

# Israel Warned to Tighten Defenses; Syria Units Move

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (AP) — Prime Minister Moshe Sharett Wednesday called for tightening Israel's border defenses. He made the appeal in Parliament shortly after a military spokesman announced Syria was concentrating new forces on its frontier with the young Jewish state.

# Ike Opposes Man Judging His Own Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday, when the subject of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) and his row with Army officials came up, that in America a man doesn't sit in judgment on his own case.

Eisenhower refused at a news conference to talk specifically about (1) McCarthy's insistence on cross-examining witnesses at forthcoming public hearings in the dispute, or (2) moves by Senate Republican leaders to have McCarthy remove himself completely from the conduct of the inquiry.

But the President did say, and the White House permitted him to be quoted directly:

"I am perfectly ready to put myself on record flatly, as I have before, that in America, if a man is a party to a dispute, directly or indirectly, he does not sit in judgment on his own case, and I don't believe that any leadership can escape responsibility for carrying on that tradition and that practice."

Meaning Not Clear  
The President's meaning, as it might relate to the immediate point in the McCarthy controversy, was not 100 per cent clear.

Some of the 212 newsmen present thought he was backing the Senate leaders, who want McCarthy's role in the investigation to be strictly that of a witness. McCarthy, on the other hand, said he and Eisenhower "agree with each other completely."

The senator has stepped down from his subcommittee chairmanship and given up his vote for the purposes of the hearings — while holding fast to his stand that he should cross-examine witnesses.

Question Arises  
The question came up at the beginning of a news conference in which the President also:

1. Said unemployment hasn't reached the point of calling for any slam-bang emergency program to cope with it. Some things — such as easing credit and making money cheaper — already have been done, the President said, and he urged his advisers are watching the situation day by day.

2. Praised House Republicans and the nine Democrats who joined them in passing his tax bill last week. Magnificent work, said the President. Of Congress' progress in general, he said adoption of his whole program is necessary to the country, and the longer action is delayed the more opportunities are being missed.

Backs Dulles  
3. Reaffirmed that the forthcoming Geneva conference, with the Chinese Communists sitting in, doesn't change this country's refusal to give Red China diplomatic recognition under present world circumstances.

4. Offered a long-range opinion that non-Communist forces hard beset by the Reds at Dien Bien Phu, in Indochina, will come out all right if their morale holds up — and laughingly said he hinted to the French that their brilliant colonel in command there — Christian de Castries — ought to be made a general.

5. Backed up Prime Minister Churchill's statement that the Western allies have all the arrangements for instant consultation, in the event of a defense emergency, that possibly can be made.

6. Indicated belief that there's been some exaggeration in early reports about 23 Japanese fishermen being badly burned by fardrifting ashes from this country's recent hydrogen weapon test in the Pacific. Nonetheless, he said, it's clear something happened out there which must have surprised and astonished the scientists, and extra precautions will have to be taken in the future.

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# 318 Words Needed to End Spell Contest

(Story also on Page 1)

It took 318 words, 49 of them not used in earlier stages of competition, to decide the outcome of The Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest Wednesday night at Parrish Junior High Auditorium.

When the last syllable had been spelled out, Sharon McKimmey of Hazel Green was top winner, followed by James Oberg of St. Paul and MaryAnn Cain, Turner.

But 17 other seventh and eighth graders from Polk, Yamhill and Marion County Schools were still their school champions and semi-final winners. They were recognized last night by the contest sponsors in the presentation to each of an engraved zippered notebook.

Placement List  
Here is how the others placed in the finals, their schools and the words that beat them:

- 4th place—Charlene Kauble, Willamina, on the word "witticism."
- 5th—Mary Freeman, Bethel (Polk County), "reprehensible."
- 6th—Claudette Olson, Stayton, "octogenarian."
- 7th—Pauline Kuenzi, Willard, "susceptible." A sister of Della Kuenzi, who was second place winner in the 1952 finals, Pauline had spelled down Sharon McKimmey, last night's top winner, in the semi-finals.
- 8th—Frank Thomas, Cloverdale, "propeller."
- 9th—Marion Rogers, Eldridge, "erroneous." Marion had beat out James Oberg for first in their semi-final round.
- 10th—Karen Oveross, Evergreen, "keresene."
- 11th—Yvonne Lofton, Dayton, "fuchsia."
- 12th—Lorraine Killemer, Ballston, a Statesman carrier, "crystallize."
- 13th—Dewey Cummins III, Pedee, "acquaintance." It was his second year as finalist.
- 14th—Kennie Ruth Carlson, Brush College, "psychology."
- 15th—Vondra Anderson, Parrish Junior High of Salem, "obsoleto."
- 16th—Cara Lee Whitten, Detroit, "diaphragm."
- 17th—Loree King, Victor Point, "cemetery."
- 18th—Robert Richardson, Valsetz, "exhilarate."
- 19th—David Vanderhoff, Greenwood, "professor."
- 20th—Judy Baker, Leslie Junior High, "sundry."

In the finals last night the high-spelling participants were 14 girls and six boys.

Third Boy Winner  
James Oberg became the third boy to win a bond in finals since the Mid-Valley contest started in 1951.

And his school, St. Paul, became the second school to place more than one student among the top three winners in the contest records to date. Last year Gerald Martin of St. Paul was third.

The other school was Broadacres whose Shirley Helen Brown won first in 1952 and JoAnne Parker won third the year before.

The intense competition on the Parrish stage last night was broadcast over KSLM direct, with a moving microphone above the spellers' heads as each spelled his words.

Harder Words  
The contest required 318 words and most of the spell-down action came only after the unpublished words began coming up.

In the first 14 rounds—263 words—only three contestants dropped out. The next round saw two more go and after that it was really tough.

Before the "knockout" words came, however, these spellers were tossing off such words as hemiphrase, pneumonia, isthmus, conscientious, resuscitate, rhythm.

Grand finals a year ago was Barbara Paulson of Woodburn. Mack Harris, Parrish, won in 1951. Shirley Helen Brown, 1952.

Teachers Listed  
Teachers of the 20 contestants in the Grand Finals last night were Roberta Rogers of Parrish, Mary Ann Foley of Leslie, Norma Goddard of Turner, Raleigh Carothers of Brush College, Mrs. Alice Murphy of Pedee, Russell Tuma of Bethel, Curtis Benefield of Ballston, Dorothy Carpenter of Victor Point, Emma Schreder of Willard, Vance Noble of Dayton, Darrel D. Brown of Hazel Green, Frances Draper of St. Paul, Eulalia Macbeth of Stayton, Odella J. Park of Evergreen, Ralph A. Miller of Vaiseta, Theresa Dehler of Eldridge, Mildred Meunier of Cloverdale, Gertrude Gragg of Greenwood and Albert E. Warby of Detroit.

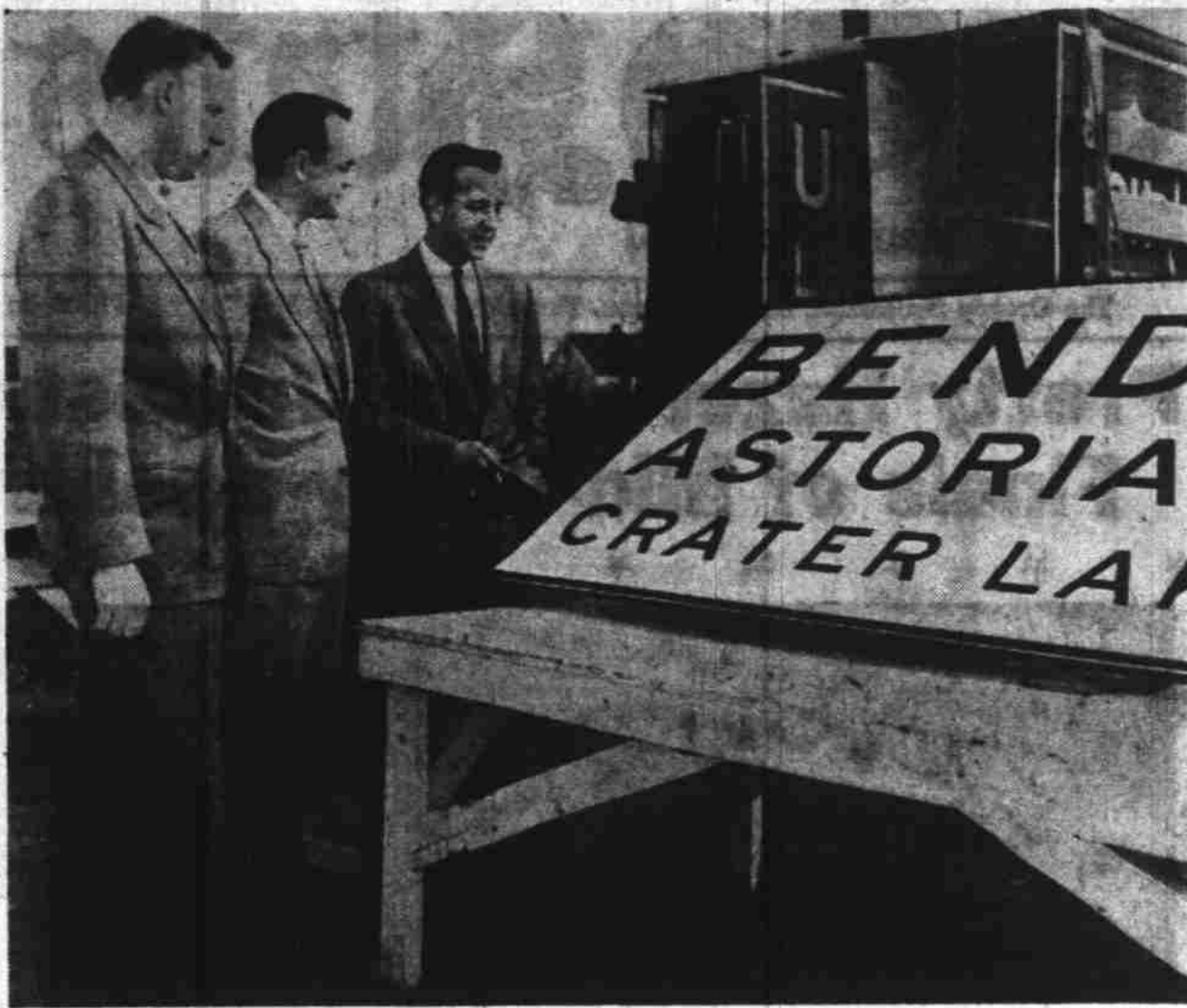
Animal Attacks  
Protection for congressmen? What about a little protection for capitol police, asked officer John Thompson Wednesday.

During a lull in the morning traffic, Thompson, a member of the capitol force from Tacoma, Wash., was bitten on the finger by one of the many squirrels which frequent the capitol grounds.

After treatment by the capitol physician, he returned to duty.

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# Legibility of Highway Signs Studied



These men (above) are shown participating in the state traffic engineering division's program to test the value of legibility of different types of state highway traffic signs. They are (from left) Lee D. Kiles, Eugene traffic engineer; C. Robson, Portland city traffic department, and Bud George of the state highway department. (Statesman Photo)

# State Testing Varied Types Of Road Signs

Various types of illuminated and reflectorized traffic direction signs are being tested these days by the traffic engineering division of the state highway department.

The sign tests which included reading dummy signs prepared with reflecting materials such as Scotchlite, Stimulite and Reflectite, are to determine the signal value and legibility of the various types of signs.

If test results indicate more effective signs would be those using reflected light instead of the present illuminated type signs then Oregon highways may soon use the new kind.

So far more than 400 observers have seen the different series of signs in the testing program. But test investigators Tom Yates and Glen Clark need more night observers. Between now and April 1 men and women of driving age, who wish to assist in the testing, may call the traffic engineering division.

# Rioting Halted At Maryland State Hospital

CROWNSVILLE, Md. (AP) — Anne Arundel County police reported Wednesday that rioting broke out in the maximum security ward at Crownsville State Hospital for the insane. But an hour later, police reported everything secure.

County police said they received the first alarm at 11:36 p.m. (EST) Wednesday and had sent "everything we've got" to the scene, including officers armed with tear gas bombs.

Details were scarce but at 12:35 a.m. Thursday county police headquarters at Ferndale reported "all secure," and said two off-duty shifts of policemen had been sent back to their homes.

The original call for help from hospital authorities said attendants in "C" Building, where the rioting occurred, may have been trapped.

The hospital is located about eight miles northwest of Annapolis, Md., houses insane Negro criminals.

# Gordon Opposes Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only one of the six U. S. Senators from the Pacific Northwest voted Wednesday against the proposal to cut in half the 10 per cent federal excise tax on household appliances.

The negative vote, one of 23 cast, was by Sen. Gordon (R-Ore). The five senators who joined 59 others in passing the tax bill amendment were Dworkshak and Welker, Idaho's Republicans; Jackson and Magnuson, Washington's Democrats, and Morse, Oregon Independent.

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# 'Turkey Egg' Hail Falls

MOUND RIDGE, Kan. (AP) — A 25-minute storm dumped hailstones "the size of turkey eggs" over a wide area late Wednesday. City officials said every flat roofed building in the town was riddled. Merchandise in stores was damaged by rain which poured through the holes in the roofs.

Windows were broken, street lights were knocked out and trees were stripped by the storm.

# McCarthy, Pearson in New Barrage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) and columnist Drew Pearson fired new barrages in their running feud Wednesday in a free-swinging mix-up centering on charges and counter charges of espionage act violations.

These were the developments: 1. McCarthy called on Atty. Gen. Brownell to check up at once on what he called an espionage case involving a representative of Pearson.

2. Pearson retorted by inviting the Justice Department to let a grand jury decide whether he or McCarthy had violated the espionage act. Pearson said he would be delighted to have the entire matter investigated by anyone who is "competent and sane."

McCarthy triggered the fireworks at a hearing before a Senate appropriations subcommittee on Monday when he raised the issue of an alleged espionage case involving one of Pearson's aides.

At the time, other senators blocked McCarthy's questioning of Brownell on the subject, on the ground that it had no place in an appropriation hearing. However, Brownell agreed to check on what McCarthy called a "pigeon-holed" case of alleged espionage and said he would advise McCarthy on what he found.

McCarthy renewed his attack on the subject at Wednesday's session of the subcommittee when he read a letter from Brownell saying that the case is still "under active investigation" and that consequently because of a long-standing policy he could not disclose any details about it.

Pearson, informed of McCarthy's inquiry, issued a statement saying: "Apparently Sen. McCarthy has heard of my forthcoming television program devoted exclusively to him and is applying his usual diversionary tactics. He has repeated an old charge he made last summer but was never able to substantiate..."

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# Protestants Claim Edge in Conversions

NEW YORK (AP) — The Christian Herald reported Wednesday more than four million Roman Catholics have become Protestants in this country in the last 10 years — nearly four times the number of conversions to Catholicism.

The interdenominational Protestant magazine said a nationwide survey produced "the startling nationwide figure of 4,144,366 Roman Catholic-to-Protestant converts" during the decade.

Over the same period, the Catholic Church has reported 1,071,897 adult baptisms, or converts to the church.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, noted churchman and editor of the magazine, said wide publicity about Catholic conversions had led many persons to believe that interfaith conversion was a one-way process.

He said it was "felt that getting the true facts would serve the cause of freedom for all religions." Dr. Poling also is head of the World Christian Endeavor, interdenominational Protestant youth organization.

In Washington, the Very Rev. Msgr. Paul F. Tanner, assistant general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said "it is not news to us that there are Catholics who have lapsed from their faith."

"Without entering into the validity of the statistics," he added, "the Christian Herald's article will serve to remind Catholics that their faith is a divine gift that can be lost, and stimulate them to a personal concern of this problem."

He said the Catholic Church is "always interested in sincere converts to the faith."

# North Texas Gales Kill 2

DALLAS (AP) — Vicious storms struck across a wide area of upper Texas Wednesday night, claiming one life. At least two tornadoes were reported.

The twisters hit near Albany in Northwest Texas and at Honey Grove in Northeast Texas. Nobody was killed in the twisters.

George D. Franklin, about 60, was killed at Argyle in North Texas when winds toppled a wall of his drive-in theater as he tried to brace it.

Damaging storms also hit Fort Worth, McKinney and a section east of Throckmorton.

# H-Bomb Makes Peace Essential, Parliament Told

LONDON (AP) — Lord Salisbury, Britain's atomic energy chief, said Wednesday night the "hideous reality" of the hydrogen bomb makes necessary a live-and-let-live understanding between Russia and the West.

Addressing the House of Lords in a foreign affairs debate, Lord Salisbury said "it must be the main purpose of us and our allies, without in any way compromising our fundamental principles, to try and find means of recreating a world which if not homogeneous can 'live at unity with itself.'"

Lord Salisbury declared "there is no reason to suppose that the Russians are hankering after a new war."

# Demublican Day Slated on W.U. Campus

"I'm a Demublican Day," an experiment in politico operation collegiate style, is to be launched on Willamette University's campus Friday as the first of similar operations for other Oregon campuses.

The Demublican day is sponsored by the Oregon Citizenship Clearing House. The citizenship program, originated at New York University in 1947, is designed to encourage collegiate participation in politics.

Keynote speakers during the affair are to be State Sen. Phillip Hitchcock and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton who will give their addresses at 1 p.m. in Walker Hall.

A panel of six local politicians will follow the main addresses and give a discussion of political techniques. The panel is to be composed of Alfred Loucks, mayor of Salem; Mark Hatfield, state representative; Winton Hunt, chairman of the Marion County Republican Club; Cecil Furness, candidate for the state senate; Guy Jonas, chairman of the Marion County Democratic Club, and Preston W. Hale, candidate for Salem city alderman.

Moderator will be Dean Robert D. Gregg, Willamette liberal arts college.

The Oregon program was introduced last May by A. Freeman Holmer, associate professor of political science at Willamette under whose direction this year's plan is being conducted.

Students in charge of the new program in campus political affairs are: H. Paul Johnson, Albany, president of Young Republicans and Fenton Hughes, Hillsboro, president of Young Democrats, co-chairman. Committee heads are: Lewis Hampton, Salem, follow-up; Bob Batcheider, Lake Grove, speakers; David Rarey, North Bend, Wash., physical arrangements; and Bernie Morris, Vancouver, Wash., publicity.

# Three Die in Plane Crash

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Three men, believed to be from Jerome, Idaho, were killed Wednesday when a single engine private plane crashed during a rainstorm in Cajon Pass north of here.

The coroner's office identified them as Benjamin Frank Ferguson, 42, the pilot; John M. Beckman, 46, and Lowell C. Bendocoe, 21, his passengers.

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# Shoulders 'Has Good Idea' Who Got Cash

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Louis Shoulders, former police lieutenant, says he believes a tip from an old crony — an ex-convict — enabled him to arrest the kidnap-killers of little Bobby Greenlease.

And he says he believes that man, whom he "is certain" was Joseph Costello, "has a darned good idea" who got the missing half of the \$600,000 ransom.

This became known Wednesday when Federal Judge Albert A. Ridge released Shoulders' testimony before a grand jury last October. The grand jury has indicted Shoulders and his chauffeur-patrolman, Elmer Dolan, for perjury. The jury charged Shoulders and Dolan with telling their story of the handling of the arrest of Carl Austin Hall, and the recovery of some \$300,000 of the ransom in a St. Louis Hotel.

Shoulders said this tipster did not identify himself but he was certain it was Costello operator of a St. Louis cab company, John Hager, a driver for that company, also tipped Shoulders about Hall's presence in St. Louis.

Costello repeatedly has denied that he gave Shoulders any tip that led to the arrest of Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Heady, executed last December in the Missouri Penitentiary gas chamber.

Shoulders showed considerable reluctance to tell the jury that he believed Costello had tipped him about the arrest. He said he did not think Costello had got any of the money and that he was not trying to fix it so he could get a cut of the money Hall was carrying with him.

# Courtlet to Move Back From Road

The Oregon Motor Courtlet, 3230 Portland Rd., is slated to be moved back about 200 feet from Highway 99 and two new units added, according to a construction permit issued Wednesday by the city engineer's office.

The permit was made out to R. L. Elfstrom and Russell Bonesteel, owners of the motor court. Cost of the change was listed at \$6,000.

Other permits issued Wednesday by the engineer's office included a building permit for a \$14,000 dwelling at 1225 N. 23rd to Jackson and Jones. Alteration permits went to Lee Weisser, alter florist shop, 147 N. High St., \$200, and J. F. Aspinwall, alter porch at 158 Ferry St., \$7400. Permits for wrecking dwellings were issued to Fred O. Reppine, dwelling at 402 S. 17th St., \$50, and O. W. Klang, at 1208 Court St., \$50.

# Guard Roster Bound in Brass

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — A new Illinois National Guard company was activated in Rockford this week with this roster:

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