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\$10 per Child School Tax Before Court

Lane County Districts Ask Whether Levy Is Mandatory

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A group of Lane county school districts petitioned the Oregon Supreme court Saturday to determine whether it is mandatory for a county to levy a school tax of \$10 per census child.

This \$10 county school tax has long been in effect but for a number of years the state met the tax through use of income tax revenues. The 1951 legislature, fearing the income tax receipts would not cover the various state obligations heretofore supported by such funds, voted to turn back the tax to the counties.

The supreme court has set Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. for a hearing to determine if it will take jurisdiction. Previously, Attorney General George Neuner, in an opinion, ruled that the county courts in the state were obligated to levy the tax.

57 Districts Protest Tax

The petition filed in behalf of 57 school districts in Lane county seeks a mandamus requiring the county court to levy a tax of \$343,440 or \$10 for each of the 34,344 Lane county children between the ages of 4 and 20 years as shown in the last school census.

Although filed by the Lane county school districts, the issue is state wide, as any decision by the supreme court, would effect all counties alike.

Members of the legislature who sponsored returning the \$10 county school tax to the counties, pointed out that the basic school fund had been increased from \$50 per census school child to

Britain Cancels Scientists Flight

London, July 21 (AP)—Britain today abruptly cancelled the passports of a British atomic scientist who had planned a flight to Moscow, and a foreign office official.

The clampdown came in a new re-screening by British security officials following the mysterious disappearance of two British diplomats two months ago. Donald Maclean, head of the American department of the foreign office and Guy Burgess, former second secretary of the British embassy in Washington, disappeared after boarding a boat for France, May 25. They are feared to have fled behind the Iron Curtain with valuable secrets.

Neither of the two whose passports were cancelled today were immediately identified. A foreign office spokesman said the scientist proposed visiting Moscow as part of a "good will" group.

Other sources identified the scientist as Dr. E. H. S. Burhop of University College, London, who has advocated an approach to Russia in an attempt to reach a limited agreement on atomic control before the west steps up its race for the hydrogen bomb. He is secretary of the British association of scientific workers and worked on the atomic energy project in the United States during World War II.

Lost 8-Year-Old Boy Found in Cascades

Madras, July 21 (AP)—An 8-year-old boy, lost overnight in the high Cascades, was found safe shortly before 9 a. m. today.

He is Blaine Myers, Portland. Excited by his first fishing trip into the mountains, he ran ahead of his father, Stanley Myers, of Portland, and took the wrong trail in the Olallie Lake area.

He was found at View Point, above Horseshoe Lake, some 11 miles from the point where he disappeared. Henry Debrun, a forest service man, found the boy, who was reported in good condition. Forest service men led the search after the boy became lost at 1:30 p. m. yesterday.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 81; minimum today, 48. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 for month: 1.7; normal, 1.5. Season precipitation, 49.34; normal, 37.36. River height, -2.3 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Army Airlift DC-4 Lost Off Gulf of Alaska

Plane Bound for Korea Missing with 38 Aboard

Vancouver, B. C., July 21 (AP)—A Korean airlift DC-4 bound for Tokyo with 38 persons aboard vanished today while skirting the Gulf of Alaska on a 1,348-mile flight from Vancouver, B. C., to Anchorage.

The big, four-engine plane carried a crew of seven and 31 passengers, most of them American military men. At least two of the passengers were civilians attached to the army at Fort Lawton, Seattle, Wash.

First reports listed three of the passengers as United Nations officials, but U. N. headquarters in New York said later that no members of the U. N. secretariat or other officials were aboard the plane.

Operated by Canadian Pacific The DC-4, operated by the Canadian Pacific Airlines on charter for the Korean Airlift, disappeared after radioing a position report at 12:17 a. m. PST, off Cape Spencer, about 80 miles due west of Juneau, Alaska.

The missing plane had a fuel supply for only 5 1/2 hours more in the air. Its route was along the coastline of the Gulf of Alaska over Yakutat to Whittier, and then inland to Elmendorf air force base, Anchorage.

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100 Mile Gale Hits Minnesota

Minneapolis, July 21, (AP)—A roaring, 100-mile-an-hour windstorm, accompanied by torrential rains and lightning, ripped through parts of Minnesota and South Dakota last night.

Three persons were killed. Scores were injured. Property and crop damage was extensive. Power and telephone lines were knocked out.

The lashing storm: Collapsed the roof of a crowded super market food store in suburban Minneapolis, killing two persons.

Toppled a brick chimney through the roof of a St. Paul home, fatally injuring a four-month-old baby.

Blackened out side areas as uprooted trees ripped out power and telephone lines.

Swept away a revival tent in Minneapolis, spreading panic among the 700 worshippers.

Halted or interrupted street car service in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Lifted one street car from its trucks and turned it upside down.

Demolished a grain elevator, a house and three trailer homes in Watertown, S. D. Flattened ripening grain crops in the area.

Victims of the storm were Michael Brinda, 38, of Minneapolis, clerk in the damaged supermarket, and unidentified woman shopper, about 60, and Terrance Malm, the infant hit in the chimney collapse.

Wholesale Prices Drop

Washington, July 21 (AP)—Wholesale prices have dropped for the seventh week running, this time one-half of one percent, the bureau of labor statistics reports. The bureau reported yesterday on prices in the week ended July 17.

Telephone Strike Hits Salem on Monday

Over 200 telephone workers in Salem will be on strike early Monday morning if the general telephone strike occurs as now threatened with little hope of settlement over the week-end.

Just how seriously effected the service in Salem will be a matter of guessing. J. G. Byrne, chairman of the strike committee of Local 9204 of the CIO Communication Workers of America, indicated that everything but local calls would be pretty hard hit.

At 6 o'clock Monday morning, said Byrne, pickets will be placed in front of the main exchange on State street, the office building at Court and Winter, the maintenance garage at 240 South Cottage, and the construction garage on South 25th street.



Conferees on Controls Bill

Washington, July 21 (AP)—A 12-man senate-house conference committee will set to work next Wednesday to hammer out the differences between the two houses on controls legislation.

The house members will be Reps. Spence (D., Ky.), Brown (D., Ga.), Patman (D., Texas), Rains (D., Ala.), Wolcott (R., Mich.), Gamble (R., N.Y.), and Talle (R., Iowa). Senators Maybank (D., S.C.), Fulbright (D., Ark.), Robertson (D., Va.), Caphart (R., Ind.) and Bricker (R., Ohio) will represent the senate.

Patman told a reporter that the house group "is determined to press for a conclusion by the end of the week."

"We want to wind it up with only four days of conferences and I think it is entirely possible," he added.

Tax Collections Top \$50 Billion

Washington, July 21—Federal tax collections totaled a record smashing \$50,388,682,228.60 in fiscal 1951, which ended June 30, the internal revenue bureau announced today.

That was a solid 15 per cent gain over the previous record high of \$43,800,387,575.90 in the wartime fiscal 1945; 32 per cent above the \$38,957,131,708 collected in fiscal 1950.

And it was 19 times more than the government collected only 17 years ago, in 1934—\$2,640,803,828.

Individual income tax collections totaled \$26,302,461,995.91 in 1951, running 25 per cent above the previous record of \$20,997,780,699 set in 1948. In fiscal 1950, personal income tax collections totaled \$19,574,747,452.

Corporation income and profits taxes jumped to \$14,358,670,915.48 from \$10,854,351,108 last year, but fell short of the \$16,927,212,826 peak reached in fiscal 1945.

Miscellaneous internal revenue, chiefly from excise (sales) taxes, pushed to a new high of \$9,488,584,621.95, compared with \$8,304,897,891.63 in fiscal 1950.

Washington and Alaska, which are combined for tax collecting purposes, contributed \$598,432,536 in fiscal 1951 as compared to \$462,153,326 in 1950.

Combat Vets Back from War

San Francisco, July 21 (AP)—Two vessels brought 6,267 combat veterans home from the Korean war today.

It was by far the greatest number to return in one day. Most of them were home on the rotation program. Others were back for reassignment; still others, for discharge from the services.

First in the harbor was the transport Gen. William Weigel, which carried a record-breaking passenger list of 4,321 military men—the largest single contingent yet to return. They included 66 combat veterans from Washington state.

The General Weigel was followed by the navy vessel, U.S.S. Telfair, which had been scheduled to arrive tomorrow. She had aboard 1,946 military passengers—1,193 army men, 474 navy personnel, 273 air force men and six marines.

Radar at Work Shown At Navy Exhibit Here

Many who have read about and heard about radar are today seeing it in operation—watching the navy pick-up buildings, planes or any other objects.

A radar SP1M covering an area with a radius of 200 miles and able to pick up a target moving up to 500 miles per hour, is the only part of the exhibits in the giant U.S. Navy mobile display unit in Salem for Saturday and Monday and open from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. each day.

The unit, which has had as many as 600 people pass through the exhibit in one day, arrived in Salem Friday and this afternoon a special showing for state, county and city officials was opened to the public.

In addition to its many displays the unit has its own power unit so that it need not depend on any municipality for its lights or operation of electrical equipment. The van carrying this unit weighs 44,000 pounds and is the heaviest of any of the vans.

The longest trailer or van in the unit is that upon which is mounted the FH-1 jet fighter, which is the fighter being used on the carriers in Korean waters.

It is not just aluminum, copper, rubber and steel used in construction of war equipment, the public discovered when it saw a material exhibit arranged by the navy. This display shows the many materials used in a jet plane and then connects them to the part of the plane where they are used.

There is a jet engine, too, with sections cut-away to show how it works and also a 20 MM gun cut-away to enable those visiting the exhibit to see how it functions.

Did you ever wonder how a Geiger counter works? The exhibit has a section given over to that.

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Indictments for 12 Job Sellers

Jackson, Miss., July 21 (AP)—A federal grand jury here slapped "job-selling" indictments on 12 pro-Truman democrats in Mississippi including the leaders who took over patronage during the 1948 states' rights revolt.

Most of those named in the alleged conspiracy to make cash a requirement for a federal appointment also figured in the earlier senate subcommittee investigation which laid the groundwork for the grand jury inquiry.

They include Frank Mize, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, and former National Committeeman Clarence E. Hood.

The special 22-man jury convened here July 9 and adjourned Wednesday after hearing 147 witnesses. Its findings were made public late yesterday. The indicted dozen will be arraigned September 5, U.S. Attorney Joseph Brown said.

In addition to the conspiracy charges, the 22-page, 34-count indictment cited five of the group for perjury in connection with their testimony at senate hearings in Jackson and Washington under subcommittee Chairman Clyde R. Hoey (D., N.C.).

Now raging in Tillamook Burn

Blaze Spotting in All Directions Fanned by Self Made Winds

Oregon's oft-blackened Tillamook Burn has another fire roaring through it that since starting in an active logging operation Friday afternoon has covered an estimated 3,000 acres.

Spotting in all directions and fanned by self-made winds that twisted snags out by the roots, the roaring blaze, which is about 18 miles east of Tillamook along the head of Elkhorn creek, Saturday was reported as sweeping on uncontrolled.

An estimated 200 men, including state forestry crews and loggers, were on the fire, which Friday spread so rapidly that firefighters were unable to dig trails.

Fire Traps Map Party

Friday afternoon R. M. Kallander, head of the state forestry rehabilitation program and other members of a mapping party when trapped by the flames were forced to abandon a jeep. All escaped unhurt and the jeep was recovered undamaged Friday night.

Saturday morning district Warden Edward Schroeder of Forest Grove told the Associated Press that the fire had quieted down some after burning through felled and bucked timber during the night but that the blaze was still spreading in a northerly direction and there was little hope of checking it Saturday.

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Asks Renewal of Iran Oil Talks

Tehran, Iran, July 21 (AP)—W. Averell Harriman was reported to be urging the Iranians and the British today to renew their oil nationalization talks which broke down last month.

A definite decision one way or another is expected tonight when President Truman's special envoy meets again with the Iranian parliament's joint oil board.

Chairman of the board, Allah-jar Saleh, told newsmen after a meeting today that Iran is willing to resume talks with Britain but insisted that the British first must accept all the provisions of the nationalization law aimed at taking over the British-controlled billion dollar Anglo-Iranian Oil company's operations. "This the British have thus far not been inclined to do."

Harriman has kept a discreet silence on the progress of the talks but informed sources said he is hoping some compromise might be reached if he could only get the disputants sitting down at the conference table again.

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Crest of Flood Laps Over St. Louis Levies

St. Louis, July 21 (AP)—Muddy flood waters lapped at the doorstep of this city of 1,500,000 people today as the rampaging Mississippi uncoiled for its highest level here in 107 years.

At mid-morning the river—carrying the record discharge of the Missouri—stood at 40.1 feet. A crest of 40.5 is expected tonight. That would be just .9 of a foot under the all-time high set June 27, 1844.

Despite the impressive readings, authorities offered assurance there would be no repetition here of the disaster wrought by the Missouri in the Kansas City area.

St. Louis, sometimes called "the mound city," snuggles on high ground in the arc of the great Mississippi. Industries along the waterfront area, however, are vulnerable and many already have been flooded at a cost which may run to several million dollars.

Except for this flooded waterfront, however, there was little excitement in town and life went on as usual.

An estimated 1 1/2 million acres of land were flooded as the Missouri—five miles wide in places—surged across the state to its

300,000 Reds Ready to Strike If Truce Fails

By RICHARD APPLIGATE

8th Army Headquarters, Korea, Sunday, July 22, (AP)—Allied front line officers warned today that the communist army has completed a troop and supply buildup capable of launching a 300,000-man "double-cross offensive" during the four-day recess of cease-fire talks.

Chinese strength along the battlefield was described by an 8th army briefing officer as equal to the force the Red army threw into its abortive spring offensive.

He said this meant there were 300,000 Reds on the front ready to strike and about 350,000 more in reserve and in rear areas.

Prince Tallal Furious at Naif

Cairo, July 21 (AP)—Prince Tallal, the anti-British eldest son of murdered King Abdullah of Jordan, was reported to be furious today because his younger brother, Prince Naif, has been named regent, and thus the apparent successor to Jordan's throne.

The Egyptian news magazine Akhbar El Yom, reporting this in a dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, predicted Tallal would make a surprise visit to Jordan. If he does so, a dynastic struggle might ensue which could plunge the whole middle east into strife.

The magazine declared, however, that Tallal, 40, would not succeed to the throne "because of his nervous state," even though members of his entourage were addressing him as "His Majesty, the king."

(Some weeks ago, the Israeli press declared Prince Tallal had been taken to a hospital in Beirut after shooting Brig. John Glubb Pasha, British-born commander of the crack Arab Legion. Officials in Amman denied the attack. After Abdullah's assassination it became known that Tallal had left Beirut for a vacation in Switzerland.)

Arab Legion to Crush Revolts

Jerusalem, Palestine, July 21 (AP)—The crack Arab legion is ready to crush any attempt to capitalize on the assassination of King Abdullah, the official Jordan radio warned today.

The British-led legion, best fighting force in the Arab world, was alerted for incidents within and outside Jordan.

Jordan's frontiers were sealed. A 24-hour-a-day curfew in the Jordan-held "old city" area of Jerusalem was lifted for the day but will go into effect again at sunset tonight until dawn tomorrow.

The official Jordan Ramallah radio, north of Jerusalem, gave the warning that the 15,000-man legion commanded by British Gen. John Bagot Glubb was ready to crush any attempt by violent or subversive forces to capitalize on Abdullah's death.

It was made plain that the warning applies not only to Jordanians but to any ambitious elements in neighboring states who might attempt a coup now that Jordan's "strong man" is gone.

Red Chinese Obtain Recess In Truce Talks

Korean Armistice Delegates to Meet Again on July 25

Munsan, Korea, Sunday, July 22 (AP)—Red China's two armistice negotiators took the leading role from the North Koreans for the first time at Kaesong Saturday and obtained a recess until July 25.

The Chinese, hitherto staying in the background, began calling the signals after the allies firmly refused to include the subject of withdrawing United Nations troops from Korea on the proposed agenda.

An allied staff officer said that at one point the Chinese Reds' whispered conferences interrupted a statement by North Korean Gen. Nam Il, the chief Red delegate.

Held Political Topple Air Force Brig. Gen. William Nuckols, who briefed correspondents afterward, said the chief allied delegate, Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, told the Reds, troop withdrawal was a political topic for higher level discussions later.

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Allied Patrols Stab at Reds

U.S. Eighth Army Headquarters, Korea, July 21 (AP)—Communist forces today continued to bolster frontline positions but there were no indications an attack was imminent.

An Eighth army spokesman said that "all along the front the enemy now has probably as much as he had for the April 22 offensive."

United Nations patrols stabbed close to main Red lines and met blistering attacks. Several withdrew. There were many short, sharp clashes, especially on the central front and eastward.

Increased communist frontline strength appeared to be no more than bolstering of defenses. U.N. air observers have spotted no significant movement of Red troops or supplies behind the front.

Rain hampered air operations but medium and light bombers attacked North Korean targets using radar to sight through the clouds.

There was no ground contact Friday around the neutral zone of Kaesong but patrols sighted Red forces building new defenses.

There were two small clashes west of Chorwon, western anchor of the onetime communist "iron triangle" buildup area.

United Nations patrols moved about the former assembly area without contact and returned to their own lines without menacing the Red-held city of Pongyang, northern tip of the triangle.

East of the triangle, sharp close-up actions were frequent and bitter.

House Approves Army Building

Washington, July 21 (AP)—The house armed services committee today approved \$5,787,000,000 military construction program aimed at shoring up defenses at home and abroad against any Soviet aggression.

The air force gets the biggest share—around \$3,480,000,000—including about \$1,000,000,000 to build a chain of overseas secret bases girdling Russia.

Approximately \$1,368,000,000 is earmarked for the army and \$786,267,000 for the navy and marines, mostly for work on camps and other installations in this country. Secret projects are included also in their programs.

Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) told reporters he plans to call up the legislation for house action within a few weeks.

In submitting the program to congress a month ago, Secretary of Defense Marshall said the work is "urgently needed" and called for fast action. He also warned it will be necessary to seek approval later of still more projects. As it now stands, the construction program is the biggest since World War II.

Today's committee action simply authorizes the work. The actual money will have to be provided later.