

Oregon's Officialdom Reflects Disbelief, Stunned Sorrow of People

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SALEM (UPI) — "In Memoriam President Kennedy."

This black-penned inscription on a simple wreath beside the great seal in the Capitol rotunda spoke for Oregon today.

It explained the hushed chill that has characterized the statehouse since the news of President Kennedy's assassination flashed through Friday morning.

Oregon's officialdom reflected the disbelief, and then the stunned sorrow, of the people.

Gov. Mark Hatfield declared Monday a date of mourning in Oregon. State offices will be closed.

Hatfield said he will go to Washington, D.C., Sunday night to attend the funeral of President Kennedy the following day.

Hatfield closed state offices early Friday afternoon and sent employees home.

Legislature recesses

A solemn and sickened legislature recessed indefinitely.

Flags dropped to half staff.

The news first reached the Capitol on teleprinters in the basement press room.

The first newsmen to shoot the flash was greeted with responses of "You're kidding," and "That's not funny."

Within moments the word had spread through the statehouse.

It was met with horror, denial, tears and prayers that the President would live.

Normal activities of state government stopped.

Legislators, agency heads, state officials and clerks streamed into the press room and crowded around printers, radios, and a television set.

Some were stunned.

Many were so choked with emotion they could not speak.

Men and women alike had tears in their eyes.

A few became ill.

Minutes earlier the legislature had been alive with partisan reaction over the Boardman project.

Differences Disappear

In an instant partisan differences evaporated.

Disbelief still was the dominant reaction when word came that the President was dead.

"God, God, God," mumbled one legislator. He clutched in his hand a photograph he had just received of himself taken with Kennedy during the president's recent visit to Tongue Point at Astoria.

The House received confirmation of the death as it met to recess.

Members stood in grave silence while two representatives, a Democrat and a Republican, offered prayers.

"In this hour of anguish, we beg Thy guidance," they prayed.

Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield called it "an hour of great tragedy, grief and personal loss to every citizen."

Three Deeds for Land Approved by Medford Council

Three quitclaim deeds for land, easements and right-of-way for the Medford Water Department were approved by the Medford City Council Thursday night.

In other action the council voted to:

- Include the Talent Rural Fire District in the Jackson County Mutual Assistance Fire Protection organization. Fire Chief Gordon Barker explained that the Medford Fire Department is the dispatching agency in emergencies for manpower and equipment.
- Authorize plans and specifications for paving Columbus Avenue from Jackson Street to Prune Street.

Call for Bids

- Call for bids for installation of a sanitary sewer on Murphy Road between Lazy Creek and Barnett Road.
- Accept the paving of Dakota Avenue from Alberts Street to Columbus Avenue and establish assessment for its construction.
- Establish assessment for an eight-inch water main on Bessie Street, Jackson Street, and Lindley Avenue from Saling Avenue to Reddy Avenue.
- Call public hearing for a change of zone from single family to single and two-family residence for two lots in the Crestview subdivision at the southwest corner for Crestbrook Road.

Hearing Scheduled

- Call for public hearing on an appeal of a denial from the Planning Commission for a change of zone from single family to limited commercial for property at the northwest corner of Siskiyou Boulevard and Highland Drive.
- Approve a variance to the side yard setback requirements for property at 907 E. Main St.
- Approve a television repair shop as a home occupation at 412 Crater Lake Ave.

Enlarge List

- Enlarge the list of uses allowed in the limited commercial zone to include clothes cleaning agencies using non-flammable cleaning agents.
- Vacate building setback lines on a lot in the Rogue Valley Heights addition.
- Approved 57 applications for 1964 liquor license renewals.
- Approved the application of a new liquor license request for a club of less than 500 members for KNICO Inc., Black Oak

"Our heartfelt prayers are with President Johnson as he assumes the heaviest burden in the world today," he said.

Republican Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said "we have lost not only a devoted American who gave his whole life to the service of his fellow man."

"We have also lost something very dear to the concept of a decent, civilized society," he said.

The Senate also prayed, "give us strength...we bow in profound sorrow."

Senate President Ben Musa and House Speaker Clarence Barton, both Democrats, issued a joint statement, saying:

"The entire legislature stands in solemn and deep grief at the loss of our beloved leader. We ask divine guidance and protection for his family."

In an unusual procedure, the legislature recessed at least until Monday, perhaps until later in the week, and possibly until Dec. 2. Legislators left addresses so that legislative leaders could call them back when a time is decided upon.

Hatfield sent personal messages to Mrs. Kennedy and to President Johnson.

Security around Hatfield was tightened. A second guard was assigned to the governor at the Capitol.

Hatfield canceled all immediate social engagements on his calendar.

By mid-afternoon most government workers, legislators and life had drained from the Capitol. They left behind a lingering air of shocked stillness—and a simple inscription on a wreath.

PET TALK

By M. I. L.

News of JFK's Death Pushes NY Stocks Downward

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Word that an attempt had been made on President Kennedy's life hit Wall Street like a thunderbolt Friday throwing the floor of the New York Stock Exchange into a state of chaos and pushing stock prices sharply lower on some of the heaviest trading in history.

The UPI flash reporting that Kennedy had been wounded seriously, perhaps fatally, by bullets came at 1:39 p.m. EST. By 2:07, the Board of Governors of the exchange announced that they had closed trading because of the flood of orders.

At 2:35 p.m. EST, a UPI flash announced the President was dead.

The exchange said that all market orders of any type which remained unexecuted when trading was stopped Friday have expired.

Immediately following word that trading was stopped on "the big board," the American Stock Exchange, and the cotton and wool exchange also announced they had stopped trading.

Trading also was suspended on the Midwest Stock Exchange, Pacific Stock Exchange, and the Cocoa, Coffee and Sugar Exchanges.

The stock market, already shaken during the week by the suspension of two respected brokerage houses, was beginning a recovery early Friday when one of the brokerage houses was reinstated to dealings.

At 1:30, Dow-Jones industrial average was up 3.31. By 2:00 p.m. it had fallen 2.47. Trading at the time the exchange was closed was running 20 minutes behind floor transactions. The senior Dow-Jones indicator finished the day off 21.16 at 711.49 — its sharpest break since the panic selling of May 28, 1962.

The Board of Governor's move to close the exchange Friday marks the first time a closing has been ordered in mid-session since Aug. 3, 1933, because of gas fumes on the exchange floor.

The exchange has since remained open, when in session, through the natural death of a President (Roosevelt), a world war, another war (in Korea), the assassination attempt against President Truman, and the heart attack suffered by President Eisenhower.

The last quote came across the tickers Friday at 2:56 p.m. — 49 minutes after the market closed.

The non-exchange markets, over-the-counter trading in government and corporate bonds, also ceased trading as news got around, some traders said.

Dow-Jones rails were off 3.28, utilities 1.95 and 65 stocks 6.15.



Professor's Book Printed in Russia

EUGENE — A University of Oregon professor has recently discovered that one of his scientific books has been translated and published in Russia.

Dr. Terrell L. Hill, professor of chemistry, learned through a Russian-speaking colleague at another university that his book, "Statistical Mechanics," published in 1956 by McGraw-Hill, New York, was issued in Russia in 1960.

An inquiry to a Russian scientist with whom Dr. Hill occasionally corresponds brought the information that the printing was completely sold out in Russia.

However, another inquiry eventually was passed along to the Russian government printing house which specializes in the publication of foreign books, and three copies of the Russian edition recently arrived on Dr. Hill's desk.

Since Russia has never subscribed to the international copyright agreement, the Russians make a practice of publishing foreign books without permission or payment of royalties.

However, royalty accounts for foreigners are set up in Russia, and the money may be spent within Russia. Dr. Hill hopes to tap this account next year, if and when he goes to Russia on an official scientific visit.

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The existence of protection laws and nature reserves and sanctuaries conceals from many people what is really taking place. They see the work of a few dedicated men and women. They hear of National Parks in different parts of the world and assume that all is comparatively well in the animal world.

The true picture is an appalling one. Vast losses of animal life and the disappearance of whole species are imminent, unless a big effort is launched.

The Dodo — poor bird! — only its name lives on as a symbol of extinction — never to be restored. Native to the island of Mauritius, the dodo, a giant pigeon, and flightless, was exterminated about 1680. Within a hundred years after its discovery, the dodo had been clubbed out of existence by the crews of visiting ships and also by hogs and other animals that man brought with him. Along with the dodo, the auk and passenger pigeon, 250 species of birds and mammals have become extinct.

It is idle to lament the past, especially when the United States has the most advanced wildlife management program in the world. Existing species can be perpetuated with proved techniques and procedures.

Only about 500 bison survived the tongue and hide hunters of the 1870s. Today, all available range is fully occupied, but in 1900 bison were regarded as a doomed species. About 1915, even the most optimistic conservationists had the pronghorn antelope slated for extinction. Now, there are more pronghorns in Montana than existed in all of North America 50 years ago.

But how can we convince the farmers, the BLM and other agencies that the careless use of chemical insecticides is killing wildlife friends along with the pests? Only by making the facts available, by building up a body of informed public opinion, by a determined effort to train, educate and take action.

Now that the hunting season is over, the crippled and blind birds are coming out of cover. Would the little drumsticks and breasts that the "mighty" (?) hunter gnawed upon have tasted as good if he could now see quail hopping on one leg and the blind going round in circles? But how could he take a careful aim when he was not only trespassing but shooting in the dark?

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