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Newspaper Publishers Will Open Convention In Roseburg Tonight

A registration of about 100 persons is expected to start this evening in Roseburg, which this weekend will host the 68th annual meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assn.

The conference will be preceded tonight by a board of directors meeting in the Hotel Umpqua, which will be convention headquarters. Sessions of the convention will be held all day Friday and Saturday morning.

A series of panel discussions on newspaper problems will feature Friday's program, and weekly and daily newspapers publishers will convene separately Saturday morning in further business. Election of new officers will be held Saturday morning.

Two speakers have been billed for the publishers. Friday night, Ray L. Spangler, publisher of the Redwood City, Calif., Tribune, will talk at the annual ONPA banquet. Friday noon, Harlan L. P. Wendell, public relations man for E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. is the speaker.

Both have outstanding backgrounds in their particular fields. Spangler rose through the ranks to become publisher of his newspaper. At present, he is a director of The Associated Press. Wendell recently spent a year as public relations adviser to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Welfare and Education.

Saturday noon, Earl S. Mollard, general manager of Hanna Nickel Smelting Co., Riddle, will address delegates. In the afternoon, a tour will be conducted through the 30-million - dollar Hanna plant.

President of ONPA is Lucian P. Arant, publisher of the Baker Democrat - Herald. Arant has local ties, for his forebears were pioneer settlers in Douglas County.

His visit to Roseburg will be in the nature of a centennial. His father, the late Allen Marion Arant, was born in the county in 1855. The publisher's grandparents, Jesse and Mary (Emmel) Arant, came to Oregon from Illinois and settled along the Umpqua River in 1852. Their graves are in the old Melrose Cemetery.

Arant has published the Democrat-Herald for 30 years.

LUCIAN P. ARANT
. . . Douglas County forebears

Three-Day Fire School Started

A three-day school in fire control and protection for Douglas Forest Protection Assn lookouts and fire wardens got under way Thursday at DFPA headquarters on the Airport Road.

Between 50 and 60 persons received instruction from local personnel and Bill Hughes, Salem, of the Oregon State Forestry Department.

Friday they will put theory to practice on Baughman Lookout in the Coast Range. Circumstances permitting, suppression equipment and food supplies will be droped to them by airlane at the 2,000-foot lookout area.

The school will end Saturday. The annual DFPA picnic for all personnel, past and present, will be held at association headquarters at noon. It is a potluck, according to Dispatcher Wayne Miller.

Saturday afternoon DFPA lookouts will be completely manned. Only four are in operation at this time. Miller said fire suppression crews in the district will go on Monday.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting note from Washington in a year when the natural rainmaking processes in this part of the world seem to be out of kilter:

If congress provides the money, the federal government will make an intensive study of rainmaking processes. (Remember the ancient gag to the effect that if we had some ham we'd have a ham and egg sandwich if we had an egg?)

Well, the senate appropriations committee has recommended that $80,000 be provided for such a study. If both houses of the congress concur in the committee's action and the President signs the bill and the money becomes available, the study will be made by a commerce department advisory committee on weather control.

It will be conducted from an observation point on top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire and

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The Weather

Fair and warmer today and tonight. Increasing cloudiness Friday with a few widely scattered showers.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	68
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	37
Highest temp. any June	106
Lowest temp. any June	34
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from June 1	.05
Precip. from Sept. 1	22.04
Deficiency from Sept. 1	7.52
Sunset tonight, 7:55 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:32 a.m.	

Board Rejects All Bids On New School Buildings

District 4 School Board members rejected all bids for construction of the new Hucrest School and the Joseph Lane Junior High School addition Wednesday evening because each exceeded the funds available for the work.

They instructed the architectural firm of Freeman, Hayslip Tuft and Hewlett, Portland, to prepare new drawings, deleting kitchen facilities at both institutions.

The second bid opening date was set for July 15.

Four bids on each structure were received. Lowest for Hucrest was 187,845 by the Todd Bldg Co., Roseburg. Industrial Building, Eugene, entered a low basic bid on the Joseph Lane addition of $210,200.

Available funds for Hucrest totaled $177,228.88; that for Joseph Lane $178,244.91, Supt. M C Deller said. Subtraction of minor alternate items from each bid was not ample to award the contracts.

Initially, the sums had been larger. (Voters earlier in the year approved two separate bond issues for construction ($225,000 for Hucrest and $207,000 for Joseph Lane) However, purchase of a Hucrest site, attorney's fees, printing of bonds, sewers, excavation, insurance, grading and some cabinet work were items already subtracted from the amounts, Deller told the board.

Shifting of available funds from one approved bond issue to the other was not possible, attorney George Neuner told members, since each had been voted separately.

Bids on both structures were entered by Steve Ferche Roseburg; W. H. Shields, Eugene; Todd Bldg Co., Roseburg; and Industrial Bldg., Eugene.

Judgment On Wheeler Has Been Set Aside

A judgment in the case of Ray Lee Wheeler, 21, CV Route Box 605, has been set aside, and jurisdiction transferred to circuit court.

Wheeler, given a year in the county jail by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff Tuesday, is charged with falsely swearing to a complaint filed in the court.

However, it has been learned that the case must be handled in circuit court. A lower court cannot impose sentences in cases where the maximum penalty is greater than $3,000 fine or one year in jail or both. The serious charge faced by Wheeler carries a maximum penalty of $5,000 fine or two years in jail or both

Explosion Of Torpedo Sinks Sub

13 Men Feared Lost As Hull Sinks In Harbor

PORTLAND, England (AP) — A practice torpedo exploded and ripped open the Royal Navy submarine Sidon Thursday sending the craft to the bottom of Portland Harbor with 13 men trapped in its shattered hull.

Seven hours after the tremendous explosion the admiralty said all hope had been abandoned for the three officers and 10 enlisted men.

The blast tore apart the forward end of the sub while it was moored alongside the depot vessel, Maidstone. It occurred shortly before the Sidon was to leave the harbor on torpedo firing exercises.

An Admiralty spokesman said the explosion occurred in a torpedo propellant in the forward torpedo compartment.

The Sidon rested on the surface for about a half hour after the explosion, then nosedived under 36 feet of water.

Seven other crewmen escaped with only slight injuries, the Admiralty said.

"I regret to say that three officers and 10 ratings are definitely known to be missing and must be presumed dead," A. P. L. Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons in London. "In addition one officer and seven ratings were injured and are in a hospital."

Non-Judicial Punishment Talk Given Reservists

A lecture on non-judicial punishment under military regulations was presented Wednesday night at a local Air Force Reserve meeting by A3C Roland Shelman.

Another member of Flight A 9415th Squadron, 1st Lt. F. L. Thompson of Sutherlin, spoke briefly on his recent two-week active duty tour. Thompson served at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., in a statistical section.

After the regular meeting, a short party was held to honor M. Sgt. Lawrence R. Patterson, squadron liaison non-commissioned officer, who will soon be transferred.

Patterson, who has been stationed in Roseburg two and one-half years, will be assigned to Wheelus Air Force Base in Tripoli. He will take his wife and daughter with him, leaving New York City in July. His assignment here ends on June 21.

Capt. R. M. Beardsley, flight commander, presided at the meeting at 904 S. Stephens St. The unit will meet again at the same place on June 29 at 8 p.m.

Elephants Out Of Line; Make Impression On City

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A couple of young elephants got out of line here Wednesday. And they made some definite impressions.

Mary and Jane dropped from the six-elephant line marching to an auditorium for the Polack Bros. circus opening.

Before trainers caught up with them, Mary and Jane sat on a sports car convertible. . . plowed through an irrigation pump factory . . . pulled loose a paint spraying hose. . . broke off an acetylene tank's gauge. . . and shoved a newly repaired harvesting machine out of their way.

10 Per Cent Drop In Fire Insurance Rates Given City

An approximate 10 per cent reduction in fire insurance rates on residences was effected today within the city limits of Roseburg.

The drop in insurance rates is the result of the re-rating of the city to protection class 5 from class 6 by the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau.

City Manager George Farrell said the re-rating was effective June 1. It will have a city-wide effect.

Commercial and industrial buildings in the city are to be inspected to establish new individual rates, based on the new index for the city. New protection rates quoted on such business buildings may either be increased or decreased, depending on the individual building.

Reasons for the re-rating were several, but Farrell said most important was the opening of the new west side fire station, which has been in operation for about a year. The station was financed through a bond issue approved by the people and built at a cost of $50,000.

The city has hired six new firemen in the past year. Also entering into the picture is the purchase within recent years of new equipment, including a new pumper truck.

Farrell gave credit to the efficiency of the department during a time when the city was growing fast.

During the time, water supplies throughout the city have kept pace with the city's growth in an expansion program by the Oregon Water Corp.

Tom Pargeter, Roseburg insurance man, said the insurance rate decrease would amount to an approximate 10 per cent on residences. It came on top of a recent general 25 per cent decrease in protection rates in the state.

The inspection of commercial and industrial building may take six months to complete it was understood.

Radford Advises Against U. S. Arms For Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adm. Arthur W. Radford has advised against indefinite continuance of U. S. arms aid to Yugoslavia "without more assurance than we now have as to where they will stand in an emergency."

But this "may not be the time now to push for a showdown" on the question with Marshal Tito's Communist government, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the House Foreign Affairs Committee Monday.

Radford's secret testimony on this point came to light today as the committee called for new testimony on President Eisenhower's $3½-billion-dollar foreign aid program for next year.

Roseburg Lumber High Bidder For Timber Tract

Roseburg Lumber Co. was high bidder for 5,100,000 board feet of Umpqua National Forest timber Tuesday located on 100 acres some 45 miles east of Roseburg.

The company paid $191,025 for the timber appraised at $96,945. There were seven other bidders.

The local firm paid $45 per thousand for 4,200 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised at $22.60 and appraised price of $2.25 for 900,000 board feet of hemlock and other species.

Other bidders were The Martin Bros. Box Co. of Oregon, Oakland; US Plywood Corp., Eugene; Douglas Veneer Co., Roseburg; Trico Timber Co., Dillard; Youngs Bay Lumber Co., Roseburg; Umpqua Plywood Corp., Myrtle Creek, and Harbor Plywood Corp., Riddle.

No Tax Levy Necessary In W-D Water District

In a growing area where taxation hits hard, the Winston-Dillard Water District has changed the trend.

Chairman Charles Kash told correspondent Mrs. Ted Peterson that no tax levy will be assessed this year in the district. It was a reversal of trend, because last year the levy was 17 mills in the district.

Kash explained that bonds and warrants were being paid off last year which made the levy necessary. This year, he said, the water board decided the budget could be covered just through sale of the water.

FIVE DAYS IN JAIL

Richard Lyle Cooper, 18, arrested Tuesday night by Roseburg police, was sentenced to five days in jail by Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum Wednesday evening in traffic court. Cooper, from Winston, was driving while his driver's license was suspended.

Kick Of Horse Causes Death Of Little Girl

A 21-month-old girl, holding the reins to a horse about to be used in roping practice, was kicked to death Tuesday evening by a second saddle mount being led past her.

Coroner L. L. Powers identified the toddler as Cheryl Ann Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Parks.

Several persons witnessed the accident, which took place on the Weber Dude Ranch in Happy Valley, about six miles southwest of Roseburg.

Powers said the accident apparently occurred in this way: The girl, whose father is an employe of the ranch, was holding the reins of a horse. An attendant led the second animal past the one the girl was holding.

The animal reared, kicking the victim in the head. She was killed outright, Powers said. The accident happened at about 7:30 p.m. An area of the ranch is lighted in the vicinity of a barn, and presumably the roping practice was to have been held under the lights.

The Parks family lives on the Weber Ranch. They came here from Eugene in September.

It was the second fatal accident there in the past two months. Andy Weber owner of the ranch, was an accidental gunshot victim on May 5 when the rifle he was showing a friend discharged, the bullet striking Weber and killing him.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd, whose office and state police investigated, said the small girl started to walk toward the second horse, which was being led by Frank Weber.

The youngster was the Parks' only child. She was born at Eugene Sept. 9, 1953.

Surviving are the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Scoonover, Eugene; maternal grandfather, Phil Cole who lives in California; maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKay, Cottage Grove; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Parks, Bayfield, Colo.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 20, at 11 a.m. in The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, and interment will follow in Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Eino Hemmila Appointed To UF Fund Campaign

The first of five persons who will direct activities in five sections of the forthcoming Central Douglas United Fund campaign was appointed today by general chairman James G. Richmond.

He is Roseburg business man Eino Hemmila.

As section four chairman, Hemmila will supervise five business firm areas: real estate and insurance, recreation, transportation, utilities and unit plan firms. He will name a chairman for each later.

Hemmila, his wife Ruth and family reside at 328 N. Chadwick St. His son Michael, 16, attends Roseburg High School, and his daughter Georgia, 19, is a University of Oregon student.

The new chairman is active in the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. He is a member of the BPOE and the Roseburg Country Club.

Camas Valley School Budget To Be Resubmitted

A decision to resubmit the budget for Camas Valley School District 21, "as is" July 2 has been made by school board members, according to school clerk Mrs. Lee Wilson. Voters on the district will be asked to ballot on the sum of $13,518 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The budget was defeated in a close race Friday when voters cast 40 "no" votes and 32 "yes" votes.

Camas Valley News-Review Correspondent Mrs. William Cunningham reports the entire budget totals $84,475. Included in that figure is $8,750 for retirment of bonds. The Rural School Board allocation is $63,349.

Voting July 2 will be held at the school from 2 to 8 p.m.

Cars Damaged In Crash; One Of Drivers Cited

A traffic collision at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Roseburg resulted in an estimated $650 damage to two cars and the issuance of a citation to one of the drivers.

Roseburg police said Sam Winship, Winston, was cited for following too closely in traffic after his car had hit the rear of another driven by Robert Lee Kumm, 1258 W. First St., at a traffic light at Oak and Stephens Streets.

Winship's car received an estimated $400 damage to the front end.

District 4 Salary Amendment Goes In Effect March 1

The amendment to the salary schedule for District 4 teachers passed by board members June 8 will become effective March 1, 1956.

Board members meeting in regular session Wednesday evening at Central Junior High School set the date at that time.

The amendment limits the advance of an instructor on the experience level to 6½ station. It will also hold the yearly salary increase to $400. Board members voted unanimously for the March 1 date. Robert Bashford was not present.

In other action they accepted resignations from four instructors in the district and approved one appointment.

Leaving the district are: James R. Duran, head of the business education department at Roseburg High School, who has accepted a position with Citrus Junior College, Azusa, Calif.; Harry Johnson, fourth grade teacher at Melrose, who will teach at Sunset Valley School (near Portland); John Lucas, special education director, who will take advance work at the University of Oregon; and Allen Matthews, art instructor, Central Junior High School, who goes to Forest Grove High School.

New to the district will be Robert Chiodo (rhymes, with hi toe), who will teach eighth graders at Central Junior High School.

Camp Easter Seal Will Open July 6, Close August 18

Camp Easter Seal, Oregon's only summer camp exclusively for physically handicapped youngsters, will open July 6. It will continue operations through Aug. 18, announced Maryan Barker, local chairman.

The camp is open to all children, regardless of their handicap. Qualified specialists will be in attendance at all times, Mrs. Barker said.

The camp is located on the north lake of Ten Mile Lake near Reedsport. It will accommodate boys and girls from 6 to 18 years of age. Sessions will be for 10-day periods as follows: July 6 to 16, ages 6 to 9; July 18 to 27, ages 8 to 11; July 29 to Aug. 7, ages 12 to 17; and Aug. 9 to 18 ages 18 and older.

Applications may be sent to Mrs. Barker, 1206 Hickory St., Roseburg. She also has the necessary application forms.

Transportation to Camp Easter Seal can be obtained by bus to Reedsport. All scheduled arrivals will be met at Reedsport by a carryall. The children will be taken to Lakeside and transferred to the camp by special boat. If the children are transported by private car, they can be taken directly to Lakeside dock where they will be met by the boat from the camp, Mrs. Barker said.

Children who are severely handicapped and will need an attendant with them during the camp, must make arrangements in advance, Mrs. Barker explained.

All children will be housed in a permanently constructed dormitory with inside plumbing and electrical equipment and heating, reports Mrs. Barker. All the staff and some of the children will reside in the administration building which is also plumbed and electrically equipped.

300 Firemen End Sessions After Fire Demonstration; Herman Kerhli Gives Talk

More than 300 firemen and fire equipment dealers and their wives were heading for home today after a busy three-day convention here this week.

Activity of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Assn. and the Oregon Rural Fire Districts Assn. tailed off Wednesday afternoon, last day of the convention.

After a morning demonstration of fire control, delegates heard a luncheon speech in the Umpqua Hotel.

Herman Kerhli, Eugene, executive director of the League of Oregon Cities, delved into some of the problems facing fire departments. Most important seemed to be the necessity of firemen taking outside jobs and the cities failing to set up standards in hiring firemen.

The turnover of personnel in city fire departments is smaller than in other departments, Kerhli said, but statistics show that most men who start careers as firemen fail to follow the occupation.

Only 37 of 247 firemen interviewed in a recent study have no outside income, compared to 54 of 204 policemen who gave similar answers.

There's an answer to this, Kerhli told delegates. Many men, he said, seem to take jobs as firemen with the idea that they can find spare-time work to fill out their incomes. This, he asserted, should be recognized in recruitment programs.

As for working conditions, Kerhli advised fire chiefs and city councils to try to strike a relationship between city costs and hours of their employes.

He also said there's a need to set up employment qualifications, including physical examinations.

Wednesday afternoon, the convention ended in a panel discussion led by E. L. Smith, Salem fire chief. Questions were submitted in advance by convention-goers.

Two life memberships in the fire chiefs group were awarded during the convention. They went to Walter Vanderveiden, chief at Forest Grove, and Ivan Pearson, chief at McMinnville.

Government House Bombed By Naval Units; Army Loyal; Pope Excommunicates Peron

By SAM SUMMERLIN

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine (AP) — Revolt broke out against President Peron's regime Thursday a few hours after the vatican excommunicated him with other government leaders for actions against the church.

It was evident Thursday afternoon the army was loyal to Peron and he seemed to be in the process of putting down the revolt.

Government House was bombed by planes of naval aviation forces, and mortars, machineguns and rifles were brought into play between forces guarding the building and the revolters. At one point there was a pitched battle in the center of Buenos Aires.

About 2½ hours after the revolt broke out six tanks and machine gun carriers rolled up to surround the Government House which is the seat of government and Peron's office. Armored trucks brought up soldiers. Bullets glanced off the pink walls of the building.

The State Radio announced in Peron's name that all but one small unit of a revolting naval arsenal had been defeated. It said

BULLETIN

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Waves of bombers started dropping high explosives around Government House at 3:26 p.m. just when the forces of President Peron appeared to be dominating the fighting in downtown Buenos Aires.

the planes which bombed Government House came from the naval base at Punta Indio, and had killed many civilians in the attack.

The radio said there were plans to bomb the base and occupy it with loyal forces.

In the midst of the fighting in Plaza de Mayo, six civilians were seen to fall wounded. The crowd picked up the wounded and rushed them to ambulances in side streets. When there were no more ambulances the crowd commandeered private cars. On streets near the Casa Rosada some wounded were left unattended for a time.

Wounded persons were removed from Government House in the afternoon. These included some members of Peron's ceremonial guard, the San Martin Grenadiers.

In the midst of the fighting bands of civilians could be seen risking gunfire as they forged to the area of Government House, shouting "Peron; Peron!" These apparently were laborers called in by the Labor Federation to uphold the government's position.

The revolt was reported to have spread to Rosario, Argentina's second city, although the government claimed the country was quiet outside Buenos Aires.

Radio Mitre, apparently seized by revolutionaries, announced that Rosario was completely in control of revolutionaries. Rosario has 500,000 population.

Radio Mitre's announcer shouted, "This is a democratic revolution."

An unidentified voice was heard shouting, "The tyrant is dead." There was no additional explanation and this may have been a phrase used in a rhetorical sense. At this point the radio's power supply apparently was cut off.

Troops cleared civilians from the streets in the Government House area before the fighting began, but then the soldiers wasted little time getting into action.

West Big Three Meet To Unify Secret Strategy

NEW YORK (AP) — The Western Big Three foreign ministers gathered here Thursday to unify secret strategy for Big Four parleys with the Russians in San Francisco and Geneva.

The two-day get-together started on an optimistic note.

Antoine Pinay, French foreign minister, arriving at Idlewild Airport, said "we can hope" for relaxation of international tension if the Atlantic community continues as "a living reality."

Harold MacMillan, the British foreign minister, arriving at the airport less than an hour later, expressed hopes for "peace, security and freedom."

John Foster Dulles, secretary of state, came here from Washington Wednesday night with 25 staff members. The British and French foreign ministers each brought eight staff members from overseas.

MacMillan told reporters the summit meeting in Geneva might last four or five days — "long enough to make a start, but not a finish," he said. "That could take five weeks, or five months."

No agenda has been fixed for the Geneva meeting, MacMillan said, but he added he did not rule out Dulles' suggestion that the Big Four discuss freedom for Russia's East European satellite countries. "Everything is relevant," he said.

North Douglas Cities Visited By Princesses

Cities in northern Douglas County were visited by Douglas County Rodeo princesses Wednesday evening during the second caravan held this week.

Cars carrying the five girls and a sound truck went north through Wilbur, Sutherlin, Oakland, Yoncalla and Drain. Wilbur is "the home town" of three of the princesses.

Announcement of the queen selection will be made Friday night at a cowboy dance in the fairgrounds pavilion. Dick Strayer and a 10-piece band will play for the dance.

(For a look at the princesses during moments of leisure, see special feature on Page 2, Second Section, of today's News-Review)

Drunken Driving Verdict Appealed By Defendant

A municipal court jury Wednesday found William C. Keagle, 42, of 2443 N. Stephens St., guilty of drunken driving, but Keagle has appealed the verdict.

Judge Randolph Slocum sentenced him to serve five days in jail and fined him $100, but Keagle was released when he posted $300 bail after he gave his notice of appeal. He was arrested by city police May 26.

PARADE LINEUP EYED

The lineup for participants in the annual rodeo parade, which will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, will be made at a meeting tonight, according to Chairman Bill Sterling. Also, judges will be selected. Only persons not involved in rodeo activities will serve as judges, Sterling said.

Unoccupied House Burns At Camas Valley Today

An unoccupied house of an estimated five or six rooms was burned to the ground early today at Camas Valley.

Correspondent Mrs. William Cunningham reports the Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. was called out at 1:30 a.m. in an effort to contain the flames. The fire had progressed too far. The house was burned to the ground.

The structure located about a mile east of the Camas Valley Store was owned by William J. Silver of North Hollywood, Calif. He had leased it to A. A. Schaffer of Camas Valley. Schaffer did not live in the house.

32 Chinese Escorted To Red Chinese Border

HONG KONG (AP) — Thirty-two Chinese from the United States were taken under police escort Thursday to the Red Chinese border.

The group, mostly students, arrived here aboard the American liner President Wilson.

There were no demonstrations or incidents.

The students were among the 76 detained in the United States since the Korean War broke out because technical knowledge they had gained in studying in America might be of assistance to the Chinese Communists. The State Department lifted the restrictions April 2.

Devastation From Theoretic Bombings Surveyed By Top Leaders; 'Casualties' High

By STERLING F. GREEN

EMERGENCY PRESS HEADQUARTERS, Operation Alert (AP) — President Eisenhower sped from his hideaway White House Thursday to the emergency headquarters of the Defense Department for a meeting with the National Security Council in the wake of Wednesday's massive—but imaginary—atomic attack.

On tap for the practice session was an up-to-the-hour briefing on the mock devastation in 61 major population and industrial centers. Presumably the problem was to weigh the theoretical devastation and loss of life as a guide to the action the President would order if the vast disaster exercise were a reality.

Ahead of the meeting Eisenhower announced one such action.

He issued a mock declaration of martial law to mobilize "the authority and resources of the federal government" to help get a badly disjointed nation back in top fighting gear.

A spokesman said it was Eisenhower's view that a martial law declaration was necessary to the national interest until Congress—supposedly but not actually scattered—could reconvene and normal channels of government be reestablished.

Ready for the security council were reports showing that Wednesday's "attack" left—on paper—7,636,000 dead and 5,002,000 injured. These figures were incomplete with a number of cities not yet in with their estimates.

Total population of the 61 cities is 33,964,237. Most of them had advance warning. Defense officials estimated that a real attack with no warning would have killed or wounded 37 ½ per cent of this total.

The bombers in the air over the United States were not all imaginary. The strategic air command disclosed that Stratojet B47s and B36 heavy bombers successfully "radar bombed" Wichita, Kan., Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzenstein

"What's so rare as a day in June?" (Lowell.) A day that doesn't see at least one potential killer pinched for drunken driving.