

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Something interesting has happened in Oregon. It will be interesting, I'm sure, to newspaper people everywhere. I think it will be interesting to the PEOPLE of Oregon, and to the general run of people everywhere.

This is what happened:

Four editors of the Portland Oregonian (large newspaper) have many editorial writers. They have SUBPENAED to appear at 3 p.m. Monday before the taxation committee of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature.

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines a subpoena as "a writ commanding the person designated in it to attend court under a PENALTY for failure." Presumably, the committee has the power to subpoena the Oregonian's editors under a 1953 Oregon legislative act authorizing such procedure for witnesses before a legislative committee.

What did these editors do?

The chairman of the committee says they "have gratuitously given the committee a great deal of advice."

So —

One may assume that the committee — or its chairman — hasn't relished the advice, and so the editors are to be given a little touch of being fried out in the pan. After having been fried out in the pan, they may be a little less brash hereafter with advice — especially critical advice.

This newspaper doesn't try to run the town. It doesn't believe that running the town is a part of the newspaper's business. The newspaper's primary job is to tell the people accurately and objectively what is going on — in other words, to print the news.

But —

The newspaper's traditional secondary job is to offer comment and opinion — even ADVICE — on what should be done in a given set of circumstances. The newspaper has been doing that as long as there have been newspapers. Indeed, the earliest journals were inclined to offer more advice than news. The importance of opinion is recognized by the fact that the newspaper that has no opinions of its own is seldom highly respected — in Oregon or elsewhere.

Some newspapers give very poor advice. Some of them try to run the town in ways in which the town shouldn't be run. But the public soon gets onto them, and they lose public respect. The public itself takes care of that kind of newspaper.

The newspaper is often referred to as the Fourth Estate. Whence that term? It's an interesting tale.

The phrase Fourth Estate was first used back in the 1700's by the great English statesman, Edmund Burke. Pointing to the reporters' gallery in the House of Commons, he said: "Yonder sits the Fourth Estate, more important than all others."

By "all others," he meant the three "estates," or classes, that made up the States-General governmental system of France. These three were the clergy, or the First Estate, the nobility, or the Second Estate, and the common people, or the Third Estate.

History tells us that the rise of the Third Estate — the common people — has been practically synonymous with the rise of the Fourth Estate (the newspaper), which, by telling the news, explaining its meaning and OFFERING OPINIONS on the news, has aided immensely in the rise of the common run of people to their present status.

Freedom of the common people really began with freedom of the press to SPEAK OUT.

So what?

Well, I hope that when these editors of the Oregonian go into the pan to be fried out in Salem on Monday they defend whatever advice they have given and I hope they DOUBLY DEFEND their right to offer opinion, comment and even advice whenever they conceive it to be a part of their duty to the public to do so.

That is a part of the newspaper's job.

Council Ban Under Fire

RED BLUFF (UPI)—A Northern California daily newspaper publisher promised Saturday he would seek legal advice from the State Newspaper Publishers Association of rejection of one of his reporters from a city council meeting.

"I believe this is a matter for all California newspapers to fight," said Publisher Marion Walker of the Red Bluff Daily News.

News reporter Barney Barnett was asked to leave a city council meeting Friday or agree not to publish the proceedings during a discussion of a suit filed against the city by the Department of Fish and Game.

He refused to leave or to make an agreement and pointed out it was a matter for all the people to know the city's business.

City Attorney Edmund Moor told Barnett: "You can stay and not publish this or get out and fight this in court." The attorney was backed by Mayor Robert Groszweid in the action.

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Pelicans Place Sixth In State Tournament

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McARTHUR COURT, Eugene (Special)—The obviously friendly and seemingly tired Klamath Union Pelicans were relegated to a sixth-place finish in the 41st annual Oregon State A-1 Prep Basketball Tournament as the fired up band

Meet The Team

Pelican Boosters have appointed a committee to welcome the KUHS basketball team from Eugene. The welcoming site is the North Entrance, the time is 1:30 p.m. today, and the committee includes everybody in town. Booster President Harry Molatore asks that you be there to greet one of the best basketball teams in Oregon.

of Peedleton Buckaroos bested them—56-47 in the closing seconds of a nip and tuck battle here Saturday night.

The victory gave Peedleton, coached by Dale Warberg, undisputed claim on third place of the big classic.

For coach Dean White's hard-working Pelicans the loss rang down the curtain on a highly successful season: one in which they collected 21 victories against only five losses over the distance.

"Klamath Falls should be proud of these kids—they've had a tremendous year. They won a lot of ball games and they won them against tough competition in the state, and I don't mean in just the tournament. Our conference is a real tough one. There are teams who played in the tournament who have had a lot worse year under the same circumstances that we

did," commented coach White in the dressing room, a strangely quiet place, after the game.

Amid the small, much too small, group of loyal supporters in the room White asserted, "If the next year's crop of Pelicans have the same desire and attitude that this club has, and that will be hard to match, we'll have another good year."

Assistant coach Gene Strehou murmured a hearty amen.

In a ball game that saw the lead swap ownership 12 times and feature five ties, the Pels led 13-12 at the end of the first period, 25-19 at the intermission, and were tied 34-34 at the close of the third stanza.

In the disastrous fourth quarter the Pels got away to a three-point margin, 37-34, in the first minute of a layup by all-star Bob Petersen and a successful free toss by Dave DeLap.

Seconds later, Buck substitute Dennis Bagnall hit a jumper from the corner to make the count 37-36 and moments later Pelican Dave DeLap missed two foul shots.

Don DeLap made the count 38-36 with one good of two tries at the foul line after being manhandled by Peedleton center Bill Cook only to have the Buckaroo captain Dan Eckles rebound a two-point shot to knot the count 38-38 with 5:24 left in the game.

The Bucks moved into the lead 40-38 off a jumper by game-high jumper Dave Nelson who totaled 18, and from here on they were never headed, although the Pels surged back to tie the count 43-43 with 3:38 remaining off successive two-pointers by Petersen and Don DeLap.

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS, tremendous pressure and sudden defeat produced this melancholy drama in the Klamath Falls corner of McArthur Court in Eugene Friday night. The bell tolled for all Pelican fans, including Lois Snead, Marilyn Metler, Jackie Dawn, Stephanie Walker and Carole Brisson. —Photo by Don Kettler

Trial Judge Holds Final Escape Hope

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—A sanity hearing next Tuesday holds Elizabeth Duncan's last hope of escaping sentence to the gas chamber for plotting the murder of her daughter-in-law.

A jury, which earlier had convicted her of first-degree murder in offering two men \$6,000 to kill Olga Kupczyk Duncan, 30, a Canadian nurse, decreed Friday night that she must pay with her own life.

Prosecution and defense agreed to permit trial Judge Charles Blackstock to rule, without a jury, on Mrs. Duncan's sanity, since her plea of innocent by reason of insanity is still pending. Two court-appointed psychiatrists have testified they consider her legally sane.

If the court also holds the 54-year-old, off-married Mrs. Duncan to be sane, a date will be set for the sentencing, but the jury's determination for the death penalty is mandatory. She would be confined in the County Jail to await her automatic appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Mrs. Duncan showed little or no emotion at the jury's verdict but, she later told reporters: "I thought it was a rotten deal. I was tried before a biased jury."

Mrs. Duncan's son, Frank, 30, also an attorney, told reporters: "The appeal will not fail. There is no question that there was political ambition on the part of the district attorney (Roy Gustafson). He intends to climb to some higher position over the body of my mother."

Olga Duncan was kidnapped from her Santa Barbara apartment last Nov. 17 and strangled. The prosecution charged that the elder Mrs. Duncan was jealous of Olga and wanted her son all to herself.

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Gigantic Thor Fired Aloft On New Test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A powerful Thor, the Air Force's double-barreled war rocket and satellite missile, was fired aloft Saturday night on the start of a long-range flight test.

It was blast-off No. 35 for the workhorse intermediate-range ballistic missile and its second launching appearance in 20 hours.

Saturday morning an 80-foot Thor-Able blasted 5,000 miles down range, carrying an ICBM nose cone of the future, but the Air Force ran into trouble trying to recover the elusive package from the Atlantic.

Saturday night, however, the Thor was performing on its own as it struggled skyward with a roar at 7:58 p.m.

A bright puff and then a tiny flash of light in rapid succession indicated that the second stage of the 80-foot launching vehicle had ignited.

Up to now the Air Force had failed to retrieve one of the tiny cones that are vital in aiding missile scientists to develop the ultimate nuclear warhead shield for such ICBM's of the future as the Titan and Minuteman.

Five previous flights in 10 months — three of them with tiny white aboard—all resulted in failure, although two of the Thor-Ables flew intercontinental range without a hitch.

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Ike, Macmillan Agree On Formula For Summit Talks

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan agreed Saturday on a formula for summit conference later this year.

A proposed draft of the summit meeting plan was dispatched immediately to the French and German governments and the other NATO allies for their reaction.

The formula, when fully approved, will be included in a new note to Moscow on negotiations over the Berlin crisis and German problems generally.

The Western powers had already agreed to propose a foreign ministers meeting at Geneva beginning May 11—and hold out at least the possibility of a follow-up summit conference.

The agreement was announced by U. S. and British press officers immediately after it was reached. Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty, with British spokesman Peter Hope at his elbow, reported to newsmen on the progress of the Eisenhower-Macmillan discussions at Camp David in these words:

"Both Hope and I can say that there is complete agreement between our two governments that we are looking to negotiations as a means of settling controversies in Europe, that we have agreed on the general line on which we think the reply to the Soviet note dealing with the matter of a summit meeting should be formulated."

"We are now communicating our proposals to the French and German governments and to our NATO allies for their consideration."

The agreement was disclosed less than two hours after Eisenhower and Macmillan began the second day of their talks at Camp David, in the nearby Catoctin Mountains of Maryland.

The announcement apparently was made so quickly because the U. S. and British delegations wanted to counter news of disagreement over the approach to the summit issue which came out of the talks late Friday.

The U. S. — British difference, which had developed sharply after Macmillan's visit to Moscow a month ago, was well known in advance of the Camp David conference. But it came into the personal discussions of Eisenhower and Macmillan in the course of their seven hours of discussion Friday.

Hagerty repeatedly refused to

(tell the nature of the agreement reached. He said he could not go beyond his statement.

It was known, however, that Eisenhower had told associates he intended to stand firm on his view that he was prepared to go to a summit conference but it should be justified by developments in the meantime.

Macmillan had come to the United States hoping to persuade him, according to all accounts, to make a firm pledge for a summit meeting this summer.

With the agreement on the summit issue out of the way, Eisenhower and Macmillan were ready to turn to other topics, such as suspension of nuclear weapons tests.

The general European situation also was open to review.

More British and American officials came from Washington, by helicopter, for the latter phases.

Loan Fund Cut Spurs New Fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new flare up in the battle of the budget appeared in prospect Saturday as a result of President Eisenhower's strong denunciation of a House committee's fund cutting.

"Irresponsible action," Eisenhower said Friday after the House Appropriations Committee rejected his request for 225 million dollars in supplementary money for the Development Loan Fund.

In a statement issued from his Camp David, Md., headquarters, Eisenhower said:

"The action today if not reversed will represent a long step backward toward isolating our country and weakening our national security."

Speaking in unusually strong terms, Eisenhower said the loan fund "must have additional funds now."

The fund finances loans to underdeveloped areas in connection with the foreign aid program. The committee's rejection of the fund request highlighted a day of budget slashing.

The House itself cut more than 60 million dollars from proposed funds to finance the Treasury and Post Office departments during the 1960 fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Without controversy and by voice vote, the House passed and