

Eisenhower Keeping Close Watch On China Situation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower closely followed reports of the Red Chinese capture of a small island from the Chinese Nationalists. The obvious concern of the U. S. government was whether it was a prelude to an attack on Formosa.

Eisenhower discussed the development with Republican congressional leaders at their regular Tuesday conference and the White House said the President and Secretary of State Dulles had been "in touch" during the morning, presumably about the attack. It also was announced that Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would have an afternoon conference with the President.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty declined to say whether Radford had been called to the White House for a discussion of the Reds' attack on the island.

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Hagerty said he would have no comment on the development in the Far East and was leaving any public discussion of it to Dulles.

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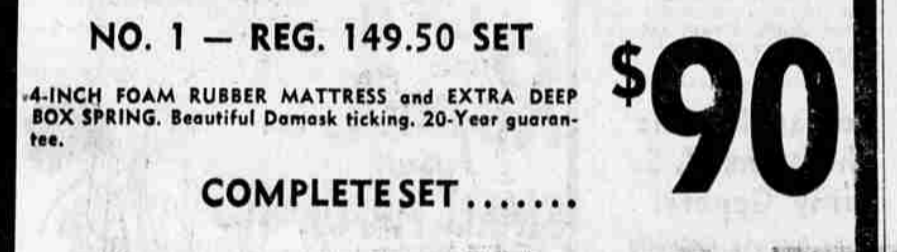
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Highway Report For Roseburg Not Due For 60 Days

The report of the Oregon Highway Dept. on Roseburg traffic needs still appears to be about 60 days from delivery to city officials.

The information is revealed in a letter from State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock to John M. York, minister of the Church of Christ, 783 Military St. A copy of the letter was sent to the city.

York had asked Baldock for information on bridge plans in the vicinity of his church, which lies near the foot of the Oak Street Bridge. Baldock replied that the information will be given to the city within 60 days.

York explained in his letter that his church is making repairs, and that he understands a new bridge in the vicinity may have to make use of the church property.

The survey was made last June, with a highway department estimate that the report would be ready approximately Aug. 1. On Oct. 1, tentative and alternate plans for bridges across the South Umpqua River and other traffic works were shown to the city council, and it was promised then that the complete report would be forthcoming Dec. 1.

That date later was set back to Jan. 1, according to City Manager George Farrell.

Young Musicians To Be Auditioned By Symphony

A young musician from the Roseburg area will be featured guest artist with the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra in the spring.

The younger musicians of high school age may audition Jan. 29. The auditions will be held at the First Baptist Church, 125 W. Lane St., Roseburg, at 3:30 p.m., according to Director Wendell Johnson.

Judging the auditions will be Dr. Edmund Cykler, director of the University of Oregon Symphony. Winning young musical soloist will also receive \$25, Johnson said. Any person of high school age is eligible.

This is the first year such auditions have been held by the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra. Major objective of the auditions, Johnson said, is to encourage the better students toward careful preparation of standard symphonies.

Persons interested in auditioning should contact Johnson at his home phone 2-5108.

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