

ITALY DISASTER CLAIMS THOUSANDS

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Macmillan Gives Up As Leader of Conservatives

Letter Indicates He Won't Resign As Prime Minister

BLACKPOOL, England (UPI) — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today surrendered leadership of the ruling Conservative party for the coming general elections and said he could not hope to be prime minister "for any extended period."

He did not resign as prime minister, although that action was indicated for the future.

In a letter issued from his bed in a London hospital where he underwent a successful prostate gland operation this morning, Macmillan urged the Conservative party to choose a new leader.

Macmillan's decision was contained in a letter to Foreign Secretary Lord Home.

It was read to the 4,200 delegates to the annual Conservative party meeting. They were stunned by the announcement.

Macmillan's letter said that even if the operation proved successful, "it is clear that I will need a considerable period of convalescence."

"I would not be able to face all that is involved in a long electoral campaign," he said. "Nor could I hope to fulfill the tasks of prime minister for any extended period, and I have so informed the queen."

However, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said, "He has not resigned as premier."

The effect of his action appeared to be that he was turning over the reins of government to Deputy Prime Minister R. A. (Rab) Butler.



RESPONDS TO URGE—This pear tree, blooming in October, is just responding to a natural urge to grow, although out of season, according to Jackson County Horticultural Agent C. B. Cordy. The tree is one of a number in the Newbury orchard on Phoenix road acting in the same manner. The chief danger from this fall bloom is that it often invites blight infection. It also weakens the tree, but will not prevent it blooming again in the spring, the county agent said. When trees dry out too early and then gain late moisture from irrigation or storms this urge to grow again occurs. If such trees are numerous they should be treated with copper spray to prevent blight. (Knackstedt photo)

MacCracken Is Head of Festival Group at Ashland

ASHLAND — Dr. Elliott B. MacCracken, head of the science and mathematics division at Southern Oregon College, last night was elected president of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association.

William Moffat, Medford businessman and former president of the Association, was named vice president. Rudi Vest Jr., Yreka, was re-elected treasurer, and Frank Pinnock, Ashland, was re-elected secretary.

The new officers were named by their fellow members of the board of directors following the annual meeting of the Association's membership, held at the Mark Antony Hotel. About 100 attended.

Mrs. John Cotton, retiring president, resigned from the board for personal reasons.

Re-elected to Board

MacCracken and Pinnock were re-elected to three-year terms on the board. Other members elected were James Backen, Central Point, head of the English department at Medford High School; and, for the first time, two Portland men, Robert D. Holmes, former Governor of Oregon, now a public relations executive and television personality, and Ronald G. Schmidt, public relations manager for Lloyd Center and formerly on the Festival's public relations staff.

The members, in addition to electing the board members, heard annual reports from Angus L. Bowmer, founder and producing director; William Patton, general manager; Vest, treasurer; Ed Fitzpatrick, on the first apprentice workshop, and Dr. William Sammons, of the Institute of Renaissance Studies.

Two allied organizations, the Soroptimists and the Tudor Guild, announced contributions of \$1,300 and \$3,800 respectively for scholarships.

Formation of a Festival Foundation, to handle money left in trust for scholarships and similar purposes, was approved by members.

Payments to Blind Ordered Restored

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield Wednesday ordered the State Blind Commission to restore the monthly maintenance stipend for blind students attending Oregon colleges and universities.

The maximum paid under the program is \$100 a student, and about 10 students were believed eligible for the program.

The Blind Commission revealed Tuesday it had suspended the payments for fear of budget cutbacks which would result if the state's 60 million measure is defeated in Tuesday's referendum.

Charles C. Brown, director of rehabilitative services for the commission, said "we felt this was the cut that could most easily be absorbed."

Fire Damages Home On Phoenix Road

Fire at the Walter E. Baker residence on North Phoenix rd. did extensive damage early this morning to the roof and attic and to the wall and ceiling of the dining room. Medford firemen reported.

They said that the blaze was discovered by the owner who was awakened by a pet dog. Firemen received the alarm about 3:15 o'clock this morning. The fire apparently started at ceiling level around the heating stove flue and extended to the roof before it was discovered, firemen reported.

First truck crew dispatched to the fire requested that a second pumper be sent when flames were observed in the sky en route.

NAMED FOR HONOR

PORTLAND (UPI) — William Idle, executive secretary of the Railway Clerks Credit Union, Portland, was named Oregon Handicapped Man of the Year at an awards luncheon here today.

Overstatements Seen on Tax Issue

SALEM (UPI) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said today he believed both sides in the controversy over the legislature's tax measure "have been guilty of overstatements."

"Press releases by some state agencies as to the specific cuts that would result from a negative vote have obviously been designed to play on fears to the maximum," Appling said.



SHATTERED VILLAGES—Flood survivors look at devastation caused by stream of water and mud that shattered half a dozen villages near Longarone, Italy, and left an estimated 3,000 dead late Wednesday. Flood was caused by a massive

landslide that fell into a reservoir behind the Vajont Dam in northern Italy, forcing millions of tons of water over the top of the dam. (UPI)

Landslide Sweeps 300-Foot High Wave Over Dam

Whole Villages Smashed by Flood

LONGARONE, Italy (UPI) — More than 3,000 persons were feared today to have been swept to their deaths when a massive landslide poured a 300-foot-high wall of water over a dam onto the sleeping villages of an Alpine valley.

Millions of tons of water spilled over the lip of the dam Wednesday night, poured into the valley, wiped out villages, and caught thousands in their beds. The effect of the landslide into the reservoir behind the dam was like that of a stone dropped into a teacup.

Shock of Wave

The dam itself was not collapsed by the rushing water, but a part of its crest on the right side crumbled under the shock of the wave. The concrete structure, highest arch dam in the world, held firm except for the minor damage along the top, although officials first had believed that it had collapsed and hurled the water into the valley.

The disaster was triggered by the landslide that plucked into the reservoir behind the 860-foot Vajont Dam at 10:43 p.m., 5:43 p.m. (EDT) Wednesday.

The force of the landslide was so great that it registered on several Italian seismographs as an "earth movement." Officials believed that the shock registered at the observatories was that of the landslide itself, rather than that of an earthquake setting off the disaster.

Shattered Villages

Rescue officials estimated that more than 3,000 persons died in half a dozen shattered villages.

With a tremendous roar, the 300-foot wall of water swept down the ravine in front of the dam and into the Piave valley.

This town, which had 4,700 inhabitants, was the largest inhabited area in the path of the flood. Almost every building in the town was destroyed.

There are more than 3,000 persons buried under some three square miles of stone, rocks, dirt and gravel," said Lt. Col. Eros Ortore, the chief of rescue operations. "There is no hope of survival for any of them."

Public Hearings On Group's Agenda

Eleven public hearings and seven petitions and requests are on the agenda for tonight's meeting of the Medford planning commission.

Six of the hearings are scheduled on various requests for changes of zone. Three are on requests for variances to sign requirements, one for a variance to minimum lot width and one to consider an amendment to sign requirements.

The petitions and other requests to be studied include two for a zone change, two for variances to setback requirements, one for vacation of part of a street, one for small annexation and one to operate a business from a home.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Friday. Showers this evening. Patchy ground fog Friday morning. Low tonight 48. High Friday 50.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 71
Lowest This Morning 46

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today — 6:29 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 7:11 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow — 1:12 a.m.
New Moon — Oct. 17

PROBABLE STARS

The Twins, above the Moon as it rises. Pollux is the lower and brighter of the Twins; Castor is above Pollux at this time.

Appeal for Funds For Radio Free Europe Is Friday

Mail Tribune carriers join thousands of newspaper boys throughout the nation this week in an appeal for funds in support of Radio Free Europe.

They will leave envelopes with each subscriber when they deliver the newspaper Friday, Oct. 11, enabling readers to donate to the American operated network which supplies news and information to the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The envelopes to be distributed here tomorrow have the address of the local treasurer for the Newspaperboys' campaign.

The donations of the newspaperboys' campaign have been an important source of funds since 1955, when the drive was initiated by the International Circulation Managers Association.

The Radio Free Europe program, founded by Gen. Lucius Clay, is now in its 13th year of broadcasting. Ten minutes of news every hour on the hour constitutes the most important element in the program, providing the captive people with a "free press" in answer to Communist attempts to suppress or distort news from the Free World, spokesmen of the drive pointed out.

Other programs include political commentaries, religious services, national music suppressed by the Communists and answers to Communist claims.

This year's appeal for funds for the program has the endorsement of more than 70 national organizations, including Kiwanis International, General Federation of Women's Clubs, American Legion, B'nai B'rith, National Council of Catholic Men and International Circulation Managers association.

Treaty Signed

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Innocent Plea Entered By Driver of Auto

Mrs. Doris Ruth Evanson, 39, of 1251 Kings highway, pleaded innocent in Jackson county district court this morning to a charge of improperly changing lanes.

Trial was set to start at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. She posted \$10 bail.

Mrs. Evanson was cited by Oregon state police following a two-vehicle accident Sept. 26 south of Medford on Highway 99. Driver of the other car, Robert Edlow Whitlock, 51, Colville, Calif., died of injuries suffered.

APPOINTED CHIEF

ABERDEEN, Wash. (UPI) — Capt. David Auer, a veteran of 25 years service, Wednesday night was appointed police chief here by Mayor Walter Failor.



DR. LINUS PAULING Gets Peace Prize

Famed Chemist Given 1962 Nobel Prize for Peace

OSLO, Norway (UPI) — Linus Pauling, American chemist and adamant foe of nuclear testing, today was awarded the 1962 Nobel Peace Prize.

At the same time, the Norwegian Nobel Prize committee announced that it had divided the 1963 Peace Prize between the International Red Cross committee and the Red Cross League.

Although the committee did not say why Pauling had been honored, it was believed here he won the prize of \$2,455.32 for his efforts to outlaw nuclear tests.

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GOP Leaders Gather For Eugene Meeting

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — National Republican leaders began assembling here today for the four-day Western Republican conference which opens tonight with an Oregon reception.

Attention will be focused on Saturday's scheduled speeches by New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater.

The two, possible front runners for the GOP presidential nomination, will speak in the 10,000-seat MacArthur Court Basketball Pavilion — Rockefeller at noon, Goldwater at 7 p.m.

Rockefeller is expected to arrive here Friday night, Goldwater Saturday afternoon.

Kennedy Okays Sale of Wheat To Soviet Union

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy's politically explosive approval of a "one shot" \$250 million U.S. wheat sale to Russia won a measure of bipartisan backing today in Congress.

But some Republicans, including House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, questioned the wisdom of the move announced by the President at his news conference Wednesday.

Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) had urged that the sale be made conditional on withdrawal of Soviet troops and military equipment from Cuba.

Kennedy said the sale of 4 million tons (about 150 million bushels) of surplus U.S. wheat — the largest Soviet-American transaction since the multi-billion dollar lend-lease deals of World War II — was a "hopeful sign" that progress toward peace is possible. He promised a special report to Congress on the matter today.

The President said the government would permit private U.S. traders to sell the surplus wheat "over the next several months" to Russia and her Eastern European satellites at regular world prices, currently about \$1.79 a bushel. This would be approximately 55 cents a

bushel lower than government-supported domestic prices at present.

To allow U.S. exporters to buy at the American price and sell at the world price, the government currently pays an export subsidy of about 55 cents a bushel.

But Kennedy said that even though export prices on the Soviet sale would be below domestic prices, "there is in such transactions no subsidy to the foreign purchaser; only a savings to the American taxpayer on wheat the government has already purchased and stored at the higher domestic price which is maintained to assist our farmers."

19 Per Cent Rise At SC Reported

ASHLAND — An increase of 19 per cent in enrollment at Southern Oregon college was reported today to bring the total to an all time record high for fall term.

The increase in number of students was 200 over the 1962 record high of 1,856. Total registration Tuesday was 2,061. Registration will be continued through Oct. 14.

An interesting comparison of figures was presented by Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, college president, in announcing the 1963 enrollment. He referred to a newspaper, dated Oct. 1, 1931, which carried the headline, "360 enroll fall term."

That was when the college was still called "Ashland Normal."

County Court Plans Discussion of Audit

Among 12 items on the Jackson county court's agenda Friday morning will be a discussion of a requested audit of the Howard Prairie concession books.

The court session are open to the public and are held in the county court on the second floor of the courthouse. The session starts at 10 a.m.

Bloodmobile Plans 4-Day Visit

The Bloodmobile will spend four days in Jackson county next week, according to Red Cross officials.

It will be at the Red Cross chapter house in Medford, 60 Hawthorne ave., from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, and again on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the Bloodmobile will move to Britt hall on the Southern Oregon college campus in Ashland, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Central Point residents will be able to donate blood on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be located at the Jewett school during those hours.

Open Heart Surgery Set

In addition to the regular drawing in Medford, there will be another open heart surgery drawing. Thirty pints of a positive blood will be collected Monday and flown to Portland by John L. Gregory of the Civil Air Patrol. Donors for the special giving have already been contacted.

Persons may donate blood in the name of any person or organization they wish during the Bloodmobile visits, and appointments may be made in advance by telephoning 773-3813. Appointments are not necessary, however, and drop-in donors will be welcomed, Red Cross officials noted.

Persons between 18 and 59 years of age are eligible to donate, but those between 18 and 21 years of age must have a written consent from their parents or guardian unless they are married.

Services Available

Transportation and baby sitters will be available for persons wishing the services.

Red Cross officials pointed out that too often blood is donated only to help a neighbor who needs assistance at the moment. Sickness, accidents and disaster cannot be predicted and often strike when least expected, they pointed out.

Every call for blood is an emergency because it can and often does mean the difference between life and death, officials said. A reserve supply of each blood type is vital to life itself, but can only be maintained through continued support of the Red Cross Blood program by the community. The hope was expressed that the four-day visit would offer ample opportunity for residents to meet the quota for this visit of the Bloodmobile.

The goal for this week's visit will be 350 pints for Medford, 150 pints for Ashland and 100 pints for Central Point.

Flora Moves Out Into Atlantic

MIAMI (UPI) — Hurricane Flora, with an estimated death toll of nearly 4,000 and other thousands unaccounted for in the Caribbean, churned toward its death today in the Atlantic Ocean.

Forecasters said the storm's 115 mile per hour peak winds posed no threat to land but would send gale winds and heavy surf against the British resort island of Bermuda during the day.

Devastated regions of Haiti and Cuba struggled through debris and mud to try to bury its dead. Contaminated water raised the threat of a typhoid fever epidemic in stricken southwest Haiti.

Duff Plans To Attend Conference in Denver

City Manager Robert A. Duff will leave tomorrow to attend the International City Managers Conference Oct. 13-16 in Denver, Colo.

All phases of municipal work are scheduled to be discussed at the conference, Duff said. A number of city managers from foreign countries are expected to be present.

Duff will be away for nine days, taking a brief vacation before and after the conference.

MOH Films Telecast Urging Support of State Tax Measure

SALEM (UPI) — A 15-minute paid political telecast was filmed here today to urge support of the legislature's tax measure at next Tuesday's special referendum election.

Gov. Mark Hatfield, former Gov. Charles Sprague, and University of Oregon student body President Phil Sherburne participated in the paid political advertisement.

Sherburne said the program will be financed from pledges of breakage fee refunds from University of Oregon students.

He said \$14,000 in breakage fees had been pledged.

The telecast is sponsored by the "Save Our Students Committee," of which Sherburne is chairman.

Money Allotted

He said about \$6,000 will be spent on the television campaign, \$4,000 has been planned for newspaper advertisements, and \$3,000 has been budgeted for radio advertising.

In the telecast, Hatfield answered the questions of both Sprague and Sherburne.

The governor said he was not for the tax program adopted by the legislature, but he wants the measure supported at Tuesday's election because "I am fighting for state services."

He also said "if the tax measure is defeated, the day of the sales tax is near." Hatfield said he did not believe a special session of the legislature — if one is called — would adopt a sales tax bill, but he expects sales tax supporters to get together and agree to initiate a sales tax.

Surplus Used

Hatfield also noted tax increases were needed because the state had used up its surplus funds, and because of the increase in student populations in state-supported schools, colleges and universities.

Hatfield also carried his campaign for the tax measure to the editorial pages of the state's daily newspapers today.

In letters addressed to the editors, he made a plea for passage of the bill so that "the performance of essential state services" will not be endangered.

NEWS BRIEFS

RUSSIA WILL BUY WHEAT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said today Russia would accept the American offer to sell surplus grain and called for further "practical steps" to develop the "spirit of the test ban treaty."

DELEGATES MAY WALK OUT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — Communist and Afro-Asian delegates are expected to walk out today when South Africa makes its policy speech to the General Assembly.

MARINES DIE IN COPTER CRASH

DANANG, South Viet Nam (UPI) — All 12 men aboard two U.S. Marine Corps helicopters which crashed in Communist-held jungle highlands north of Saigon late Tuesday were killed, a U.S. military spokesman said today.

COUNCIL DEBATE TO END SOON

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Moderators of the Ecumenical Council were expected today to act soon to end debate on the clergy and move on to a long-awaited definition of the layman's place in the Roman Catholic Church.