

\$6.6 Million Estimate Put on Marion County's 2-Year Welfare Costs

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It is estimated that Marion County's welfare program for the two-year period beginning in July of 1959 will cost some \$6,618,000, Welfare Director Kenneth Peterson said Tuesday.

This is nearly two and one-half million dollars over the amount

which had been estimated for the two-year period ending in 1959.

However, this \$6,618,000 estimate is running considerably short of actual expenses, which will probably reach \$5,000,000, Peterson said.

Estimates are prepared in advance for consideration by the State Public Welfare Commission and study by state and federal budgeting groups.

The county pays approximately 20 per cent of welfare costs, the state 30 per cent and federal government 50 per cent, Peterson said.

The expected increase is believed necessary to meet snow-balling welfare loads resulting from increased population and a larger percentage of older people, Peterson said.

"General assistance cases have been doubled during the last year, and it looks like the coming year will continue with increases," Peterson said.

Another reason for an increase is that "welfare is meeting the needs more adequately for food, shelter, medical care and other necessities," Peterson said.

Case Load Noted

Expressing evidence of the increasing welfare case load, Peterson pointed out that there were approximately 800 general assistance recipients in late May and early June. This is about twice the number during the corresponding period last year.

This year's welfare load seems to be tapering off rapidly from the early June peak. Some 400 cases have been removed from the general assistance roll this month, Peterson said.

Most of the people taken from welfare rolls were referred to seasonal farm work.

Drop Expected

The case load is expected to drop slightly or remain static until fall when seasonal labor slacks off, Peterson said.

However, arrivals of destitute migrants with large families and limited capacities to earn an income prevents the summer welfare load from dropping much, Peterson said.

There is still unemployment in the semi-skilled worker group and for many people with good work histories. There just aren't enough jobs to go around, Peterson said.

Dulles Doubtful Of Conference 'At the Summit'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles questioned Tuesday whether there will be a summit conference.

He expressed his doubt at a news conference, following Monday's Soviet denunciations of the West's plans for a possible heads-of-government meeting.

Dulles said it was not easy to evaluate why the Kremlin had public the documents that had been passed back and forth during hush-hush Moscow talks between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and the U. S. British and French ambassadors.

Re-Evaluation Due

The whole situation means the West must now re-evaluate summit prospects.

Dulles said the Russians want a summit conference only on their own terms.

"They want a propaganda victory, where they could give the free world the impression that the cold war was over," he said.

The secretary said nobody disputes the basic Soviet premise that a summit meeting should work on problems lending themselves to solution, then go on to knottier issues. But, he asked, how could you tell which was which unless you explored them on a lower level first?

Maybe he suggested, the Russians feared a diplomatic study. "I still think it will be a little time before there is a summit conference, if need there is one at all," Dulles said.

On a related subject, Dulles was more hopeful. He said he still hopes technical talks on suspending nuclear tests will get under way as scheduled July 1 in Geneva.

But even there, he said, Russia might try to blow up minor differences into basic disagreements.

De Gaulle Defies Right Wingers

PARIS (AP) — Premier de Gaulle defied right wing factions of Algeria Tuesday by announcing he will take ex-Premier Guy Mollet with him on a trip to Algeria July 2.

French colonialists showered Mollet with invective and refuse the last time he was in Algeria, in February, 1956, just after he became premier.

Diehard colonialists thought Mollet, a socialist, was planning too soft a policy at the time toward the Algerian nationalist rebels.

De Gaulle's decision to take Mollet along next month obviously was intended to show the colonialists he is running the government his own way and if they want De Gaulle they will have to accept his choice of aides.

He plans to remain in Algeria three days. He will be back in Paris for a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Dulles July 5.

First Nepal U. Started

KATMANDU (AP)—Nepal has begun construction on its first university. Students of the Himalayan kingdom now study in an Indian university at Patna.

Club Hears Africa Report



French Cameroons (left) a long way from Salem but Dr. Robert Sandilands (left), a medical missionary, brought it closer to Salem Kiwanis Club Tuesday. Here he chats with Carl Greider, who introduced him to club. (Statesman photo)

Missionary Says Christ Best Way to Combat Reds

By CONRAD PRANGE
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"Christianity is the best weapon to combat the spread of communism in West Africa," Dr. Robert Sandilands, a medical missionary in that area for nine years, said in Salem Tuesday.

The natives' drive toward nationalism is being exploited by Moscow directed politicians, Dr. Sandilands told a Kiwanis Club luncheon group at the Senator Hotel.

"The true teachings of Christ are the only answer," he said.

Springfield Youth Shoots Self While Practicing Draw

SPRINGFIELD (AP)—A Springfield youth was treated for flesh wounds Monday after he accidentally shot himself practicing quick draws with a .22 caliber pistol.

Larry Bruhn, 15, said "I was drawing a little too fast." The bullet lodged just above his knee cap.

Bombay Strike Grows

BOMBAY (AP)—A strike of 40,000 dockers in Bombay was joined Tuesday by pilots who refused to man tugs used for moving freighters and liners into berth.

Dr. Sandilands and family are currently living in West Salem on a year's leave of absence. He is taking post graduate medical work at University of Oregon medical school and lecturing.

The Sandilands will return to West Africa in July, 1959. Mrs. Sandilands is the former Miss Maria Neufeldt, daughter of John J. Neufeldt of Dallas.

The doctor was physician and surgeon in charge of Bafia Hospital in Cameroons, West Africa. He also served as secretary of the Presbyterian Mission in the same vicinity. He said Tuesday that the church is now a separate organization.

He said it is better for the area to have its own church so that "we come to them not as outsiders but as members of the same group." He said some of the extreme elements among the West Africans, mostly provoked by the Communists, are hostile to the white race.

"The local police and French government try to put down the uprisings," he said. "But Africa is a continent awakening. The big question is: Will it be a Christian or a Communist continent?"

When the Sandilands return it will be for a three-year stay.

Why go back?

For Dr. Sandilands the answer is simple: "Our purpose is to spread the gospel of Christ through ministering to the sick. They need our help."

D'Autremont Wins Probation for Mail Assault

PORTLAND (AP)—A small man with a deeply-lined face sat quietly Tuesday and heard a federal judge suspend sentence and put him on probation for five years for assaulting a mail clerk in 1923.

It was a victory for Hugh D'Autremont, 54, a prisoner—and a model one, the judge said—in the Oregon state penitentiary for 31 years.

It disposed of the last charge remaining against D'Autremont from an attempted robbery of a Southern Pacific train at a Siskiyou Mountain tunnel in Southern Oregon in 1923.

Four trainmen were killed, Hugh and his older twin brothers, Roy and Ray, were convicted of murder and sentenced to life terms.

The twins, one of whom has been in the state's criminally insane ward for years, have never sought release.

Charges Cleared

But in recent months Hugh has cleared outstanding state charges against him. He pleaded guilty to one murder charge and drew an other life term for it. He drew a 20-year term on still another. The state then dismissed other charges that had been on the books since 1923.

Only one federal charge ever was placed against him. That was the one—assaulting a mail clerk—to which he pleaded guilty here May 1 and on which he got probation Tuesday.

Nasser Plea Said Ignored By America

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

CAIRO (AP)—A close confidant of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic said Tuesday America cold shouldered an offer by Nasser for a joint approach to end Lebanon's civil war.

The accusation came from Mohammed Hassanin Heikal, chief editor of Al Ahram, who obviously made the statement with the full authority of the president himself.

Any joint action by Nasser and the United States undoubtedly would have electrified the entire Arab East, Heikal said. Nasser even offered to remain in the background in such an approach in the event joint action might tend to interfere with the U.S. position and policies elsewhere.

'U. S. Procrastinates'

"The United States, instead of making an approach, just procrastinated to gain time during which the United States instigated a campaign of defamation against the U.A.R.," Heikal said.

Heikal told this story: "When Nasser denied U.A.R. involvement in the Lebanese crisis, U.S. Ambassador Raymond Hare suggested Nasser use his good offices with the Lebanese opposition to end the violence."

Nasser replied the Lebanon crisis was not a U.A.R. affair and proposed a joint approach. A week later Hare informed Nasser the U.S. view was that the Lebanese situation had changed with the announcement that President Camille Chamoun had no intention of succeeding himself or amending the constitution, the basic issue in the Lebanese revolt.

Hare told Nasser in view of all this the U.A.R. president now could use his good offices with the Lebanese opposition to end the war.

'Declaration Too Late'

Nasser was said to have replied that if Chamoun had made the declaration months ago such a solution might have worked, but that it came too late in view of the bloodshed.

Nasser then offered to cooperate quietly, even secretly, if America felt it advisable.

Although the federal court action has no direct bearing on whether he will get a state parole, it eliminates the futility of seeking one. There now is no charge on which an arrest would immediately end freedom won by a parole.

One of his attorneys, pretty Noreen Kelly of Medford, smiled broadly when the judge ordered probation. Asked if she would work for a parole, she replied "that is something that Hugh will press for himself."

Dist. Judge Gus Solmon ordered the five-year probation. He said that did not mean he was taking sides on whether the state should grant a parole.

"Although the crime involved in this indictment occurred about 35 years ago," the judge said, "it is still vividly remembered. . . . In the past two months we have received more letters with reference to his recent plea of guilty than we have in any other case that I have handled since I have been a judge."

Heavy Penalty Urged

He said many urged a heavy penalty and said D'Autremont should have been executed in the first place.

The judge said prison records show D'Autremont to have been a model prisoner industrious in his work and helpful to others. One of the top officials at the prison, he said, told him that

D'Autremont is "the most outstanding prisoner I have ever known. . . . I have never heard one derogatory remark from staff or inmate concerning this individual or his conduct."

D'Autremont has been chief printer and lithographer for the prison's literary magazine, "Shadows."

Portugal to Move Fayal Island People

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