



ALL THAT REMAINS — Just a shell of a building is all that remains of the Las Vegas Sun newspaper plant in Las Vegas after a faulty air conditioner exploded and set fire to the building, which houses the offices and presses, early Wednesday morning. Sun Publisher Hank Greenspan is away in Europe, but his staff is making arrangements to continue publication of the paper at another plant. (UPI)

### Director Forecasts Improved Economy

PORTLAND (UPI)—Improved economies for small rural counties were forecast Wednesday by Bernard F. Hillebrand, executive director of the National Association of Counties.

He spoke at the opening session of the annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties.

Rural counties, hit hard by a decline in agriculture, will start to profit from increased interest in recreation, he predicted. He said this was especially true of the Northwest.

Counties can take an increasing role in solving local problems and at the same time prevent unwanted federal intervention, Hillebrand said.

He urged increasing cooperation among counties and appealed for continued support of the national association.

On the subject of urban counties, he proposed an "urban advisor" to work with the county commissioners, city officials and the federal government in interpreting programs which apply to heavily-populated areas.

### Court Records

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT  
Forrest Morgan, improper left turn, \$10.  
Patricia Laverna Childers, expired operator's license, \$5.  
Louis Robert Eck, disobeyed traffic signal, \$7.50.  
Gary Dean Kenney, excessive noise, muffler, \$10; improper lane usage, \$5.  
Glenn Fred Lasey, excessive noise, tires, \$10; no operator's license, \$5.  
Thomas Joseph Marmo, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Irma Gene Allen, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.  
Alvera May Meriton, violation of basic rule, \$10.

## U.S. Bows to Cambodia Demands, Cancels Aid

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States today wrote "finis" to an eight-year effort to bolster Cambodia's neutralist government with military and economic help. It had no other choice.

State Department officials said a note was en route to Prince Norodom Sihanouk bowing to his demand for termination of the \$23 million-a-year aid program and withdrawal of American military and economic missions.

More in sorrow than in anger U.S. officials predicted dire difficulties ahead for the 41-year-old prince who has sought to walk a tightrope between the Communists and the West.

They expressed fear that leftist pressure, added to "unfounded" suspicions of the United States, was pushing the strategic Southeast Asian country into the Communist orbit.

Agree to Request  
The American note, officials said, rejected Sihanouk's allegations that the United States was supporting exile "free Cambodia" rebels plotting his overthrow. But it agreed to his request for an end of programs which since 1955 have given

Cambodia \$365 million in U.S. aid, including \$95 million in military assistance.

Authorities here viewed Sihanouk's actions with grave concern for Cambodia would be a rich prize for Communist China in its drive to gain the resources of Southeast Asia. Red domination of Cambodia would drive a wedge between pro-Western Thailand and South Viet Nam and flank what is left of anti-Communist Laos.

Sihanouk must find some source of aid to fill the vacuum left by the end of American assistance, which has provided 40

per cent of the pay of his armed forces, virtually all their military equipment, and contributed substantially to the nation's economy.

Obvious and presumably eager candidates to take off the slack are Russia and Red China both of which have been wooing Sihanouk with considerable aid programs.

Russia Supplies Arms  
Russia earlier this year supplied arms for the first time—anti-aircraft guns and other equipment. The Kremlin also has offered to build a \$40 million hydroelectric dam and a technical institute.

Chinese Communist assistance has been even greater. Peking has supplied Cambodia with textile, cement, metal working and other plants. Even the East European satellites—Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary—have contributed some aid.

Administration officials said Sihanouk, always nervous and plagued by dark fears of intrigue against his rule, apparently had been convinced the

United States was supporting insignificant "Khmer Seri" (Free Cambodian) exile groups in Thailand and South Viet Nam who broadcast threats against his regime.

## Computer May Eliminate Church Father as Author

CHICAGO (UPI)—A Scottish minister-mathematician described today how a computer may eliminate St. Paul, the soldier-turned-apostle, as author of nine of the 14 epistles attributed to him in the New Testament.

A Roman Catholic theology professor said that "absolutely no conflict exists" between the computer findings of the Rev. Angus Q. Morton, minister of the Church of Scotland at Culross, and the position of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rev. Mr. Morton will speak at the University of Chicago Oriental Institute on "The Pauline Epistles: A Scientific Approach," the first in-depth

explanation of his seven-year study. He has said the implications of the study have deep portents to Christianity, especially Roman Catholics.

Confirms Opinion  
But the Rev. William T. Corley, C.M., chairman of the De Paul University Theology Department and dean of its graduate school, said the Presbyterian minister's findings "confirm a well-developed opinion and agree with what has been taught by scriptural scholars for quite some time, though this is confirmation from an unexpected source" referring to the computer.

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"I am convinced that the computer-type study works," Grant said. "However, some of the differences among the epistles attributed to Paul, I think, could be due to the different circumstances in writing and the use of different scribes. The main interest I have in computers deals not only with the New Testament but also with early Christian literature after the New Testament, where analysis is badly needed."

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### Senate Committee Slashes Projects

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Public Works Committee—in a desperate effort to reach some agreement with the House Thursday slashed three controversial projects from its latest authorization bill.

The committee eliminated its approval for the Burns Creek Dam and Reservoir in Idaho and the Torters Shoals Dam and Reservoir in South Carolina and Georgia and the Devils Jump Dam and Reservoir in Tennessee and Kentucky.

At the same time the committee fashioned a bill which would provide two-year authorizations for all river basin projects at a cost of \$784 million.

The bill also included authorizations for six projects—costing \$166,847,000—which have been rejected by the house.

The projects approved included the Knowles Dam in Montana, the Cape Fear River Basin in North Carolina, the Flint River in Georgia, the Dardenelle in Arkansas, the Waureka in Oklahoma and the Missouri River Bank stabilization.

### Mexican Worker Pleads Not Guilty

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI)—The brother of a Mexican harvest worker sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary for the slaying of another harvest worker has entered a plea of guilty to being an accessory after the fact.

Thomas Rodriguez, 22, appeared in Circuit Court Wednesday. He was arrested a few hours after the body of Rudy Rodriguez, 43, was found in an irrigation canal near the Oregon-California border. The slaying occurred in a Malin harvest camp.

Isabel Rodriguez pleaded guilty to manslaughter shortly after the killing.

The slain man was no relation to the brothers.

Circuit Judge Donald A. Piper ordered a pre-sentencing investigation for Thomas Rodriguez.

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