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County to Ask for \$720,000

Welfare Measure To Go on Ballot

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The Lane County Board of Commissioners Monday will vote on a tax measure for the primary ballot to raise \$720,000 a year for two years. The money is needed to meet what they termed "increased welfare requirements."

The proposal is the first in the county's history to seek tax funds to support welfare expenses.

Based on the county's valuation of \$144,491,178, the proposed measure would require a millage rate of 2 1/2 mills.

The decision to go outside the county's 8 per cent tax limitation for welfare funds was made by the Lane County Welfare Commission indicated that welfare costs have been rising steadily.

OF TOTAL

Welfare administrator Dudley, estimated last week that the county will need about \$725,000 in the next two years to meet mounting costs. This amount, although large, is only about 20 per cent of the total. The remainder is financed through state and federal contributions.

Commissioner Ralph Petersen Friday, "We had no choice

but to take this proposal to the people. We are anticipating a \$500,000 drop in timber receipts, and the county won't have adequate funds to stay inside the 6 per cent limitation and still meet welfare needs."

Petersen said that if the welfare measure is rejected "we will have to be tough" on the welfare program to insure operation of other important county departments.

HE LISTS FACTORS

Commissioner Kenneth Nielsen commented, "An affirmative vote would tell us the people want Lane County to meet full welfare needs."

Dudley last week outlined some of the factors responsible for increased welfare demands. He emphasized population growth.

He said population increased 82 per cent between 1940 and 1950 in Lane County. "If this rate of increase continues, the population by June 30, 1955, can be estimated at 150,000. Should a similar pattern of increase continue to the end of the next fiscal biennium period, June 30, 1957, the county population could be near 165,000."

CAREFUL CHECKING

Dudley said that although current trends of employment are improving, Lane County "can

French Batter Rebel Positions In Key Spots

Suicidal Attack Believed Shaping

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Squadrons of French warplanes swooped incessantly over rebel positions around Dien Bien Phu Saturday, showering thousands of firebombs in an effort to flush Vietminh besiegers into the open so they could be mowed down by fortress guns.

Using all available aircraft called in from land and carrier bases, the French began laying down firebomb barrages in brilliant moonlight early Saturday morning and kept hammering the Communist-led rebels throughout the day.

There were strong indications that another attempt by the Vietminh to overrun the fortress with masses of tens of thousands of troops was building up.

FURIOUS BLASTS

Circling the oval-shaped plain in Northwest Indochina while the French and Vietminh artillery blasted away furiously at each other's key firing positions, the French fighters and bombers dropped 200 and 500 pound incendiary bombs and jelled gasoline smack into the heart of rebel masses and their hideouts in the surrounding hilly jungles.

American-supplied B28 bombers also reported scores of direct hits upon rebel artillery emplacements. Crews claimed to have knocked out or seriously damaged an estimated one-third of the Vietminh's main firing position.

DIGGING IN

While air and artillery barrage went on, Vietminh troops were at points 200 to 500 yards from barbed wire barricades guarding the main points of entry into the heart of the fortress. They were digging foxholes and trenches despite bombardment by French planes.

The Vietminh were particularly digging in east and south of the center of the fortress. Thus far, the heaviest rebel infantry assaults have been launched from the two northern outposts which rebels took in launching their big assault a week ago.

The French, steadily reinforced with fresh troops, ammunition and war supplies, parachuted from planes, were ready.



(Register-Guard photo, Willshire eng.)

PLAYFUL PLAYMATE—Zetta and Zana Turnbull, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Turnbull, of Rattlesnake Road near Trent, are finding that a month-old black bear cub makes a fine companion. Their father, who is a logger, brought the cub to them after the mother bear was shot by him and a companion. The twins plan to keep the cub, as yet unnamed, until it grows too large for them. Then they'll give it to a zoo. The cub is thriving on a milk diet. It is fed by bottle.

Party Was Born in Ripon in 1854

Ike Clicks a Key Of Faith in GOP

RIPON, Wis. (AP)—President Eisenhower ignited a "Freedom Flame" Saturday night to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Republican Party. He urged his fellow Republicans to face the future with "faith, hope and courage to fulfill their responsibilities."

The President pressed a golden telegraph key in Washington. The impulse ignited a gas torch in front of the little white schoolhouse where the party is reported to have been formed in 1854.

TORCH A CLIMAX

The torch is similar in design to one that is believed to have been lit by Alvan Earl Boyay when he called a meeting of 53 men at the same schoolhouse a hundred years ago.

At this meeting the GOP was reported to have been conceived. The lighting of the torch was the climax of a ceremony that brought leading Republicans and hundreds of other visitors to this central Wisconsin community of 6,000. Ripon is 80 miles northwest of Milwaukee.

The President's brief greeting and message to his fellow Republicans was read by Rep. William K. Van Pelt (R-Wis) at the dinner at which Leonard Hall, national GOP chairman, was the principal speaker. Van Pelt represents the sixth Wisconsin district, in which Ripon is located.

(The disagreement between Ripon and Jackson has been a technical one. Ripon definitely had the first Republican Party meeting, but Jackson claims also to have been the birthplace because the first official party convention was held in the Michigan city.

(Further, dates as to the party's birth are in dispute. The Encyclopedia Britannica and United States histories list Feb. 28, 1854, as the date of the first meeting in Ripon.)

'People Above Party'

McCarthy: 'I Won't Soft-Pedal'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy said Saturday night he has been urged "almost daily" by some "chameleon Republican friends" to soft-pedal criticism of the Administration but that he refused to "put party above the interests of the American people."

McCarthy said he had campaigned on behalf of the GOP more perhaps than any other senator except the late Sen. Robert A. Taft.

"Almost daily, my good friends, I have some of my chameleon Republican friends... urging me not to see anything wrong about my own party." This attitude, McCarthy said, he has rejected.

The Wisconsin Republican added that "if the day comes that the Republican Party does what I condemn on the part of my good Democrat friends, that day we shall no longer deserve to remain in power."

McCarthy said he has no ill feeling for President Eisenhower.

WOULD SUPPORT IKE

"While I heartily disagree with some of the things the Administration is doing, I still think the average is high enough so that if I were running for office today, I would still be compelled to campaign for him," McCarthy said.

McCarthy spoke without a prepared text tonight at a \$10-per-plate Republican dinner at Oklahoma City attended by 1,000 persons.

He covered a broad field of topics in the speech, including a review of his stand against trade with Red China and his "blackmail" complaint against Army Counsel John G. Adams.

In a news conference before the speech, McCarthy rejected Sen. Stuart Symington's suggestion that he get completely out of his subcommittee during its investigation of his feud with the army.

MENTIONS DISPUTE

The dispute, reviewed in the speech, was described as not a fight with the army but one with "a few individuals" in the Pentagon.

McCarthy described Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens as a "fine, innocent, honest" man who "could not cope with the old-time Pentagon politician."

He said there apparently is someone in the Pentagon "deathly afraid of the continued exposure" for which his committee has been responsible.

McCarthy also said he was confident that Roy Cohn, chief counsel of his subcommittee will be cleared by the investigation of the army dispute now being planned.

Adams' report of alleged pressure brought by Cohn on behalf of G. David Schine, former committee investigator who was drafted, prompted McCarthy's "blackmail" retort.

TALKED TO ADAMS

McCarthy said he told Adams before the allegations against Cohn were released, "If you were to blackmail me out of an investigation into the military, the pattern would be the same tomorrow in the next bureau, the next day another bureau."

McCarthy referred to Oklahoma's Democratic Sen. Mike Monroney as "your local Little Lord Fauntleroy" of the "left wing." He scoffed at Monroney's criticism of the subcommittee's tactics, classing the Oklahoman with "the bleeding hearts."

McCarthy said that in digging into communism in the Army the exposure of individual Reds was secondary—"we're concerned not so much with the Communists we get, but we're 10 times as much concerned with those who knew they were there and did nothing about it."

McCarthy said he thinks President Eisenhower "is doing the best job he can," but added, "I don't think he's a superman."

Specific Charges

Thornton To Help Out Vice Probe

PORTLAND (AP)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton released to the press here Saturday a letter in which he accepted an invitation to help out in the Lincoln County vice probe—and suggested Dist. Atty. William Hollen step aside.

Hollen said he wasn't going to walk out entirely and he got support on that from Gov. Paul Patterson.

GIVEN TO PRESS

Thornton's letter to Hollen was given to the press here and Hollen learned of its contents from the press.

Thornton's letter to Hollen said that "specific charges have been made against you that you may be involved in these criminal violations; that you interfered with the lawful investigation of the grand jury and exerted improper pressure on both the grand jury and witnesses."

IN FAIRNESS

"And that you altered the first grand jury report by eliminating the statement that vice conditions still existed in some instances and that public officials had been intimidated."

So, Thornton wrote, until determination is finally made on these charges, "in all fairness you should take no part in this inquiry. Otherwise you would be investigating yourself."

Backers Want Rhee To Hold Job for Life

SEOUL (AP)—A movement to make Syngman Rhee president of the Republic of Korea for life was reported in the making Saturday.

National assembly sources said about 20 assemblymen had already agreed to support a constitutional amendment giving Rhee a lifetime job.

The 78-year-old executive's second four-year term will end in 1956.

Pope's Health Better

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII appeared in "excellent spirits" Saturday after passing a restful night, Vatican sources said. The Pope reportedly showed "sudden improvement" after he made a public appearance Friday for the first time since he became ill eight weeks ago.

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Bandit Makes Diamond Haul Of \$200,000

CENTRALIA, Mo. (AP)—A bandit shot an importing company official in the foot aboard the dining car of a Wabash passenger train Saturday night and escaped with \$200,000 in diamonds.

The diamond robber got on the train at Kansas City and rode with his victim to Centralia. Then he suddenly poked a gun into the face of John Gray, a partner in the firm of Adolphe Adler Diamond Cutters and Importers of New York City.

TOY PISTOL

He demanded that Gray give up a briefcase containing an estimated \$200,000 in loose diamonds.

Gray thought the man was brandishing a toy pistol, he said. He started beating the gunman over the head with a magazine.

"The man fired one shot, which missed me," Gray said. He beat the gunman over the head with the magazine some more and the bandit fired again, this time striking Gray in the foot.

The shooting took place in the dining car of the passenger train as it was pulling into Centralia. The bandit grabbed the briefcase, jumped off the train and into a waiting automobile.

WOMAN DRIVER

Missouri state highway patrolmen said the car was driven by a woman and bore Kansas license plates, beginning AG-73. The other numerals of the license number were unknown.

A pickup order was issued for the car and roadblocks were set up over the state.

Gray said the action came so fast that he didn't get a good look at the bandit.

"I was so excited I can't remember what he looked like," Gray said.

General to Give Red Cross Appeal

A former general of the Marine Corps, Curtis T. Beecher, and Mrs. L. B. Schmidt, chairman of the Women's Residential Division in the 1954 Red Cross fund campaign in Eugene, will be heard on all Eugene radio stations Sunday in an appeal for a successful residential fund drive that starts Monday.

Radio Station KUGN will start the series with a program at 8:15 p.m. KASH will broadcast the appeal at 8:45; KERG at 10:15; and KORE at 11 p.m.

Gen. Beecher was captured on Corregidor during the Japanese invasion of the Philippine Islands. He credits the Red Cross with saving the lives of many of the captives.

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THE WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL DIVISION of the Lane County Red Cross fund campaign will start its door-to-door fund drive Monday morning by visiting homes within boundaries of School District 4. One eager worker in the drive is Mrs. Bob Hill (above), who made the first fund solicitation Saturday at the home of Mrs. Calvin Schumaker, 1031 Mill St. Mrs. L. B. Schmidt, chairman of the division, is urging all residents to help by contributing all they can afford.

Bond Vote Is Set by Lincoln PUD

Members of the Central Lincoln Peoples Utility District who live in the coastal areas of Coos, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties will vote on a \$950,000 revenue bond issue in the primary election May 21.

That word was received Eugene last week after a meeting of the Central Lincoln board of directors at Portland.

The bond issue, which President Millard Martin says will not be a general taxation measure, is to be used to improve facilities in the PUD in the next two years. The program will begin July 1 and voters approve the issue.

Included in the work will be a program of line extensions, construction of new substation construction, and additions to existing facilities.

WITH STUDY MADE

Part of the expansion is based on a growth study completed recently by PUD workers. Under the estimate, the district will continue addition to present power facilities to meet the continuing influx of residents in the next years.

The net increase in outstanding debt in the two-year program, Martin, will be only \$668,000. The reason for this, he explained, is based on the expiration and clearance of other debt by Newport.