

Republicans Mount Attack on Cuba Problem



ATTENDS CLASSES—Four Negro students attended classes at Southwest Texas State college today just 18 hours after the school was integrated on a U.S. District Court order. An unidentified student talks to three Negro students between classes. The students, from left, Dana Jeanne Smith, Georgia Hoodie and Mabeleen Washington, were welcomed cordially at the college. (UPI)

Water Resources Representatives Plan Trip to D.C.

Two representatives of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association will go to Washington, D.C., soon to seek supplemental appropriations for the basin project, the association directors decided at last night's Gold Hill meeting.

Chairman Ben Hilton and Director Ben Day will go to Washington to a supplemental appropriation of \$115,000 can be made by March.

Total planning money required for all three dams will be \$5 million, according to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers report, Hilton said. The two men hope to start action toward acquiring more than the project planning funds predicted for the president's budget for fiscal year 1964, starting July 1.

To Meet in Portland

Hilton and Day with Director Bill Jess will meet in Portland Feb. 14 and 15 with William Berg, administrative assistant for Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore). Ground work will be laid for the Washington trip.

Hilton said a meeting on possible appropriation of future Rogue basin water for domestic use will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Representatives of various government agencies plan to attend. The meeting arises out of the earlier meeting in Medford's West Side district to discuss the pure water shortage in the Westwood subdivision.

The annual basin association meeting will be held in the Josephine county courthouse in Grants Pass March 4 to elect seven board members.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy and mild this evening, rain tonight and early tomorrow, partial clearing tomorrow afternoon. Southerly wind in Ashland at times. Low tonight 40-45. High tomorrow 50-55. Low tomorrow night 38-43.

High yesterday 61
Lowest this morning 38
Precip. to 10 a.m. today .34

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:30 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:21 a.m.
The Moon, rising high tonight in the constellation Gemini, sets tomorrow at 6:07 a.m.
PROMINENT STARS
Arcturus, rises 10:32 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Jupiter, low in west 7:51 p.m.
Mars, in the east 8:02 p.m.
Venus, rises 4:19 a.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

CABINET REVOLT EXPECTED IN CANADA

Ottawa—UPI—An open cabinet revolt, spurred by fear of a general election on the U.S.-triggered nuclear defense issue, seemed certain today to force the resignation of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, 67.

TWO IDAHO COMMUNITIES EVACUATED

Lewiston, Idaho—UPI—The little communities of Spalding and Lapwai, about 11 miles east of Lewiston, were evacuated during the night as the Clearwater river rose to dangerous heights.

AIR FORCE TO BUY NAVY JET PLANES

Washington—UPI—The Air Force today disclosed plans to buy 1,000 Navy F4H Phantom jet fighter planes at a cost of more than \$1.5 billion over the next five years.

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Automatic Vote Counting Expected Soon for Oregon

Salem—UPI—Automatic vote counting may become a reality within the next two or three years, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. told the House Elections and Reapportionment Committee Monday.

Appling termed present methods of recording and tabulating votes as "archaic, outmoded and horse and buggy."

"In 139 B.C. the first written ballot was used in Rome," Appling explained, "and balloting today is essentially the same."

Rely on News Media

He cited a recent Oregon election which required 467,000 man-hours to count ballots, and said the cost was \$467,000.

"We now rely on the news gathering media to count the votes and take the pressure off of us."

"This is done at a great expense to them."

"If left to official agencies a month would pass before we got the word," he said.

Appling questioned the economic feasibility of standard voting machines which cost from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per unit. He favors continued use of a paper ballot so it would not be necessary to train voters in new procedures.

He explained that electronic firms such as International Business Machines, Remington Rand, and the National Cash Register Company were now working to develop optical scanning devices. These could scan pencil-marked ballots, and transfer information to punch-cards which could be fed through data processing machines now used by government agencies and private business.

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Oregon Tax Law Revision Urged For Top Priority

Salem—UPI—Top priority should be given to simplifying Oregon's tax laws and removing discrimination against the single taxpayer, former Tax Commissioner Dean Ellis said Monday.

Ellis was lead-off witness as the House Tax committee opened a general survey of tax plans before it. Rep. Richard Eymann (D - Marcola), chairman of the committee, said it is seeking \$65.5 million in new revenues.

Ellis said Oregon's present personal income tax laws contain a "40 per cent penalty" against the single taxpayer because of split income provisions for married couples.

He said Oregon's income tax laws also need to be "simplified, streamlined" to go with the simplified punch-card return that Oregon pioneered in 1959.

Ellis said unless the income tax law is simplified, the state may have to either return to the long form, or begin the "scare method" of prosecuting persons who use the short form to abuse complex laws.

Praising a proposed "net receipts tax," Ellis said it would both simplify the income tax laws and help remove inequities.

New Wind Tee Now In Service Here

A newly installed wind tee, part of a federally assisted improvement project at the Medford municipal airport, was placed in service yesterday, according to Gilbert J. Gutzjahr, airport manager.

The tee, which was manufactured by a New York firm, was installed by Trowbridge and Flynn Electric company. Total cost of the project was \$15,365. Gutzjahr said the federal government paid 56 per cent of the costs, and the city paid 44 per cent.

The new tee replaces the tetrahedron at the airport. Gutzjahr said the tetrahedron is considered an obsolete navigational aid now, and attempts will be made to sell it to some smaller airport.

Work on the other improvement project at the airport for which federal funds have been allocated — the extension of the apron and taxi-way — is expected to be completed by early summer, the airport manager said.

Minear's Right To Office Questioned

Salem—UPI—A state senator today questioned the right of Leon Minear to hold office as Oregon superintendent of public instruction.

Sen. Edward Fadelley (D-Eugene) asked for an attorney general's opinion.

He said Minear may be holding office unconstitutionally.

Minear became superintendent of public instruction three years ago when the governor named him to fill a vacancy.

Under procedure up to that time he would have to run for election in 1962.

The 1961 legislature, however, passed a law providing for "election" of the superintendent by the State Board of Education, instead of the people. The constitution says the legislature may "provide by law for the election" of a superintendent.

"If this statute is unconstitutional," Fadelley added, "is the governor the superintendent of public instruction, or is the position vacant?"

Celiometer Damaged By Motor Vehicle

An instrument designed to measure cloud height at the Medford municipal airport was damaged by an unknown vehicle sometime last week, according to city police.

The instrument, a celiometer, is the property of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Damage was estimated at between \$50 and \$75, the report said.



TANK TRUCKS COLLIDE—Truck driver Ervin Meadows, 41, Fayette, Ala., was critically burned when his gasoline tank truck collided with another truck on a bridge near Birmingham, Ala. Officials said the brakes on Meadows' truck apparently failed on a long down-grade approaching the bridge. The truck, loaded with 5,500 gallons of gaso-

line, plowed into the rear of another vehicle carrying 3,000 gallons of insecticide. Both vehicles were destroyed in the resulting fire and explosion. This photo was processed posthumously by a photographer who didn't think he had anything unusual on his film. (UPI)

Initial Autopsy Indicates Natural Death, DA Says

A preliminary autopsy completed about noon today on the body of an Ashland woman found Sunday near the Siskiyou summit indicates nothing other than natural death, according to District Attorney Alan Holmes.

A more detailed examination will be made, he said. Holmes said a man who apparently was with Mrs. Leta Nelda Nan Marlow, 31, of 108 North Second St., Ashland, Saturday evening at the summit has voluntarily turned himself in to the Jackson county sheriff's office.

He has not been charged with a crime so his name was not revealed by the district attorney's office.

The district attorney's office is reviewing a tape recording of the man's interrogation this noon.

Mrs. Marlow's body was found in a ditch near the Celestine rd Sunday afternoon by a Phoenix man and his son. About three hours later Mrs. Marlow's husband reported the woman missing to the state police. The location of the body revealed no signs of violence.

Gasoline Price War Erupts in Eugene

Eugene—UPI—A price war in the Eugene-Springfield area dropped prices for regular gasoline to from 24.9 to 25.9 cents per gallon Monday.

The prevailing price was 33.9 cents before the price slashing started last week.

Terrorists Kill Five Persons in Africa

Engobo, South Africa—UPI—Terrorists hacked to death five white persons today as they lay sleeping in their house trailers on a lonely road near Engobo. The victims included four members of one family, including two young girls.

Campaign to Oppose Consolidation Set At Phoenix Meeting

Phoenix—Approximately 35 residents of the Phoenix-Talent school district last night mapped a campaign opposing consolidation with Medford school district 549C.

At a special school board meeting, Board Member Melvin Lattie said the recent protest petitions filed with the county school office by those favoring consolidation were the "first petitions (presented by the opposition) during all the years of harassment which contained the required number of legal signatures."

Lattie and other board members urged all those opposing the proposed consolidation to write their legislative delegation suggesting the law be amended and setting a time limit so campaigns for school district consolidation cannot be continued over several years.

Criticism statements School board members criticized recently published statements on the proposed consolidation which they said appeared critical to the Phoenix-Talent district.

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White House Says Situation Still Unchanged

Bipartisanship Urged in Affairs

Washington—UPI—House Republicans today stepped up their attack on President Kennedy's handling of the Cuba problem. They demanded, among other things, that action be taken to rescue Americans still held in Castro jails.

Democrats fired back that the GOP complaints smelled of politics. They urged a bipartisan approach to foreign affairs and said Kennedy's Cuba policies have wide popular support.

The White House maintained meantime that the situation in Cuba has not changed since Jan. 24. Kennedy told a news conference then that there had not been any military buildup on the island "in the sense of the equipment coming from outside Cuba."

Rep. William E. Minshall (R-Ohio) jumped into the half-hour fray on the House floor with a demand for a "full scale House-Senate investigation" of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion and of the whole U.S. intelligence picture.

Pesthole of Communism "Are we going to resign ourselves forever to the presence of a pesthole of Soviet propaganda, subversion and infiltration just 90 miles from our shore?" Minshall demanded.

Rep. William C. Cramer (R-Fla.) said Americans were concerned "at the inability of the administration to come forward with an over-all plan of action to rid the hemisphere of Castroism."

Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R-Calif.) said he wrote the State Department Jan. 16 asking what was to be done about 23 U.S. citizens who he said still languish in Cuban jails, but that as of today he had received no reply.

"It does seem strange that millions of dollars in tax-free money can be raised in a few hours to ransom Cuban prisoners but that nothing can be done to rescue our own American citizens," Younger asserted.

Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.) the House Democratic whip, said the country is more prosperous than ever and that its problems abroad reflect the fact that "we don't live in a world that has easy answers."

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner (D-N.C.) chided the Republicans for partisanship, urging them to temper their language when discussing foreign affairs.

Rep. Ross Bass (D-Tenn.) praised Kennedy for his "guts" in forcing withdrawal of Russian missiles and bombers from Cuba. He said the President had succeeded in restoring the United States to a recognized position as leader of the Free World.

The developments coincided with a report that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara had angrily denounced statements by congressmen who have questioned Pentagon figures on Soviet forces in Cuba.

Telephone Sales License Proposed

Salem—UPI—A bill requiring a \$100 license for telephone sales solicitation was announced today by Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola).

The bill requires that every individual who solicits the purchase of any item or service from another individual by telephone would have to obtain a license from the county clerk.

"Telephone solicitation has become a problem in recent years," Eymann said. "Housewives tell me it is difficult to get their work done because of the constantly ringing telephone with offers of 'prizes' and other gimmicks to make a sale," he said.

Branchfield Backs Bill Against Balloon Leaves

Salem—UPI—Bread and milk were in for tighter controls today in three bills being readied for introduction in the Oregon legislature.

Rep. Edward Branchfield (R-Medford) said he is sponsoring a bill to give the State Agriculture department the power to end the sale of balloon bread in Oregon.

The bill was requested by the Oregon Retail Bakers association which is pitted against half a dozen large bakeries that are producing the fluffy loaves.

Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) said two milk control bills will be introduced. One, sought by the Oregon Dairymen's association, will be turned in by Rogers. It would provide for price control through distributor pools, with a referendum procedure on market pools.

Rogers said the second bill is being drafted by another group of dairymen who are trying to get more support from milk distributors. The distributors have said they oppose milk price control legislation.