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Two Others Now

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The committees reached their impasse Thursday on whether to consider the number of elective officers first or the functions they will perform.

The impasse is expected to be resolved, but it highlighted these problems:

If the committees decide on more elective officers, they could still leave one or both of these posts without any specific functions, leaving the governor as the "responsible" officer in charge of executive agencies.

Or, the committee could strip away some of the governor's departments and assign their functions to the other officers, weakening the concept of a responsible and accountable governor and an

efficient single executive branch.

Faced Without Choice

In short, the committees are faced with a choice between setting up "figurehead" posts in order to keep the governor strong and accountable, or dividing up the executive in order to give additional elective officers genuine functions.

A controller could be an exception, since his watching duties would be separate from the administration of state government.

The committees voted for a policy of government reorganization, grouping more than 100 present agencies, commissions and boards into a maximum of 20 departments with heads appointed by the executive (or executives) and confirmed by the Senate.

Since the intent of reorganization, however, was to strengthen the governor's hand, the decision is meaningless until the committees decide what to do about additional elective officers.

Three Accidents Are Checked by Police

Three accidents were investigated by Medford police Thursday and this morning.

Shortly after midnight, a parked vehicle, registered to Melvin Eugene Weaver, 20 Laurel st., was hit by a vehicle that did not stop. According to police, the accident occurred on Riverside ave. near Main st.

Thursday at 10:30 a.m. vehicles operated by Shirley Maureen Hewitt, 28, of 2998 East McAndrews rd., and Lionell Lee Wall, 28, of 1340 Barnett rd., collided on Cottage st. south of Taylor st., according to police. Wall was cited for failing to yield the right of way.

The other accident occurred at 4:30 p.m. at Main and Fir sts. Vehicles involved were operated by Margaret Zavine Minear, 37, of 1996 Griffin Creek rd., and Marjorie Maxline Morin, 37, of 5370 New Hope rd., Grants Pass, police said.

Bill To Outlaw Evidence for Conviction Aired

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MARRIES INTO ROYALTY—Crown Prince and Princess Gyalay Palden Thondun pose in their garden at Gangtok, Sikkim, following their wedding. The princess, the former Miss Hope Cooke, 22, a New York socialite, is the first westerner to marry into the Asian royal family. (UPI)

Foreign Briefs

JORDAN PREMIER SEEKS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Amman, Jordan—The new premier, said Thursday his first task will be to repair this kingdom's relations with neighboring Arab states.

He said he would seek renewal of diplomatic relations with the United Arab Republic as an opening step in this program.

MASSIVE ARMS CACHE FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICA

Pretoria, South Africa—Police found a massive arms cache at the home of an African policeman at Atteridgeville, five miles from Pretoria.

It was believed the cache was being held in readiness for an attack on the South African administrative capital by African terrorists, the sources said.

OUTLAWED RHODESIAN LEADER TO STAND TRIAL

Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika—Joshua Nkomo, leader of the outlawed Zimbabwe African peoples union (ZAPU) in Southern Rhodesia, arrived here Thursday on his way home to stand trial for alleged security offenses.

Nkomo planned to talk with Tanganyikan leaders here. He was returning from trips to London and the United Nations headquarters in New York. The African leader repeated a warning that Southern Rhodesia is on the brink of armed racial conflict.

POPE JOHN TO ISSUE ENCYCLICAL

Vatican City—Pope John XXIII will issue an encyclical during Holy Week, Vatican sources said today.

They said it probably will deal with peace but possibly could concentrate on two other subjects occupying the Pope's attention—Catholic liturgy or ecclesiastical vocations. Holy Week begins April 7 and ends the following Sunday, Easter.

Man Wanted Here Held in Eugene

A man wanted in Jackson county on both felony and misdemeanor warrants, was arrested in Eugene Thursday, according to Medford police.

Arrested was Carl L. Hurst. His arrest clears seven cases concerning checks, according to police. The checks written here total \$157.

He is wanted for obtaining property by false pretenses and for drawing bank checks with insufficient funds in bank.

Stocks Extremely Narrow and Quiet

New York—Stocks were extremely narrow and quiet today.

Not a single blue chip moved more than 1/2 point and moves of a point or more in the general list numbered less than a dozen.

Autos were steady, steels a trifle easier, chemicals mixed and the international oils trendless.

Metals and stores were barely changed as were rails and utilities.

Sugar stocks were eased by South Puerto Rico Sugar which broke around 1 1/2 on a fresh decline in sugar futures in the commodity trade.

Barber Oil, Consolidated Electronics and Seaboard Airline Railroad fell around 1 apiece while similar gains went to Wesco Financial and American Agricultural Chemical.

DOW JONES AVERAGES	
New York - DJI - Dow Jones final stock average:	30 industrials 882.47, off 2.28; 20 railroads 152.75, up 0.28; 15 utilities 136.15, up 0.13, and 65 stocks 241.10, off 0.30. Sales Thursday were about 3.89 million shares compared with 4.27 million shares Wednesday.
Thursday's prices on selected stocks:	
Allied Chemical	44 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	53
American Air Lines	18 1/2
American Can	45 1/2
American Motors	19 1/2
A. T. & T.	12 1/2
American Tobacco	30 1/2
Anaconda Copper	45 1/2
Armco	55
American Standard	14 1/2
Bendix Corp.	51 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Boeing Air	38 1/2
Brunswick	16 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	36 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	91 1/2
Coca Cola	53
C.B.S.	52 1/2
Columbia Gas	28 1/2
Continental Can	42 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	51
Crucible Steel	19
Du Pont	24 1/2
Dow Chemical	30 1/2
Eastman Kodak	33 1/2
Firestone	43 1/2
General Electric	45 1/2
General Motors	80 1/2
General Portland Cement	93
Georgia Pacific	49
Greyhound	20 1/2
Gulf Oil	42
Homestake	49 1/2
Idaho Power	31 1/2
I.B.M.	420 1/2
Int. Paper	30 1/2
John Hancock	16 1/2
Kennecott Copper	72 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	51 1/2
Martin	20 1/2
Merck	82 1/2
Montana Power	38 1/2
Montgomery Ward	34 1/2
National Biscuit	30
New York Central	18 1/2
Northern Pacific	43 1/2
Pac Gas Elec.	33
Penney J.C. (kd)	18 1/2
Penn RR	15
Perma Cement	14 1/2
Phillips	48 1/2
Procter & Gamble	77 1/2
Radio Corporation	60 1/2
Richfield Oil	43 1/2
Safeway	48 1/2
Santa Fe	28 1/2
Sears	38 1/2
Shell Oil	38 1/2
Socony Mobil Oil	65 1/2
Southern Co.	34 1/2
Southern Pacific	20 1/2
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Standard Indiana	56 1/2
Standard N.J.	63 1/2
Stokely Van Camp	18 1/2
Sun Mines	9 1/2
Texas Co.	66 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulfur	21 1/2
Texas Pacific Land Trust	11
Thiokol	25 1/2
Trans America	48
Trans World Air	13 1/2
Tri-Continental	46 1/2
Union Carbide	10 1/2
Union Pacific	35 1/2
United Aircraft	47 1/2
United Air Lines	35 1/2
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Brown's Bond Plan Declared Illegal

Sacramento—Gov. Edmund G. Brown's plan to help finance the California water project with a new bond issue did not seem as plausible today as it did last week.

The reason was Thursday's opinion from the legislature's legal adviser, which said, in effect, that the proposed \$325 million bond issue was illegal.

Brown, when informed of the new opinion, called it "interesting," but noted that the state attorney general and lawyers for the state department of water resources had already declared the bond plan "legally sound."

In any case, the entire matter will be tested in the courts. B. Abbott Goldberg, chief deputy director for the water resources department, said that the "validation suit" would probably be completed within one year.

Earl Moore Retires From City Work

Medford employees in the city hall honored Earl Moore, 26 Hawthorne ave., Thursday afternoon on the occasion of his retirement from the city.

Moore has served as parking meter collector and airport foreman since May 27, 1951. He was given a gift certificate by city employees and City Manager Robert A. Duff presented him with a letter of appreciation.

This afternoon the airlines and other personnel at the airport will honor him at another event.

Among the decorations on the cake served at Thursday's event was a miniature parking meter.

The duties of parking meter collector have been assumed by Donald Jones who is also maintenance man at city hall.

Klamath Falls Woman Bound Over To Jury

Klamath Falls - Mrs. Velma Ochiho, 41, was bound over to the grand jury on a first degree murder charge Thursday after a preliminary hearing. She is accused in the slaying of Florence Baker Huitt, 26, here earlier this month.

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