

13 East Germans Flee To West Berlin Through 20-Inch-High Tunnel

Berlin - (UPI) - Thirteen refugees who dug a 60-yard tunnel to escape to West Berlin said today the hours they spent in it were like "eternity in a coffin."

The East Germans spent two hours huddled at the Western end of the tunnel, only eight yards from border police, afraid to leave it until friendly police arrived.

The refugees included a blind woman who was guided through by her sister, a 70-year-old grandmother

who was pulled along unconscious by a rope tied to her legs and two boys who were told to pretend they were playing groundhog.

The refugees came to West Berlin Sunday at 2 a.m. in a tunnel it took five months to build. They told their story today at the Marienfelde refugee camp.

All the work was done with a spade by a 43-year-old handyman, who can not work regularly because of ill health, and a 20-year-old medical student.

"The last five yards we dug with our hands because we were afraid Communist police above us would hear our spade," the handyman,

42-year-old Hans V., said. The refugees were shaken by their experience and were still in fear of the Communists. They refused

to disclose their last names although it was obvious the Communists know who was missing.

The tunnel was built from

a one-family house without a cellar owned by Niels Martin A., 45, who worked in West Berlin before the anti-refugee wall was built.

It ran under three rows of barbed wire to a garden behind a shop in a suburban district of the French sector. The house had only four

rooms and at the end it was packed with the sand removed from the tunnel.

"Obviously, we could not get rid of the sand because the Communists would have noticed it and discovered we were building a tunnel," Niels said.

"So we filled everything in the house with sand. We had 60 cubic yards of sand in the house. We filled closets with sand, bureaus with sand, kitchen

cupboards with sand.

"We built partitions in the rooms so we could pour sand in. We raised floors to put sand under them.

"At the end we had so much sand that just before we made the breakthrough we were sleeping three on a couch."

The tunnel was only 20 inches high. Getting through it was a problem for all, especially for the blind woman and the grandmother.

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FLOOD AFTERMATH—Mud and debris-encrusted sidewalks on a downtown street in Harlan, Ky., present a vivid scene of the aftermath of heavy flooding that isolated

the eastern Kentucky city Tuesday. Muddy waters rose to four-foot depths on this street at noon Tuesday. (UPI)

Railroads Cut Off Negotiations In Dispute on 'Featherbedding'

Hatfield Voted Emergency Civil Defense Powers

Salem—(UPI)—The House voted the governor emergency civil defense powers for two more years despite charges the powers were too broad.

The bill, passed 46-13 and sent to the Senate, extends the emergency powers first voted in 1955. It has nothing to do with the Civil Defense Agency budget that a Ways and Means Subcommittee wants to cut.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) objected to sections in the law saying the "governor may assume control and direction of . . . conduct by civilians." He also objected to a section empowering the governor to procure . . . by condemnation.

"I believe the powers are too broad," he said.

Powers for Emergency

Rep. John Mosser (R-Portland) said the bill merely gave the governor powers that might be needed in an emergency today.

Rep. Winton Hunt (R-Woodburn) said that without a continuing law the legislature might pass more drastic legislation in the heat of an emergency.

Gov. Mark Hatfield today signed into law the 1963-65 budget for the Patton home and two bills relating to appeals and to checks that accompany bids.

The House committee on judiciary and state and federal affairs were urged to amend a Senate-passed bill that would give a legislative interim committee the power to suspend rules issued by boards or commissions.

Former Gov. Charles Sprague and Sen. Edward Fadelley (D-Eugene) said an interim committee should only review, not suspend, regulations.

An attorney general's opinion just issued has termed the senate-passed bill unconstitutional.

Kelly Reversed in Condemnation Case

The Oregon Supreme Court reversed Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly in a state highway commission condemnation case, it was learned by United Press International today.

The right-of-way judgment against the commission for \$24,500 plus \$4,000 in attorney's fees was reversed and the case remanded for a new trial.

Joel Reeder, of the Medford legal firm of Jones, Reeder and Bashaw, said today his firm does not know yet what the supreme court's reasoning was behind the decision, but should receive a copy of the decision tomorrow. The firm represented property owner James Nunes in the case. The state highway commission took 11 acres and severed 10 acres of the property on Barnett rd. and offered \$7,800 for the land required for the new freeway, including damage to the remaining property.

Girl Locked in Store at Closing

A 15-year-old Ashland girl was rescued from Gallen-Kamp's Shoe store in the Medford Shopping center shortly after 5:30 p.m. yesterday, after she had been locked in the store.

According to Medford police, they received a telephone call from an unidentified person who said that the girl was locked in the store. Officers contacted the store manager who unlocked the building.

The girl, Stephanie Lynn Peterson, Star route, box 90, Ashland, told officers that she was looking around the store when the lights went out and she discovered she had been locked in.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Mostly cloudy Thursday with possibly a few showers in the valley and snow flurries to low levels in the mountains. Not quite so cold tonight but cooler Thursday. Low tonight 28-33. High Thursday 39-55.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:13 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:27 a.m.
The Moon rises 2:41 p.m. tonight and is in Aries.
Last Quarter March 18
VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, the highest bright star in the sky at moonrise.
Venus, rises 6:05 a.m.
Saturn, rises 5:38 a.m.



CHECKS THERMOMETERS—Bill Rogers, meteorologist of the Fruit Frost Warning Service, was busy early this week checking orchard thermometers for accuracy. The thermometers will be returned to their owners late this afternoon and tomorrow. First orchard heating of the season occurred about 4 o'clock this morning. (Knackfled photo)

Scattered Orchard Heating Noted in Valley Low Areas

Scattered orchard heating occurred over the valley floor about 4 o'clock this morning, County Extension Agent Clifford B. Cordy said. The temperatures dropped to 20 degrees in the coldest spots. It was reported at 23 degrees at the weather bureau station in Medford. The temperature was never difficult to hold, Cordy said.

One orchardist who was heating at the north end of the valley said the temperature dropped below 24 degrees, or what he considered a safe level, about 4:30 o'clock this morning, then it rose and dropped again about sunrise. There was considerable difference, depending on whether wind was noted in the orchards.

Earliest date on record for orchard heating is March 1, Cordy said.

No danger is predicted tonight since a cloud cover is expected.

All orchard thermometers will be checked by this afternoon and will be available for return to their owners late this afternoon or tomorrow, the extension service reported.

Kewitt Firm Bids Low on Wall Creek Highway Section

Salem—(UPI)—The State Highway Department Tuesday announced a low bid of \$3,088,093 by Peter Kewitt Sons for a section of the Pacific Highway in Jackson county.

The contracts for this and other projects will be awarded at a Highway Commission meeting Thursday.

Kewitt's bid was for the South Ashland interchange-Wall creek section of the Pacific Highway. Wall creek is located slightly north of the Southern Pacific underpass on the highway over the Siskiyou mountains.

The construction will be 3.9 miles in length and will follow approximately the existing highway, which will be converted to a four-lane route to meet interstate highway system standards.

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After "Frieda" made her

Jefferson School Problem Discussed by Board, Patrons

Four possible solutions to crowded conditions at Jefferson school were reviewed by administrators and board members at a meeting of the District 549C school board last night.

A fifth alternative was presented at a Parent-Teacher association meeting at the school recently, a plan which is being considered by school administrators for adoption to help relieve the teacher load.

The problem of crowded elementary schools, including the situation at Jefferson school, was reviewed after a delegation of six residents of the Jefferson school area told the board they felt that additional space was needed there. They asked, through Joe Hosick speaking for the group, specifically what can be done to acquire more space for the 1963-64 school year.

Petitions had been circulated in the area urging the board to consider adding an additional classroom at Jefferson school.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, said the four possible solutions would be:

1. Adding to the proposed budget (the school board, at the public hearing on the budget, can add up to 10 percent by law); 2. Reviewing present plans and enrollment figures for the Wilson and Lone Pine school areas possibly diverting funds planned for additions there (plans are now to add four classrooms at Wilson and one at Lone Pine, funds for which are provided in the proposed budget for next year); 3. Use money in the emergency fund (which for the coming year is \$20,000); 4. Adjust boundaries of the area served by Jefferson and Washington schools so some children now attending Jefferson would attend Washington.

By acting on any one, or a combination of the alternatives, it could relieve conditions to prevent a combination class situation or provide space for an additional fourth grade class. These two points are the principle concern expressed by the delegation attending last night's meeting.

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Storm Timber Worth \$558,531

The 21,387,000 board feet of Oct. 12 blowdown timber sold to date by the Rogue River National Forest has a total value of \$558,531, Supervisor Carrol Brown said today.

The timber was sold in 27 separate tracts and is one-fourth of the immediately accessible blowdown to be sold. The remaining 80 million is now being appraised and will be sold between now and June 30, Brown said.

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Decision Could Bring Nationwide Strike on Lines

Chicago—(UPI)—The nation's railroads today broke off negotiations with five on-train brotherhoods in a "featherbedding" dispute which could end in a nationwide rail strike.

J. E. (Doc) Wolfe, chief railroad negotiator, said "the unions' refusal to face reality requires the railroads, in the public interest, to end this mockery of honest bargaining and move as soon as possible to make the work rules changes the Supreme Court has ordered."

The breakoff came only a few hours after the railroads and unions had got together across the bargaining table for their first face-to-face talks since July.

The Supreme Court last week granted the railroads permission to put into effect sweeping work rules changes which could result in the elimination of 65,000 to 80,000 jobs. The brotherhoods, representing close to 200,000 on-train rail workers, have said they would strike if the rule changes go into effect.

It had been expected that the White House would step in with an emergency board to head off an immediate strike.

The railroads had an edge—last week's Supreme Court ruling that they have the right to put into effect work rules changes which would eventually eliminate up to 80,000 jobs. The roads insist they need these new work rules to eliminate "featherbedding"—their term for work which is not performed or is not needed.

The railroads offered and the unions agreed to start talking again after last week's Supreme Court ruling.

At stake under the proposed rule changes are the jobs of about 40,000 firemen in diesel locomotives in freight and yard service on 195 railroads in the nation. The railroads term these firemen's jobs as unnecessary. In addition, other proposed changes involving modernization would, over a period of years, trim possibly another 25,000 to 40,000 jobs from railroad payrolls.

Crusade Dinner Is Slated Tomorrow

The United Crusade annual meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Hedrick Junior High school cafeteria.

Speaker will be Dr. Arthur Kreisman, Ashland, director of general studies at Southern Oregon college. Music will be by the sophomore choir of Medford High school under the direction of Lynn Sjolund.

Worst of Savage Flood Appears Ended in South

Hungry flood waters fell back today from cities and towns in five states where 12 persons had died and more than 40,000 had been made homeless.

The worst of the savage flood onslaught which hit parts of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia Tuesday appeared over. Thundershowers still rumbled and there were threats of more rain, but not enough to start the floods rolling again.

The Red Cross rushed emergency workers into the stricken areas and pleas went out for more assistance. The latest came from Virginia's Gov. Albert S. Harrison, who said he would ask President Kennedy to declare six counties federal disaster areas.

High waters, landlides and washed-out bridges hampered efforts to get federal food into Kentucky, the worst stricken state. Some National Guard trucks were able to get through to Prestonsburg and Paintsville, but officials said they would have to resort to helicopters to make food drops to isolated towns.

One of the helicopter targets was Hindman, Ky., where 100 families were homeless. In West Virginia, Army "ducks" brought food to Logan and Williamson, where 1,200 persons were out of their homes.

Three Department Budgets Approved By County Group

The Jackson county budget committee approved three budgets yesterday afternoon and held some others in abeyance for further examination.

The committee approved a budget of \$14,312, for the veterans' service officer. He had requested \$15,442. The new budget is slightly higher than the current year's allocation of \$14,121.25.

The committee also approved the elections department budget of \$24,160, which is about \$4,000 under the current allocation of \$28,537.50.

The committee approved the county farm home budget at \$143,568. Requested budget total was \$157,814. Farming expenses had been removed and placed under a separate budget.

Hatten noted an increased work load over the past year of 7,463 recorded instruments of transfers and segregations of property processed this year, a 14 per cent increase over the previous year. Seventeen new subdivision plats have been recorded.

He also noted that the six-year reappraisal program is 75 per cent complete in Medford and 65 per cent complete in the county. Medford and the balance of the Medford school district will be completed this year.

The allocation for machines, equipment and maintenance has increased from \$2,400 to \$6,100 in the proposed budget. Rental for computing machines is set at \$300 a month with 50 per cent of the rental to go toward purchase price.

As in other budgets, the bulk of the increase is reflected in requested salary increases. Increases asked for appraisers range from \$240 to \$480.

A major item in the assessor's budget is \$7,500 requested for mapping of assessed areas during the new fiscal year.

In his request, Hatten explained conditions have developed over the last eight years since the reappraisal completion which make it impossible to continue to use the present tax lot numbering system. Map enlargements also are needed in many areas of heavy population growth and expansion, he added.

Seek More Information
The county court was asked to obtain further information on the proposed special investigator for the district attorney's office at a requested salary of \$5,148.

The committee asked the county court to study salaries of four positions in the county clerk's office as to possible reclassification.

Yesterday afternoon, County Assessor Thad Hatten asked for a budget of \$174,066, an increase of \$16,885 over the current allocation of \$157,178. This does not allow for possible future purchase of new computing machines.

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Preliminary Plans Started for Space At Local Schools

The School District 549C board last night authorized drawing up preliminary plans for classroom additions at Wilson and Lone Pine elementary schools and temporary classrooms at Medford High school.

Jack Edson, Medford, is working on preliminary plans for an addition to Lone Pine school, and Wayne Struble, Medford, is working on plans for Wilson school.

The board authorized Duane Richardson, Medford High school drafting instructor, to draw up preliminary plans for temporary classrooms at Medford High school.

After preliminary plans are drawn up, the services of an architect may be secured if it appears advisable. Superintendent Leonard B. Mayfield said.

Construction of the additions, however, are dependent upon the proposed budget for 1963-64 being approved by district patrons in an election April 3.

The additions were included in the operating budget for next year because there was not sufficient time between now and the time school starts to meet bond issue legal requirements and have classrooms ready.

Four classrooms are planned at Wilson, one of which will replace a substandard converted band room being used by 20 students. One classroom is planned at Lone Pine school, and six additional teacher stations are scheduled at Medford High school.

Temporary classrooms at Medford High school will be designed for resale, school administrators noted. The design will be so the structures may be used for cabins, garages or utility buildings when they are no longer needed by the district.

Memorial Fund Is Made for Hedrick

An E. H. Hedrick Memorial Student Loan Fund was authorized by resolution of the School District 549C board last night.

The loan fund, which will exceed \$1,100 by transferring present student loan funds and adding new contributions, will now qualify for income tax exemptions. Superintendent Leonard B. Mayfield pointed out.

Contributions to the fund may be deducted from income taxes.

Mr. Hedrick, who served as Medford public school superintendent for more than 30 years, died recently. The board last night approved a resolution expressing its sympathy. The resolution will be forwarded to Mrs. Hedrick, and be included in the minutes of the meeting.

The Hedrick Junior High school annual this year is being dedicated to and in memory of Mr. Hedrick. The annual will include a page reviewing some of Mr. Hedrick's work in the field of education.

NEWS BRIEFS

RUSSIA REJECTS INSPECTION OFFER
Geneva—(UPI)—The United States today offered to permit Soviet officials to name defense areas to be placed off-limits to international inspectors policing any East-West nuclear test ban agreement.

Russia promptly rejected the compromise move designed to get stalled test-ban talks moving.

U. S. PLANES MOVE SOUTH VIET NAMESE
Saigon, South Viet Nam—(UPI)—United States planes and helicopters airlifted a massive South Vietnamese striking force of 5,000 men into the eastern edge of the Plain of Reeds today to start the biggest attack on Communist rebels in months.

LEOPOLD DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE
Springfield, Ill.—(UPI)—The Illinois Pardon and Parole Board today ordered Nathan Leopold Jr. one of the 1924 "thrill slayers" of 14-year-old Bobby Frank, discharged from parole.

KENNEDY'S POLARIS PLAN SUPPORTED
London—(UPI)—The United States today won British support for President Kennedy's plan for a NATO surface fleet carrying Polaris nuclear missiles.

UDALL, NEUBERGER TO VISIT DUNES
Portland—(UPI)—Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall and Sen. Maurice Neuberger flew to Southwest Oregon today to visit the site of the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park.