

# Kennedy Visits State While Legislature Considers Budget

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President Kennedy paid his promised visit to California and the California legislature was faced with hammering out the largest budget in the history of any state—\$3.2 billion—with only 14 days left in its six-month session.

The President's visit drew Gov. Edmund G. Brown from the capitol to greet Kennedy—and on the night of the President's arrival in San Diego Brown's budget bill was sent to the assembly floor by the Assembly Ways and Means committee.

Kennedy chose his California visit, which terminated Saturday when he left for Honolulu, to announce he will visit Great Britain at the end of the month to confer with Prime Minister Harold MacMillan. It would be their first meeting in six months.

**Greeted by 100,000**  
The President was greeted by 100,000 persons when he landed in San Diego and later addressed commencement exercises at San Diego State college which awarded him an honorary degree.

After attending a \$1,000 plate dinner for the President in the Beverly Hilton hotel in Los Angeles and attending his daughter's graduation in Monterey, Brown returned to the legislature which held its first Sunday meeting of the session to meet the crush of bills.

Brown's budget, which he proposed to balance with no new taxes, faced a solid front of opposition from Republicans, who claimed they could maintain it to the end. The GOP's chief irritation was the personal income tax withholding plan, a key in Brown's plan to forestall new

## \$25,000 Suit Is Filed in Court Here

A complaint seeking \$25,000 damages and \$2,785 medical, hospital and funeral expenses has been filed in Jackson county circuit court as the result of an automobile accident May 13, 1962, in which three persons were killed.

Laura A. McFall, 324 South B st., Eagle Point, executrix of her husband's estate, Lester McFall, one of those killed, is suing June Marie Ryland, 2511 Crater Lake highway, driver of the other vehicle involved in the accident.

According to the complaint, Mrs. McFall charges June Ryland with negligence in operating the vehicle. The accident occurred at 11:30 a.m. at the intersection of Highway 62 and Agate rd.

The damages are sought for the six McFall children.

## Oregon Methodists To Study Merger

Salem—UPB—Oregon Methodists Thursday approved a program to study a proposed merger of Oregon and Idaho Methodist Conferences.

Three Idaho ministers, Leon Bolen, Earl Riddle and Wendell Coe, were here Thursday to urge unification at the Oregon annual conference of the Methodist church.

It was recommended that the study be carried out under the direction of the Idaho conference and Oregon's coordinating council's executive committee.

Their further recommendations on unification will be presented to the 1964 Oregon and Idaho conferences.

## Cemetery Group Names New Officers

Officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Antioch Cemetery association recently. Chosen as director of the association was Mrs. Belle Loftin, who will serve for a three-year term. Also elected to the board were Merrill Martin, chairman, and Harold Holloway.

During the meeting, a recommendation was made to help keep the cemetery grounds clean. The board stressed the use of plastic containers for flowers since glass and metal are not easily disposed of during the cleanup sessions.

Mrs. Loftin also was appointed to take charge of the cemetery cleanup.

**CLOSING SOON**  
New York—UPB—June 15 is the closing date for the third annual Varsity Show Competition run by Broadcast Music, Inc., which has a prize of \$1,500 for the composer and lyricist of the college musical comedy or revue judged to be best presented in the United States or Canada during the 1962-63 academic year. Contact Robert R. Sour, BMI, 889 Fifth ave., New York.

taxes by speeding up collection of present taxes.

The Republicans weren't being taken lightly. The Assembly Ways and Means committee was forced to clear for floor action the withholding tax bill "without recommendation" in order to assure its debate on the floor.

And, in a parliamentary move that pinpointed the qualms being suffered by lawmakers, including Democrats, the "emergency clause" was removed from the budget to take up where the present one leaves off at the end of the fiscal year.

On the withholding tax bill, the indications were there weren't enough committee votes to recommend floor passage of the bill, thus the "without recommendation." On the budget bill, removal of the emergency clause lowered to 41 from 54 the number of votes needed to clear the budget in Assembly. There are 52 Democrats in the Assembly.

**Decision:** The U.S. Supreme Court ended a 40-year fight over water of the Colorado river between California and Arizona with a decision that generally favored Arizona.

Arizona was allowed by the decision to use up to 2.8 million acre feet of water from the main stream of the river instead of the 1.3 million acre feet it has been taking. California was limited to 4.4 million acre feet.

But California department of water resources director William E. Warne said there was "no chance of running out of water" in southern California. He added it was "conceivable" that the State Water Plan, designed to pump water from northern California to southern California, might have to be accelerated by "a year or two." Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk said he was "disappointed" by the decision, but added that the "worst feature" of a major plan to solve the dispute had been deleted by the decision. This, he said, was a water distribution formula for dry years. The court left this up to the Secretary of Interior.

**Collision:** The Japanese freighter, Kokoku Maru, and the U.S. Refrigerator ship Asterion collided in a dense

## Author of Poem Is National Winner

Among the California women journalists who were national winners in the National Federation of Press Women's annual contests was Emile Abbot, Los Angeles, who placed third in the poetry division of writing for adults.

Her poem "Oriental Reflections," appeared in the Medford Mail Tribune last year.

The winners were announced last week at the annual awards banquet during the federation's national convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

fog whipped by 40 knot winds 35 miles northwest of San Francisco. One crewman of the Japanese ship was killed when the bow of the Asterion ripped into the starboard side of the Kokoku Maru about amidships.

The U.S. Coast Guard plucked the other 43 crewmen of the Kokoku Maru from lifeboats after they abandoned ship and the freighter was towed back to San Francisco Bay. The Asterion steamed back to the Bay with a gaping rip in its bow. The 6,295-ton Japanese ship had been headed for home. The 7,771 ton Asterion was bound for San Francisco when the two collided five miles off Point Reyes. The Japanese shipping company promptly slapped a \$400,000 damage suit against the U.S. Government charging the ship was negligent.

**Mars:** The favorite planet of science fiction writers may have some life on it after all. Scientists at the California Institute of Technology disclosed the detection of water vapor on Mars. They said this increased the chances of finding life on the red planet.

But they said there was very little moisture on Mars compared to Earth and not nearly enough to fill any canals which years ago were thought to exist on the planet. The scientists refused to speculate on the question of some type of life on Mars but pointed out that all known life uses water and life would be "less likely" if no water vapor at all had been detected.

## Valley Graduate Is On European Tour

Bill Caldwell, graduate of Eagle Point High school, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, is a member of the Forest Grove Gleemen and Girls, who are making three European appearances this month.

Caldwell and his wife, who is "just going for the trip," left with the organization from Portland International Airport last week.

After two days in London, the singers were to fly to Munich, Caldwell's mother said. From Munich they will travel by bus to Salzburg, where they will sing at the Austrian Music Festival. They will perform in Rome and in a command performance for Prince Rainier and Princess Grace in Monaco, where they also will attend a reception.

Caldwell, a graduate of Pacific university in Forest Grove, is employed by the state of Oregon department of forestry in the university city.

**BIG WINNER**  
Louisville, Ky.—UPB—In five rides in the Kentucky Derby, jockey Bill Hartack has won the turf classic three times—with Iron Liege in 1957, with Venetian Way in 1960 and with Decidedly in 1962.



**EXPRESSES THANKS**—Gov. George Wallace, right expresses his thanks as he looks at a letter presented him Friday by members of his cabinet in support of his stand against intergration at the University of Alabama. Cabinet members crowd the governor's office as ABC Administrator Frank Potts presents the letter. (UPI)

## WHISKY DECLINES

New York—UPB—Domestic whisky is losing markets to imports, vodka and gin. Consumption of domestic whisky declined to 69 per cent of the total for all spirits in 1962 from 73.3 per cent five years ago.

## Mrs. Tobin Plans Tour of Europe

Ashland—Mrs. Harriet Tobin, speech instructor at Southern Oregon college, plans to leave June 13 on an American Travel company tour of Europe with her first stop scheduled for Edinburgh, Scotland. Her itinerary will include Denmark, Russia, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland Belgium, and France. Her last stop will be in London where she will board a plane for the United States. She will be in Europe from June 21 until Aug. 19.

## Miss Robinson to Attend Conference

Ashland—Helene Robinson, associate professor of music at Southern Oregon college, will be one of the featured speakers at the annual convention of the Oregon Music Teachers association on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, this week.

Monday Miss Robinson will address the convention on "Teaching the Adult Piano Student." Tuesday she is scheduled to moderate a panel on "The Relationship of the Private Music Teacher and the School Music Teacher." The panel will be composed of Verne Wilson, supervisor of music in the Portland public schools; and Leon Erickson, Astoria, piano teacher. Miss Robinson, who is a member of the Board of Adjudicators for the association, also will serve on a committee to consider means of unifying and standardizing the music theory courses in the colleges and universities of the state.

Highlights of the conference will be a concert by Istvan Nadas, internationally famous Hungarian pianist, who also will present a lecture on the Piano Music of Bela Bartok; a speech on "Training the Accompanist," by Nadine Dreskell of Arizona State college; and a discussion of "New Music" by Homer Keller, noted American composer.

## Local Student Gets Reserve Commission

Among members of the graduating class at the University of Nevada, Reno, last week who received commissions in branches of the Armed Forces was Lary D. Smith, Medford, who was appointed an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Col. Robert L. Gundlach, chairman of the military department at the university, announced the commissions during the graduating ceremonies. University President Charles J. Armstrong made the commencement presentations.

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