

Book Claims Goldwater Pal of Dead Gangsters

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater described as "trash" Saturday a book which said he was a friend of two big-time hoodlums who have been murdered.

The Las Vegas (Nev.) Review Journal, in a front-page story Friday, identified the book as "The Green Felt Jungle," by Ed Reid and Ovid Demaris, to be published by Trident Press of New York Dec. 13. Reid worked on a series of Brooklyn Eagle, N.Y., stories that ex-

posed a \$20 million gambling empire in New York and won for the newspaper a Pulitzer Prize in 1951. "The Green Felt Jungle" is about gambling in Las Vegas.

The book charges that gambling in Las Vegas is controlled by organized crime syndicates. It has quotes saying that Goldwater was a friend for many years of Gus Greenbaum, manager of the Riviera Casino, and Willie Bluff, a convicted extortionist. Both maintained homes at Phoenix, Ariz., Goldwater's home town.

"Looking Into" Libel Goldwater told a news conference here the book's allegations "wouldn't have any effect on a presidential campaign" if he decides to seek the Republican nomination. "It's trash and the American people won't want to have anything to do with it. In fact, it might even be libelous. We're looking into that."

Goldwater said he had never been a "personal friend" of Bluff, but that he had known him under the name of "Al Nelson" and that "Nelson" had contributed to his campaign fund years ago. He said that much later Bluff introduced himself to Goldwater under his real name.

Goldwater said he had known Greenbaum when Greenbaum ran a grocery in Phoenix before moving to Las Vegas.

Journal Quotes Book The Las Vegas Review-Journal quoted the book as saying:

"In 1955 Bluff found an even more unlikely friend: The junior senator from Arizona, Barry Goldwater. The two men were often seen together and Goldwater personally chauffeured Bluff in his private plane all over the southwest to attend various parties."

"When questioned by reporters, Goldwater became indignant, protesting that he had no idea that his friend, one William Nelson, was the notorious Willie Bluff."

"Later the senator changed his story. Bluff, he said, was

helping him in his study of American labor, giving him a special insight into union racketeering. To this day, Goldwater is still pleading that he did not know Nelson was Bluff . . ."

Flashing Traffic Signal Planned At Fire Station

A flashing traffic signal will be moved some time this week from its present location at Third and Bartlett Streets to the intersection at the Central Fire Station on Third and Front Streets, according to Public Works Director Veron Thrope.

The move will be made, Thrope said, to reduce the possibility of vehicle accidents at the fire station intersection preventing fire equipment from reaching the scene of a blaze quickly.

The change will be made at the request of the fire department. The signal was originally installed at the Third and Bartlett Streets intersection to create a fire lane, but fire officials believe the need is greater at the new location.

The signal will operate on flashing red, causing northbound Front Street and eastbound Third Street traffic to stop.

Westbound Third Street and southbound Front Street traffic will be controlled at the intersection by a flashing amber signal.

Thrope said there have been three accidents at the intersection in front of the fire station during the first eight months of this year. There were two accidents there during 1962.

DODGE CITY, Kan. (UPI)—Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., speaking at a press conference Saturday, said he doubted the wheat sale to Russia would materialize.



Fritz Reiner
Pneumonia Victim

Famed Symphony Conductor Fritz Reiner, 74, Dies

NEW YORK (UPI) — Fritz Reiner, 74, who fulfilled a boyhood dream by becoming one of the world's leading symphonic orchestra conductors, died in a hospital Friday of pneumonia.

Among Reiner's great accomplishments was his success in raising the once-moderate Chicago Symphony to a position of eminence in the classical music world.

Reiner joined the orchestra as director in 1953. Within a few years it was regarded as the second best in the nation, just behind the Philadelphia Symphony.

A heart attack in 1960 curtailed his work with the orchestra, and he resigned his post two years later. He had planned to celebrate his 75th birthday next month with a four-week engagement with the Chicago Symphony.

Reiner, born in Budapest, Hungary, studied law at the urging of his father. But his mother, an amateur musician, apparently had a stronger influence on him. He began studying piano at the age of 6, and by the time he was 13 he had decided to become a conductor.

Crises in Legislature May Delay Adjournment

By ANN H. PEARSON SALEM (UPI) — Two of the prouder achievements of Oregon's past turned into crisis Friday in a Jekyll and Hyde transformation that jarred the legislature's steady pace toward adjournment.

The crisis appeared as the special session, which opened Monday, moved within one bill of completing action on Gov. Mark Hatfield's stop-gap program for dealing with Oregon's fiscal crisis.

The one-shot tax bill, to raise \$12 million more this biennium by speeding up withholding payments, cleared the Senate and sped to Hatfield's desk.

The other half of his program, authority to reduce basic school aid, awaited likely Senate approval after passing the House earlier.

With these out of the way, legislators could go home—they thought—since the governor already had the power he needed to trim other state spending for an overall \$80 million adjustment in the state budget. The adjustment was made necessary by voters rejection of new taxes.

Two "Skeletons" Appear Then, two past pieces of legislation were stripped of their glamor, and these skeletons marched from the closet.

The legislature was told it will have to raise another \$52,000 if it wants to keep bidding for an industrial park at Boardman in northeastern Oregon.

The legislature learned that at least some of the tax budget-cutting power which the governor has been exercising is unconstitutional, and the legislature may have to take over the unpleasant and time-consuming chore itself.

The revelation that the Boardman project—billed three years ago as Oregon's entry into the space age—has gotten nowhere productive came as a shock.

The immediate reaction of many legislators was one of disenchantment. A hard look appeared likely before the legislature would make any more investments there.

The budget-cutting crisis centered on state building projects. House Speaker Clarence Barton said the legislature, not the governor, would have to spell out the items to be cancelled. The Ways and Means Committee

agreed to submit legislation to do it. But more important, a legal cloud was draped over the rest of Hatfield's supposed authority to adjust state spending. The situation was fuel on the fire for those lawmakers who have insisted all along that the legislature should do the job itself.

Legal opinions were ordered. A ruling that the legislature must make cuts could throw the session into days or weeks of mulling over specific projects and expenditures.

Other Highlights Friday: Cigarettes—The House voted to ask the people to approve a tax of four cents a package on cigarettes. The bill was killed in the Senate.

Salaries—Enough Senate Democrats to have their way voted in caucus against cutting the salaries of legislators or other state employees. Democrats also slipped down a move on the House floor to advance salary reduction proposals.

Education—The Ways and Means Committee recommended

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House Group Okays NW Power Intertie

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Appropriations Committee Friday approved \$7 million to begin construction of the proposed federal power intertie between the Pacific Northwest and California.

The appropriation lopped \$18.5 million off the \$25.5 million requested by President Kennedy. The money, to be used to start construction of two extra high voltage transmission lines from federal projects on the Columbia River, is subject to several conditions.

They include hook-up of one line with a private California utility pool at the Oregon border, enactment of an amendment giving the Pacific Northwest first call on federal power produced in the area, and the right of private contractors to bid on construction of any or all of the project.

Rancher Succeeds Bash in Position

PORTLAND (UPI) — David Densley, a 41-year-old rancher from Richland and president of the Baker County Intermediate Education District, was elected president of the Oregon School Boards Association Friday.

He succeeds Frank Bash of Medford. Also elected were Sedley Stuart, Portland, first vice president; Richard Miller, Eugene, second vice president, and Mrs. Mary Rieke, Portland, secretary treasurer.

The association, winding up a two-day convention, approved a resolution to study the question of whether the state's public schools could obtain uniform accident insurance for students.

In an informal poll, association members favored a state cigarette tax and a sales tax, with food exempt.

Fellowships Approved For Oregon Colleges

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Office of Education announced Saturday it has approved 10 graduate fellowships at Oregon State University and 23 at the University of Oregon for the 1964-65 academic year.

The Oregon fellowships include four in German, three each in elementary education and comparative literature, two each in chemistry, mathematics, business administration, economics, English and anthropology and one in physics.

Oregon State will receive three each in chemistry and biochemistry and quantitative biology, and two each in geology and plant physiology.

NEVADA TEST SITE (UPI) — The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Friday brought its total of underground nuclear tests to 100 since Sept. 15, 1961, when it detonated its second blast in two days.

Further Building Of Dams Opposed

PORTLAND (UPI) — Members of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission Friday opposed construction of more hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest, and urged a ban against importing fish caught in the North Pacific by means denied U.S. fishermen.

The resolutions, along with eight others, came at the close of the group's annual convention.

The fisheries representatives urged in their resolution that an immediate moratorium be put on all dam proposals by the Federal Power Commission.

Their opposition was based on conclusions that additional nuclear power devices could supply the electrical needs of the nation.

Finalists Selected For Queen of Lights

PORTLAND (UPI) — Seven finalists were selected here Friday night for the Oregon Lucia Queen of Lights.

The queen will be chosen this Friday night. She will attend Lucia festivals in Scandinavian countries.

Named as finalists were Nancy Lindberg, 18, Lake Oswego; Sheryl Erickson, 18, Mulino, and Elizabeth Sundstrom, 22; Linda Anderson, 18; Carol Morgareidge, 19; Shair Demers, 20, and Irene Svensson, 20, all of Portland.

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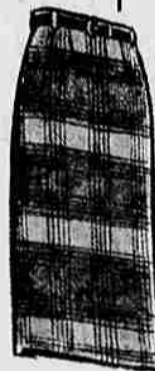
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