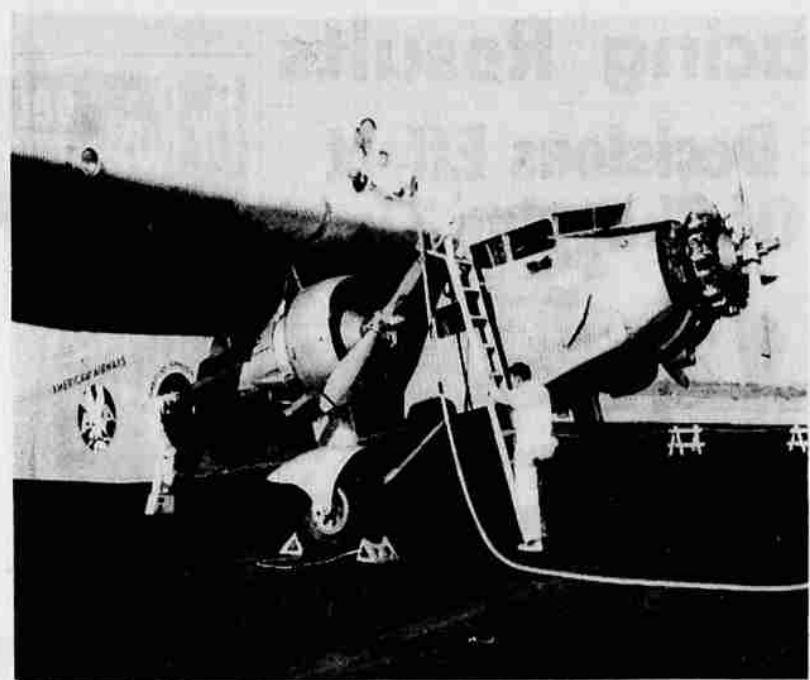


Gangland Turncoat Talks To Subcommittee



TIN GOOSE VISITS — One of the 11 remaining Ford Tri-Motor airplanes flew into Medford municipal airport yesterday and three flights for invited guests were taken. This morning area residents viewed the craft, which was brought here by American and West Coast Airlines. The plane left at noon for Sacramento, Calif. It will have stops in Oakland and San Jose, Calif., before being ferried to Tulsa, Okla., where American Airline will revert it to its original condition before presentation to the Smithsonian Institution for its National Air Museum. (Knackstedt photo)

Sale of U.S. Surplus Wheat To Russia Being Considered

Officials Offer Guarded Approval Of Suggestions

By United Press International
The wheat belt gave guarded approval today to suggestions the United States sell surplus grain to Russia.

"It doesn't make a lot of difference whom we sell wheat to..." summed up one grain terminal official simply.

"We have plenty and apparently the Russians are short," rancher J. Tipps Hamilton, Kirtley, S.D., said. "Sometimes we have to put aside our hostilities and help those who are less well off."

Actually, those who were opposed to selling wheat to Russia — or who had doubts — did not do so on the basis of the "cold war." Rather, they raised economic questions as to what the form of payment would be and whether the sale would really shrink this country's huge pile of grain.

Fertilizers, increased acreage and "farm automation" have caused a tremendous boost in agricultural production in the United States since World War II began, and have left this country with one of its biggest headaches.

Both Republicans and Democrats tried — but were largely faulted for their farm programs. And yards of huge government granaries continue to dot the countryside throughout the middle West.

On the other hand, it has been reported the Russians have been having serious agricultural problems of the opposite kind. Production is low and food prices are sky high.

Advisory Group Is Asked to Decide on School Plan Soon

The Citizens' Advisory Committee on Education should come to a conclusion as rapidly as possible concerning the secondary school situation in District 549C, Dr. Keith Goldhammer of the bureau of educational research said last night.

Once a decision is reached, he added, plans can be formulated to proceed with providing facilities to maintain the quality school program offered in the district.

Dr. Goldhammer was the sixth speaker at a series of general meetings of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Education.

He reviewed various possibilities for relieving present crowded conditions in the secondary schools in the district, while at the same time maintaining the quality program for which the district is recognized.

In solving the problem, he said, the decision will not be how much the cost, but rather it will be to determine the best possible plan for developing the proper environment for the education of the children.

His discussion centered around the "house plan" and the 6-2-2-2 organization.

Senate Receives Tax Reduction Bill From House

Lower Chamber Votes 271 To 155
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Propelled by a 271-155 House vote, the biggest tax cut in history reached the Senate today with President Kennedy pressing for final enactment before Christmas.

The Senators may balk at Kennedy's time-table. But most lawmakers figured it was a safe bet that some version of the \$11 billion tax-cutting bill would become law by early spring, if not sooner.

The bill passed the House Wednesday night over strong Republican opposition. Asserting that the nation can not have both tax relief and higher federal spending, most Republicans voted against final passage after the House defeated a GOP attempt to attach budgetary strings to the tax cut.

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The House bill would parcel out tax relief to virtually every taxpayer — individual or corporation. The relief would start in January, with two-thirds effective on 1964 income. When fully effective in 1965, the tax cuts would average 18.3 per cent for the nation's \$50 billion individual taxpayers.

Up to Committee
The next step in the legislative process is up to the Senate Finance committee. Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) takes a dim view of cutting taxes at a time when the Treasury is running a deficit estimated at \$9 billion a year.

Starting late next week, Byrd's committee will hold closed sessions to get briefed by Treasury and congressional staff tax experts on the provisions of the 310-page House bill. Then the committee will start public hearings which are certain to extend well into November.

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REFINERY DAMAGED — Four people were reported killed when the U and I Sugar refinery at Moses Lake, Wash., was severely damaged by an explosion and fire Wednesday. Four of the eight silos at the plant were destroyed by the blast, of unknown origin. (UPI)

Explosion at Sugar Beet Factory Kills Four; Three Others Missing

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A total of 138 employees and guests of Pacific Power and Light company, Copco division, witnessed the presentation of two plaques for no lost time accidents for a year last night at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Claud Haggard, safety director for the Copco division, capped the ceremonies with an account of a life-saving operation during the Oct. 12 storm damage repair period.

Frank Benesh, Medford district manager, received the State Industrial Accident commission's safety plaque from William Callahan, SIAC commissioner. William Tucker, district line superintendent and L. D. Glass, district safety committee chairman, received the

PP&L gold plaque from Don Frisbee, vice president and treasurer of the company.

Telegrams Are Read
Congratulatory telegrams were read from Paul B. McKee, chairman of the PP&L board of directors, and from General Manager Albert Bauer, both of Portland. Harold (Hal) Gardner, formerly of the Medford office and now in Portland as administrative assistant, represented Bauer at the dinner.

The SIAC commissioner praised the 105 men and seven women employees of the Medford district for their safety record. He also paid "special tribute" to Bill Callender, a local PP&L office employee, for his spirit in continuing to work although confined to a wheelchair. Ten years ago he was thrown off a 30-foot pole when a tree fell against the line on which he was working.

Tight Security Guard Surrounds Joseph Valachi

Informer Appears Calm, Unafraid
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Underworld turncoat Joseph Valachi gave Senate investigators a 2½ hour rundown today on operations of the nationwide criminal syndicate "Cosa Nostra."

The stocky, crew-cut Valachi, who will tell his story publicly Friday, was under tight security guard against any possible underworld attempt on his life for violating gangland's code of secrecy.

One member of the Senate investigations subcommittee said the former mobster — murderer appeared "perfectly cooperative."

Behind Closed Doors
His disclosures were made behind closed doors. The area was heavily guarded by Capitol police and federal marshals.

The man who provided what the Justice Department called an "intelligence breakthrough" about "Cosa Nostra" seemed calm and unafraid as he walked in and out of the hearing room.

When the session ended, Valachi and chief U.S. Marshal James P. McShane entered the men's room. Valachi emerged a few minutes later, puffing on a cigarette, and was whisked away to the District of Columbia jail where he is being held.

Feels Fine
A reporter asked Valachi how he felt and how the morning's session went.

"Fine, fine," he replied in a low voice.

Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) a subcommittee member, said Valachi was "perfectly cooperative" in describing his former underworld connections.

66 Residents Cast Ballots in Election

A total of 66 Jackson county residents have voted so far in the special tax referendum either by absentee ballot or at the county elections department, it was reported today.

Persons who expect to be out of town on election day must vote prior to 5 p.m. Oct. 9, according to County Clerk Marvin Madden.

Persons voting after that time must sign statements of illness or that their absence from the county on election day results from an emergency.

Teen-Agers Admit Taking Vehicle

Four teen-age boys, students at McLoughlin Junior High school, were taken into custody by Medford police early this morning on a charge of auto theft.

Under questioning, the youths, aged 12, 13, 13 and 14, admitted they took an auto in Central Point Tuesday night and went for a joy-ride around the area.

The youngsters said at one point they siphoned about 10 gallons of gasoline from a rental truck in a lot across from the Medford YMCA. They abandoned the auto near Jackson school when it developed a flat tire.

They also admitted attempting to steal another car in Medford last night, but gave up when they were unable to get the vehicle started.

State May Rest Its Case in GP Trial

GRANTS PASS — The state expected to rest its case today in the trial of Norman Stewart Thomas for first degree murder of Lloyd Miles Harper, 48, July 12.

Thomas, 22, is expected to testify when the defense opens its case.

Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Russell Henry, chief state medical investigator, testified that the type of injury suffered by Harper could not have been caused by a fall from a car. It would have been virtually impossible, he stated, after describing the injury, for it to have occurred in such a manner.

Willis Born of Grants Pass identified a pocket knife and a cigarette lighter as property of Harper in the state's attempt to show that Harper's pockets had been emptied. The items identified were found at the scene of Harper's death, testimony contended.

Basic School Fund Reductions Outlined

SALEM (UPI) — Impact of a \$15 to \$20 million cut in basic school funds for the 1964-65 school year was outlined at Wednesday's meeting of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education.

House Tax Committee Chairman Richard Eymann (D-Marcia) and State Rep. Richard Kennedy (D-Eugene) advised the legislature might be forced to make such a cut if the tax measure is defeated at the Oct. 15 special election.

Eymann asked Public Instruction Supt. Minear to determine what cuts would be made in case of both a \$15 million and a \$20 million reduction.

Minear listed these examples: Baker \$79,947 to \$58,125; Corvallis \$294,709 to \$199,001; Astoria \$51,092 to \$32,053; Coos Bay \$289,975 to \$220,033; Bend \$162,342 to \$99,979; Klamath County unit \$168,147 to \$336,358; Eugene \$750,029 to \$1,461,676; Ontario \$110,702 to \$246,309; Salem \$736,931 to \$1,255,018; Portland \$1,990,691 to \$3,922,146; Hermiston \$54,946 to \$122,112; La Grande \$129,971 to \$220,357; and The Dalles \$117,012 to \$200,253.

Truck Driver Demands Talk With President

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A small plumbing truck, its driver screaming: "I want to see the President, the Communists are taking over in North Carolina," crashed through iron gates to the White House today.

Driven by a man identified as Doyle Allen Hicks, 38, of Waynesville, N.C., the truck finally was brought to a stop almost at the north portico of the executive mansion by a White House guard.

Hicks, who was unarmed, was taken into custody by Secret Service agents and later carried to the D.C. General Hospital for observation.

The incident occurred about noon. The two big iron gates at the northwest entrance were closed when the truck, which belonged to the Hicks Heating & Plumbing Co., of Waynesville, suddenly crashed through them.

Kennedy Attacks Ike's Policies

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (UPI) — President Kennedy today attacked the electric power policies of the Eisenhower administration.

The touring Democratic Chief Executive seemed to show zest in his contacts with western voters.

Until today, Kennedy's criticism of the Republicans had been somewhat muted. He devoted himself largely to praise for Democrats and what they had done to preserve and advance conservation and reclamation, and protect natural resources, particularly in the upper Plains States.

His speech prepared for delivery here today took a different and stronger tack, however. Kennedy was specific in his criticism of Eisenhower administration power policies and practices. At one point he referred to "blunders" of the years immediately preceding his election to the White House. And he spoke of exploitation by private interests permitted by another administration.

He did not call the former president by name, but he did name one of the Eisenhower Cabinet officers — the late Interior Secretary Douglas McKay. He reported proudly how the current interior secretary, Stewart L. Udall, had replaced McKay's policies to the public's benefit.

NEWS BRIEFS

- PUERTO RICO FEELS HURRICANE EDITH**
SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — Hurricanes Edith slammed flooding seas against the south coast of Puerto Rico today and pointed its 100 mile an hour winds on a collision course with the Dominican Republic and Haiti.
- MILITARY PAY BILL APPROVAL SEEN**
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate is expected today to approve the compromise \$1.2 billion military pay raise bill designed to encourage careers in the military.
- POPE CELEBRATES 66TH BIRTHDAY**
VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Paul VI celebrated his 66th birthday today in the fourth month of pontifical reign marked by promises of dramatic change in the Roman Catholic church.