



NO ONE HERE BUT US PIGEONS — Seaman Don Wesley of Denver sits alone, save for his feathered friends, in the deserted Pacific Greyhound bus depot in San Francisco. A strike of 3500 drivers and station employees in seven Western states halted the buses—including Wesley's journey to his next station in San Diego.

Gold Hill Council Names Three To Advisory Group

Gold Hill—Three new members of the citizens advisory budget committee were appointed at the meeting of the Gold Hill city council held Monday night at the city hall. Paul Thompson and Merritt Davis were appointed for three-year terms. Wilbur Martin was chosen to finish out a two-year term in place of Errol Miller, who had resigned.

Harry Smith was selected as an alternate budget member, in case any of the others will be unable to serve. Hold-over members of the committee include Ralph Bell, two-year term, and Angus Todd and Ray Davis, one-year terms. Work will be started on the budget next month, so that it may be voted upon at the May election.

All Present

Monday night's meeting had a 100 per cent attendance of council members, with Mayor O. W. Newland presiding. A letter from the State Highway Commission stated that Gold Hill's share of the state street funds for the first half of 1952 would be \$1,943.27, an increase of about \$400 over the allotment last year.

Councilman Milton Steinmetz stated that because of two conflicting recordings in the county records of the property in Dekum Addition and Dekum Amended Addition of Gold Hill, it costs an extra fee and takes months of extra time to get a clear title to any of the property in that section. It was decided to have the city attorney find out what the council could do to have one of the recording voided.

Signs Authorized
A deed was received from Beth Gustin for the lot next to the fire hall, which the city had purchased. City Superintendent George Turner was authorized to get load limit signs and post them on Fourth avenue between Seventh and the west city limits.

It was decided to have the brush and berry vines along the river bank on the south edge of the city burned off by Fire Chief Melford Hood and a crew of volunteers. The council voted to pay the membership fee for Hood to join the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

City Superintendent Turner read a report of work accomplished by himself and his assistants during February. The list included cleaning the sewage disposal plant, widening and improving Seventh street from Fifth avenue to Fourth avenue and covering it with gravel, clearing 11th street from Fourth to Sixth avenues, overhauling the chlorination unit at the hydroelectric plant, installing street drainage tile on the corner around the fire station, clearing 10th street right-of-way of brush and trees, cleaning the city jail, cleaning the city shop and putting it in order and making an inventory of city supplies, clearing trees and brush from the water main from the reservoir to Sixth avenue, and several other jobs. This was in addition to the regular duties of traffic law enforcement, garbage collection, etc.

Major oil companies spend millions of dollars yearly on petroleum research.

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March 15 Deadline Fixed for Orders Of Seedling Trees

Deadline for seedling tree orders accepted by the state forester at Salem is March 15, reminds Charles R. Ross, Oregon State college extension farm forestry specialist. Order blanks and other information may be obtained from local county extension offices.

Evergreen seedlings recommended for western Oregon planting are Douglas fir, Port Orford cedar, noble fir, and cluster pine. Recommended evergreens for eastern Oregon which are available are Scotch pine, lodgepole pine and Chinese arborvitae. Available white fir and ponderosa pine seedlings are recommended for planting in both eastern and western section of the state.

Broadleaf seedlings available for western Oregon farmers include cascara. Suited for planting in both eastern and western Oregon are black locust, Russian mulberry and Chinese elm. Russian olive and caragena broadleaf seedlings are available for eastern Oregon planting.

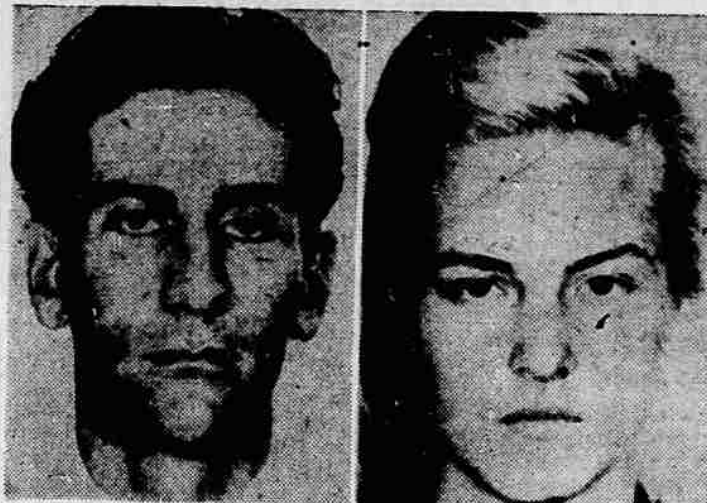
The price of \$7.50 per thousand, includes shipping charges.

Recovery Expected Of Most Stolen Cars

Chicago—(U.P.)—A study of auto theft claims submitted to four insurance companies shows that 84 per cent of the cars stolen during the first nine months of 1951 were recovered by November 15.

"At that rate, we can expect an eventual recovery of better than 90 or 95 per cent," said H. L. Bloom, in charge of automobile claims for the Kemper insurance group.

The study was based on a nationwide sampling of 543 claims from files of the group. Bloom said the study supports the contention that most automobiles are stolen by joyriders and abandoned quickly. He pointed out, however, that many recovered cars were found wrecked or stripped of essential parts.



SUSPECTS IN RENO THEFT—Rodney C. Unger (left) and Geraldine Harris (right) are being held along with three others by authorities in Butte, Mont., for questioning in connection with the \$2,500,000 robbery of Reno millionaire LaVere V. Redfield. The five persons were stopped at a roadblock near Butte.

No Certain Answers Available on Windup On Conflict in Korea

By ARNOLD DIBBLE
New York—(U.P.)—When will it end?

That's the question asked most frequently in connection with the Korean War. The truce negotiations now have gone on for nine months—twice as long as it took to defeat the North Korean army before it was reinforced by the Chinese Communists.

No one can answer the question with any certainty. Even those who know most about the talks have been wrong before. Last July, when the talks were about to start, the Army told a United Press correspondent to take only enough clothes for a "week or so."

However, when this correspondent left Panmunjom two weeks ago, the highest Allied sources were hopeful there would be an armistice sometime this spring. This, despite the fact that the Communists put up a new roadblock by demanding that Russia be one of the "neutral" powers named to police the armistice.

Actually, there is a little pressure for speed on either side. The Allies reason this way: each day they tie down the Chinese Communist armies — and the bulk of the Red forces are

tied down in Korea — the UN buys low cost insurance for the other trouble spots of southeast Asia.

Many Far East observers believe the Reds would have struck in full force at Indo-China, Formosa, Burma, Malaya or even the Philippines if they hadn't been tied up in Korea. In addition, Korea provides a training ground for men and weapons. Korea is especially valuable as a place to test weapons to see how they stand up against Communist counter-weapons. The Allies also have a chance to feel out any soft spots in what armor the enemy chooses to introduce.

The Reds are believed to reason this way: each day they tie down American forces in Korea they delay the rearming of Europe. In addition, they push American defense costs higher and put added pressure on the North Atlantic treaty nations.

The Chinese also are using the war to train men and test weapons and are gathering experience in the weak spots of American weapons. And the lull in fighting brought about by the truce negotiations has made the Reds immeasurably stronger despite constant pounding from the air.

Unemployment Shows Decline During February

Salem—(U.P.)—Employment offices throughout Oregon reported nearly 10,000 workers returning to their jobs during February, leaving 40,167 active job seekers—5,000 more than a year ago.

With the exception of Baker, La Grande and Lakeview, every one of the 26 areas reported fewer unemployed than on Feb. 1, 1951.

The back-to-work trend was most pronounced around Hood River, Tillamook, Lebanon and Toledo, where moderating weather stimulated renewed lumber operations. Fish canneries helped at Astoria.

Portland reported 12,800 persons seeking jobs, 2,000 more than a year ago. Hillsboro, Oregon City, McMinnville and The Dalles also were in this group. Eugene and Salem dropped well below comparable 1951 figures.

Deadline Nearing for Draft Examinations

Portland — State draft headquarters today reminded college students that applications to take the April 24 service college qualification test must be postmarked before midnight, March 10.

"Only those who attain a required score in the test, or who are in the prescribed standing in their classes, may be considered for deferment by their local boards," the announcement said.

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Experts Find Nothing In Russia's MIGs To Cause Hysteria in US

By CHARLES CORDRY
United Press Aviation Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—The experts have had time now for a good long look at Russia's contribution to the Korean air war—the MIG-15 jet fighter plane—and what they find is no cause for hysteria.

It apparently is true that the U. S. Air Force's F-86 Sabre is the only fighter airplane the western world has in quantity which day in and day out can deal effectively with the MIG. It is just as true, however, that Russia so far has exhibited no airplane at all in quantity which can better the Sabre.

Offensive Not Retarded

Despite numerical superiority and increasing determination, the MIG forces have failed to break out of Manchuria into North Korean air bases. They have failed to retard the massive United Nations air offensive against Red ground forces. And they have failed to inflict anything like proportionate damage on the small Sabre forces opposing them.

The statistics, which in this case are not dull, show that the Communists have available for Korean combat some 900 MIGs. Opposing them are about 150 Sabres, a ratio of one to six. Against these odds, Fifth Air Force Sabre pilots to the beginning of this month had shot down 174 MIGs while the MIG pilots had shot down 23 Sabres. In actual engagements, Sabres usually are outnumbered three to one. But they have been killing MIGs at a rate of 7.6 to one.

Nothing Unknown to U. S.
The MIG interceptor discloses nothing in the way of research or construction that was unknown to aviation experts in the United States in 1946. Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, director of

the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, told the United Press. That was when the Sabre was being developed.

Nevertheless the MIG, which all hands concede is a first-class short-range interceptor, has spread alarm in this country and provoked a controversy about relative merits of American and Russian planes.

The national fixation about the MIG has led U. S. military experts to make favorable comparisons between latest American fighters and the five-or-six-year-old Russian design.

Better Planes Claimed
The Navy recently has said it has four fighters that are better performers than the MIG and, not to be outdone, the Air Force promptly came up with an identical claim.

But what these planes, now in limited production and not in combat, should be compared with is the latest Russian developments.

As Maj. Gen. Donald L. Putt, vice commander of Air Force research and development, says, "we would be less than smart or realistic if we assumed that those Russian weapons now in Korea are the best Russia has."

4-H Club News

Upper Rogue Club
Upper Rogue 4-H club, participating in National 4-H week, has made up a window display at Treasure Trove in Shady Cove, which shows their ribbons won in 1951, pictures of prize winning stock, pictures taken at the National 4-H Congress at Chicago in November, 1951, and other material relative to local and national activities. The public is invited to view this display by a very active 4-H club.

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