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Apology To Johnson Fires Party Row In Legislature

SALEM (UPI)—The fuse to a partisan bomb was in Tuesday when Democratic lawmakers submitted a House memorial apologizing to President Johnson for a comment made by Mrs. Mark Hatfield, wife of Oregon's governor.

While Mrs. Hatfield was the target of the House joint memorial, the Democrats apparently were reacting to a statement

attributed to ex-Gov. Elmo Smith, state Republican chairman. Smith was quoted as describing the President's recent comment as the "most famous hangovers in history."

Meaning Explained
Smith told United Press International that what he actually said was "if they (the President) and others attending inaugural

ceremonies hadn't celebrated so exuberantly and exposed themselves to colds, it wouldn't have happened. They should protect their health better."

Smith was the comments during a Portland appearance Monday night, at which he also defended the statement made by Mrs. Hatfield.

During a television interview with Mike Wallace, CBS in-

auguration night, Mrs. Hatfield was asked to comment on what might be president in 1968. She was reported to have replied "I don't know, but whoever he is, he'll be better than what we have here tonight."

The House apology memorial was sponsored by Reps. Bushland of Milwaukie, Janet Redden of Medford, and Katherine Musa of The Dalles, and co-sponsored by 22 representatives and nine senators—all Democrats.

The memorial said Mrs. Hatfield "made a statement which was disrespectful of the president... which is contrary to the views of a majority of Oregonians."

The memorial declares legislators "extend our apologies" to the president and that "the statement made by the wife of the governor was not representative of the attitudes or manners of the people of the state of Oregon."

Asked for comment on the apology memorial, Hatfield said "I have no comment, no I won't say anything about it at all."

Senate President Harry Robinson, D-Klamath Falls, also had "no comment."

House Speaker F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, said only that Mrs. Hatfield, "like all other members, can introduce whatever she desires."

There were indications the GOP leadership hoped to whisk the memorial to committee so it could either be killed or ignored.

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tuesday and Wednesday weather conditions through Thursday with occasional periods of snow or rain and new snow. High Thursday 44, low 24. High Friday 44, low 24. High Saturday 44, low 24. High Sunday 44, low 24.

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City Wins 'Clean Health Unit' Social Health Unit

Klamath Falls, a city which once tolerated open and commercialized prostitution, is now showing the "cleanest" communities in the nation.

An official of the American Social Health Association Wednesday painted this picture of organized prostitution in Klamath Falls as he reported to community leaders on results of an undercover survey by ASHA agents.

Donald P. Clough of San Francisco, the western regional director of the association, presented his "favorable" report to members of the Inter-Agency Council and the Klamath County United Fund. He said Klamath Falls, which only 10 years ago had four organized brothels, now has practically no prostitution.

In addition to his public report, Clough gave Chief of Police Charles Howard a detailed report of ASHA agents' experience in Klamath Falls, "naming names."

Stand Supported
Howard's annual report on his department's activities, released this week, supports the findings of the ASHA. Howard said only one case of prostitution was reported in Klamath Falls during 1964—down from five cases in 1963.

Clough said his report was the sixth consecutive favorable rating Klamath Falls has received. "This is as good as a city can get," Clough commented.

This is the first year results of the survey have been made public.

Probe Conducted
The latest investigation was conducted by agents of the association during December.

"The current investigation," Clough said, "covered bars, hotels and 19 hotels and a thorough observation of street conditions."

"No go-brothels were discovered on the part of cab drivers, bellboys and hotel desk clerks. Pickup activity by servicemen was found in three bars."

Two prostitutes were found to be operating surreptitiously from barrooms.

"Several of the people interviewed claimed, 'the law is too tough here. This is a tight town, or there are women in crime from a dance studio, and which was constructed here in the 1930s.'"

Clough commended local police for their efforts in limiting prostitution to a low level.

"Local police officials," he said, "are urged to maintain their vigilance because prostitution conditions can change from one day to the next."

Clough contrasted conditions here during the past six years to those of previous years.

"The incidence of prostitution in Klamath Falls," he said, "reveals that for many years four brothels, housing as many as 10 women, were tolerated in Klamath Falls."

"All four establishments were closed 10 years ago, and have never reopened."

Attempt Stopped
"An attempt was made to operate from a dance studio, approximately two years ago, but this failed due to prompt action by local law enforcement agencies."

Design, Howard, chairman of the Klamath Board of Realtors' committee working for renovation of the auditorium as a civic center, reviewed the committee's efforts since community leaders were asked to participate in the program at a meeting about two months ago.

Good Representation
Although there was a good representation of service clubs at this morning's breakfast meeting, Sacher urged more groups to participate. "We want all of them next time," he said.

Don Kenyon, chairman of the Board of Klamath County Commissioners, and Lyle Kellstrom, representing the city council, also attended the meeting.

Sacher noted in his comments that the commissioners undertook a study for improving conditions in the building back in 1958. At that time engineers stated such an installation would cost \$6,000.

Andy Silani outlined some possible approaches to renovating the building to meet the general needs of the community. These include convention sessions, theater and musical productions, indoor recreation and large scale banquets.

Sacher noted also that approval of the city and county would be asked before any studies of the building were made.

Joe Caraher, Herald and News publisher, reported on a recent meeting in Seattle with Don Johnston, the manager of the civic center in that city.

It was announced that groups relative to operation of the facility, Johnston agreed to consider here for construction.

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