

Daily except Sunday

'A MEMORABLE JOY TO ME'

Winnie's Voice Recalls Darkest Days Of Dunkirk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A historic era at the White House ends today. Sir Winston Churchill leaves.

No one associated closely with the 74-year-old former British prime minister these last few days expected him to return. And from President Eisenhower down to the cooks and butlers, there was genuine sadness over his leaving.

Sir Winston has been the President's house guest since Monday and today he moves to the British Embassy for one night before traveling home to his beloved Great Britain with a brief stop-over in New York.

Because of advancing years and nagging ailments of the aged, the once gloriously eloquent voice of Churchill is seldom heard these days.

But in the soft golden light of the stately White House dining room Wednesday night and before a distinguished company of American leaders, the oratorical splendor that rallied the free world during World War II flashed again.

With a gleaming champagne goblet in his hand, Sir Winston

rose with some difficulty from his high-backed dining chair to propose a toast to the President.

Seated before him were members of the Cabinet, leaders of Congress, commanders of the armed services and a group of the President's friends from the world of big business.

In the rich voice that brought encouragement to millions during the darkest days of Dunkirk and Tobruk, Sir Winston began to speak.

"To come across the Atlantic and to see so many friends and so many elements in the union of our peoples has been a great and memorable joy to me," the old British battler rumbled.

"Here at this table," he said as he looked around the room, "sit those whose decisions can perhaps influence the destiny of mankind more deeply than any other group of men you could find."

He was frank about it being "late in the day" of his long career, but he was happy to have one more opportunity to speak on a subject dear to his heart—the union of the English-speaking peoples.

Work Together

"I am sure," he said, "that it is in a close and increasing fellowship with you, our American friends and brothers, that our brilliant future rests."

Surveying the world today and with his mind obviously on troubled Western relations with Russia, Sir Winston said the problems of today "are perhaps harder to resolve than those which confronted us in the last war, in the days of our closest comradeship."

"I would suggest to you that the solution today is the same as it was then," he said. "I feel most strongly that our whole effort should be to work together. It resonates in my mind, a precious and hopeful thought.

"Let us be united and let our hopes lie in our unity because we understand each other. We understand when things go wrong, or things are said, or anything like that, we really can afford to pass them by.

"We understand each other and we hope that the realization of this truth will continue to increase on both sides of the Atlantic to the lasting benefit of the free world — and above all, the people of Britain and America."



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Leaves White House

Union Wants Investigation Of Industry

NEW YORK (UPI) — United Steelworkers of America today asked the Justice Department to investigate an alleged conspiracy on the part of the steel industry to pool its profits in the event of a strike against one or more companies.

At the same time the union asked the National Labor Relations Board to investigate the possibility that the companies will engage in a lockout in the event of a strike affecting only part of the industry.

R. Conrad Cooper, chief negotiator for the industry, indicated Wednesday that the industry was considering both proposals in the event the union adopted a "divide and conquer" strike policy.

The requests for investigations of these possible moves were made in separate letters to Attorney General William P. Rogers and to Jerome D. Fenton, general counsel of the NLRB.

The letters were signed by Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel of the union.

No Strike Plans Made
Goldberg emphasized at a press conference that these letters were not to be construed as an indication the union had decided upon a strike policy which would close down only part of the industry.

He said the letters were sent only to alert the Justice Department and the NLRB to possible violations of federal law by the steel industry.

Commentary on the plan to pool profits, Goldberg said that plan was in violation of the anti-trust laws because it would amount to collusion among the companies to allocate their markets.

He said if the companies already had seriously discussed such a plan, they are guilty of engaging in a conspiracy to violate the anti-trust laws.

Calls It Legal Lockout
Goldberg presided at the press conference in the absence of USW President David J. McDonald who was lunching with former President Harry S. Truman.

Goldberg, noting that Cooper implied Wednesday the industry may close down all plants if any one is hit by a strike, said this would amount to a "legal lockout."

School Vote Canvass Monday

The Rural School District Board will meet at the county court house Monday night to canvass votes from school elections held Monday.

Mrs. Veda Couzens, county school superintendent, said that in the election for a member-at-large post on the rural district school board, Carl Webster leads Charles Reynolds 454 to 425. All votes are not yet in, however, she added.

Precincts in the county are required to have their totals sent to the court house five days after the election. The rural district board must then canvass the vote before it is official.



PERFORM IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

These three La Grande High School girls are giving a preview of their part in the Friday night presentation of the May Music Week Festival. The final showing is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. From left to right: Janet Cunningham, Shirley Ann Smurthwaite and Frances Wolfe. (LHS Photo)

COMMISSION SUGGESTS SOME MORGAN LAKE DEVELOPMENTS

By BUCK BUCHANAN
Observer Staff Writer

City Commissioners last night recommended that only minor development be undertaken at Morgan Lake this year and voted to return to the City Planning Commission, which will meet May 12, their recommendations.

Suggestions in the recommendation were that only sanitary facilities, construction of cattle guards on the access road, and improvements on the access road, be undertaken this summer. Commissioners included a clause that states "unless traffic and use of Morgan Lake demands that further development be made later in the year."

Commissioners T. W. Herrmann, H. E. Waddell and Merle Becket felt that development of the area be restrained until positive proof as a city recreational area should be restrained until positive proof was shown whether trout would be able to exist in the lake.

The Game Commission last Sunday poisoned the lake with chemicals. It will remain toxic for a period of three weeks.

Following the toxic period the game commission will plant 100,000 fingerling trout in the lake. According to commission officials, the trout would be of legal size for angling about August 1.

There is still a possibility that the commission may secure legal size trout to stock the lake following the toxic period.

The vote for returning the City Commission recommendations to the planning commission was not unanimous. Commissioner Arlo Z. Noyes voted in the negative, commenting "that the recommendations were not fully complete."

W. I. Herrmann stressed the point that he—and many citizens

SNYDER CHECKING

La Grande Fire Chief Ray Snyder is in Cornelius today checking on the installation and testing of fire fighting equipment on the new 1,000 gallon pumper being purchased by the city. Delivery of the new truck is expected in a few weeks.

felt that the area should be left a primitive area. He said that development of the lake area would destroy the natural beauty of the spot.

Morgan Lake contains about 76 acres of water. The city recently purchased 200 acres and the lake.

The lake was bought from California-Pacific Utilities Company for use as a reserve water resource for the City of La Grande.

In other action at the meeting commissioners discussed a possible summer bond election for construction of sewage treatment facilities. Both a disposal plant and a sewage lagoon have been considered by the city.

Commissioners will act further on this matter at next week's meeting.

A petition for sanitary sewer improvement of a section on Al-

Scientists Say Fallout Danger Is Still Slight

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A high level group of independent scientists agreed unanimously today that the hazard from radioactive fallout so far is slight.

They also said the public has been "confused" about the potential danger.

The experts reported that the total radioactivity in fallout from all nuclear tests to date amounts to less than 5 per cent of that released by medical X-ray machines. Using a different measuring device, they said it is less than 5 per cent of the natural radiation from cosmic rays and other sources.

The group, headed by Vice President Warren C. Johnson of the University of Chicago, said the damage to health from fallout's comparatively small amount of radioactivity cannot be "fully evaluated" but that the hazard should be placed "in perspective."

Hard To Understand

"Human beings," it said, have lived for many generations in parts of the world which have five times or more the background radiation normal to the United States, or more than 100 times the average amount of radiation

from fallout in the United States.

"The amount of strontium-90 which has been found in food and water is less of a hazard than the amount of radium normally present in public drinking water supplies in certain parts of the United States, and in public use for many decades."

The AEC committee said the agency has "released all significant fallout data" and gave special commendation to Dr. Willard F. Libby, scientific member of the AEC, who for years has minimized the fallout danger.

But the advisory group conceded that the information released has not always been "in a form readily understood by the public."

Dairy Cows Diet

The advisory committee said flatly that "at present X-rays are the most important artificial source of radiation hazards."

Dr. C. L. Comar of Cornell University testified in testimony Wednesday that the amount of dangerous strontium-90 in milk could be cut in half by doubling the amount of calcium in the diet of dairy cows.

Increases for academic employ-

ment now amount to about 10 per cent spread over the next two years. State workers would get about a 4 per cent raise.

Rep. W. O. (Bun) Kelsay (D-Roseburg) said the state salary bill was a "bad bargain" but was better than "nothing at all."

The main tax bill, besides the federal income tax deduction, would lower rates but still means a boost in taxes. Another tax bill passed places a one per cent interest rate per month on taxes paid by installment. The Legislature also approved special tax treatment for capital gains providing they are reinvested in Oregon. This is designed to attract new industry.

Legislature Ends On Economy Note In Its 116th Day

BOTH HOUSES SLASH STATE WORKER'S PAY

SALEM (UPI) — The 50th Oregon Legislature adjourned on an economy note at 12:10 a.m. today at the start of the 116th day of the session.

Adjournment came finally after both houses agreed on slashing salary increases for state workers and academic employes of the state system of higher education by \$1,250,000. Of this amount \$750,000 was from a proposed state worker increase and \$500,000 was for academic salaries.

The 1959 session, which saw a tax bill passed eliminating the federal income tax deduction from state returns, fell short of the 128-day record established two years ago.

The last evening was punctuated by recesses of both houses to allow desk staffs a chance to catch up on bills passed and also to let conference committees work on the few bills hanging fire.

Main interest in the final day centered around the conference committee handling the measure which originally provided for \$3,200,000 for state employe salary hikes.

Members of this conference committee were Sens. Ward Cook (D-Portland) and Boyd Overhulse (D - Madras) along with Reps. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) and Stafford Hansell (R-Athens.)

Senate Cuts Bill
Earlier in the day the Senate slashed the state salary increase down to \$1,500,000. The House, however, refused to concur in the Senate amendments and the conference committee was appointed.

There was far more argument in the Senate on the last day than there has been during any single day of the session.

At one stage of the evening, some senators toyed with the idea of recessing for three days and then reconvening on the theory that the recess might put some of the solons in a better mood.

All declared they were extremely tired and anxious to get home. Before coming to an agreement on the state employe salary bill, both parties held caucuses.

The education bill was urged by Rep. Wickes Shaw (D - Eugene) who said at the same time she disapproved of "slashing budgets at the last minute in negation of thoughtful judgment."

The total appropriation for higher education now stands at \$39,853,000 with the House - approved reductions.

Rep. Keith Skelton (E-Eugene) protested on the state salary bill that it was not really a needed cut.

Hikes About 10 Per Cent
Increases for academic employes now amount to about 10 per cent spread over the next two years. State workers would get about a 4 per cent raise.

Rep. W. O. (Bun) Kelsay (D-Roseburg) said the state salary bill was a "bad bargain" but was better than "nothing at all."

The main tax bill, besides the federal income tax deduction, would lower rates but still means a boost in taxes. Another tax bill passed places a one per cent interest rate per month on taxes paid by installment. The Legislature also approved special tax treatment for capital gains providing they are reinvested in Oregon. This is designed to attract new industry.

Pearson Says Legislature Did Good Job

SALEM (UPI) — Senate President Walter Pearson said today the Oregon Legislature did a good overall job except for increases which hiked the budget.

"If the Ways and Means Committee had not gone hog wild on appropriations we could have adjourned in 100 days," Pearson said. "However, they did a good job otherwise."

Pearson said that up to two weeks before close of the session the tax committees had hopes of a 305 million dollar budget. This, he said, would have permitted keeping the same tax rates with some minor adjustments. The general fund budget totaled about \$312.2 million.

Pearson said he regretted failure of the House to permit a vote of the people on a sales tax. The alternative of a 50 per cent increase in income tax rates faces the 1961 Legislature, he predicted.

Women Hurt In Accidents

Two women were injured in separate Highway 30 accidents last night.

Mrs. Raymond B. McFarland of La Grande is in the St. Joseph hospital. She was a passenger on a scooter driven by her husband. The scooter flipped on gravel on the shoulder of the highway, McFarland told state police. They were traveling west at the time of the accident.

Della Mayhew Binaw of Big Springs, Tex., was released from the hospital this morning following a single car accident east of Ladd Canyon. Her car traveled 107 feet after leaving the highway and came to rest on its wheels in a ditch, police reported. The accident occurred about 10:30 p. m.

Kiwanis Gives FFA

The La Grande Kiwanis Club last night presented the La Grande Chapter of Future Farmers of America with a check amounting to \$100.

The money will be put in a small loan fund for members of the FFA chapter.

Kiwanis Club President Ed Alexander and vice president Vernon DeLong made the presentation to Dale Case, chapter president, at a meeting of the FFA.

ASTAIRE SCORES STUNNING SWEEP OF 'EMMY' AWARDS

By VERNON SCOTT
UPI Hollywood Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Fred Astaire, believing the "old dad" nickname he hung on himself, let his famous dancing feet do the celebrating Wednesday night after his stunning sweep of nine television "Emmy" awards.

"A great night for old dad," cracked the skinny Astaire when he accepted one of the awards given him by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He will be 60 Sunday.

And then Fred showed the young fellows how to celebrate by joining a crowd of television and movie personalities at the Palladium and dancing with Barrie Chase, his co-star on the "Evening with Fred Astaire" show that earned him the awards, and with blonde beauty Kim Novak.

Astaire, whose sophisticated dances brought him stardom on Broadway and motion pictures, won each award for which he had been nominated, including best actor of 1958 in a single performance.

The biggest winner next to Astaire was the Irish drama "Little Moon of Alban" which took four awards, including the best actress in a single performance award for its star, Julie Harris.

There were a number of two-E Emmy winning shows, including Perry Mason, Peter Gunn, Dinah Shore and Jack Benny.

The only Westerns garnering awards were Maverick, named the best out-burner, and Gunsmoke, in which Dennis (Chester) Weaver won an Emmy as best supporting actor in a series.

Among the networks, NBC nearly swept the field by collecting 27 Emmys, CBS won 12 and ABC one.

Playhouse 90, expected to be a big winner, won only one award

—the best dramatic series of one hour or longer.

In the news category, the team of Chet Huntley and David Brinkley on NBC was chosen the best news reporting program; Face of Red China, CBS, the best special news program; Ed Murrow, CBS, best news commentator; and Cuban Revolution, CBS, the best on-the-spot news coverage.

Other awards included: Loretta Young (best actress, dramatic series), Jane Wyatt (best actress, comedy series), Barbara Hale (best supporting actress, dramatic series), Ann B. Davis (best supporting actress, comedy series) and Tom Poston (best supporting actor, comedy series).

Perry Como won the best actor of a musical show award and Raymond Burr the award for the best actor of a dramatic series.

Omnibus, NBC, was named the best public service program.

'Mrs. McThing' Set For Tonight

"Mrs. McThing" spring production of the Eastern Oregon College theater, is scheduled to get underway tonight at the college auditorium. It will run for three nights.

According to Director Richard G. Hiatt, "Mrs. McThing" is a "funny play and we're out to make you laugh."

Featured in the cast are two youngsters, sixth grader Ronnie Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fuller, and second grader Becky Kimbrel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kimbrel of La Grande.

Curtain time all three nights is 8 p.m.

FLUE FIRE

A flue fire broke out in the attic of the Dr. Joseph H. Gaiser home, at Alder street and M avenue about 10 a.m. today.

Firemen chopped through the roof to extinguish the blaze in the Eastern Oregon College teacher's house.



EOC PARENTS' WEEKEND

Final plans for the Eastern Oregon College two-day program honoring visiting parents are checked by student co-chairmen Betty Johnson (center), Portland, and Don Cole (right), Baker, with Parents' Club president, Robert Oesterling, La Grande. The festivities get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday. (EOC Photo)