

Wilson Says Air Units Warning To Aggressors

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Wilson said Wednesday night that "the mounting retaliatory capability of our air units gives full warning to any aggressor of the possible consequences of rash actions on his part."

In his semi-annual report Wilson also said U. S. strategy is aimed at handling little aggressions as well as big ones.

In his report covering the latter six months of last year, Wilson also saw "a steady increase in the military strength of the entire free world."

Along with Wilson's report were

brief ones by the secretaries of the three armed services.

Secretary of the Army Stevens referred obliquely to the cuts in Army manpower ordered by the Defense Department, with White House backing but over the opposition of the Army.

"The effects of major policy decisions already made, and partly implemented during the period of this report," Stevens wrote, "cannot be completely measured unless put to the ultimate test of combat."

The Air Force discussed its own manpower troubles, arising from a high rate of loss of experienced men. Air Secretary Talbot said to correct the situation there should be higher pay, recruitment bonuses, better housing, etc.

County GOP Backs Carson For Judgeship

The Marion County Republican Central Committee Wednesday night unanimously endorsed the appointment of Salem Attorney Allan G. Carson to the post of judge of the U. S. District Court of Oregon.

This recommendation was made at the regular meeting of the central committee in the Senator Hotel Wednesday evening.

Appointment will be made by President Eisenhower to fill the post, which has been vacated by the elevation of Judge James A. Alper to the federal bench at San Francisco.

Notice of the central committee's endorsement will be sent to State Chairman Ed Boehnke, Eugene; National Committeewoman Mrs. Olive Cornett, Medford; National Committeeman Jess Gard, Portland; and Representative Walter Norblad. Final selection is made by the President.

Carson, a former state senator, has been endorsed for the position by the Marion County Bar Association. As well, petitions recommending his appointment are being circulated and Monday members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce signed "almost unanimously."

North Salem Optimist Club Appoints Two

Max Hanson has been named temporary chairman and John Smith, secretary, of the newly organized North Salem Optimist Club, it was reported Wednesday by officers of the downtown club, which sponsored the new group.

The North Salem club will meet weekly on Tuesday nights at 7 o'clock at Chuck's Steak House, it was decided at the Tuesday night meeting.

A film on problems of shy children was shown at the meeting under auspices of the Marion County Health Department and explained by Cecil Lamkin, of the State Hospital staff.

Permanent officers of the new Optimist will be elected soon. Hanson is a partner in a pump company in the Hollywood area and Smith is manager of the Safeway Store in that area.

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Engineers Ask Tualatin River Basin Project

WASHINGTON — Division Engineers Wednesday urged adoption of a comprehensive plan for development of the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon, including construction of a \$112,000 storage dam at Gaston site.

A report on the proposal, recommended by Brig. Gen. D. G. Shumler, division engineer at Portland, said the comprehensive plan of improvement involves not only the storage reservoir, but major channel improvements on the main stream and major tributaries.

The proposed Gaston site dam and reservoir would provide 55,000 acre feet of storage for flood control, irrigation and domestic water supply. Minimum provisions would be made for increasing the reservoir capacity to 70,000 feet.

Annual operation and maintenance costs of the dam were estimated at \$11,800.

The proposed channel improvements would include reconstruction of the Oregon Iron and Steel Co. dam and would extend along the Tualatin River and lower reaches of the principal tributaries for flood control purposes. They would have an estimated cost of \$17,819,000 and annual operation and maintenance expense of \$64,000.

Sen. Gordon (R-Ore.), who released the report, said it is unlikely the project would be approved by the present Congress.

Salem Schools

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL
Nominations for next year's Girls' League officers were made Wednesday at Salem High School. The election will be held this morning.

Those nominated were Helen Lewis and Jan McAlpine, president; Carol Werner and Millie Messner, vice president; Elaine Morrow and Jan Gillespie, secretary; and Judy Byers and Margaret Cooper, treasurer.

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No Decision On Airplane Traffic Plan

A proposal that flight rules at McNary Field, in existence since 1949, be revised was the essence of a meeting Wednesday afternoon of personnel representing city, state, military and private interests in the airport.

No decision was reached by the group with reference to a proposal that a change be made in the take-off pattern to minimize the number of aircraft flying over the city.

It had been proposed that planes taking off to the north make a right turn instead of the customary left. This would take the aircraft east from the city rather than directly over the downtown area. Some discussion ensued in allowing such a change, contrary to customary practices, but no answers resulted.

Present at the meeting were Charles Barclay, airport manager (who is working on a rules revision); Earl Snyder, director of the State Board of Aeronautics; Harold Sweeney, manager of the United Air Lines station; Lt. Comdr. James L. Thornton, commanding officer of the Naval Air Facility; Leo (Ace) Demers, Verne de Autremont and George Kreitzberg, each representing his own flying services at the field. Also present were Miles Ruggenberg and Robert Byrd, both of Portland, representing the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Corvallis Man Pleads Guilty To Larceny

A Corvallis man pleaded guilty in Marion County district court Wednesday to a charge of larceny and sentencing was continued to Friday.

The man, identified as Enos Storrs, was held in city jail Wednesday in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Storrs was first arrested by city police on a downtown street Wednesday morning on a charge of driving a vehicle with no Oregon license plates. He was then arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license. Police reports indicate he had in his possession four quarts of paint charged from downtown hardware stores under assumed names. The larceny charge followed this discovery.

Police investigation revealed that the State Identification Bureau lists a John Edward Storrs with a previous record. Investigators said they thought this to be the same man.

Commander of DAV in Salem

Howard W. Watts, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, was in Salem Tuesday with his wife and Walter V. Monger, Roseburg, Oregon State department commander, as part of a tour of Disabled American Veterans units.

Watts was escorted through the Capitol Building by Paul R. Tharalson, Salem, past state department commander, and met with Gov. Paul L. Patterson and Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

Watts and his wife left national headquarters of the DAV at Cincinnati, Ohio, recently for a tour of 23 state units. En route from Eugene to Salem, Watts and his party stopped at Camp Adair where he had trained with the 91st Division during World War II prior to his shipping overseas. After their stop in Salem the group drove to Portland.

Investigation Of Parolee's Death Asked

YACHTS — The Oregon State Crime Laboratory was asked Wednesday to investigate the death of Robert C. Bowersox, 47, a state prison parolee.

The body of Bowersox, who had been missing since April 10, was found Tuesday in Big Creek, south-east of here.

Eugene Venn, Lane County district attorney, requested the laboratory investigation. He said Bowersox had a loaded pistol strapped to his waist, wore no shoes and had head bruises. The body was in four feet of water.

Bowersox had a long criminal record. He was on parole for a 1952 sporting goods store burglary that took place just two days after he had been released from a 14-year term for a Coos Bay conviction.

New Gas Station Due on Capitol

A new Richfield Service Station will be located at 1516 N. Capitol St. according to a \$12,000 building permit issued Wednesday by the city engineer's office.

Other permits issued by the office went to C. W. Reeves, alter house, 1094 S. 17th St., \$300; John Imlah, 1272 Fir St., re-side house, \$50; Glen Hamilton, erect dwelling, 225 Sonora Wy., \$15,000; Albert Wisendanger, 860 N. 20th St., repair dwelling, \$50; Lloyd Hammel, relocate garage, 2380 E. Nob Hill St., \$250, and W. J. Peterson, 815 Lower Ben Lomond Dr., erect dwelling, \$18,000.

Martha Raye Clowns Her Way Through Wedding to Dancer

By JERRY T. BAULCH
ARLINGTON, Va. — Wide-mouthed Martha Raye of TV-movie fame was married Wednesday clutching a bunch of bedraggled violets, wilted by a hectic day of scurrying about trying to find a spot for a quick wedding.

D.A. Releases Body of Girl For Burial

PORTLAND — Private funeral services will be held here Friday for Diane Hank, the 16-year-old high school girl whose body was found tied in blankets Feb. 26 off the Evergreen Highway, near Washougal, Wash.

Dist. Atty. John B. McCourt Wednesday signed an order releasing the body. Cause of death was not announced. State Crime Laboratory doctors and technicians conducted extensive tests in an effort to determine the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Wey Him (Wayne) Fong, at whose home the girl spent the night before her disappearance was reported in January, have been bound to the grand jury on a charge of contributing to her delinquency. The Fongs are accused of giving her alcoholic beverages.

They have denied knowing how she met her death.

Man Accused Of Stealing Tools From Penitentiary

PORTLAND — A man recently released from the state prison was accused Wednesday of carrying a portable power saw and power drill away from the penitentiary.

The tools were reported missing a couple of weeks after Larry Erickson, 27, was released from the prison at Salem March 20. They were pawned in Portland.

Police accused Erickson of pawning them. They said he denied taking the tools, explaining another convict, since paroled, gave them to him.

Police said Erickson's wife was released from the prison 1 day after his release. They had served terms for bad checks in Linn County.

Erickson was held as a fugitive from Marion County.

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