

# Informal News Session Conducted By Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson, doing "what comes naturally," expects to hold many more impromptu-style news conferences in the future.

The White House press corps was waiting in the lobby outside Press Secretary Pierre Salinger's office for their regular midday briefing Wednesday when they were summoned by Salinger.

"We're going to have a press conference," Salinger announced, and in no time at all newsmen found themselves in the President's office clustered around his desk.

Johnson, asked if he planned to continue the informal note in future news conferences, said, "I would say that we are going to maintain an adequate flow of information to the press at all times in the best manner that we can. We will do what comes naturally."

"Maybe it will be a meeting of this kind today; maybe a televised meeting tomorrow, with maybe a coffee session the next day. We don't want to be too rigid. We always want to be flexible."

Johnson's easy, informal manner shows to best advantage at the impromptu news conference. Standing or sitting behind his desk as the mood struck him, he fielded the newsmen's questions with apparent ease Wednesday, pausing only now and then to consult notes or to check a figure or a fact.

Sweeping from topic to topic, the Chief Executive said he was "ready and willing" to meet with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev or any other world leader whenever such a summit conference promised to be productive.

He also pledged to cut out waste in federal spending and put the savings into programs to meet unmet needs. But he served notice the next budget

would top this year's \$96.8 billion.

Johnson also put new emphasis on this country's interest in Latin America and disclosed that he had reached full agreement with Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., on the question of presidential disability. McCormack is next in line of succession.

Asked if he would debate his opponent in the 1964 presidential election, he said, "I will make those decisions at the time I am the nominee, and in the light of the circumstances existing then." He ruled out any further political discussion for the present.

## 2nd Hoffa Attorney Disbarred

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—A second attorney was barred from federal court Wednesday in connection with the jury tampering case of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

U.S. District Court Judge William E. Miller and Frank Gray Jr. ordered the disbarment of Harry Beard Jr., a Lebanon, Tenn., attorney, mentioned in a Dec. 6 indictment returned against Z. T. Osborn Jr.

Beard was the alleged middle man in a reported bribe attempt made by Osborn, a Hoffa attorney, in connection with the union leader's 1962 conspiracy trial here.

The order said that Beard had "voluntarily" appeared for a hearing Dec. 13 before Miller and Gray.

Beard, according to the order, said he did not turn down Osborn's proposition, or report it to the court, because of "flattery," at being approached by someone of Osborn's professional stature, and "fear for my personal safety."

Miller and Gray, however, ruled that Beard had made four separate visits to Osborn's office, according to his own statement, and therefore he should be disbarred.

Beard had served in the state legislature from Wilson County and was a former Lebanon city alderman.

The Tennessee Bar Association Wednesday appointed a three-man committee to prepare and file disbarment proceedings against Osborn.

## Little Boy, 5, Killed By Car

RAINIER, Ore. (UPI)—Five-year-old Kirby Pellham was killed Wednesday when he was struck by a car at an intersection here.

Kirby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Pellham, was crossing the road to mail some letters. The driver of the car was Mrs. Shirley Ann Nelson, who was visiting relatives at nearby Goble.



HOLE IN THE WALL — An East German Communist officer watches as a hole is made in Berlin Wall near Oberbaumbrücke late Wednesday. West Berliners will use the opening as a passage when they visit relatives in East Berlin during the holidays. — UPI Telephoto

## New Kidney Means New Lease On Life And Happy Christmas For Dockworker

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Christmas came a week early at the home of dockworker Jefferson Davis.

Davis suffered from a kidney ailment that doomed him unless drastic action was taken. Six weeks ago that action was taken when he received the kidneys from a 90-pound chimpanzee.

Wednesday night, Mrs. Davis and the four Davis youngsters were elated when Davis arrived home from Charity Hospital. He was their main Christmas gift. Having been unemployed for medical reasons for a year, the dockworker could offer only

himself and his love. "We never expected to get him home again," Mrs. Davis said. "It sure will be a nice Christmas."

"I feel fine," Davis said. Intricate medical treatment, so far, has overcome the body's natural tendency to cast off foreign matter. An earlier transplant by Tulane University surgeons into a woman patient failed because the "immunologic barrier" was not broken. Drugs and X-rays were used to keep the animal kidneys functioning in Davis.

Davis will return to the hospital Friday night for re-evaluation and tests. If no complications have developed he will be given a pass or will be released Monday for the holidays. A team of Tulane University surgeons operated on Davis Nov. 5.

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## Councilwoman Has Her Way

CORONADO, Calif. (UPI)—City Manager Race N. Wilt knows today that choosing colors is a woman's prerogative—even when it comes to police cars.

Wilt wanted the cars beige because it would show the dirt less than the current black and white combination. "Beige is a dirty color even after it's washed," retorted Councilwoman Helen King. "Green is one of our city's official colors. I believe we should have green police cars."

By a unanimous vote the council overrode Wilt and called for bids on two green police cars.

## 'Santa' Buys Man's Apples

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI)—Eddie Patrick of Topeka wanted to see if people still buy apples from street corner vendors. And boy, do they!

Patrick, who is unemployed, said a well-dressed man bought two apples for 15 cents each and handed him what looked like a \$5 bill.

When business slowed, Patrick said he examined the folded money. There were four \$50 bills.

## Law Means New Labels

SALEM (UPI)—Bread in Oregon will start the new year with a new look on labels.

The balloon bread law passed by the 1963 legislature goes into effect Jan. 1. It sets requirements for labels on bread and advertising.

Kenneth Carl of the State Agriculture Department said all bakeries selling bread in Oregon are affected.

He said most of the bakeries have submitted their new labels for approval. The law requires that the label have the minimum net weight and the weight size, such as standard loaf, standard large loaf, standard extra large loaf, balloon, balloon loaf or balloon bread.

The minimum size of letters on the label also is set by the law. All lettering, except the word "Balloon," must be minimum of 3-16 of an inch if on the sides or top of a loaf and 1/4 of an inch if on the ends or on an attached tag.

Capital letters are required or the words "Balloon," "Balloon Loaf" or "Balloon Bread," whichever is used on the balloon loaf. It must be in a conspicuous place on the wrapper, with minimum heights 1/2 inch if on the top or side of the loaf and 1/4 inch if on the ends of the loaf.

The unwrapped balloon bread loaves displayed for sale by retail bakeries must have a placard next to or with the loaves. This placard must have bold faced letters at least one inch in height and be placed where it is easily read by customers.

Advertising is also affected by the new law. A newspaper or radio advertisement of bread that includes the price, must also include the weight of the loaf.

## 2 Homes Entered

Oregon State Police are investigating two house burglaries in the South Suburban area.

Mrs. Helen Bechen, 5335 Alva Avenue, reported at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday that her house had been entered and several items of jewelry, plus \$25 in cash had been taken. Entry apparently was through a window and a number of burnt matches were found in the house.

Mrs. Delmar Green reported at 12:40 this morning that her house at 6338 Sage Street had been entered through a patio door. Nothing apparently was taken.

# McNamara In Saigon For Talks And Round Of Intensive Briefings

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara arrived today for talks with South Viet Nam's military rulers and a round of intensive briefings by top ranking American civilian and military officials.

In a brief statement at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Airport, where his special Air Force KC135 four-engine jet airliner arrived from Paris, the secretary said he had come here to discuss problems and progress of U.S. military aid to South Viet Nam.

He arrived behind schedule because of a near collision between his plane and another at Orly Airport in Paris.

Asked the reason for his two-day visit, his first since the Nov. 1 coup d'etat that toppled the regime of former President Ngo Dinh Diem, McNamara said: "Some of you will remember that exactly two years ago this week after a NATO meeting in Paris... I flew to Honolulu for the first in a series of discussions of U.S. military aid to Viet Nam. This is another of those meetings to discuss progress of the program and find out what problems are involved and how to solve them."

McNamara flew here with Arthur Sylvester, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, and William Bundy, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs.

He was greeted at planeside by U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Gen. Paul D. Harkins, commander of U.S. forces in Viet Nam, and Vietnamese

Defense minister Maj. Gen. Tran Van Don.

Diplomatic sources said McNamara later plunged into a round of briefings at Harkins' Military Assistance Command headquarters which may last well into the night because the secretary arrived so far behind schedule.

The briefings may be continued until early Friday before McNamara's scheduled talks with the junta leaders, and possible briefings by them as well, before his departure later Friday.

McNamara was preceded here by U.S. Central Intelligence Agency chief John McCone who slipped into Saigon unannounced Wednesday for briefings on CIA activities in this country, according to sources.

U.S. Ambassador to Laos Leonard Unger also slipped into Saigon unannounced Wednesday and there are unconfirmed reports that he was accompanied by the CIA chief for that country.

There also is speculation here that McNamara and Bundy will confer with Unger, Harkins, Lodge and McCone in a secret top-level meeting on U.S. strategy in both Viet Nam and Laos in between publicly scheduled briefings at the military assistance command headquarters and talks with the junta leaders.

McNamara arrived at a time when the war against the Communist Viet Cong was going badly for South Viet Nam's military government, especially in the Mekong River delta.

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## Trio File Appears

PORTLAND (UPI)—Three men found guilty of mail fraud and conspiracy in the sale of land in a Harney County subdivision filed motions Wednesday asking that the convictions be set aside.

U.S. District Judge John F. Kilkenny, who heard the case earlier this month in Pendleton, set a hearing for Monday morning here.

The motions were filed by Richard D. Walker, 41, Los Angeles; John M. Phillips Jr., 38, Evanston, Ill.; and Jack C. Cherbo, 37, Chicago.

The motions contain evidence to support a conviction and that the judge erred in allowing prejudicial and improper testimony.

The men are scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 4. Four other defendants indicted in connection with the sale of Lake Valley land tracts 22 miles south of Burns were acquitted.

## Weather Roundup

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PST today.

High	Low	Pep.
Astoria	53	45 -43
Baker	49	24 -
Brookings	54	-
Medford	36	33 -02
North Bend	55	48 -02
Pendleton	32	31 -01
Portland	45	37 -10
Redmond	31	28 -
Salem	47	39 -19
The Dalles	37	32 -
Chicago	15	0 -
Los Angeles	66	51 -
New York	30	23 -07
Phoenix	68	36 -
San Francisco	46	45 -14
Seattle	43	41 -23
Washington	31	18 -05

Portland - Vancouver: Occasional rain through Friday; high 38-43; low 33-38.

Western Oregon: Occasional rain; highs 38-54; low 34-46.

Eastern Oregon: Scattered snow flurries or freezing drizzle and occasional light rain in a few places; highs 39-53 north and 40-45 south; low 22-32.

Tatoosh to Blanco: Gale warnings at Tatoosh and small craft warnings elsewhere for southeast to southwest winds 13-26, increasing to 35 at times; rainy.

The Dalles and Hood River: Occasional rain through Friday; highs near 40; lows 33 - 38, chance occasional freezing rain east of The Dalles at night; gorge winds east 8-18.

Bend: Showers tonight and Friday; highs 38-45; lows 25-30.

Baker and La Grande: Showers or freezing rain at times

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