

# Portland Plans Drive On Crime

PORTLAND, Feb. 16 (AP)—Charges that vice overlords have operated openly here with police protection appeared today to be heading toward possible grand jury action.

A city club committee that made the charges in a lengthy report published yesterday announced it would ask witnesses questioned during the committee's studies to appear for public testimony.

Over the week-end, District Attorney John B. McCourt said grand jury action would be asked if he were able to obtain legal evidence or names of witnesses.

The city club report charged "gambling, prostitution, bootlegging and other forms of vice have been carried on openly and notoriously" here. It said syndicates had set up ex-convicts in poker halls, exacting as much as \$1000 a month tribute. The committee said some police and officials had received "substantial payoffs, and estimated the amount at \$60,000 a month."

**Public Testimony**

Committee Chairman McDannell Brown, attorney and former OPA director here, said last night the witnesses who appeared before the committee before the school and industrial representatives would be asked to testify publicly. His statement came after Mayor Earl Riley denied he had delegated police department policy and personnel matters to a personal staff member.

Riley invited the grand jury probe in his statement. He said that if the charges "are true, it is the duty and obligation of witnesses who appeared before the committee to take their testimony and proof to a grand jury."

The city club is due to act on the committee's report Friday. The club includes leaders of all occupations and groups here.

# Snow Falls At Crater

Snow was falling heavily at Crater Lake national park this morning and rangers said week-end travel was light due to the fall during the past week. There were no skiing accidents, although one traffic accident was reported Sunday afternoon when Eugene Lilly of Murphy, Ore., drove his car into a park grader. The car was badly damaged but there were no personal injuries.

Snow depth has now reached 103 inches of heavy pack, rangers said, and today's fall is wet. Skiing should be fair although the trails which were broken Sunday are now covered. There is an eight and one-half inch new fall on the pack. Roads are open but chains are necessary from Annie Spring to the rim. Visibility at the rim is poor. Rangers checked in 103 cars carrying 380 passengers Sunday.

# Public Housing Man To Visit

Walter E. Trevet, area director of the public housing administration, of San Francisco, Calif., will meet with the city housing committee and interested persons at 1:30 p. m. Friday at the city hall.

Trevet will be here to discuss Klamath's housing set-up, and Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today that there will probably be some discussion of the federal housing units in Klamath Falls.

**RULING**

SALEM, Feb. 16 (AP)—The office of Clatsop county school superintendent is still an elective office, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today for District Attorney Garnet L. Green of Clatsop county.

There had been some doubt because of the application of the state rural school district law.

# Grieving Mothers Side by Side at Inquest



Two sorrowful mothers sit side by side in a Los Angeles coroner's jury room as the son of one enters for an inquest into the death of the daughter of the other—for which it was recommended he be held. The boy is Tommy Marsh, 15, accused of shooting to death Dolores Conn, 16. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marsh, are seated beside the mother of Dolores, Mrs. Marie Conn (right).

# Pair Held For Theft

LA GRANDE, Feb. 16 (AP)—Two 17-year-old La Grande youths faced arraignment on burglary charges today after officers said they trapped the pair in a downtown music store.

Held in city jail are Webster R. Keefer and Raymond M. Baldwin.

Two rookie patrolmen—Richard Ley, 23, and Robert Snydam, 22—made the arrest. Ley said he circled the block to question men he saw in an alley. When they failed to appear he investigated and found the music store had been entered by smashing a small window and unlocking the rear door.

Drawing his gun, Ley entered the darkened store and found a telephone which he used to call Snydam from the station.

Ley said he found Keefer and Baldwin crouched in a record playing room.

Police said the youths led them to the projection booth of a local theatre where loot from three other stores reportedly robbed Thursday night was found.

# Building Zones Council Topic

TULELAKE, Feb. 16—Revision of present building zones will lead discussion at the city council meeting tonight, Monday, R. F. McLaren, city attorney, will be present to assist with the discussion, and a number of Tulelake people are expected to be present to air their views on the subject.

Any interested persons are urged to attend.

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# Grain Probe Blasted By Sen. Thomas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Senator Elmer Thomas told senators investigating grain and cotton speculation today that he doesn't want to be "bothered" any more about his "private activities."

The Oklahoma democrat, who has admitted speculating on commodity markets, wrote a senate appropriations subcommittee that that applies, too, to his assistants.

If he or they are "bothered," he said, "then I shall consider such activity unjustified and unwarranted attacks upon myself and my assistants."

And he said he would regard any further interference with the business of his senate office as "an insult to the sovereign state of Oklahoma."

**General Probe**

The subcommittee, headed by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), has been inquiring generally into speculation. It began the investigation after President Truman denounced speculation on commodities and

blamed it for sharp rises last year in grain prices.

As a result of the committee's inquiry, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has made public names of speculators reported to the agriculture department by brokers. These included Thomas, the senator's wife, Mrs. Edith Thomas, and a member of his secretarial staff, Miss Beth Gage.

Thomas gave reporters copies of his letter to Ferguson. In it, he said that he considers the matter of his speculations "a closed incident." He had said before that he would not agree to testify before the committee about them.

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# Missouri River Plans Proposed

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The figure was contained today in the Missouri basin inter-agency committee's blueprint for basin development during the period. It covers the amounts proposed for spending both by federal agencies and the individual states.

The six-year plan was agreed up-

on January 22 at a committee meeting in Lincoln.

Remains of a fourth great pyramid have been found buried under the sands of Gizeh, Egypt.

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# Chamber Road Men To Visit Medford

Representatives of the Klamath County chamber of commerce road committee and the city street commission, including City Engineer E. A. Thomas, will go to Medford Thursday to meet with the state legislature's interim committee on highways.

Thomas is a member of the state committee, which is slated to meet

in Klamath Falls March 12. Meetings are being held in connection with the state group's investigation and study of city, county and state roads in Oregon.

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