

News Merger Probe Set By Justice Department

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Justice Department said today it had asked for additional information on the consolidation of United Press and International News Service into United Press International.

The request, the department said, was made to top officials of the two news organizations who conferred Monday afternoon and Monday night with antitrust chief Victor R. Hansen and his top aides.

It was indicated that the department may state its position on the consolidation within the next few days. Officials emphasized that no conclusions have been reached at this time.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) told the Senate today he had urged the Justice Department to "seriously consider" seeking a preliminary injunction against the consolidation, which was announced last Saturday.

He said "the seriousness of this merger cannot be overestimated."

"Prior to this merger, there were three news services in the United States," he said. "The Associated Press is a cooperative newsgathering organization limited exclusively to its own membership which offers none of its services to sale to anyone other than members."

"Heretofore, U.P. and I.N.S. competitively offered their services to smaller newspapers and radio stations all over the country. In effect, these small newspapers and radio stations have had the benefit of competitive rates to choose from. Unless voted into membership by A.P., these small radio stations and newspapers now face an absolute monopolist in securing news services."

Kefauver also said that "an immediate disaster has apparently fallen on some 400 I.N.S. employees who, I understand, have already received notice of severance."

He cited a news dispatch that said the Justice Department was considering seeking a preliminary injunction. He said he had commended Assistant Attorney General Hansen, chief of the Antitrust Division, for promptness "as well as the report that he is seriously considering the application for a temporary injunction."

"However, I am afraid that this action by the Department of Justice is even now too late," he told the Senate. "I say this because there is presented in this merger a perfect example of the scrambling of assets which, even though litigation proves successful may for all practical purposes prove impossible to unscramble."

Kefauver said he thought the case was "a perfect example of the need for pre-merger notification legislation" like that pending before his Judiciary Subcommittee on antitrust and monopoly.

"Had there been such a requirement in the law," he said, "U.P. and I.N.S. could not have consummated this merger without giving notice to the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice."

"Had this been done, quite obviously, either one of these agencies could have afforded the opportunity of studying the proposal and if it were believed that Section 7 of the Clayton Act would be violated, a preliminary injunction might have been applied for in the federal district courts."

"In this manner irreparable harm could have been avoided by precluding the scrambling of the assets and cessation of certain operations, as well as the discharge of valuable employees."

Kefauver said he would "certainly support the questioning of this merger."

"There is presented here a simple question of arithmetic," he said. "Prior to the merger there were two news services offering service generally to the small newspapers and radio stations throughout the United States. Today, there is only one. This is not a tendency toward monopoly. This is monopoly."

STEALS SERMONS

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)—A burglar robbed the Forest Hill Methodist Church of a safe, whose contents may force him to do some soul searching. The safe contained 300 sermons.



DRENCHED AND PENNILESS, the Joseph D. Monk family went to the county jail and Sheriff Murray (Red) Britton for help at the peak of last Friday night's storm. They had been stranded here while hitchhiking to Grants Pass. They were fed and bedded down in the jail. Later the Salvation Army's Major H. Anderson secured them bus tickets and \$5 cash. Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Monk, and their children Susan, Betty Sue, Mary Ann, and Robert. With them is Sheriff Britton, holding map.

Sheriff Provides Refuge For Destitute Family Of 6

By JIM PHILLIPS

The rain was cascading down in near solid walls when a destitute family of six came up to the door of the county jail last Friday night and knocked.

Inside, Sheriff Murray (Red) Britton wondered who in the world would have such urgent business as to be out in the peak of the storm.

Opening the door, he saw first a young man and woman, both drenched. The woman held an infant in her arms, trying her best to shield it from the rain.

In front of them were three tots, all looking up expectantly, their hair plastered flat to their heads with water.

"We need a place to stay tonight very badly," Joseph D. Monk, 32, told the sheriff.

Britton got the family inside, made them as comfortable as he could, and heard this story:

Mr. and Mrs. Monk—she's 29—and their four children, Robert, 8, Mary Ann, 6, Betty Sue, 5, and Susan, 11 months, left their home in Sioux City, Iowa, this month bound for Grants Pass.

At Boulder, Colorado, the Monk auto broke down and there was no money to fix it.

There was no alternative but to try to hitchhike on to Grants Pass, where Monk expects to find work.

By Friday night, they had made it to Klamath Falls, penniless and hungry. When the storm struck, it was impossible for them to stand out in the rain and try for another ride.

Monk, a veteran, contacted the VFW Club, was told to see Sheriff Britton at the jail.

He saw the right man.

"What do we have to eat around here for these folks?" Britton asked the jail chief.

Well, there just happened to be some good-tasting stew left from the evening meal and the Monk family sat down and had a hearty supper.

Meanwhile, Britton arranged for the Monk children to watch one of the jail's controversial TV sets as they ate.

"I never saw any kids enjoy television more than they did," Britton said.

After dinner, the sheriff escorted the Monk family to the new third floor quarters of the jail and into a 16-bunk cell. Clean mattress covers and blankets were brought out and the Monks were quickly into a deep slumber.

Next morning, after a substantial breakfast in the jail, the Monks were put in touch with Major H. Anderson of the local Salvation Army.

The major arranged for bus tickets for them all to Grants Pass. He also dug up \$5 cash.

In thanking Sheriff Britton and Major Anderson, the Monks said they hardly expected to ever find such kindness at such a sorely needed time.



MRS. MARGARET LAVIN

Teacher Retiring After 15 Years In Same School

Mrs. D. W. (Margaret) Lavin who is retiring May 29 from her teaching duties in the Klamath County School District, after 15 years of service, has spent the entire time teaching in the same building, Altamont Junior High School. Previous to moving to Klamath Falls, in 1942, she taught in South Dakota for 18 years, and, by coincidence, was principal at one time of a school in that state named Altamont.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavin were guests at a large dinner party in her honor, May 20, at the Pelican Party Room. Places were set for 42 persons. Among those in attendance were the present faculty of Altamont Junior High School, Klamath County school personnel, and several persons who had been connected with Altamont Junior High School in former years.

An interesting program had been arranged by Mrs. Christine Murray. Mrs. Lenore Sparks played two numbers on the saxophone. She was accompanied on the piano by Eldon Payzant. Mrs. Leola Thompson and Harold Hendrickson each sang two selections. Mrs. Thompson was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Beulah Elliott, and Hendrickson by Mrs. Maxine Burritt.

Harvey Denham, principal of Altamont Junior High School, paid tribute to Mrs. Lavin by comparing the fruits of her labor to the excellent fruit of the apple tree which grows on the lawn of the Altamont Junior High School, and was planted, under the direction of Mrs. Lavin, by the children in her classroom several years ago.

To preface Denham's remarks, Mrs. Leola Thompson had composed, in rhyme, an entertaining skit which she had entitled, "This Is Your Life." This was presented by Harvey Denham, Harold Hendrickson, John Hayden, Charles Perry, Alton Fairchild, Tom Roe and Eldon Payzant.

At conclusion of the program, Miss Mabel Humble presented Mrs. Lavin with a gift from the group present at the dinner and from several others who were unable to be in attendance.

The dinner party had been arranged by a committee including Mrs. Maxine Burritt, Miss Mabel Humble, Mrs. Letha Landis, Mrs. Christine Murray, and Mrs. Irma Quick.

School Holds Awards Meet

CHILQUIN—The annual award assembly was held Friday, May 23, with Steve Pope, student body president, calling the group to order. He introduced next year's student body officers, Lowell Mannering, president; Munson Sandoval, vice president; Sandra Haas, secretary; Claudia Heglund, treasurer; Lyle Hall, parliamentarian; Hubert LeBeau, sergeant at arms; and yell leaders Beverly Hammer, Norma Souers and Sharon Wilder.

John Mathis, high school principal, thanked this year's officers for their work, and presented awards to Michael Ravizza, valedictorian, and Janet Wilson, salutatorian.

Mrs. Frank Bell presented awards to the senior students who placed in the conservation essay contest, Michael Ravizza, first; Janet Wilson, second, and Anna Barney, third.

Mrs. Marya Sanders gave the awards for speech activities which included in addition to third and fourth place winners, Cathy Hardman, second in persuasive; Gail Mannering, first in poetry; Claudia Heglund, first in extemporaneous. The Junior High winners were second place in choral reading; second in serious won by Terry Starkey; second in humorous by Janet Hall; first in story telling by Pat Smith; and first in radio by Kenneth Hoback.

In conservation essays Della Erickson took a third place for 11th graders and Joan Botens got second place. The ninth and 10th graders had three winners; third for Douglas Van Wormer; second to Hubert LeBeau; and first to Terry Starkey.

Gordon Kuitl, coach, presented track awards to Lester Barnes, Steve Pope, Ronnie Hogarth, Bruce Parazon, Hubert LeBeau, Earl Harris, Lawrence Barkley, Wynn Hescok and Wayne Brisco. Barnes and Pope represented the school at the state meet after winning first and second places in the district competition.

Potluck Held By Sorority

Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, meeting May 23 for the last regular meeting until fall, enjoyed the annual potluck supper at the home of Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, Lakeshore Drive followed by appointment of committees for the coming year, and a program. Mrs. Brixner was assisted by Brownie Bramwell and Eleanor Souders.

New officers are: Lorraine Storey, president; Brownie Bramwell, vice president; Jeanne Walker, recording secretary; Eleanor Souders, corresponding secretary, and Donna Turner, treasurer. Dorothy Lowell, is extension officer; city council representative is Jonnie Vanish with Carol Creswell, alternate.

New committees appointed for the coming year are: program, Charlotte Pierce, chairman, and Betty Perrin; membership, Brownie Bramwell, chairman, Mary Lou Roufs and Donna Turner; social, Shirley Laver, chairman, Carol Creswell and Dorothy Lowell; ways and means, Lois Rea, chairman, Katie Vanderhoff and Eleanor Souders; services, Agnes Rush, chairman, Jonnie Vanish and Lavonne Kellow; publicity, Shirley Mayhew, chairman, Jeanne Walker; telephone girls, Carol Creswell and Lavonne Kellow.

Katie Vanderhoff presented the program "Make An Art of Living." Isabelle Brixner showed slides of her trip to Hawaii last summer.

Mrs. Kathleen Ward was a guest. Members present included: Isabelle Brixner, Sammy Parker, Katie Vanderhoff, Dorothy Lowell, Charlotte Pierce, Jeanne Walker, Elaine Loney, Brownie Bramwell, Eleanor Souders, Jonnie Vanish, Lois Rea, Mary Lou Roufs, Betty Perrin, Doris Dykeman, Juanita Goode, Donna Turner, Berthel Mayfield, Lorraine Storey, Shirley Laver, Carol Creswell and Shirley Mayhew.

Air Route Said Needed

Klamath Falls Airport Manager Harold Jones said Tuesday he will strongly encourage nearby cities to support Klamath Falls, stand that air service between here and Reno is essential.

Whether or not the CAB will allow West Coast Airlines to operate between here and Reno is still to be decided. Oral hearings are tentatively slated late next month or early July in Washington, D.C. Also to be decided are additional proposed runs to Salem and Boise.

Jones said he has received a time extension from the CAB to allow neighboring cities to state their position in letters to the agency.

He will try to get letters favoring the Reno flights from Merrill, Lynn, Tulelake, Malin, Dorris, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland.

Also sought, said R. Frank Tucker, chamber of commerce manager are letters from businessmen on their own letterhead stationery.

A personal representative from Klamath Falls will be sent to Washington, D.C., for the hearings and he will be able to present copies of all letters favoring Reno air service.

Jones reported his plans this morning at a meeting of the chamber's Aviation and Military Affairs Committee in the chamber offices.

Youngsters Hear Old-time Songs

NEWELL—"An Album of Old-time Favorites," in melody was presented at the Newell Elementary School recently under direction of Alfred Kucera, first year member of the teaching staff and a resident of Nebraska. More than 300 children from kindergarten age through the eighth grade appeared in vocal and band numbers for a large group of parents and other guests.

The delightful musical was arranged for the patio at the rear of the school building which is backgrounded by acres of lawn. The welcome was given by Crait Lester, principal, Marion Palmer, chairman of the school board presented a scroll and gift to Mrs. Hallie Tierney, Medoc County School superintendent, guest of the school who was made queen for a day.

American Legion Auxiliary essay awards, American Legion Auxiliary poppy contest winners, American Legion citizenship awards and PTA scholarship awards were given to winning contestants.

GOC NEWS

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

CRESCENT — The Gilchrist-Crescent GOC Post celebrated its second anniversary Friday, May 24, in the Crescent Community Club with a meeting and party. Mrs. William Andersen, post supervisor, introduced Lt. Michael Kowalczyk, field operations officer of Bend who awarded the following members awards for their work in the local post: Mrs. Lattimore Freeman and Mrs. Crawford Page, 500 hour pins; Mrs. William Andersen, 250 hour pin; Mrs. Earl Page, 100 hour pin; Leon Lytle, Mrs. Lytle, Mrs. William Lash and Mrs. E. B. Stumbaugh, GOC wings.

Lieutenant Kowalczyk introduced Sgt. Chuck Halterman who spoke on Air Research and Development. He then showed an Air Force film, "Air Science in Action," after which he held a question and answer session pertaining to the film.

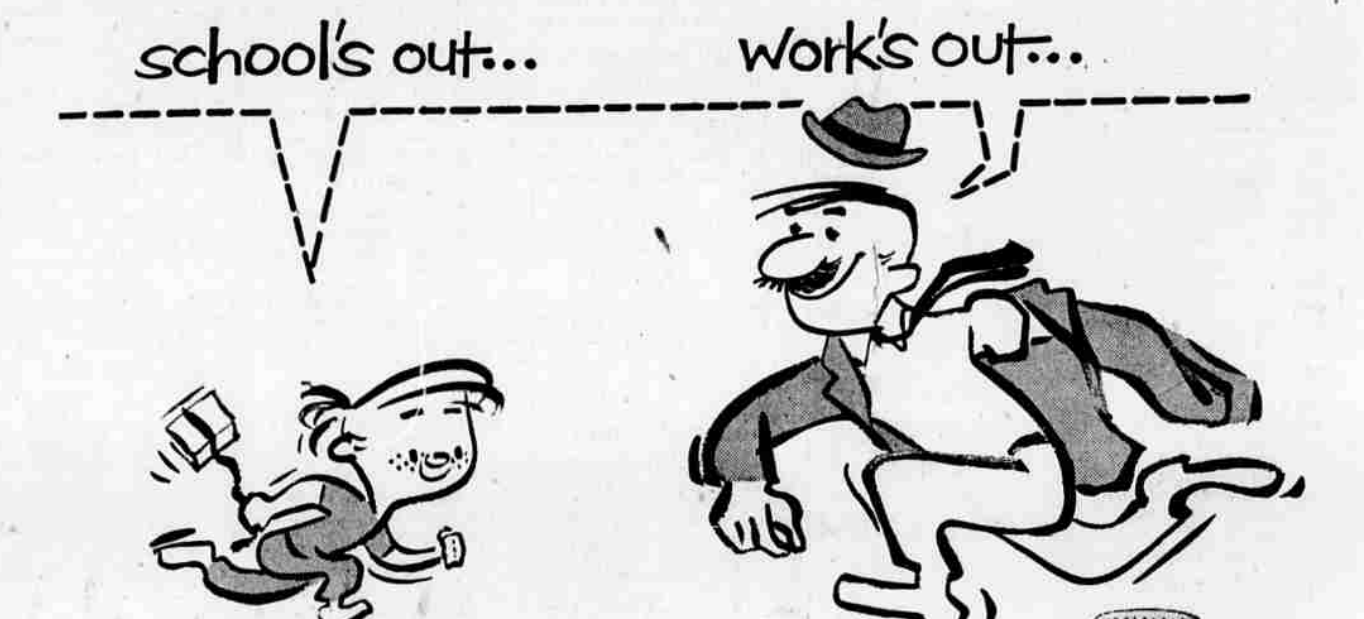
Mrs. Louis Anderson had charge of the games that were played during the evening. Pamela Anderson won first prize.

Refreshments were served to the 16 members present. Hostesses were Mrs. Earl Page, Mrs. Crawford Page and Mrs. Freeman.

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