

SOVIET PLANE ATTACK TERMED POST-STALIN JITTERS

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR
By Paul Jenkins



CLYDE BLAZER, conductor of the shine stand in the lobby of the Umpqua hotel, industriously polishes Bob Bellows' shoes as the latter sat in the high level chair with the introspective look so peculiar to and characteristic of, all individuals having their shoes shined. Or, so it seems to me. Clyde came to Roseburg four months ago from California. He lives alone at the Roseburg Auto Court.

Edwards Says Highway 99 Will Be Second To None

When the present highway program through Douglas and southern Lane County is completed the state of Oregon will have a limited access freeway from Eugene to Grants Pass second to none in the West, and comparable to the famed New Jersey Turnpike.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE
Burdette Leland Johnson, 38, of Roseburg, was lodged in jail Thursday night on a charge of drunk driving, according to city police. Arraigned before Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle this morning, Johnson was granted until Monday to enter a plea.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Here's something to think about. Combined earnings of the first 296 manufacturing and service industries to report their earnings for 1952 show net profits (after taxes) DOWN by 7.4 per cent. Combined reports of 59 utilities show earnings UP by 12.8 per cent. And 131 leading railroads report combined net earnings UP 21.4 per cent over 1951.

If you're older than you like to admit, you can remember back to when railroads and other public utilities were first regulated by the government. We regulated them because we were getting sore at them. We thought they were making too much money, and we suspected they might be doing it by squeezing competition.
So, in the nation as a whole, we put the railroads under the thumb of the interstate commerce commission, with power to fix their rates, and in the states we put

The Weather

Partly cloudy with few showers today, increasing cloudiness tonight, becoming cloudy Saturday.
Highest temp. last 24 hours... 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours... 35
Highest temp. for any March... 55
Lowest temp. for any March... 18
Precip. last 24 hours... .11
Precip. from March 1... .57
Precip. from Sept. 1... 27.41
Excess from Sept. 1... 4.20
Sunset today, 6:17 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:28 a.m.

School Reorganization Aim To Eliminate Complexity

By ESTHER GEDDES
The Wednesday meeting of the education committee in the Senate was largely taken up in a decision as to whether the committee temporarily favors the overall majority vote while still searching for any better and more popular voting procedure, to be used in an effort to evolve a new and acceptable school reorganization plan.
In a democracy based upon the premise that rule by the majority is the best in the long run it is surprising to find that in this realm there are many who bitterly oppose it and insist that the minority be held sacred. One senator remarked that in this country we work on the belief that the majority of the people are honest and decent and interested in good government. In fact all the people are honest — but some are "honest."

The most vocal supporters of local control and minority rule admit that under the present system this is resulting in real damage to the effectiveness of our educational system and to our future citizens in school but they deny the majority the right to decide what is good and desirable.
To illustrate the complexity of our present setup it is only necessary to say that there are approximately ten kinds of school districts in Oregon, many overlapping, and there are school districts in Oregon which do not even have one school in them. I am told that in Forest Grove there are five different kinds of school districts all operating automatically without any legal arrangement for cooperation or economical administration.
One of the goals of the reorganization plan is to have every school district built around at least one school. Some committee members mildly suggest that a master plan be set up and used only as a guide to help local districts into sounder educational practice. Others deride this as being like a doctor, who hospitalizes his patient, and then says he hopes the patient will take certain medications, if he wants to.
When I questioned Senator Giersbach (controversial President of

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U.S. Note Warns Against Attacks

Czechs Told Fliers Must Avoid Firing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States told Communist Czechoslovakia Friday that American authorities in Germany will take the measures necessary to prevent further border attacks by Czech aircraft.

This notice was given in a second protest note demanding an apology and compensation for the shooting down of an American jet plane last Tuesday.

Two Communist MIG-15s, flying out of Czechoslovakia, jumped the U. S. plane while it was on a routine patrol flight.

The pilot parachuted to safety. The note was delivered in Prague Friday morning by Ambassador George Wadsworth.

It charged the "Czechoslovak government" with "falsification of facts" in contending the U. S. plane had violated Czech territory.

Radar established beyond question, the U. S. note said, that the American plane was shot down well within the border of the American Zone of Germany.

The note said that the American jets were under U. S. radar surveillance at all times and declared, "The American aircraft did not cross the Czechoslovak border at any time."

The note continued: "The Czechoslovak government's attempted explanation of this provocative incident is a falsification of facts designed to cover its responsibility for this inexcusable action."

The Czech Foreign Office was reminded that after a series of border incidents in 1951, the Czechoslovak Air Force had been instructed to keep a distance of 20 kilometers (about 12 miles) from the U. S. Zone. Thereafter the Foreign Office admitted several violations by Czech aircraft.

Schools Schedule Spring Vacations

All the Roseburg schools and several others in Douglas County next week will take their spring vacations, while others in the county have scheduled April adjournments.

Schools in Roseburg will have the entire week off, as will those in Green, Garfield, Glendale, Myrtle Creek, Reedsport and Tillamook.

Other schools have scheduled vacations as follows, according to County School Superintendent Kenneth Barneburg:

March 17-20—Tillamook; March 16-17—Oakland, Camas Valley, Drain and Elkton; March 16-18—Canyonville and Riddle.

Tiller School will be out between April 2 to 6; Sutherlin April 3-6, and Garden Valley April 20-24.

Other schools either will not take spring vacations, or have not notified the county school office of their dates.

All dates are subject to change, Barneburg said.

Elder Assigned Vehicle Division Local Manager



ROBERT M. ELDER

Robert M. Elder, above, is the new Roseburg branch manager of the secretary of state's motor vehicle division on North Main Street. Elder moved here from Klamath Falls last month and accepted the position.

He has been in law enforcement work for 19 years and recently was city judge and recorder at Klamath Falls. Before that he was with the Klamath Falls police department, later a juvenile officer in Medford for six years, and subsequently with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for four years.

Jets Down MIGs In New Action Over War Front

By STAN CARTER
SEOUL (AP) — U. S. Sabre jets sent six Russian-built MIG-15s spinning to destruction Friday as Col. Royal N. Baker became America's top jet ace with 12 MIGs shot down.

The bag ran the toll of MIGs since the Korean War started to 604. Of that number, 585 have been destroyed by Sabres. Up to March 7, the Air Force said, 52 Sabres were lost in air combat, a victory ratio of nearly 12-1.

While the swift Sabres raised a curtain of protective fire to the north, U. N. fighter-bombers plastered Red targets closer to the front.

Twenty-four Thunderjets bombed a Red troop center south of Kangdong into flaming ruins. Others battered rail and road supply lines and rained their destructive bomb loads on the Red front lines.

B-29 Superforts roared through the pre-dawn darkness and loosed 140 tons of high explosives on Red supply dumps on North Korea's West Coast. Seven of the big planes hammered Namsan and seven others hit Yangjichon, both on the main West coast rail line.

Another Superfort attacked the Red front lines on the Western and Central fronts.

Civil Rights, Constitution Face Battles

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Tense battles over the civil rights and constitutional convention issues shaped up Friday as the Oregon Legislature prepared to debate them.

Sen. Eugene Allen, Portland Democrat, gave notice he would lead a floor fight Monday to toughen the civil rights bill.

And Rep. David Baum, La Grande, introduced his resolution to have a legislative interim committee draft suggested amendments to the present Constitution, or write a new one. This proposal directly opposes Gov. Paul L. Patterson's request that the state have a constitutional convention in 1956 to write a new constitution.

The civil rights bill, favored 5 to 2 by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would compel places selling food or drink, lodging and amusement to serve anybody, regardless of his race or religion. It will be on Monday's Senate calendar.

Allen said he will lead an attempt to amend the bill so it would apply to barber shops, beauty parlors, apartment houses, hospitals and rented homes.

He said his action is the result of opposition to the bill by hotel, motor court, tavern, and club groups.

One member of the Judiciary Committee, Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon, will try to kill the whole bill. Another member, Sen. Gene Brown of Grants Pass, will make a pitch to get it referred to the people.

Baum's interim committee to change the Constitution would consist of 10 representatives, six senators and five persons appointed by the governor.

It will go to the House State and Federal Affairs Committee, which is expected to favor the constitutional convention idea.

This committee would decide whether the Constitution should be changed. It would submit its recommendations to the 1953 Legislature, which would pass them on to the people.

Multnomah County Legislators who are fighting the House-passed bill to allow tolls on the Vancouver-Portland highway bridge were advised by Attorney General Robert F. Thornton that the bill is constitutional.

The tolls would be charged in order to finance a second bridge. The controversial bill to prohibit carrying loaded guns in automobiles was approved by the Senate Game Committee.

Traffic Violators Not Eligible For 'Road-o'

Teen-age motorists, to be eligible to compete in the Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored "road-o" must not have been convicted of a moving traffic violation within the last six months, Jaycee officials announced today.

The competition will be held to select the community's most skillful driver under the age of 20. The selection will be made April 25.

A moving traffic violation is defined as a traffic infraction made while the vehicle is in motion.

Drivers cited for moving violations may compete, but if they win they would be disqualified.

OUT-OF-STATERS ONLY

Over-time parking fines will be paid by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce for out-of-state motorists only, President Ernie Barker reports. It was previously reported that fines would be paid for out-of-county motorists.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Ladd Takes Suburban Job, Crain Goes To Riverside, McKee Benson Principal

Three major changes among school heads in School District No. 4 have been announced by M. C. Deller, superintendent of Roseburg Schools.

One, announced Monday night at the school board meeting, was selection of Earl Ladd, principal of Riverside School, as suburban director. He will be director of five schools at Wilbur, Winchester, Melrose, Riverside and Edenbower.

Replacing him at Riverside School will be Roy E. Crain, presently principal at Benson School. Crain in turn is being replaced by Robert McKee, now vice principal at the Junior High School.

No successor to McKee has yet been named, Deller said.

The three appointments are effective with the beginning of school in September.

Ladd is a six-year veteran of principalships in the public schools here. He was principal at Benson for one year after having been at Riverside for five years. He came from Oklahoma, where he had been principal at Strand. He received his bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Oklahoma A&M, and is working on his master's degree at Southern Oregon College of Education.

While in Roseburg, Ladd has been active in Boy Scout work, being a member of the council executive committee. He holds the Silver Beaver award, highest award

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Rural Douglas County Growth Is Phenomenal

The growth of Douglas County areas served by the Douglas Electric Cooperative has been "phenomenal" as evidenced by the increase of consumption in the last 10 years.

The cooperative's annual report for 1952 states that the average yearly power use per consumer has increased from 995 KWH in 1942 to 7,383 KWH in 1952. At the same time, the average cost paid by the consumer per kilowatt hour has decreased from 3.64 cents in 1942 to 1.87 cents in 1952.

Recent economic studies of the cooperative area indicate that consumer growth and power use increase will continue at a rapid rate for several years to come," the report continues.

The electrical development plans of the cooperative are being coordinated with expected construction expansion, according to the report. Present plans propose the construction of a transmission line from Drain to Elkton, terminated by an all-steel substation.

Suit Asks \$20,000 For Accident Hurts

Suit for \$20,135.95 was filed Wednesday in Circuit Court by Lounia Fleming, who claims she was injured Jan. 5, 1952, when her car was struck from behind by another automobile driven by William M. Ralston between Myrtle Creek and Canyonville.

The complaint asks \$20,000 general damages and \$135.95 special damages.

She alleges that she suffered spinal and leg injuries in the mishap.

ACCIDENT REPORTED

City police reported an accident Thursday night on Military Street involving cars driven by Ross James Horn, 1414 1/2 Military, and Neal Franklin Harding, Rt. 3, Roseburg. Damage was minor.

British Term Russian Act As 'Murder'

LONDON (AP) — British officials said Friday Soviet attacks on British and American planes were evidence of post-Stalin jitters behind the Iron Curtain.

Highly-placed officials said they believed the MIG fighter attack that cost Britain a Lincoln bomber and six lives near Hamburg, Germany, Thursday was due less to trigger-happiness on the part of the MIG crews than nervousness in higher echelons of the Kremlin.

"Since the death of Stalin," one informant said, "the Communists have become very jumpy indeed about vigilance around their borders. Flares have probably been told there is greater danger of attack from outside, now that Stalin is dead, and they are taking it seriously."

Britain protested to Soviet authorities in Germany Friday against what the official note termed "this deliberate and brutal act of aggression involving murder."

A few hours later, an Air Ministry statement said the bomber

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'Barbaric', Says Anthony Eden Of Plane Attack

NEW YORK (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has denounced as "barbaric" the shooting down of an RAF bomber by a pair of Soviet MIG jets.

Eden, delivering a major speech Thursday before the Foreign Policy Association, departed from his prepared text to lash out at Russia over yesterday's attack on the British plane, which killed five of the nation's crewmen.

Reading text, Eden said the U.S. and Britain stood ready to negotiate with Russia — despite Premier Stalin's death — and that both nations would welcome a similar intention from the Soviets.

Discarding the text momentarily, Eden added: "There is nothing of the kind up to the present. On the contrary we have today heard of the shooting down while on a routine exercise of a Royal Air Force training bomber."

"Deliberate and unprovoked attacks of this kind by what are supposed to be friendly forces can only be called barbaric."

More than 1,500 persons jammed the main ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to hear Eden's speech, which also had a nationwide radio and television audience. Eden urged the United States to fight only a "partial" war in Korea, which he termed a "thankless" assignment.

Eden was interrupted with applause when he said that no goods of strategic importance had gone to Red China from British sources in nearly two years.

New Truck Line Opens Locally

The Paulson Truck Line, Inc. established its headquarters in Roseburg this week.

It was formerly the O'Brien Truck Line of Myrtle Creek, but was bought out this week by A. W. Paulson and Quintus Dickerson. Paulson reports that the headquarters of the company will be located at 2501 Airport Rd. with a sub-station at Myrtle Creek. The line specializes in heavy hauling.

At present, the line has one truck and two trailers, but another truck and trailer will be added sometime in April and a third sometime in the near future.

Officer Interference Is Charged To Winston Man

Jimmie C. McCallister, 23, Winston, was arrested Thursday on a charge of interfering with an arresting officer, according to Police Chief Stan O. Olson. He pleaded guilty this morning in city court and was fined \$20.

Officers said McCallister had interfered with an officer in the arrests of several juvenile girls.



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Named Suburban Director



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New Benson Principal

Roseburg Aerie Of Eagles To Occupy Building Tuesday

The Roseburg Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will hold its first meeting in its new building Tuesday evening. The building, which cost approximately \$75,000, is located at 504 South Stephens St.

The new building, erected by Todd Construction Co., was nearing its finishing touches this week. The Eagles will occupy the second floor, which boasts one of the largest dance floors in the city. It is about 50 by 80 feet, indirectly lighted and air-conditioned.

The club room will accommodate 200 people. It is equipped with restaurant, which will be open at 11 a.m. to midnight every day except Monday for members and guests. The club room also contains a leatherette bar.

Douglas Hardware will occupy most of the ground floor, and it is expected to move into the building before April 1, according to Barney Root, secretary of the lodge. Offices of the Southern Oregon Log Scaling and Grading Bureau also will be on the ground floor on the Flood Street entrance. The bureau will move into its new quarters on Monday.

A parking area south of the building is being finished for members of the lodge and patrons of Douglas Hardware and the Log Scaling and Grading Bureau.



ROSEBURG EAGLES BUILDING—Members of the Roseburg Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Tuesday will have their initial meeting in their new \$75,000 building at 504 South Stephens Street. Douglas Hardware and the Southern Oregon Log Scaling and Grading Bureau will occupy space on the ground floor. Lodge rooms are on the second floor. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Tape Recordings Of Crabb Murder Trial To Be Aired

Radio station KRNR's novel tape recording of the Chester Dean Crabb murder trial will be rebroadcast starting Monday night in a series of five one-half hour shows.

Recordings of testimony of the participants in the first-degree murder trial will be heard each night Monday through Friday from 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., according to News Editor Robert Grant, who is handling the project.

The recordings have been edited down from a dozen rolls of tape recordings of the week-long trial in which the defendant, Crabb, was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Georgia Lucille Lang. The jury of five men and seven women recommended life imprisonment.

The radio station will broadcast recordings of the testimony of Crabb and John William Coffield, the state's key witness in the murder trial.

"The tape recordings have been edited in line with good taste and to uphold the dignity of the court," Grant said.

Parts of Crabb's testimony will be broadcast up to the point where he claims he chased the screaming girl across a field after she "went wild."

Crabb was on the stand for a solid 3 1/2 hours during the latter

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Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reitenstein

Uncle Sam's protest to Czechoslovakia on the downing of one of his planes will probably prove as effective as his documentary effort to free William Oatis, who still languishes in a Czech prison.