

U. S. Calls on Tshombe To End Secession

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Gasoline Tax Hike Proposed For Road Bonds

The Oregon Coast Association has proposed legislation for a 1-cent a gallon increase in gasoline taxes to finance bonds for highway construction.

The roads would be built in "have not" highway areas throughout the state with the No. one project a 25-mile section in Tillamook county. Legislators from coastal areas are said to have agreed to submit the bill.

The story is on page 2A.



TERRY GREEN
Named to Council

Parties Comment On Profit Claim By U.S. Auditors

U. S. forest service officials of the Rogue River national forest, an executive of the Cal-Ore Recreation Association and two private parties today answered charges made Wednesday by the general accounting office that private interests in Jackson county made substantial profits on timber land exchanges in the forest.

Carroll E. Brown, forest supervisor, said he had not seen a copy of the GAO land exchange report on which the news stories from Washington, D. C., had been based.

Charles Collins, Medford, executive vice president of the Cal-Ore Recreation Association, said he could not understand the attitude of the GAO, and the two private parties involved in the land exchanges said the government got the best of both deals.

Robert Wells, secretary-manager of the B and W Mining company, said "I would rather have my land back. I could do better with it today."

Paul Haviland, lawyer for the Taylors of Talent, said the government got about one-half million dollars worth of property for less than half the price.

Wells said the only reason his firm made a profit was because there was a break in the price of white fir logs. He said otherwise he could have lost money on the exchange.

Green Named To Medford Council; Other Posts Filled

A list of new appointments to city boards and commissions was submitted by Mayor James Dunlevy to the Medford city council last night. All appointments were unanimously approved without objection.

Heading the list of appointments was Terry Green, 26, of 1359 Siskiyou blvd., who was named to fill Dunlevy's unexpired term as councilman from Ward 4. Green's term will end Dec. 31, 1964.

The new councilman attended the University of Oregon and Oregon College of Education. Prior to moving to Medford four years ago, he was associated with Firestone Rubber company in Roseburg. He is a partner in the Insurance Mart, 36 South Bartlett st. He is married and has two children.

Fills Unexpired Term

Two years ago, Green was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the planning commission. Following that, he was named to the city budget committee, from which he resigned to accept the council appointment. Green has been active in YMCA work, and is a state vice president of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Other appointments last night included: Herb Partidge, 1401 Siskiyou blvd., and Wayne Struble, 1005 East Main st., to the planning commission; Tod Tibbitt, 2215 East Main st., Don Reverman, 401 Holmes ave., and John Kent, 922 South Oakdale ave., to the park and recreation commission.

Salem's 'Blue Law' May Get Court Test

Salem — Salem's auto sales "blue law" may face a Supreme Court test, attorneys for auto dealer Don J. Donofrio said Thursday.

Donofrio, operator of Skyline Ford Co., was cited by Salem police and charged with selling autos in violation of a 23-year-old city ordinance which outlaws auto sales on Sundays.

The attorneys said they would appeal to the high court if Donofrio is convicted of violating the ordinance when he makes a scheduled municipal court appearance next Monday.

Transient Caught Under Truck Here

A 37-year-old transient walked into a downtown store yesterday afternoon, grabbed an armful of women's black leotards and fled down an alley, dropping a trail of the garments behind him.

Three city police officers pursued him — he was easy to follow — and found him hiding under a truck in the alley between Ninth and 10th sts.

As officers pulled him from under the truck, Paul Eugene Harless looked up at them and snarled:

"O.K., you've got me for boosting, don't make a federal rap out of it."

They didn't. He was lodged in Jackson county jail on a charge of shoplifting.

NEWS BRIEFS

'RED DEAN'S' RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

London — Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, has tendered his resignation to Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and it was accepted by Queen Elizabeth today.

THAW ENDS COLD GRIP ON EUROPE

London — A warming thaw ended the deadly grip today of a 13-day winter storm period that paralyzed Western Europe and killed almost 1,000 persons.

LINER ADRIFT IN MEDITERRANEAN

London — The Pacific and Orient Lines said today its liner Canberra carrying 2,230 passengers was adrift in the Mediterranean without power following a fire in the engine room.

The fire was put out in an hour and there was no casualties, the line said.

United Nations Orders Probe of Three Shootings

Criticism Mounts Against Capture

Leopoldville, The Congo — The United States called on Katanga President Moise Tshombe to "end promptly" his secession efforts in the Congo.

At almost the same time, the United Nations ordered an investigation of the shooting of two Belgian women and a man by UN troops who seized the key mining town of Jadotville.

The two moves came as criticism mounted against the capture of Jadotville, apparently in defiance of orders from headquarters in New York.

Bunche En Route

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN undersecretary for political affairs, hurried to the Congo to investigate what happened during a "temporary breakdown in communications." He passed through London and Rome on his way here.

The UN troops who captured Jadotville, meanwhile, reinforced their positions there amid speculation they would not advance against the city of Kolwezi, Tshombe's last stronghold in the secessionist province.

In telling Tshombe to quit, the United States said it had "a heavy responsibility" to end his threatened "scorched earth" tactics and promised fight to the finish.

Peaceful Settlement Urged

Washington said such actions "would result in disruption of economic life and the sowing of seeds of bitterness which would make extremely difficult the peaceful reintegration of Katanga into the Congo, which he himself has accepted."

Pointing out that UN forces now occupy most key populated places in Katanga, noting that the central government at Leopoldville has promised "amnesty" to Tshombe and full civil rights to the Katangese if they give up the struggle, and saying there is no desire to deny him a place in the future of a reunited Congo, Washington said the Katangese leader "should act at this vital moment in the interests of all the Congolese people."

Incident Regretted

A spokesman at headquarters in New York said Secretary General Thant and the UN commander in the Congo "deeply regret" the tragic incident in which the two women were shot to death and the man wounded.

Thant called for an inquiry immediately after hearing that the women were killed.

Drainage Problems To Be Discussed

A public meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the courthouse auditorium to discuss drainage problems in the Bear Creek basin which arose during the December flood, County Judge Earl M. Miller said.

Miller said he was mailing letters today inviting mayors, city managers and superintendents of Eagle Point, Talent, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Central Point, Phoenix, Medford and Ashland, irrigation district managers and representatives of the county watermaster's, U. S. Geological Survey, state highway department and social conservation district offices also are invited, Judge Miller said.

The storm pointed up the need for better drainage systems, a problem which becomes increasingly difficult as more road and home construction takes place in the valley, Miller said.

The meeting was requested in a letter from Frank Van Dyke, Medford lawyer.

GRANT AWARDED

Portland — Portland State college has been awarded a \$389,280 grant for an environmental health research center — the largest grant in the seven-year-old school's history.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Valley fog tonight and Saturday, except for brief afternoon clearing, and fair above fog. Low tonight 28-33. High Saturday 40-45.

Highest Yesterday 49
Lowest This Morning 29
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 2:38 a.m.
Full Moon Jan. 5
The Earth is in Perihelion today, on the point of its orbit nearest the Sun. Our distance from the Sun today is 91,412,000 miles; the average distance is 92,957,416 miles.



RIVER FERRYED—Indian UN Commander Gen. Rom watches his men ferry their equipment over the Lufira river outside Jadotville, Katanga, in the Congo, for the final thrust at Jadotville. UN troops captured the city with little effort and then aimed their drive at Kolwezi, 100 miles away, Katanga President Moise Tshombe prepared a last-ditch stand at Kolwezi against onrushing UN forces. Shown inset is Ralph Bunche, UN Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs, who was dispatched to the Congo for an investigation of the Katanga UN command's decision to capture Jadotville in defiance of orders by UN Secretary General Thant. (UPI)

South Viet Nam Suffers Defeat In 2-Day Battle

Saigon, Viet Nam — Communist guerrillas killed 65 government troops and wounded 100 others at nearby Ap Bac, a government spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the casualties for the furious two-day battle were the highest for a single action since a paratrooper battalion suffered about 200 dead in a guerrilla ambush in November, 1961.

The government defeat was all the more humiliating because a 200-man Communist Viet Cong battalion at Ap Bac managed to escape into the jungles after holding the hamlet in daylight fighting against a government force 10 times as big and supported by planes, artillery and armor.

Informal sources said it appeared the U. S. military mission and the South Vietnamese government would have to revise military strategy in the light of lessons learned in the costly battle.

Some advisers found only three guerrilla bodies in a village to Ap Bac, just 30 miles from Saigon, shortly after the Viet Cong fled, taking their wounded and most of their dead with them.

The humiliating performance by the government force was capped by an accidental shelling of its troops. Three Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 12 others were injured by the error.

Flying Service Gets Permit for 90 Days

A 90-day permit to allow Rogue Flying Service to continue in operation at the municipal airport was approved by the Medford city council last night. City Manager Robert Duff recommended passage of the measure.

Duff told the council that the firm has paid the city \$500 of the more than \$8,000 it owed in back rent, and had agreed to pay \$500 each month until March.

The city would retain title to the firm's real assets to secure the debt, Duff said. City Attorney William Mansfield assured the council that if Rogue Flying Service should default on the debt, the city could obtain the amount owed to it by sale of the firm's assets.

Counsel for the firm, Medford Attorney John R. Dellenback, addressed the council briefly. The arrangements were "satisfactory" to his client, Dellenback said.

County Court To Get Appraisal of Property

The Jackson county court will ask the county assessor's office to make an appraisal of county property for sale at 1335 South Peach st., it was decided this morning.

Clinton R. Phelps, 1337 South Peach st., offered verbally to buy the property at \$800, but County Commissioners Chester Wendt and Edwin Taylor set the value at \$1,000. Total value of the entire lot including the adjacent property owned now by Phelps was estimated at \$2,000, it was noted.

School Board Gives Views on Proposed Consolidation Plan

The school board of District 549C has recommended to voters of the district that they consider a proposal to consolidate the Phoenix-Talent district with Medford if it is submitted to voters of both districts.

A public hearing on the proposed consolidation will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

In an information statement to District 549C patrons, the Medford board said it believed the consolidation proposal is timely, sound and feasible.

But it pointed out that the board was not making the statement in an effort either to solicit or discourage the support of the Phoenix-Talent board for consolidation. The board's interest, the board noted, is twofold.

1. Continuation of the best possible educational facilities for children in the district.

2. Providing patrons and taxpayers of District 549C with all pertinent information so they may be well-informed regarding their schools at all times.

The board said it believes the existing boundaries of the two districts should be maintained unless the two districts, as a whole, consolidate.

Should the districts be consolidated, the board said, there are three points which may be assumed.

One is that elementary pupils would remain essentially as they are; the second is that junior high school students would continue as they now are, unless it is considered advisable to convert Phoenix High school into a junior high school; and the third is that should the districts be consolidated there probably would be two senior high schools with the Phoenix-Talent students entering the nearest of the two high schools.

Review of Philosophy

The board's statement reviews the district's philosophy concerning education of children, standards for students and teachers, and why it supports the large high school concept.

The board also pointed out that it has not formulated plans for accepting the responsibility of the education of the children should consolidation be approved. "It is not feasible to formulate in advance the best means by which such a process should be carried out," the board noted.

Board members feel that development of a detailed plan for carrying out such a consolidation should be a joint responsibility of the districts involved.

The board's statement appears on page 11A of today's Mail Tribune.

A Big Bluff

Portland — A would-be robber bluffing with a bottle of shampoo he said was explosive in an attempted bank holdup here Thursday.

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Pomeroy was ordered to close the bank and open the vaults. In a quick aside, assistant manager Ken Shideler told Mrs. Nancy Henry to step on the alarm. She did, but she stepped on the fire alarm.

Acting on the robber's order, Shideler opened the door to let the robber out when customers started pounding on the doors from outside. As the man left Shideler struck him from behind and Fire Chief Ken Hickey, whose engines had answered the alarm, confronted him with a monkey wrench.

The bandit had told a captive audience in the bank that he had "cancer, diabetes and tuberculosis" and that a "buddy's got a bomb in the manager's house" and would blow up the house if anything went wrong at the bank.

Both the bomb and the buddy were nonexistent, police said.

Kennedy Attends Funeral Service For Sen. Kerr

Palm Beach, Fla. — President Kennedy put vacation pleasures aside today for a sad journey to Oklahoma City to attend the funeral of Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.).

The White House announced that Kennedy will meet at the winter White House Saturday with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Thomas K. Finletter, U.S. representative on the NATO council. They will discuss strains within the Western alliance over nuclear policy and other matters.

Senate Democratic Leader

Mike Mansfield was included in a small official party accompanying the President to Oklahoma City. Sen. George Smathers (D-Fla.) also made the trip. Smathers is secretary of the Senate Democratic Conference but has said he wants to abandon that job and concentrate on activities in the Senate Finance Committee — where Kerr had shown great influence.

Sorrow Reflected

Kennedy's sorrow over the death of Kerr — who steered the administration's trade bill and numerous other measures through the Senate — was reflected in the statement issued by the President Tuesday, several hours after he learned of the influential lawmaker's passing.

The President said then that Kerr "will be greatly missed when the Senate opens next week and even more so in the months ahead." Kerr had opposed Kennedy on several key issues, particularly medical care for the aged through Social Security financing, but he was considered a major force for the New Frontier in Congress.

Umapine Man Indicted By Umatilla Grand Jury

Pendleton, Ore. — A Umatilla county grand jury Thursday indicted John Pena of Umapine on second-degree murder charges in the knife slaying of Manuel Alvarado, 31, Walla Walla, Wash., Tuesday night.

Would-Be Bank Robber Foiled in Parkrose Job

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