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Commie Dominated North Korea Invades U.S. Backed Territory

Medford Largest City in Area; 4th Biggest in State

Klamath Falls Decrease Hikes County Position

Medford is the largest city in southern Oregon and the fourth largest in Oregon.

This was revealed Friday when the census bureau reported that Klamath Falls—until now officially more populous than Medford—had decresaed by some 700 persons since 1940. It's preliminary 1950 population is 15,803 compared to 16,497 ten years ago.

Jackson county too now has the largest population in southern Oregon, with 57,831 compared to Klamath's 42,014, which increased 1,517.

Only Portland, Salem and Eugene are larger than Medford.

Only Decrease

As far as is known here Klamath Falls is the only city of any size in Oregon—fastest growing state in the nation—to suffer a decrease in population.

The figures for Klamath Falls and the area comprising Klamath, Lake, Harney, Deschutes, Malheur and Crook counties both were smaller than previous estimates. The six-county area has a population of some 105,000, compared to estimates of 160,000.

GRANTS PASS UNHAPPY

Grants Pass, Ore., June 24—(U.P.)—The consensus concerning the census here was that the enumerators couldn't count worth sour apples.

A protest against the official count of 7,980 in the city and of 26,313 in the county was registered today by Morris Milbank, city mayor, and I. R. Perry, president of the Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce.

Their chief complaint was that the tally, which is far beneath the expected 10,000 city and 30,000 county population, hits both units squarely in the "gravy bowl" as state apportionments of funds will be much lower than anticipated.

Klamath Painter Survives Shock

Klamath Falls, Ore., June 24 (U.P.)—Claude Rogers, 26, has a hole in the top of his head and in the soles of his shoes but he's thankful that's the only damage he suffered yesterday when several thousand volts of electricity passed through his body.

Rogers was painting at the Klamath Lake Moulding company here when he bumped his head on a power line. The current burned a hole in his head and passed through his shoes, leaving them smouldering. It also threw him 15 feet and knocked him unconscious.

But attendants at Klamath County hospital said he's recovering today.

County Budget, Levies Available to Public

Jackson county taxpayers Wednesday will get a chance to either praise or denounce any of the proposed levies set forth in the county's budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year.

The budget committee, which includes the county court, will make itself available at 11 a.m. (DST) Wednesday in the county Court chambers in the courthouse for a full discussion of all budget estimates listed for the various departments of the county government.

WEATHER

FORECAST—Partly cloudy this morning. Becoming cloudy with showers this afternoon, continuing through Monday.

Highest Yesterday 69
Lowest Yesterday 43

Reds Held Responsible; War Reported Declared

Seoul, Korea, Sunday, June 25 (U.P.)—The Russian - sponsored North Korean communists invaded the American-suported Republic of South Korea today and their radio followed it up by broadcasting a declaration of war.

The attacks started at dawn. The northern Pyongyang radio broadcast a declaration of war at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EDT Saturday).

Attack Along Border

North Korean forces attacked generally along the border but chiefly in the eastern and western areas, in heavy rain after mortar and artillery bombardments which started at 4 a.m. (2 p.m. EDT Saturday). They were reported 2½ miles inside South Korea at some points.

The extent and purpose of the attacks remained unclear for hours after the first fragmentary reports of the invasion were received.

But shortly after noon, the communists' radio at Pyonglang, the northern capital, said that war had been declared effective at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EDT Saturday).

Town Said Captured

A report received at 9:30 a.m. (7 p.m. EDT) Saturday indicated that the North Koreans had captured the town of Koesong, 40 miles northwest of Seoul. Kaesong is headquarters of the 1st division of the South Korean army. It lies almost on the frontier.

It was believed here that eight American Methodist missionaries were in Koesong—Lyman C. Brannon and his wife, Marian E. Bundy, Nellie Dyer, Mary H. Rosser, Bertha A. Smith, Lawrence A. Zellers and Christopher Jensen. Mrs. Zellers is in Seoul.

Advance Two Routes

The North Korean forces were reported three to four kilometers (1¾ to 2 ½miles) inside the frontier in the Ongjin peninsula on the west coast.

Advices said they were using tanks in the area of Chunchon, 50 miles northeast of Seoul.

Washington, June 24—(U.P.)—State department officials said tonight that the United States will hold Russia responsible for the communist North Korean attack against the indepenent South Korean republic which this country and the United Nations brought into being and have supported.

But there was no indication that the United States intends to take direct military action of its own in defense of South Korea.

Overrun South Korea

North Korea is a nominally independent "people's republic" backed by Russia. While officials here did not say so for quotation, there was a general feeling that if the North Koreans have Russian support from Manchuria and elsewhere, they could overrun the south with comparative ease.

That would bring communist forces to within 100 miles of the American flank in Japan and raise grave new problems in connection with the precarious western position in Asia.

Republicans Have Say

Republican critics of U. S. foreign policy immediately charged that the attack on South Korea stemmed from this country's weak policy in the far east.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R., N. J.) said this country's first step should be to supply the South Koreans with more arms and equipment.

John Foster Dulles, adviser to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, was in South Korea just a few days ago and assured the government there that the United States would not abandon them.

Ashland Man Burns To Death in Blaze

Herman A. Birr, 75, was burned and suffocated to death yesterday morning in a fire that "toasted" the one-room cabin he occupied at 153 Granite street at Ashland, according to the county coroner's office.

Circumstances indicated that Birr had been smoking in bed, it was said. Inside of the room was browned. Only the mattress of the bed was burned by flame. The body, however, was found near the door, giving evidence that the aged victim had attempted to escape.

The coroner's office said it was told that a woman resident of a nearby cabin had smelled smoke about 9:30 a. m. but thought it was caused by an ashcan. Still smelling smoke some time after noon she called the owner of the cabins, Mrs. Charles Fuhrman, to investigate.

Fair Deal Foe Wins North Carolina Vote

Raleigh, N. C., June 24—(U.P.) Willis Smith, an avowed defender of "southern traditions," handed the fair deal its second setback in the Dixie primaries tonight by upsetting liberal Sen. Frank Graham in the North Carolina runoff.

With the almost complete vote count showing Smith making a runaway of the runoff, Graham conceded his defeat. Graham had led his lawyer opponent by 53,000 votes in the original primary.

"I congratulate Mr. Smith on his victory," Graham said. "I have for him every good wish in his opportunity for service to our state, our country, and the world in this critical time."

Defense Appears Winding Up Case In Wilson Trial

Vancouver, Wash., June 24 — (U.P.) — The defense appeared to be winding up its case today in the trial of Utah and Turman Wilson for the kidnap-murder of 19-year-old JoAnn Dewey on March 19.

Utah, youngest of the two defendants, took the stand late this afternoon and told a story identical almost to the word of his brother Turman's. Turman left the stand earlier after nearly two days of examination.

After Irving Goodman, co-counsel for the defendants, called Utah to the stand, many observers believed he would call no more witnesses. Utah will give more testimony Monday.

Jury Excused Awhile

Just before the end of Turman's testimony, Judge Eugene Cushing excused the jury and heard arguments of the defense and prosecution before ruling that testimony concerning a power saw which Utah reportedly feared he might be charged with stealing couldn't be brought into the trial.

The matter came up when Turman told how the two brothers abandoned a Pontiac automobile, one of three cars involved in the prosecution's case. The car was left on a Portland street March 22.

Turman said he moved the car about six blocks the following Sunday because "if it stayed in one place it might raise the suspicion of police in case they looked for Utah in connection with an object (the power saw) I cannot mention."

BUDGET EXCESS VOTE

Eagle Point, June 24—Voters here will go to the poll in the city hall Monday to pass on proposed expenditures in excess of the six per cent limitation in the Eagle Point budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year. Recorder Sam F. Coy said the poll would be open from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m., standard time (3 to 8 p.m. daylight saving time).

Railroad Service To Coast Slowed As Strike Nears

4,000 Switchmen Set Walkout for Monday

Chicago, June 24—(U.P.)—Railroad service from Chicago to the Pacific coast was crippled tonight as lines began halting trains in advance of an AFL switchmen's strike tomorrow morning.

Four thousand switchmen were poised to strike against five western and midwestern carriers at 6 a. m. in each standard time zone.

May Affect Industries

The strike will affect other roads who move trains on tracks of the lines on strike.

If the strike were prolonged it could also affect industries which depend on the lines for shipping facilities and slow the movement of the winter wheat harvest to market.

Four of the strike-threatened lines planned to halt all trains, laying off nearly 60,000 non-striking employees. They were the Rock Island, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Western Pacific and Chicago Great Western railroads.

One to Keep Service

Only the Great Northern railroad, with 28,000 employees, planned to try to maintain service. The line's officials apparently hoped supervisors could act as switchmen and that other workers would cross the strikers' picket lines.

Chairman Francis A. O'Neill of the national railway mediation board made last-ditch efforts to prevent the strike.

He and Board Memmber Leverett Edwards talked by telephone with officials of the AFL Switchmen's Union of North America and the Association of Western Railroads which represents the employers.

Mrs. Vernon Robinson Suffers Back Injuries

Mrs. Vernon C. Robinson, Table Rock road, suffered back injuries and was taken to Community hospital for treatment as result of a three-car accident last night state police said.

According to police, cars driven by the woman's husband, William H. Buckingham, Medford, and Robert W. Colley, Central Point, were involved in the wreck at the junction of highway 99 and Table Rock road.

Police said that Colley was cited for failure to operate on the right side of the highway.

SPORTS BULLETINS

Medford Rogues' rally failed by one run to tie the score in the ninth inning and the Marysville Peaches opened a four-game series at the local fairgrounds last night with a 6 to 5 Far West league win.

Russ Stuart singled, Chuck Freeman doubled and Bob Haddock reached on an error for two Medford runs in the eighth inning. In the ninth, Lloyd Jones was hit by a pitched ball, Marc Guglielmo walked, Freeman and Martin singled and an infield out produced three runs.

Stuart was top Rogues' batter with three hits.

Line score:

Marysville	021	020	000	6	5	3
Medford	000	000	023	5	10	2

Aguilar, Williams (9) and Shaefer; Kanshin, Francis (5) and Guglielmo.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(Called eight innings — curfew)

Pittsburgh	12	8	2
Brooklyn	19	23	0

Chambers, Dickson (3), Quens (3), Papish (4), Werle (5), Borowy (6), Lombardi (7) and Turner; Branca, Barney (2), Bankhead (5), Roe (6) and Campanella.

Portland, Ore., June 24 — (U.P.)—Portland tripped Seattle's Rainiers 6 to 3 Saturday night on Johnny Rucker's first homerun of the year that drove in three runs.

(Acme Telephoto)

INUNDATED—Aerial view shows water from the flooded Fraser River inundating the town of Harrison Springs, B. C. The Army and civilians are working round-the-clock to fill breaks in the dikes along the river to prevent spread of the water that has already covered 65 acres of farm land.

Expect Columbia, Willamette To Crest Near Portland Today

Portland, Ore., June 24 —(U.P.) The Columbia and Willamette rivers are almost certain to reach crests in this area by Monday, the weather bureau forecasters said today.

The weather bureau revised its stage forecasts downward, looking for a peak of 25.3 feet at Vancouver, Wash., on the Columbia and 25 feet at Portland. Both coming on Monday

By Wednesday the rivers are expected to fall to 24.7 feet at Valcouver and 24.4 feet at Portland.

The lower Snake river, heavy contributor the recent heavy rise in the Columbia here, was falling late today and forecasters expected it to continue downward.

No more dike failures were reported in the lower Columbia area today following yesterday's breakthrough on Sauvie island, a few miles north of here, which flooded 1600 acres.

The bureau said the lower Snake and middle Columbia below Grand Coulee will fall slowly during the next two days, easing the crest on the lower Columbia and Portland. The Cowlitz at Kelso, Wash., will remain virtually stationary for four days and the Willamette above Oregon City will fall slowly for two days, the bureau predicted.

At Bonners Ferry, Ida., another 1,000 acres were covered by the urging Kootenai river Saturday. But the weather bureau said the 34-foot flood crest had passed and the river was receding. A break in district nine levee brought the total flooded area to 4,7000 acres with at least 36,000 additional acres threatened.

At least 11 lives have been claimed by Pacific northwest floods during the past week.

At Rainien, Ore., more than 60 familles were evacuated Friday from the western outskirts of the city. Officials decided to move them when a weakened dike showed signs of giving out.

Household goods were being moved out as sandbag crews blocked new leaks and reinforced weak spots. The area was inundated during the 1948 Columbia river flood with more than 40 homes damaged.

Emergency work continued at Longview and other towns on the lower Columbia. Crews were formed in the communities to stand 24-hour dike watches.

Several homes south of Woodland, Wash., were evacuated as waters crept over low-lying dikes. A national guard DUKW from Longview helped in the evacuation.

New Schedules on Southern Pacific In Effect Today

The Southern Pacific company today inaugurates new daily chair car schedules in this area that will give southern Oregon a direct connection with the Shasta Daylight streamliner at Dunsmuir. For Medford residents it will mean that travel time to San Francisco has been cut to slightly more than 12 hours, with only one change of trains.

The changeover affects only trains 327 and 328 running between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir. The southbound train will leave Medford, starting today, at 11:55 a. m. (DST), arriving in Dunsmuir at 5:30 p. m. for connection with the Daylight a half-hour later. The northbound train will leave here for Grants Pass at 9:05 p. m. (DST).

Little Mail Change

Otto De Jarnett, supervisor of mails at the Medford postoffice, said yesterday the changed schedules will make no material changes in mail service here since the two trains make only a short run and do not provide through service.

Southbound mail that formerly left here at 10:45 p. m. will now leave Medford by truck at 7:30 p. m. Parcel post will be held until the following morning.

Northbound mail which formerly arrived here at 1:30 p. m. now will not get here until 9:05 p. m., delaying delivery until the next day.

Mail carried by star route service from the south, arriving here at 6 a. m., will continue on the present schedule, De Jarnett said.

TO DEDICATE MUSEUM—Phil Metschan, Portland, early day southern Oregon resident, will be principal speaker in dedication ceremonies attendant upon opening of the Jacksonville Museum on August 5.

Eagles Auxiliary Elects Officers; Local Lady Named

Grants Pass, Ore., June 24—(U.P.)—The Eagles lodge women's auxiliary today elected Ethel Vedder, Newberg, as president of its Oregon state organization to succeed Grace Drew of Coos Bay.

Ruth Fletcher, Albany, was named vice-president; Lona Bergman, Medford, chaplain; Mary Browns, Grants Pass, secretary; Opal Gardner, Salem, treasurer; Gladys Plummer, Sheridan, conductress; Crystal Cochrane, Klamath Falls, inside guard, and Jessie Adams, Coquille, auxiliary mother.

Trustees named were Nyna Dahl, Grants Pass; Marie Jewell, The Dalles; Lucille Darst, Bend, and Alta Mahlar, Toledo.

In drill competition at the Eagles' annual state convention the Salem men under S. L. Griffin won first award. Griffin also won the top men's captain award. Portland, with Virginia McWilliams as captain, won the women's drills and captain honors. In the junior division, the Coos Bay junior drum corps was first.

Diana Benson, Portland, and Majorette Pat Foss, Coos Bay, were named first among the baton twirlers.

GERALD J. HERMAN

Gerald J. Herman, a resident of Gold Hill for 43 years, passed away unexpectedly at his home Saturday. Funeral arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris funeral home.

LIFE SENTENCES IMPOSED

Albert Lea, Minn., June 24—(U.P.)—District Judge Martin A. Nelson today imposed mandatory life prison sentences on Mrs. Viola Gavle and the farmhand lover who helped her kill the "wrong man" in a plot to do away with her husband.

WALTER ROBINSON HURT

Community hospital reported that a Walter Robinson suffered fractures and other possible injuries last night when a car turned over in the Elk creek area. He was brought to the hospital by ambulance.

Clerk Checks Names On DST Petitions

Petitions filed with the county clerk last week demanding that a provision outlawing daylight saving time in Jackson county be submitted to the voters in November are still being checked for certification.

The circulators had estimated they had gathered about 2,300 signatures on the petitions, saying they needed only 1,287 to get the measure on the ballots in the general election. County Clerk George R. Carter said his staff is still checking the signatures and that the painstaking process may take several days yet.

Airliner Carrying 58 Persons Sought In Lake Michigan

Worst Air Disaster In History of U. S.

Milwaukee, June 24—(U.P.)—A DC-4 Northwest airliner carrying 56 persons vanished on a flight from New York to Minneapolis and was presumed tonight to have plunged into storm-lashed Lake Michigan off Milwaukee, in the nation's worst air disaster.

The biggest air and water search in the history of the Great Lakes, carried out throughout a fogshrouded day, failed to disclose a single definite trace of the 19½ ton plane.

Shortly after 6 p.m. CST, the great search, centered in an area three to 10 miles off Milwaukee, was discontinued until 7 a.m. Sunday. Search planes were recalled and all but one surface craft were ordered to ports.

Thunderstorm Rages

The disaster, which occurred in a raging thunderstorm as the plane was making a non-stop flight to Minneapolis en route to Spokane and Seattle, surpassed the previous record tragedy in which 55 persons were killed when a P-38 rammed an airliner at Washington, last November 1.

Relatives of the passengers gathered here tonight to await outcome of the search. The icebreaker Mackinaw, carrying a helicopter, was en route here from Sheboygan to join the search tomorrow.

Capt. Henry Schmaltz of the 5th air rescue squadron from Selfridge Field, Mich., who had assumed overall command of the air search, said coast guard, navy and air forces will be assigned segments of an area 60 by 170 miles for a concentrated search of the area offshore where the plane is believed to have gone to the bottom.

Boats Ordered Away

As dusk drew a curtain across the area, hundreds of surface craft, including coast guard cutters, picket boats, patrol craft, crash boats and even private yachts, were ordered in.

The coast guard cutter Woodbine, however, continued patrolling through the night. The craft is equipped with underwater sound gear, radar and a fathometer.

Searchers believed that the huge, $450,000 plane, which weighed about 39,000 pounds, had plunged to the bottom and was buried in mud. A C-45, en route from Washington to Mitchell field here plummeted into the lake in the same area last March 4 and no trace of it has been found yet.

Rumors and Hopes

Bodies of two of the six men aboard floated to the surface weeks later.

The first day of the search was marked by rumors, hopes and disappointments. An air force search plane reportedseeing what looked like a life raft with three persons on board, but boats which were sent to the spot found nothing.

Numerous oil patches were spotted on the surface of the choppy water. One coast guard picket boat reported air bubbles arising from one such oil slick but investigation turned up nothing.

Salem, Ore., June 24—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay will return here next Wednesday night from the annual Governors convention at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry was expected to retuhn here Monday or Tuesday from a trip to Rhode Island.

Oregon Letter Carriers To Conclude Annual Meeting With Election Today

The Oregon Association of Letter Carriers was to conclude its 47th annual convention here today with a memorial service and election of officers. More than 200 delegates yesterday voted to make Tillamook the convention city for 1951. It will be held there August 18 and 19 next year.

Nominations for state officers were held yesterday and elections were to have been held this morning.

After registration at the Medford hotel yesterday morning, the convention's program included a general meeting in the morning, an afternoon business session, and band concert in the civic center park and a banquet and ball last night.

The concert featured the Letter Carrier's band from Branch 82 in Portland. It was also on hand to greet Hillah Temple Shriners when they returned to Medford yesterday noon from their convention in Los Angeles.

The auxiliary to the state association, in an election held at the Eagle hall, named Mrs. May Hadley, Albany, new president of the group. She succeeds Mrs. Adelyn Rocks of Salem.

New vice-president is Mrs. Ethel Huey, Portland; secretary, Mrs. Edna Caldwell, Klamath Falls; treasurer, Mrs. Ona Mae Crandall, Eugene; state organizerf, Dorothy Hodges, and delegate-at-large, Mrs. Rocks. There were 27 delegates from 16 chapters.

In addition to their election of officers the women delegates also discussed a memorial that is planned in memory of the late Mrs. Margaret Spady, Portland, who was national president of the auxiliary at the time of her death last December.

Mrs. Ruth Post, Seattle, member of the national executive board of the ladies auxiliary, was a guest of the convention.