

Rusk Sets Stage for Home-Johnson Meeting



RECONCILED — Typewriter heiress Gamble Benedict Forum-beanu and her estranged husband, Andrei, have reconciled in Zurich, Switzerland, their lawyers have announced, and have gone on a second honeymoon. (UPI)

Senate Rejects Attempt To Trim Foreign Aid Bill

Adjournment Possible Friday

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate today rejected attempts to trim its \$3.3 billion foreign aid money bill and moved toward a final vote on the measure late today and possible adjournment Friday.

The Senate first rejected 55 to 28 an amendment by Sen. Wayne L. Morse, D-Ore., to cut \$80 million from "supporting assistance," which backs up military aid.

Another Slash Beaten

It then voted down 53 to 34 a follow-up move to slash \$30 million from the same item. The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended \$380 million for supporting assistance and the House voted only \$300 million — the figure Morse sought.

The aid bill, which provides actual funds for another year of economic and military assistance, still must go to a House-Senate conference committee for final compromise to be worked out. The \$3.3 billion Senate total is \$500 million more than the \$2.8 billion voted by the House.

Eye Friday Adjournment

Congressional leaders still were hoping for adjournment by Friday night. The Senate met three hours early to move ahead on the aid bill.

Morse's proposed cut in supporting assistance went down after short but heated debate. The Oregon Democrat charged that the money was being wasted on "indigenous armies" such as those of Nationalist China on Taiwan (Formosa) and in South Korea.

"You could lick most of them with ten Boy Scout troops," Morse declared. "It is a false assumption that such armies are any good."

But Sen. Frank J. Lausche, D-Ohio, contended that "a cut here is to cut at a place where it is most unjustified." Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., floor manager for the bill, said it would be "chaotic" and a "crying shame" to trim the supporting assistance fund.

Grants Pass To Call For Bids on Sewer

GRANTS PASS — The Grants Pass City Council will call for bids, probably during January, on construction of a sewer system for an area within the city south of the Rogue River.

An engineering report on the project was presented by representatives of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, Corvallis engineering firm, at a meeting of the city council Wednesday night.

There are three proposed sections in the sewer system. Schedule A would serve several hundred acres within the city. Schedules B and C would serve several hundred additional acres outside the city limits.

Councilmen agreed informally that work on Schedule A should proceed, with an eye toward advertising for bids in January and opening them in February. City Manager Roy Eames suggested that the feasibility of financing construction of the other two links also be considered.

In other action at the Wednesday meeting, the council voted to retain the landscaping consultant services of Mitchell and McArthur to proceed with park development plans within the city.

High on the priority list of future park improvements are the road system with Riverside City Park and the development of Croxton Memorial Cemetery.

Soviet Militiamen Manhandle Ghanaians

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet militiamen guarding the Ghanaian Embassy today shoved several African students back into the snow when they tried to force their way into the building.

A group of 30 Ghanaian students had tried to enter the embassy in search of more information on the death of fellow-student Edmund Asare-Addo, whose body was found frozen in the snow alongside a railroad track north of Moscow last Thursday.

His death had caused a demonstration in Red Square Wednesday, in which an estimated 400 Ghanaian students paraded with banners protesting alleged Soviet mistreatment of Africans.

REPORT DENIED

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Three Arrested For Extortion Attempt Charge

Allan F. Perry, manager of the Medford Branch of the U. S. National Bank, was threatened with extortion Wednesday morning, and early last night three suspects were arrested by city police, ending a manhunt in which city, county, state and federal officers and the U. S. Treasury Department had participated.

Arrested were Walter Dale Bella, 19, Hotel Grand, Medford; Steven Joseph Paradiso, 18, of 335 1/2 W. Second St., Medford; and Robert Gray, 19, of 616 W. 11th St., Medford.

Each is charged with attempted extortion. Bella and Gray were lodged in Jackson County jail and Paradiso is confined to city jail.

This morning Bella and Paradiso had signed statements admitting the extortion attempt and had implicated Gray, officers said.

Prominent Valley Physician Dies at Home in Ashland

ASHLAND — Dr. Charles Albert Haines, 67, prominent Ashland physician for many years and an avid sportsman, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening at his home, 1407 Tolman Creek Road, Ashland.

Dr. Haines established medical practice in Ashland in 1925 and continued in his practice there continuously until 1964 when he went into semi-retirement in Vista, Calif. He remained there until 1962 when he returned to Ashland to make his home on the Tolman Creek Road property.

Born in Kingfisher, Okla., March 12, 1896, Dr. Haines was a student at the University of Kansas. At the beginning of World War I he left the university and enlisted in the Army as a member of the 35th Infantry Division. He served in France and was wounded in the conflict there.

Returns to U. S.

He returned to the United States and entered Reed College, continuing in school there for a year while recuperating from his war wounds. He later entered the University of Oregon Medical School and graduated there in 1924. He interned at Good Samaritan Hospital before coming to Ashland.

Dr. Haines was married in Portland April 15, 1921, to Mildred Zehrung, who survives. Also surviving are a son, R. Keith Haines, Central Point, and a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Cara) Lee Braa, Edmonds, Wash., and eight grandchildren.

He was a member of the Ashland Elks Lodge; the American Legion; Ashland Lodge, AF and AM; Siskiyou Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Malta Commandery, Knights Templar; Hillah Temple of the Shrine and the Jackson County Medical Society.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Ashland Mortuary Chapel with the Masonic Lodge officiating. Committal services will be private. The body will lie in state at the Ashland Mortuary from noon to 9 p.m. Friday and friends who wish to pay tribute to Dr. Haines may call during those hours. Donations to the American Heart Association or the Cancer Fund will be accepted in memory of Dr. Haines.



RUINS INSPECTED — Deputy Fire Chief Charles Quilman and Sandra Hart, 23, check a damaged painting on a gallery wall after a \$500,000 fire which destroyed 35 Picasso

paintings in Detroit, Mich. The fire damaged a furniture store and the second floor gallery. Total loss in the gallery included 400 paintings, ceramics and drawings. (UPI)

McNamara Talks With Leaders in South Viet Nam

SAIGON (UPI) — U. S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara arrived today for talks with South Viet Nam's military rulers and a round of intensive briefings by top ranking American civilian and military officials.

In a brief statement at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport, where his special Air Force KC135 four-engine jet airliner arrived from Paris, the secretary said he had come here to discuss problems and progress of U. S. military aid to South Viet Nam.

Earlier Meeting Recalled

Asked the reason for his two-day visit, his first since the Nov. 1 coup d'etat that toppled the regime of former President Ngo Dinh Diem, McNamara said: "Some of you will remember that exactly two years ago this week after a NATO meeting in Paris, I flew to Honolulu for the first in a series of discussions of U. S. military aid to Viet Nam. This is another of those meetings to discuss progress of the program and find out what problems are involved and how to solve them."

Arrives With Top Aides

McNamara flew here with Arthur Sylvester, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, and William Bundy, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs.

He was greeted at the airport by U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Gen. Paul D. Harkins, commander of U. S. forces in Viet Nam, and Vietnamese Defense minister Maj. Gen. Tran Van Don.

JET PILOT KILLED

FLASHER, N. D. (UPI) — An Air Force F-106 jet fighter plane crashed in a hilly, forested terrain near here today, killing the pilot.

WEATHER

PORTLAND: Occasional rain tonight and showers Friday. Some fog and smoke in the valleys. Low tonight 33. High Friday 41. Temp. 36. Wind 10 to 15 m.p.h. Today 53. High 63. Wind 10 to 15 m.p.h.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:11 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:16 a.m. Moonset tonight 10:23 p.m. First quarter. Tonight the planet Saturn appears to be following the Moon through the sky tomorrow night. The Moon will appear to be following Saturn.

Closing of Naval Shipyards Studied

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Pentagon study group is closing to explore the possibility of closing some of the government's 11 naval shipyards employing nearly 100,000 persons.

Pablo Picasso Art Pieces Destroyed By Fire in Detroit

DETROIT (UPI) — Thirty-five Pablo Picasso art pieces, including two valuable paintings, were destroyed early today in a \$500,000 fire that swept a downtown building.

The Picassos were being shown in a second floor art gallery. The damage to the collection was estimated at \$150,000.

More than 125 firemen and 25 pieces of equipment battled the blaze in the building which housed a furniture store along with the art gallery.

The fire was brought under control within 17-degree temperatures. There were no serious injuries to firefighters although several received first aid for cuts and abrasions.

The paintings by the famed 82-year-old Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso, were being shown in the Arwin Gallery on the second floor of the Robinson Furniture Co. building. Damage to the furniture store was estimated at \$100,000.

Local Man Suffers Three Knife Wounds

William Peter Grotte, 30, of 344 Mae St., Medford was reported in good condition this morning at Sacred Heart Hospital where he was taken Wednesday evening suffering from three knife wounds.

Lodged in the Jackson County jail on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon shortly after 7:30 p.m. was William Willey Branscomb, 43, of a local hotel.

According to Medford Police, Grotte was injured on South Riverside Avenue in front of a local tavern.

Grand Jury Refuses To Indict Students

CORVALLIS (UPI) — A Benton County grand jury Wednesday refused to indict three Oregon State University students on charges of stealing furnishing from a sorority house last November.

The grand jury returned no true bills for Douglas A. Wilson, 18, Portland; Robert L. Caulfield, 18, Portland; and George G. Collins, 18, Dover, Del.

Earlier, District Court dismissed similar charges against two others.

Second Attorney Barred From Hoffa Jury Case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A second attorney was barred from federal court Wednesday in connection with the jury tampering case of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

U. S. District Court Judge William E. Miller and Frank Gray Jr. ordered the disbarment of Harry Beard Jr., a Lebanon, Tenn., attorney, mentioned in a Dec. 6 indictment returned against Z. T. Osborn Jr.

'Summit' Talks Would Be Held In February

Western Strategy Future Reviewed

LONDON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk set the stage today for a "summit" meeting between Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home and President Johnson in February.

He conferred with British officials on ways to ease tensions with Russia in the wake of a Western Allied decision to let Britain "carry the ball" while Johnson settles into office.

Rusk today reviewed with Douglas-Home future Western strategy on ways to ease East-West tensions—mainly through disarmament.

Working Lunch

Rusk and Home met at a working lunch with Foreign Secretary R.A. Butler and other top Anglo-American officials. Earlier, Rusk talked for more than two hours at the foreign office with Butler.

Authoritative diplomatic sources said the talks concentrated on disarmament and East-West relations. They said other questions also were touched on in a wide-ranging review, but the dominant theme was the need to find ways to improve relations with Moscow.

They said the talks were an important preliminary to the meeting Home will have with Johnson in Washington.

Rusk leaves later today for Washington to report to Johnson on his talks.

Going to Geneva

Butler plans to attend the Geneva disarmament talks when they resume late in January, and hopes to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko there.

The talks clarified Anglo-American views, but there was no immediate official British confirmation of reports that London and Washington were thinking of offering the Russians a 10 per cent cut in military budgets.

Informed sources said, however, this was an old proposal which could be revived at any time.

Rusk began his meetings with a discussion of the Indonesian-Malaysian problem with Commonwealth Secretary Duncan Sandys.

Fog Dispersed for Mercy Flights Plane

Mercy Flights pilots seeded the dense fog which enveloped Medford Wednesday morning and gained an opening which enabled the air ambulance plane to take off from the Municipal Airport with two patients.

It was the fourth fog seeding by Mercy Flights over the airport this season and each has been successful and followed by a flight from the airport and a return landing.

The Wednesday flight was to Portland and Yakima, Wash. Bill Roberts of the Rogue River National Forest, Prospect, was taken to Yakima for medical treatment. It is the home city of his parents.

Douglas Burrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burrill of Eagle Point, was taken to Portland, where he is a patient at Good Samaritan Hospital.

The flight brought to 1,651 the number of patients flown by Mercy Flights since formation of the air ambulance service.

SENATE CONFIRMS WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Robert B. Roe to be postmaster at Gaston, Ore. He presently is acting postmaster there.

Oregon Bread Labels Due New Look Next Year

SALEM (UPI) — Bread in Oregon will start the new year with a new look on labels.

The balloon bread law passed by the 1963 legislature goes into effect Jan. 1. It sets requirements on bread and advertising.

Kenneth Carl of the State Agriculture Department said all bakeries selling bread in Oregon are affected.

He said most of the bakeries have submitted their new labels for approval.

Must List Weight

The law requires that the label have the minimum net weight and the weight size, such as standard loaf, standard large loaf, standard extra large loaf, balloon, balloon loaf or balloon bread.

The minimum size of letters on the label also is set by the law. All lettering, except the word "Balloon," must be minimum of 3/16 of an inch if on the sides or top of a loaf and 1/8 of an inch if on the ends or on an attached tag.

Grants Pass Council Presented Petition Requesting Inquiry

GRANTS PASS — The Grants Pass City Council last night was presented a petition bearing approximately 2,300 signatures requesting that an inquiry be made into city personnel practices.

Circulation of the petition came about after the recent dismissal of Capt. John Smith from the local police department. But it did not ask for Smith's reinstatement.

A second group of petitions, with about 40 signatures, was presented by persons expressing support for the dismissal of Smith and the city council's attitude in the matter. The council, at a special meeting last Friday, passed a resolution which described the dismissal as "justified."

What will happen next as a result of the petitions which were presented last night was unclear.

Study Being Made

City Councilmen and other city officials told members of the audience that the local services division of the State Civil Service Commission is making a study regarding city employees.

Limited Skiing May Start on Ashland

ASHLAND — Some type of limited skiing may start at the Mt. Ashland Ski Area shortly, it was learned today.

The main T-bar lift equipment at the area will be tested tomorrow by the State Industrial Accident Commission, the regional forest service engineer and an engineer from the E. G. Constam Company, manufacturer of the lift.

After tests have been completed, it is expected that some type of limited skiing operations will be announced shortly, according to Alex Murphy, manager of the Mt. Ashland Corporation. The development is subject to approval by the forest service of public use of Tolman Creek Road to reach the area, however, he added.

The main road now being constructed into the area is not expected to be ready for use until at least Jan. 10.

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) — The 5,000-mile flight of an advanced Minute man ICBM Wednesday night was the fourth successful firing of America's mighty long-range rockets within 21 hours.

JOHNSON SIGNS MANPOWER TRAINING ACT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson today approved a bill establishing new programs to train unskilled youths and unskilled adults as part of the fight against unemployment.

The President signed legislation amending the Manpower Training Act of 1962 to pour \$527 million in new federal spending into new job training courses.

FIRST WEST BERLINERS CROSS WALL

BERLIN (UPI) — The first West Berliners to cross the Communist anti-refugee wall since its erection 28 months ago went into East Berlin today on Christmas holiday visits.

SUPREME SOVIET APPROVES BUDGET

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Supreme Soviet today approved Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's budget and economic plans for the next two years, which are aimed at increasing industrial production, solving the farm crisis, and providing more income and housing for the Soviet people.

HEARINGS SET ON CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Chairman Howard W. Smith, under pressure from the White House and liberal members of Congress, has announced he will hold House Rules Committee hearings Jan. 9 on the civil rights bill.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES

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