

Faure Disbands Assembly; New Year Election Called

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PARIS (UP)—Premier Edgar Faure disbanded the French National Assembly today in a controversial political stroke that abruptly ended its threat to unseat him as premier.

The assembly ceased to exist at 7 a.m. (1 a.m. EST) with publication of the decree in the "Journal Officiel." France immediately prepared for elections on New Year's Day.

Faure called a press conference today to explain his move which was condemned by his political enemies as a "coup de force"—riding roughshod over the will of Parliament.

The Council of State, France's supreme constitutional court, called a hurried session to try to find a loophole to prevent the elections falling on such an unpopular date—the morning after the 40

Xmas Program Set In Merrill

MERRILL — At a regular meeting of the Merrill Volunteer Fire Department Monday evening, November 23, it was decided to continue the Christmas program for less fortunate children. Allen B. Duncan and Bill Shatava are co-chairmen of the committee.

Anyone having toys to give, even if they need to be repaired, may leave them at any business place in Merrill, the fire hall or call any volunteer fireman for pickup.

A delegation of four members of the Merrill department, Tom Chaburn Jr., fire chief; A. K. Felt, president; Claire Duncan, and Alex Duncan, were guests of the Tulelake Fire Department Tuesday evening, November 23, for a course of instruction in regard to the application of fire fighting where electricity is involved and general safety course in regard to electricity.

The safety engineer for California Oregon Power Company gave the demonstrations.

Liles Trial Gets Delay

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP)—The Army court martial of Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles marked time Friday while attorneys looked up the law on two controversial points of issue.

The delay followed Thursday's appearance of a mystery witness, believed to be a military intelligence agent who interviewed Liles, 39, of Birmingham, Ala., when the career soldier was repatriated after imprisonment by Communist forces in Korea.

The West Point graduate is being tried before a military board on charges he collaborated with the enemy while a prisoner.

The points of issue were whether a defense exhibit should be admitted, and whether a psychiatrist the prosecution planned to call should be permitted to testify.

The dispute over the defense exhibit arose from evidence submitted during a closed session Thursday during which the mystery witness testified, and dealt with a statement prepared by Liles after his capture, which was the intelligence agent. The statement was his description of events during three years as a prisoner.

The agent's report of the interview was admitted as evidence during the closed session, but Liles' statement was not.

Lt. Col. Leslie E. Dixon, Monterey, Calif., Liles' attorney, raised the objection about the psychiatrist after he was denied a motion to strike previous testimony concerning the defendant's mental attitude while a prisoner.

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Weed Hospital Names Smith

WEED — William Everett Smith, A. B. Yreka, was named this week as business administrator for the Mount Shasta Community Hospital on behalf of the group of six doctors who recently purchased the modern and fully equipped hospital which will be operated on a non-profit corporation basis.

Dr. H. L. Vidrickson, Weed, is serving as chairman of the organized group until incorporation is completed.

Other doctors in the group are Dr. James B. McGuire, Dr. F. W. Martin, and Dr. William B. Strickland, Mount Shasta; Dr. D. D. Todorovic, Dunsmuir; and Dr. Victor J. Thompson, Weed.

The opening date for the hospital is set for January 1. Bed patients will not be admitted at the Weed Hospital after that time. However Dr. Vidrickson and Dr. Thompson will continue to operate clinical offices in the Weed Hospital building after that date.

Plane Victim Hunt Resumed

The search for the bodies of two California residents, lost November 13 in the crash of a private plane off the coast of Monterey County, is to be resumed.

Word that the search will be continued was received here by Mrs. Anne Goucher of Klamath Falls, whose daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan lost their lives.

Mrs. Goucher returned this week from San Mateo.

Mrs. Duncan died a short time after being taken from the water by crew members of a rescue vessel. The body of her husband and Donald B. Gordon have not been recovered. The fourth passenger in the plane, Mrs. Donald Gordon was seriously injured.

The two couples were en route home from Riverside, California, where they had attended an Air Patrol meeting. Both men were expert pilots. The plane crashed in heavy weather seven miles off Cape San Martin.

All four persons were alive when sighted by a Navy vessel.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan had two young sons, Robert D. Duncan Jr., Roger Duncan, and a daughter, Rhonda Duncan.

Duncan was owner of the Duncan Floor Company, San Mateo.

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GM Leader Denies Bad Practices

WASHINGTON (UP)—Harlow H. Curtice denied today that the General Motors Corp. has resorted to unfair or questionable business practices to become the world's largest industrial concern.

The president of General Motors told Senate investigators that the giant auto firm's success is due largely to superior management making the most of the nation's tremendous economic growth in the past 35 years.

"I know of no management organization that has a higher standard of business ethics, a greater sense of public responsibility or a more genuine regard for the equities of the various groups with which we have contact—customers, employees, suppliers, dealers and shareholders," Curtice said in a 97-page statement prepared for presentation to the Senate Monopoly Subcommittee.

For the past four weeks, the subcommittee has been making a "case study" of General Motors to determine its effect on the nation's economy.

Most of the previous testimony has been unfavorable to General Motors. Numerous witnesses have charged the giant concern used unfair or questionable practices to dominate allied fields, as well as the auto industry.

A parade of disgruntled dealers Wednesday and yesterday charged that General Motors had tossed them aside because they didn't sell enough cars to satisfy Curtice and other top GM officials.

Some testified that Curtice personally turned them down when they appealed to him in Detroit.

One such dealer, Lee C. Anderson of Lake Orion, Mich., testified that Curtice called him "a Red" because of his vigorous opposition to a GM policy of selling autos at cost price to foremen and some other factory employees.

Others said they lost their franchises after refusing factory demands that they make large expenditures on dealer plant expansion, advertising and other programs designed to increase sales.

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A TRIO OF DANCING youngsters, left to right, Lexie Kay Putnam, Tami Mitchell and Marylin Blankenship, is one of the entries in the coming DAY fifth annual talent contest to be held in the Mills School auditorium December 3. Proceeds from the event will go to the veterans rehabilitation fund.

Baby Kidnaper Trial Planned

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Siskiyou Board Eyes Freeway

WEED — Before approving a state agreement for construction of a freeway just north of Weed to near 99 Ranch, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday to delay action until the road department could study what effects the freeway would have on connecting county roads.

The proposed freeway, for the most part, would follow the present Highway 99 route, but many curves would be eliminated.

The state, at state expense, proposes to make such changes affecting county roads in the area as are necessary in the construction of the freeway and submitted an agreement to the board requesting approval.

Siskiyou County will receive control and maintenance over each of the relocated or reconstructed roads and accept control and maintenance over frontage roads upon notification from the state that the road construction changes have been made, except with regard to the portions of road incorporated into the freeway system.

KF Students Get Play Roles

Four Klamath Falls students at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, will take part in the college play, "Mr. Pin Passes By," to be presented December 8-10.

Mary Ann Munson and Kenneth Ellis will play parts in the production. Dick Puckett, president of the Drama Club will be in charge of the house and ushers.

James O. Womack, a member of the stage scenery and lighting class at the college is on the production staff.

The play is being directed by Dorothy Stolp.

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