

Local Woman Fatally Wounded

Eisenhower To Refuse Probe Data

Calls Correspondence With Heads Of State Confidential Material

WASHINGTON (U) — The House Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to give President Eisenhower power to use American military force and money to block Communist aggression in the Middle East.

It passed and sent to the Senate a resolution containing the power requested by the President in a special message to Congress Jan. 5.

The Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees are considering a companion resolution, which is similar to authority given to the President two years ago to protect Formosa.

Minutes earlier, the House by a standing vote of 181-45 had been down a move to kill the bill. The result had been expected.

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday he means no harm to senators inquiring into Middle East policies. He said he was not in correspondence with other heads of state. He said it would be a betrayal of confidential relations.

Eisenhower linked this assertion at his news conference with a thoroughgoing defense of Secretary of State Dulles.

Eisenhower said he approves from top to bottom the actions Dulles has taken in the international field.

Eisenhower said Dulles has never taken any action the President (Continued on Page 2 Col. 5)

9 Killed, 50 Hurt As Two Explosions Wreck Big Tanker

ALAMEDA, Calif. (U) — Nine workmen were killed and 50 injured yesterday as two explosions and fire wrecked the tanker Jeany, being refitted for emergency use in the Midwest oil crisis.

Six of the survivors were reported in critical condition.

The 10,296-ton government-owned tanker, newly out of mothballs, was being rushed to a Feb. 8 deadline. She was leased to the American Transport Co. to carry oil to Europe.

Austin Shean, assistant general manager of Todd Shipyards, said welders' torches may have ignited petroleum fumes in the engine and boiler rooms. An investigation may determine the cause. One other shipyard official, unidentified, said heat from the torches might have set off a reserve oil tank.

Survivors said bodies were hurled against bulkheads of the two rooms and against pipes. Some bodies were battered and broken.

Many of the injured — six were in critical condition — had broken bones as well as severe burns.

The tragedy occurred in mid-afternoon at the Todd yards on the Oakland Estuary.

Although searchers said they believed there were no more bodies or survivors in the Jeany, they worked through the night.

ASHLEY NAMED CHAIRMAN

Gov. Robert Holmes today appointed Frank Ashley as chairman of the Douglas County Welfare board of directors.

Carl Hill was the former chairman. Ashley has been vice chairman for the last two years.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Suppose we start this space off today on the frivolous side. There are so many things in this modern world that we might easily fall into the conclusion — if we let ourselves get too serious — that this ball whirling through space that we call The Earth is going to pot in a big way.

As a matter of fact, this modern world we are living in is the BEST world human beings have ever known.

We learn from Salem that both houses of the Oregon legislature are now working as a team — with the first bills started through the senate and the first pieces of legislation already passed by the house.

The first bill passing the house was a traditional one appropriating \$775,000 from the general fund to pay mileage and salaries of senators and representatives and general expenses of the 49th Oregon legislature.

First things should come first — and NOTHING can take precedence.

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The Weather

Cloudy tonight and Thursday with rain in valleys and snow in the mountains. Warmer tonight and Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 31
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 13
Highest temp. any Jan. — 71
Lowest temp. any Jan. — 6
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from Jan. 1 — 2.41
Deficit from Sept. 1 — 3.74

Sunset tonight, 5:22 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:30 p.m.

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Sub - Freezing Weather Continues

Relaxing Of Icy Spell Prospects; Snow Forecast

Sub-freezing temperatures continued to hold in Douglas County through the early hours of Wednesday, but a general relaxation of the icy spell is in prospect.

The sky was clear and blue from north to south in the county this morning.

Coldest conditions were being experienced in southern county areas where the temperature hovered a few degrees above zero through the past 24 hours.

The temperature in Roseburg about mid-morning Wednesday was 23, after a Tuesday high of 31 and a low of 13 during the night.

Most serious damage to come out of the present winter grip were a number of frozen water pipes reported to Oregon Water Co. authorities. Ice was still prevalent on highways in the Roseburg area and some ground fog was reported this morning.

The "ice spot" conditions held true on roads in most of the rest of the county, but snow had ceased falling except in the eastern portion of the county around Glendale.

There, the temperature was reported at 24 with a cold, northeast wind blowing, according to News-Review correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby.

"Light and fluffy" snow was said to be falling Tuesday in the Rock (Continued on Page 2 Col. 2)



WYATTE DE LOACHE
... industrial expert

Two Service Clubs To Hear Industrial Progress Speaker

American achievements in better living will be spotlighted at Thursday's meetings of the Roseburg Rotary Club and the Roseburg Lions Club in the Hotel Umpqua.

Speaker at the Rotary noon luncheon and the 6:30 dinner meeting of the Lions will be Wyatt DeLoache, a top speaker on industrial progress and chemical developments. He has entitled his subject on American achievements and what they mean in terms of better living "Your Horn of Plenty."

He will demonstrate and give a behind-the-scenes discussion of some of the more recent developments in chemical research as practiced by a large business organization. He will show how research and production have contributed to individual welfare and national security.

DeLoache is Pacific Coast manager of the extension division of the Du Pont Co. He maintains headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

He is a former newspaperman, but since 1940 has been with Du Pont in a variety of assignments in the field of human relations.

Before joining the extension division in 1953, he was a plant personnel superintendent, a specialist in community relations and a consultant on industrial journalism.

Douglas County Settles For Right-Of-Way Tract

Payment of \$15,000 to Douglas Abstract for acceptance of a deed from Albert L. and Isla Jane Mills for right-of-way has been authorized by the Douglas County Court.

Right-of-way has been acquired for the purpose of relocation of a portion of the Dixonville-Glide Road and location and construction of the Grubbe-North Umpqua Road No. 200.

The property covers one and one-half acres of ground and includes a house, bath-house and a cabin. But only 0.33 of an acre of the tract will be used for highway purposes, according to County Road Engineer Al May.

No Schedule For Bids For Safeway Ready Yet

No schedule has been set at present for opening bids on a new Safeway store in Roseburg, Harwell Blair, Safeway realty manager, said Tuesday in Portland.

He added that plans are being considered for development of Safeway owned property at Northwest Garden Valley Road and P. n. e Street but that nothing definite has been decided on at the moment.

House Group Votes To Ask For Dam Funds

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (U) — The State and Federal Affairs Committee of Oregon's House of Representatives voted approval Wednesday of two memorials asking Congress for immediate funds to build Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River and John Day Dam on the Columbia.

The committee, with a 6-3 Democratic majority, was unanimous on the John Day memorial.

But the three Republicans opposed action on the Hells Canyon measure "at this time."

The high Hells Canyon Dam would flood out the Idaho Power Co.'s sites for three low dams for which it has a permit from the Federal Power Commission.

The committee also voted to cancel a trip this weekend to inspect the three low dam sites as guests of Idaho Power Co.

The House probably will vote on the two memorials on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Legislature began to sink its teeth into the state's financial problems, described as tough by Rep. Robert J. Steward (D), Keating, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The seven subcommittees of Ways and Means began inspecting the budgets of departments and institutions.

The House Taxation Committee had an afternoon hearing scheduled on the 3 per cent sales tax recommended by the Republican-dominated Interim Tax Committee. But the sales tax has little chance of passage in the Democratic House.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D), Coos Bay, chairman of the taxation group, said that the sales tax issue will be settled before other proposals are considered.

A proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty, except in cases where murder is committed by men who already are under life sentence for murder, was being prepared for introduction by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie. It has the blessing of Gov. Holmes.

The measure, which would have to be submitted to the people, provides a 25-year sentence for second degree murder, and a person convicted of first degree murder could not be paroled until he served 15 years. A life sentence would be mandatory in first degree murder cases.

Umpqua Savings Calls Reconstruction Bids

Bids for remodeling the Umpqua Savings and Loan Assn. building in Roseburg will be received Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the association's offices.

Plans call for reconstruction of the entire building, leaving only the existing foundations and masonry walls. The interior frame will be entirely removed and a new steel framework built to carry the floor and roof loads. Building dimensions are 30 by 100 feet.

The basement and ground floors will be concrete and the second and third floors, lightweight concrete slab on open-web steel joists.

Architect Lyle Glenn reports that by changing ceiling heights, the new three-story structure will be made into a three-story building. The exterior of the building will be faced with marble veneer below and stucco or mosaic tiles on the upper walls. New sash will be aluminum.

An elevator will be installed. Initial estimates of cost were set at \$150,000 for the reconstruction.

It's Hot Down Under

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (U) — Argentina is suffering its worst heat wave in the century it has been keeping weather records.

The temperature soared to 109.9 degrees in this capital city of four million persons, the highest mark since weather records were started in 1856. Eleven heat deaths were reported in Buenos Aires and 7 in suburban Avellaneda. There were many sunstroke cases.

Flood Damage High In East; 3 Are Dead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flood damage mounted Wednesday in a four-state area menaced by rain-swollen mountain rivers.

Thousands of persons already had been forced to leave their homes. Losses ran into the millions but the full tally could not be reckoned because scores of communities were isolated.

But only three deaths were reported.

The flood zone was in southeastern Kentucky, southern West Virginia and nearby sections of Virginia and Tennessee.

Damages in Hazard, Ky., were expected to exceed five million dollars. Dewey Daniel, a banker in that city on the Kentucky River, said: "Hazard's business section completely wiped out. Four feet of water in People's Bank."

The town of Williamson, W. Va., with a population of 9,000, was 75 per cent under water. The Williamson Daily News could not publish its afternoon editions because

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AN EXPENDED RIFLE CARTRIDGE from the bullet that fatally wounded 31-year-old Mrs. Barbara May Geisler Tuesday night is pointed out by Sheriff Ira C. Byrd at the base of the front step of the Geisler home in Northeast Roseburg. (Sheriff's Dept.).

Husband Held For Shooting Tuesday Eve

Laval Geisler Calls Police To Report That His Wife Had Been Shot

A 31-year-old Roseburg mother of three died Tuesday night from a bullet wound, and her husband has been charged with first-degree murder.

The victim was Mrs. Barbara May Geisler, 1615 NE Todd St. She died about 9:25 p.m., a little more than an hour after she had been shot, according to Coroner L. L. Powers.

Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults filed a charge of first-degree murder against 33-year-old Laval Lloyd Geisler Wednesday morning. At an arraignment in district court at 9:15 a.m. Geisler requested time to see an attorney and Dist. Judge Warren Woodruff continued the arraignment until 9:30 a.m. Thursday for this purpose. Geisler is held without bail.

State police Sgt. Robert J. Keefe stated Geisler called his office at 8:20 p.m. requesting an ambulance for his wife who had been shot. At about the same time a neighbor telephoned the sheriff's office and deputies left for the Cloverdale home. Geisler was arrested a short time later.

Mrs. Geisler was taken by ambulance to Douglas Community Hospital, where she died an hour after arrival.

Dist. Atty. Stults said Geisler had indicated that a domestic quarrel had precipitated the shooting. The Geislers are parents of two sons, Carlton, 8, and Greg, 4, and a daughter, Marty, 5. The children, two of whom were asleep in the house at the time of the shooting, according to state police, were taken in by neighbors temporarily.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd stated Wednesday that the shooting occurred at 8:10 p.m. in the Geislers' living room. The weapon used, he said,

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Kiwanians To Present Plan For Retarded Children To County Court Very Shortly

Roseburg Kiwanians hope to take their plan for establishing an adequate school for mentally retarded children in this area before the Douglas County court within the next 10 days. So revealed Frank Dixon, presiding over Tuesday's regular luncheon meeting in the Umpqua Hotel.

However, the club retracted statements made in earlier discussions concerning the effect of such a school on school taxes.

Earlier, the Kiwanians had been told at a meeting that a school of this sort in Roseburg would not affect school taxes, inasmuch as the money would be derived on a tuition basis from individual school districts and county support.

However, at Tuesday's meeting, Joseph Lane Junior High School Principal R. Romayne Brand questioned the earlier contention and openly stated that "although we are trying to spread the cost of this money over as wide an area as possible, including state, county and local school district support, it is going to increase our taxes."

A special-type school of this kind, Brand added, is going to cost more money per capita per pupil.

Dixon explained that the party who made the earlier statement was not aware of the school structure in Oregon, but was apparently more familiar with systems in other states.

A panel of county school officials answered inquiries of club members.

W. E. Campbell, assistant county school superintendent, informed

the club that while the county superintendent's office is anxious to see the mentally retarded school take place, his office is "not anxious to administer it."

Roseburg School District Supt. M. C. Deller told the group that the method of determining which pupils should be entered in such a school would be done by "psychometric tests" by a trained psychologist.

Plans call for a public institution with a school board composed of "lay personnel," which are common to all school boards.

The club also heard a report from the Key Club of Roseburg High School, reporting that the school had collected about \$750 in its polo drive so far and hoped to hit the \$4,000 mark.

Guest speaker was an Oregon State College forestry student who related events of a journey to Europe and India last year as part of an international farm youth exchange program.

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Whistles All Over County Will Herald Mothers' March On Polio

Whistles all over the county will signal the start Thursday of one of the biggest single events in the current March of Dimes campaign.

The Mothers' March on Polio will start in most areas in the evening and continue for an hour.

Here in Roseburg, Co-Chairman Mrs. Robert Raffensperger reported the Roseburg "march" would begin at 6:15 and continue to 7:15.

Whistles at the Roseburg Rural Fire Station, Sun Study Co., Youngs Bay, Umpqua Plywood, Evans Products, Western Battery Separator Co., Hub Lumber Co. and Southern Pacific station would sound the start of the drive. Also, the area's radio and television stations will give the signal.

About 500 women are expected to participate in the drive in the Roseburg area. Some will cover the streets on foot and others will take cars for the task. They will carry credentials identifying them with the march and will leave a polio shot record card at each house.

Mrs. Raffensperger urged that residents of those houses missed in the "march" wait until after 7:15 to call the Episcopal parish hall, headquarters for the 19c a 1 drive. The telephone number is OR 3-4048. She asked that those wishing to make contributions leave their porch lights on.

In the Dixonville area, the drive has been scheduled for the afternoon instead of the evening. Chairman Mrs. Harold McCormack said

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ESCORTING MOTHERS will be members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, suitably tagged "I Am A Mother." They will conduct captains of the Mothers' March to the bank with their money from the march and will also make personal calls for contributions from those missed in the regular "march." Participating Joycees above from left to right are: Dr. Jeff Currier, Bill Allen, Dave Weisman, Jack Gamet, Bob Raffensperger, and Milton Azula. (Paul Jenkins).

School Evaluation Reports Due Tonight

Two more subcommittees of the Roseburg School Evaluation Steering Committee will make progress reports on the work of their groups in a meeting of the committee tonight.

The subcommittees are those on teaching methods and school organization. The meeting is the second in a series of six scheduled this month and next.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. in Central Junior High School.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Letter postage boost to a nickel an ounce is a new plan of the administration heads.

In other words, lick 5-cent stamps and lick the postal deficit.