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GLAZIERS CARRY GLASS - Looking much like a drill-master watching his section march through snow in neat columns of two, a foreman directs fourteen glaziers as they carry a 700-pound pane of glass to a building under

construction in Chicago Wednesday. The pane of glass is 249-inches long, 60-inches wide and one-half-inch thick. Driving snow furnished slippery footing for the group. (UPI)

Kennedy Sends Message on Civil Rights to Congress; Asks Laws

Brazilian Navy Sends Ships to Head Off French

'Lobster War' Builds to Crisis

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—(UPI)—The Brazilian navy sent two destroyers from the port of Recife today, headed for the French fleet off the coast in another move in the growing "lobster war" between the two countries.

A spokesman at Third Naval District headquarters in Recife said the destroyers Parana and Para were heading for the waters off the coast of Rio Grande do Norte, where a French carrier, a cruiser and two destroyers were reported spotted Wednesday.

The spokesman said two other destroyers will remain in Recife, while another destroyer and two corvettes will join the Parana and Para off the northern coast.

Feud Over O&C Funds Resumed During Hearing

Salem—(UPI)—An old feud between the counties that get O & C funds and those that don't resumed here Wednesday.

Rep. Stafford Hansell told the House Education committee it is time for O & C money to be taken into account in handing out state equalization money for school districts.

Darrell Jones of the O&C Counties association replied the state might endanger the federal receipts if it meddled with county use of them. He was critical of Hansell's ideas on measuring county wealth.

Woodworkers Talk Lumber Tariffs

Portland—(UPI)—The Western Regional Council of the International Woodworkers of America continued its conference here Wednesday with discussions on lumber tariffs by Jack MacKenzie, first vice president of the regional council in Western Canada.

He spoke on campaigns by large American lumber producers to secure tariffs or quotas on Canadian softwood imports into the U.S.

"It is very amusing," he said, "to hear the same employer argue against himself over an imaginary line—the U.S.-Canadian border. I feel strongly that the motivation behind this is the effort of a group of hungry operators who want to get in the forest and get out."

Wagner to Resume Joint Negotiations

New York—(UPI)—Mayor Robert F. Wagner said today he will resume joint negotiations in the New York newspaper strike because both publishers and striking printers turned thumbs down on his suggesting terms of settlement as recommended by President Kennedy.

Wagner said he asked Elmer Brown, president of the International Typographical union, to make a rush trip to New York to participate in the negotiations.

Supreme Court Hears Defense In Prayer Case

Washington—(UPI)—The Supreme Court turned today to a defense by Pennsylvania officials of Bible-reading in the public schools, which a lower federal court has held unconstitutional.

With questions and answers flying thick and fast, the justices Wednesday heard a Baltimore case which dealt mainly with use of the Lord's Prayer at daily opening exercises.

The Pennsylvania case, which has been fought since 1958, was started by a Unitarian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schempps. They have two children in Abington High school.

The Schempps eventually won an order by a special three-judge federal court in Philadelphia that Bible-reading be discontinued. The order also applied to recitation of the Lord's Prayer, which follows the reading.

A Pennsylvania law provides for reading of at least 10 verses from the Bible, but the prayer was merely a matter of custom. The court's order hasn't been enforced yet because of Pennsylvania's appeal.

The lower court agreed with the Schempps' claim that the practice was a religious ceremony barred by the First Amendment to the Constitution. The amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Schempps argued that the Bible-reading favors Christianity over other forms of worship. But even if all religious groups were included, the state still may not "aid religion," they said.

Jet Tanker Crashes; Eight Are Killed

Fairbanks, Alaska—(UPI)—An Air Force KC135 Jet tanker crashed on takeoff at Eielson Air Force base Wednesday night killing the seven airmen aboard and an air policeman on duty at the main gate.

The four-engine jet faltered when taking off from the north runway, skidded along the ground and wiped out the main gate at the base.

Burning wreckage from the plane sped across the Alaska Highway which runs past the main gate, blocking off the highway to traffic for several hours.

Maj. Lou Graeff, public information officer at the base 26 miles south of here, said all eight bodies were recovered. Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Group Departs for Six-Year Trip to Prove Migration Idea

San Diego—(UPI)—The raft Lehi V bobbed southward on the Pacific Ocean today on a six-year mission to help prove that the unrelenting currents helped early migrations from Israel to Central America.

Baker hopes to arrive in New York to spend the winter of 1964-65 before putting to sea once more and drifting over the Atlantic to England.

He plans to winter on the Thames River, then be towed to the Baltic Sea and drift down North Europe's rivers the following winter. The Lehi V will be taken through the Mediterranean and Suez Canal to the Persian Gulf for the start of its prime objective.

The raft will be pushed out of the Gulf of Oman and swing around India and through the islands of the Far East and the Japanese Current that Baker hopes will carry him to within a few miles of his Redondo Beach, Calif., home.

An earlier Lehi vessel, drifted from the West Coast to the Hawaiian Islands.



BENJAMIN LEWIS Killed in Office

Chicago Official Found Handcuffed And Shot to Death

Chicago—(UPI)—Chicago Alderman Benjamin F. Lewis, 53, his hands handcuffed above his head and four bullet holes in the back of his skull, was found slain today on the floor of his political headquarters.

Lewis, Negro leader of the Democratic forces in the tough west side 24th Ward, was killed just two days after he won overwhelming reelection to a second term on the City Council.

Police and politicians said the slaying might have been the work of a bandit, Merlin Nygren, chief of the uniformed police, said there was evidence that a rear door had been forced and a lock had been pulled out.

Political Execution At police headquarters and in City Hall there were also fears that Lewis was the victim of a "political execution" in the tradition of bloody Chicago election battles which date back to the days of the notorious "Bloody 70th" ward and the machine gun squads of gangster Al Capone.

Coroner Andrew Tolman said there was no evidence of robbery. The alderman was dressed in a business suit and white stone ring was still on his hand. An expensive wrist watch was on his wrist and his wallet was in his pocket.

The coroner said Lewis was lying face down in a "diving position." A cigarette was between his fingers and it had burned down to the filter.

The coroner said the body was discovered between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and evidence indicated the slaying had occurred a half hour earlier.

State Plans Move To Halt Labor Suit

Salem—(UPI)—The State of Oregon planned official action today to halt a suit by organized labor over the controversial prison labor issue.

The suit was filed by labor to halt construction of the woman's prison here by convict labor.

Use of prison labor on the project was authorized by a 2-1 vote against Gov. Mark Hatfield by other members of the Board of Control.

Shortly after Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. and State Treasurer Howard Belmont overruled Hatfield, organized labor filed suit in Marion County Circuit Court.

JFK Advises Laws Needed to Guard Negroes' Rights

Proposals Outlined In Special Message

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy asked Congress today for a series of new laws to protect Negroes from "the cruel disease of discrimination" in voting, schooling, and other walks of life.

The President outlined his proposals in a 6,000-word special message, his first on civil rights. The politically significant message hailed the administration's non-legislative accomplishments in the past two years.

He called for laws to speed consideration of voting suits by Negroes, provide them the ballot while their suits are pending, guarantee them the same voting tests as whites, and presume they are literate if they have completed the sixth grade.

Kennedy also asked for federal technical and financial assistance to school districts which need help to desegregate. And he requested four more years of life plus expanded powers for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Describing these as "a list of priorities," Kennedy said he knew his proposed and past actions "do not constitute a final answer to the problems of race discrimination in this country." He promised to sign, if enacted, any "other measures directed toward these same goals."

"The program outlined in this message should not provide the occasion for sectional bitterness," Kennedy said. "No state or section of this nation can pretend a self-righteous role, for every area has its own civil rights problems. Nor should the basic elements of this program be imperiled by partisanship."

"The President's failure to ask for such new civil rights legislation until now has aroused criticism from some Negro leaders and some Republicans, including New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller."

Circuit Court Jury Finds in Favor of McNeel

A circuit court jury, after deliberating more than three hours brought in a verdict last night in favor of O. R. McNeel, Medford building safety director, in the damage suit filed by Roy Picard, Medford jeweler, against two city officials.

The jury went out at 4:30 p.m. and reported at 8:30 p.m., taking out time for dinner.

Earlier in the afternoon, Circuit Judge James M. Main had directed a verdict in favor of Joel Reeder, former city attorney, and one of the two original defendants, removing him from the case.

Counsel for Reeder filed the motion shortly after the defense began the presentation of its case. Judge Main granted the motion based upon the law which states that an official acting in a quasi-judicial capacity is not liable in an action of malicious prosecution but is immune to such action.

After Reeder was removed from the case, attorneys for McNeel continued his defense and District Attorney Alan Holmes was called to testify regarding the issuance of the warrant for Picard's arrest.

Then they moved for a directed verdict in favor of McNeel, but it was denied by the court.

Picard had asked for combined damages of \$100,000 in a complaint arising from the city of Medford's handling of charges brought against him for selling electrical equipment along the extension of Barnett rd. to Melrose ave. opened this morning in Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly's court.

Attorneys were questioning prospective jurors and indications were that the jury would be selected before the noon recess. Following opening statements, jurors were to view the property in question.

The Gitzzen property, basis of the suit, is located to the north of the Gheldard-Reynolds property, which fronts on South Grape st. This property also was involved in a condemnation suit, which was scheduled but not tried since the city reached a compromise with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gheldard and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds, owners of the property, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff.

Negotiations are reportedly under way for the remaining property needed for the street right-of-way owned by Nye-Naumes packing company and Crystal Springs Orchards.

Extension of the street is a decision of the public utilities commissioner regarding a grade crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

Ceilings in Library, Office Are Painted

The ceilings of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County and the library office have been repainted.

The redecorating was included in the lighting improvement program budgeted last year but was postponed. The work was done by Ed Foulton, low bidder on the project.

Massive Support For Sunday Closing Voiced in Hearing

Salem—(UPI)—Massive support for a proposed Sunday closing law, the hottest issue now before the legislature, was voiced here Wednesday in a hearing that ran for more than two hours.

Only three witnesses opposing the measure had time to speak.

Hearings will be continued March 13, with opposition witnesses scheduled.

More than 300 people jammed the hearing room, and at least 100 more sat or stood in the hall outside, listening on loudspeakers.

Condemnation Suit Under Way

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Police Secretaries Learn Filing System

Two secretaries with the Grants Pass police department are in Medford today and tomorrow working with the Medford police department to learn local filing procedures.

They are Mrs. Larry Green and Mrs. Grace Sanford.

Last Friday, Medford Police Lt. Rollie Pean, lieutenant of services, and Mrs. Pat Butler, Medford police clerk-stenographer, were in Grants Pass reviewing that department's procedures.

Last month, Grants Pass Chief of Police Philip Averill and Mrs. Green were in Medford checking the filing system here and arranging for the longer visits.

Hatfield Criticized For Wildernesses

Washington—(UPI)—Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall today renewed an appeal to Congress to keep millions of acres of public lands in their natural state.

Udall, testifying before the Senate Interior Committee, asked for approval of the wilderness bill—which he termed one of the "great landmark" conservation measures of all time.

Saying that the bill had the full support of President Kennedy, the secretary compared it in importance to the Homestead Act of 1862, the Reclamation Act of 1902, and legislation to create the national park system.

The wilderness bill is perhaps the most important conservation measure to face Congress in the past 30 years, he said.

The United States, Udall said, was one of only a few countries in the world that still had the option of setting aside wilderness areas for future generations.

Groups Seek Bill To Control Mining Near Rogue River

Salem—(UPI)—Fishing and recreation interests asked today for a bill to give the State Sanitary Authority the job of controlling mudiness in the Rogue river caused by mining.

Mining interests replied the Rogue River Coordination board is on "the right track," but should be enlarged from three to five members and given more authority.

They testified on a Senate bill to abolish the Rogue River Coordination board, a referee panel with a fishing member, a mining member, and a member at large.

E. J. Schneider of Agness, the fishing member, told the Senate Natural Resources committee he favors abolishing the board. He said he is the board's "minority member."

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Curry County Dist. Atty. Robert L. Miller said mines were filling the river with chemicals and silt, hurting fishing and tourism.

He said the board has been ineffectual in "keeping the fishing industry in balance with the mining industry."

Fayette I. Bristol of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Mining association replied it would be a mistake to do away with the board.

Oregon Rated First In Education Study

Portland—(UPI)—A National Education association study made public today says Oregon has proportionately more boys and girls of high school age enrolled than any other state.

The study said that in 1960—last year for which figures are given—94 per cent of Oregon residents aged 14 through 17 were enrolled in school.

The national average was 87 per cent. South Carolina had the lowest proportion, 78 per cent.

In the estimated expenditure per student for elementary and high school students for the 1962-63 school year, Oregon ranked ninth with \$502. National average is estimated at \$432 per student with New York leading at \$645 and Mississippi lowest at \$230.

Hatfield Attacked On Death Penalty

Portland—(UPI)—Rabbi Emanuel Rose of Congregation Beth Israel said Wednesday Gov. Mark Hatfield was shrinking from decision to help end capital punishment in the state.

Rabbi Rose urged abolition of capital punishment and said the governor should lead the people.

He said if Hatfield opposed capital punishment then he should take positive steps to end it. He said a public declaration by the governor was overdue.

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Telstar Satellite Becomes Silent

New York—(UPI)—Telstar has turned silent again, apparently succumbing to a radiation sickness that afflicts it every three months, Bell Telephone Laboratories reported today.

Engineers had restored the communications satellite to working order Jan. 3 after a 40-day silence. Last Thursday it apparently misinterpreted a ground command, disconnected its storage batteries and quit working, Bell Labs said.

Both failures occurred as Telstar's changing orbit edged into strong section of the Van Allen radiation belt. This pattern makes Bell engineers "suspect that the continued inhibiting effects of radiation on transistors" is to blame, Bell spokesman Bruce Strasser said.

"If radiation is the cause it is possible that Telstar will recover again during the radiation downturn which it is now entering," he said.

Scarlet Fever Noted In Washington County

Vancouver, Wash.—(UPI)—A minor outbreak of scarlet fever and "strep" infections was reported this week by the Clark-Skamania health department.

The two-county health board reported 22 cases involving one or the other of the infections in its weekly report.

NEWS BRIEFS

POSSIBLE COMPROMISE SEEN IN SPEECH Moscow—(UPI)—Western diplomats today found little new in Premier Nikita Khrushchev's speech yesterday except a hint of possible compromise on Berlin.

RAILWAY CLERKS CONSIDER METHODS San Francisco—(UPI)—Officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks considered a number of methods today of lifting the court order which barred their strike against Southern Pacific, the West's largest railroad.

ALLIES COOL TOWARD PLAN Paris—(UPI)—The Western Allies today showed a general coolness toward President Kennedy's plan for a multinational nuclear force with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED IN SANTO DOMINGO Santo Domingo, D.R.—(UPI)—Dominican authorities today held at least 10 pro-Communist demonstrators who broke up the inauguration parade of President Juan Bosch with shouts of anti-American slogans and battled with police.

WEATHER FORECAST: General fair tonight. Mostly cloudy with showers Friday morning, becoming partly cloudy Friday afternoon and clearing Friday night. Low tonight near 35. High Friday 53-68. Temp. Highest Yesterday 55. Lowest This Morning 35. Our Sky Tonight: Sun 5:35 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:12 a.m. Moonset tonight 11:38 p.m. First Quarter. Saturday Regulus, highest star of Leo, is in the east tonight at 6:50 p.m. Well above Regulus is the planet Mars and above Mars are the Twins.

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