

REDS HALT ALLIES NEAR 2 STRONGHOLDS



NEW WORLD ROTARY PRESIDENT — Frank E. Spain (left), Birmingham, Ala., attorney, newly elected president of Rotary International, receives the gavel from retiring president Arthur Lagueux, Quebec, Canada at Atlantic City, N.J. (AP Wirephoto)

Phone Co. Asks Increases

Application, If Granted, Would Affect Roseburg, Other Douglas Localities

Sharp increases are in prospect for local telephone users if applications now before the public utilities commissioner are approved, reports R. J. Henwood, Roseburg manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The company has filed a request for rate increases totaling \$5,980,000 annually, which includes the application for \$2,900,000 made in April. The application is now pending in the supreme court.

Should the proposed increases be granted, Henwood said, monthly charges on the Roseburg exchange would be advanced from present to proposed rate as follows: Individual business phones, from \$7.50 to \$10.75; two-party business phones, \$5.75 to \$8.00; individual residence phones, \$4.50 to \$5.75; two-party residence phones, \$3.50 to \$4.45; four-party residence phones, \$2.75 to \$3.50; suburban business phones, \$3.00 to \$3.75; farmer line business phones, \$1.50 to \$2.00; farmer line residence phones \$1.00 to \$1.25.

For the Camas Valley exchange the monthly rates, present and proposed, would be: Business individual, \$4.25 to \$6.00; business two-party, \$4.00 to \$5.00; residence individual, \$3.50 to \$5.25; residence two-party, \$3.00 to \$3.25; residence four-party, \$2.50 to \$2.75; suburban business, \$3.25 to \$4.50; suburban residence, \$2.75 to \$3.00; farmer line business, \$1.25 to \$1.50; farmer line residence, 75c to \$1.00.

For the Glade exchange: Business individual, \$4.75 to \$6.50; business two-party, \$4.00 to \$5.50; residence individual, \$4.00 to \$4.80; residence two-party, \$3.25 to \$3.60; residence four-party, \$2.75 to \$2.90; suburban business, \$3.75 to \$5.00; suburban residence, \$3.00 to \$3.15; farmer line business, \$1.50 to \$1.75; farmer line residence, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

Under general increases, intrastate day station long distance rates will not be changed, except that on present 10c routes the initial period will be three instead of five minutes; minor increases at certain mileage steps ranging from 5c to 25c are proposed for night and Sunday station, as well as person long distance rates; local calls on coin box telephones would be increased from 3c to 10c.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington—on the political front: "Senators have put into motion a proposed inquiry into whether members of congress have improperly exerted pressure on Reconstruction Finance Administration loans."

A senate banking subcommittee late yesterday approved a staff report that several hundred letters and telegrams from lawmakers to the RFC do not show that the big government lending agency was subjected to pressures (from members of congress) which it could not have resisted.

What does it all mean? This, I'd say: The less said about the whole nasty RFC business from here on out the better it will be for the boys who are in office.

From Tallahassee, Florida—still on the political front: "The Florida house of representatives (Continued on Page 4)

R. R. FIREMAN SEND

MARTINEZ, Calif. — A stray bullet critically injured fireman John C. McLaughlin, 30, in his switch engine cab Wednesday night.

Physicians said he was too critical for an operation to remove the bullet from his brain. Police said someone practicing with a rifle presumably fired the shot.

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Russia Challenged In Move To End 4-Power Deadlock

Soviet Asked To List Issues For Discussion

N. Atlantic Pact Under Program Ban Because Russia Not Signatory

PARIS — (AP) — The United States, Britain and France have challenged Russia to accept a four-power foreign ministers' meeting in Washington July 23 "in the interests of strengthening peace."

The three western powers sent identical notes aimed at breaking the deadlock over what world tensions the four foreign ministers should discuss. The four-power deputies have been pointing out that in Paris since March.

The American, French and British deputies here handed the notes to Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko at their 64th meeting on a top-level conference agenda. Copies also were handed over at the Kremlin in Moscow by the western ambassadors.

The notes blamed lack of agreement on an agenda upon the Soviet insistence that the Big Four should discuss the North Atlantic pact and the establishment of U. S. bases in Europe.

The Soviet Union contends that the Atlantic pact is a major cause of international tension. The West rejects this claim.

Three Agendas Proposed The new notes point out that the western powers proposed on May 2 that there be three alternative agendas. One of these has become known as the "split agenda" because it contains only the U. S. and Russia's working side by side, on the questions of armaments and armed forces.

The notes contend that agreement could have been reached on this "split agenda" except for Russia's demand that the Atlantic pact be discussed. The West holds it is ready to attend a Big Four meeting on the basis of this "split agenda" or on either of the other two alternative agendas.

All three agendas call for the examination by the foreign ministers.

Commencement exercises for Roseburg Senior high school's class of 1951 — numbering 179 students — will be conducted at 8 o'clock tonight on Finlay field, weather permitting. The exercises will be held in the Senior high gym if it rains.

Dr. Albury Castell, author, lecturer and chairman of the department of philosophy at the University of Oregon, will give an address on the subject of "Darkness at Noon."

George Erickson, principal of Senior high school, will present the class and Vernon Harpham, chairman of the district 4 school board, will present the diploma.

Miss Hope Stubbs, who won top scholastic honors in the class, will deliver the valedictory and Gordon Gibbs, the salutatory.

Commissioner Richard G. Baker Dies Suddenly



RICHARD G. BAKER, 55, Douglas county commissioner, died Wednesday afternoon, Memorial day, as the result of a heart attack suffered Tuesday morning.

Baker, long active in Roseburg civic affairs, was elected to the position of county commissioner on the Democratic ticket at the general election in 1948 and took office in January 1949.

Baker was born in Bennington, Kan., Nov. 9, 1895, and moved with his parents to Colorado at an early age, and was married in that state to Myrtle Zenor, who survives.

He and his wife first came to Douglas county in the spring of 1924, and returned in the fall of 1927 to make their home. For 13 years he was employed by Hansen Motor Co. as a salesman and as sales manager. He then served six years with the sheriff's office, holding the position of criminal deputy.

Baker was a member of BPO Elks 326; Umpqua post 16, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Douglas County Sheriff's posse, holding the positions both of captain lieutenant and secretary-treasurer. He assisted in the management of the posse's rodeo for four years. He served in the First World War in France.

Surviving are the widow, Myrtle; two daughters, Mrs. Howard (Eva) Marsh, Roseburg, and Mrs. Clarence (Dora Mae) Mickesh, San Diego; one grandson, George Marsh, Roseburg; his mother, Mrs. Anna C. Baker, Greeley, Colo.; a brother, Oscar, and (Continued on Page 2)

The automobile reported to have been driven by Emmitt Meek when he disappeared May 13 has been recovered in Medford and impounded by Medford authorities, according to Roseburg police.

The car—a 1941 maroon Chevrolet — will be repossessed by Smith Motors of Roseburg, from whom Meek was being purchased the vehicle. Meek, former Roseburg barber, is still missing.

Piecemeal Use Of Air Force Frowned On

Tactical Units Should Be Held For European Duty, Secy. Finletter Warns

MINNEAPOLIS — (AP) — Most of the U. S. air force's tactical units, now numbering more than 50 groups, will be available to the North Atlantic treaty defense force, Secretary Thomas C. Finletter said here.

In an address prepared for delivery at a chamber of commerce meeting here, the secretary of the air force expressed opposition to any idea of "fritting away" parts of the strategic bomber force in extension of the Korean war to China — a position also expressed by the air force chief of staff, Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, in his recent testimony to senators investigating Gen. Douglas MacArthur's ouster.

2. Said that despite progress in building a long-range bomber force around the B-36 and still newer types of heavy bombers, the U. S. must continue to have overseas bases for strategic attack with its medium bombers.

3. Said "we are making substantial advances in the field of guided missiles and other methods of improving our air defense system" but U. S. air defense now and "for the future insofar as we can predict with reasonable certainty, is incapable by itself of guaranteeing us immunity from enemy atomic attack."

4. Warned that "unless our estimates are incorrect, the Communists have a very substantial tactical air force" being converted from old piston-engined planes to jets. (A tactical air force is composed (Continued on Page 2)

Iran To Grab Oil, Britain Notified

TEHRAN, Iran — (AP) — Iran's critical oil dispute snarled itself into a still tighter knot today as the government told Britain it plans to go ahead with nationalization of its giant oil-controlled oil industry at once. It gave the Anglo-Iranian company five days to make any suggestions.

A memorandum to the oil company left little hope of any solution to the problem, in the opinion of British observers here.

The note, outlining "regulations for execution" of the nationalization law, said a three-man government board was going to Khuzestan province, site of Anglo-Iranian's operations, to run the nationalized industry.

The British admiralty announced in London last night that the cruiser Mauritius had been alerted to sail for Iran if needed "for an evacuation or for any eventualities." The cruiser is now in Ceylon. The admiralty described the stand-by order as a routine precaution.

Wage-Price Control Scored

U. S. Chamber Executive Urges Alternative Plan To Stem Inflation Tide

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The U. S. chamber of commerce urged Congress today to wipe out the government's authority to control wages and prices and adopt in their stead an indirect program to combat inflation.

Herman W. Steinkrum of Bridgeport, Conn., president of the chamber's executive committee, said in a statement prepared for the house banking committee that price controls can only aggravate the inflation problem by stifling production and that the present wage board is encouraging wage boosts rather than controlling them.

Ex-Navy Officer Talks Of Letter That Fired Him

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A navy officer fired for writing a letter that called the Roosevelt-Truman-Acheson foreign policy Communist-influenced today his views are shared by "an overwhelming majority" of American fighting men in the Far East.

Former Lt. (J. G.) William H. Evans Jr., 27, of Edgewater, Md., said there is widespread belief among officers and men of all services engaged in the Korean war that the state department is "the enemy behind the enemy."

That contention already has been disputed by Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, who disclosed Evans' dismissal in questioning at the senate's MacArthur investigation. Sherman declared he did not think that was so and said a thorough investigation showed Evans' shipmates did not share Evans' views.

At a news conference today, the ex-officer produced a copy of the letter that led to his dismissal and said he felt it was his duty to write it.

In the letter Evans referred to Secretary of State Acheson as "Red Dean Acheson" and spoke of "his pro-Red gang." He wrote also of "that pro-Soviet, one world administration of ours and our senate, ignorant Congress."

The letter declared that "Americans are dying by the thousands, thanks to the pro-Red administration."

Evans wrote the letter to Alfred Kohlberg, New York importer and administration critic, while serving as assistant operations officer of the coast destroyer Rogers off the coast of Korea last April, and gave Kohlberg permission to publish it.

Public Parking Lot Plan Of Edward Kohlberg

The excavation in progress south of the Kohlberg apartments on Jackson and Mosher streets is for the purpose of making a public parking lot out of the formerly vacant area. Edward Kohlberg, representing the George Kohlberg estate, is making the arrangements.

The lot is expected to handle 60 automobiles on a monthly rental basis. It will be ready for operation within a few weeks, Edward Kohlberg said. Gravel will be used to surface it and three driveways will be installed.

Kohlberg said that apparently a concrete retaining wall will be necessary along Mosher street. Roseburg Sand and Gravel company is doing the excavating.

Enemy Fury Hits Allied Spearheads

Other United Nations Forces Regain Control Of Vital Hwachon Dam

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO — (AP) — Red troops fighting with renewed fury halted American advances today, 13 miles from the Communist Korean strongholds of Chorwon and Kumhwa.

Other United Nations forces regained control of the 275-foot-high Hwachon dam with comparative ease.

Across the 125-mile Korean front, Allied forces slogged through the mud for slow gains or fought off sharp attacks.

The stiffest fighting swirled against American spearheads on the western and west-central fronts pointed at Chorwon, and around Inje on the east-central sector.

Chinese units pitched a fantastic counterattack at dusk Wednesday against Americans in the hills around Yonchon, 13 miles southwest of Chorwon. In a night-long battle the Reds pushed the dough boys off the ridges and shoved them back 1,000 yards.

At dawn Thursday the Americans leaped to the attack. By noon they had regained their positions on the road to Chorwon.

Frontline officers estimated at least two Chinese divisions stood between the Americans and that Red stronghold, 60 miles north of Seoul.

Yonchon itself, said AP correspondent John Randolph, is a no-man's-land. Americans patrol it by day. Chinese by night.

The Chinese started their first spring offensive prematurely April 22 to keep the allies away from Chorwon. At that time U. N. forces were four miles away.

Another Red Attack Desired One of the announced objectives of the current allied counter-offensive is to force the Reds into another premature attack.

During such offensives the Chinese have been cut down in the greatest numbers.

Thirteen miles east of Yonchon on a highway leading toward Kumhwa, a Red regiment stopped an American advance south of Chipo.

Chinese and North Koreans are sensitive to any approach to Chorwon and Kumhwa. These points have been their main assembly and supply centers for months.

But Allied troops found tough (Continued on Page 2)

Accidents Kill Eight In Oregon On Memorial Day

By The Associated Press Violent death claimed eight lives in the Oregon Memorial day observance. Six died in two highway crashes. Two others drowned.

The worst highway wreck was on the northern Oregon shore near Astoria. There four were fatally injured when an automobile overturned and rolled into swampy land adjoining Smith lake, south of Hammond, Ore., late Wednesday night.

Coroner Raymond O. Luce of Clatsop county identified two of the victims as James McDermott, 44, and Thomas Slaton, about 60, both of Hammond. The other two were men from the 636th aircraft patrol and warning squadron at Fort Stevens. Their names were not disclosed.

In northeastern Oregon another car carrying four persons went off the road. Two were killed and another seriously injured. The car missed a curve on the old Oregon Trail highway eight miles east of La Grande.

The driver, I. E. Sorenson, Seattle, was killed, as was his niece, Mrs. Paul G. Hansen, who was visiting from Denmark.

Her husband, also from Denmark, was hospitalized at La Grande with a skull fracture, broken jaw and other injuries. The Hansens' daughter, about three years old, was uninjured.

Earlier in the day Thomas Lee, 25, Hood River, a commercial fisherman, drowned in the Columbia river. Bill Dexter, 14, St. Helens, was the other drowning victim. His body was recovered from the Rogue river near Grants Pass.

Driver Leaps To Safety As Truck Dives 90 Feet

A driver for the Williams Logging Co. jumped to safety when his loaded logging truck went out of control and plummeted 90 feet into a canyon Monday.

The accident occurred about seven miles west of Umpqua on the Hubbard creek road, according to information received here.

The truck hit a tree and rolled over the embankment.

The driver, whose name was not learned, was able to jump to safety just before the truck rolled over.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

If the weather vagaries of the month now closing are copied by future months of May, it—

May rain. May frost. May hail. May snow. May blaze.

SALUTE TO HEROIC DEAD—National guardsmen are pictured above firing a salute in honor of the nation's dead as part of the Memorial day services Wednesday on the Veterans hospital grounds. Boy Scouts are shown in the background and men forming the color guard are at the left. The Rev. W. A. MacArthur was the principal speaker for the service. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

The Roseburg municipal swimming pool is being filled today in preparation for opening to the public Saturday afternoon, reports City Manager W. A. Gilchrist.

Pool Manager Lyne Edley is arranging for securing personnel to handle the pool. Included will be lifeguards and dressing room attendants.