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Cuban Council Threatens Publication of White Paper

All Welfare Patients Placed in Standard Homes

Kuhnz Answers Recent Complaints

Unless a nursing home meets adequate standards, state board of health regulations and the medical and social needs of the individual patient, the welfare departments will not place patients there, Jackson County Welfare Administrator David J. Kuhnz has told the county court.

He was answering complaints made by a group of private nursing home operators to the county court recently. They had objected to the use of unlicensed homes by the welfare commission, operation of the county farm-home "in competition with private nursing homes," "low" rates paid for welfare patients in private nursing homes, and felt the welfare commission penalized certain homes by not placing patients there.

The Oregon state board of health checked on five of the nine homes on a list presented the county court by the objecting private nursing home operators. They claimed the homes were not up to health board standards and were unlicensed.

One of the homes was found to be in violation. The operator was caring for six patients over 65 years old. Standards require a nursing home license if there are two patients over 65 years old. But this home was found to be neat and clean and the patients well cared for.

"Probably not more than 10" welfare patients locally are placed in "unlicensed" homes, Kuhnz said. The welfare staff has determined these patients would be happier in a smaller home.

"The welfare commission cannot order a patient to leave one home and go to another," Kuhnz explained. However, County Judge Earl M. Miller said he knows of one case where it did.

"I think the welfare commission and the county court are in general agreement about use of the farm home for welfare patients," Kuhnz wrote. "We feel hospital patients receiving welfare should be given first priority for admission when they are ready for release."

State budget limitations restrict the amount allowed for nursing home patients, Kuhnz explained. The 1963-65 budget approved by the governor does not provide for higher nursing home rates.

Steel Price Line Unanimously Broken

New York — Big steel unanimously broke the steel price line today as White House experts analyzed announced price increases for President Kennedy's approval. Bethlehem Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube announced price hikes on selected products ranging from \$4 to \$7 a ton, bringing to 11 the number of "big twelve" steel firms that have increased prices in the last eight days.



TRAFFIC STOPPER—Firemen are shown battling a blaze on Detroit's Ford Freeway Vincent Albane, 33, spotted the flames in when a gasoline truck's 9,000-gallon load burst into flames after a tire failure. The fire stopped traffic on the heavily-traveled freeway for six hours. The truck driver, his rear-view mirror and jumped to safety. (UPI)

Temperatures in Area Expected To Be Below Normal

Temperatures in Jackson county and throughout Oregon are expected to average below normal for the period from mid-April to mid-May, according to the Weather Bureau Agricultural Service office, Corvallis.

Precipitation is also expected to be above normal in all areas, except for the north-east corner of Oregon.

This will mean a "rather" late season for all crops, since the last several weeks have been on the cool side of normal in most areas, the report states.

The Crater Lake snow fall, which was far short of normal on April 1, is improving, it was reported. The cumulative fall on April 1 was 307 inches. It is now 375 inches. This is still far below last year's cumulative at this time, which was 510. But not far below the 1961 recording of 440 1/2 inches for this date.

Crater Lake National park now has 90 inches of snow on the ground. Four inches of

Guidance Clinic Meeting Tonight

The 10th anniversary of the Jackson County Family and Child Guidance clinic will be observed tonight, with a review of its progress, and a report on the state's new program for mental health services and rehabilitation.

The dinner meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Rogue Valley Country club. Those wishing to attend may make reservations by calling the clinic, 773-6211. Any who wish to hear the program without attending the dinner will be welcome at 8 p.m.

Speaker will be Dr. Joseph H. Treleven, administrator of the new Oregon health program, put into effect less than two years ago with a \$200,000 appropriation from the 1961 legislature.

Dr. Treleven, former chief of clinical services at Oregon State Hospital, will describe the program, and its impact on Jackson county and other areas of the state.

The program is basically in line with the presidential task force on mental health, which puts emphasis on decentralization of treatment in state institutions, and on treatment in the home community, through clinics and other facilities.

Representatives of other agencies which have a stake in the development of the health program in this area also will attend.

Khrushchev, Castro May Exchange Visits

Moscow — Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's planned trip to Moscow may be followed by a visit to Cuba by Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, informed sources said today.

SEAT BELTS APPROVED

Salem — A House-passed bill to require seat belts in all new cars sold in Oregon was approved Tuesday by the Senate Committee on State and Federal Affairs.

Document Called Embarrassing To Administration

Washington May End Financial Aid

New York — Cuban exile sources said today the Cuban Revolutionary Council will defy Washington pressure and make public a 10,000-word Cuban white paper described as "embarrassing" to the Kennedy administration.

The 23-page document, a copy of which was given Washington last April 5, will be made public at an open meeting of the council in Miami Thursday night, the sources said.

Exile leaders said the Kennedy administration threatened Council President Jose Miro Cardona with immediate deportation if the document is made public, and also said no council member ever would be received in Washington again.

Washington spokesmen denied both allegations. But administration officials said the United States might end its financial support of the council, estimated at \$2.4 million annually.

The council has been recognized by the U.S. government as representative of the 250,000 Cuban exiles here.

The crisis in relations between the council and Washington erupted last week when Miro resigned as council president. His resignation was rejected. At that time, however, the council voted against publication of its white paper.

Exile leaders said today the council in a secret meeting last Monday night decided by majority vote to make it public in view of what they termed Washington efforts to discredit Miro.

To Again Resign

Miro reiterated today that "under pressure of the Department of State" he would again present his resignation at Thursday's public council session.

He again charged bluntly that "The Department of State has violated its agreements with the Cuban Revolutionary Council."

Miro said the State Department "has moved all the elements within its unlimited powers in a violent campaign to discredit against my person unparalleled in the history of this great nation."

"It (the State Department) forces me to defend myself," Miro said. "I shall do so."

More Time Asked To Consider Highway

Jacksonville — The Jacksonville city council last night decided to seek more time to consider the state highway department's proposed relocation of the Medford-Provoit highway.

A motion was adopted to request "feasible amount of extra time from the highway commission" to study the possibilities of the proposed route and alternatives and to more thoroughly obtain the opinions of the city's residents.

The highway department has proposed a route running through Jacksonville along the south side of Jackson creek. Some residents favor putting it along the north side of the creek, while others think it should go around the north side of the Jacksonville cemetery and by-pass the city entirely.

The council issued a statement asking all residents to write letters or send petitions to the city council and state which route they favor and why. Next Monday, April 22, was set as the deadline for these petitions.

Investigation Into Shooting Incident Continues in City

Army Officers Are Assisting in Probe

Roy Charles Smith, 18, of El Monte, Calif., who was killed in a gun battle with Medford police Monday afternoon, was in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif., military authorities notified police today.

In Medford investigating the incident is Army Capt. Donald F. Burrell. En route to Medford to assist in the investigation for the Army is a criminal investigations division agent from Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Police learned that Smith was on a 24-hour leave from Ft. Ord, and at the time of the shooting was away over leave. His leave expired at 4:30 p.m. April 13.

Being Held in Jail

Being held in the Jackson county jail for being AWOL is Joseph David Collins, 17, also in the Army at Ft. Ord, who was arrested by state police while hitch-hiking between Medford and Ashland.

He told officers he knew Smith, and later in a statement admitted the two met in the Army hospital at Ft. Ord and planned a burglary in the Ashland area.

Police said Smith had lived in the Ashland area about ten years ago. His body has been identified by relatives, police said.

Among items found on Smith's body following the shooting were several local telephone numbers. These were traced by police. It was through this work that officers obtained a bracelet which had been given to a local resident by Smith. The bracelet was in a woman's purse which was snatched Saturday afternoon on a Medford street.

The detective division of the Medford police department and Oregon state police are attempting to establish Smith's activities during the short time he was in the valley prior to the Monday afternoon attempted holdup of a Medford grocery store.

Lease Signed For Beekman House

The Jackson county court signed a one-year lease for the home of early day banker C. C. Beekman this morning.

The lease copies will be sent to the University of Oregon which owns the Jacksonville property.

The one year lease is for \$400 with the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation as administering agency under the county court.

Earlier the county court had sought a 10-year lease for the home at \$200 a year. However, university officials wrote they could not accept less than \$400 a year. County Judge Earl M. Miller indicated the county court would negotiate later for a longer term lease.

The lease provides that all net receipts from tours of the house must be given to the university, an accounting, to be made every three months.

The county must pay for all utilities, for insurance and must keep the house and yard clean and orderly.

\$30,000 Granted District 549C in Oregon Program

The state board of education yesterday approved \$30,000 for School District 549C to proceed with its participation in the Oregon Program for improving education next year.

Dr. Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent of the Medford district, told the school board last night that several factors were considered by the state board in allocating the funds.

The state had asked the 27 participating school districts and colleges to review their requests for Ford Foundation funds because requests exceeded the amount available by about \$400,000.

Dr. Becken and Bill Ruck, director of the Oregon Program for the Medford district, discussed the allocations with

Mt. Ashland Ski Area Building Plans Announced

Ashland — Only \$4,000 of the original \$138,000 worth of the Mt. Ashland Ski corporation still remains to be sold, Richard Cottle, corporation attorney, reported at a meeting of about 40 stockholders and ski enthusiasts here last night.

Cottle asked that all stockholders pay the full amount they have pledged between now and June 5.

In another portion of the meeting, it was announced that Alex Murphy of 506 Whitman place, Medford, has been chosen manager of the ski lodge to be built at the Mt. Ashland ski area.

Present at the meeting, Murphy said that management of the lodge would be designed to accommodate the skier first, with everything else as an adjunct. He voiced confidence in the Rogue Valley's potential as a recreation area, saying "We're sitting in the midst of something big."

Drawings Showed

Robert Bosworth, architect, showed drawings of the proposed first unit. It will be a 5,200 square foot structure, constructed entirely with native Oregon materials, he said. Included will be a warming area, dining area, lounge and bar, ski rental shop, storage area and manager's quarters.

All facilities could be built to provide a maximum amount of view, he added.

A snow advisory committee of 17 members was elected during last night's meeting to serve as liaison workers with the board of directors. Mrs. Irving Lord was named its temporary chairman.

Three representatives from the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, Richard Frey, William Tope and John Hoozerheide, attended, reporting that the group is considering sponsoring a ski instruction school.

The Mt. Ashland corporation will have a booth this week end at the Sportsfair at the Medford Armory, it was announced.

Oregon Program Projects Approved

Salem — More than \$1 million worth of Oregon Program projects involving many schools and colleges were approved Tuesday by the State Board of Education.

The projects were taken from some \$1.5 million in proposals made by the participating schools and colleges.

Board To Reopen High School Discussion

The secondary school situation in District 549C, and what courses of action are possible, will be discussed by the school board starting next month.

Preliminary discussion of the situation, principally concerning the high school problem, started by the board last night. The discussion chiefly was to clarify the board's position and to answer questions by Mrs. L. W. Buonocone, 109 South Oakdale ave., and Mrs. H. L. Gilbert, 209 Eastwood dr., Medford.

Both women expressed an interest in the present status of plans for a new high school. More than a year ago, the board decided on construction

Way Cleared for Friday Action on Big Money Bill

Ballot Follows Along Party Lines

Salem — The House tabled, and thus virtually killed, a sales tax bill today without a vote to spare, clearing the way for consideration of a major revenue-raising package based on income tax Friday.

The 3-cent sales tax was tabled 31-29, after sponsors tried to get it safely back to committee and opponents clouded the issue by agreeing to send it back to committee in hopes it would die there.

The House Tax Committee brought the bill to the floor in hopes it would be killed. Action Due Friday

The committee's big money-raising projects—an income tax bill and a cigarette tax bill—were scheduled for action Friday.

The Oregon Association of School Administrators' legislative committee plans to recommend to the Oregon Education association that it sponsor an initiative measure for a sales tax to be voted on at the next election.

Such a recommendation is planned if the state legislature fails to adopt a sales tax or does not submit a sales tax proposal to the people.

The legislative committee of the state school superintendent's organization would recommend that such an initiative measure include a stipulation that any sales tax would be earmarked for school purposes and would help offset local property taxes.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) said the sales tax, which would have exempted food, drugs, feed, seed, and fertilizer, would have raised some \$120 to \$170 million a biennium. The state needs about \$65 million in new revenue.

But Eymann, an opponent, said the taxes still would come out of income.

"You cannot control a sales tax," he said. People on welfare and Social Security would have to pay it. The senior citizen would be hit hardest."

He said rather than giving property tax relief, it actually would shift a tax burden from business to the homeowner.

Committee Accused

Reps. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) and Don McKinnis (D-Summersville) its chief supporters, accused the committee of making the bill "obnoxious" by removing a referendum to the people and talking out a specific provision for property tax relief.

Rep. Victor Atiyeh (R-Beaverton) replied that sales tax supporters were trying to "wrap it in the sweetened form of property tax relief."

The bill went down largely on a party line vote, with Democrats against it.

The Tax Committee Tuesday sent out its main package, along with the bank tax bill and the local budget bill. It tabled a bill that would have put a partial property tax on non-profit fraternal and social groups.

Friday Is Deadline For Water Sign Up

The rate of sign up for new acreage to come under the proposed Agate dam project is faster than anticipated, according to Harold Sexton, Rogue River Valley Irrigation district manager.

To date, a total of 1,300 acres has been signed up of the total allowed acreage of 1,810. Friday is the deadline.

The proposed dam would be built on Dry creek north-east of Central Point and supply water for the first time to 1,810 acres and additional water to 4,800 acres.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Showers through Thursday. Low tonight 35. High Thursday 48.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 48
Lowest This Morning 35
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .01

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 8:35 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:27 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 2:46 a.m.
New Moon on the April 23

VISIBLE PLANETS
Mercury, low in west after sunset.
Mars, high in south.
Jupiter, low in east at sunrise.

NEWS BRIEFS

DIEFENBAKER'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Ottawa, Canada — Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's resignation today was accepted by Canada's governor-general, but a sudden shift in political alliances left his successor, Lester B. Pearson, without a majority in government.

HORNUNG, KARRAS DRAW SUSPENSIONS

New York — Paul Hornung of the Green Bay Packers and Alex Karras of the Detroit Lions were "suspended indefinitely" today by Commissioner Pete Roselle of the National Football League for betting on games.

KEY NEUTRALIST TOWN CAPTURED

Vientiane, Laos — Pro-Communist troops have captured a third key Neutralist town on the Plain of Jars in a drive that has made a shambles of the Laotian cease-fire agreement, informed sources reported today.