

Spain's Leader Cancels Vacation To Handle Mounting Labor Strife

MADRID, Spain (AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco suddenly canceled a vacation trip to northern Spain today and remained in Madrid to deal with the nation's mounting labor troubles.

Informed sources said Franco changed his travel plans at the behest of his worried ministers in a 15-hour cabinet session on the labor crisis, one of the severest of his 25-year strongman rule.

A communique issued after the cabinet meeting said Franco and the ministers discussed proposals that would come close to meeting

demands of 70,000 striking miners and industrial workers.

Franco was believed balking at bowing fully to the strikers' demands but was expected to order general wage readjustments throughout the country to head off a further spread of strikes.

The government sets most wages in Spain and strikes are officially banned. But the strikers—all but 8,000 of them in the Asturias coal mining regions and Bilgao industrial area—have been off the job as much as a month. They cite soaring living costs in their demands for the equivalent of about \$2.10 a day, as compared to the \$1.40 to \$1.60 a day.

In Barcelona, 500 university students shouted insults at Franco and voiced support of the Asturias strikers before police invaded the campus and arrested 21 demonstrators.

One striking group was already claiming victory in San Sebastian, where 3,000 workers struck a government railway materials plant 10 days ago. The provincial governor ordered the plant reopened today. Labor circles called it "a sound triumph" for the workers' demands for higher pay.

Government officials insist that

Reedsport Club Hears Walton

Dudley C. Walton, Roseburg, candidate for state representative in the Douglas County Republican primary, said in Reedsport this week freedom is a basic issue in the 1962 election.

Walton was speaker at a luncheon meeting of Reedsport Rotary Club.

"In my opinion it (freedom) has been the real issue in every election since 1932. . . sometimes only mentioned in passing, sometimes ignored, but always there—stark and real," he said.

"With each election the individual American has been stripped of his government of a little more of his freedom. True, each time the stripping has been anesthetized by a liberal shot of handout."

If Americans are to preserve their republic and heritage, they must come to realize, he said, "we cannot go on living it up today out of the public treasury, without regard to fiscal responsibility in government or by the people."

In reference to the Kennedy Administration's action on the steel price incident, Walton commented: "Certainly the events of recent weeks should cause each of us . . . to ask himself: Just wherein lies the difference between the freedom of a citizen to set the price for his product contrary to executive opinion and any other freedom which we take for granted."

Winston Clean-Up Dates Extended

Although some response has been made in the "clean-up" of Winston, inspections being made by the Fire Department and Police Department indicate that additional clean-up is to be undertaken by some local residents, reports correspondent Phebe McGuire.

Clean-up week, May 1 through 7, will continue in order to enable property owners to clear debris, tall grass and old auto chassis from their property.

Billy Mohr Towing Service has volunteered to tow away any auto parts cluttering the area. This service may be obtained by calling the Winston Police Dept. to make arrangements with Mohr.

A nuisance ordinance subjects property owners found in violation to a fine of \$10 to \$200, or imprisonment.

City officials have expressed their appreciation to those who have cooperated in the clean-up and ask that others lagging in the project comply with the ordinance as soon as possible.

Roseburg Firm Low

Beckley & Thomas, Roseburg, was the apparent low bidder to supply 26,000 cubic yards of gravel for the Reston stockpile.

Bids on the work were opened Friday at 10:30 a.m. by the County Court. Bid by Beckley & Thomas was \$37,380. The only other bid to qualify was from Calkins Construction Co., Oceanlake for \$62,400.

Firemen Answer Call

The Roseburg Fire Department was called to the home of Gordon L. Harness, 1719 NE Commercial Ave., when a fire broke out.

No damage was reported.

AN AUXILIARY SUPPLY

BALTIMORE (AP)—When a tank truck carrying gasoline ran out of fuel the other day, the driver drew off a small portion of his cargo and poured it into the truck's gasoline tank.

Demonstration With Syringe Given At Trial

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP)—A demonstration with a syringe capped Friday's prosecution case against Dr. Robert E. Boehme, charged with first degree assault with intent to kill. He is accused of trying to poison his wife while pretending to take a blood sample.

County Prosecutor Charles Wolfe Jr. testified that Dr. Boehme told him it was impossible to inject anything into the blood stream with the syringe—a vacuum device.

However, in a demonstration by a Tacoma, Wash., pathologist, it was shown that the same type of syringe could inject substances if the cylinder was put under pressure.

The pathologist, Dr. Charles T. Larson, produced a syringe containing a blue-colored fluid which he said had been placed under positive pressure.

Then Dr. Larson inserted a hypodermic needle into the diaphragm of the syringe, and the liquid squirted nearly six feet across the courtroom.

Two prominent medical men testified Friday for the prosecution that the symptoms attributed to Boehme's wife, Dorothy, in their opinion, were caused by poisoning.

Dr. Theodore Curphey, chief medical examiner of Los Angeles County, Calif., said he believed Mrs. Boehme, 35, suffered "a severe toxic reaction" after her arm was punctured by a needle last Sept. 20.

A Tacoma pathologist, Dr. Alan Eagleson, testified blood samples taken from Mrs. Boehme five days later indicated a condition usually due to poisoning.

The state contends Dr. Boehme attempted to kill his wife because he was in love with his ex-sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Boehme, 29, a nurse.

Throughout the trial, Dr. Boehme's wife has insisted her husband is innocent.

Medford Lumber Firm Wins Umpqua Tract Here Friday

Olson Lumber Inc. of Medford paid more than \$50,000 above the appraised price for a tract of timber in the South Umpqua District of the Umpqua National Forest at a sale in Roseburg Friday.

The company paid \$138,010 for 4,200,000 board feet of timber appraised at \$87,250. The 4,200,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised at \$18,300 sold for \$29,10, while 200,000 feet of incense cedar and other species went at the appraised price of \$6.20.

Other Bidders Listed

Other bidders were Stomar Lumber Co. of Eugene, Herbert Lumber Co. of Riddle, National Plywood Inc. of Roseburg and Oregon Veneer Co. of Medford.

A second sale in the same general area also topped the appraisal price. The timber located on 223 acres 28 miles northeast of Tiller was appraised at \$21,900. The tract

contains 1,400,000 feet.

It sold to R. A. Briggs and Sons of Roseburg for \$34,200, based on a payment of \$28 per thousand for \$120,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised at \$17.75 and the appraised \$3 per thousand for incense cedar and other species.

Other bidders were Herbert Lumber Co., Round Braire Lumber Co. of Dillard, Fitzgerald Logging Co. of Roseburg and National Plywood Inc. of Roseburg.

Appraisal Paid

The last sale of 145,000 board feet half a mile from Tiller on 10 acres went at the appraisal price of \$3,037.25. The 144,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine was appraised at \$21.05 and 1,000 feet of incense cedar was appraised at \$6.05. Winning bidder was Hoot Owl Logging Co. of Central Point.

The next sales in the Umpqua National Forest supervisor's office are scheduled Monday.

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THREE PRESIDENTS TALK IT OVER — The three presidents or organizations attending the Southwestern Oregon Regional Health Council are shown above looking over the day's program. From left, they are Berl Oar of the hosting Douglas County Health Council; Kenneth C. Ross of Portland, president of the Oregon Health Council; and Dan Cardwell, Gold Beach, president of the Southwestern Oregon Regional Health Association. (News-Review photo)

Drain Merchants Sponsor Circus

Drain merchants are sponsoring a two-day community circus Tuesday and Wednesday, reports correspondent Jo Carlie.

Elephants, dog acts, special clown acts and amusement rides are in store for North Douglas County residents attending. The circus will have at least five acts with three performances daily and will remain open until 9 p.m. both days. It will be located on the parking area next to Bi-Lo Food Mart.

Special merchant ride tickets will be given away free at the 15 Drain business firms and will entitle children to a 15 cent discount for the 25 cent rides.

Leiken Squelches Rumor On Election

Sidney Leiken, chairman of the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee, said today that "contrary to rumors," he hasn't endorsed anyone on the Democratic slate.

Local Men Win Appeal On Street Racing Count

Two men convicted by the Douglas County District Court of holding a speed contest with their cars have won in their appeal to the Douglas County Circuit Court.

A trial jury Friday returned a verdict of innocent for Earned Edward Gibson, 20, of Winston, and Ronald David Robertson, 22, of Rt. 4, Roseburg.

Engineers To Consider Surveyor Law Revisions

A slate of proposed revisions to laws regarding county surveyors is set to be presented to the November meeting of the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors.

Fred Darby, Douglas County surveyor, said a committee, which he chaired, recently completed an all-day work session here concerning such rules and laws.

Glendale Brownies Mother's Tea Tuesday

Mothers of Glendale Brownies are invited to be present Tuesday for a Brownie investiture ceremony and a mother's tea which will be held at the Glendale Elementary School at 3:30 p.m., reports Mrs. Gerald Fox, correspondent.

Girl Scout officials have scheduled a second Day Camp training session for Wednesday, May 23, at the Glendale City Park. Any persons in the community who would be able to assist with the camp are urged to attend the meeting which begins at 10 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. Sack lunches are to be brought for the noon meal.

Mrs. Roscoe Roberts

Funeral services for Mrs. Roscoe (Anna) Roberts, Medford, will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Perl Funeral Home, Medford.

Mrs. Roberts, wife of the state overseer of the state grange, died Thursday in a Central Point hospital after a lingering illness.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Neal in the Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash.



NEAR MISS — Mrs. Vivian Russum of Independence, Mo., peers into a crater that appeared during the night only 20 feet from her concrete block home. The hole, 25 feet deep, and some 40 feet across, is believed to have been caused by the cave-in of an old mine. (UPI Telephoto)

Sub-Seeking Nuclear Device Thought Fired In U.S. Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States may have fired a nuclear missile that the Navy claims can seek out and kill an enemy submarine within an eight-mile range.

The first underwater explosion of the current U.S. nuclear test series was one of two blasts detonated yesterday in the Pacific.

It followed the air burst of a

more powerful nuclear device dropped from an airplane, believed to be a B2 bomber, in the vicinity of Christmas Island.

The two shots—the first one-day doubleheader of the Dominic series—were the eighth and ninth of the tests which began April 25.

The underwater burst was described as a low yield shot, meaning it had the explosive equivalent of less than 20,000 tons of TNT.

The Defense Department said only that it was fired in the eastern Pacific, several hundred miles from the closest land.

There have been reliable reports that either ASROC or SUBROC—antisubmarine weapons—would be tested with a nuclear charge.

ASROC is a 15-foot missile designed to be fired from destroyers, cruisers, or frigates. It already is operational and about 150 ships of the fleet are due to be armed with them within the next few years.

When fired, the 1,000-pound ASROC speeds through the air to the target area, then hits the water and homes in on enemy submarines by following their sounds. Experts say it is capable of destroying an enemy submarine at ranges up to about eight miles.

The SUBROC, another powerful weapon, still is in development.

It is a guided missile designed to be fired from a submerged submarine's torpedo tubes or from the surface. The missile travels through the air, then re-enters the water for the kill.

The Defense Department said it expects no hazard from radioactive contamination of fish or other sea life as a result of yesterday's underwater blast.

Red Follower Picks Up Pieces Following Visit

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP)—A longtime Communist sympathizer disillusionedly started "picking up the pieces" today following an abortive move to the Soviet Union with his wife and twin sons.

David P. Johnson, 32, formerly of Philadelphia, arrived back in the United States Friday with his family. He admitted making an "exceptionally tragic mistake."

It took him only a week to realize Soviet Russia wasn't the land of milk and honey he had thought, he said wearily.

A former \$112-a-week timekeeper, Johnson said he has hopes of getting back his job with the Pennsylvania Railroad. The railroad said his case will be decided when all the facts are at hand.

Johnson and his pregnant wife, Joanne, 26, sold their home in Philadelphia after he quit his job last month. The family went on a tourist trip with the intention of staying.

But it took only "10 minutes to find out how wrong we were," he said. "The Soviet Union is an evil, bad thing. The average working man there is not making a decent week's pay. He is not eating well. Or if he is he is paying dearly for it. He is poorly housed. Even the hospitals are poor."

One of the reasons for wanting to move, Johnson said, was to obtain better medical care for 4-year-old Lindsey, a baby.

Johnson said he never has been a member of the Communist Party but he has supported Communist causes for about 10 years.

The Johnsons are staying with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. John Zapanas. Mrs. Johnson's sister, Frances, wouldn't give her married name.

"She's too ashamed," said Mrs. Zapanas.

Cemetery At Drain Benefits From Gift

Drain City Council's only official action at its last meeting was the granting of a license for the circus coming to Drain May 15-16 and scheduling a city budget board meeting Tuesday, June 5, at 8 p.m., reports correspondent Jo Carlie.

Mayor Tom Myers asked for action on securing the necessary surveying and straightening of the cemetery road so it could be accepted into the county road system. Also, George Churchill has again offered to donate more land for future cemetery use and for the road. Council members agreed to take action on the matter, and expressed appreciation to Churchill for his offer, Mrs. Carlie said.

R. F. Randall suggested that the city offer a reduced water rate for this summer to improve the appearance of the town as homeowners would have more incentive to keep their lawns green. It was agreed to set up reduced rates but no definite starting time has been set.

Drain's municipal electric power system has again qualified for the Certificate of Achievement issued by the Northwest Public Power Association. Electric systems given this award must attain an average cost of electricity to its residential consumers the past year of one cent or less per kilowatt hour. The award was for 1961. Drain has a residential average cost of three fourths of a cent per kilowatt hour.

Officers Installed At Fir Grove PTA

Officers for the 1962-63 school year for the Fir Grove PTA were installed at the May meeting of the group by Mrs. Ted Barnes, past president of the Fullerton PTA.

Mrs. Gil Commons was installed for her second term as president. Others are Mrs. Jeff Currier, first



MRS. GIL COMMONS . . . president

vice president; and Mrs. William Harper, second vice president, both serving their second term; Mrs. Charles Edison, secretary; and Mrs. Archie Rutter, treasurer.

Of special interest on the program was the introduction of sixth grade students by their teacher Jory Kjelstrom. A picture of the school was presented to each student.

James Gregory, vice principal, gave students and parents a preview of what is offered in curriculum and activities at junior high school.

The Fir Grove band under the direction of Ray Moore played several selections.

Drain Banquet Slated

The annual band banquet for the students in the Drain school bands will be at the grade school Wednesday May 16, at 6:30 p.m., reports correspondent Jo Carlie.

All awards will be given at the banquet and the names of the two students to win the scholarship for the summer session for special music training will be drawn and announced. Theos Harmon will make the presentations.

Community's Responsibility Is Topic Of Health Confab

About 50 persons were registered for the day-long series of clinical discussions conducted in the Umpqua Hotel.

Several prominent persons serving in Oregon mental health capacities discussed the mental patient problem. The conclusion was there are problems which arise from patients returning home from hospitals—mental or otherwise—and it is up to the community to find suitable solutions to these problems. This should be a joint effort by all disciplines, it was pointed out.

Young Marine Held As Theft Suspect

An 18-year-old Marine is being held in the Douglas County jail on suspicion of committing larceny from an auto.

The suspect is James Robert Hayes, a Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Roseburg City Police said Hayes was arrested after a city patrol officer observed the suspect remove a foot locker from a car on SE Main St. at about 3 a.m. this morning.

The arrest was made a short distance from the scene of the theft. Police said the locker contained baby clothes, ladies' clothing and cosmetics.

The locker was taken from a car registered to W. D. Carnley of Marysville, Calif.

Club Women Attend Federation Confab

Federated women's clubs in the Roseburg area were represented at the convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs in Portland by three Roseburg area women. The convention was held May 8-10 at the Multnomah Hotel.

Church To Feature Young Male Quartet

"The Interpreters," a quartet of young college men from Warner Pacific College, Portland, will be part of a special Mother's Day service Sunday morning at the First Church of God, Roseburg.

Rev. Howard Leverett, pastor, said the theme of the morning will revolve about the thought of honoring mother. A dedication service for children will also be held.

The quartet is made up of Mel White, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Bob Briscoe, Wichita, Kan.; and Dave White and Les Bush, Walnut Creek, Calif. White will also present the message for the worship hour.

Influenza Incidence Shows Slight Increase

The incidence of influenza in Douglas County took a slight rise during the week ending April 28, compared with the week previous, the Oregon State Board of Health reports.

In its communicable disease survey, the board noted 12 cases of influenza were reported compared with seven the week before. At the same time six cases of pneumonia were reported compared with two the previous week. Measles also was on the rise with 19 cases noted—six more than the previous week.

One case of infectious hepatitis was reported bringing the county total for the year to 14 cases. The state total now is 334.

Winston Man Unhurt As Auto Leaves Road

Richard Williams of Winston was apparently not seriously injured when his car crashed Friday afternoon about one mile west of Winston on State Highway 42.

Roseburg state police said Williams was traveling east. He lost control of the car when it hit loose gravel on the road shoulder. The vehicle swerved off the road and into a ditch.

Officers said the driver was taken to a Roseburg hospital with undetermined injuries.

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