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MOTHER DEAD—The mother of these five children is dead, killed by a hit and run driver, Margaret Yaczenko, 32, was crushed to death in front of her home while her children slept. They are Jimmy, 11, and Donna, 7, in front, and Cace, 3; Diana, 6, and Matthew, 5. The victim's estranged husband, Donald, has been booked on suspicion of hit and run felony. (UPI)

Congressman Sheds Light on Morgan's Move

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Washington (Special)—Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.) has shed a good deal of light on the decision of Howard Morgan to quit the Federal Power Commission in disgust.

The Sacramento congressman revealed that FPC Chairman Joseph Swidler had encouraged him to introduce legislation to tighten the regulation of power companies who build major high voltage transmission. But after Moss introduced such a bill, Swidler advised congress not to approve it.

"It's incredible," declared Congressman Moss in an interview.

He explained the sequence of events in this fashion:

Last March the FPC majority approved issuance of securities by Pacific Power and Light Co. for a host of new construction items, among them a link in an eventual private intertie between PP&L and Pacific Gas & Electric territory in northern California. Morgan wrote a blistering dissent, but Moss learned that the FPC withheld its publication.

As chairman of the House Freedom of Information subcommittee, which rides herd on government secrecy, Congressman Moss called Swidler to his office to discuss the issue.

In that discussion, Moss said Swidler explained that the FPC lacked authority to withhold approval of a powerline project. Moss said he would introduce a bill granting the FPC the necessary authority.

Moss said Swidler gave him the impression he would welcome such legislation. The congressman then directed his assistant to draft such a bill with the cooperation of the staff of the FPC. It was introduced last June by Moss and by Sen. Clair Engle (D-Calif.).

The bill requires all utilities which are subject to FPC jurisdiction (public and private) to obtain a certificate from the FPC before they could construct or operate a line with a voltage in excess of 230 kilovolts. This would exclude lines used for relatively short distances but would cover huge long-distance lines such as are contemplated in a California-Northwest intertie.

Integration Proposed

On Jan. 9 the FPC dispatched its report on the bill to the House and Senate commerce committees. Swidler and three other commissioners concurred in saying "we do not favor the present enactment of the bill." They noted that the FPC has started a national power survey designed to encourage the nation's utilities to integrate their systems most efficiently with major connections. They said they thought this voluntary effort might later suggest "whether additional legislation is necessary."

Morgan's dissent called the majority view "naïve in the extreme" because "some elements of the electric industry customarily employ technological advances to protect and maintain monopoly positions while isolating, restricting or strangling municipal or rural electric systems and publicly-owned transmission lines."

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Redden Names Interim Successors

Representative James A. Redden (D-Medford) has appointed three Jackson county men to act as his emergency interim successors as provided by Oregon law.

Appointed were Al Bradford, Thomas J. Reeder and William V. Deatherage. Bradford, a candidate for the legislature in 1962, served in this capacity for Congressman Robert B. Duncan during Duncan's last term in the Oregon House.

Reeder, a Medford attorney, is a former Jackson county district attorney and presently practices law in Medford. Deatherage, active in local Democratic politics, also practices law in Medford.

Rep. Moss disclosed that he had suggested to the Kennedy administration two years ago the adoption of new regulations governing issuance of easements and building transmission lines. New regulations were recently announced requiring utilities to wheel public power over such lines when requested. The PP&L-PGE application for a right-of-way to cross national forestland in California has been delayed by the administration's pending adoption of such regulations and congressional action on the intertie issue.

Morgan said that in a private discussion he had with Swidler about the PP&L powerline, the FPC chairman told him he wasn't going to take on the utilities on this issue because he wanted to avoid arousing any opposition to his appointment, and confirmation to another FPC term when his present term expires in 1965.

Obviously, this is what Morgan referred to in his letter to President Kennedy last week in which he warned of the dangers of timidity and the desire for personal security in men who can't take the pressure from industries they are supposed to regulate in the public interest.

Absentee Ballot Forms Available For Feb. 11 Vote

Registered voters in School Districts 549C and Phoenix-Talent may vote by absentee ballot if they will be out of the county when the Feb. 11 school election is held on a consolidation.

County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold, as secretary of the rural school board, will serve as clerk for obtaining absentee ballots. Application must be made in writing and signed by the applicant, Mekvold stressed. If application is mailed, reasons for the request must be included in the letter.

To qualify to vote by absentee ballot, a registered voter must know that he will be absent from the county on election day, reside more than 15 miles from the polling place, and by reason of physical disability be unable to attend the election.

Mekvold said that absentee ballot forms are available in his office in the annex of the Jackson county courthouse.

Absentee ballots must be received by Mekvold no later than five days before the election, except in cases of physical disability occurring within the five days or on the day of election. In both cases sworn affidavits are required accompanying the absentee ballot request.

If the voter is unable to vote on election day because of emergency services in connection with natural disasters such application must be accompanied by a statement of a person authorized to require such emergency services.

Persons who are registered voters at least 30 days prior to the election and have resided in the school district six months prior to the election and in his precinct at least 30 days are eligible to vote.

No Opposition Is Noted at Hearing

No opposition was expressed against formation of an Evans Valley rural fire protection district at a public hearing in the Jackson county court office yesterday afternoon.

County Judge Earl M. Miller said an order would be drawn setting a time and place for an election. Besides voting on the formation of the district, voters would elect a board of five directors.

The area already has a volunteer fire department which is financed on a donation basis. However, formation of the district with power to impose a tax would provide needed additional fire equipment.



STORMS LASH JAPAN—At least 58 persons are known dead and seven are missing following blizzards which lashed Japan and enveloped 16 prefectures. The number of homes destroyed or damaged by the snow totaled 171. Here residents of Takayama City, some with umbrellas, walk along paths cleared through the deep drifts in the downtown area. (UPI)

WEATHER

FORECAST: Rainy periods, occasionally moderate to heavy amounts through Friday. Some fog and smoke in valleys and occasional fresh southerly winds in parts of valley. Snow above 6,000 feet. Low tonight 30-35. High Friday 40-45.

Highest Yesterday: 40
Lowest This Morning: 22
Precip. in 10 a.m. Today: .21

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today: 5:21 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow: 12:49 a.m.
First Quarter tomorrow: 12:30 a.m.

PROMINENT STAR
Orion, low in northwest: 7:13 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, rises: 3:55 p.m.
Jupiter, low in west: 7:45 p.m.
Venus, rises: 4:44 a.m.

Act To Remove Balloon Loaves In State Asked

Salem—(UPI)—The State Agriculture department asked the legislature today for clearer authority to remove "balloon" loaves of bread from the shelves of Oregon's grocery stores.

The department said the housewife is being duped.

The House Food and Dairy committee, however, declined to introduce a bill requested by the Oregon Retail Bakers association that would have accomplished what the Agriculture department wants.

'Irrefutable' Evidence

Agriculture Director James Short said there is "irrefutable" evidence that the public is being deceived by the balloon loaves—one pound loaves baked in one and one-half pound pans to make them fluffier.

A half dozen large, wholesale bakeries are making money on "a one-third dilution of air," he said.

Short said the large bakeries are pitted against some 200 small retail bakeries that do not bake balloon loaves, with the public, and the department, caught in the middle.

The smaller bakeries want the balloon loaves banned. Retail grocers are happy with the balloon loaves, Short said, since they can be offered for less money and thus are more competitive.

Clearer Decision Sought

Chain stores, short said, so far have avoided baking balloon loaves pending a clearer decision on whether they will be legal.

The Agriculture department last year issued a regulation banning the baking of balloon loaves in Oregon. Multnomah county circuit court threw the regulation out on grounds it was unconstitutional.

Property Tax Relief Bill Introduced in State Legislature

Salem—(UPI)—A bill to relieve the property tax by 10 percent through offsets provided by state income and excise taxes was introduced today by Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk) chairman of the House Taxation Committee.

Cosponsor of the bill was Sen. Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras) chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee. The bill also carried the signatures of 11 other representative and senators.

"This proposal will funnel a portion of income tax receipts back to the county, school and city tax districts," Eymann said.

"It is so drawn that local tax districts will not be encouraged to increase their tax levies because the six percent limitation will still be against them.

"If enacted, about one dollar out of every ten spent by the county, the schools and the cities will come from state income taxes instead of local property taxes.

Transfer Costs

"It is in line with the move to transfer more of the costs of local government to an ability-to-pay principle," Eymann said.

The bill provides that the state will collect a supplemental income tax amounting to 20 percent of each taxpayer's tax. This will be distributed to the counties on the basis of the county's assessed valuation.

Each county's share would be split into three shares, he said, one for the county, one for all the cities in the county, and one for all the school districts in the county. Each share would be calculated on each group's portion of the tax levies made.

The money will apply as a direct offset on each property tax levied, Eymann said, "and the amount of saving made by each taxpayer will be shown on his property tax bill."

In the Senate, a bill to appropriate \$128,000 to higher education for research projects was introduced at the request of the Agriculture Committee. The bill would provide \$98,000 for fluoride air pollution studies, and \$30,000 for symphyliid investigations.

ARSON SQUAD CALLED

Corvallis—(UPI)—State arson squad experts were called in today to investigate the burning of an Oregon State university police guard station early this morning.

No further details of the incident will be related by the family until an analysis of the medicine has been completed.

Fire Damages Shop on Crater Lake Highway

Don's Plumbing and Coating company shop, 1902 Crater Lake highway, was damaged by fire about 7 p.m. yesterday, Medford firemen said. The fire extended to walls and ceiling. Windows were damaged by heat, a panel truck was scorched and a quantity of tools was damaged. The blaze apparently burned around a large wood-burning heating stove, fire-alarm reported.

Program Said Designed for Stable Economy

Proposals Seen as Taxpayer Savings

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy sent Congress today a consumer-flavored farm message proposing federal subsidies to spur cotton sales and to encourage voluntary production curbs on feed grains and milk.

Kennedy said his program, including direct government payments to the cotton trade, cotton growers, and producers of milk and feed grains, would lead toward a stable farm economy and lower consumer prices.

Could Trim Outlay

An administration official estimated that the proposals could trim \$300 million to \$500 million off the taxpayers' outlay for farm supports and 10 cents a pound off the retail price of butter.

In a 4,200-word message, the President also called directly on wheat growers to accept a tight new control program for their 1964 crop in a referendum scheduled for this spring.

He said the alternative would be unlimited production and "depression conditions for the 1964 crop." He warned that it would not be "feasible" to get a substitute wheat support plan through Congress if the referendum failed.

The message received a mixed reaction in Congress.

Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) picked out the cotton and dairy programs as sore spots. Aiken also noted that Kennedy proposed no specific wheat legislation and said Congress might want to do something about that.

Otherwise, the reaction was that Congress could "go along generally" with the programs outlined by the President.

Kennedy said that the past two years have produced "substantial improvement in farm income, a substantial decrease in government holdings of surplus agricultural products, and a substantial reduction in costs to the taxpayer for carrying farm surpluses without increasing the consumer's burden."

He said the rise in farm income had generated added business for rural industries and farm communities, adding at least 200,000 jobs to the national economy. Nevertheless, he added, farmers still can produce more than markets will take and further progress is needed.

In General Terms

The proposals for new cotton, feed grains, and dairy legislation—the feed grain plan to take effect next year—were laid out in general terms with Congress invited to fill in many of the key details.

The request for voluntary control plans for milk and feed grains was a conciliatory retreat from past administration proposals for mandatory controls. Congress rejected the mandatory plans after a bitter partisan fight last year. (Continued on Page 2A)

Freezing Rain Hampers Oregon

Portland—(UPI)—Freezing rain caused power outages, turned highways into sheets of ice and resulted in many school closures in the Willamette Valley today.

The weather man said, though, that warmer air was on the way.

Pacific Power & Light Co. reported the Junction City area lost poles and power lines.

Corvallis had numerous outages and nearby Philomath had no power for several hours this morning.

Seaside and Warrenton on the coast also had outages. Schools in Corvallis and most of Benton county closed. Salem schools also closed.

Soviet Arms Buildup in Cuba Declared Serious

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) said today that "new and exceedingly serious evidence arrives daily" of a continuing Soviet military buildup in Cuba.

"There is continuing, absolutely confirmed and undeniable evidence that the Soviets are maintaining the medium range missile sites they had previously constructed in Cuba," he told the Senate.

Keating, who has warned repeatedly of a Soviet buildup, noted that President Kennedy told his news conference last week that only one large arms-carrying vessel had arrived in Cuba.

But the next day, Keating said, "a second large vessel arrived" and "under the highest security conditions, unloaded a cargo of armaments."

Keating said he had no thought that the Soviets are planning to attack the United States through Cuba. But he said they are planning to "mount an increasing wave of sabotage, terrorism, political subversion and agitation throughout Latin America."

Inventory Tax Relief Act Gets Strong Support

Salem—(UPI)—The inventory tax relief act proposed by Rep. Victor Atiyeh (R-Beaverton) drew strong support Wednesday before the House Taxation Committee.

Atiyeh's bill, co-sponsored by nine other representatives and three senators, is designed to provide inventory tax relief by imposing a one percent net business income tax. Of 11 witnesses who appeared during Wednesday's two-hour hearing, only one opposed the plan.

Lou Norris of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, said his group opposed the bill in its present form. He asked that it be amended to include all personal property, not just inventory.

A telegram from R. W. Peterson, Oregon Apartment House Owners Association, also opposed the measure.

Tax Committee Chairman Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) commented "this bill doesn't go far enough."

Supporters Listed

Throwing their support behind the measure (HR1033) were Robert Newberry of Tektronix, Inc., Frank Geiger of Meier and Frank; Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence); Pete Beal, McMinnville Chamber of Commerce; Robert Carey, Northwest Hardware and Implement Dealers Association, and Alan Stevens, Retail Jewelers Association. A telegram from the Oregon Machinery Dealers Association also supported the measure.

\$157,563 Check From State Received Today

A check for \$157,563.22 for the secretary of state was received today by the Jackson county treasurer.

The money, from state highway funds, goes into the county's general fund.

The money is distributed to counties on the basis of car registration. It is received from auto and truck licenses and gasoline tax.

Macmillan Calls For Consultations With Washington

London—(UPI)—Britain rebounded from a French blockade of its path to Europe today and sought help from the United States and other free world nations to bolster its sagging economy.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, bitterly denouncing the "folly" of French President Charles de Gaulle, called Wednesday night for a speed-up of trade and tariff consultations with Washington, the

Commonwealth and Britain's six partners in the European Free Trade area.

Macmillan accused France of deliberately torpedoing the Brussels negotiations on British membership in the six-nation European Common Market. Without directly naming De Gaulle, he said the French government is "looking backwards, not forwards."

In a speech to the nation, Macmillan said Britain's efforts for economic resurgence would be made within the concept of a united Western alliance which looked outward toward partnership with the United States—not inward, as envisioned by De Gaulle.

Accuses De Gaulle

The British leader accused the De Gaulle government of placing the entire Western alliance and the U. S.-inspired postwar reconstruction of Europe in jeopardy.

"What folly it is for anyone to try to put all this at risk," he said.

There was no immediate official reaction in Paris. But a sharp surge of criticism in France was given new impetus by Jean Monnet, often described as the "father" of the common market. He called the situation very serious "because the mutual confidence indispensable to all common agreement has been smashed."

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Inch of Rain May Fall in Vicinity

Medford station of the U.S. weather bureau reported this morning that it anticipated one inch of precipitation in the next 24 hours during rainy periods.

The forecast is for rainy periods with occasionally moderate to heavy amounts through Friday.

The weather station reported 24 of an inch of precipitation from midnight up to 10 a.m. today. A total of 29 of an inch fell yesterday.

NEWS BRIEFS

BAY OF PIGS SECRETS MAY BE BARED

Washington—(UPI)—The State Department and Congress are considering the possibility of making public secret 1961 testimony by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and other officials on the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

POWER GRID GETS 'HIGH PRIORITY' TAG

Washington—(UPI)—Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall put a "highest priority" tag today on legislation authorizing a power grid connecting the Columbia Basin with electricity-short California.

HOFFA INVITED TO BACK UP CHARGES

Washington—(UPI)—A House committee today invited teamster president James R. Hoffa to back up his charges that the Kennedy administration used pressure to deny his union surety bonds required by federal law.