

GUSTY WINDS CONTINUE IN OREGON

Senate Delays Promotion of Gen. Kliever

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Washington (Special) - The U.S. Senate is withholding approval of the promotion of Oregon's adjutant general at the suggestion of Sen. Maurice B. Neuberger pending completion of the investigation of financial irregularities in Oregon National Guard funds.

Brig. Gen. Paul Kliever is one of several hundred military officers whose promotions were submitted to the Senate by President Kennedy earlier this year after Congress convened. The Senate must confirm these nominations before the promotions can be made official - a procedure which usually is executed without any discussion as a matter of routine business.

On Feb. 28 Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), the majority leader, brought before the Senate a lengthy list of promotions, including Kliever's, cleared by the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 25. Mansfield asked that they all be confirmed except the promotion of Kliever to Major General. He gave no reason, and the Senate followed his wish.

Brig. Gen. Kliever's name, a month later, lingers on the Senate's executive calendar where apparently it will remain until last year's scandal in mishandling of National Guard funds has been clarified. Kliever is entitled to the promotion by virtue of being named adjutant general by Gov. Mark Hatfield last year following the death of Brig. Gen. Alfred Hintz.

The reason for Mansfield's request that Kliever be passed over is that on that same day Senator Neuberger pointed out that the Oregon Legislature a few days before had conducted hearings on the National Guard financial matter. In a letter to Sen. Richard B. Russell, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, the Oregon senator said:

"The Oregon Legislature, the Oregon Secretary of State and Attorney General are actively investigating the Guard situation. It is for this reason that I believe it wiser that General Kliever's Senate confirmation be passed over at this time, awaiting the facts and full development of the investigations now in progress in Oregon."

Clippings Presented

Mrs. Neuberger sent accompanying clippings from Oregon newspapers about a Feb. 21 hearing by the Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee, in which Kliever appeared as a witness. She told Russell "all of these stories are of such a recent date that I was unable to call them to the attention of you and your committee" before it cleared Kliever's promotion.

She made clear that she was suggesting no impropriety on the part of Kliever.

In the Legislature's hearing, the adjutant general testified that he had informed Governor Hatfield of his discovery of misuse of surplus property at the Tongue Point Naval Station near Astoria. This discovery was reported shortly after the death of Hintz last May 19. Kliever succeeded Hintz as head of the National Guard.

Not Satisfied at Kliever

Mrs. Neuberger made it clear that her request for a delay in action of his promotion was not intended as a slap at Kliever, but that she felt it would be untimely for the Senate to confirm the promotion while the matter remained under review.

While it is unusual for the Senate to pass over a military officer's promotion, it is not at all unprecedented. Some years ago the other lady senator, Margaret Smith (R-Me.), delayed the promotion of film star James Stewart, who is an Air Force Reserve officer, and in 1961 she tried to kill the three-grade promotion of 33-year-old Maj. Gene Williams, a grade to which he was automatically entitled under West Virginia law after being named that state's adjutant general by a Democratic governor. The Senate overrode her objection by a 46-37 vote.

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ROUGH LANDING - Wreckage of a Varsity training plane perches atop this suburban house in Gloucester, England, after a crash which killed test pilot Russell Palmer and assistant test pilot C. Thomas. Families living in the house miraculously escaped death. (UPI)

Shoe Soles Save Ruch Man's Life At Hospital Site

John E. Eek, 36, of Ruch, an employee of the Builders Supply company, of Medford, owes his life today to the soles of his shoes, if the deduction of Claude Haggard, safety director of the Copco division of Pacific Power and Light company is correct.

Eek survived a heavy power jolt Tuesday apparently unharmed. He was delivering supplies for his firm to the new Josephine General hospital construction job at Grants Pass when he was knocked down by the 4,000 volts.

The Ruch man was holding a control panel at the end of a wire operating a boom on the truck and unloading concrete blocks when the tip of the boom hit the high voltage line. It was 29 feet above the ground, according to the report from Grants Pass.

Sheriff's Office Budget Discussed By County Group

The Jackson county budget committee this morning discussed the sheriff's proposed budget, and emphasized personnel, tax collection and civil defense.

Sheriff De Armond Leigh is seeking \$137,522 for the criminal department, up \$26,818; \$30,929 for tax department, up \$1,837; \$23,337 for civil department, up \$1,907; and \$63,082 for the jail, up \$622.

The sheriff explained it is hard to designate one particular deputy for a certain job since they must be shifted to determine where they best fit. One man is kept on tax collection full time, Leigh said. All taxes which can be collected are being collected, he added.

In answer to a question

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STORM LEAVES THREE DEAD AT CRESCENT CITY

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Widespread minor damages and power outages were reported from Wednesday's wet blow that swept in from the southwest and brought at least one wind velocity in excess of 100 miles per hour.

At least four persons were hurt seriously in Oregon.

Three men died in separate accidents near Crescent City, Calif.

Southerly winds of 30 mph with gusts to 49 were reported at the Portland airport and gusts to 41 mph at Salem were reported at 9 a.m. today.

Rain Falls

Continued local gusty winds were forecast tonight and Friday. Rain accompanied the storm but the most precipitation reported by the weather bureau was 1.08 inches at Astoria, which got off comparatively light windwise.

The highest recorded wind gust in the state Wednesday was 104 miles per hour at North Bend Air Force Station.

Despite the violence of the storm and the sudden wild gusts, damage appeared to be relatively light, especially compared to last Oct. 12.

Tree Hits Car

Three members of a Blue River family were injured when a tree blew across their car on U. S. Highway 126 some 48 miles east of Eugene. Mrs. George Bullock was reported in fair condition at a Eugene hospital. Her 19-month-old granddaughter, Angela Fenley, was reported in critical condition and Brad Fenley, 4, was in good condition.

At Coquille, Mrs. Anna Olson suffered a broken leg when a barn door blew off.

In California, Ben Jewell, 47, a logger from Crescent City, was killed when a four-foot-thick redwood tree fell on his truck 20 miles south of that city. George A. Poage, 46, of Crescent City was killed when his car slid off U. S. Highway 189 northeast of Crescent City and struck a tree.

A fisherman, Gino Dardini, Crescent City, was washed off the fishing boat Rose H just before it was driven on the beach by heavy seas between Crescent City and Eureka.

Two young men from Fortuna, Calif., swam ashore when the wind blew their small foreign car off the highway and into the Eel river.

Gold Beach Hit

In Oregon, the worst damage appeared to be in the Gold Beach and Eugene areas. Elsewhere it was mostly a matter of downed power and telephone lines, broken windows, fallen trees and fouled-up traffic.

State Police estimated the winds at 80 miles an hour at Gold Beach. The storm knocked down a concession building and several stands at the Curry county fairgrounds, dropped a tree on a pickup truck and smashed flying debris against a trailer house. The city lost electrical and telephone service.

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NEWS BRIEFS
ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

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Seoul, Korea-AP-Two American airmen were among 11 persons killed today when a Republic of Korea air force transport plane crashed into a hill as it approached for a landing at Seoul.

HARM FROM SMOKING ACKNOWLEDGED
Los Angeles-AP-The California Medical Association today was the first medical society in the United States to officially acknowledge that cigarette smoking may be harmful.

The CMA adopted a resolution to educate the public in the "harmful effects and health hazards" of cigarette smoke.

DIVISION OF RAIL RATE CHARGES ALTERED
Washington-AP-The Interstate Commerce Commission today issued an order that would give eastern and midwestern railroads a bigger share of rates charged for transcontinental shipment of goods by rail.

It was the first major reallocation of revenues among railroads participating in transcontinental shipments. The joint rate structure now in force is the oldest in the United States and antedates the 76-year-old ICC.

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Highest Yesterday	58
Lowest This Morning	33
Free. to 10 a.m. Today	13

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise today	6:31 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:31 a.m.
Moonset tonight	10:47 p.m.
First Quarter	March 31
PROMINENT STAR	
Spica, in southeast	10:24 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Mars, high overhead	8:25 p.m.
Saturn, rises	6:49 a.m.
Venus, rises	4:56 a.m.

Justice Named To Convene in Salem

Salem - AP - The legislative halls and chambers in Salem will be crowded Friday and Saturday.

The YMCA youth legislature will meet in the House and Senate chambers from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, and all day Saturday.

The counterpart to Gov. Mark Hatfield will be Randall Moyer Jr., Baker, youth governor.

Youth speaker of the house is Don Christy, Klamath Falls, and youth president of the Senate is Nolan Mack, Portland.

Job Situation in State Said Improved

Salem - AP - The State Employment department said today the job situation has improved in the last month.

Commissioner David Cameron said that on March 21 a total of 24,000 claimed benefits, compared to 31,900 four weeks earlier.

Saturn Scores Fourth Success

Cape Canaveral - AP - The United States today fired its mighty Saturn-1 rocket to a fourth straight success in a key shot toward a 1965 date when it will launch three-man teams of astronauts into orbit around earth.

The 47-ton Saturn-1, as awesome as the planet after which it was named, roared from its launching pad at 12:12 p.m. (PST) atop a column of liquid flame.

Seven minutes later the monstrous missile had climbed about 77 miles into space and nosed back into the atmosphere to its destruction 229 miles away in the Atlantic ocean.