

# Kennedy Would Double School Aid Spending



WRESTLERS ARRIVE — Eight Japanese youths, who are national wrestling champions in their country, arrived at Medford High school this morning. Medford High School Wrestling Coach Ralph Monroe is shown greeting them as they got off the bus in the picture above. The visitors will compete with Medford High school wrestlers at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium at 8 o'clock tonight. Reported to be extremely clever, the Japanese wrestlers have won all their matches during their tour of Oregon.

## Portland Schools Closed Following Monday Snowfall

Portland — (UPI) — Western Oregon's biggest snow of what has been a dry winter snarled traffic, closed schools and contributed to at least one death. The sun broke out over the Portland area today and chilly east winds whipped down the Columbia Gorge over a snowfall that measured from two to six inches in the city. The snow ranged throughout Western Oregon.

All Portland public schools closed because of hazardous traffic conditions, as did some suburban schools. Portland State college also shut down. Accidents Reported

Rural schools in Polk and Marion counties closed but Salem and Corvallis schools were open.

A rash of traffic accidents was reported.

Ovillie William Latham, 59, Boring, was dead on arrival at a hospital after a two car collision 10 miles east of Oregon City. Sheriff's officers said icy roads and snow contributed to the accident. Four persons were hurt, none critically, when a car struck an icy spot north of Vancouver, Wash., and rolled down a 200-foot embankment.

Slender Hurt

Bradley Smith, 21, Portland suffered facial injuries when his sled struck a parked car.

Service station attendants in downtown Portland ran two hours behind in putting on chains before the evening traffic rush Monday.

The weather man said occasional light snow would continue in southern Oregon today, with freezing temperatures over the state tonight. Another storm front is approaching from the south and is expected to move inland late Wednesday, but this one should bring rain west of the Cascades, the weather man said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

- LAUNCH OF SATELLITE POSTPONED**  
Cape Canaveral, Fla.—U. S. scientists today postponed for about one week their plans to orbit a new experimental communications satellite.
- The launching of the 150-pound Syncom "space switchboard" originally set for Feb. 5, is expected about Feb. 13, informed sources said.
- NUCLEAR TEST BAN PROSPECTS SAID GOOD**  
United Nations, N.Y.—(UPI)—Secretary General Thant of the United Nations said today that prospects for a nuclear test ban agreement are "much higher than at any time in memory."
- ANTI-FILIBUSTER PETITION CIRCULATED**  
Washington—(UPI)—Liberals today circulated a round-robin petition designed to get a majority of the Senate on record for a vote in favor of lightening its anti-filibuster rule.
- Frustrated by Senate rules and lack of a helping hand from the Kennedy administration, the rule-changes advocates tried the device of getting an unofficial commitment by signature.

## SPECIAL SESSION SEEN IF TAXES REJECTED

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday he would have to consider the possibility of calling a special session if voters reject tax increases expected to be enacted by the current legislature.

Hatfield made the comment at a press conference when asked if he agreed with House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), that cutbacks might have to be made in basic school support.

Barton proposed basic school support should be cut

if voters rejected tax increases. Barton termed it the only fair way to have everyone share in cutbacks.

Hatfield said as governor he would first have to consider the question of cutbacks in state services, and might have to call a special session.

He said he would be in a better position to judge the "trend" of current revenues after the end of the month. Hatfield has not yet announced where the \$1.7 million in cutbacks announced last week

## Message Carries Most Requests Made Previously

Parochial Dispute Left Unsettled

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy today offered Congress an education package that would double present federal school aid spending. It was greeted by a threatened revival of a religious dispute which killed its predecessor.

Kennedy submitted the program with the promise that it would give every American a chance to learn more, earn more and live better.

Less than an hour after his message was received in Congress, Chairman Adam C. Powell, (D-N.Y.) of the House Education and Labor Committee said the program was dead unless the dispute over aid to parochial schools was solved first.

But Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.) told reporters he believed Kennedy's over-all program has "better than a 50-50 chance of being adopted" and that some of its proposals have a "very, very good chance."

"I commend the President," he said. "Our educational needs are increasing, not decreasing. Congress will have to come to grips with it sooner or later."

The President asked for a catchall school aid bill that would provide new assistance about equal to the \$1.5 billion already being spent on education each year by the federal government.

The bill carried with some notable concessions — nearly every education request Kennedy has made since taking office two years ago. It also carried most of the controversial, including the bitter public-parochial school dispute, that killed off the entire Kennedy education program in the last Congress.

The legislation outlined in Kennedy's education message would help pay for new classrooms, laboratories, libraries and shops; provide higher pay and better training for teachers; and open new sources of funds for college students.

Unofficially, its total cost over three to four years would be about \$5 billion.

The program was tailored to meet some of the congressional objections that have dogged school aid proposals from both Democratic and Republican presidents. These changes may get some parts of the program through Congress.

But it carried little promise for an end to the church-state fight for aid to grade and high schools. Kennedy asked for a four-year, \$1.5 billion program to help public schools build classrooms and raise teacher pay. The program was smaller and cheaper than in 1961. Unlike past requests, he did not give his reasons this time for seeking no direct aid to private and parochial schools.

However, the President made it clear he regarded Congress as duty-bound to face and resolve the religious dispute as well as others facing school aid proposals.

"We can no longer afford the luxury of endless debate over all the sensitive questions raised by each new proposal," he said.

The federal government... has clearly not met its responsibilities in education," the President said.

Warning that "ignorance and illiteracy... breed failures," the President said his bill would increase the educational opportunities of "potentially every American." He said this was vital both to national security and domestic well-being.

## Harvey Aluminum Is Invited to Committee

Salem—(UPI)—The Senate Tax committee voted 5-2 Monday to invite Harvey Aluminum of The Dalles to air its tax grievances before the committee.

Harvey has protested the tax assessment made by the state tax commission.

## Long Distance Telephone Calls for \$1 Proposed

Washington—(UPI)—The Bell telephone companies have proposed new interstate telephone rates that would permit long distance calls anywhere in the continental United States for \$1 or less between the hours of 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

Under the new rate schedule, a three-minute station-to-station interstate call placed between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. local time could be made anywhere in the continental United States for \$1 or less.

## Senate Approves Legislative Pay; Sent To Hatfield

Salem—(UPI)—The Senate passed and sent to the governor for signature today the controversial legislative pay bill.

Senators voted 17 to 12 to adopt the measure, and also voted to appropriate \$1,225,000 to finance the legislature through June 30.

Both bills first were introduced in the House. The pay bill passed the House 41-18 after heated debate.

Senate action on the measure seemed almost routine compared to the hassle which developed in the House.

Sen. Al Fiegel (D-Roseburg) moved for passage.

Sen. Glen Stadler (D-Eugene) voiced opposition and said pay increases should be adopted in step form — \$15 a day expenses and \$1,500 a year salary this session, and then to \$3,000 a year and \$20 a day expenses next session.

Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland) said prolonged debate would not change anyone's mind, and called for an immediate vote.

The measure which now goes to Gov. Mark Hatfield for signature, calls for a \$3,000 a year salary and \$20 a day expenses for not more than 120 days.

Other Action

In other Senate action today, Mahoney submitted a bill requested by the Oregon Bar providing a death sentence shall be stayed if an appeal is taken. The bill also prescribes the procedure for staying of sentences in other cases in event of an appeal.

Sen. Vern Cook (D-Gresham) introduced a bill to increase the maximum on veterans' home loans from \$13,500 to \$15,000, and farm loans from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Rep. Howard Willits (D-Portland) and 31 other representatives and three senators submitted a bill which would keep the racing commission from granting more than one race meet license for every 400,000 population, or more than one race meet of a class within 100 miles of each other in the same year. Race meets at state or county fairs are exempted. This would affect a proposed dog racing plant at Wilsonville in Clackamas county.

Election Pay Bill

Rep. Philip D. Lang (D-Portland) introduced a bill to raise the minimum pay for election board clerks from \$1 to \$1.25 per hour and from \$6 to \$10 a day.

A bill by Rep. Robert Packwood (R-Portland) would raise the total base year earnings needed to qualify for unemployment compensation benefits from \$700 to \$1,200.

## BODY FOUND

Kenosha, Wis.—(UPI)—The lime-coated body of missing juke box distributor Anthony J. (Tony) Biermat was found Monday night in a vacant house on the abandoned Bong Air Force Base.

## FOUR CHILDREN DIE

Puyallup, Wash.—(UPI)—Four children died in an early morning fire which swept through the two-story frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Spencer here today.

## BRITAIN LOSES BID FOR COMMON MARKET

Talks Collapse As De Gaulle Ignores Appeals

Brussels, Belgium — (UPI)—Britain's bid to enter the European Common Market today ended in failure, scuttled by President Charles de Gaulle of France.

France ignored a last-ditch appeal from the United States in behalf of Britain and brushed aside the Washington warning that banning Britain from the market could imperil the Atlantic alliance.

Talks Collapse

Talks among the foreign ministers of the six market nations collapsed in failure after a series of "crisis" meetings Monday and today.

Five members of the European Economic Community — West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Italy — wanted Britain in; France did not.

The five failed to convince France that further discussions should be held on Britain's admission. De Gaulle felt that 15 months of talks were enough.

Wanted Special Treatment

Britain wanted entry with special provisions to protect its domestic agriculture and commonwealth trade. France said it must come in without special arrangements.

When the long talks failed to make progress, the other five members of the market proposed that the executive commission of the EEC recapitulate developments and hold more talks in a few weeks.

Said Not Ready

De Gaulle has said Britain is not ready for admission now, and wanted no more talks in the foreseeable future. He remained adamant in the face of pressure from all sources, including the United States.

The move could change the economic and political face of Europe and the shape of the Atlantic alliance with the United States.

A final meeting, attended by the six market members and Britain, wound up with France effectively vetoing London's bid for entry.

The final collapse was foreshadowed when West German Vice Chancellor Ludwig Erhard said earlier "all hopes are gone."

## Tension Increased In Southeast Asia By Borneo Claims

Tokyo—(UPI)—Tension mounted in Southeast Asia today over rival claims to portions of rugged Borneo, the world's third largest island.

The dispute involved Indonesia, Britain, Malaya and The Philippines in varying roles.

Indonesian Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Achmad Yani flew to Pontianak in western Borneo for an inspection trip

aimed specially at "that section bordered on the turbulent northern segment of Borneo," according to Radio Indonesia.

Indonesia controls the southern two-thirds of Borneo. England dominates the northern third through two colonies — Sarawak and North Borneo — and the oil-rich protectorate of Brunei.

Reports from Indonesia said tens of thousands of volunteers have offered to join nationalist jungle units to "liberate" Brunei from British rule.

Britain alerted 2,000 strategic reserve troops in London for possible Southeast Asia duty if the situation gets worse. Airborne British infantrymen were airlifted to Brunei over the week end from Singapore.

In Malaya, Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman told a news conference the British troop movements were connected with Indonesia's vitriolic attacks on Malaya and the proposed Malaysia Federation.

The federation is scheduled for creation sometime this year. It would include Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, North Borneo and possibly Brunei.

A rebellion broke out in Brunei and areas of Sarawak and North Borneo last month, led by nationalists opposing both British rule and inclusion in Malaysia.

The Philippines, which started the British government by claiming North Borneo late last year, Monday formally presented the claim in London.

## Newry Introduces Bill on Explosives

Salem—(UPI)—Penalties for abandoning or carelessly storing explosives would be stiffened today by a bill introduced today by Sen. L. W. Newry, R-Ashtland.

Newry said every year children in Oregon suffer blindness or loss of limbs from handling explosives such as blasting caps.

Newry said improperly stored dynamite presents a hazard to hunters and range animals and wildlife.

He said 11 cattle died in the Applegate area of Oregon last year from eating abandoned dynamite.

## PICKET BILL OFFERED

Salem—(UPI)—A bill to prohibit labor unions from hiring "professional picketers" was proposed today by Rep. Phil Lang, (D-Portland).

## WEATHER

FORECAST: Snow, increasing in intensity tonight, possibly becoming sleet heavy early Wednesday morning. Chance of snow turning to rain Wednesday. Low tonight 28-32. High Wednesday 30-35.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:21 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:25 a.m. Moonset tonight 10:27 p.m. First Quarter Feb. 1

PROMINENT STAR Sirius, in the southeast 7:54 p.m. VISIBLE PLANETS Jupiter, low in west 7:50 p.m. Mars, in the east 8:54 p.m. Venus, low in southwest 3:57 a.m.

## Support Urged To Change Date of Primary Election

Salem—(UPI)—"This will greatly cut down on the turmoil of the election period," Rep. Jake Bennett said Monday as he urged support of a bill to move Oregon's primary election date from May to September.

The Portland Democrat testified before the House Elections committee.

"This is the people's bill," he said.

He said the change would eliminate "long drawn-out campaigns," reduce the "almost prohibitive cost," and let public officials spend more time tending to the people's business instead of campaigning.

Alternate Method

Bennett said the committee would have to work out an alternate way of electing delegates to presidential nominating conventions.

J. D. McDonald of the Oregon AFL-CIO endorsed the proposal.

State Elections Director Jack Thompson, however, said a "massive revision" of Oregon's election laws would be required to implement a change in the primary election date.

He said it would take a long time to draw up the changes — more than the present session.

The committee did not take any action.

## Forget the Snow: Spring's On Its Way; The Herons Are Back

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN Mail Tribune Correspondent

Hornbrook—"Whatever happened to the Baby Cranes? Why, they've come back home to raise more baby cranes."

And the Great Blue Herons are back! (There are those who call them "Cranes," but the bird books say "No.")

Bob Church and his crew of weather merchants at the Medford airport can talk all they want about "continued cold" winter weather—but, "Mother knows best."

Mother Nature, that is. Let the cold nip us every night—come Gaytime and sunshine, and unmistakable first soft stirrings of spring are on every hand. Yellow-hammers scream at each other in the framework of the windmill, or do a nose-dive from the top down into the furrow of dead leaves, blown along the fence-line—then let sleeping bugs beware of that trip-hammer bill! Two white-crowned sparrows are sitting on the woodpile, giving each other the eye, object, matrimony. Meadowlarks, and the ever-present starlings—those black sheep of the bird-world—waddle along side by side among the brown dead weeds in the fields.

Now and then a meadowlark is overcome by the spirit of spring and the pure gold notes of his joyous spring song pour forth from his equally pure gold bosom.

Small boys go hop-skippping by on their way to school with their shiny new Christmas baseball hats and mitts held proudly over their shoulders—each one sure he'll be the "Mickey Mantle" of the schoolyard this year.

But for Hornbrookers, the real proof that spring is just around the corner is when the first Great Blue Heron appears in the tall pines in the cemetery, duly chronicled in the Mail Tribune each year. It was on Feb. 4 last year, and on Jan. 30 the year before that the first one was spotted. Something stirred in their breasts a little earlier this year, as it was early on the morning of Jan. 24, that the first scout showed up, followed on Jan. 26 by three more.

And as spring steps up its tempo, more and more will join these early birds until the heronry will have its normal population of these magnificent, dignified heralds of spring.