

AUTO PLOWS INTO MARCHING SOLDIERS



STEEPLEJACK AT WORK—A church in Jacksonville is catching the eye of tourists these days. High up on the First Presbyterian church's steeple, approximately 80 to 85 feet high, works a steeplejack. The contractor, Milton Wallace, is replacing the original wood shingles that were put in

place in 1881 when the church was completed. The original builders of the church used rough hewn shingles and nailed them in place with square nails. Roofing of the steeple should be completed sometime next week.

Council Accepts Report Favoring Terminal Lounge

The chairman of the airport committee of the Medford city council reported last night that his group favored the establishment of a cocktail lounge in the terminal building at the municipal airport.

The council, following submission of the report, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

The lounge had been requested by Vern Langford, proprietor of the Sky Room restaurant in the terminal building.

Committee Chairman Robert Cunningham said installation of the lounge "would be desirable as an additional service to the public."

He said he felt the operation would be economically feasible on a modest scale.

The committee report recommended the lounge be constructed in the area between the restaurant and main loading ramp at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

The lounge would be leased to Langford with a minimum monthly rental to the city of \$125. Langford would have to post an advance rental of \$2,000 to assist in construction of the lounge.

No funds would be expended, however, the report stated, until an operating license had been obtained from the Oregon Liquor Control commission.

Ferry Replaces Trans-Columbia Boats

Astoria—UPI—The ferry Kit-sap, brought from the state of Washington last year, replaced two smaller boats on the trans-Columbia from Astoria to Megler, Wash., Thursday.

Council Delays for Four Months Action On Request for Zone

The Medford city council, obviously persuaded by the arguments of Attorney Robert Boyer, reversed an earlier decision last night and voted to postpone action for about four months on a request to rezone a half-mile strip of property lying between Biddle rd. and Interstate 5.

The applicants, owners of property located at 801, 851, 895 and 955 Biddle rd., sought to have the parcels rezoned from single family to limited commercial.

The planning commission at its June meeting had voted to deny the request. The city planning staff had recommended that the 80-foot wide strip be acquired for park purposes.

Appeal on Recommendation

The request last night was an appeal from the planning commission's negative recommendation, Boyer represented the applicants.

Boyer told the council he understood the city administration was going to attempt to acquire the strip of property with "national financing."

He said the property owners were in sympathy with the idea and asked a four month's delay on their zone change request in order to give the city time to seek federal aid.

City Attorney William Mansfield agreed that "four months would be sufficient to explore the federal possibilities." He said the city had exhausted all possibilities of state assistance.

The council then voted 4 to 3 not to grant the four month's postponement.

Reserve Right to Speak

But Boyer, who had reserved the right to speak "on the merits" of the matter if the council denied the postponement, then pointed out that the city had taken no action on the property since 1961, when it denied a similar request from the property owners.

Boyer quoted the 1961 chairman of the planning commission who said in denying the request then that "the city should purchase the property."

"But the city has made no attempt in the last two years to buy the property," Boyer argued, "and the owners still seek the change."

Councilman Jack Edson said he would vote for the postponement, but warned that "if this becomes a half-mile long commercial strip of small businesses, it will be detrimental to the city."

The council then voted unanimously to continue the matter for about four months, after Boyer assured the group he did not feel they would be "committing" themselves by the delay.

Fire Damages Home On Lake Highway

Fire yesterday damaged an unoccupied house owned by Ralph Glass on Crater Lake highway one-half mile south of Desert Service station.

Central Point rural firemen said the cause is being investigated. They reported that the blaze started in the bathroom which was heavily damaged. There was smoke and heat damage throughout the house.

Rural firemen were summoned at 2:55 p.m. yesterday.

NEWS BRIEFS

GUNFIRE REPORTED IN KOREA TRUCE ZONE

Along the Truce Line, Korea—UPI—Scattered gunfire again broke out in the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea early today, but a U.S. 1st Cavalry Division officer indicated the shooting was insignificant.

RADIO JAMMING SAID DECREASED

London—UPI—Radio monitors today reported an end or decrease of jamming of Western broadcasts to Communist Romania. This follows the end of Soviet jamming of Russian language broadcasts of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Jamming ended June 8.

PULITZER PRIZE POET DIES

Seattle, Wash.—UPI—Prof. Theodore Roethke, 55, a Pulitzer Prize winning poet, died of a heart attack Thursday night after collapsing in a neighbor's private swimming pool on Bainbridge Island.

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U.S. Halts All Arms Shipments To South Africa

Move To Honor Existing Contracts

United Nations, N. Y.—UPI—The United States announced today that it is halting all shipments of military equipment to South Africa to prevent their use to support policies of racial segregation.

U. S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson made the announcement in the course of a Security Council debate on the South African government's racial segregation policies.

"We expect to bring to an end the sale of all military equipment to South Africa by the end of this calendar year," he said. This, he added, would allow existing contracts to be honored.

Obligations Said Unmet

The United States, Stevenson said, "feels South Africa is failing to carry out its obligations under the UN charter" in continuing to deny Africans any political rights.

"By stopping the sale of arms to South Africa we will emphasize our hope that the republic will now re-assess its attitude on apartheid in the light of numerous appeals from the UN and from member states such as the United States."

Stevenson said the United States is prepared to meet with other UN members and with the foreign ministers of African states to discuss what can be done about South Africa and racial segregation.

To Have Suggestions

"We will have some suggestions at that meeting," he said. He did not say what these suggestions were.

Stevenson's statement followed a call from Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana for a total embargo on all arms shipments to South Africa. The Ghanaian said that arms shipped by the Western powers, such as jet planes and armored cars, were being used by South African troops and police against unarmed Africans.

Former Soldier Says Experience In Red China Disillusioned Him

Hong Kong—UPI—A former American Army corporal who chose communism and lived for nine years in Red China said today the experience disillusioned him.

Lowell D. Skinner of Akron, Ohio, who was captured during the Korean War and refused repatriation after the armistice 10 years ago, left Red China Thursday on his way back home at last.

The 32-year-old Skinner, one of 21 American soldiers captured by the Reds and who elected to stay behind, described conditions in China now as improved over the chaotic situation that prevailed during the "great leap forward" that failed in 1959 and the withdrawal of Soviet help to Peking in 1960. But the life there is still far from good, he said.

"If you want to change your work, you can't," he

said. "If you want to study, you can't. If you want to travel, you can't."

"In 1958 when the 'great leap' program started the people thought they were going to gain something. But then they got tired and tired."

When the "great leap forward" of Communist Chinese leader Mao Tze-tung started in 1958, "things got all mixed up," Skinner said, especially in the field of agricultural production.

He said the Chinese at that time "didn't produce too much."

Skinner said that at the height of the "great leap" program he actually had a home steel furnace set up in his backyard in Tsinan.

"It didn't work," he said, reflecting the general opinion about the backyard steel production experiment, which dated from the Peking Com-

unist party's directives a bout organizing people's communes in 1958.

He said that at the height of the "leap forward" program—in September 1958—it was common for people in Red China to work 21 hours a day. But now the work day is back to eight hours, he said.

Skinner said life inside Red China grew very difficult in 1959-60, with 1960 the worst year of hardship for the Chinese population.

That was the year the Russians withdrew, and a period which was further complicated by "droughts and floods, bad management, and lack of experience."

"If we had to live like ordinary people, no one would have survived," he said. Foreigners were given better rations than Chinese, he said.

He said that office workers with legs and arms swollen

from malnutrition were a common sight in those days.

Skinner, who married a Chinese girl who remained behind when he left, said that in 1960 the Russians at one point demanded that the Chinese repay old debts — "mainly Korean War debts, but also those for the large industrial enterprises."

He said the Russian withdrawal principally had affected the construction of textile and fertilizer plants.

"Some of these big enterprises had to stop after the Russians left," he said.

Noting the cooling-off of Soviet-Red Chinese relations, Skinner said that in 1957-58 there was no talk about Moscow-Peking troubles.

But just before all the Russian technical experts left Tsinan in 1960, he said he noticed a remarkable increase in violence of anti-Russian statements by the Chinese.

15 Admitted To Army Hospital; Driver Arrested

Men, Helmets Strawn Over Road

Ft. Dix, N. J.—UPI—An automobile plowed into a column of 150 marching soldiers on a wet dimly lighted road here late Thursday night, injuring 21 of the troops, none seriously.

There were men, rifles and helmets strewn all over the road," said Nick Grand, one of the first to reach the scene, near the post's southern boundary.

Fifteen casualties were admitted to Walsen Army hospital on the post with injuries that included broken legs, fractured ribs, lacerations and fractured arms. The others were treated for minor injuries and released.

No Serious Injuries

An Army spokesman said none of the hospitalized was in serious condition.

The motorist, Pfc. Robert C. Keyers, 23, of Toms River, N. J., apparently failed to yield the right of way and bowled over the troops as they crossed Texas ave. onto Range rd., the spokesman said.

The soldiers, all basic trainees, were returning to their barracks from a night training mission. The stretch of road was dark and the pavement still wet from an earlier rain.

The soldiers, members of Co. "D" of the 3rd Training Regiment, were marching north when the car bore down on them from the south. The impact hurled men and equipment of the third and fourth platoons over several hundred feet of the roadway.

Carrying Flashlights

An Army spokesman said officers in the column were carrying flashlights with red reflectors and should have been visible from a distance.

More than 20 ambulances from the post and nearby communities converged on the scene to carry the injured to the hospital. The Army also searched Engineers lake, adjacent to the roadway, on the theory that some of the soldiers may have been hurled into the shallow water, but none was found.

Keyers, who escaped injury, was taken into custody by military authorities for questioning.

New Move Made To Take Ineligible Off Welfare Rolls

Salem—UPI—New efforts to eliminate ineligible persons from Oregon's welfare rolls were announced Thursday by State Welfare Administrator Andrew F. Juras.

Earlier it was announced in Washington, D.C., that 5.4 per cent of the persons on Oregon Aid to Dependent Children rolls had been found to be ineligible.

The Oregon figure was identical to that of the national average found in a survey made last winter by federal officials. The survey was made public Thursday.

Juras declared the Oregon Welfare Department would go beyond minimum federal requirements, in his efforts to cut ineligible recipients from the rolls.

Federal requirements now specify a continuous review of eligibility; redetermination of eligibility for all ADC families every six months and state-by-state reviews of program administration.

Investigators Hired

State investigators are being hired to probe suspected frauds and complicated property cases where eligibility is questioned by either the regular caseworker or the special reviewers.

Welfare workers will check industrial accident and unemployment compensation lists to be sure welfare recipients aren't getting money from those sources.

New efforts are being made in the state to simplify welfare standards and policies in order to cut the chance of error, Juras said.

The federal survey found that some families, even though eligible, received incorrect amounts of ADC assistance. It indicated that 61 persons received overpayments while 38 families were entitled to more money.

Deliberate fraud was indicated in less than half of the Oregon families where ineligibility was found.

Timber Operators Council Moves To End Lumber Strike

By United Press International

The Timber Operators Council, in a stunning step to end the Northwest lumber dispute, today recommended putting its latest wage offer to two lumber unions into effect without their approval.

The council, which represents 196 firms in the Douglas Fir belt from Northern California to Alaska, recommended to its members that its offer of a 26-cent an hour pay increase over three years go into effect immediately.

An estimated 30,000 employees would get a 12-cent pay increase retroactive to June 1, when the last contracts with the International Woodworkers of America and

Request to Move Business Denied

An application by the proprietors of the Frontier Club, 43 South Front st., to transfer their operation to a new location at 226 North Front st. was unanimously voted down by the Medford city council last night.

The applicants, Robert L. and Edna J. Knox, were represented by Attorney A. E. Piazza, who said he was "puzzled" by opposition to the proposal.

Piazza argued that the present operation of the applicants was "orderly" and that the proposed new operation would be just as orderly.

He said that the proximity of the proposed location to the city police department one-half block away would further insure the orderly conduct of the tavern's patrons.

Attorney Frank Farrell, representing several property owners in the vicinity of the proposed site of the tavern, said that Colony restaurant lounge in that block was sufficient "to take care of the public need."

He said property values would be "seriously downgraded" if the tavern were allowed to locate in the building presently occupied by the Whistler's Cafe.

A petition signed by seven adjacent property owners opposing the request was presented to the council.

Jacksonville Sewer Construction Starts

Jacksonville—Construction of Jacksonville's sewer system is under way.

Officials of the construction company, R. A. Heintz of Portland, and Jacksonville Mayor E. O. Graham issued a warning advising parents to keep children away from sewer piping, and especially away from open trenches.

Graham announced that forms will be mailed to homeowners shortly by the sewer contractor asking where in his property the owner wishes to have his hookup placed.

"Filling out of these forms can save time and trouble both for the homeowners and the contractor," Graham noted.

Residents will be notified when the resident engineer will visit their property to make arrangements for connections. Persons not able to be home at that time may designate the spot desired for the hookup by putting up a stake with a flag on it.

Treasurer's Office Gets Liquor Check

The Jackson county treasurer's office has received \$1,610.81 as its quarterly allocation from liquor receipts, County Treasurer Karl Janouch said today.

Medford has received \$1,125.44 from the state liquor receipts.

Other cities in Jackson county and the amounts received based on population are Ashland \$410.94; Butte Falls, \$16.22; Central Point, \$110.27; Eagle Point, \$32.61; Gold Hill, \$26.36; Jacksonvile, \$50.82; Phoenix, \$37.90; Rogue River, \$22.55; and Talent \$40.50.

Groener May Seek Legislative Seat

Milwaukie—UPI—Former state legislator Richard Groener said Thursday he may seek one of Clackamas county's four seats in the Oregon House of Representatives.

He denied he would be a candidate for county commissioner.

Groener, a Democrat, said he was denying any intention to challenge either Fred Stefani or Stan Ely, incumbent commissioners, now to "clear the air."

Groener was elected to the House in 1954, re-elected in 1956 and elected senator in 1958. He lost the Senate seat last year to Democrat Tom Monaghan by 24 votes in a recount.

380-Acre Fire Near Bandon Controlled

By United Press International

A 380-acre fire in grass and small pine near Bandon was brought under control today, the State Forestry department said.

The blaze, which started late Thursday afternoon, was one of four reported in the Coos District.

The other three were brought under control quickly.

State forestry officials said no other fires were reported on state-patrolled lands.

The U.S. Forest Service reported three small fires, the largest of which burned three acres in the Wallawa-Whitman National forest.



STRATEGY CONFERENCE—President Kennedy held a final strategy conference today with Secretary of State Dean Rusk on the East-West security talks set with Russian leaders in Moscow next week. From left are Rusk, President Kennedy, Llewellyn Thompson, East-West affairs adviser, and William C. Foster, disarmament chief. The story is on Page 2A. (UPI)