



TRADITIONAL EGG ROLL—The White House gates were thrown open to the public today for the traditional Easter egg roll on the south lawn. Here members of the kindergarten class of Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., roll their Easter eggs. Neither Caroline Kennedy nor her two-year-old brother, John Jr., was participating in the egg roll. They are spending the holidays with their parents, President and Mrs. Kennedy, in Palm Beach, Fla. (UPI)

# Hatfield Renews Drive for Government Reorganization

Salem — (UPI) — Boards and commissions can become "aggressive and autocratic," Gov. Mark Hatfield re-emphasized at a news conference today.

The governor is urging reorganization of state government so departments would be directly under the governor's control, with assistance of lay advisors.

He made the comment in reply to recent criticism of the Game Commission.

"In any board there is an inherent attitude of independence from review by the legislature or the executive," Hatfield commented.

"Such boards are not responsive to the people. The power to appoint doesn't necessarily carry with it the power to remove," Hatfield added.

When questioned he said his comments also included the Board of Higher Education, and said that was why he favored combining the Boards of Education and Higher Education into a single department.

He termed a much-amended bill for a natural resources commission "barely satisfactory," but "a step in the right direction."

Hatfield said of the much-amended proposal, "it is a start, and it can be corrected in future sessions of the legislature."

He warned against strict "buy-Oregon" or "buy-America" policies as inviting retaliation that could be harmful to Oregon.

"If we wish to sell abroad, we must buy abroad," Hatfield said.

"We should buy where we can get the best deal for the Oregon taxpayers."

The Highway Commission recently voiced a plan to "buy-American" whenever possible. There has in the past been criticism of the use of Japanese steel on the Astoria bridge.

The governor also argued against statutory limits on salaries for technical people. He said such limits hampered the state's ability to hire top caliber experts.

# Thresher Inquiry Board Hears of Object Being Seen

Portsmouth, N.H. — (UPI) — A naval officer testified today that an object believed to be a submarine was seen a few hours after the Thresher sank. He said the object disappeared and it may have been a fishing boat.

Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Hecker, 36, skipper of the escort vessel Skylark which was nearby when the Thresher sank Wednesday in the Atlantic with 129 men aboard, testified at a naval court of inquiry.

He said that during the search for the Thresher Wednesday afternoon the Skylark spotted an object which was believed to be a submarine "sail" or fin.

"We were anxious and possibly hoping it was the Thresher," Hecker said.

No Answer to Challenge

Hecker said the Skylark moved in closer and challenged the object. It refused to answer the challenge, he said.

At one point, the Skylark was within 6,000 yards of the object when it disappeared, he said.

"It was lying to," he said. "Maybe it was a fisherman." He said the Skylark did not pursue the object.

Asked if the ship or object carried any identifying numbers, Hecker said, "No, it might have been grey at one time. It was a dirty color. I don't know what happened to it."

Hecker testified that because of the deep depths in which the Thresher apparently plunged, his vessel, the Skylark, was in no position to offer assistance.

Log Read at Inquiry

Hecker read off to the inquiry board the Skylark's log of the Thresher's last minutes in water one and one-half miles deep 220 miles east of Cape Cod.

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# Police Question Man on Holdup Attempt Sunday

Michael Jamison West, alias Jim West, about 40, Ashland, was being questioned this morning regarding an attempted robbery of Norton's Market in Phoenix last night.

West is an ex-convict from Nebraska state penitentiary, it was reported. He has admitted to committing four burglaries in the Ashland area, four in Talent and one in Phoenix, according to reports at mid-morning. He may be questioned about the recent Groceries Super Market robbery in Medford.

State police apprehended West early this morning. LaVon Norton and Mayne Norton had just locked the store about 9 p.m. and started to their cars when they saw a masked man sitting behind the wheel in Mayne's car.

LaVon told officers that they dropped to the ground and he pulled a .38 caliber revolver from his pocket and yelled at the guy to get out of the car.

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# Traffic Crashes Claim Four Lives

By United Press International

Four persons died in Oregon week end traffic accidents.

George B. Reed, 21, Portland, was killed Sunday when a motorcycle overturned. Donna Schrantz, 20, a passenger on the motorcycle, was hurt critically.

Merle Worley, 58, Swiss-home, and his wife, Isabelle, 48, died early Sunday when their car plunged off State Highway 36 into the Siuslaw river near Mapleton.

Worley's body was not recovered.

Charles Cook, 20, a Forest Service employee, died in a one-car crash on U. S. Highway 101 near Gold Beach Saturday.

# Three Tongue Point Uses Under Study

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said today that three possible uses for the Tongue Point Naval Station at Astoria, Ore., are under study by the White House.

Transfer of Coast and Geodetic Survey staff personnel from the national capital to the Oregon site.

Use of the site for the orientation of foreign exchange students.

Use of the 872-acre base as a Peace Corps training center.

The Oregon Democrat told the Senate last week that a "serious scandal" was in the making because of the Kennedy Administration's failure to find a use for the \$14 million base.

Morse accused the General Services Administration, which is responsible for the disposition of surplus government property, of "complete inefficiency and malfeasance" in connection with handling of the Oregon property. He said the GSA should be investigated "from top to bottom."

# Siuslaw Boat Basin Study Authorized

Washington — (UPI) — The Senate Public Works Committee today renewed the Army Engineers' authorization to study construction of a small boat basin near the mouth of the Siuslaw river, according to Sen. Maurine Neuberger (D-Ore.).

Mrs. Neuberger noted that the site of the proposed basin is within the boundaries of the Oregon Dunes National Seashore she has advocated. However, she said the boat basin would be consistent with the recreation objectives of the Dunes park.

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall has been asked to coordinate the problem of land access to the area between the Bureau of Land Management and the Corps of Engineers.

Mrs. Neuberger said she believed the engineers' study should get under way immediately.

# STATEMENT PREPARED

Cairo — (UPI) — Arab diplomats today prepared an official statement of constitutional principles for the new United Arab Republic merging Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

# Snow in Area; Heating Expected

While rain early Easter morning dampened sunrise services so that the majority in southern Oregon were held indoors, snow was not reported on the valley floor until Monday morning.

Some 20 inches of rain was reported at the Medford station of the U.S. Weather bureau at the airport up to 10 o'clock today for the 24-hour period.

Crater Lake National park reported 15 inches of new snow for the past 24 hours with snow still falling this morning. There is now a total of 90 inches of snowpack there. The temperature at 8 o'clock there was 17 degrees.

Four inches of snow were reported on both the Green Springs and Siskiyou mountains.

Winds at the airport were recorded at a high of 30 miles per hour, which was at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Forecast for today is for showers of rain or snow with an expected low of 28 degrees tonight at the airport. General orchard heating is expected, according to William Rogers, fruit frost warning forecaster, with temperatures expected to dip to 25 degrees in the coldest orchards.

# Park Planner To Arrive Here Tuesday

Park Planner Asa Hanamoto, of the San Francisco firm of Royston, Mayes, Hanamoto and Beck, will arrive in Medford Tuesday morning to present a redevelopment plan for Hawthorne park to the city park and recreation commission.

Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth said Hanamoto will address the Crater Lions at their Tuesday noon luncheon on the subject of Bear creek improvement.

# NEWS BRIEFS

- MARCHERS BATTLE POLICE IN LONDON**  
London — (UPI) — An estimated 35,000 young ban-the-bomb marchers, many chanting the location of a secret government hideaway, battled police today in a noisy invasion of London. The marchers stormed to the walls of Buckingham Palace and surged past Parliament.
- VOLCANO ERUPTS OFF ECUADOR**  
Quito, Ecuador — (UPI) — The Chico Volcano on Isabela Island, largest in the Galapagos group off the Ecuadorian coast, erupted Sunday and was still spewing smoke, lava and ashes today, according to reports reaching here.
- WINDS DELAY BALLOON LAUNCH**  
Alamogordo, N.M. — (UPI) — Strong winds today forced another postponement of plans to send a balloon and two men 15 miles high to study the stars.

# Drastically Pared State Civil Defense Budget Passed by Oregon House

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# 'Big Three' Producer To Boost Steel Prices

First of Major Companies Tells Selective Plan Prices Advance On Stock Market

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (UPI) — Republic Steel Corp. today became the first of the "big three" producers to raise steel prices.

The company, the nation's third ranked producer, thus gave impetus to the price increase movement inaugurated last Tuesday by Wheeling Steel.

Republic, like Wheeling and Lukens Steel, announced it would put in effect Tuesday selective price increases averaging \$5.34 a ton. Wheeling had estimated its hikes at about \$6 a ton average, and Lukens about the same.

Republic's action came after these other developments:

- Steel stocks advanced on the New York Stock Exchange, some reaching new highs.
- Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said President Kennedy's current attitude on price increases was "commendable" and in contrast to his attitude last year when he forced a rollback of similar price increases by what Goldwater termed "uncalled-for intervention."
- Sen. Paul Douglas, chairman of the House-Senate Economic committee, announced his group would open hearings next week into the steel price situation.

Still to be heard from were U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel, the No. 1 and No. 2 producers.

The higher prices already were in effect. Both Wheeling and Lukens said the price increases were "selective" and affected about half of their products.

In Washington, a spokesman for Kaiser Steel said reports that the firm has reached a decision concerning steel prices "are inaccurate."

Study Subject

"No statement has been made by any official of Kaiser Steel," he said, "other than the fact that the company is continuing to study the subject."

There also was no comment forthcoming from Inland which with Kaiser were the two firms which balked at similar price increases by other producers, including U.S. Steel, a year ago. President Kennedy forged a roll-back of those increases.



THOMAS L. BEAN Tripped by Camera

# Skier's Confessed Slayer To Face Charge of Murder

Reno — (UPI) — Thomas Lee Bean, 18, a stringy tousle-haired youth who has confessed to the strangulation slaying of British ski star Sonja McCaskie, 24, was to be arraigned on a murder charge today.

He was arrested Saturday after a camera missing from the apartment of the victim was found in a pawn shop, and the pawn ticket was traced to Bean.

After police questioning, he admitted strangling the blonde divorcee with a piece of twine and methodically dismembering her body.

Prowling Neighborhood

It was the sight of women's underwear hanging on a clothesline, Bean told police, that determined his victim. He said he was prowling Miss McCaskie's neighborhood when he saw the underthings. He entered through an unlocked rear door and strangled the attractive skier when she awoke.

Dr. Rudolph B. Toller, a psychiatrist, questioned the youth for three hours Sunday at city jail.

Dist. Atty. William Raggio said he would seek a murder indictment from the grand jury, eliminating the need for a preliminary hearing.

Crime Re-Enacted

Bean re-enacted the crime after his confession Saturday night. He said he spent five and a half hours in the modest apartment of his victim after strangling her.

Briscoe said the youth, son of an itinerant door-to-door salesman, had spent eight months in a Nevada reformatory for attempting to strangle a woman in Salt Lake City.

# Supreme Court To Hear Appeal of 'Freedom Riders'

Land Condemnation Appeal Turned Down

Washington — (UPI) — The Supreme Court agreed today to hear the appeal of 10 northern clergymen convicted of unlawful assembly for their 1961 "freedom ride" protest against segregation at the Tallahassee, Fla., airport.

In another action regarding the racial issue, however, the court refused to examine a lower court decision that allowed the all-white Chicago suburb of Deerfield, Ill., to condemn land intended for integrated housing. The community held the sites were needed for parks, according to an Illinois Supreme Court decision.

The high federal court turned down an appeal from that ruling without comment.

It also took these actions:

- Agreed to examine the federal case against David Thomas Healy and Leonard Malcolm Oeth who in 1962 forced an airplane pilot at gunpoint to fly to Cuba. A U.S. district judge in Miami dismissed charges against the two on grounds that the crime did not fall within the scope of either the federal kidnaping or the aircraft piracy acts. The Justice Department appealed to the Supreme Court.
- Let stand a Texas decision that a state may sue alleged violators of its antitrust laws even though the federal government has taken action for the same violations.

In the Tallahassee "freedom rider" case, the Supreme Court will schedule arguments later on the appeal and hand down a written decision, probably in its next term.



BILLIE SOL ESTES Took It Calmly

# Estes Sentenced To 15 Years for Fraud, Conspiracy

El Paso, Tex. — (UPI) — U.S. District Judge R. E. Thomson, 83, sentenced bankrupt fertilizer king Billie Sol Estes to 15 years in prison today for committing mail fraud and conspiracy "in one of the most gigantic swindles in the history of our country." Estes, 38, took it calmly.

"I have not entered in conspiracy and have not intended to defraud anyone," Estes said.

Estes remains free on \$100,000 bond. Judge Thomson rejected defense motions for a new trial and a delay in passing sentence.

Freed on Nine Counts

A jury of 10 men and two women convicted him on four counts of mail fraud and one of conspiracy March 28 in a trial that lasted almost three weeks. He was acquitted on nine other counts of fraud.

A state court at Tyler, Tex., previously sentenced Estes to eight years for swindling a farmer. Today's sentence means that he now faces a total of 23 years in penitentiaries and 32 state and federal counts against him remained to be tried.

Officials Sentenced

The judge told Estes that his swindle, involving mortgages worth \$24 million in nonexistent anhydrous ammonia tanks, could not have been perpetrated without help of Superior Tank Manufacturing company of Amarillo, Tex.

Three officials of Superior, Coleman D. McSpadden, Ruel Alexander and Harold Orr, were indicted with Estes. They pleaded guilty to five counts of what was at first a 29-count indictment and have been sentenced to 6-10 year terms in the penitentiary.

Police Break Up Birmingham Marchers

Birmingham, Ala. — (UPI) — Police broke up an anti-segregation protest march by 1,500 Negroes on a sunny Easter Sunday that saw Negroes attend services at two white churches.

But the Negroes were turned away at a number of other white churches.

# Proposal To Send Measure Back to Committee Loses

\$50,034 Approved For Three-Man Staff

Salem — (UPI) — The House approved 32-27 today a drastically reduced state civil defense budget after defeating by a narrow 31-28 vote a move to send it back to committee.

The vote came after almost 90 minutes of debate.

The budget is \$50,034. It would finance a three-man civil defense staff attached to the governor's office.

The governor had asked \$195,000 in general fund monies to finance a 20-man civil defense staff.

The measure now goes to the Senate.

Hunt's Attempt Falls

Rep. Winton Hunt (R-Woodburn) almost succeeded in having the budget sent back to the Ways and Means Committee for reconsideration. He proposed that an alternate \$150,000 CD budget be enacted to provide an agency that would concentrate on leadership, communications and reorganization.

Several other Republicans joined Hunt's request. It was defeated 31-28 in an almost-party line vote.

Two Democrats, Jake Bennett and Ray Dooley of Portland, voted with the Republicans, but two Republicans who are members of the Ways and Means committee, George Filtrcraft (Klamath Falls) and Stafford Hansell (Hermiston), voted with the Democrats.

Rep. Carroll B. Howe (R-Klamath Falls) was excused. Hand Sara "Adams" Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie), who urged passage of the stripped-down budget, said "This budget will produce an adequate civil defense program at reduced cost."

The failure of the state CD agency during the Columbus day storm was again cited as the measure was debated.

Voting against the cut-down budget were Reps. Al-Yeh, Bazett, Bennett, Bone-steel, Branchfield, Cannon, Chappel, Churnard, Crothers, Dellenback, Detering, Dickinson, Dooley, Elder, Gallagher, Hagan, Hoyt, Hunt, Jones, Lang, Maher, Meek, Montgomery, Ouderkirck, Packwood, Rogers, and Robert Smith.

There had been speculation before today's House action that representatives might not approve the budget, and thus wipe out the state's civil defense agency.

# Sharp Reduction in Unemployment Noted

Washington — (UPI) — A better-than-usual spurt in manufacturing and trade jobs was chiefly responsible for the sharp reduction in the nation's unemployment rate in March, the Labor Department reported today.

# Packy Celebrates First Birthday At Portland Zoo

Portland — (UPI) — Packy, Portland's much-publicized elephant, celebrated his first birthday Sunday.

Some 9,000 persons visited the Portland Zoo during the week end to wish the baby pachyderm a happy birthday.

Packy was reunited with his mother Belle, for his birthday after being separated from her in February so that he could be weaned.

He was presented with a gigantic cake made of flour, peanuts, apples, carrots and bananas.

# Bill Restricting Right of Farm Pickets Passes

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate today passed 18-9 a bill which would restrict the right of farm employees to picket. The measure now goes to the House.

The bill would ban picketing except by regular farm employees. A regular employee is defined as one who has worked at least 15 days on the farm.

Sen. Lynn Newbery (R-Ashland) said the bill in no way restricted the rights of regular employees to bargain collectively, to strike or to picket.

Sen. Don Willner (D-Port-

# Accord Signed in Laos Fighting

Vientiane, Laos — (UPI) — Leaders of the pro-Communist Pathet Lao and neutralist forces signed an accord today for permitting sending of food supplies to neutralists bottled up between the battle-scarred Plain of Jars and Dhan Dong.

Signing of the agreement was disclosed by members of the International Control Commission and the British and Soviet ambassadors who returned here today after accompanying Laotian Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma to the plain Sunday.

The group, including diplomats from five nations, was capitalizing on a temporary cease fire to press mediation efforts among rival Laotian factions in an effort to head off new fighting in this troubled Southeast Asian kingdom.

# Central Point Boy Hurt in Accident

Central Point — Brady J. Murray, 9, of 312 Maple st., suffered minor injuries this morning when he was involved in a collision with an auto while walking to school.

The accident occurred at 8:05 a.m. at the intersection of Fourth and Pine sts. According to Central Point police, witnesses said the boy darted out in a crosswalk and was hit by a car driven by Walter George Ross, 17, of 212 South Seventh st. No citations were issued.

# WEATHER

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness and cool with showers of rain or snow tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday but with continued chance of showers. Low tonight 25. High Tuesday 55.

Highest Yesterday	43	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	22	
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today	28	

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	6:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:38 a.m.
The Moon rises 1:15 a.m. tomorrow and rises low.	
Late Quarter. Tuesday night the planet, Mercury, low in the west after sunset. It now begins one of its elusive appearances. Mercury is the smallest planet.	