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Congressional Leaders Drop Plan for Friday Adjournment

Lawmakers Called Back To Settle Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Congressional leaders today abandoned plans to adjourn Congress tonight, called an scores of members who already have left town to return, and said they plan to keep the lawmakers here until a contested foreign aid bill has been finally passed.

They acted under the prodding of President Johnson who told Democratic leaders of House and Senate at a White House strategy session it was imperative not only that they finish work on the aid measure but that they send it to the White House minus a House-approved curb on use of government credit in the proposed sale of surplus U.S. wheat to Russia.

Tough Task

This posed a tough task for House leaders, who apparently were expected to turn around enough home-bound House members to reverse a 218 to 169 roll call vote by which the House only last Monday had approved the trade curb.

After only 200 of the 435 members answered an opening quorum call at the start of what was supposed to have been the year's last House session Democratic Leader Carl Albert took the floor to announce the new plans.

He appealed to those present to cancel their plans to go home, and called on those who already had left town to return.

Council Accepts Committee Report

A recommended change in procedure for hearings regarding zoning variance requests and applications for home occupations was submitted to the Medford City Council last night in an executive committee report presented by Councilman Richard Travis.

The report was accepted by the council for preparation of an ordinance. It would delegate more power to the Medford Planning Commission giving it the authority to grant variances and home occupation requests.

The recommendation was approved by a vote of 7 to 1, with Councilman William Singler voting against it.

In other action, the council approved an executive committee report concerning the possibility of establishing sidewalk improvement districts in school areas.

A total of \$1,975 was approved to cover appraisers' fees for the civic center area and an amendment to the courtesy car ordinance. The ordinance requires lettering on all such cars parked at the municipal airport and restricts the length of parking time and provides for a fine.

JOHNSON PLEDGES CONTINUED SOUTH VIET NAM AID

SAMIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—President Johnson sent a personal message to South Viet Nam's new leaders today, reassuring them that U.S. military aid will continue as long as necessary to crush the Communist menace.

BOEING GETS SPACE CRAFT CONTRACT
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Boeing Co. Seattle, has been selected for a multi-million dollar contract to build a space craft to photograph the moon in preparation for man's landings. It was announced today.

TIROS LAUNCH AGAIN POSTPONED
CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—Troubles in a safety mechanism forced another postponement today in U.S. plans to launch a Tiros weather photography satellite into orbit around earth.

QUEEN SOPHIA GIVES BIRTH TO GIRL
MADRID (UPI)—Princess Sophia of Greece, wife of Prince Juan Carlos of Spain, son of the pretender to the Spanish throne, gave birth to a nine-pound girl today.



ACCUSED OF THREAT—Russell Wence McLarry, 21, is shown in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is charged with threatening to kill President Kennedy the night before the assassination. McLarry, who said his remark was a joke, was quoted as saying he was glad the President was dead. (UPI)

Youth Arrested for Threatening To Kill President Kennedy

FORT WORTH (UPI)—Maximum security measures today intended to kill President Kennedy.

Held in Absence of Bond
The part-time student, who worked as a machinist across the street in Dallas from where Kennedy was to speak Nov. 22, was held today in Tarrant County jail in absence of \$2,500 bond.

Charles E. Kunkel, special Secret Service agent, testified at the arraignment before U.S. Commissioner Bill Atkins Thursday. The charge said McLarry "Made certain threats to take the life and inflict bodily harm to John Kennedy, then the President of the United States."

"He said he would be working near the Trade Mart in Dallas when the President spoke and he would be waiting with a gun to get him," the charge said.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy McLarry, retired dairy farmers at Sulphur Springs, Tex., said he had three guns but they were all at his parents' home.

McLarry admitted he made the threat, but said it was in a joking manner. He "blamed the President for the condition the country is now in," Kunkel said.

Chief Asst. U.S. Dist. Atty. Bill Hughes said McLarry's case will come before a federal grand jury at Amarillo, Tex., in January. He said McLarry faced a \$1,000 fine, five years imprisonment or both.

Salvation Army Notes
Hours of Toy Shop
The distribution center for food baskets for needy families will be at 216 E. Fourth St., according to the Salvation Army.

Baskets may be picked up there Monday, Dec. 21, and deliveries will be made Tuesday, Dec. 24. William Sherwood is supervising the distribution assisted by members from the Elks Club and other volunteers.

The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Shop will be open at 27 N. Grape St., Saturday, Dec. 21, and Dec. 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

22 Accused Of Wartime Crimes Tried

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI)—West Germany put 22 men on trial today for running the greatest mass murder factory in history and the defendants began making excuses.

"When I was sent to Auschwitz in 1942 I did not know it was an extermination camp," said Torbert Mulka, the 68-year-old assistant commandant of the Nazi death mill where an estimated 2.5 to 4 million persons perished.

"I only joined the (Nazi elite) SS because I had no job and I was detailed to an extermination camp only because a knee injury kept me from service at the front," said Karl Hoecker, a 51-year-old former assistant Auschwitz commandant accused with Mulka of making sure the mass gas chambers worked smoothly.

Nat Proud of Number
Wilhelm Boger, the 56-year-old former first sergeant of the Gestapo guard and the alleged inventor of special torture devices, told the hushed court, "I still remember my SS number."

"It was 2779. I'm not very proud of it, but it was something special," he said, nervously rubbing his shabby blue suit.

Their words came as the defendants, one by one, rose to tell of their pre-Auschwitz lives. In coming weeks—the greatest war crimes trial in post-occupation German history is expected to last six or eight months—the court will hear evidence pinning down the almost endless list of charges.

One defendant, Dr. Franz Lucas, 52, an Auschwitz camp doctor, was ill and unable to attend the opening session. Setting his case aside for the moment, the judges ordered Lucas to show up Dec. 30, when he would rejoin his comrades for the second scheduled trial session.

Court officials said Lucas would not be tried separately from the other defendants.

Students Picket Lynda Bird's Dorm

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI)—A group of mostly Negro students made good their promise Thursday night to picket the dormitory where President Johnson's daughter lives on the University of Texas campus.

The demonstration, carried out under rain and the watchful eyes of the Secret Service, was to protest segregated housing at the school.

The President's daughter, Lynda Bird Johnson, was in the Kinsolving Dormitory when 22 pickets marched back and forth on a sidewalk across the street from the building.

There were no incidents.

Shopping Days Left

CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT TB AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES



Only Oswald Kaduk—accused of enjoying breaking inmates' necks with a pick—showed something of an old habit. He stood ramrod straight and clicked his heels when the black-robed chief judge called his name.

The defendants—the doctors who allegedly selected inmates for slave labor or death, the dentists who made sure all gold was yanked from victims' teeth, the clerk who kept a rising death count, the Gestapo man who allegedly drowned a priest by holding his head in a bucket of water, the SS men who allegedly made "research experiments" on female prisoners—sat mutely in the city hall chamber used as a courtroom.

Hearing for One Of Three Arrested Scheduled Today

A hearing on remanding Steven Joseph Paradiso, 17, of 33512 W. Second St., Medford, from juvenile court to Jackson County Circuit Court will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Circuit and Juvenile Court Judge James M. Main will preside at the hearing.

Paradiso is one of the three young men charged with extortion. Arrested with Paradiso Wednesday were Walter Dale Balla, 19, Hotel Grand, Medford, and Robert Gray, 19, of 616 W. 11th St., Medford.

Balla and Gray may be arraigned in district court Monday, District Attorney Alan B. Holmes said.

All three men appeared in district court yesterday and their cases were continued. Balla asked to consult an attorney. Medford Lawyer Joel Reider is representing Gray. Paradiso asked that an attorney be appointed for him.

Bad of all three men was set at \$5,000.

Thursday morning Balla and Paradiso had signed statements admitting an extortion attempt and implicated Gray, local law enforcement agencies said.

Wednesday morning a telephone call was made to Allan F. Perry, manager of the Medford branch of the U. S. National Bank of Portland, demanding \$5,000. The caller claimed Mrs. Perry was being held as a hostage. Mrs. Perry was under police protection until the three men were arrested.

The arrests followed a joint investigation by Medford and state police, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Treasury Department.

President Signs Chamizal Treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson today signed a treaty with Mexico settling the long-standing Chamizal border dispute involving land at El Paso, Tex.



SNOWMAN TIME—Papa, momma and baby snowman are the creative work of three youngsters taking advantage of the snow in St. Louis, Mo. From left are Gretchen Walch, Carol Nemeth, and Keith Hacke. (UPI)

Southern Plains, Midwest In Grip of Bitter Cold

By United Press International
Freezing drizzle iced highways and triggered traffic deaths across the Southern Plains today and bitter cold broke temperature records again in the Midwest.

A freak storm dumped 20 inches of snow at Kalkaska, Mich., during the night.

Temperatures fell below zero from Montana to Maine and dropped below freezing along the Gulf Coast. The mercury dipped to 18 degrees at Nashville, Tenn., and a chilly 48 at Miami, Fla.

Record Shattered
A 62-year record was shattered at Chicago when the temperature dipped to 9 below—a new mark for the date. It was also the eighth consecutive sub-zero day at Chicago, a record for December.

The temperature fell to 4 below at Pittsburgh, Pa., breaking the old record set in 1891 by eight degrees. Records for the date were also set at Dayton, Toledo, Columbus, Akron and Cincinnati, Ohio, where the temperature ranged from 4 to 14 degrees below zero.

The lowest temperature in the nation was 35 below at Bemidji, Minn. It was 26 below at Independence Falls, Minn., and Devils Lake, N.D. Madison, Wis., recorded 17 below, suburban Chicago 15 below and Rockford, Ill., 15 below.

At Duluth, Minn., where the high Thursday was 6 below, the mercury fell to 18 below today.

Hazardous driving warnings were posted for Oklahoma, where icy roads were blamed for at least five traffic deaths.

Freezing rain, sleet and fog also covered parts of Texas eastward into Alabama. Numerous traffic accidents were attributed to the weather in Texas and West Texas airports were "socked in" by fog.

Decision Expected Today on Operation Of Mt. Ashland Area

ASHLAND — A decision is expected late today on whether the Mt. Ashland Ski Area will be in operation this weekend.

Representatives of the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission and the U. S. Forest Service went up to the area this morning to conduct a day-long inspection of facilities, including the T-bar lift, water system, sewer system and roads.

Also along on the inspection of the lift was an engineer from the E. G. Constan Company, manufacturer of the lift.

The ski area will open this weekend only if all facilities and the road system are approved for use.

Valley residents interested in skiing on Mt. Ashland this week end were urged to contact the Forest Service prior to going there.

Access to Area
In the event of approval, access to the area will be via Tolman Creek and Neil Creek Roads.

Traffic will use Tolman Creek Road.

No Coffee Dimes? Coins Now Scarce

PORTLAND (UPI)—A shortage of coins, reported elsewhere in the country, also exists here.

A spokesman for the First National Bank said today the local federal reserve bank, the source of supply for Oregon, was completely out of dimes. It was out of nickels until a shipment arrived Wednesday, he added.

The situation is new this year and apparently is the result of an increased number of coin collectors around the country, sources believe. The Christmas shopping season brought the shortage to light.

The First National Bank said nickels received this week were being sent out on a one-for-five basis—or if \$5,000 in nickels is requested by a bank, \$1,000 is given. In turn, bank customers are similarly rationed.

The bank said that it had to furnish the coins to its branches in Eugene, Medford and Grants Pass from its own supplies.

Crackdown on Burners Started By Authority

A crackdown on "wigwag burners" used to get rid of waste at lumber mills was started by the Oregon State Sanitary Authority at its meeting Thursday in Portland.

The authority, according to the United Press International, decided to refuse approval for any proposed new burners after Jan. 1, 1965.

Authority figures show 60 of the burners in the Medford area, topped only by the Eugene-Springfield district with 98.

The authority also instructed its staff to prepare regulations for an orderly phasing out of the burners throughout the state.

Estimated Number
Staff members estimated that there are more than 225 of the burners at small and medium sized mills in Oregon. They said

Federalized Quartet Accused Of Dynamitings

Blasts Occurred Near University

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (UPI)—Police arrested four National Guardsmen Thursday on charges of setting off explosives near the integrated University of Alabama last month while serving with a federalized task force protecting the campus.

Authorities said a fifth Guardsman would be taken into custody today (probably in the afternoon). He was not arrested Thursday because of illness in his family.

Officers across central Alabama picked up 2nd Lt. James T. Perkins of Holt, 1st Sgt. Norman R. Daniel of Fairfield and Sgts. James T. Maxwell of Tuscaloosa and William E. Rough-ton of Landale to climax an "around-the-clock" investigation that began last Saturday.

Members of Task Force
Several hours before the arrests, Circuit Solicitor Fred Nicol had said "we think we have the case solved" and indicated the arrests would be "startling" because of the persons involved.

The men were members of a special task force assigned to the university to prevent any disturbances in connection with the presence of Negro student Vivian Malone, admitted under federal court order last June along with another Negro who dropped out of school the following month.

Guard Federalized
President Kennedy had federalized the Alabama National Guard after Gov. George Wallace came to the campus and blocked the admission of the Negroes. Wallace withdrew with the appearance of the Guardsmen.

One of the three explosions, each caused by about a half stick of dynamite, occurred less than a block from Miss Malone's dormitory. A second explosion the same day, Nov. 16, went off in a Negro section of the city a few blocks from the campus, and the final blast on Nov. 19 occurred two blocks from the campus. No one was hurt in the explosions but windows in several buildings were shattered.

Released From Duty
The Guardsmen were released from federal duty late last month despite the explosions which at the time were believed to have been student pranks.

The charges against the Guardsmen will be presented to the Tuscaloosa County grand jury at its next session, Jan. 7. Perkins and Maxwell, each released under \$5,000 bond, were charged with "setting off or exploding dynamite." Daniel, a former Birmingham city policeman and an ex-Marine, and Rough-ton were to be charged later.

Merchandise, Cash Taken From Market

ASHLAND — Someone broke into Hamby's Drive-In Market on Lit Way Thursday night, Ashland police reported today, making off with some merchandise and \$233.10 in cash.

Entry was made by breaking a window above the marquee on the front of the store, sometime between 10 p.m. Thursday and 7 o'clock this morning, officers said.

The money was taken from cash register drawers and from a cash box in the office. The burglars then left by a rear door. It was indicated.

Police are investigating a similar burglary which occurred last week at a service station, also on Lit Way.

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