



CASE HISTORIES of Klamath County donors of the rare AB Rh negative blood, given by four men and one woman in Klamath Valley Hospital Tuesday, were taken by Mrs. Merle Swansen, left, volunteer worker for the Klamath Basin Chapter Red Cross. Mrs. Swansen processed the donors who gave blood for Carolyn Hurley, Klamath Falls girl who had heart surgery in Portland today. Right is Mrs. Ralph L. (Virginia) Fuller, employed at the Belsiger Motor Company, who answered the call for donors.

Booming Population Hike May Force Tax Increase

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — California's booming population, and especially the resulting increase in public school students, has backed the Legislature into a veritable financial desert.

The only ways out are:

—To increase taxes. Sen. Hugh Burns (D-Fresno), president pro tempore of the Senate, Thursday proposed additional taxes of \$150,000,000 across the entire tax base.

—To limp by under present taxes possibly for one more year by using "all the conceivable reserves" left in the state treasury.

—To cut the level of state services. Legislative analyst A. Alan Post said to do this the Legislature would "have to consider some of the subsidies to local government" — such as state school support — to get to the big money items it would be necessary to consider in the budget balancing process.

—Any combination of the other three.

Paving Firm Faces Charge By Air Boss

Airport taxi strips and runways were designed for aircraft and not cars, much less construction equipment.

So said Airport Manager Howard Jones, who told city police Tuesday he had filed a complaint against Lloyd Ebinger of Asphalt Paving Company for driving and parking a road roller and grader on the airport taxi strip which planes use to reach the main runway.

Jones said he had warned Ebinger previously about crossing the taxi strip and runway with his equipment used on a road job nearby. He said he finally filed a complaint because it was against Civil Aeronautics Administration rules to cross strips without permission.

Otherwise, police reported that a string of the city's newly erected Christmas street decorations tangled with a lumber truck and emerged second best.

Officers said the truck driven by Walter Alenbach of Freewater, Oregon, pulled into Seventh Street between Main and Klamath at 6:11 p.m. Tuesday, caught a cable laden with decorations, and pulled the business down into the street.

Also damaged, police said, was a sign above Vern's Tavern.

Other reports:

Harold Rieck, 914 East Main Street, said his parked car was hit Monday evening by a car which did not stop.

Two lost items were reported. Mrs. Margaret Wierland, 234 North Eighth Street, said she lost a fur piece Saturday night on her way back toward town from the bus station. She said she was frightened by two drunks and started running.

Stan Ezell, 1420 McClellan Drive, said a metal suitcase was stolen from the back of his pickup truck parked near the post office Monday night. The suitcase contained hunting clothes, he said.

Vandalism reports included shots at windows of Hillis Refrigeration, 203 Riverside Drive, Sunday and Monday nights, removal of a mail box and newspaper box from the home of Mrs. Jack Minkler, 234 Martin Street, and the appearance of a ladder beneath an opened window at the First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Pine streets.

Gasoline thefts troubled police, both from cars and from cans. County Assessor Hap Caldwell said someone had stolen gasoline from a county-owned pickup truck parked in the courthouse parking lot, and Scott McKendree, 1830 Del Moro, said someone had stolen the gas can from his jeep parked at the corner of Eldorado and Del Moro.

Southern Pacific officials said a 35mm camera and a police officer's jacket were stolen at Gerber, California.

Some items were returned, however. A wallet, Dave Vincent, 2029 Abilene Avenue, reported stolen last week was returned to him in the mail Monday — minus \$18.

And Toribio Cruz Villa, 1130 Owens Street, who reported his car stolen last week, called police later to report — embarrassed — that his wife had the car all the time.

The Heart Skips A Beat After Crossing Bridge Into Soviet-Held Berlin

By WELLINGTON LONG

BONN, Germany (UPI) — Every one's heart seems to skip a beat when he crosses the bridge at Helmsdorf where freedom ends on the road to Communist-surrounded West Berlin.

The bridge crosses a dry gully. At the western end, West German police and American, British and French military police have their little shacks. Inspection there is cursory, often indifferent.

Not so on the eastern side of the bridge. There the barriers, manned until now by Soviet and East German soldiers in almost-identical uniforms are raised to let only one car, truck or bus through at a time.

American, British or French soldiers or civilian officials and their families hand their travel orders to a Soviet guard at a special box. He withdraws behind a curtain to do whatever he does with them. It always takes a long time before the documents are returned, usually without a smile or even a grimace, and one drives on.

West German civilians, foreign tourists, businessmen or anyone not connected officially with the Western allied forces, go into long, low, wooden buildings manned by Communist police.

There they must buy an East German transit visa at the inflated price of \$2.50, pay a road use tax, and declare all money for the customs officer. All this takes perhaps an hour, on a relatively quiet day.

After that, the customs men may want to look at the travelers' suitcases, too. Sometimes, if they are being really nasty, they take the seats out of a car and tear off the upholstery to check for "contraband."

In any event, a civilian traveler is expected to declare such things as cameras, typewriters, radios and tape-recorders, with their serial numbers.

Crossing the Iron-Curtain border into East Germany is far more complicated than crossing any border in West Europe.

A few years ago, loudspeakers blared Russian music and propaganda speeches at those waiting their turn at the border. Today, the loudspeakers usually are silent, either out of courtesy to the tens of thousands of foreign tourists who cross every year, or because even a good Communist's nerve can take just so much.

The 110-mile drive on to Berlin usually is uneventful. Occasionally, a Communist policeman will stop a Western driver and fine him on the spot — in Western currency — for alleged speeding. The highway is not posted, but there's no use arguing, because you are beyond help from any Western policeman.

The East Germans have built roadside parking areas at scenic locations along the route, and equipped them with picnic tables and benches.

Many West Germans stop at them to enjoy the fresh air. Some even pull into the two restaurants the East German state operates along the highway. But the food is poor, the service worse, and the atmosphere — the walls are decorated with murals of such Communist landmarks as dams across the Yangtze River — is appalling.

Approaching Berlin, the traveler must be alert, particularly if he is unfamiliar with the essential principles of "double-think." Just outside Berlin there is a check point, where papers are given a quick once-over, and the driver is passed on.

Right after that, the driver sees signs saying "This way to the democratic sector of Berlin."

But beware. That way leads to the other part of Berlin the distress. In East Germany, "democratic" means "Communist." It reach.

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