

Funds earmarked to purchase park

Action Challenged by Councilman Hawn, Holds Swimming Pool Should Be Completed

The city council earmarked funds Monday night for purchase of approximately 30 acres on the Amazon for park purposes, despite the contention of Councilman Vern Hawn that completion of the city's proposed swimming pool is more important than purchase of additional park property.

The Business and Professional Women's Club, which has a campaign to raise \$50,000 for purchase of the property, requested that the city back up by committing the \$25,000 now available from sale of land received from the Eugene Airport, for purchase of the park property.

Councilman Hawn contested the earmarking of funds for the pool, and the city council authorized approximately 24 acres at \$1,000 per acre.

Other councilmen, however, pointed out it is essential that the property be purchased while it is available, and that the Business and Professional Women had asked for the city's aid in their campaign to purchase the park funds.

The city council authorized approximately 24 acres at \$1,000 per acre. The council also authorized the city to purchase the property for \$25,000.

Approved new bus schedules. Committed funds for park and recreation purposes. Voted three per cent amusement tax ordinance until after next state legislature's session.

Authorized sale of property on Eugene Airport to the Eugene Medical Center.

Length and Chambers, adjoint Eugene Airport, to the Eugene Medical Center, and councilmen voted to use that portion of \$25,000 as will be needed for other purposes. Any money remaining, however, will be used for swimming pool or for other recreational purposes.

Foreman and David, both of Eugene, own the property. The price of the tract was set, but city officials said it will cost from \$25,000 to \$50,000. That price would not be improved.

Action Postponed. Although the city's three per cent amusement tax ordinance was up for a vote, Councilman V. Johnson brought in an amended motion to table the ordinance.

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Mussolini's body located

LANE, Italy—(AP)—Police announced Monday night that the body of Benito Mussolini, which was found in a field near a grave in a potter's field, was self-identified as "Democratic Italy" and had been found in a field near a grave in a potter's field.

Police said that two monks had been taken into custody in connection with the discovery of the body. The monks were being guarded at a local headquarters pending the receipt of further instructions from Rome.

A Milan newspaper Corriere della Sera said the civil police had received instructions from the national capital to bury the body in a sacred ground and place unknown to the public. However, this report was confirmed by official sources.

The body was found in a Carmine monastery (Cortosa) near Arezzo, where, police said, it had been taken Sunday morning from the monastery of St. Angelo, its hiding place after being exposed at the potter's field.

Mussolini, and Claretta Petacci, mistress, and 18 henchmen were executed by Italian partisans near the Swiss border April 28, 1945.

WANA BUY A DUCK?—Two hundred non-edible ducks will be sold Aug. 19 at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, the War Relocation Authority reported. The ducks—more properly "DUKW's"—are amphibious trucks.

Weather Bureau Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain Tuesday. Clear Wednesday, Oregon—Gentle northwest winds off the coast.

Statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 73 degrees; low Monday morning, 42 degrees; 24 inches of precipitation ending at 10:30 Tuesday, none; total rainfall for month, 47 inches; normal for month, 47 inches; total since Sept. 1, 118 inches; stage of Willamette river, 20.5 m. Tuesday, minus 2.20 m. Tuesday, and velocity at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, north-northwest; prevailing direction and velocity Monday, north, 5 m. Tuesday, 5:15 a. m. and 7:20 a. m. Thursday, 5:15 a. m. and 7:18 a. m.

Romania Asks Treatment As Co-Belligerent

Foreign Minister Pleads for Reduction of Sentence by Victors

PARIS—(AP)—Romania appealed unexpectedly to the peace conference Tuesday for co-belligerent status and permission to retain her armed forces.

Foreign Minister George Tatarescu pleaded Romania's case for a reduction of sentence by the victors. He pledged his country to the careful fulfillment of peace treaty terms and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter.

Soviet Minister V. M. Molotov indirectly accused the United States and Great Britain of seeking a monopolistic position in the Mediterranean. He spoke at the day's first session of the conference, where the general debate on the Italian treaty turned out to be surprisingly brief.

Romania pleaded close friendship with the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and France. Tatarescu offered to bury the hatchet for all time with Romania's neighbors and traditional foes, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Main Objections. He made three main objections to the terms of the draft peace treaty prepared for Romania by the Council of Foreign Ministers. They were:

1. That Romania had not been given formal recognition as a co-belligerent although the country fought on the allied side for more than a year.

2. That no provision was made for Romanian reparations and war damage claims against Germany and Hungary.

3. That Romania had not been allowed to retain the armed forces which fought against Nazi Germany.

Complaining vehemently against the lack of provision for reparations and war damage against Germany and Hungary, he said the draft treaty in no way compensated Romania for waging war against the Axis. He said he "must draw attention to the highly unfair aspect of restrictive military measures which have a punitive character."

He said the economic and reparations claims against Romania were such that the country would be unable to fulfill them even if the treaty were signed.

Portugal's Bid To UN Opposed

NEW YORK—(AP)—Soviet Russia, Poland and Mexico Tuesday reported to have objected to admission of Portugal to the United Nations.

A member of the Security Council's Membership Committee said Polish Delegate Jerzy Michalowski charged that the present regime in Portugal was similar to that of "Fascist Spain."

Mexican Delegate Peon de Valle was said to have offered similar objections, while Alexei N. Krassnikov of Russia gave no reasons for his opposition.

The United States and Great Britain supported Portugal's application. The clash over Portugal came after the applications of Ireland and Trans-Jordan had been sidetracked Monday by Soviet opposition.

As a result of Monday's meeting of the Security Council's 11-nation membership committee only Afghanistan was tentatively given a clean bill of the first five of nine applications under consideration.

Yugoslavs Mum About Occupants of C-47

BELGRADE—(AP)—U. S. State Department officials, encountered a veil of silence Tuesday in their attempts to learn the whereabouts of the occupants of an American C-47 Army transport plane who have been held incommunicado by Yugoslav authorities since their ship was forced down near Ljubljana by Yugoslav fighters last Friday.

Harold A. Shantz, charge d'affaires in the U. S. Embassy said that a Yugoslav officer in charge at the scene of the crash landing had refused to tell the American consul at Zagreb, where the occupants of the plane had been interned.

State Has 40 Polio Cases - No Epidemic. PORTLAND—(AP)—Oregon has had 40 cases of poliomyelitis this year. Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, reported Tuesday an increase of 10 in the past week. "We are not alarmed," he said, "as this is only slightly above normal, but naturally we are watching it closely. The next two weeks will tell whether we are to have an epidemic."

Wac Denies Any 'Criminal' Action In Jewel Theft

FRANKFURT—(AP)—WAC Capt. Kathleen Nash Durant said Tuesday that charges of larceny, embezzlement and conspiracy in the Hesse crown jewel case were "baseless."

Capt. Durant said in a statement read by her attorney at a press conference: "The charges are baseless. I have committed no criminal act or acts at any time or place."

"If the court says that I have committed any of the criminal acts alleged, then hundreds of people in this theater and thousands of people in the United States have unclean hands."

On the advice of her attorneys, Col. John S. Gwinell and Capt. Glenn Broumbough, Capt. Durant refused to answer any questions concerning her court-martial.

Water Board OKs Contract

A new 20-year contract with the Bonneville Power Administration, termed one of the "most liberal" in Bonneville's history, was approved Monday night at a meeting of the Eugene Water Board.

The contract provides for purchase of a minimum of 1000 kilowatts of firm power from Bonneville. In addition Eugene may increase its initial contract demand at any time to help meet the rapidly growing power requirements of the municipal distribution system.

The power will be purchased under Bonneville's optional wholesale rate schedule. In addition to firm power, Eugene will also purchase "dump" energy at 2.5 mills per kilowatt hour. The BPA also has the option of purchasing "dump" power from Eugene at the same rate.

Former City Attorney S. M. Calkins was called in by the board to deliver an opinion on the contract early in the meeting. He told the board that the resale clause and section giving the Bonneville administrator the right to withdraw the contract if local rate policies are materially changed, were not, in his opinion, "unreasonable."

"I can't imagine a contract giving more latitude to the water board," Calkins opined. The new contract will take effect Aug. 20, the anniversary of the signing of the old interchange agreement in 1940, said Ray Boals, manager.

The Bonneville Power Administration was represented at the meeting by Chesley Brazil, the Eugene district manager. A feature of the contract which pleased the board was the clause allowing the water board to cancel the contract at any time, with two years' notice to the power administration.

Other business transacted Monday. (Continued on page 2)

Victory Day Parade Planned

TOKYO—(AP)—Victory day will be celebrated quietly Wednesday in Japan, where problems of peace overshadow the memories of war.

Those memories will be present in an inevitable glimpse at the past by the relatively small percentage of American occupation forces who saw combat service. They will be recalled by the Japanese who survived the last crescendo of fire bombs.

But the whole tone of this anniversary here will center on the present and future. The major military display will be a parade before the Imperial Palace of the Seventh Cavalry Regiment—chosen because it has borne the brunt of occupation duties in the capital.

The anniversary coincides with a gesture toward the future—completion of two giant American airfields in Japan. One, a transport field at Hamada, between Tokyo and Yokohama, will be dedicated formally on Wednesday.

Former Surplus Property Official Tells of Pressure from Senator

WASHINGTON—(AP)—William Gilrein, discharged War Assets Administration official, said Tuesday he once was instructed to get rid of a subordinate and replace him with a man favored by Senator Myers (D-Pa.).

Gilrein formerly was a WAA sales manager in Philadelphia. He told the House Surplus Committee that his immediate superior had told him that "if I was smart, I would fire the man acting as my assistant and move in one who is now my successor."

He identified the former as Paul Wingate and his successor as Joseph Muldowney, and then added: "I was told last fall that Senator Francis E. Myers was interested in having Muldowney put on the payroll." Earlier Gilrein said he had been fired because he had failed to respond to wishes of the Democratic Party organization in Philadelphia and the state.

American Finances Said Behind Jewish Migration

Mob in Haifa Riots in Protest To Deportations

HAIFA, Palestine—(AP)—British troops fired tommy-guns and rifles Tuesday into a crowd of rioting Jews who were trying to storm through tanks, trucks and soldiers in protest against the deportation to Cyprus of 1000 illegal Jewish immigrants.

Three persons were killed and nine persons were critically wounded. Several policemen and soldiers were injured by stones, bottles and other missiles which the Jews hurled soon after the outlawed Hagana radio exhorted them to "storm the streets."

A moving tank injured one person in dispersing a crowd gathered in the Hadar Hacarmel quarter of this northern Palestinian port.

Two Ships Leave. Two troopships sailed with the thousand illegal immigrants during the morning, but another ship bearing 650 Jewish immigrants without landing certificates arrived and was placed under watch outside the harbor.

An unconfirmed report said yet another illegal ship, the Venezia, which was spotted Monday, had arrived off Haifa with 600 more illegal immigrants.

The Jews violated a curfew to demonstrate against the deportations. However, the rioting abated and the curfew was lifted this afternoon. Police reported the city was quiet at 2 p. m. as British soldiers began withdrawing.

Radio Incites Mob. The Hagana radio called on residents of Haifa to "storm the streets" and break the curfew, which the British imposed while the Jews were being loaded for deportation.

Even the Arab quarters in Haifa joined in defiance of the curfew. The Arabs, however, caused little disturbance and ventured only outside their own homes.

Several truckloads of youthful men and women were taken to police detention camps in Haifa for breaking the curfew.

Rent Men Get Council Ribbing

Problems of rents, which Don Wilson and Rupert K. Shaw have been taking care of for other people, dropped on their own doorstep Monday evening.

The two representatives of the OPA rent control, came before the city council, seeking an office in the city hall to replace their Walling Bldg. office which they must vacate Aug. 31.

Their plea resulted in some good-natured chiding from councilmen.

"This is our chance to get even with you boys," Mayor Earl McEurt told them. "There is no ceiling on business property and we can charge you all we want."

Councilman A. L. Hawn chimed in by expressing his contempt for "the whole OPA program," and indicated he wanted to charge OPA \$50 per month, plus the \$1000-cost of remodeling the office.

At that point, Wilson, traveling OPA representative, said in most cities, OPA gets space rent free. The city council finally agreed to negotiate with the rent control men on a basis of \$75 per month.

Despite the kidding, the rent men took the offer and will probably move in Sept. 1. Still looking for space is the OPA price control board.

H. G. Wells, Noted British Author, Dies

His Imaginative Books Thrilled Many

LONDON—(AP)—H. G. Wells, distinguished British novelist, scientist and social critic, died Tuesday, a little more than a month before he would have been 80 years old.

Wells, whose health had been ebbing for several months, died at 4:15 p. m. (11:15 a. m., EDT) at his London residence.

He had suffered for many years from diabetes, and recent complications drained his vitality. He would have been 80 Sept. 21.

Herbert George Wells, who at 15 was a draper's apprentice, became one of the most famous literary men of his age. He also was one of the most prolific. He turned out more than 70 novels and historical works, which have been translated into every major language of the world.

Possibly the best known of Wells' works was his "Outline of History." It was published in 1920, and immediately became a best-seller around the world.

Among his many novels which had a wide circulation were "The War of the Worlds," "The Invisible Man" and "The First Man in the Moon."

Wells rivaled George Bernard Shaw as a conversationalist. His last barrage upon phlegmatic (Continued on page 2)

British Aver Zionists in US Aid 'Smuggling'

LONDON—(AP)—A spokesman for the British Colonial Office specifically named "American financial sources" Tuesday as responsible for "encouraging and directing" illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine.

The spokesman made the statement when asked by a reporter to describe the "very large financial contributions" which, a British government statement said Monday night, were financing a mass exodus of European Jews to the Holy Land. The government's statements announced Britain's decision to end illegal immigration and to convey to "Cyprus or elsewhere" any immigrants arriving illegally.

"Total Blockade." Capping a long series of diplomatic, military and naval measures intended to check the flow of illegal immigrants from Europe to Palestine, the British Monday night announced a total blockade to bar them in the future, declaring that civil war threatened the Holy Land.

Coupled with the government's announced intention to shift to Cyprus the terminus of "the underground railway to Palestine," was an accusation that a highly-organized, Zionist-financed organization planned and assisted in the movement of refugees, thereby attempting "to force the hand of the British government" in future Palestine policy. (This was the statement later clarified to name "American sources.")

Jewish reaction was prompt and bitter. One Jewish leader predicted the step would cause "much more suffering—but it won't stop the stream of immigrants."

American Aid Asked. The British press soberly expressed unqualified approval of the move, and appealed again for American aid in solving the explosive problems of the Holy Land. Arab leaders hailed the announcement as "good news."

The colonial office said that in the last eight months, 8446 illegal immigrants reached Palestine, with 3800 arriving in July alone.

Hoover Blasts Soviet Russia

SALT LAKE CITY—(AP)—Bluntly asserting that freedom has shrunk rather than expanded since World War II, 71-year-old Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, Tuesday leveled a vigorous blast at Russia as the stumbling block to world peace.

"There is universal desire in all nations except Russia to make peace," declared Hoover, recently returned after a world tour studying alleviation of conditions for the world's starving peoples. "My own impression is that Russia is obstructing to gain time for elimination of all non-Communist elements and thus consolidation and practical absorption of those areas behind the 'iron curtain' and Manchuria."

America's "depression President" declared that Russia's invigorated fifth columns in every country add to the confusion, with the result that the remainder of the world is rapidly concentrating its fears and animosities toward the Reds.

Hoover, in Salt Lake City on the first leg of a fishing trip with his son, Allen Hoover, said his impression of Russia's place in world affairs was only one of several conclusions he drew during his world-wide tour and conversations with top officials and other citizens in 38 nations.

He pointed out that one year after World War I the dominant note was hope and confidence, whereas today it is fear and frustration.

Santiam Road Project Held

PORTLAND—(AP)—Two major public works projects were placed indefinitely on the shelf Tuesday after the Public Roads Administration had been asked by Col. O. E. Walsh, district Army Engineer, to make no award on bids for relocation of the North Santiam Highway.

Walsh's request followed an earlier announcement that bids to construct the \$9,000,000 Dorena Dam have been postponed.

Relocation of the North Santiam Highway was in connection with the proposed construction of the Detroit Dam on the Santiam River. Col. Walsh cited high bids, the Steelman public building moratorium and limitation of the expenditures now in force as reasons for the action.

Six Soldiers Die In Motor Pool Fire

BERLIN—(AP)—Six American soldiers were burned fatally and three others injured Monday night in a fire that broke out in a military motor pool, the U. S. Army Provost Marshal's Office has announced.

Names of the identified victims were being withheld pending notification of next of kin. A preliminary report said the fire occurred while the soldiers were cleaning a garage building in the motor pool, located in the borough of Neukoln.

SLEEPS THROUGH FALL. ELIZABETH, N. J.—(AP)—Jay Jones went to sleep, on the second story porch of his home and awoke on the lawn 20 feet below. He brushed himself off, refused aid and said the fall had not hurt him.

Price Group Hears Laborite

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor Tuesday urged restoration of all possible price controls including meats, grains, and other foods.

Boris Shishkin, labor economist appearing for AFL President William Green, told the OPA Decontrol Board that labor insists that "price controls be reimposed on these four groups of commodities."

Even then, the AFL witness said, labor is doubtful that inflation will be checked.

Shishkin said Congress had "failed to protect the people" by the "emasculated form" of the new OPA act.

Earlier, Wesley Hardenburgh, president of the American Meat Institute (packers), argued against revival of meat price ceilings on the grounds that the industry is rapidly meeting public needs.

Work on Dam To Be Delayed

Indefinite postponement of the invitation for bids on Dorena Dam probably will mean delay of the dam's completion for another entire season, W. A. Schwarz, resident engineer for the U. S. Engineers on the project, said Tuesday. It had been hoped that the contractor would be able to accomplish preliminary work of digging and blasting this year, but delay in call for bids will mean that a sufficiently early start cannot be made, he pointed out.

Effect of the delay made itself felt immediately, when the heavy hand fell on the painting of the housing units brought in from Vancouver. Work was to have started Monday by the contractor, W. L. Caywood of Portland, but he had not received clearance to go ahead. No more housing units can be brought in, other than the 30 coming under the contract held by the John L. Hudson Co. of Portland.

Also in doubt is the installation of a sewage disposal system for the housing units.

Relocation of roads, railroad and the Cottage Grove water line, however, will continue and is scheduled for completion in December. This work has been under way since June 22.

Postponement of the bids was announced by Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district Army engineer, who earlier had been informed that the moratorium on federal construction would not affect the project, since it already was under way. Bids were invited Aug. 5, to be opened Sept. 4. Col. Walsh said that at least 30 days' notice would be given prospective bidders prior to the new date for opening bids.

The moratorium was announced last week by John R. Steelman, reconversion director, and is to last for 56 days.

Walsh also requested no award on bids for relocation of the North Santiam highway in preparation for the Detroit dam, another unit of the project.

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