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Oswald Told Wife He Once Tried To Kill Gen. Walker

FBI Investigating But Declines to Talk About Report

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The wife of Lee Harvey Oswald has told FBI investigators that the accused assassin claimed that he had fired a bullet into the home of former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker in Dallas last April, it was learned today.

The FBI declined comment both on the statement attributed to Mrs. Oswald or reports that the possibility that Oswald was the Walker sniper is being investigated.

But other sources said that the Russian-born wife of Oswald had related that her husband told her excitedly last April that he had tried to kill Walker.

Ask Details

Other sources said FBI agents investigating the Kennedy assassination have asked Dallas police for details of the firing on Walker's home seven months ago. They declined to speculate on anything beyond the fact that the FBI was looking into a possible connection between Oswald and the Walker episode.

The action was part of what was described as a "continuing investigation" into every aspect of the background of Oswald prior to the slaying of President Kennedy on Nov. 22 in Dallas.

Dallas police said the day following the assassination that they were checking the possibility that the assassin and the Walker sniper were the same person.

However, no official police announcement has been made and Dallas investigators were reported reluctant to discuss developments until after an FBI report on the Kennedy assassination goes to a presidential commission investigating the case.

Youths Held in Pretenses Case

Frank Delano Kinney, 20, of 401 E. 12th St., and Robert Floyd Miller, 23, of 835 E. Ninth St., both Medford, are scheduled to be arraigned in district court today on charges of attempting to obtain money by false pretenses.

According to Medford Police, the two men were arrested Thursday afternoon for acting together in an attempt to defraud an insurance company.

Police reports show that Kinney notified them Sept. 16 that a four-speed transmission had been stolen from his car while it was parked near his residence that week end.

In signed statements to police Thursday, both Kinney and Miller said that they had collaborated their earlier stories. Kinney admitted that he damaged the three-speed transmission in his car, then told officials of the General Insurance Corporation, Portland, in a signed statement that he had purchased a four-speed transmission from Miller, which was later stolen.

According to police reports, a three-speed transmission costs \$141.25 while the four-speed, \$350.

NEWS BRIEFS

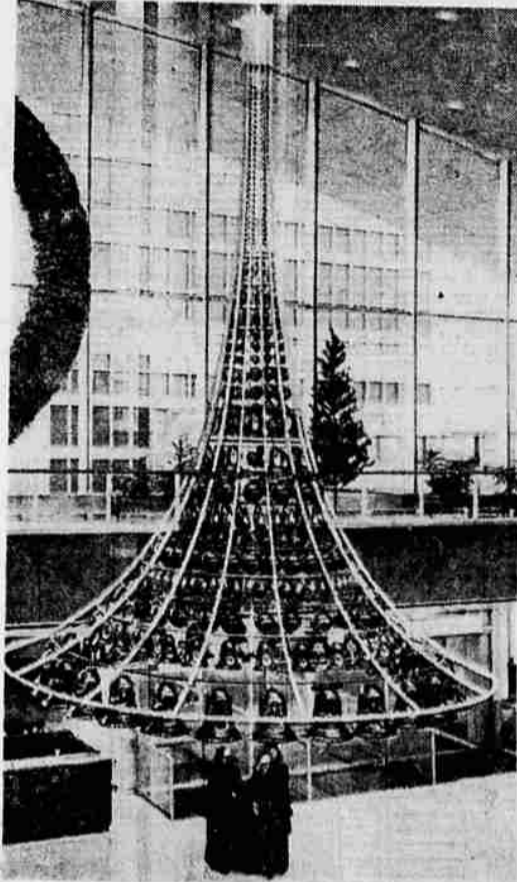
ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

DATES OF VISIT ANNOUNCED
VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The visit of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land will take place from Jan. 4 to 6, the Vatican announced today.

The Pope also may pay a brief visit to Lebanon during the peace pilgrimage, Vatican sources said.

CONCERN OF STRATEGISTS INCREASED
LONDON (UPI) — Science Minister Quintin Hogg's disappointing showing in winning a Commons seat increased the concern of Conservative strategists today in their planning for the general election campaign against Labor.

MISTRUST CALLED IN ANTITRUST CASE
NEW YORK — The government's antitrust price-fixing case against the Westinghouse Electric Corp., ended in a mistrial early today but federal attorneys indicated they would seek a new trial against the giant appliance firm.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION—Three nuns are dwarfed by towering, bell-shaped Christmas decoration at Idlewild Airport in New York City Thursday. Hung with ornaments, the creation is on view in the main lobby of the Overseas Arrival Building. (UPI)

East Germans Will Open Wall During Christmas Season

BERLIN (UPI) — East German Communists will open the anti-refugee wall for the first time so West Berliners may visit in East Berlin for Christmas, the West German press office announced today.

The announcement said the West German government "has received information that East Berlin has the intention of making possible visits by West Berliners to East Berlin during the Christmas period."

The announcement added that technical arrangements on how West Berliners would pass through the wall or get passes would be settled by experts.

Sewer Inspection Still Under Way

JACKSONVILLE — Word as to when the Jacksonville sewer system will be put into operation now is expected in the middle of next week.

An inspection of the system, being conducted by Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, Corvallis engineering firm, is still in progress, it was learned this morning.

Earlier it was reported the system might actually go into operation next week. A few minor details still remain to be taken care of, Mayor E. O. Graham said.

Medford Council Denies Request For Zone Change

By a vote of three to five the Medford City Council last night upheld a planning commission recommendation denying a change of zone for a lot owned by C. A. Parlier near the intersection of Highland Drive and Siskiyou Boulevard.

Parlier sought to have the lot changed from single family to limited commercial zoning so he could construct a new Highland Market on the three lots. The present market is now on two of the lots which are zoned limited commercial.

Frank J. Van Dyke, representing Parlier, presented petitions containing 115 signatures of residents in the area who did not object to the change of zone. He explained that the present 2,000 square foot structure would be replaced by a building 50 by 190 feet and 18 feet high.

During discussion it was stated that Parlier also planned to include a barbershop, beauty shop and drug store in the new structure.

Seven persons attended the session favoring the change and two spoke in opposition to it.

Voting against the requested change were Councilmen Robert Cunningham, Jack Edson, Robert L. Van Sickle, Robert Bacus, and Richard Travis. Voting yes were William Singler, Joseph Hosick and Terry Green.

In other action, the council approved a request by Robert Lee Knox to move his liquor license for selling of beer and wine to a new location at 1124 Court St. This is the third request by Knox. The two previous requests have been denied — once by the City Council and the other by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Several persons, with petitions signed by 95 per cent of the property owners and leasees in the vicinity, spoke in opposition to the request.

It was explained by council members that final approval of the transfer rests with the OLCC.

Report on Cars Is Accepted by Council

An airport committee report regarding courtesy cars was accepted by the Medford City Council last night, and was referred to the city attorney for drafting of an ordinance.

The report was presented by Councilman Robert Cunningham and was accepted by the council with one negative vote. Councilman William Singler opposed the recommendation.

The report requires courtesy cars to be marked as such on both front doors and sets a minimum fine of \$100 and revocation of a courtesy car permit for each permit holder who violates the ordinance.

The proposed ordinance prohibits the permittee from parking vehicles under his control not covered by a courtesy car permit for periods of longer than one hour in the public parking area at the airport.

Dry Weather Helps In Lodge Building

ASHLAND — Relatively dry weather has aided construction of the Mt. Ashland Ski Area lodge and access road during the last 10 days.

Alex Murphy, Mt. Ashland Corporation manager, said this morning that work is progressing on the road but that it is still too early to say exactly when it will be finished.

Closing in of the ski lodge is expected to be finished by the end of next week, he said. The lodge opening is dependent upon completion of the access road.

There is still 12 inches of snow on the ground at the ski area and it has developed into a "good hard pack," Murphy added.

BOISE, Idaho (UPI)—Idaho's Board of Education announced today University of Idaho President D. R. Theophilus will resign effective July 1, 1965.

Rail Unions Ask Court To Strike Down Board Rule

Finding Charged Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three rail unions today asked a federal court to strike down a railroad arbitration board ruling in the railroad work rules dispute. They charged that the finding was illegal and unconstitutional.

A suit attacking the Nov. 26 decision of the first peacetime arbitration board ever established by Congress was filed in federal district court here by the locomotive firemen and engine-men, trainmen and switchmen's unions.

The suit claims the arbitration board exceeded the authority given it by Congress in its far-reaching ruling concerning the need for firemen on trains and the size of train crews.

Eliminated Gradually

The board held that 90 per cent of the firemen on freight and yard locomotives could be eliminated gradually because other crew members could handle their work.

It called for renewed negotiations on the size of train crews and set up a system of arbitration in event of deadlock between union and management on that issue.

In the suit, the unions said the board failed to follow congressional directives and did not include in its ruling the items on which the labor-management negotiators already had agreed.

It also declared that provisions for elimination of jobs other than through normal attrition were illegal because the attrition principle also was settled at the bargaining table.

Major Issues

Congress set up a seven-man arbitration board to decide the two major issues in the work rules dispute and avoid a threatened nationwide train strike last Aug. 28.

Foreign Aid Bill Given to Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A badly battered compromise foreign aid bill that pleased almost nobody was tossed back to the House and Senate today for final action on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

The \$3,500,000,000 authorization measure—almost \$1 billion below what the late President Kennedy originally asked—was finally hammered out late Thursday by weary Senate and House conferees after three weeks of off-and-on sessions.

The bill authorizes another year of economic, military and technical assistance overseas. A 1964 appropriation bill now must be passed to provide the actual funds.

The measure was far from what the administration wanted and varied a good deal from each of the widely differing versions passed by the two houses. But neither the House nor the Senate can change the compromise version and must accept or reject it as is.

Campaign Costs for Election Announced

SALEM (UPI) — Backers of the legislature's \$60 million tax increase package spent \$47,186 to suffer a 3 1/2 to 1 defeat at the Oct. 15 referendum, the secretary of state's office disclosed today.

Victorious opponents spent \$4,239—and are still \$2,754 in the red, the accounting revealed.

A preliminary list of campaign expenditures announced Oct. 28 showed supporters of the measure spent \$28,781, and opponents \$3,880.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight. Valley fog, clearing by mid-morning. Increasing cloudiness Saturday. Low tonight near 35. High Saturday 45.

Highest Yesterday 44
Lowest This Morning 35
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today .81

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:27 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 11:03 p.m.
Last Quarter Dec. 7
The cluster of dim stars seen in the east tonight at 8:45 p.m. is the Pleiades. In April we will see Venus near the Pleiades.



MEDAL OF FREEDOM—President Johnson confers the Presidential Medal of Freedom on singer Marian Anderson (L) in a ceremony at the White House today. Pinning the medal on the singer is Angier Biddle Duke, U.S. Protocol chief. America's highest peacetime award was conferred on 31 men and women at the ceremony. (UPI)

President Johnson Adds Pair to List In Dramatic Move

31 Others Given Nation's Top Award

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson awarded the nation's highest civilian honor today to 31 men and women. Then in a dramatic gesture, he conferred it posthumously on the late President John F. Kennedy and Pope John XXIII.

Johnson's announcement that he was adding his assassinated predecessor and the dead Pope to the list of winners of the new presidential medal of freedom climaxed a White House ceremony which had been planned by Kennedy.

The 31 other winners of the freedom medal had been designated for the honor by Kennedy in recognition of their services and contributions throughout the world.

Blind Woman
Those honored included musicians, artists, statesmen, jurists, educators, industrialists, scientists, authors, playwright — and a little-known blind woman sometimes called "the one-woman peace corps."

At the ceremony in the state dining room of the White House, the new President had read the citations accompanying the awards to the 31. Then, in emotion-touched voice, he announced that he was similarly honoring Kennedy and the dead pontiff.

A hush came over the 200 people assembled for the occasion.

Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy accepted the award on behalf of his slain brother. Mrs. John F. Kennedy watched from seclusion behind a screen.

Received Medal
Everyone rose in a gesture of tribute to the late President as the attorney general received the medal.

Johnson solemnly read a citation hailing the dead Chief Executive as a "soldier, scholar, statesman, defender of freedom, pioneer of peace, author of hope."

The concept of the medal and the ceremony were the ideas of Kennedy, for whom the executive mansion still is draped in the black crepe of mourning.

Further sadness came into the occasion Thursday when one of the recipients, former senator and New York Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, died of a heart attack while preparing to leave for Washington.

Johnson said the 85-year-old Lehman's best epitaph was the citation he would have heard today: "Citizen and statesman, he has used wisdom and compassion as the tools of government and has made politics the highest form of public service."

County Court Calls For Vote on Zoning In S. Talent Area

An election on zoning for the South Talent area will be held as soon as possible in January, the Jackson County Court announced this morning.

The interim zoning would expire normally Nov. 1, 1964. It was scheduled to be in effect for three years or until a comprehensive plan had been presented for the area. This would have meant a public hearing. However, the County Court indicated it would have called for an election to determine the wishes of the people.

Time has to be allowed for legal advertising and posting for the election, County Judge Earl M. Miller said.

Whether the vote is on interim zoning or permanent zoning will depend on how the ballot is worded, Jackson County Planning Director George Brenner said. The district attorney probably will have to give an opinion on this, he said. Since this comes under the new state law, no opinions are available yet.

The zoning election probably will not greatly slow up the planning study of the area, Brenner said. Study of the area as part of the overall Rogue Valley study will continue. Little comprehensive planning study has been done on the Talent area, he said.

Motion by Taylor
Motion to hold the election was made late yesterday afternoon by County Commissioner Edwin Taylor, seconded by County Commissioner Donald E. Faber and approved by the county judge.

Miller said he feels a further public hearing would have "little merit at this time." He hopes the election will settle the emotions which were beginning to hit a peak in the area, he said.

The Oregon constitution provides for a referendum by petition which makes it the people's right to call for an election if they chose, Miller emphasized.

Petition Asks Election
Miller noted that 132 of the 164 people who had signed the petition calling for an election were registered voters and area residents.

Miller said he feels zoning is important to the county. The Talent people have shown they are interested in developing their area as demonstrated by

Druggists Ask Rule On Unpaid Claims

By United Press International
President Jim Mead of the Portland Retail Druggists Association said Thursday he will seek a legal opinion on whether druggists can write off unpaid claims against the State Welfare Commission as bad debts for tax purposes.

The Welfare Commission recently cut reimbursements to druggists to about 65 cents on the dollar because of a shortage of funds.

Mead said he was uncertain what the tax status of the losses would be because there was no written contract with the commission, but he added, "we had a gentleman's agreement about payments."

Meanwhile, some Lane County druggists reportedly were charging persons on welfare one-third of the cost of their prescriptions to make up for the reduced state payments.

A release from the Lane County Pharmaceutical Association said its members will continue to fill the orders in spite of the hassle with the state. Some druggists in Pendleton and Salem have refused to serve welfare customers.



MAYOR KILLED — Fresno, Calif., Mayor Arthur Selland, 57 (above), president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Herbert Ferguson, 56, president of Fresno Chamber of Commerce were killed Thursday when they were thrown through the windshield of their station wagon in a collision with a truck six miles south of Fresno. Two others in the car were injured. (UPI)

Comedian Slates Eye Treatment

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Bob Hope, 60, here to undergo treatment for a blood clot in his left eye, has brought his famed sense of humor along with him.

The comic was in his usual wise-cracking mood Thursday when he talked to newsmen before checking into Children's Hospital to undergo delicate photo-coagulation treatment for the clot on the central vein behind the retina of his eye.

The treatment, which will take several days, has forced him out of a Dec. 13 television show. Bing Crosby will take over and Hope said Jack Benny had offered to do a monologue on the program.

"It's nice to have old friends and those two are the oldest I know," Hope said.

Hope's condition first became apparent to him during Christmas season of 1959, when the comedian was entertaining troops in Europe. It has caused him dizziness and fuzziness of vision ever since.

Savage Creek Home Destroyed by Fire

ROGUE RIVER—The home of the Richard Riley family, located a mile and a half up Savage Creek, was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

The fire was reported at 5:12 p.m. Two trucks and 12 men from the Rogue River Rural Fire Department responded.

The home was already engulfed in flames when the fire was reported, however. The family, which has five small children, was not home at the time.

The local community chest is accepting donations for the family.

Dellenback, Four Other Solons Decline Special Session Pay

SALEM (UPI) — Five of Oregon's 90 legislators refused to accept full payment of expenses for the special session, and one voluntarily cut his \$250 monthly pay to \$150, effective Dec. 1, the secretary of state's office revealed today.

Rep. Edward Elder, R-Englewood, announced he was cutting his pay by \$100 a month. Elder also refused to accept any of the \$260 per diem expense allotment for the special session.

During the session Elder said he wanted a pay cut he'd have to do it himself—and cut apart a \$140 expense check with scissors.

South Talent Votes On Bonds Monday

TALENT — Voters in the South Talent Sanitary District will return to the polls Monday to consider a proposed \$135,000 bond issue to finance the major portion of a sewer system for the area.

Last Monday a board of directors election was held, with A. W. Oettinger defeating W. B. Jensen for the seat, 34-20. The vote was canvassed at a board meeting Thursday night. There was no change in the vote totals originally announced.

For next Monday's election, the polling places at the Resmore Motel will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The South Talent district proposes to have a sewer system installed to serve residents along Old Pacific Highway and U. S. 99 from the Talent city limits south to the vicinity of the Lithia Drive-In Theater.

BISHOP DIES

ROME (UPI)—Msgr. Alfonso Carinci, the Roman-born dean of the world's Roman Catholic bishops, died in a Rome hospital today less than a month after celebrating his 101st birthday.

Earlier this year the legislature increased its pay to \$250 a month, plus \$20 per diem daily while the legislature is in session. Lawmakers formerly were paid \$50 a month.

A bill to cut legislators' pay authorized through the House in the special session, but died in a Senate committee.