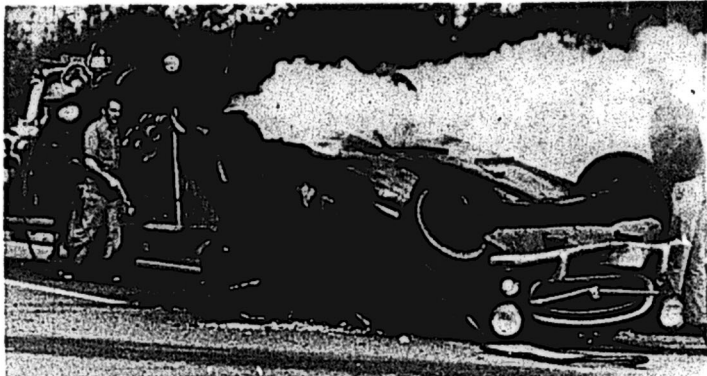


Johnson To Undergo Gall Bladder Surgery

Operation Thursday In Bethesda



Fatal Crash Scene

By DUNSTON CORRESPONDENT

Arnold A. Lee, 45, of Calais, was killed Tuesday afternoon when this auto crashed, turned over and burned on Interstate Route 95 at Benton, near Wa-

terville. State Police reported. The accident happened in the northbound lane. Lee was the driver, police said. (Story on Page 19).

WASHINGTON, AP—President Johnson announced personally Tuesday he will enter Bethesda Naval Hospital Thursday night for removal of a poorly functioning gall bladder.

Johnson, reading a statement to reporters in the White House Cabinet room, said "doctors expect there will be a minimal time during which I will not be conducting business as usual."

The chief executive emphasized that should presidential action or decisions be required at a time when he could not personally carry them out, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey will act for him.

The one-to-two-hour operation will be performed Friday morning at the Naval Hospital in suburban Bethesda, Md., where Johnson was a patient last January with a heavy cold.

The President said his doctors have diagnosed his condition as "a poorly functioning gall bladder with stones."

He said the physicians decided it should be removed. Johnson reported that he first experienced difficulty on Sept. 1 while on his Texas ranch.

"I felt some pain in my stomach which seemed to be the result of something I had eaten," he related.

Johnson went on to say that the White House physician, Vice Adm. George G. Burkley, suspected gall bladder trouble and that further examinations confirmed that tentative diagnosis.

The operation will be performed by Dr. George A. Halenbeck, 50, who heads a section on general surgery and the section of surgical research at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Halenbeck, who met with Johnson last week, said the President made his statement that the risk involved in the operation is minimal.

Dr. J. Willis Hays of Atlanta, who has been Johnson's heart specialist since the chief executive's 1955 heart attack, also was present and said that Johnson is as able to stand the operation as well as anyone his age who never had a heart attack.

In response to a question, press secretary Bill Moyers said the doctors expect Johnson will remain in the hospital 10 to 14 days.

The White House said Mrs. Johnson will go to the hospital Thursday night and remain there the President during and after the operation.

The President's daughter, Luci, 18, will visit the hospital Friday morning. Daughter Linda, 21, will remain at the University of Texas until her classes resume Friday, then fly to Washington probably Friday night.

Halenbeck said that after the President leaves the hospital, probably be necessary for a few weeks. During that time, he said Johnson might become tired more quickly than he normally would.

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He said there have been a number of people who have been asked to participate in the operation. He said they are "fully and currently informed."

Johnson mentioned the Cabinet in a White House morning news conference before the public announcement and indicated the members of his impending surgery and his arrangements with Humphrey.

Halenbeck was asked what effect the removal of the gall bladder might have on Johnson. He said there is no evidence that such surgery makes any physiological difference — that if a person did not know his gall bladder had been removed he would be able to tell the difference.

Johnson concluded his statement by saying that "the public will of course be kept fully and currently advised of my progress."

Moyers said full press facilities will be set up at the hospital early Friday morning and that the White House press office will operate from there for some days.

Johnson apart from his heart attack has had two internal difficulties. Both times with surgery, he was taken to the hospital. He was taken to the hospital in 1955 through surgery.

Johnson said that after representing another patient at the hospital, he was able to return to the White House.

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Rusk Puts Finger On Red China As Main Threat To World Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sec. of State Dean Rusk said Tuesday the great question ahead is whether the United States will switch to a peaceful coexistence policy.

Speaking before a United Press International editors and publishers conference, the secretary portrayed the central issue of the postwar world as the contrast between those who would build international relations on the basis of the United Nations charter principles and those who would organize the world under communism.

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School Panel Meets Monday To Rule On Rosemarie Nappi

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON

City Hall Reporter

The Portland School Committee will decide Monday night whether it wants to let six-year-old Rosemarie Nappi continue her first grade studies at the Longfellow Elementary School.

The Nappi girl was enrolled in the school last week, despite the fact she and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toby D. Nappi, don't live in the Longfellow School district.

At that time, the Nappis gave their home address, 20 Rancier St., as Rosemarie's home. School officials said it wouldn't be necessary for the Nappis to change their residence in order to enroll their child in the school.

NAPPI SAID there was no doubt where his daughter is living, because he was told by School Department officials Rosemarie would have to ride the school bus from her home to the school at the Nappi's expense.

But Acting Superintendent Frank B. Tupper told the Nappis this week Rosemarie was attending school in the wrong district, and that the question would have to be sent to the school panel.

That's what Nappi asked in the first place. He asked for school panel permission in a letter early last week he delivered it to Tupper's office.

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'Waddles' Won

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Lola May-Ellis of Farmingdale, proudly displays her Saanen goat, which won a ribbon in the U.S. Dairy Goat Association Show Tuesday at

Fryeburg Fair, the first goat show ever held at the fair. Lola's goat is named "Faithful Lily," but she calls her "Waddles."

Preservation Of Allagash Topic Here

By JOSEPH E. COYNE

Staff Reporter

The preservation of the Allagash River wilderness area was brought home Tuesday night to Greater Portland residents when the special legislative study committee probing the problem held a public hearing in Portland City Hall.

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"My wife says it that we have a balanced diet. The food bill always equals my pay."

Night-Owl Sessions Out In Filibuster

WASHINGTON, AP—Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said Tuesday there will be no round-the-clock "pelama sessions" to break the filibuster in the Senate.

Mansfield took the floor in the second day of a word battle led by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois. The Republican leader argued a bill to repeal federal authority for the states to ban union shops.

The Democratic leader repeated that he regards day and night sessions as exercises in futility and said he will continue to oppose this method of wearing down filibustering senators.

A test of sentiment will be made Friday, he said, when he will ask the Senate to go home or stay in town indefinitely in Washington.

Only the Senate as a whole can answer, he said. Mansfield said there are no short cuts out of the situation.

The situation is this: Mansfield has moved to call up an administration-backed measure to repeal section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, which permits the states to outlaw union shop contracts.

Dirksen has the support of about two dozen Southern Democrats. (Continued On Page 19, 1st Col.)

Casco Street Property To Be Sold

PWD To Spend \$120,000 On New Office Building

By JAMES C. NAUMANN

Staff Reporter

The Portland Water District will build a \$120,000 two-story office building at the Douglas Street shop complex.

The three-story present district office building at 16 Casco Street will be sold.

The PWD trustees voted the new office construction at a board meeting following a five-month feasibility study.

The district's Casco Street building has been half empty for a year since the PWD laboratory moved to a new building at the Seaboard Lane station. The meter reading and engineering were moved to Douglas Street.

The new brick-faced office building will match the architecture of the present Douglas Street structure and add to its rowing. Nearby trees will not be removed.

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