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Proposal Of School Merger To Go Before Voters Soon

The proposed consolidation of 11 outlying school districts with district four (Roseburg schools) will be decided upon in district elections soon.

That was the announcement made Friday by Paul S. Elliott, district four school superintendent. Petitions to the boundary board from each of the districts asking for election dates have been received by County School Superintendent Kenneth F. Barnberg. The action followed a meeting of district four school board with representatives from the outside districts Nov. 5.

Schools and districts affected by the decision are: Wilbur, district two; Green, three; Tennille, seven; Lookingglass, 13; Roberts Creek, 37; Garden Valley, 43; Umpqua, 45; Melrose, 71; Winchester, 94; Dillard, 116, and Riversdale, 123.

Approval of the consolidation would mean the administration of schools containing 1214 elementary pupils and 378 junior high school students in addition to those in district four, or a total of 4868. The figures were taken from statistics compiled Sept. 22, 1951.

Pupils now enrolled in Roseburg total 1823 elementary children in grades from one to six, and 464 junior high school students in the seventh and eighth grades.

Eighty-six percent of the total days attendance of the tuition students in the county come from these districts.

The report released by the school board of district four states: "The school board of school district four, in light of recent developments such as the increase of assessed valuation of the district, non-high school revenues available to districts in the vicinity of Roseburg, and uncertainties of the Holy bill now under referendum, is now of the opinion that the proposed consolidation may not, at the present time, be to the best interests of either school district four or the district involved."

Superintendent Elliott said it was imperative that the people of the district should have an opportunity to vote upon the issue, and the good feeling that now exists should be maintained.

Will Take Students

In the statement released, it was also stated that district four would continue taking out-of-district high school students on a tuition basis for an additional year — for the school year 1952-53 or until such time as they are given at least one year's notice of discontinuance.

This action supersedes a motion approved by school board members at a meeting Dec. 15, 1950, when it was voted to discontinue enrolling outside students for the 1952-53 school year.

There are 443 tuition high school students who are being taught at the Roseburg Senior high school this year, because their districts do not maintain high schools. Tuition is financed through a tax levied by the rural school board on all districts in the county, except first class district four. This cost would have to be paid by each district alone if the merger becomes effective.

Considered Earlier

At a meeting of school district four board of directors Feb. 1, 1951, the problem of consolidation was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that the southern districts — five, seven, 13, 37, 43 and 45 — would benefit more on a long-term basis by consolidating with each other.

Four schools — Dillard, Tennille, Lookingglass and Camas Valley — balloted on consolidation earlier in the year, but Lookingglass and Camas Valley rejected the merger.

While Dillard and Tennille did consolidate, a remonstrance was filed at the regular school election June 18 and the consolidation was dissolved.

Superintendent Elliott said the present proposal was initiated to give districts an opportunity to pass upon the issue.

Atomic Hoax Nets Swindler Large Purse

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Samuel D. Mason was sentenced here yesterday on charges growing out of "fantastic machinations" a senate subcommittee said he used to convert fears of atomic attack into a \$250,000 swindle.

On counts of perjury, grand larceny and failure to make income tax returns, Mason was sentenced in district court to four to 12 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The pudgy little New Yorker with a peg leg, big ideas and a penchant for the race tracks, associated members of the senate investigation subcommittee last summer with what Chairman Hoot (D-N.C.) called "one of the most fantastic stories ever told."

Priests Gyped

Two priests of the Greek Catholic church, a Boston contractor and a Philadelphia foreign language newspaperman said Mason got a total of about \$250,000 from them. They said he told them it was "sewer money" — bribes to be paid government officials in position to swing leases on government buildings.

The buildings, they said Mason predicted, would be vacated when the government moved into underground quarters to escape atomic bombing.

Mason admitted getting about \$100,000, and asked the senators: "What's wrong with that?"

In answer, the senators issued a report branding Mason as a "complete fraud" and turned the case over to the justice department.

Mason told the senators he paid all but 25 percent of what he took in with his atomic attack swindle to a "Vince Eungart" in Washington, and that Eungart had gone to Australia.

The report called Eungart a "figment of Mason's imagination."

On Oct. 11 Mason pleaded guilty to 11 of 15 counts of perjury (before the senators) and grand larceny, and later to two counts of failure to file income tax reports in 1948 and 1949.

Ruler Remind United States Of British Role

Peculiar Risks Taken Cited As Main Reason For American Support

LONDON — (AP) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill brooked suggested last night that United States give the "fullest consideration" to Britain's need financial help for her rearmament program and her sagging economy.

"I feel sure this will not be shed as Churchill will speak at the annual dinner given by Lord Mayor of London."

As the 76-year-old wartime leader's suggestions were being made, a British treasury official said government will act — for the first time in 11 months — for fear of a recession.

One informant estimated Britain would ask for \$300,000,000.

Believes Country Will Receive

Churchill based his belief Britain would get American aid on the fact that the country has provided the principal forward U. S. atomic base. "It must not be forgotten," he said, "that under the late (Liz) government we took peculiar steps in providing the principal base for the United States in England (eastern England), that in consequence we placed ourselves in the very forefront of viet antagonism."

"We have, therefore, every right and every right to seek and receive the fullest consideration from Americans for our point of view, and I feel sure this will be denied us."

Churchill's reference to Britain as the principal U. S. atomic base pertained to the more than 20 American men at six bases all over the country. But no U. S. or American official would say whether any atomic bombs are stored in England.

Presses Cooperation

Churchill said he wanted to Britain "play her full part" in anti-Communist world. But he said the country first must regain financial solvency.

The Conservative Prime Minister paid high praise to an American ally.

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Marines Blast Red Positions In Big Assault

Allied Raiding Parties Meet Stiff Resistance; Chinese Move Troops

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR
U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS, Korea — (AP) — North Korean troops on the eastern front were unwilling "guests" of First division marines celebrating the corps' 176th birthday today.

The Leathernecks marked the anniversary with a terrific aerial and artillery attack on a line of Communist-held hills, northeast of the punchbowl.

Another anniversary—Armistice day, Sunday—will be "business as usual" for the U. S. Eighth army, its commander, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, said in a statement.

Allied raiding parties met stubborn Red resistance Saturday as they stormed Communist positions along the Western front. The Reds used small arms, automatic weapons, mortars and hand grenades against the U. N. troops.

Artillery Pounds Enemy

After the raiding parties returned to their own lines United Nations artillery pounded the Reds.

An Allied officer told AP correspondent Milo Farnell the Chinese Reds were "apparently moving in a whole new corps" (about 30,000 men) to replace the one badly chewed up near Kumsong last month.

Elsewhere on the quiet, cold battle front, U. N. command patrols met only light, sporadic resistance Saturday.

No Opposition Met

Allied jet fighters swept the North Korean skies without spotting a single Communist plane up to noon today, the air force said.

For several days marine planes dropped pamphlets on North Korean lines inviting Communist troops to the Leathernecks' birthday party. After Saturday's barrage, the Marines cut big birthday cakes flown in by helicopter.

Elsewhere, an Eighth army briefing officer said, no Red force larger than a company had been reported in action anywhere on the battle line since Friday.

Truce Negotiators Haggle Over Future Adjustments In Tentative Peace Draft

By NATE POLOWETSKY

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP) — U. N. truce negotiators today gave up the idea of swapping hard-won land in central and eastern Korea for Kaesong in the west, if and when a cease-fire line is drawn.

A new proposal submitted by allied negotiators at Panmunjom called for a cease-fire buffer zone based on the line of contact and provided for only "such minor local adjustments as may be mutually considered desirable." The line would be determined after

other points on the armistice agenda are settled.

In nearly all past proposals the allies demanded "appropriate adjustment" be made in fixing the line.

Observers have taken this to mean that the U. N. allies wanted compensation for whatever territory they were giving up when the cease-fire line was settled. The allies have said they were willing to give up territory in the east for Kaesong in the west, because it is vital to the protection of allied-held Seoul, South Korean capital.

Kaesong May Be Held

The possibility remained that Kaesong might be in United Nations hands when a cease-fire line eventually is plotted.

Presumably both offers will be discussed when the subcommittees meet in their 18th session Sunday morning.

Red China's Peiping radio Saturday night quoted a story by a communist newsmen at Panmunjom as saying "if the Americans give up their demand for Kaesong, a settlement can be reached in a matter of hours."

The story was by Alton Winnington of the London Daily Worker. Winnington said Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, official U. N. spokesman, had lied and had distorted the communist position.

Nuckols said at a briefing the Red reaction to the new United Nations offer was "generally negative, but they didn't close the door."

The red proposal was that the demarcation line and buffer zone be established immediately.

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42 Listed Dead As Direct Result Of Auto Accidents

The county's traffic death toll officially stands at 42 for this year.

District Attorney Robert G. Davis made the announcement Friday after a thorough check through accident records in the county.

Ten cars involved in serious accidents in Douglas county this year went on display today on Jackson street as part of the county's traffic safety campaign.

Officers Explain

A public address system was broadcasting taped interviews of accidents provided by the Washington state patrol's "Could This Be You?" radio program. Officers were on hand to explain the accidents and answer questions.

A map of the county showing a red "X" denoting each fatal accident this year also went on display this morning. The map was drawn by Dan Mondolovich, news review staff artist.

Included in the ten wrecks on display are a 1948 coupe in which a man was fatally injured in a car crash Oct. 23, a 1948 Buick in which another man was fatally injured when his car crashed into a truck Oct. 21, and a third vehicle which smashed into the rear of a truck Oct. 16 and sent four to the hospital where they are still confined in serious condition.

Former College Professor Arrested On Drug Charge

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — William Lempi, 46, who says he was formerly a criminology professor at the University of Chicago, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of selling narcotics.

Lempi, who has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California, was discharged from the Los Angeles police force in 1933 for conduct unbecoming an officer, Matt O'Connor, state narcotics inspector, said.

Officers said Lempi had five heroin capsules on his person when he was arrested. He told police he taught criminology and elements of police science at Chicago about 10 years ago.

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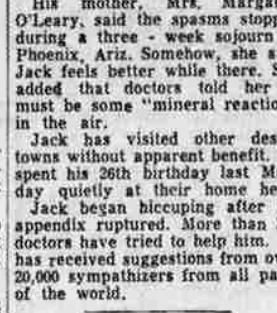
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Traveling Officials Press Air Group

By FRANCIS J. KELLY

WASHINGTON — (AP) — So many congressmen are going abroad that the military air transport service is said to be hard pressed to provide them suitable planes.

In addition, the State department is reported running short of escort officers.

Approximately 90 House members and 19 Senators are now overseas or are planning official excursions during the current adjournment of Congress. Others completed tours earlier in the year.

Although a few groups chose to travel by ship, most of the lawmakers preferred to go by air, covering a greater amount of territory. Several of the journeys extend around the world.

The Defense department is finding it a headache to rustle up enough planes of the type usually assigned to VIPs — very important persons — officials say. Practically all insist upon plush, four-engine ships. An exception is one small group planning to leave soon for South America, where many airfields will accommodate only the smaller two-engine jobs.

WELL-BELOVED?

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (AP) — John R. Wellbeloved doesn't think he is. He said yesterday that his wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Wellbeloved, "fussed, nagged and argued continually," which made life pretty miserable.

All came out in a divorce petition he filed in superior court.

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The Weather

Showers this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon and Sunday.

Highest temp. for any Nov.	74
Lowest temp. for any Nov.	44
Highest temp. yesterday	57
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	48
Precip. last 24 hours	.67
Precip. from Nov. 1	.70
Precip. from Sept. 1	7.11
Excess	1.86

Sunset today, 4:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:01 a.m.

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