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WEATHER

Fair today and Thursday with thunderstorms in mountains late Thursday. High both days 85-90. Low tonight 45-50.

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Ike Would Attend UN Meeting If Necessary

Hoffa Denies Getting Any Alleged Payoff

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Teamster President James R. Hoffa denied in a shouting match with Senate investigators today that he received any part of an alleged \$17,500 payoff which Detroit laundry owners made to settle a labor dispute.

"I didn't get it," the controversial Teamster Union boss said, his voice rising to a high pitch.

He entered the denial after a heated exchange with Sen. Irving M. Ives (R-N.Y.). Hoffa's lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams, appealed to Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) to stop Ives from shouting at Hoffa.

A group of laundry owners testified Tuesday that they paid \$17,500 to labor consultant Joseph

Holtzman in 1949 to help them get a contract with a Teamster's local.

Some of the laundrymen said they regarded the payment as a "payoff" to prevent a strike and told the committee they assumed that part of it went to Hoffa, a friend of Holtzman.

At the outset of today's hearing, Williams accused the committee of running a "legislative trial" and complained about the introduction of rumors and hearsay in the testimony.

Hoffa continued the row as he returned to the witness stand. He clashed with committee members on subjects ranging from the Senate Labor Reform Bill to the standard of wages in their states.

He conceded that he intervened in the 1949 laundry negotiations but said he did so only to prevent an unnecessary strike. He said the contract already was the best of its type in the country for the Teamsters, and that he did not believe in strikes "for the glorification of certain people."

This was an apparent reference to Isaac Litwak, head of the local.

The committee brought out Tuesday that Hoffa borrowed \$10,000 from Holtzman and an associate, Jack (Babe) Bushkin, in 1951 without interest, notes or security. He told the committee he repaid the loans in 1953.

Ives and Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) suspected the "human torch" case in Michigan was making some witnesses reluctant to testify in the investigation.

Chief committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy said the Kierdorf case would probably come up today when Hoffa returned to the witness chair. He said Hoffa would be asked how Kierdorf, an ex-convict, got on the Teamsters payroll and what his activities were.

Kennedy said the committee also would inquire further into Hoffa's personal finances. Scheduled for questioning along with the Teamsters boss were Herbert Grossberg, a union accountant, and a "mystery witness."

Since the committee began looking into gangster penetration of the labor-management field several witnesses have received threats. After this week's reported attack on Kierdorf, who appeared as a witness last year but refused to talk under protection of the Fifth Amendment, the committee became watchful for signs of intimidation, overt or implied.

Monitors Warn Hoffa On Clean-Up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Court-appointed monitors filed a 204-page report today bluntly warning Teamsters Union president James R. Hoffa they will adopt a "get-tough" attitude if he resists their clean-up demands.

The monitors submitted an inch-thick document to summarize their six-months experience overseeing the nation's largest union under orders of Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts.

Letts appointed the three-man "watchdog" panel in settlement of a legal challenge to Hoffa's election by 13 rank-and-file union members from the New York area. The compromise allowed the 45-year-old Hoffa to take office but set up the monitors to see he ran a clean union.

Filed in Federal Court today the report:

—Denounced Teamsters record-keeping as so slipshod the international union does not know the names and addresses of its members.

—Asserted inadequate membership lists could lead to milking of the Teamsters' \$9-million-dollar treasury unless new safeguards are erected.

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Business Education Day Discussion Set Here Tomorrow

Members of the Chamber of Commerce education committee will meet tomorrow with a small group of local school officials, to further plans for a Business Education Day this year.

Attending the meeting, at noon in the Sacajawea hotel, will be Ron Bailey, U.S. Chamber of Commerce district manager.

Committee Chairman Jim Evenson said it is hoped that a local B.E. Day can be developed, "to create a better understanding of education and business."

YOU CAN BUY BETTER IN LA GRANDE TODAY

BACK TO SCHOOL

NEXT WEEK

REAL ESTATE

Holes Found In 'Torch' Victim's Tale

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI) — Authorities today punched full of holes Teamsters Union official Frank Kierdorf's story of how he was taken for a ride by two men and turned into a human torch.

The theory gaining ground with investigators was that Kierdorf may have been a victim of an accident—perhaps of his own making. Eighty-five per cent of Kierdorf's body was seared by flames early Monday. His condition today was reported worsening at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Kierdorf, 56, business agent of Teamsters Local 332 in Flint, had told authorities two men he did not know took him for a ride, poured inflammable fluid on him, at gunpoint and set him afire. They later dumped him on the lawn of the hospital here, he said.

But a report by Oakland County pathologist Dr. Richard Olsen showed Kierdorf had been treated with a saline for his burns before being taken to the hospital.

Olsen reported Kierdorf had been treated with a commercial skin cream around the face, head and neck.

Kierdorf dozed throughout the night and the cough he developed Tuesday appeared to grow no worse.

Oakland County Prosecutor Fred Ziern said there was evidence some of Kierdorf's clothing had been removed, indicating the victim was in friendly hands after being burned.

Ziern pointed out other loopholes in Kierdorf's story of his "torch ride." Kierdorf had told questioners he rolled in the grass to put out the flames after his attackers had set him afire. But there was no evidence of grass or soil clinging to his flesh to bear the story out.

Red Chinese MIG Fighters Pose Threat

TAIPEI, Formosa (UPI) — The government reported Communist MIG-jet fighters deployed only 22 minutes flying time from President Chiang Kai-Shek's capital today. All Chinese Nationalist Military forces were ordered on "the highest degree of alert."

The chief of the Nationalist staff made an emergency broadcast to Formosa and the Nationalist-held offshore islands urging all precaution against possible air attacks by the Chinese Communist jets.

Defense Ministry spokesman Adm. Liu Hsi-Tu said "All our armed forces have been ordered into the highest degree of alert."

The Defense Ministry announced Tuesday night that super-sonic MIG-17s had moved into the closest possible attacking position to Formosa since the Nationalists were driven off the China mainland in 1949.

MEET NOT HELD

CAIRO, U.A.R. (UPI) — Arrangements for a meeting between U.S. diplomatic troubleshooter Robert Murphy and President Gamal Abdel Nasser broke down today. The U.S. Embassy indicated a meeting may not take place.



COP KILLER—Wilbert Murray is shown following his capture by police two blocks from where he shot and killed patrolman Robert J. Morey, while Morey was arresting him. Murray was captured after a five-hour manhunt, the most intensive in San Francisco's history.

Local Cancer Unit Tops Drive Quota

Union county citizens have contributed a total of \$2,508.53 to the 1958 Cancer Fund drive to date—which is 15 per cent above the goal of \$2,212, county cancer officials said yesterday.

Mrs. Marie Wilkins, district chairman for Eastern Oregon of the Cancer fund drive, said both "state and national officials have expressed their personal thanks to citizens and fund drive officials for the response to the appeal for cancer funds."

She said that \$2,393.53 was donated in the "neighbor-to-neighbor" packets that went from house to house early this summer. Another \$115 was contributed in Memorials, she said.

"There are still some packets to be received," she said, "and undoubtedly the total will be higher when the final report is made in September."

The 1958 total is about 10 per cent of that donated in 1957 in Union county, Mrs. Wilkins said.

Cancer Fund drive leaders all wished to express their thanks to Union County residents for their generous donations.

Mrs. Ray Baum of Union is county chairman. Bob Carey is La Grande chairman. Other local officials who aided in the drive here included Mildred Tiss, Catherine Hawk, Stella Black, Helen Tucker and Frances Thomas.

Scout Troops 113, 114 and 116 donated the "neighbor-to-neighbor" packets.

CONDITION 'SERIOUS'

CANNES, France (UPI) — A spokesman at the Broussailles Hospital said today movie executive Jack Warner had a "fairly comfortable night" but his condition was still serious.

The 66-year-old president of Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., received head and chest injuries Tuesday when his car skidded and crashed head-on into a truck.

Baker Voters Nix Change In City Government

A special city election, July 31, at Baker, defeated the proposal by 169 voters to change to a mayor-commissioner form of government.

The special election was called due to an error in failing to publish notices prior to the primary election last May.

Official counting in the special election was: No—1,491 and Yes—1,322. Previously in the primary, the measure was carried by 205 votes.

Primary Vote Results Are Announced

United Press International

U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri and Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams swept to impressive victories in primary elections Tuesday to enhance their party prospects as 1960 Democratic presidential candidates.

Besides Michigan and Missouri, primaries also were held in Kansas and West Virginia.

In Kansas, Clyde Reed Jr., a Parsons (Kan.) newspaper publisher and son of a former governor and U.S. senator, captured the Republican gubernatorial nomination an hour after the polls closed.

In West Virginia, where two U.S. Senate seats are up for grabs this year, former Rep. Jennings Randolph and Rep. Robert C. Byrd were the apparent winners for the Democratic senatorial nominations.

Incumbent Republican Sens. John D. Hobbitt Jr., seeking election to the two-year unexpired term of the late Sen. Matthew Neely, and Chapman Revercomb, seeking re-election to a full term, were unopposed for renomination.

President Discusses Inflation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower warned management and labor today that they would be headed for trouble if they did not hold down profits and wage increases to reasonable levels.

He did not say specifically whether he thought profits and wage increases have already exceeded reasonable levels.

But the President told his news conference the American people are going to rebel if wages are raised more than justified by increased productivity and if management has profits excessive enough to be robbing the public.

He made the statement in answer to a question about what plans he had to curb inflation in the light of the steel price rise and prospects for large federal deficits for the next five years.

In his first meeting with reporters in five weeks, the President also:

—Said that his doctors had told him he was in good shape despite the strain of recent months and that he felt good.

—Coldly brushed aside a question about how he felt justified in keeping on his top aide, Sherman Adams, and two White House women secretaries who had received gifts from textile magnate Bernard Goldfine. He said he was not going to say anything more about that matter.

—Said he had no plans to make any public pleas for moderation in school integration before the opening of schools this fall. He said that if he thought of anything that could be effective, he certainly would not hesitate to do it.

Local Youths Arrested By Union Police

UNION—City police reported late Monday that two La Grande residents had been arrested in Union. Officers said that Pat Hammond was charged with interfering with the duties of an arresting police officer.

The charge came when Hammond allegedly used foul language while the officer was arresting a second La Grande resident, Jerry Hudson, on a charge of failure to stop at a stop sign.

Hammond forfeited bail and was released.

Union police also said that a robbery occurred here on July 29. A carburetor and manifold and \$300 worth of tools were stolen on that date. Total value was estimated at \$375.

The tools and equipment have recently been recovered in Pasco, Wash., and State police there have charged Mike Crowley and Darrell Waack, both of Washington, with the theft.

Union county District Attorney George Anderson Jr. said yesterday that the two suspects will be returned to Union County to stand trial.

U.S. Will Consider Eventual Summit Talk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today that he will attend the United Nations special assembly meeting on the Middle East if he finds it necessary or desirable that he should participate.

The President told a news conference that he believed the assembly discussion should not be confined to what he called little Lebanon, but should range over a wider section of the Middle East because the causes of the troubles there are so widespread.

Eisenhower said the United States is still willing to consider an eventual summit meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and other big power leaders if proper preparations could be made toward worthwhile accomplishments.

He said the United States will start pulling its troops out of Lebanon just as soon as the United States and the government of Lebanon feel that there is no longer any danger of indirect aggression of the type that was being carried on before U.S. troops went into the area. He added that any time the legitimate government of Lebanon asks the United States to pull out, it will leave.

In his first news conference since July 2, the President told 241 newsmen that he had made no specific plans as yet to attend the special assembly session on the Middle East but that if he felt it necessary or desirable to participate he would do so.

He said that so far, he knew of no general intention on the part of other chiefs of state to attend the session but any delegation could, if it wished, be represented.

by the head of its government.

The West had originally proposed that the heads of government meet at a summit conference within the framework of the U.N. Security Council. Khrushchev had originally conditionally accepted this idea but abruptly changed his position and Tuesday called for an emergency meeting of the General Assembly to consider what he terms U.S. and British "aggression" in the Middle East.

The President Tuesday night promptly accepted Khrushchev's suggestion but made plain in a statement that this country would insist that the assembly weigh U.S. countercharges of "indirect aggression" against Lebanon and Jordan.

The General Assembly meeting is expected to be called to start next week in New York.

Britain announced today that a General Assembly meeting on the Middle East "would be acceptable." It was understood that Britain hoped that foreign ministers rather than heads of government would attend the meeting in New York.

In today's news conference, the President again bitterly rejected Soviet assertions that the United States was guilty of aggression in the Middle East. He said the record itself would show that the accusation of aggression fitted Russia instead of the United States.

The Soviet Union's entire post-war history, including its domination of East Europe and its support of Communist adventures in Korea and Viet Nam in the Far East, all show that an accusation of aggression would be more accurately directed against the Kremlin itself, the president said.

The United States would be prepared to join in some form of United Nations guarantee of Middle East borders, the President said. He hoped that the Soviet Union would do likewise and then live up to the commitment.

The President declined to disclose whether the United States has any overall plan for solving the problems of the turbulent Middle East. He said, however, that the American government was prepared to continue its efforts, in agreement with individual countries there, to help them raise their living standards.

The President served notice on the Soviet Union that the United States intends at the special assembly session to demand consideration of the basic and underlying causes of continued trouble in that area, which he and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles previously have blamed on the Russian practice of "indirect aggression." By this term they mean the incitement to rebellion and infiltration of arms and leaders to lead fights against established governments.

Chinese Communist Premier Mao Tse-Tung, with whom Khrushchev conferred secretly in Peking last week, may have had quite a bit to do with getting Khrushchev to back down on holding a Mideast summit conference, to which he originally agreed, Eisenhower said. However, he added that his experts were still analyzing this situation for him.

Solh Denies Resignation; Keeps Post

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Premier Sami Solh today expressed his determination to remain in office at least until president-elect Gen. Fuad Chehab takes over from President Camille Chamoun Sept. 23.

"Reliable sources" had said Solh and his cabinet had tendered oral resignations to Chamoun and that the matter probably would be acted on today. But Solh denied the report and said he had every intention of remaining in office until Chehab becomes president.

Solh also denied reports that Justice Minister Basheer Al Awar had resigned.

While political maneuverings between government and opposition forces continued, Beirut enjoyed its sixth consecutive day of quiet.

There have been only a few isolated incidents of violence in the countryside and but one bombing attack in Beirut since Chehab was elected by parliament last Thursday.

American troops continued to disembark from a transport which a U.S. spokesman said carried "the last major reinforcements."

The latest arrivals increased the strength of the American forces to 14,300 men and 90 tanks. The Lebanese army totals 9,000 men.



CLASS OF 1933, LA GRANDE HIGH—Shown above are 66 of the 163 members of the 1933 La Grande Senior High School class. The members above—including 12 more who weren't present when the pictures were taken, held a two-day class reunion at the armory here over the last weekend. **LEFT PICTURE**, (left to right) back row: Marian Nelson Jordan, LG; Dorothy Walker Jordan, Baker; Melva Bull Taylor, Salem; Sylvia Johnson Simonson, Spokane; Clarice Taylor Johnson, LG; Vivian Gallagher Cammon, Forest Grove; Virginia Wigglesworth Huggins, Oak-

land, Calif.; Dortha McCoury White, LG; Zeloris Weatherspoon Jones, LG; Genevieve Choate Turner, LG; Marie Silk Houston, LG; Alma Howard Shepherd, Pendleton; Mary Cook Campbell, San Leandro, Calif.; Eldridge Huffman (teacher), LG; Eva Dougherty Magden, LG; Maye Fisher Shills, Ontario; Elta Severson True, Ontario; Homer Case, Alici; Edwin Alexander, LG; N. C. Thompson, Pendleton; George Wilcox, Gaston. **Front row**: Adah Singleton, LG; Marell Waite Huntsman, LG; Merwin Jordan, Baker; George Danny, Coronado, Calif.; Jack Bates,



Olympia, Wash.; Carl Amos, Salt Lake City; Dale Rhine Portland; Max Baxter, Seattle; Albert Lilly, LG; Dale Standley, LG; Fred Beeman, LG. **RIGHT PICTURE**, (left to right) back row: Howard Lyman, Eugene; Fern Broomfield Hutchinson, LG; Donald Hannefield, Long Beach, Calif.; William Corey, LG; Kenneth Feuerhaim, Joseph; Robert Zweifel, LG; Buford Moore, Nampa, Idaho. **Middle row**: Donna Koffard Edwards, LG; Hazel Crawford Wallisinger, Alici; Georgia Lee Daniels Powell, Moro, Ore.; Rebah Gray Laird, LG;

Verda Feuerhaim Peterson, Union; Margaret Davy Riser, Spokane; Mary Lou Rhea Tuttle, Spokane; Jeanne French Hiett, Eugene; Barbara Coolidge Prentice, Medford; Jean McKenney Hassell, Portland; John Larson, Portland; Dennis Miller, LG; Earl Edwards, LG; Lee Clay, Walla Walla; John Towery, Caldwell; Wesley Smith, LG. **Front row**: Wilbur Van Bloklund, Heppner; Charles Erickson, Eugene; Donald Johnson, Sumnerville; Donald Culp, Salem; David Hiett, Eugene; Robert Cumliffe, Pendleton; Gerald Waite, LG; Harold Hilary, LG; James Ingerson, LG.