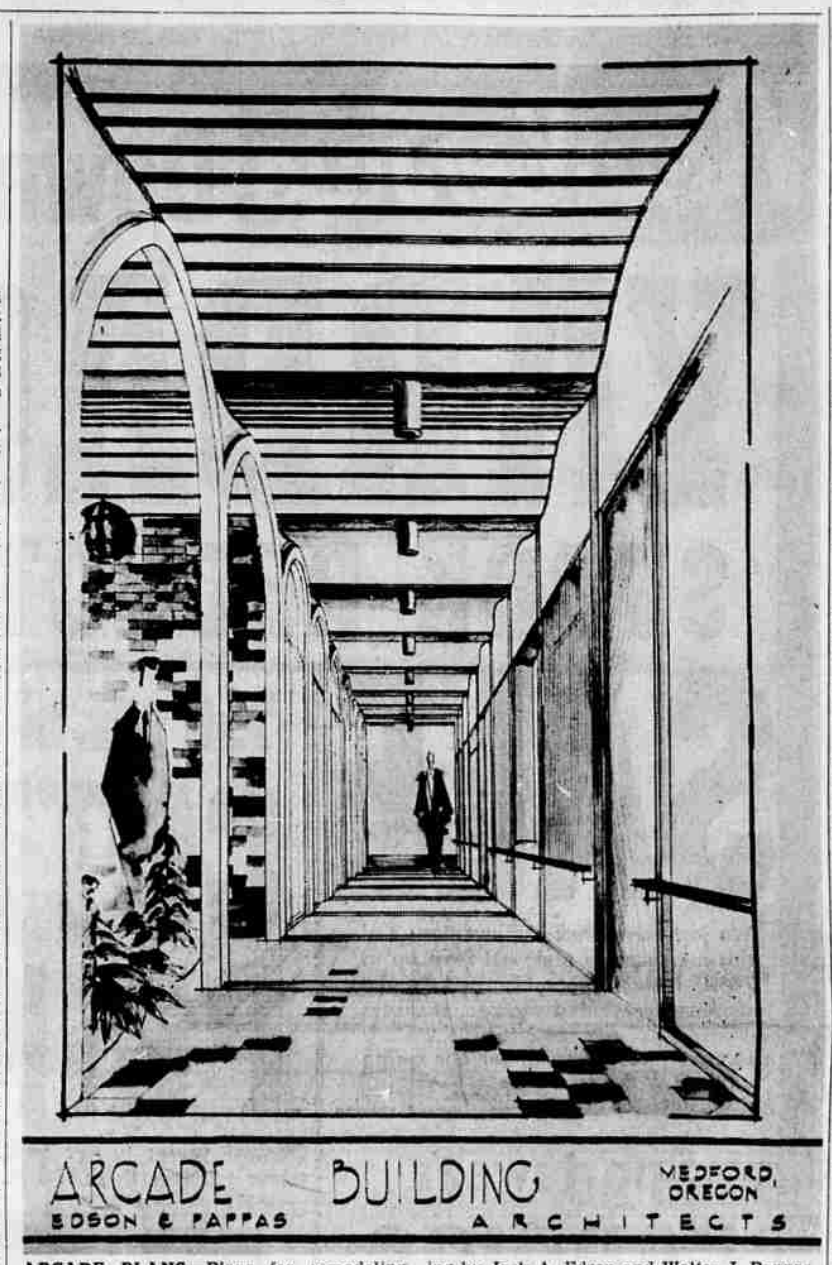
Courts Invited to Meeting on Monday

The Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association has invited the Jackson and Josephine county courts to attend a meeting of the group Monday, Jan. 7, at the Rogue Riviera, Gold Hill.

Progress last year toward making the Rogue basin project a reality, and plans for the new year will be reviewed by the association's board of directors.

Association President Ben Hilton said representatives probably will fly to Washington, D.C., in the near future to request supplementary funds for planning.

"So far we are right on schedule," Hilton commented this morning. "The project was authorized just before Congress adjourned. Supplemental funds would carry us through on planning until July 1, or the beginning of the new fiscal year. If approved, the annual appropriation for further planning funds would come about Sept. 1."



ARCADE PLANS—Plans for remodeling the building formerly owned and occupied by the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association include an arcade structure for the ground floor. Announcement of the purchase of the two-story building by Jack A. Edson and Walter J. Pappas of Edson and Pappas, architects, was made this week. Small shops and business offices will occupy the arcade which will extend from Main st. to an alley.

Arcade Planned for Downtown Location By Local Architects

The purchase of the former office building of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association at 126 East Main st., by Jack A. Edson and Walter J. Pappas of Edson and Pappas, architects, was announced this week by H. J. Field, association president.

The architects, who now have offices at 44 North Front st., plan to remodel the building to include small shops or business offices on the ground floor served by an arcade which will extend from Main st. to an alley between Ginn's Flower shop and The Fashionette apparel shop, it has been announced.

The structure also will give access to the parking lot behind the Robinson Brothers store, from South Central ave., to the arcade.

Offices on the second floor of the building, formerly occupied by the late Kenneth Denman, attorney, and more recently by his son, Donald K. Denman, attorney, will be remodeled to serve the architectural firm.

The building has been owned by the association since 1932 when it housed the Model Clothing store. In 1934 the association offices were moved into the building where the firm continued in operation until December, 1960, when a new building at 2 East Main st., was completed and occupied by the association.

Two Freeway Jobs Planned in County

Two Jackson county projects, both on Interstate 5, are among state highway projects scheduled for contracting in 1963, according to the highway department's annual summary of completed and proposed projects.

The two projects will total an estimated $7,500,000. They are for grading and paving of the South Ashland-Wall Creek section of Interstate 5 and for grading, paving, and structures of the Wall Creek-Siskiyou station section of the freeway.

The South Ashland-Wall Creek addition to the Interstate 5 construction was announced at the highway commission's meeting in Medford Dec. 20.

No Indication Seen of Major Milk Price War

Salem – (UPI) – The Oregon dairymen were watching and waiting today—but so far no major milk price war had developed as the result of the expiriation of the milk stabilization act.

The milk price control law expired at midnight Dec. 31.

Kenneth Sawyer, chief of the milk audit and stabilization division of the Department of Agriculture, said this morning that no other notices of price reductions had been received.

Last week he revealed that one distributor had filed notice for a price cut to be effective Jan. 1.

Meanwhile, Oregion dairy industry committee members were preparing for a meeting to be held here next Monday at which a proposed draft of a new milk marketing law will be presented.

If approved by the industry committee, the new law would be proposed for enactment by the legislature.

The committee meeting will take place on the first day of the three-day Oregon Dairymen's Association meeting scheduled here.

Reports of possible milk price cuts caused concern throughout the dairy industry last week, just before the temporary stabilization law expired.

Sawyer said today he doubted there would be any immediate major price cuts.

"I have no crystal ball, however," he added.

"I think probably everyone in the industry is watching and waiting."

An emergency meeting of producers from throughout the state, called for Thursday, was canceled because of next Monday's meeting.

Traffic Safety, Drunk Driving Proposals Listed

Report Submitted To Gov. Hatfield

Salem–(UPI)–Thirty-nine legislative changes — including establishment of speed laws and drunk driving regulations – were proposed today by the Oregon Legislative Highway Interim committee.

Rep. Norman R. Howard (D-Portland) submitted the committee's report to Gov. Mark Hatfield today.

Seven of the proposed changes involved traffic safety.

One would set the speed limit at 25 miles per hour in school and business zones, 30 miles per hour in residential zones, 65 miles per hour on open highways other than freeways where the limit would be 70.

Retention of Basic Rule

"The proposal contemplates a retention of the basic rule in its present form," the committee said. The basic rule makes it illegal to drive in a manner that is unsafe in view of weather and road conditions.

The drunk driving provisions call for arrest on "probable cause" for drunk driving. Another would permit chemical tests for intoxication of a person arrested for drunken driving. A third would make it unlawful for a person to drive or be in physical control of a vehicle while drunk.

The committee urged the legislature to adopt standards for seat belts, even though present law does not require installation of seat belts.

Wrong Way Unlawful

Another recommendation would make it unlawful to drive the wrong way on a one-way road or one-way section of a freeway. At present there is no statute which clearly lists wrong-way driving as a violation, the committee stated.

Authorizing the use of flashing amber lamps on state, county or other political subdivision vehicles when used for official business also was recommended.

Other members of the Interim committee include Sens. Melvin R. Goode (R-Albany), Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland), and Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario), and Reps. Robert L. Elfstrom (R-Salem) W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg), and William Bradley (D-Gresham).

Flood Sufferers May Contact Hoover

C. C. Hoover, Eagle Point, chairman of the Jackson County Flood Relief committee, today urged persons who suffered flood damage last month but who have not made arrangements to obtain loans or aid to contact him.

Hoover pointed out that because there are several organizations and agencies that can offer aid in cases where property was damaged, some individuals may be uncertain which one they should contact.

Persons wishing advice of this nature may call Hoover at 826-9221.

City Receives No Payment From Service

The city of Medford has received none of the more than $8,000 owed it by the Rogue Flying Service, City Manager Robert A. Duff said this morning.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy and smoky with occasional periods of rain through Thursday. Possible southerly winds in Ashland and other higher localities tonight. Low tonight 35. High Thursday 40-45.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	54
Lowest This Morning	38
Prec. to 16 a.m. Today, Trace	

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	4:50 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:41 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	12:37 a.m.
First Quarter tonight 5.02 p.m.	

The planet, Venus, goes around the Sun in 225 days and is now in Perihelion or on the point of its orbit nearest the Sun. On Friday the Earth will be in Perihelion.

MISS 1963—The first baby born in Jackson county this year, Susan June Yost, above, seemed pretty blase about holding the title of Miss 1963 when she posed for her picture at Rogue Valley hospital Tuesday. In fact, she slept through the whole procedure. She is shown with her mother, Mrs. Fred Yost, Delta Waters rd., Medford. Susan was born at 6:07 a.m. new years day, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Highway Toll Edges Upward; 388 Dead Listed

By United Press International

The New Year's holiday traffic toll edged upward today, dashing hopes that the nation's drivers had set a safety record.

The National Safety Council, however, said the final death count for the four-day holiday week end still would be below advance estimates.

The council estimated before the week end began that from 420 to 480 persons would be killed in traffic accidents between 6 p.m. local time Friday and 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

United Press International counted 388 persons dead in traffic accidents as late reports trickled in.

Fires Claim 73

The breakdown shows traffic claimed 388 lives, 73 died in fires, 12 in airplane crashes and 132 from miscellaneous causes for a total of 605.

California led the nation with 47 highway fatalities. Texas had 35, Illinois 20, New York and Oklahoma 19 each, and Pennsylvania 16. Florida and Georgia reported 14 each, Ohio and North Carolina 13 each, and Michigan and Virginia 12 each.

No deaths were reported in Alaska, Hawaii, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Wyoming.

The record low in traffic deaths for a four-day New Year's holiday was 375 in 1951-52. The worst year was the 1956-57 102-hour New Year's observance when 409 persons were killed.

Tshombe's Plea for Cease Fire Vetoed

United Nations, N.Y. –(UPI)– The United Nations today rejected Katanga President Moise Tshombe's request for a cease fire in his secessionist province.

"It is too late for negotiations," a spokesman said but he added that UN troops in Katanga will "resort to fire only when fired upon."

In replying to a Tshombe plea for negotiations in the current clash between United Nations and Katanga troops, a UN spokesman said that secretary general Thant "is definitely not seeking a resumption of negotiations over the Katanga problem."

He "sees no need for further discussions except at the technical level," the official statement said.

These technical talks would concern implementation of Thant's plan to reunify the Congo.

Seven Persons Die In Oregon Traffic During Week End

By United Press International

At least seven persons died in accidents in Oregon during the long New Year's holiday week end. Four died in traffic, one person died in a fire, an industrial accident took a life, and a man was killed on a private road when he fell from a car.

The official 1962 traffic death toll was 480, five less than the previous year. One person died on New Year's Day.

Not Officially Listed

The State Motor Vehicles Department safety division said Walter Doran Frazier, 28, Bates, was killed on a private road and his death is not officially listed as a traffic death.

Mrs. Anna May Shadey, 50, Eugene, was the new year's first official traffic fatality. She was killed when the car in which she was riding was struck from behind by another car on the Willamette Pass highway east of Goshen.

A fire at Tigard early Tuesday took the life of Mrs. Virginia Grey, 84. She was trapped inside an old frame house when the fire broke out.

Edmund W. Currier, 59, Newberg, was killed Monday when a pile of sawdust fell and suffocated him as he worked to load it into a truck bed. His body was found Tuesday.

Three persons died in traffic Saturday.

Leslie Peterson, 6, Kettle Falls, Wash., was killed in a one-car crash near John Day. Guy L y, 66, Eureka, Calif., died when struck by a car near Lakeside.

Agda Johnson, 21, Portland, was killed in a head-on crash near Dayton.

The Motor Vehicles Department said 47 persons died in December, 1962, compared to 40 traffic deaths in December, 1961.

Railroad Crossing Hearing Is Slated

The public utilities commissioner Tuesday will hear new evidence on an application for a grade crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks at Barnett rd. by the city of Medford.

The hearing is scheduled in Salem at the PUC office at 1:30 p.m. Attending from Medford will be City Manager Robert A. Duff, and City Engineer Vernon Thorpe.

Further evidence also will be presented by the city regarding safety at all present railroad crossings in the city showing that it will not decrease with an additional grade crossing.

The hearing is the first scheduled on a new application for the crossing filed by the city with PUC in July. The PUC, in an earlier application, ruled in favor of the crossing on the condition that the 11th st. crossing be closed. The city appealed the ruling to Jackson county circuit court.

Earlier this year Southern Pacific and Medford entered into a stipulation agreeing that the circuit court could remand the matter to the PUC. The order was signed by the court.

Two Burglaries Are Reported in City

The Public Library of Medford and Jackson county was one of two buildings entered during the long week end, according to Medford police.

The entry at the library was discovered Tuesday afternoon by Librarian Omar E. Bacon.

Police said a rear window in the building was broken to gain entry to the structure. Burglars pried open seven locked doors to enter various offices. Nothing was reported missing or ransacked, officers noted.

In the other entry, reported at 8 a.m., the Cash and Save Oil company, 3602 North Pacific highway, lost approximately $100 in cash and some auto accessories.

City police reported that an overhead door was opened to gain entry. The money was taken from a cash box in the office.

Also checked by police Tuesday was a case of malicious mischief at Snider's Dairy, 28 North Bartlett st. The door handle on the exterior of the office was reported bent.

Stumbo Sentencing Is Scheduled on Thursday

Sentencing of Harry Warren Stumbo, 34, Wolf Creek, who has been charged with setting a forest fire, has been set for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly said this morning.

Stumbo's attorney, Robert Boyer, Medford, has been out of town and could not be in court today.

Stumbo had pleaded guilty earlier to the charge, which arose out of a series of forest fires set last July in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Forest Service Mistakes Result In Large Gains

Values Declared Under-Estimated

Washington–(UPI) – Government auditors disclosed today Forest Service mistakes had resulted in windfall profits to unidentified private interests that acquired timber lands in the Rogue River National Forest in Oregon.

The general accounting office reported to Congress a review of two land exchanges showed that the forest service had under-estimated timber values. The result, it said, was that private parties were able to sell timber lands they acquired in the exchange for $207,000 more than the appraised value.

Sold for Profit

In one exchange, in January 1960, timber lands were acquired at the appraised price of $76,060 and a month later sold for $225,000, according to the report.

It added that in the second exchange, in May 1960, the timber land was appraised at $25,260 but the following month sold for $83,500.

GAO examiner said that in one case the ultimate purchasers of the timber lands had cut 98 per cent more timber than the forest service had estimated.

The GAO report said Carroll E. Brown, forest supervisor for the Rogue River service, had told examiners that the major part of the differences between estimates and the actual cut had been due "to the use of improper volume tables."

Siuslaw Exchanges Probed

The examiner said they also had studied two exchanges in the Siuslaw National Forest. Although they said there was "erroneous and unsupported data" in reports of the transactions, they did not report significant under-estimates of timber values.

The four exchanges reviewed by the examiners were *among nine made during the period under study.*

The GAO said it had recommended to Forest Service Chief Edward P. Cliff that appraisal methods be tightened up to prevent inaccurate estimates.

Cliff agreed that the findings showed a need for a review of appraisal procedures but expressed fear that the GAO comments on the two cases would "reflect unfavorably on the land exchange program as a whole."

He said land exchanges had been "outstandingly successful" in providing a more logical pattern of federal ownership through acquisition of private lands within national forest boundaries.

Bodies of Father, His Son Are Found

Happy Camp–The bodies of Floyd H. Pettit, missing Auburn, Calif., attorney, and his 10-year-old son were found at the edge of the Klamath river about three miles west of here yesterday.

Authorities found no trace of Pettit's other son, age 8, and the pickup truck in which all three apparently were riding. They theorized that the vehicle must have gone into the river, possibly with the other boy still in it.

Pettit and his sons were reported missing Sunday when they failed to return from a hunting trip in the Happy Camp area.

The two bodies were discovered about 11 a.m. yesterday by Dick Bolkum of Happy Camp, the California highway patrol said. The 10-year-old son's body was found on some rocks by the river, while Pettit was found in water at the edge of the river.

A watch that had stopped at 9:07 was found at the scene.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

LEMNITZER TAKES OVER AS NATO CHIEF

Paris–(UPI)–Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer took over a supreme commander of NATO forces in Europe today with a pledge to carry on the alliance's collective defense "for the preservation of peace and security."

SEARCH FOR STORM VICTIMS CONTINUES

Boston–(UPI)–Rescue teams today continued their round-the-clock search for families, motorists and ice fishermen trapped by the worst blizzard of the century in northern Maine.

RED CHINA PLEDGES TO SUPPORT CUBA

Tokyo–(UPI)–Communist China, in a New Year's blast at the United States, today pledged its full support to Cuba in maintaining a foothold for communism "on the American continent."

THIRD BLIZZARD HITS WESTERN ENGLAND

London–(UPI)–The third blizzard since Christmas gathered force in western England today bringing new woes to Britain, already suffering its worst winter in 82 years.

Seven Bodies Discovered in Wreckage Of Meat-Packing Plant in Indiana

Terre Haute, Ind. –(UPI)– An explosion shattered a meat-packing plant today, burying dead and injured workmen under tons of debris and endangering survivors and rescue workers with deadly ammonia fumes.

At least seven persons were known to be dead and police feared the toll might rise to 17 in the blast at the Home Packing Co. At least 46 persons were injured, some of them critically. The plant was a total loss.

Police Chief Frank Riddle said 12 to 13 men were unaccounted for. Nine of the missing were believed to be trapped inside a freezer buried beneath a stack of debris. Riddle said any men trapped in such a fashion were undoubtedly dead.

Other missing men were buried under the collapsed east wing of the building. They included Donald Scott, brother of the plant owner, who was sitting at his office desk when the explosion occurred.

Rescue workers, many of them wearing gas masks to protect them from ammonia, managed to clear the rubble from the head and shoulders of another trapped workman, John Fisher. Fisher was still alive and was given a shot of morphine to dull his pain.

The known fatalities were pronounced dead upon arrival at two Terre Haute hospitals.

Of the 250 men reported working in the plant when the explosion occurred, 200 were accounted for four hours later.

The blast released lethal ammonia fumes from ruptured refrigeration units and the gas spread over the wreckage.