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Nehru Rejects U.N. Offer



Will Not Send Diplomat With Hammarskjöld

By EUGENE LEVIN
NEW DELHI, (AP) — Authoritative sources said Monday that Indian Prime Minister Nehru has refused a suggestion from U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld that a senior Indian diplomat accompany him to Peiping.

These sources said Nehru based his refusal on the contention that India had abstained from the General Assembly vote under which Hammarskjöld is making his trip and therefore could not associate itself fully with the mission.

The U. N. official and his party left by Indian government plane Monday afternoon on the next leg of the trip to Peiping seeking the release of 11 American airmen and other U. N. personnel held by the Reds.

It could not be learned whether Hammarskjöld made his suggestion that an Indian join him prior to his arrival in New Delhi Sunday, or during his stay here.

But the outcome of the suggestion only made more apparent the standoff attitude the Indian government is taking to the secretary general's trip.

Hammarskjöld had his only meeting with Nehru Monday morning, 19 hours after his arrival from London. They talked alone for two hours, then were joined for 15 minutes by V. K. Krishna Menon, chief Indian delegate to the last U. N. Assembly, and N. R. Pillai, secretary general of the Indian foreign ministry.

Neither Indian nor U. N. spokesmen revealed what was said. After the talk, Nehru entertained his visitor at lunch.

Neither Nehru nor Krishna Menon had been at the airport to greet Hammarskjöld on arrival. And again only lower ranking Indian officials—none of ministerial rank—were on hand to see the party's takeoff for Canton.

OFF TO CHINA—Secy. Gen. of the U.N. Dag Hammarskjöld (left) is on his way to Peiping to seek the release of 11 imprisoned American airmen in a showdown with Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai. In his party is William J. Ranallo, 32 (right), of Pittsburgh, Pa., his personal aide who served as chauffeur and bodyguard. Ranallo is the only American in the group.

Special Committee Warns Not To Be Deceived By Red 'Peaceful Coexistence'

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional committee today cautioned the world not to be deceived by Communist "peaceful coexistence" propaganda but to be prepared for "armed aggression" when Russia "is convinced the proper time has arrived."

The Kremlin's "peaceful coexistence" line, the committee said, is propaganda designed to gain time to divide and destroy free world alliances and pave the way for World War III.

To counteract the Communist menace, the committee urged that the United States "immediately launch a positive, bi-partisan, political offensive against the international Communist conspiracy."

Douglas County, State Officials Take Over New Positions Today

Various elected officials took over their new posts Monday throughout Oregon and the United States.

In Douglas County, Commissioner Frank Ashley replaced Lynn V. Beckley in the vital county court seat, and Assessor Morris Bowker took over the duties of Ned Dixon.

Neither Beckley nor Dixon have told their plans for the future. Beckley was ousted in the hottest race on the local scene.

In office the last six weeks is District Judge Warren A. Woodruff, elected to replace Elmer G. Baldwin who held post under temporary appointment.

Various new city officials are assuming duties in towns throughout the county.

The county's re-elected legislators, V. T. Jackson and John Amacher, are beginning duties in Salem. Harris Ellsworth, congressional representative for this area, is back in the nation's capital, as is new Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In this first week of the year 1955, let's take a look at the future—a hopeful look; not a gloomy look. The optimist, you know, looks at the doughnut; the pessimist LOOKS AT THE HOLE.

Let's be optimists, for a change.

Let's look first at the people who work (in this world it's the people who WORK that count.) The economists have a technical name for the total number of those who work. They call it "total labor force."

Back in 1929 our total labor force was 49.4 millions.

In 1950 it was 63.1 millions. In 1975 it is expected to be 80.7 millions.

He will ask: Where will they ALL FIND JOBS?

The pessimist will be shocked by these figures.

The optimist will cite him to another economist term—"The gross national product is the value

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Tuesday. Continued cool.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 45

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 31

Highest temp. any Jan. 71

Lowest temp. any Jan. -6

Precip. last 24 hours .61

Precip. from Jan. 1 .7

Precip. from Sept. 1 10.20

Deficiency from Sept. 1 3.73

Sunrise tonight, 4:50 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:46 a.m.

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Holiday Comparatively Safe



A WELL-KNOWN DOUGLAS COUNTY EATERY was knocked down from its foundations at 5 a.m. Sunday. Complete disorder greeted the owner of Ford's when he came to view the accident caused by a Beaverton motorist. (Ruth Evans photo)

8,008 Security Risks Dropped

By DONALD SANDERS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration reported Monday that the number of persons it has dropped from the federal payroll and classified as security risks has reached 8,008, of whom 2,006 had "subversive data" in their files.

Of the total, 3,002 were listed as fired outright and 5,006 as having resigned before final determination of their cases. The total represented about one third of one percent of the approximately 2.37 million federal workers.

This new report on operations of its controversial security program was issued by the administration just two days before the convening of the new Democratic-controlled Congress, which promises to give the operation close scrutiny.

Many Democrats have challenged the figures, calling them a "hoax", and a "numbers game."

Sen. Johnston (D-SC), in line to head the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee in the new Congress, has said that group will conduct a full inquiry.

He already has asked for a full report on the program from the Civil Service Commission, which keeps an eye on the operation for the White House and submits periodic reports such as the one it issued Monday.

The program is aimed at weeding out drunks, gossips and people with records as law violators as well as Communists, travel travelers and persons of questionable loyalty. Unlike the program of the Truman administration, it makes no distinction between the disloyal and the security risk.

Assessor Bowker Named To Legislative Committee

Douglas County Assessor Morris C. Bowker has been appointed chairman of the legislative committee of the Oregon State Assn. of County Assessors.

The appointment was made by Leslie M. Ross, Deschutes County assessor and association president.

Allan Tuttle, chief appraiser in the Douglas County assessor's office, was also appointed to the appraisal committee of the association to study methods for improvement of appraisal procedure.

Bowker officially took over duties as assessor today, replacing Ned Dixon who did not seek reelection.

First True Test Of Polio Vaccine Soon To Be Known

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Scientists today will take a crucial test that will soon tell them whether the long-heralded vaccine of Dr.

Douglas County headquarters for the 1955 March of Dimes campaign were set up Monday at Trowbridge Electric in Roseburg, according to county chairman Mrs. Walter Brittle. The office will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jonas Salk has conquered infantile paralysis.

Basel O'Connor, chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, told a radio audience Sunday night that a research team in Ann Arbor, Mich., will make its first use of a code that will show which of 1,820,000 second-grade

Driver Injured When Auto Hits Highway Cafe

Three persons were hurt, none seriously, in a comparatively safe New Year's weekend in traffic in Douglas County. Six accidents were reported to state and Roseburg police, five of them in Roseburg. Three of the five were of a hit-run variety.

The jolting impact of an automobile driven by a Beaverton man this morning damaged Sunday morning to Ford's Cafe north of Canbyville on Highway 99. In continuous operation since 1927, the cafe was apparently temporarily put out of business by the jolt.

Owner Henry Ford was unable to tell Myrtle Creek News-Review Correspondent Ruth Evans just what the damage would come to. State police said the building was pushed 18 inches south by the collision.

Police said the driver of the car, Estel Milton Straight, 31, suffered head lacerations which were not serious. He was taken to Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville and was expected to be in the hospital for a few days.

Three passengers riding with Straight were apparently uninjured. They were Mrs. Loeta Pearl Morgan, 33, Teddy Joe Morgan, 13, and Rita Jean Morgan, 10, all of Portland.

According to state police the Beaverton car was going south on 99. Straight told them his car started to zigzag as it came off the South Umpqua Bridge. He said he lost control of the vehicle and was unable to prevent its plunging into the northwest corner of the cafe. Police said every window in the building except one was broken by the impact.

Correspondent Evans said the force of the collision appeared to knock the building from its foundation.

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Key Witness In Hormel Case Held By Officials

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — The key witness in the George A. Hormel II marijuana case, Robert (Iggy) Shevak, 36, is in jail today on suspicion of possessing heroin.

Sheriff's narcotics officers said they found two capsules of heroin Saturday hidden in a flashlight in Shevak's car. Shevak formerly played string bass in a trio led by Hormel, 26.

The piano-playing seion of the meat-packing family is scheduled for trial Tuesday on a marijuana possession charge.

Youth Drowns After Seizure

Douglas County's unnatural death toll reached 83 before midnight of 1954's last day Friday.

The last victim was Russell Walker Jennie, 15, of Umpqua. The boy drowned in a mud puddle as the result of a freak accident about 5 p.m. Friday, according to Coroner L. L. Powers.

Powers reports the boy was riding his bicycle on the Cal Henry Logging road near Umpqua when he was struck with a "seizure" of some type. The youth apparently fell helplessly from the bicycle into the puddle of water. Powers said.

When the boy failed to return in time for dinner, his father, Ervin Jennie, went searching for him with a lantern.

An autopsy was performed in Roseburg Saturday, and the cause of death was listed as "asphyxia due to drowning." Powers said. A pathologist in Portland was studying specimens of the boy's body to determine the cause of the apparent seizure, Powers reported.

The unnatural death toll for the county was thus raised to just one.

Population Figure Up 10 Per Cent, Board Estimates

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's population has increased nearly 10 per cent since 1950, the State Board of Health estimates.

The 9.3 per cent increase, based on death and birth figures and migration estimates last summer, would make a population of 1,662,080.

Curry County showed the largest gain, 37.6 per cent, the figures indicated. Other counties with marked increases were Coos 28.5 per cent, Douglas 24.8, Gilliam 14.7, Grant 11.3, Jackson 10.6, Josephine 11.8, Lane 15.8, Linn 10.6, Multnomah 17.8, Tillamook 10.4, Wasco 39.2, and Washington 19.4.

All other counties had increases of less than 10 per cent except for six with decreases. These are Baker 4.4, Columbia 2.2, Polk 8.2, Wallowa 4.6, and Yamhill 5.4.

Counties which showed a larger number of persons leaving than arriving but which made it up by natural increase, were: Clatsop, Crook, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union and Wheeler.

Out-Of-Town Trio Jailed On Charges Of Vagrancy

Three out-of-town people were lodged in the county jail Friday after being handed sentences of vagrancy by Justice of the Peace Ward C. Watson at Sutherlin.

They were Phillip Richard Ehrstrom, 24, Clatsop; Bonnie Jean Biles, 24, Medford; and Thomas James Blythe Jr., 30, Salem.

Ehrstrom was given a 30-day sentence. He is also being questioned in connection with theft of a car. The other two received 10-day sentences. The trio was arrested by state police Thursday.

MEDFORD DRIVER FINED

Roy James Reams, 45, Medford, was fined \$250 by Justice of the Peace Clarence Leonard at Drain Friday after Reams pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. Reams was arrested Thursday night by a deputy sheriff.

Former Chief Said Among 20 Arrested

No Explanation Found For Slaying At Race Track Sunday Evening

PANAMA (AP) — The Panamanian assembly declared a 10-day state siege Monday as secret police seeking the assassins of President Jose Antonio Remon rounded up a score of suspects.

Former President Arnulfo Arias was among those already caught up in the sweeping dragnet, and national guard commander Col. Saturnino Flores indicated that suspicion fell on Arias' followers.

Flores acknowledged, however, that the police still lacked a definite clue as to who machine-gunned the 46-year-old president Sunday night at Juan Franco Race Track, four miles northeast of the capital.

Two other persons died in the gun battle between the President's bodyguard and his assassins. Three of Remon's companions were wounded.

Police said they nabbed Arias, who was thrown out of office in 1951 by Remon's police forces after a bloody palace battle, at Boquete, 300 miles west of the capital. Arias has a large coffee plantation near there.

In a 3 a.m. session, the National Assembly swore in Foreign Minister Jose Ramon Guizado as president. Guizado was elected first vice president on the ticket with Remon in 1952. Their terms had until October 1956 to run.

The Cabinet announced that calm prevailed in the country and the government is maintaining rigorous order throughout all the national territory.

The Cabinet statement gave no clue, however, to the identity of the President's killers or the motivation for the plot.

Panamanian officials were at a loss to explain the motive behind the unprecedented assassination. They pointed out that—whether inspired by political reasons or a personal grudge—the killers could not have hoped to gain control of the government by slaying Remon.

Secret Police Chief Jorge Luis Alfaro said those arrested, in addition to Arias, included two women. One, he said, had left Remon's box just before the shooting and the other woman was nearby when the firing began.

Saturday Revelers Disorderly After Quiet New Year's

Drinkers in Douglas County played it safe on New Year's Eve, with city police reporting but two criminal arrests and two more held in the county jail on charges of drunkenness.

But the next night brought in plenty of business for Roseburg officers in a short time as they broke up one riot and cleared a hotel room of suspected revelers. Six men were booked at the city jail, all on charges of disorderly conduct.

Two were involved in a fight in Chuck's Coffee Shop, 121 N. Stephens St., at 2:45 a.m. Sunday. They were hauled away to jail after a stool was snapped off in the restaurant and other damage done. Officers identified the pair as George Maurice Parmeter, 19, of 823 S. Stephens St., and Roger Lewis Sinclair, 22, of 1015 Hamilton St.

One of the two reportedly made advances toward a girl in the cafe, and her escort told the pair to "shove off." The brawl then started, and police said when they arrived, "It seemed everyone in the cafe was fighting."

Four men were arrested in the Valley Hotel, 303 N. Jackson St., a few minutes later. They are: Robert McKennel, 51; John Rooney, 60; Joseph Spring, 46; and John Hopkins, 35.

The hotel manager, S. M. Stanford, said Rooney and Hopkins were in the other men's apartment after hours set by hotel regulations. All had been drinking, said police. When Stanford and officers placed Rooney and Hopkins under arrest, Spring raised a ruckus and was added to the jail roster. Officers later returned to the hotel and picked up McKennel.

All six were to answer to Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum this afternoon.

Roseburg Rainfall Heavy Over Holiday Weekend

Central Douglas County residents who were drenched by spontaneous, heavy (but brief) rainfalls New Year's Eve, did not see a record rainfall.

According to the U. S. Weather Bureau in Roseburg, .08 inches of rain fell for five minutes starting at 11:30 p.m. At 12:10 a.m., .05 inches fell during another five-minute period.

Altogether .28 inches fell between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m., but it wasn't a record. That came May 9, 1919, when .55 inches of rain was recorded during a five-minute period.

Traffic Moves As Usual Over Coos Bay Highway

Traffic was moving as usual on the Coos Bay - Roseburg route today after high water and slides had blocked the route for a short time between Myrtle Point and a Coos Bay.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

France's reluctant "yes" to the NATO wailing sounds suspiciously like assent to a companionate marriage.