

Haney Gives Out News as Voice of Space Effort



AMERICA'S "VOICE" IS HANEY — Paul Haney, 35-year-old newsman, who succeeded Col. John A. "Shorty" Powers as America's "voice" of the Gemini and Apollo astronauts, is shown here at his Houston, Texas, home with his family. (UPI)

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HOUSTON (UPI) — America's "voice" of the Gemini and Apollo astronauts belongs to a stocky, soft-spoken man who has the questionable honor of bulwarking 30 astronauts against a demanding public.

He is Paul Haney, 35-year-old former newsman who must now dish out rather than collect news about the American space effort and the astronauts.

By contrast with his predecessor, Haney would be a Milwaukee, The Mercury "voice" was nearly as much in the news in

his job as the astronauts were. John A. "Shorty" Powers is a diminutive flamboyant, bubbly showman with a short wick on his patience.

Haney is a matter-of-fact man whose background in news is said to give him an advantage in guessing in advance what newsmen's reactions and questions about space will be. He is generally quiet and firm.

Powers, former public affairs officer for the Manned Spacecraft Center, is now a consultant with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Washington.

Moves Up
NASA moved Haney up from the public affairs office at Washington to his post over public affairs at the spacecraft center.

Before that, he worked for newspapers in Erie, Pa., Akron, Ohio, and Memphis, Tenn. Before he joined NASA in 1958, he was assistant city editor of the Washington Evening Star. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Kent State University at Kent, Ohio. He studied for a while at Georgetown University Law School.

Haney and his wife, Jane, have four children — 8-year-old

Maura, 7-year-old Danny, 5-year-old Michael and 3-year-old Megan.

Mrs. Haney is no stranger to dignitaries and newsmakers. She worked for a time as social secretary for the Saudi Arabian ambassador in Washington and later for the Jordanian embassy. She also taught English at American University in Washington.

Haney is a figurehead as "voice of the Gemini Apollo astronauts." He is called to play a big part in maintaining America's image of open distribution of space news. But he

does not like symbols of that type.

"I don't go much for this image-building business," he said. "If you are running a good solid operation, your image takes care of itself. I'm not much taken with figureheads."

Even though the astronaut team is increasing and Haney's job is more complex than was Powers', Haney can foresee the day "when the space effort will not be the national television and news spectacular it has been" as Americans become more blasé about blasts.

Haney himself is still excited about it.

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Capitol Memo

By Zan Stark



Lawmakers Seek Meaning of Vote

SALEM (UPI)—There appears to be an almost fanatical refusal on the part of some of the state's leaders to admit that the Oct. 15 tax defeat meant STOP SPENDING.

Many lawmakers and state officials are frantically scurrying about in search for the "true meaning" of the referendum election.

Sales tax proponents interpret the vote as a mandate to introduce a new tax to Oregon. Friends of education claim the voters support education, but didn't like the legislature's tax increase bill.

Some lawmakers privately want to retaliate against the voters by enacting a series of nuisance taxes.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has called for re-passage of the one-shot speedup of withholding collections to bring in \$12 million this biennium — a part of the tax bill the voters rejected.

Few Suggest Economy
But few indeed are the state's leaders who suggest the Oct. 15 vote was a demand for economy.

It would be difficult to imagine two men with more divergent philosophies than Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., and Senate President Ben Musa.

Yet they agree on one thing. They feel the Oct. 15 vote WAS a mandate to stop spending.

There are many reasons to believe they are right.

The loudest pre-election cry

Motorist Cited for Driving in River
LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Ray Aguilar, 19-year-old driver of a car seen bobbing along in storm waters of the Los Angeles River, was cited Wednesday for driving in a river bed.

Aguilar was hailed ashore in his buoyant auto by officers who saw him about two hours after he and his "crew" of four — one of which was sitting top-side as a navigator — slid into the fenced, cement-lined channel from a moss-covered bank three miles upstream.

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Gresham Youths Plead Guilty

PORTLAND (UPI) — Four of five Gresham boys arrested after the death of an elderly Japanese recluse last summer pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of assault and battery in Multnomah County Circuit Court Wednesday.

The district attorney's office indicated indictments charging all five with conspiracy to commit armed robbery would be dismissed because of lack of evidence.

Judge Virgil Langtry ordered a presentence investigation for Arthur E. Clunie, 16, and Gary J. Luther, Paul E. Schoenburn and Lawrence T. Tibbett, all 17.

The fifth youth, Charles R. Hancock, 16, was late for the court appearance and Langtry ordered the sheriff to take him into custody for an appearance today.

The five were arrested after the body of Benzo Oye, 78, was found in his shack last July. The boys reportedly told sheriff's deputies Oye collapsed during a beating. The coroner's office attributed death to heart disease.

The Japanese consul here asked for a report on the case after it was learned Oye had never become an American citizen.

Death Averted In Plane Mishap

LONDON (UPI) — All 97 persons aboard a Trans-Canada Airlines (TCA) DC 8 jetliner escaped death Wednesday night when the plane skidded off a London Airport runway into a muddy cabbage patch during a heavy fog.

The plane, bound for Montreal, was not airborne but had reached the "point of no return" when the accident happened. Four persons, three women and a man, required hospitalization but their injuries were not considered serious.

Visibility was about 20 yards, officials said, when the plane started down the runway. Ground speed was too great to come to an orderly halt when the pilot, Capt. R.S. Found, had to slam on the brakes. The giant jetliner skidded about 700 yards into the boggy cabbage patch and one of its four engines caught fire.

The passengers were able to scramble out of the aircraft in near-record time by using an escape chute. TCA officials said all were removed from the plane within 90 seconds after the accident.

Most of the passengers who spent the night in London hotels, will return to Canada today aboard another plane flown here from Canada, TCA officials said.

Large Deep Sea Barge Launched

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UPI) — One of the largest deep sea barges on the North American West Coast has been launched here.

The Vancouver Tug Boat Co. vessel will carry lime rock 410 miles between Texada Island, B.C., and Portland, Ore. It has a capacity of 7,500 tons—equal to that of a deep sea freighter — and is worth more than \$500,000. It is 290 feet long, has 69-foot beam and is 22 feet deep.