

Help Pledged For Ben Bella

ALGIERS (AP) — Four of Algeria's six guerrilla commands and the regular army's general staff were lined up Wednesday in support of Deputy Premier Ahmed Ben Bella's bid for control of the new nation.

The military leaders left up to Ben Bella's Political Bureau the decision of whether to use force to quell the rebellious guerrilla commands in Algiers and the Kabylie Mountains. This apparently ruled out an immediate armed showdown since the bureau members previously

Twister Rips City on Gulf

CAMERON, La. (AP)—A howling tornado struck this Louisiana coastal town late Tuesday night, causing at least two fatalities. Authorities say the death toll may go higher.

Sheriff's deputies formed search parties to roam through debris, although heavy rains hampered rescue operations.

At least 50 persons were reported injured.

Streets in Cameron — where nearly 500 persons died in a 1957 hurricane — were flooded. The water was as high as the floorboard of a car, but had stopped rising early Wednesday.

Nearly eight inches of rain fell on Cameron within a six-hour period.

The city, which has a population of about 2,500, is on the marshy Gulf Coast in extreme southwest Louisiana.

A man identified as Harold Stewart suffered a fatal heart attack shortly after being evacuated from his home to the Cameron Parish Courthouse.

An unidentified woman was killed and deputies said a child may have been killed when the whirling 80-mile winds flipped over a house.

Some low-lying sections of Lake Charles—40 miles north of here—were under water.

A tornado alert for the entire southwestern Louisiana area expired at 5 a.m. with no additional reports of twisters.

Farm Group Plans Sales Halt, Demands Price Rise

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The National Farmers Organization starts Saturday what it calls a "battle for the survival of the family farm."

Members of the Midwest farm group are pledged to sell no hogs, cattle, sheep or grain from midnight Friday until processors agree to long-range contracts, with the NFO calling for higher prices of those products.

Buoyed by a massive turnout of an estimated 20,000 members who shouted approval of the holding action here Tuesday, NFO President Oren Lee Staley declared:

"We mean to win. Whatever length of time it takes to win this battle, we will do it," the 39-year-old Rea, Mo., farmer said.

"American farmers are the most underpaid group in Amer-

ica. They have retreated as far as they can. We do not intend to retreat any farther."

Staley warned members to brace for a long fight. He said the supply of meat in storage and sale of livestock by non-members will keep the market at near-normal levels for about two weeks.

"Then you can expect buyers to try to break your morale by saying everything is normal—even when there is no meat in the markets," Staley said.

The NFO president said his group has sufficient strength to attain its goals in the holding action. Three previous holding actions—in which hogs were kept off the market—failed to produce higher prices.

Staley has declined to reveal the number of farmers in the NFO, which claims membership in 15 states west of the Pennsylvania border to the Rocky Moun-



(AP Wirephoto)

Racing Flames

One of two brush fires burning out of control northwest of Los Angeles is pictured in this aerial view. Flames are racing eastward across the San Gabriel mountains east of the city of San Fernando. Homes in the foreground are in a portion of Los Angeles. Olive View Sanitarium, from which 800 patients were evacuated, is hidden in the smoke at left center.

\$1-Billion Investment Credit

Tax Bill a Victory for JFK

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate turned Wednesday to a fight over expense account deductions after handing President Kennedy a majority victory in its first vote on the tax revision bill.

The Senate voted 52 to 30

Tuesday to retain the measure's major provision — a \$1-billion investment credit to spur American industry to buy modern machinery and equipment.

The quick action raised Senate leaders' hopes they could push the 392-page bill to final passage by Friday.

The Senate continued in session Tuesday night to debate the next issue, expense accounts, and an attempt to fix a time for a vote on the provision failed.

Unusual Lineup

The investment credit was retained with 37 Democrats and 15 Republicans voting for it, and 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans against it—an unusual lineup, as both conservatives and liberals were widely split.

The provision now is virtually certain to become law since it passed the House and has been retained by the Senate.

Under it, most companies can deduct from their taxes up to 7 per cent of what they spend on new equipment. Public utilities would be allowed 3 per cent.

The administration has urged the credit as a key weapon in its drive to help American business become more efficient and

competitive in world markets, and thus bolster the economy.

Called A Windfall

Foes of the credit assailed it as a windfall to many companies which they said would make the investment anyway. They insisted there was no evidence it would bring any additional modernization.

The expense account fight turned on an attempt by Sens. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., and Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., to keep out of the bill an amendment proposed by the Finance Committee that would permit deductions for goodwill entertaining.

The House inserted a provision striking such deductions. This drew a flood of protests to the Senate group from the hotel, restaurant and entertainment industry.

Gore said the effect of the Senate amendment was to permit continuance of a flood of deductions for such things as "night club hopping, fancy yachts, and swanky night clubs."

Sen. George A. Smathers, D-Fla., argued the House bill was harsh. He defended the Senate amendment, asserting "we have tightened up the law immeasurably."

Fleming Quits Race, Cites Birch Rule

Because the John Birch Society doesn't allow its employees to run for public office, Leslie Fleming of Springfield has withdrawn his candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

Fleming is state coordinator

Road Official Won't Reply To Criticism

Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer, refused to comment Tuesday on charges leveled at him by Springfield Mayor B. J. Rogers.

The mayor Monday night had charged the administrative staff of the Oregon State Highway Department, including Cooper, with lack of cooperation and "double talking" in its relations with the city of Springfield.

Said Cooper Tuesday during a telephone interview:

"I do not wish to get into a controversy with anyone."

Rogers' blast was motivated largely by the highway commission's decision to deny Springfield's request for a change in the route of the proposed Q Street extension.

Springfield city council members decided Monday night to arrange a meeting with state highway officials to discuss in more detail the Q Street question and several other Springfield street problems.

Cooper said Tuesday he and other highway officials "are always willing to try and talk over road problems."

for the Birch Society. It is a full-time, paid position.

He was nominated as an independent for the U. S. Senate a week ago at a special convention held in Albany.

Tuesday he sent a telegram to Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., saying that he was out of the race and that the money (\$150) he had posted for space in the Voters Pamphlet should be given to Don Bellinger of Salem.

Bellinger was nominated at the convention as an independent candidate for governor.

Fleming said his recent action followed a telephone call from Birch Society headquarters in Belmont, Texas.

Wheat Quota Vote Planned

Lane County wheat farmers will join fellow growers across the country Thursday in voting on marketing quotas for the 1963 wheat crop.

The county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office said ballots may be cast in the Junction City Grange Hall by farmers from the Junction City area, and in the ASCS office in the county courthouse in Eugene for those from the Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Pleasant Hill, Elmira and Lorane areas. Those from the Irving area may vote at either place.

Poll hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. standard, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daylight. Farmers with wheat allotments for 15 acres or more for 1963 are eligible to vote, the ASCS office said.

California Battles 5 Major Blazes

By DORIS KLEIN

Of the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Five brush and timber fires raged across California mountains Wednesday after burning hospital buildings, oil storage tanks and a cowboy actor's famous ranch.

More than 30,000 acres were blackened.

In the north, vacationers fled resort areas. In the south, 800 patients were evacuated from a sanitarium. Flames advanced on two Nike missile sites. A powder works containing an estimated 100 tons of explosives was barely saved by firemen.

Flames licked to within 10 feet of the explosives plant.

Simultaneous Blazes

The Southern California blazes, 15 miles apart, broke out within

an hour of each other Tuesday, 40 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Keith Klinger said the fires were the worst in the county since the disastrous Bel-Air-Brentwood fire last November, 15 miles to the southwest across the San Fernando Valley.

One fire swept over the San Gabriel Mountains into the San Fernando Valley, destroying an infirmary on the grounds of Olive View Sanitarium in Sylmar.

A fleet of ambulances, buses and cars evacuated 800 patients, most of them tuberculosis victims.

Some patients were rushed from surgery still unconscious, with bottles of blood plasma

suspended above their stretchers.

A Veterans Administration hospital two miles to the east also was threatened, but none of the 400 patients had to be evacuated.

One of the blazes threatened populous San Fernando Valley briefly. Earlier, it destroyed 75 per cent of cowboy actor Gene Autry's famed Melody Ranch.

Autry had shot scores of television and motion picture films on its western street.

Autry lives in Studio City, 25 miles from the ranch.

1,000 Firemen

More than 1,000 federal, state, city and county firemen were on the fire lines in Southern California.

The first fire broke out in Hasley Canyon, west of U.S. Highway 99, about 55 miles northwest of Los Angeles, near the community of Castaic. It moved quickly southward.

Firemen estimate it had burned 7,200 acres.

The second blaze erupted in Placerita Canyon, spreading southeast into the Sylmar area, closer to heavily populated areas.

It had destroyed 8,300 acres of brush.

1,508 Corpsmen Due

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Peace Corps said Tuesday 1,508 of its volunteers are scheduled to leave for overseas assignments in 25 countries within the coming month. This will double the number of Peace Corpsmen in the field.

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Farm Protest

Members of the National Farmers Organization piled their Sears, Roebuck catalogues outside the Des Moines, Iowa, auditorium Tuesday before voting to start an all-out withholding action on farm products from the market, effective midnight Friday. Jack Murphy, Nelson, Wis., holds an effigy of the Committee for Economic Development over the books. A Sears, Roebuck official was one of those drafting the CED program urging transfer of farmers out of agriculture as a means of cutting production.

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