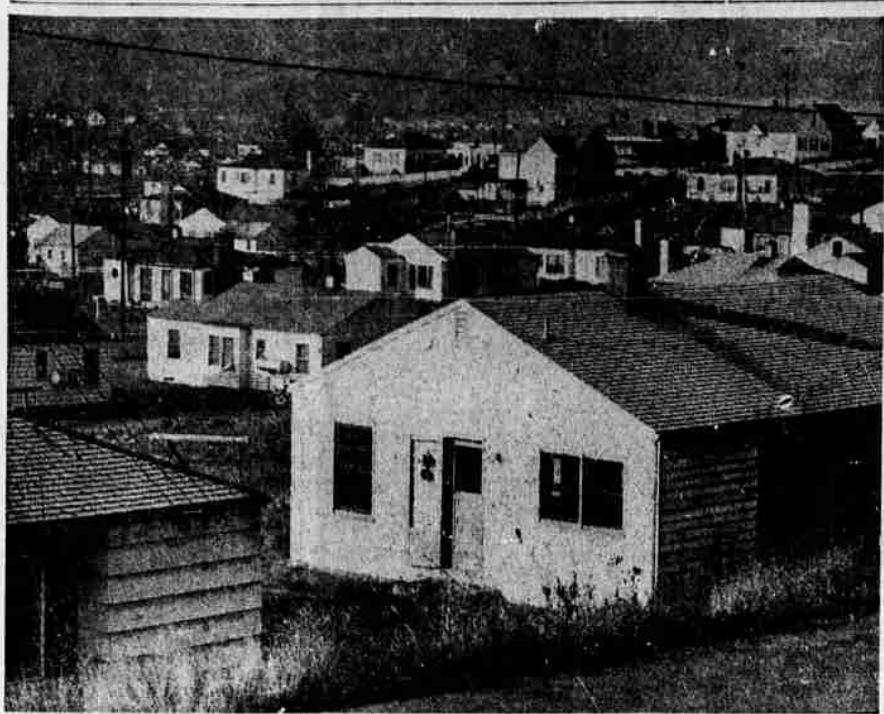


# CHINESE FORCES TAKE STRATEGIC ISLE



A GENERAL VIEW of 68 houses, worth about \$480,000, in the Cloverdale tract in North Roseburg. The houses foreclosed by suit of the National Federal Mortgage Assn. against Roseburg Homes Inc., in U.S. District Court, will be sold by the U.S. Marshal on Feb. 23-25 here. (Paul Jenkins photo)

## 68 Houses Set For Auction

### 3 Per Cent Sales Tax Bill Introduced Into Legislature

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM — The Oregon Legislature got ready Tuesday for another sales tax battle, this one on

### Paul A. Stepp Granted Probation For Non-Support

Another man indicted by the grand jury for non-support has been granted probation on condition he support his dependents.

He is Paul Arthur Stepp, 36, Eugene, who pleaded guilty Monday before Circuit Court Judge Carl E. Wimberly. The judge handed down a one-year sentence, then granted probation.

Judge Wimberly, who is a long-time foe of parents who fail to support their children, admitted that Stepp has "been doing better than a lot of them." But he told Stepp, "We still have one of your offspring on our hands." He reminded the defendant he has "a young hanging over you" and that he had better abide by probation rules.

It was brought out that Stepp has fallen behind in support payments for a child by his second marriage. For two years, his ex-wife, Stella, has been drawing public welfare money.

He fell behind when he lost his job paying about \$80 a week and was forced to take one paying about \$60 a week. But he had been keeping up \$140 monthly support payments for his first wife and four children of that marriage.

He assured the judge he would return to his job and do the best he can toward support of both families. Stepp is a native of Oklahoma.

In other words: Old Chou didn't say yes and he didn't say no.

That's about all anybody can expect from the opening session of a conference with a communist

In Washington last week, at a national conference on highways, a former general manager of the Oklahoma Turnpike association (H. E. Bailey by name) calls for a network of TOLL ROADS to cover the nation.

His proposal was offered as a

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The weather

Considerable cloudiness and a few scattered showers today.

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight with a low of 28.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 49

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 23

Highest temp. any Jan. 71

Lowest temp. any Jan. 4

Precip. last 24 hours 1.4

Precip. from Jan. 1 2.43

Precip. from Sept. 1 12.02

Deficiency from Sept. 1 4.11

Sunset tonight, 5:05 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:40 a.m.

a 3 per cent levy to finance schools.

Being prepared by Rep. Earl H. Hill, Cushman, Lane County, it would raise \$60,000,000 a year. All of the money would be given to local school districts.

It is almost certain to be referred to the people next spring if it is passed by the Legislature.

The bill is certain to draw fire from Democrats and from a few Republicans.

The tax would apply to all retail sales, including food.

The people have rejected sales tax bills five times.

While the money would go to the local schools under Hill's bill, it would eliminate the anticipated budget deficit of more than \$30,000,000 a year. It would give this relief by making it unnecessary for the state to give so much aid to local school districts. This aid now amounts to about \$30,000,000 a year.

It looks as though Portland's long dream of having a state college is about to come true.

Monday's Senate Education Committee hearing on the bill to create Portland State College brought forth no organized opposition. This was in sharp contrast to the 1953

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Cheek Sentenced To Three Years

A 25-year-old Roseburg man, Duane D. Cheek, who led officers on a two-day chase at Christmas time after fleeing in a stolen car on the Melrose Road, was sentenced to three years in prison when he appeared before Judge Carl E. Wimberly Monday.

Cheek faced a district attorney's information charging larceny of personal property over \$75 and waived his right to a grand jury hearing.

Cheek was arrested by state police Christmas Day and charged with grand larceny and auto theft. Two days before, a hunt began for the man after he fled on foot west of Roseburg. It was alleged he had stolen the car and other property from a brother, Roland. At one time, a bloodhound was used in the search.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Don H. Sanders read the charge against Cheek, who has been in trouble before, then Judge Wimberly passed sentence and told the defendant, "When you get out you'll better go back to Texas if you'll accept you." Cheek had been residing in Texas shortly before the escapade here.

Man Granted Probation From Shoplifting Court

A 25-year-old Sutherlin man, Wendell Otis Knapp, was released from custody Monday afternoon after District Judge Warren A. Woodruff granted probation on condition he stay out of trouble.

Knapp was arrested by Roseburg police earlier in the day and charged with shoplifting in the Pay Less Drug Store. He pleaded guilty when he appeared before the judge.

Judge Woodruff indefinitely suspended imposition of sentence, but warned Knapp he will be subject to a jail term if he does not abide by all probation rules.

Laverne Ralph Emmons Gets Fine, Jail Term

Laverne Ralph Emmons, 37, Roseburg, was fined \$100 and given a 10-day jail sentence Monday after he pleaded guilty before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

Emmons was charged with driving while under the influence of liquor when arrested Saturday by state police.

### Roseburg Homes Foreclosed Upon By NFMA Action

Approximately \$480,000 worth of houses, foreclosed in U. S. District Court last fall, are to be auctioned by the U. S. Marshal in a huge sale scheduled for Roseburg on three days, Feb. 23-25.

Sixty-eight homes, built by Roseburg Homes, Inc., and mortgaged by the National Federal Mortgage Assn., will be included in the auction, to be held on the courthouse steps.

The homes were part of a project of 180 housing units constructed on the Cloverdale tract in North Roseburg in 1949-50. Cost at the time was estimated at \$2 million.

The houses were built for sale by Roseburg Homes, Inc., and were financed by NFMA. Later, many of the houses were left vacant by buyers. They had been sold at prices ranging to \$10,500.

Judgment in favor of NFMA was handed down in U. S. District Court on Nov. 1 after the federal organization had filed suit for foreclosures on 78 homes in the tract.

The principals owing on the homes posted for auction range from \$6,601.81 to \$7,644.88.

The sale will start at 10 a.m. on each of the three days. Nine different parcels of property are to be sold, according to the notice of sale to be advertised by the U.S. Marshal.

On Feb. 23, groups of five, seven and ten homes are to be sold. The next day, groups of one, twelve and nine are up for auction. On Feb. 25, the sales will include groups of eight, six and ten homes.

All fixtures are to be sold with the houses. The houses will be sold to highest bidders for cash.

Myrtle Creek Man Cited After Accident

A Myrtle Creek man was cited by Myrtle Creek city police Tuesday morning for operating his car in the wrong lane of traffic after his vehicle had collided with another.

Police officers told News-Review Correspondent Ruth Evans the two-car accident occurred in front of Winnie's Shell Station on Highway 99 at 7 a.m. The cited man, Charles B. Wallis, was reported driving his car north on the left hand shoulder of the road.

William H. Glampe, Myrtle Creek, was traveling south on the highway at the time. The front of Wallis' car was damaged by the impact, police said. Glampe's car had a crushed left front fender.

RENAMED JUDGE

R. A. Wilkins has been re-appointed as city judge of Oakland, it was reported here by correspondent Mrs. Edith Dunn.

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## Council Considers New Sewers

### Areas Of Court, Ella, Pitzer Streets Involved

A public hearing on a new sewer project, brought up without petition from the affected parties, was set Monday night by the Roseburg City Council for Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.

The hearing was set after City Engineer John Jousley told the council, in a recommendation, that the new sewers are needed in the Chadwick Addition because of new home construction on Ella Street and because of a sewer that plugs up and overflows periodically on the same streets.

Most of the area — Court, Ella and Pitzer streets — now is served by private lines and a city main built at approximately the turn of the century. The public hearing was called by the council to test the attitude of property owners in the neighborhood.

The measure on which the public hearing was called is a \$15,000, estimated, project to build a new main on Court and laterals on Ella and Pitzer streets. An alternate would be construction of the Court Street main only, with spurs to be planned later into the other streets.

Loosley estimated cost per lot on the first proposal would be \$420; on the alternate \$370. The alternate would be a \$6,800 job.

Primary purpose for his recommendation, he said, was to introduce standard sewer connections to the new homes on Ella north of Court Street. Six or seven new homes are to be built.

City Manager George Farrell told the assembly that no petition

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### Umpqua Basin Council Dated At Canyonville

The next meeting of the Umpqua Basin Conservation Council will be held Friday, Jan. 21, Bruce L. Yeager announced today.

The session is scheduled at the clubhouse of the South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club at Canyonville, starting at 8 p.m.

One of the topics under discussion will be conservation education in Oregon. It is expected that delegates from Cottage Grove, Drain, Roseburg, Myrtle Creek and Canyonville will attend, Yeager said.

Delegates and guests from Roseburg and the northern part of the council area will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the rear of the county courthouse in Roseburg where transportation to Canyonville will be furnished by the Roseburg delegates.

The Umpqua Basin Conservation Council is made up of delegates from all sportsmen's and conservation clubs in the Umpqua River drainage. Any non-delegate interested in the meeting is invited to attend.

Temporary KOIN Antenna Knocked Out By Storm

Roseburg residents on the Umpqua Radio and Television cable system won't have KOIN-TV for a while.

A whipping wind Monday tossed over the temporary antenna on "Television Hill" behind Mt. Nebo and "smashed it to pieces," according to Nobel Goettel, director of the corporation.

The antenna was being used to pipe in the third channel to local sets on the cable until a big permanent antenna was completed. Goettel said the permanent antenna would not be completed for another three months.

Meanwhile, Goettel said, the temporary antenna will be replaced as soon as possible.

Medford Man Pleads Innocent To Charge

A Medford man pleaded innocent in Myrtle Creek Municipal Court Monday to a charge of drunken driving, reports News-Review Correspondent Ruth Evans.

Municipal Judge G. D. Myllesbeck set a tentative trial date of Jan. 27 for Jerrel Kirkin, 28. Kirkin remains in Myrtle Creek jail in lieu of \$250 bail.

Myrtle Creek police arrested Kirkin Sunday at 1:50 a.m.

### Costa Rican Rebel Leader Reported Killed In Fighting

By CARLOS ESCUDERO  
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica. — Costa Rica's general staff declared Tuesday rebel commander Teodoro Picado Jr., has been killed on the Santa Rosa front, along with 34 of his men, and that it has "full confirmation" of his death.

The general staff did not say how it had confirmed that Picado, 27-year-old son of a former Costa Rican president and 1951 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, had been killed.

But it reported a total of 35 rebels dead and 60 wounded in the action around Santa Rosa, in northwestern Costa Rica about 20 miles from the Nicaraguan frontier, against government losses of 4 men killed and 18 wounded.

The staff announcement came about the time the rebels' clandestine radio was broadcasting a manifesto in Picado's name protesting the shipment of arms and planes from abroad to the Costa Rican government as a violation of international law.

It said "this action of the Inter-American Organization of States (OAS) is criminal." The radio denied Monday a rumor in San Jose that Picado had been killed.

The Santa Rosa area appeared quiet Tuesday. The general staff lacked reports of any action being patrolled.

The battlefront quieted Monday night following the arrival of four U.S. fighter planes in San Jose to bolster President Jose Figueres' forces.

Defendant Says Judge Refused Trial By Jury

Jack Reed, Municipal Judge Irving Johnson violated the Constitution by denying a man his right to a jury trial.

That is the question posed in an accusation made by Lloyd Noel, arrested Jan. 8 on a charge of driving while planes in San Jose to bolster President Jose Figueres' forces.

Judge Johnson will have a chance to tell his side of the story Friday. That's the day Douglas County Circuit Court Judge Carl E. Wimberly has set for Johnson to appear in the court.

Judge Wimberly issued an order Monday for Johnson to appear and show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued. If Johnson fails to appear, such a writ would be issued. It would direct him to empanel a jury for Noel's case.

Noel's attorney petitioned the higher court for the writ, alleging he and Noel appeared before Judge Johnson on Jan. 12 and demanded a jury trial. It is alleged Johnson refused the request and still refuses.

Noel also contends the city judge ordered him to appear for a non-jury trial today, Jan. 18, or forfeit bail. However, Judge Wimberly's order to show cause stipulates there will be no trial held without a jury until the higher court acts on the petition for a writ of mandamus.

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### Council Orders Coin Operated Devices Review

The Roseburg City Council Monday night voted a complete review of the ordinance requiring licensing of coin-operated amusement and vending devices, and the review may result in a clarification of the status of pinball machines in the city.

The pinballs have been closed down since Dec. 4, when city police allegedly spotted a pay-off. The city council a couple of days later revoked the licenses of three distributors on the recommendation of Police Chief Stan Olson.

The study was approved by the council after Roseburg Vending Service, in a letter signed by R. L. Hebard, petitioned for an adjustment of license fees on penny scales. Hebard claimed that a \$3-per-quarter fee on scales was exorbitant.

Councilmen, referring to the ordinance, found "discrepancies" in fees asked on certain type machines — i.e., a cigarette machine contributes \$1 per quarter to city coffers; penny scales \$3.

The council as a whole is to study the fee schedules, and another duty will be to determine whether pinball machines are legal. Monday night, Acting City Atty. James Richmond opined that they are illegal unless no free games are awarded. Richmond will advise the council in his study. Fee revisions probably will be made.

Discussion on legality of the machines brought divergent opinions from the audience.

An officer of Elks Lodge, Gordon Carlson, appealed for permission to allow operation of machines in a lodge. He said the ban is "costing the lodge several hundred dollars a month."

Carlson, a lawyer, agreed with Richmond in "suspecting that the

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### Elementary Teachers Will Discuss Subjects

Elementary classroom teachers from throughout Douglas County will be in Roseburg Saturday to attend a meeting of the Association for Childhood Education International.

The association is a professional organization which deals with subjects offered in the elementary schools, according to Dr. Marvin Smith, assistant superintendent of District 4.

Announced theme for the meeting is "Area Grouping." Members will meet at River Side School; for the session which starts at 10 a.m. It will conclude at 3 p.m.

Program chairman Thelma Fleishman announced Monday the theme would be introduced by Ellen Stonebraker, Roseburg. She said curriculum correlation in area grouping will be discussed. Topics to be presented by instructors are: art, Margaret Carr, Roseburg; music, Hallie Woodward, Roseburg; physical education, Althea Lofland, Roseburg; arithmetic, Pauline Brown, Drain. Dr. Smith will discuss the psychological aspect of the topic. Roy Crain will coordinate the program.

The meeting is open to the public.

MAN POSTS BAIL

Frank Warren Johnson, 30, Roseburg, was released under \$100 bail Monday after he pleaded innocent before District Court Judge Warren A. Woodruff to a charge of being drunk on a public highway. Johnson was arrested by state police.

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### Reedsport Man On Plane Down Off Newfoundland

WASHINGTON — A Reedsport, Ore., airman was the only passenger from the Far West aboard the Navy plane which crashed Monday off Newfoundland. He was identified by the Defense Department as Airman 3-J Gerald L. Crafton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crafton, 731 Elm St., Reedsport.

CORNER BROOK, Nfld. — The U. S. Air Force planned a further air and sea search Tuesday for survivors from a U. S. Navy Super Constellation ditched in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It was feared the 12 men and a 22-year-old wife aboard were lost.

The four-engine plane crashed before dawn Monday in the Cabot Straits area, 29 miles off Newfoundland's southwest coast, after reporting two engines out.

A rescue B29 reported sighting three empty life rafts and an oil slick but there was no trace of any survivors.

The aircraft, carrying seven U. S. Air Force and Army passengers and a Navy crew of six, was en route to its home base at the Patuxent River, Md., Naval Air Station from the U. S. Harmon Air Force Base in Southwest Newfoundland.

Coos Chamber Backs 'Feasible' Highway Route

The Coos County Chamber of Commerce's Roads and Highways Committee came out solidly again over the weekend for the resolution made in Roseburg for a "feasible" highway route connecting Coos Bay, Roseburg and Cascade Locks junction.

At least two routes again got an airing. Jack Bowen of the Coquille Chamber said the county chamber should throw its weight behind Highway 42. He said difficulty of terrain rules out the Coos Bay Wagon Road. "If we want to talk about new and different routes, he said, 'we will accomplish nothing and Roseburg and Reedsport will get their highway 38 improved and we will be left holding the bag, as usual.'"

Former State Rep. Ivan Laird of Siskiyou, however, turned the tide of conversation back to the "most feasible" route.

"If we talk Highway 42 and no other route or Highway 38 and no other route, we are being selfish," he said. "The object of the resolution we passed at Roseburg was to try to get the entire group behind the development of a super-highway—a trucking route—which will change the status of the harbors of Coos County."

T. N. Hartley, mayor of North Bend, fell solidly behind him. He said: "I believe the audience can see a whole lot further ahead than we can." (The resolution at Roseburg left it up to the State Highway Dept. to choose the route).

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Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

From his attempt in Red China to effect release of imprisoned American airmen, Dag Hammarskjold reports "hope." America's hope is that the final report on this undertaking will be as "consoling" as that of the surgeon, who announced that "the operation was successful but the patient died."

## 20 Warships Back Invasion By Red Forces

Tiny Nationalist Post Falls In What May Be Forerunner Of Attacks

By SPENCER MOOSA  
TAIPEH, Formosa — A Communist invasion force backed by 20 warships struck strategic Yikiangshan Tuesday and apparently conquered the tiny Nationalist Chinese island outpost.

Reliable reports in the Nationalist capital said radio contact with the island was broken at 6 p.m. (2 a.m. PST) and it was presumed the Reds had completed their conquest.

(Peiping Radio, heard in Tokyo, boasted that Red Chinese armies had "liberated Yikiangshan and completely wiped out" the Nationalist defenders. The Red radio said the invasion forces landed at 2:30 p.m. and completed capture of the island two hours later.)

An earlier defense ministry communiqué had prepared the public for the island fall by announcing that Yikiangshan, a stepping stone to the important Tachen Islands, was garrisoned "by a few brave guerrillas" who late Tuesday were still resisting bravely.

Unofficial quarters said they feared a full-scale invasion of the Tachens might come at any moment.

President Chiang Kai-shek called a conference of top level military leaders at Nationalist headquarters here Tuesday night.

It was reliably reported that the Reds shelled the Tachens Tuesday

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### Trio Says Guilty To Contributing To Delinquency

Three men who admit going on a 11-state jaunt with two 17-year-old girls pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Monday when arraigned on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor by furnishing liquor.

The judge postponed sentencing until a check is made of any FBI record the three may have. They are Jack Roy Cargo, 20, Winston; Vernie Earl Young, 19, Myrtle Creek; and Lewis Stanley McClelland, 20, Dillard.

Earlier in the day, the trio waived preliminary hearings when taken before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff. The hearings or trials in circuit court, then entered pleas to information read by Dep. Dist. Atty. Don H. Sanders.

It was brought out that the trio left Douglas County with two 17-year-old girls on Jan. 5 and returned Jan. 13. During the time, they traveled into Washington, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, California and parts of Oregon. They were arrested Friday by state police.

Besides the delinquency charges, they admitted passing bad checks written by one of the girls in Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas. They also admitted theft of a car tire in California.

Cargo admitted that he has a previous criminal record. He and Young are married.

The two girls, one from Dillard and one from Myrtle Creek, were turned over to juvenile authorities. No charge was brought against a third girl who accompanied the party as far north as Drain, then decided against making the trip. The young men said the girls were aware of their intentions and that they knew Cargo and Young are married.

VAGRANCY CHARGED

Marcus C. Toohy, 57, Spokane, was charged with vagrancy by Roseburg police Monday evening after he was found sleeping in the rear of a panel delivery truck at Oak and Stephens streets. He was to appear before Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum today.

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