

Shipman to ponder applicants for Richland municipal judge

The applications for the Richland municipal judgeship, as recommended by a screening committee, will be considered by Mayor Joe Shipman.

The Shipman committee appointed by Shipman to recommend a replacement for Judge Albert Yencopal concluded its work Saturday by sending a letter to Shipman plus the two applications by non-Tri-Citians. Shipman would not release the applicants' names.

"Because of the limited expressions of interest in the Richland municipal judgeship, your committee has been unable to carry out its charge to evaluate prospective candidates," the letter said.

"The committee feels that it is likely that more expressions of interest would have been received if compensation for this position were greater."

If Benton County switched to a district court system, which Franklin and most other counties in the state have, judges would be paid \$22,000 yearly. In the present Richland system, the judge is paid \$15,000 by the city and \$3,000 by the county for justice of the peace.

Also, the committee wrote, "It is possible that a qualified attorney could be found within the community to serve for a short time on an interim basis if necessary."

Yencopal will begin duties as a Benton-Franklin Superior Court judge in January and his replacement should be named as soon as possible in order to work with Yencopal before taking over, Shipman said.

"I will definitely move as fast as I can," the mayor commented Saturday. "I will immediately investigate the two transmittals."

The committee was headed by Battelle Northwest attorney Sam Farmer. Other members

were Rem Ryals, Joe Carroll, Robert Gilstrap, W. K. MacGready and Dave Walsh, all of whom signed the letter. All attended the three meetings in November, they wrote.

Although the mayor was sent another letter Thursday with names of 21 women "willing and capable of serving" on the screening committee, Shipman said Saturday, "the committee has finished its duty. This committee's done."

He said earlier he would put the letter on the agenda for Monday evening's city council meeting.

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mittee was not planned. It was just happenstance."

The letter questioned the lack of female representation, noted the affirmative action programs of the State Human Rights Commission and raised the possibility of urging a compliance review by the commission.

Co-signers were Murlal Templeton, Ann Brown, Kathy Utz, Isabelle Rosenfels, Barbara Eyre, Ann Worcester, Shirley Miller and Sheila Sullivan.

U.S. asked to halt Ross Dam

SEATTLE (AP) — The Canadian government has asked the U.S. State Department to intercede in a dispute over plans by Seattle City Light to raise the height of Ross Dam, the Seattle Times reported Friday.

The paper quoted Gordon Vickery, City Light superintendent, as saying that the utility's attorneys in Washington, D.C. had been advised of such a move. A meeting between Vickery and lawyers for the utility was scheduled Saturday.

Environmentalists on both sides of the border have opposed City Light's plan to raise the dam 12 1/2 feet, causing the Skagit River to flood more than 5,000 acres of land in British Columbia.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A group of Zionist terrorists known as the "Stern Gang" tried to assassinate President Harry Truman by a letter bomb in 1947, according to a new biography written by Truman's daughter.

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of his staff. The envelopes were found to contain "powdered gellignite, a pencil battery and a detonator rigged to explode the gellignite when the envelope was opened," wrote Mrs. Daniel.

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Senator marries nurse

SAUSALITO, Calif. (AP) — Sen. Carl T. Curtis, R-Neb., has married Mildred Baker, a Canadian-born nurse.

The small, double-ring ceremony took place Friday at Christ Episcopal Church. Curtis, whose first wife died in 1970, is 57. His new wife, who was divorced, is 59.

Mrs. Curtis is a nurse at Stanford University hospital but said she is looking forward to her new career as a senator's wife.

Curtis said they would honeymoon in Hawaii and return to Washington for the opening of Congress.

Council to adopt budget Tuesday

KAHLIOTUS — A \$25,362 city budget for 1973 is expected to be adopted Tuesday by the city council, Mayor L. A. Vonne Eckenbarger said Saturday.

No one other than council members appeared at the budget public hearing Friday evening, she said. Adoption of that budget is scheduled for the 7:30 p.m. council meeting Tuesday.

The 1973 total is about \$5,483 less than the current year's budget. Most of the decrease is because of less cash on hand and less tax revenues, the mayor reported last week.

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IRA, some of whom had fought to get the British out in 1919-20, began to stage a comeback.

They were helped by prominent members of Lynch's 1969 Cabinet. This much was admitted in parliament Friday by former Health Minister Neil T. Blaney.

Their aim was to build the IRA as a defensive organization for northern Catholics. This aim was quickly overtaken by the traditional objective of getting the British out.

Riot and demonstration quickly gave way to full-scale guerrilla war, waged in part from bases in the Irish republic. This year alone more than 100 soldiers and 400 civilians have died in the north.

The IRA now is split between the leftist Officials and the traditionalist Provisionals. A fanatically nationalist fringe organization called SAOR Eire — Free Ireland — has been active on the sidelines.

As IRA activity heightened in the north, so Protestants organized to meet it. The Ulster Volunteer Force, UUV, was the origin of some of the earliest bombings attacking

the Provisionals — it denies responsibility for the bombs which hit Dublin on Friday. Experience has shown that these details can usually be relied on. No one, however, would be surprised if the Dublin bombings were laid to the UUV. The motive would be revenge for the hundreds of bombs which have wrecked Belfast.

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Mayor marries his son

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