Republicans Demand Contempt Charges Against President Truman

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and thickening cloudiness with light rain Thursday.

Temperature
Highest yesterday 54
Lowest this morning 28

Expected Failure To Reveal Files Would Bring Act

Defiance of Congress Irks GOP Members

Washington, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Republicans demanded today that the senate cite President Truman for contempt if—as expected—his administration ignores a senate subpoena for its loyalty files.

Led by Senate GOP Leader Kenneth S. Wherry, they argued that a supreme court decision on such a contempt citation would determine once and for all whether the executive has the legal power to defy the congress.

Could Block Move

But there was little if any chance that the senate would heed their demands. It was pointed out that a contempt citation must be approved by the whole senate and that he democratic majority could block such a move if it ever reached the floor.

A senate foreign relations subcommittee issued the subpoenas yesterday after Mr. Truman flatly refused to permit its investigators to have access to government loyalty files.

The orders were directed against Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath and President Harry B. Mitchell of the civil service commission. It was considered a foregone conclusion that they would be ignored.

Would Defy Attempt

Joseph C. Duke, the senate sergeant-at-arms, planned to serve the subpoenas upon the three officials today.

Mr. Truman has made it plain that, upon his orders, officials of the government would defy any congressional attempt to obtain the loyalty records of federal employees.

Park Committee To Select Name, Plan Dedication

City park advisory committee appointments were confirmed last night by the city council. Committeemen were instructed to arrange the method by which the new city park will be named and to plan a park dedication program.

Named were L. J. "Bill" Cox, Lions club; James Dunlevy, Rotary club; Mrs. Richard Payne, parent-teachers associations; Victor Milnes, Kiwanis club, and Darell Huson, donors representative.

Cox has been selected general chairman and Dunlevy publicity chairman.

Met Saturday

The group, previously picked by Mayor Diamond Flynn, had a preliminary session Saturday and will make more formative plans at a luncheon session Thursday noon at Medford hotel. Harold Frye and Floyd Watkins, council park committeemen, are sitting in on advisory group meetings. Others who have been asked to help with the dedication will confer with the group tomorrow.

Dedication ceremonies are tentatively scheduled June 4.

City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe today announced the appointment of Norman Worthley as city recreation director. Worthley will have charge of the swimming and wading pools, and recreation in the new city park.

List Duties

Thorpe said Worthley will be responsible for lifeguards, for enforcement of state and local government rules on health and safety and for accepting and depositing cash receipts. The recreation director will serve from May until some time in September, the superintendent reported.

In recent months Worthley has been bookkeeper at the city shops. He is a former Medford junior high athletic coach, a golfer at Rogue Valley Country club and has played semi-pro baseball and basketball here.

$15,577 Donated So Far to Red Cross

The 1950 campaign of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross so far has obtained $15,577.99 out of their goal of $25,000, Drive Chairman Frank Van Dyke announced today.

This year's drive will end officially at midnight Friday but campaign workers said past years' experience has led them to expect contributions to continue for several weeks after March 31. The tempo of contributions remains strong and Red Cross officials are hopeful that the race track graph in the window of drive headquarters at 227 West Main street will move close to the final goal before Friday night.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Dr. T. M. Birkbeck of Milton has been reappointed to the state board of dental examiners for a three-year term starting April 2, Gov. Douglas McKay announced today.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.) A two-alarm fire today caused $10,000 damage to the Mixermobile Manufacturing company plant.

(Acme Telephoto)

RED AGENT?—Owen J. Lattimore (above), one-time political adviser to General Chiang Kai-shek of China, was named as the man Sen. Joseph McCarthy had in mind when he named the top Russian secret agent in the U. S. Once associated with the State Department, Lattimore, an expert on Far Eastern affairs is now in Afghanistan on a United Nations mission.

Dog Control Law Enforcement To Start Saturday

Enforcement of Medford's dog control ordinance will commence Saturday, April 1, and Ernest G. Beale, formerly on the county humane society staff, has been employed as control officer during the summer months, Chief of Police Clatous McCredie said today.

The ordinance forbids dog owners to allow their animals to run loose during April, May and June to protect gardens and flower beds.

McCredie said that Beale will patrol the streets as well as answer complaints turned into the police station. When owners are known and can be contacted, citations will be issued. Otherwise dogs will be picked up and taken to the humane society.

Penalties Cited

Te redeem their animals owners will be required to pay $1 plus cost of board for as many days as the dog is kept. McCredie reported that the total charge for three days would be about $3. Dogs not called for in three days will be killed. The fine to be assessed by city court on citations handled will be $1.

City officials have said they sympathize with dog owners and understand their problems but pointed to the many requests that the regulations be enforced. McCredie said that many inquiries have been received concerning the status of dog control this spring.

In the past the state dog control board has handled the enforcement. However, there was some difficulty over financing here last year.

Similar ordinances also will be in effect in a number of Rogue valley communities.

Youngsters Testify In Rape Case Trial

Three girls, one of them 10 years old and two of them 11, took the witness stand in county circuit court yesterday afternoon to undergo questioning and cross examination. They were material witnesses in the case of state of Oregon against Rex Joseph Coy, who is charged with assault with intent to commit rape on one of the three.

They testified they had been skating on the street the evening of February 8 when a man walked up to them, asked them several questions, and then forced one of them to accompany him to the rear of a house in the neighborhood. When asked by District Attorney George Neilson if they saw that man in the courtroom, they all pointed at Coy where he sat with his wife and Attorneys Manville Heisel and Stanley C. Jones Jr.

Today the court and jury heard the testimony of the parents of the child who had been attacked and one of the arresting officers. The state still has other witnesses to call before it closes its portion of the case.

Water Main Blow-Out Floods Portland Homes

Portland, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.) Homes in a large section of southeast Portland were without water for more than an hour late yesterday when a plug in a 30-inch water main blew out, spreading water over a large area and flooding five houses.

Water department officials said they believed the plug blew out because of heavy pressure on it, such as a heavy truck passing directly over the main.

INCREASED U.S. AID TO ASIA ASKED

Helicopter Will Join Search for Oregon Airplane

Tracks Reported in Mt. Hood Region

Hood River, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.)—A Bonneville power administration helicopter arrived here today to join the search for a private plane missing more than a week with four persons aboard.

The helicopter was scheduled to search the Elk Meadows area, southeast of Mt. Hood, where two pilots reported seeing tracks. Elmer Wagner and Fred Vinton, both of Portland, said they saw footprints in the isolated Elk Meadows area.

Will Lower Man

If the helicopter spots the footprints, a man will be lowered to search the ground for signs of the missing persons who were returning from a Portland-to-Havana, Cuba, air tour.

A BPA snow-cat crew was searching the Olallie lake section south of Government Camp.

Meanwhile, the civil aeronautics administration reported smoke was seen on Mt. Defiance, west of Hood River, near the Columbia river gorge. Cloudy and showery weather during the past week has hindered air search along the Lakeview, Ore., to Portland route where the ship was believed down.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Klakkolb and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lundstrom, all of Portland, were aboard the plane on its last leg of a 7,600-mile round trip Portland-Havana, Cuba, flight.

Candidate Will Speak Saturday

David C. Shaw, 42, candidate for the democratic nomination for congressional representative from the fourth Oregon district, will speak at a meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee at 3 p. m. this Saturday, it was announced today by Mrs. Edward C. Kelly.

The meeting will be in the YMCA building.

Shaw's appearance here will be his first in Medford, Mrs. Kelly said. He is an attorney practicing in Gold Beach and Eugene, and has been a lecturer at the University of Oregon law school. He was with the national labor relations board in Washington for 10 years, and during the war served with the office of special services (OSS), and worked with underground resistance groups in the Pacific and eastern theaters.

Jackson county's democratic candidates will be presented at the meeting, Mrs. Kelly said, and potential write-in candidates to fill precinct office vacancies will be designated. Registration Chairman Frank DeSouza will discuss the state-wide pre-election registration drive.

The public will be welcome, Mrs. Kelly said, and refreshments will be served after the meeting by the Ashland Democratic Women's club.

Chicago, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—C. R. Schoby, an Algona, Ia., dairy farmer, has been elected president of the American dairy association.

Nation Taking Chance—Eisenhower

Washington, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today the nation is "taking chances" by not spending enough for the air force, anti-submarine warfare and Alaskan defenses.

"We do not believe war is imminent," the former allied supreme commander told the senate appropriations committee.

But he then urged that some defense spending increases be undertaken in what he termed "vital" defense fields.

Taking Chances

Eisenhower told the members that:

1. He has been informed that projected spending for fiscal 1951 will not permit maintenance of a "modernized" 48-group minimum air force.

2. He "personally believes" that "we are taking chances" in the anti-submarine field by failing to provide adequate sums for naval equipment and personnel training.

3. The U. S. would make a "mistake" in not providing a small garrison on each of its major air fields in Alaska because of the danger of "some kind of an air attack."

4. That the United States has "gone as far in favor of economy in military spending as is wise and "in some specific ways too far."

Many Surprised

Eisenhower was called before the committee after he made a speech in New York last week in which he said he was concerned about the way the country has disarmed. This dismayed and surprised many congressmen inasmuch as Eisenhower had helped draft the administration's $13 billion proposed military budget.

The hearing originally was intended to be secret, but it was thrown open to the public and press.

Eisenhower emphasized that greater attention should be paid to military intelligence functions and the field of industrial mobilization. He did not urge increased spending here, however.

Eisenhower prefaced his extemporaneous remarks by warning at the same time that "excessive expenditures" in the military field would undermine the nation's economy and be "playing into the hands of the enemy."

Eisenhower recalled that 18 months ago while acting as temporary chairman of the joint chiefs of staff he had urged an outside limit of $15 billion including stockpile expenses for the 1951 budget. This outside amount, he said, had been trimmed somewhat by President Truman, but to no great degree.

No Great Change

The general said he does not recommend "great . . . major or radical" changes in defense spending.

But he said he has been advised that the air force would not be able to maintain 48 fully modernized air groups under the proposed budget.

And anything below 48 groups, he said, would "dip under the line" between preparedness and economy.

"On this one point we are going a little bit too far (in reductions)," he said.

Concerning Alaskan defenses, he said it would be a "clear mistake not to give each major air base a small but efficient garrison with adequate living quarters.

He said he believes "we are taking chances in the anti-submarine field" by not pushing a more elaborate program. But he said he would yield to the judgment of Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, if Sherman differed with him on this.

The general said some increases he proposes would be actually a re-allotment of funds. The current budget request does not include about $600 million for stockpiling which is carried in another bill.

Figure Trimmed

Eisenhower revealed that his proposed $15 billion figure was trimmed. He had gotten the service chiefs of staff "pretty close together." But afterward, he ran into difficulties, he said. To meet these he had suggested that $250 million to $300 million in the 1951 budget be retained by the defense secretary for later allotment where needed, probably to the air force.

This was months before the budget, as trimmed by the president, was sent congress.

Eisenhower said industrial mobilization plans are vitally needed. He said he had discussed this with Elder Statesman Bernard M. Baruch. Such plans would cost little money, he said.

The general defended his proposed $15 billion budget as one that would not over-strain the economy.

Eisenhower insisted that the country has gone as far in favor of economy as is wise.

Eisenhower testified before a jam-packed hearing of the senate appropriations committee. The hearing, which at first was to be in secret, was thrown open to the public after it was understood that President Truman wanted the general to state his views publicly.

Haylift Pondered For Starving Cattle

Chicago, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—The federal government today considered appeals for an emergency haylift to save starving cattle in blizzard-ravaged North Dakota.

A district official of the general service administration hurried to Bismarck, N. D., today to investigate farmers' reports that their livestock, floundering in 30 inches of snow, were starving to death.

Road Work Difficult

"Cattle already weak from the hard winter are dying, and mud under the snow makes opening of roads difficult," Gov. Fred Aandahl said in a telegram to federal officials in St. Paul, Minn.

"Heavy further livestock losses are indicated," he said.

The huge spring storm which dumped the snow on the Dakotas and northern Minnesota moved across Canada today, and weather conditions improved in the U. S.

Snow fell from northern Illinois to the eastern Great lakes and light rains were reported in the South, but elsewhere across the country skies were generally clear and temperatures seasonable.

However, the aftermath of the cyclonic storm was still being felt.

Flood Warnings Issued

Precautionary flood warnings were issued for the upper Mississippi river from Alma to Prairie du Chien, Wis. The swollen Mississippi is expected to be seven feet above normal when its crest hits La Crosse, Wis., Friday.

The state highway department banned heavy trucks from 27 northern Wisconsin highways after a warm air mass, spawned by the turbulent storm, touched off a sudden thaw.

A ranchhand's frozen body was found near Elk Mountain, Wyo., late yesterday. Officials believed he lost his way in the storm Saturday night. His death brought the total of storm victims to 24.

Sawmill Workers' Council Disclaims Protest Letter

The Klamath Basin District council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers union today disclaimed the protest recently put forward by officers of the organization's local union No. 3063 in regard to the picketing of Kogap Lumber industries by the Medford Building Trades council.

In a statement signed by Gene W. Tedrick, business agent, the union council said:

"Klamath Basin District council . . . does not recognize this protest on the part of local No. 3063 as legitimate. This protest was not the result of a regular union meeting but was the action of individual employees, both union and non-union, taken on the job. No meeting of the union was called to discuss this matter and no authority was given to any officer of the local union to write this letter of protest to the Central Labor council, nor to release same to press.

"The Klamath Basin District council," the statement continued, " . . . recognizes the action taken by the Medford Central Labor council as legitimate and does not sanction the action taken by the employees of the Kogap Lumber industries in the name of local No. 3063."

The letter referred to, which protested the picketing action, said that the action "if continued, may put at least 100 workers out of work." It was signed by B. A. Bowman, as president, and Herbert W. Gifford, as recording secretary, of the local union, and was stamped with the seal of the local union.

Water Ballet To Be Part of Rose Festival

Portland, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.) A water ballet will be a part of the 1950 rose festival, L. W. Mallett, executive manager of the Portland Rose Festival association, announced today.

The ballet will be held at Multnomah Civic stadium and will be performed by local swimmers. Mallett said a 60 by 100 foot canvas tank would be erected for the event.

The rose festival will be held June 7-11.

California Solons Defeat First Plan For Tobacco Tax

Sacramento, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—An initial defeat was recorded today in the state legislature against a proposed cigarette and tobacco tax.

In spite of support for the tax from politically-powerful school organizations, the assembly revenue and tax committee cut the tax out of a $30,000,000 school aid bill.

With both votes unrecorded, the committee then voted to have the money taken from a $75,000,000 "rainy day" reserve. The action virtually killed the bill, since Gov. Earl Warren has threatened to veto such measures.

A cigarette and tobacco tax bill, however, also is pending in the senate. It would divide an estimated $47,000,000 in revenue two-thirds to schools and one-third to counties for relief and pension costs. School groups agreed to take that kind of bill last night.

The assembly bill, by Francis Dunn (D., Oakland) had been backed by school groups as a school aid and tax package. The tax proposed was 3 cents a package on cigarettes and 15 per cent on other tobacco products. It got a preliminary okay from the assembly education committee before running into the tax committee.

BUS TRAVEL UNAFFECTED

Officials of the Trailways bus lines here pointed out today that a strike of bus drivers of the Continental Santa Fe Trailways in Los Angeles has no effect upon bus travel here. Passengers are being accepted for southern California points, it was reported.

Precinct Vacancies Listed by Clerk

Although the deadline is past for candidates to file for election as county precinct committeemen and women, there are still many vacancies in many of the county's 84 precincts, county clerk's records showed today. The vacancies can still be filled by writing in names of candidates at the May 19 primary elections.

Precinct committee posts are filled by a man and a woman from both parties in each precinct. Vacancies that still exist are listed below: Republican—Precincts 2 through 10, 12 and 13, 15 through 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36 through 41, 46 through 50, 54 and 55, 58, 59, and 60, 64, 66, 70, 72 through 76, 79 through 83.

For the democrats there are vacancies in Precincts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 through 22, 24, 26 and 27, 39, 30, 31, and 32, 34, 35 and 36, 38, 40, 42 and 43, 46, 47 and 48, 50 and 51, 53 and 54, 57, 61, 62 and 63, 65, 68 through 71, 75, 76 and 77, and 80 through 84.

Reward Offered for JoAnn Dewey's Killers

Portland, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.) The Oregon Conference of Seventh Day Adventists today offered a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the kidnap-slaying of 18-year-old JoAnn Dewey.

The reward was offered through the office of E. U. Sims, attorney for the conference.

JoAnn, whose body was found in Wind river, near Stevenson, Wash., last Sunday, was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church at Meadowglade, Wash.

Hollywood, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Johnny Meyer, much publicized party-thrower for Plane Maker Howard Hughes, honeymooned here today with Actress Patty Lydon.

Sams Valley Farmers Seek Soil District

Residents of the Sams Valley community today indicated they are still interested in the formation of a soil conservation district in their area despite the defeat the proposed district recently suffered in a county-wide referendum election.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Sams Valey school at which landowners in the central valley area will attempt to draw up tentative boundaries to submit to the state soil conservation committee. Following the meeting, they will begin to set in motion the same legal preliminaries that were followed earlier this year when irrigation districts tried to promote the formation of a soil conservation district for the entire county.

George Loftin, Sams Valley rancher who is organizing the new campaign, said his group hopes to interest landowners in Beagle, Meadows and Table Rock areas in addition to Sams Valley.

Springfield Mayor Faces Recall Vote

Springfield, Ore., Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Springfield Mayor Bernard Peter Larson will face a recall election in 20 days if he does not resign by tonight as a result of recall petitions filed with Lane County Clerk Clarence Chase.

The petitions, filed by the city's "Good Government league," had more than 352 required valid signatures, Chase said. Mayor Larson began his four-year term in January, 1949.

A tentative recall election date was set for April 14.

The league charged that the mayor did not fulfill his 10 point program listed during the campaign in 1948, and that he has not cooperated with city residents and city employees.

Acheson, Experts Request Finances To Combat Reds

Hearings To Begin On Point 4 Program

Washington, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson and his top Far Eastern experts today urged increased United States aid to resist "communist infiltration" in southeast Asia.

Appearing before the senate foreign relations committee in an effort to bolster sagging bipartisan foreign policy, they also asked that work begin at once on President Truman's "point four" program for aiding economically undeveloped regions of the world.

Hearings Ordered

The committee complied by ordering public hearings to begin tomorrow on the "point four" program, with Acheson as the first witness.

Committee Chairman Tom Connally (D., Tex.), in a statement released after a closed meeting, said Acheson and Ambassador-at-Large Philip C. Jessup urged availability of a "flexible fund" for use to provide aid in "the general area of China when and where need might develop."

This apparently referred to current requests for continued availability of already appropriated money for economic and arms aid.

Program 'Soft'

Acheson, Jessup and department aides met with the committee amid increasing congressional attacks on Far Eastern policy decisions.

Acheson's loyalty program in the department has been described as "soft," and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.), has termed Jessup an associate of pro-communists. Jessup denied that charge recently while testifying under oath.

Before going to the capitol, Acheson already had taken another step to strengthen relations with members of congress. The state department announced that former Sen. John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky republican, will accompany Acheson to the forthcoming meetings of the western Big Three foreign ministers and the North Atlantic pact council in London. This will be the first time in several years that a republican has sat in on Big Three deliberations.

Seattle Clubhouse Damaged by Flames

Seattle, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—A $40,000 fire flashed through the Jackson Park golf course clubhouse north of Seattle today, apparently as a result of a short circuit in the electrical wiring.

Firemen said the blaze started when the short circuit ignited inflammable material in the finishing room of the clubhouse. The blaze was extinguished about an hour later by fire companies from the Lake City and Roosevelt districts, along with two trucks from the Seattle fire department.

Bruce Igou, north district fire marshal, said windows at the front of the club house melted in the intense heat.

Classroom Teachers To Hear Mrs. Frisbie

Jackson County Classroom Teachers will meet Saturday at 1 p. m. in the courthouse auditorium to hear Mrs. Blanche Frisbie speak on guidance as it relates to the school, according to Mrs. Marguerite Black, president.

Following the talk by the county health nurse there will be a discussion of school practices in the field of guidance and counselling at the primary and intermediate level. Discussion Leader Mrs. Dorothy Arney will be assisted by Mrs. Elsie Turner, Mrs. Betty Akerill, Mrs. Lois Webb and Miss Helen Andrus.

Two Medical Center Building Permits Asked

Two additional permits totalling $29,000 have been asked for renovations projects at the Medical Center building, the city building inspector's office reported today.

One application for remodeling the interior halls of the second, third and fourth floors amounted to $17,000 and the other for exterior masonry veneer work was for $12,000.

M. E. Coley requested a permit to reroof a residence at 346 South Holly street for $150 and Burr E. Tye asked to make a $50 porch addition to a garage at 102 Mistletoe.

Census Starts Here Saturday; 55 Enumerators Taking Training

Jackson county's 55 census enumerators are going to school this week to learn the proper door-side manner they will use when they begin asking an average of 15 to 20 questions of the county's 50,000 plus residents next Saturday.

This year the decennial census will really be a combination of three major nose-counting and information-seeking surveys. Questions this time will relate to population, housing and agriculture. The idea is to save several thousand dollars in field costs since formerly these censuses have been made separately. Also, by taking all the information on the same date, the bureau of the census will get a complete statistical picture of the nation's people, dwellings, and farms with all items in proper focus.

45 Questions

There will be 45 questions put to the population this year, but only seven of these will be put to everyone. The rest will be asked of a sampling of the populace. All individuals will be asked: Name? Age? Sex? Marital status and birthplace? Relationship to head of household? One additional question will be asked of all foreign-born persons, to determine whether they are naturalized. For all persons 14 years old and over there are additional questions on status of employment during the week before the census, the number of hours worked and the kind of work done.

The choice of the individuals to whom the sample questions will be put will be left entirely to chance. There is no way of telling in advance who will be included in the sample. One in five will be asked regarding income.

Word of Assurance

For those who feel some reticence in answering what they may consider personal questions, the census bureau has a word of assurance. The census law puts a heavy penalty on census takers if they reveal confidential information to others than sworn census employees. The penalty is a maximum of $1,000 fine and two years in jail if they gossip about information divulged to them in confidence. But if citizens are still shy, the census taker will be glad to give them special forms that can be mailed direct to the bureau.

Here in town, the 17th decennial census will be completed in about two to four weeks. Out in the rural areas where homes are more widely scattered the count may take longer.

Expect Changes

When they are through with the job, census officials expect to have found that there is an unprecedented gain in the total number of married couples, an upward turn in the average size of young families, a substantial increase in the number of households, an increase in the number of dwelling units, a continuing long-term decline in the nation's farm population, a decline in the number of negro families on farms, an increased mechanization of farms, an increase in the number of farms with electricity, an increase in the employment of women, and a change in congressional representation.

They still don't know the degree of these trends and it's going to cost them $90 million to find out. But considering the fact they will collect 15 billion items of information, the cost per unit is considered small.