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TOP of the NEWS

POSSIBLE SHOWERS. A few light showers are forecast for today over the higher mountains in the Tucson area. Considerable high cloudiness expected with little change in temperature. The high for Tucson is expected to be 63 to 70, the low 45 to 50. Yesterday's high was 71, low 33. Full weather report on Page 4A.

Global

THE INSCRUTABLE MR. KY. South Vietnam's vice president quits Paris for ailing trip amid reports that changes in the Saigon government are impending. His wife accompanies him. Page 3B.

PUEBLO HEADING. Intelligence officer testifies that the spy ship's papers could not be burned or destroyed because of enemy gunfire and lack of time. Page 3B.

U. S.-RED CHINA RELATIONS. Observers say that any efforts of the Nixon administration to try to improve relations with Red China will fail unless the United States agrees to withdraw its forces from Formosa. Page 3C.

WEALTH OF VATCAN. The American born author of a new book says the Vatican's opposition to communism in Italy can be attributed to the protection of an estimated \$5.6-billion portfolio of stocks as well as to differences in theology. Page 4B.

National

NEW BASEBALL COMMISSIONER. Bowie Kuhn, a 45-year-old attorney for the National League, is elected new commissioner of baseball by a unanimous vote of major league owners meeting in Miami. Page 3B.

ELECTION REFORMS. Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., has named head of a special group of Democrats whose mission is to make the nominating procedures more democratic. Page 3B.

DRAFT DODGER AMNESTY. National antiwar group, the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, says plan to create a public mood where Nixon could be merciful to deserters after the shooting stops. Page 3B.

NEW WEAPON. A new weapons system being developed by the Air Force may give the big bombers. The new system is a pilotless aircraft launched from a bomber to strain enemy radar and carry a nuclear warhead. Page 4A.

THE SIRHAN TRIAL. Myri Sirhan, mother of the youth accused of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, testifies to her joy in income and thanks the United States for its hospitality. Page 3A.

THE WELL-DRESSED MAN. Double knits, long loved by women, are being taken up by men for suits and separates. This and other news in men's fashions is reported from Chicago by Maddy Herser writer, Xan Novakki. Page 1C.

PAINTING SLASHED. A Texas divorcee slashed a \$30,000 Rembrandt painting in a museum Tuesday. In 1962, the divorcee slashed another Rembrandt in the same museum. Page 3B.

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AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM. Maricopa senator's proposal to strengthen state air pollution brings on a thorough airing of the problem by legislators in Phoenix. Page 4A.

STATE FISCAL PRACTICES. Rep. Jack Brown, House minority leader, levels several criticisms at the State Department of Finance, including inefficient central buying. PAGE 4A.

Local

CITY BUS SERVICE. The mayor of Phoenix has pledged his support to Tucson on a bill allowing city transport authorities as well as for an increase in gas and auto taxes for street improvement. Page 3B.

POVERTY WA FINANCING. Tucson's unit of the Committee for Economic Opportunity has asked the federal government for \$1.5 million to carry on programs through March. 33P. Page 4B.

NEW BAR ASSOCIATION. City of Tucson local group plans to augment the work of the state bar has initiated a membership drive and expects 35 potential supporters to attend its next meeting. Page 3A.

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Spaceman Greet Prince

Col. Frank Borman, left, commander of the Apollo 8 spacecraft flight, greets Prince Andrew of Buckingham Palace in London Tuesday. Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Anne, partially hidden, look on. Story on Page 7A. (AP Wirephoto)

Revision Proposed For Military Pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said Tuesday the Pentagon will make major revisions in the military pay structure as a first step toward reduced reliance on the draft.

The Defense Department is under instruction from President Nixon to come up with a detailed plan for ending the draft when Vietnam military expenses can be cut substantially by the aim of having an all-volunteer force.

Laird appointed a new assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs Tuesday and said he will give "high priority" responsibility for decision action in coordinating the service pay system.

The new man is Roger T. Kelley, 41, a vice president of the Caterpillar Tractor Co. of Peoria, Ill. Kelley has directed worldwide personnel programs for the 62,000-employee firm.

Laird told a news conference last week he believes a modernization of military pay is absolutely required "if we are ever going to move in the direction of volunteer forces in the United States."

The draft currently is the Pentagon's main tool for keeping up military strength, now numbering 2.4 million active duty personnel.

"I am aware that much study has been given to the matter of military compensation during the past two years," Laird said. "But the fact is that no specific proposals have been presented to the Congress for much-needed and overdue military pay reform."

Service officials feel the military pay system is so complex and fragmented that few informed men really know exactly how much they are paid.

Until military pay is improved and its value

Drilling Resumed In Oil-Soaked Coast Channel

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Oil from a huge slick led by a ruptured undersea well reached some Santa Barbara beaches Tuesday night even as the offshore drilling was resumed by oil companies under order of federal regulators.

About two miles of beach north of Santa Barbara Harbor were coated with the heavy crude oil, authorities said.

Two big boomers were stretched across the harbor entrance and chemicals were sprayed on the trapped oil in an effort to keep it from reaching the harbor and nearby marinas.

Substantively winds pushed the drilling of toward the coastline some of the day but calmed by nightfall. With oil still bubbling from the ocean floor, the fluctuating slick was described by the Coast Guard as "at least" 18 by 50 miles in size. Offshore Anacapa Island was surrounded by oil.

An emergency boat set up by the federal department made a check of six wells in the area during the night and said:

—Have frequent towing of blow-out prevention devices.

—More rigid procedures for drilling.

—Installation of additional casing where required.

The six wells in the area had been shut down at the request of Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel.

Crucial Decisions Charted

Nixon Weighing Steps In Mideast

Juvenile Bill Mullied By House Unit

State Legislature Studying Changes In Present Code

By TOM RUFFEN
San Legislative Writer

PHOENIX — Robert Corbin, former Maricopa County attorney, told members of the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday that law, erasing the age of responsibility in juvenile court cases can be done only through constitutional amendment.

Corbin talked during a hearing to which the committee had invited jurists, representatives of civic groups interested in juvenile affairs, and the public. Moments after he appeared, his opinion was supported by presiding Judge Charles L. Harty of Maricopa County Superior Court.

Corbin expressed the opinion that juvenile judges should be appointed, not elected. He referred to one of many provisions in the multiple-bill redrafting of juvenile laws being considered in the legislature. "I don't think the general public knows much about the children who are elected," Corbin said, "and I don't think the selection of a juvenile court judge is made much more intelligently."

Corbin went through several points that he contended need change in the proposed measure, and later was invited by Rep. John Gooder, Maricopa Republican, to return for later testimony and to submit a written summary of his proposals.

He appeared as advisor for the Arizona Juvenile Justice Council, which has had a study group formulating its own recommendations after extended study. Mrs. John Fry, representing the council, said a Phoenix mayor's committee had recommended lowering the age of responsibility, but said she believed such action would be "putting the cart before the horse."

"The committee recommends additional facilities for all the added youngsters who will come under juvenile and adult provisions," she said. "And until the facilities are available, there's just no point in lowering the age."

Judge Harty also made a strong plea that judges not make the "whipped cream" of public opinion. The judge pleaded with the legislators to wait for a report from the National Conference on Crime and Delinquency, due in mid-April, before coming to a decision of re-drafting Arizona's laws or compiling an entire new law on juveniles.

Mrs. Wayne Bolton of the Arizona Extension of Parents and Teachers, told the committee, "We believe the content of the proposed draft is a new juvenile code to be good."

"There are certain sections, no question, however," she said. "We don't believe the age of responsibility should be less than 10. Because the juvenile court now has the right to transfer a child to adult court."



Lyle R. Palant

Ex-Land Tycoon Lyle Palant Files For Bankruptcy

By TOM TURNER

One-time Tucson land entrepreneur Lyle R. Palant filed a federal court petition for bankruptcy yesterday, claiming more than \$12 million in debts and no more than the clothes on his back as assets.

Palant, 52, whose wealth was estimated at \$8 million in 1962, said his petition in bankruptcy involves his personal estate only and should "not put into question the soundness of the firm with which I have been connected."

In his petition for bankruptcy, Palant listed his earnings for the past two years as "none."

His petition lists no secured creditors, unsecured claims totaling \$10,022.24 and accumulated papers concerning loans he personally guaranteed, totaling \$3,271,336.86. Assets are reported at \$64.

Most of the debts, double judgments and other legal encumbrances date back five years. In 1964 Palant filed out charging delinquency of character against the Chemical Bank, New York Trust Co. and asking \$3 million in damages. The action was dismissed on legal technicalities.

Palant, who with a business administration degree from the University of Miami, began business in Tucson last on \$100 in bank funds in 1956, built a land empire here in a half dozen years.

At one time, Palant headed seven corporations in Tucson and held power interests in a water company, several housing subdivisions and a large block of downtown land.

All that has since been lost through court judgment, theft of sale for debt and corporation bankruptcy proceedings. At one time Palant proposed a \$10 million office and hotel center for his development property at Stone Ave. and Walnut St.

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President Consults With LBJ

By DOUGLAS S. CORNELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon came to the post Tuesday for making crucial decisions on the administration course in the Mideast crisis following consultations with Lyndon B. Johnson and the government's top men in the diplomatic, military and intelligence spheres.

One result may be a reply to the proposal of President Charles de Gaulle of France for a big four session on the task of restoring peace between the Arabs and the Israelis.

Just when and how the specific decisions might be made known remained in question.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told reporters while Nixon was meeting with the National Security Council that, "The President will make some decisions on the Middle East following today's meeting. They will become apparent in time."

He said no plans have been made for announcing them. But he did say a reply to de Gaulle is being processed. There has been somewhat broad speculation that Nixon will agree to the French bid for a conference with the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union on the Mideast.

In addition to covering the crisis at the far end of the Mediterranean in the NSC meeting, Ziegler said Nixon put in a telephone call to Texas Monday night and talked with his predecessor, Johnson, about 11 minutes. He said the purpose was to brief Johnson on the latest foreign policy developments, particularly relating to the Mideast and to obtaining Senate ratification of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

Nixon is expected to ask the Senate in the next day or two to do for him what it did not do for Johnson — ratify the treaty designed to ban the spread of nuclear weapons.

Ziegler said that the new President had arranged to provide Johnson with a weekly briefing on foreign policy developments either in writing or by some White House staff members in person. This will do for former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Briefings are not planned for the third living ex-president, Harry S. Truman, who is 84.

Nixon may have something to say about the Mideast and the treaty at his second news conference Thursday. At his first one a week ago Monday he called the Mideast situation "a response to the point that it could mushroom into a confrontation of nuclear powers."

8 Die As Choppers Collide

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — Two U.S. Marine helicopters collided in flight Tuesday evening in mid-air southeast of Da Nang, killing eight men aboard. Marine spokesmen reported. They said there were four crewmen on each of the helicopters. The cause of the collision has not been determined, they added, and an investigation is under way.

Nixon, De Gaulle Trade Amiable Notes Letters Set Stage For Parley

By STEPHEN ROBINSON

PARIS (AP) — A secret exchange of letters between President Nixon and Charles de Gaulle from the background and basis for the visit Nixon will pay to the French capital in the next few weeks, it was learned Tuesday.

French officials, who are planning in terms of a Nixon trip the first part of March, were hopeful that a meeting between the two presidents would represent a major turning point in the troubled relations between Paris and Washington.

The letters, described as "very warm" by diplomats who have seen them, were exchanged last month, before Nixon's inauguration, on the initiative of De Gaulle.

Authoritative sources said the U.S. leader wrote to President de Gaulle Jan. 11 declaring he was looking forward to "talking directly to the Gauls" over problems facing the Western community.

Nixon, the sources added, promised "to

takes into account France's advice" on the resolution of these problems.

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