

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bill Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, discussing the subject of political morality, tells in his column about a Lane county Democrat, who just ahead of the election was seriously considering changing his registration.

He was unhappy, he said, with the Democratic leadership, and saw little hope for a change at any time in the immediate future. He was looking for advice as to what to do, and Bill gave it to him in these words:

"Do you believe and feel as a Republican? If you do, then you should certainly change. Of course, if you do change, you will have to accept a delay of quite a few years in your political aspirations because people who change parties are not immediately taken to the old boom-zoom. If you really believe as a Democrat, then your job is to stick with the Democratic party until victory comes."

Tugman goes on: "Anyway, the lad stuck, and we respect him for sticking far more than we respect Wayne Morse, who told the Democrats in 1944 that although he was a New Dealer at heart he'd have to run as a Republican because campaigning was simply a matter of cold cash."

"If at any time we had had any inkle of such conduct, we would have considered Morse unfit for any office."

The Register-Guard editor continues: "Nevertheless, we get another aspect of this political morals problem from an ardent Morse supporter who tells us:

"Why shouldn't Morse turn Republican under conditions as they were in 1944? HE HAD TO GET HIMSELF ELECTED, didn't he? He had to GET ELECTED FIRST!"

That brings up another interesting character — Willis Mahoney, who flashed across the Oregon political skies back in the 1930's like a meteor. He got his start in Klamath Falls, where he was elected mayor in as weird a campaign as has been seen in many a long year, and went on to run for U.S. senator against Charles L. McNary in 1938.

He came within less than 6,000 votes of defeating McNary.

He too held this theory that YOU HAVE TO GET ELECTED FIRST. He said to me on several occasions:

"You think I'm a wild-eyed radical, I'm NOT. I'm basically just as conservative as you are. But if you're going to do any good for your country as an office-holder, YOU HAVE TO GET ELECTED."

"If you're to be elected, you've got to tell the people what they want to hear. That's what I'm doing. AFTER I'M ELECTED, I can do what I think is best under the circumstances."

"But I've got to get elected first. If I don't get elected, I can't do anything."

When Mahoney ran for mayor, his name was ruled off the ballot on the grounds that he had not resided long enough in Klamath Falls to gain a legal residence.

So he put on a write-in campaign. It was a stem-winder. Returning from out of town one evening, he was met at the railroad station by a huge crowd of his admirers who were assembled to welcome him home. They put on a parade down Main street. Mahoney was mounted on top of a truck. He stood on the truck's roof wrapped in an American flag, with spotlights playing on him while he struck a Napoleonic pose. It was something to remember.

He won handsomely on write-ins — which is quite an achievement in any campaign.

He made an excellent mayor. The city of Klamath Falls is now, for all practical purposes, completely out of debt. It owes much of its present favorable financial condition to Mahoney.

When he was elected, the city was heavily burdened with Baneroff bond debt — as were most other rapidly growing cities at that time. Drastic measures were necessary to meet the situation and keep the city solvent.

As mayor, Mahoney co-operated completely and courageously in a financial reorganization program that was laid out by some of the city's ablest and most conservative people. Without his help, the program could not have been carried through.

I sound like I was defending the cynical theory that ANYTHING anybody does to get elected to office is all right. I'm not. I have no use for that theory. I think our greatest need is SINCERITY. I want no truck with political up-

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Reds Urge Europe Arms Conference

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government Saturday proposed holding a conference on European security either in Moscow or Paris Nov. 29.

A Soviet note was sent to the French government Saturday making this proposal. Copies were sent to other interested governments, including the United States. Communist China was asked to send observers.

The new Soviet note was obviously aimed at delaying or preventing ratification of the Paris Pact granting sovereignty to West Germany and granting that country the right to rearm.

It follows the month-old Soviet idea of a security system embracing all European countries as well as the United States. This organization would replace the systems of defense alliances which the West has laboriously built up and would specifically ban the integration of a rearmament West Germany in the system.

ENGLAND ADMITTED — The United Kingdom was among the countries invited. Copies of the note were handed to correspondents at a news conference in the Soviet Foreign Ministry conducted by press chief Leonid P. Ilyichev. The note will be broadcast Sunday and published in Sunday's Moscow newspapers.

It was released while representatives of the Western Big Three were meeting in London to draft an agreement under which it will provide Japan with 100 million dollars worth of surplus agricultural commodities.

The announcement said commodities with a market value of \$5 million dollars will be sold to Japan for local currencies, most of which will then be loaned to Japan for use in economic improvement in that country. Another 15 million dollars worth will be provided as a gift for Japan's school lunch and clothing programs.

The State Department announced details of the agreement as Japanese prime minister Yoshida prepared to return to his country after six days of conferences here.

The commodities were understood to include cotton, wheat, barley and possibly rice.

Peron Battles With Church

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A demonstration in Cordoba caused mounting tension Saturday in the dispute between President Juan D. Peron and members of the Roman Catholic clergy he has accused of trying to undermine his regime.

Federal police prevented a church ceremony at Cordoba, capital of the central Argentine province of the same name, planned in honor of the Most Rev. Fermin Lafitte, the provincial archbishop. Archbishop Lafitte is one of the 24 clergymen Peron has charged with attempts to undermine the government and infiltrate the Peron-controlled General Confederation of Labor.

Shortly before the incident occurred the archbishop left by train for Buenos Aires, where he may ask Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, the archbishop of Buenos Aires, to summon a meeting of all Argentine Bishops and Archbishops to consider Peron's charges.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with a few scattered showers through Sunday. High Sunday 45; low Saturday night 32.

High yesterday 43
Low last night 27

Former POW Officer To Face Charge

FORT SILL, Okla. (AP) — Maj. Abrose H. Nugent, Ft. Sill Army officer accused of collaborating with the enemy while a Korean prisoner of war, declared his innocence Saturday but declined to discuss the charges.

Nugent, 44, a resident of Merrill, Wis., said any comment should come from the Army.

"I am a part of the Army, and I believe that any comment in the case now and after the investigation should come from the Army," he said. He said he believes a full investigation "will clear me of all the charges."

An investigating officer will be appointed by Maj. Gen. Edward T. Williams, commanding general of the artillery center, Ft. Sill. The appointment is expected to be made, quickly, probably early next week.

The charges, read to Nugent Friday by his commanding officer, allege that he offered intelligence to the enemy, impeded the escape of fellow prisoners of war, permitted use of his photograph and signature on surrender leaflets and collaborated with the enemy.

In a formal statement, Nugent denied any sympathy with Communism and pleaded that everything he had done had been to help fellow prisoners. Nugent was captured the first day America entered the Korean fighting, July 5, 1950, and was released in September, 1953.

Arthur Cavanaugh, Nugent's attorney, in a companion statement, said the officer had been starved, beaten, tortured, interrogated for long periods without rest and otherwise harassed by his captors. The attorney said Nugent is anxious to "meet the issues head-on" and is confident of acquittal.

Wool Growers Given Advice

ROSEBURG (AP) — The Oregon Wool Growers Assn., holding its annual meeting here, was told Friday that U. S. wool producers are making a mistake in not "giving the clip the care that they give toward producing a fat lamb."

James Coon, Portland wool dealer, said: "The question now is whether growers want to continue treating their wool as a by-product and continue the downward trend in well-prepared wools. The time is here when the wool grower must get every dime out of his sheep business if he is going to stay in it."

He also urged producers to do a better job of selecting foundation flocks. That is necessary if U. S. growers are to compete with the top product which foreign countries now are exporting, he said.

J. L. Van Horn of the Montana State College agriculture experiment station said recent experiments showed that winter feeding of high protein diet supplements did not increase the value of sheep.

Dr. A. G. Beagle, veterinarian in charge of the Portland U. S. Department of Agriculture animal disease eradication branch, reported that scrapie, a sheep disease, has been traced through blood lines.

Infected sheep in Illinois and California have been found to have common ancestry in England, he said.

The convention was to close Saturday.

US Business Shows Minor Boom Trend

NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of a minor post-election boom popped up this week in several key areas of the nation's business.

The rising trend was apparent in steel, textiles, construction, and retail trade — and in the production and sale of 1955 autos. Stock values surged to new 25-year highs in a burst of bull market enthusiasm. Commodity prices stiffened.

Most of the leverage seemed to come from Detroit. The U. S. Department of Labor said increased hiring by the auto industry had more than offset a usual seasonal decline in factory employment. In the one-month period ended Oct. 15, auto-makers called back 80,000 workers.

Demand from the auto industry pushed steel production (estimated at 77.2 per cent of capacity) to its highest level in nearly a year — and helped boost electric power output to an all-time record.

Biggest question facing the industry was: How long would the new car boom last? Some dealers, fearing overproduction, had misgivings. One off-key development was the appearance of brand new 1955's on used car lots, at below-list prices.

In department stores and specialty shops there was evidence that at least some people were heeding retailers' advice to do their Christmas shopping early. Several big chain stores reported a noticeable pickup in October business.

Real estate and construction gained momentum, too. The Federal Housing Administration told of being swamped last month by home buyers seeking FHA-insured mortgages.

How do businessmen feel about 1955? Dun & Bradstreet asked 1,309 executives how they thought business would be in the upcoming first quarter. The majority view: A "definite upturn" is expected.

SHOOTING HOURS

Oregon
November 14
OPEN CLOSE
6:25 4:32

November 15
OPEN CLOSE
6:27 4:31

California
SEASON CLOSED
Open December 6

9 O'clock Special



IT'S GREAT WEATHER FOR DUCKS! In the happy expression of this out-of-town duck hunter testifies. Here from North Bend for some of Klamath's excellent hunting is Frank Whitlock, right, who mixed business (duck hunting) with pleasure, and stopped for a chat with an old friend, Paul Matthews, accountant, 123 North Sixth Street.



WARRANTS WERE SERVED on Florin (Curley) Coon, center, and Leo Allen Akin, right, by Sheriff Murray Britton following grand jury action yesterday. Coon is charged in the slaying of his wife and Akin faces a count on a sex offense. Also charged by the grand jury was James Anderson, Beatty, charged with first degree murder in the slaying of Richard David Miller.

OTI Employees To Retire

Two retiring employees of Oregon Technical Institute, both of whom have been at the school since its inception in 1947, were honored at a farewell dinner at Log Cabin Friday evening.

Honored were Henry G. Doerr, business manager, and Carl Overem, storekeeper.

Doerr, a native of Minnesota, was affiliated with banking in that state for a number of years. He came west in 1937 and prior to employment at OTI was business manager of the state Tuberculosis Hospital in Salem.

His retirement is effective January 5, following which he plans to move to Chico, California. Overem is a native of Missouri. His first job was as a coalminer with John L. Lewis while the labor leader was just another worker. Overem later finished college and was employed in accounting, lumber sales work and warehouse managing in Colorado and Kansas. Prior to coming to OTI he was in the Portland shipyards during World War II.

His retirement is effective December 31, following which he plans to travel.

Reduced Produce Rates Reported

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce traffic department today announced a reduction in freight rates on frozen fruits and vegetables.

Through cooperative efforts with Southern Pacific and Great Northern railroads, commodity rates on frozen fruits and vegetables originating in Klamath Falls and destined for Portland and Seattle have been obtained.

The reduced rates, to be effective 45 days from Friday, will cover the needs of the frozen foods industry, utilizing Klamath Falls' unique distributive advantages.

County Grand Jury Indicts Coon, Anderson For Murder

BY LYLE DOWNING

Florin M. (Curley) Coon, 52-year-old barber, accused of beating his wife to death, headed the list of persons indicted by the Klamath County Grand Jury who appeared for arraignment Saturday before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Seven persons were indicted by the jury which reported to Judge Vandenberg Friday night. Attorneys U. S. Balentine and George Proctor were appointed by the court to defend Coon who is charged with the second degree murder of his wife, Lily, 52-year-old waitress, during a sex and drinking party October 11 in a downtown hotel. Coon is reported to have admitted to Police Chief Orville Hamilton that he had beaten his wife.

Judge Vandenberg gave the attorneys until November 22 to study the indictment and prepare the defendant for pleading. Coon is held without bail in the county jail.

The grand jury also indicted James Clinton Anderson, 32-year-old Beatty rancher, on charges of first degree murder and assault with intent to commit murder. At the request of Defense Attorney Robert F. Welch of Lakeview, arraignment on both charges was postponed until November 22.

Anderson is accused of the shotgun killing of Richard David Miller, 25, scion of a wealthy former Tucson, Arizona family in Beatty. Anderson also is charged with the "night of terror" assault upon Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sidney Menasco Jr. of Grants Pass. They were waylaid on the Klamath Reservation and subjected to almost constant gunfire throughout an entire night.

Also arraigned on a grand jury indictment was City Fireman John D. Mitchell, 35, accused of manslaughter. He is alleged to have driven an automobile under the influence of liquor on the wrong side of Highway 97 when the machine struck another car and fatally injured Mrs. Edna Juliana Evanson of Modesto, California on October 20.

After District Attorney Frank Alderson read the indictment to Mitchell, the defendant's attorney, J. C. O'Neill, attacked the validity of the proceedings. He said Mitchell was charged with another offense in district court on the same set of facts and that that action was still pending. The other charge is a traffic violation.

After hearing heated arguments by the prosecutor and the defense lawyer, Judge Vandenberg postponed indefinitely the time for plea to the manslaughter charge.

Wesley Bryan Baker, 45-year-old construction worker, charged with burglary not in a dwelling, was given until November 22 to enter a plea. He is alleged to have stolen a safe from the Spud Cellar in Merrill. Baker is represented by Attorney Balentine.

Others indicted included Leo Allen Akin, 33, charged with a sex crime involving a juvenile and Vernon Lee Joe, 18, and Rodney Richard Lyon, 18, charged with entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal.

Attorney Clarence Humble was appointed to represent Akin. He will plead to the charge November 22. The arraignment of Joe and Lyon was postponed until November 18.

U.S. Studies Russian Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's latest proposal for a European security conference was put under detailed study by State Department officials Saturday. Their first reaction was that it constituted simply another effort to blow up the new German rearmament program.

At the time public announcement of the Soviet move was made in Moscow, officials here still were waiting for the official text to be transmitted from the American embassy there. The embassy received the note about noon, Moscow time, four hours before it was made public.

The fact that the Soviets held a news conference—a highly unusual procedure—suggested they were aiming their blow more at the peoples and the parliaments than at the governments of Western Europe.

Protests From Demos Overridden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overriding Democratic protests, the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee voted Saturday for an immediate go-ahead on the controversial Dixon-Yates power project.

The vote was 10-8, following straight party lines with Republicans solidly backing the administration. The decision was a victory for President Eisenhower, who had urged the speedup so that construction could begin as soon as possible.

DECISION — The effect of the committee decision is to permit the Dixon-Yates private utility group to proceed at once with final plans without waiting until 30 days after the incoming Democratic controlled 84th Congress meets.

Under the contract, the Dixon-Yates group is to build a 107 million dollar steam generating plant at West Memphis, Ark.

The plant would feed electricity into the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority to replace power supplied by TVA for atomic plants in Paducah, Ky., and elsewhere.

Before actual work can be started, Dixon-Yates must obtain SEC approval on financing plans involving issuance of bonds and stock for the company which will be set up to handle the actual operations.

COMMITTEE VOTE — The committee's vote Saturday waived a requirement of the atomic energy law for a 30-day waiting period while Congress is in session. The delay, if it had been enforced, would have laid the contract over for consideration by the Democratic-controlled 84th Congress meeting in January.

The committee vote was delayed for a time when the committee agreed to reopen public hearings for testimony by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), a foe of the project.

Kefauver labeled the contract "dishonest," "fantastic" and "untruthful."

He predicted the contract would be involved in litigation for interpretation, "time and time and time again."

But when he finished, the committee returned to executive session and gave its approval to the plan.

Eugene Dog Races Planned

PORTLAND (AP) — The State Racing Commission reported Friday that a Eugene group has applied for a license to hold dog races in Lane County next summer.

The group is headed by R. E. Toner. They want to build a \$320,000 track which would seat about 6,000 on an 89-acre tract four miles north of Eugene on the Pacific Highway. David K. Funk, who is connected with a syndicate which operates tracks at Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., and Tijuana, Mexico, would manage the proposed 90-day meet.

The commission, which will act on the application after all applications for 1955 racing meets are received, advised the six men to seek approval of the Lane County Board of Commissioners for the project.

Representatives of the group, known as Greyhound Park, appeared before the board this week. The commissioners told them they could make no immediate decision.

New Mail Rule Questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Extension to West Coast trunk airlines of the experimental movement of regular mail by air has stirred up a dispute on the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Josh Lee, a board member and former Oklahoma Democratic senator, accused his fellow board members Friday of exposing railroads to possible "irreparable injury" by the diversion of 3-cent mail to the airlines.

The CAB majority approved a temporary rate of about 19 cents a ton-mile for the Pacific Coast trial, starting Nov. 22. The experiment of speeding up regular first class mail already is in effect between Chicago, New York, Washington and Florida.

Lee said the legality of carrying 3-cent mail by air, when Congress has decreed 6-cent postage for such service, is open to question.

Lee said the railroads contend that the move may deprive them of so much revenue that they may have to cut down on train service and employment.

Small Japanese TV Set Offered

TOKYO (AP) — A popular size television set going on the market next spring may put TV into a large number of Japanese homes, Kyodo News Service said Saturday.

The receiver, with a 10-inch screen, will cost about 50,000 yen (\$180). Japan has less than 34,000 television sets, mostly in the Tokyo area.

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POTATO SHIPMENTS SEASONS	53-54	54-55
Daily Truck Ore.	7	7
Daily Rail Ore.	28	18
Daily Truck Calif.	4	7
Daily Rail Calif.	23	11
DAILY TOTAL ORE. & CALIF.	62	43
Monthly Total	360	366
Season's Total	1960	993