

A feature story on the completion of pre-election work in the Jackson county clerk's office appears on Page 13 of today's issue of The Mail Tribune.



FORECAST - Considerable cloudiness today with scattered drizzle showers mostly over mountains in afternoon; partly cloudy tonight and Monday - Cooler Monday. High today 73, low tonight 51. Temp. Highest yesterday 74. Lowest yesterday 45.

SPOTLIGHT ON OREGON

State Important In National Scene To GOP, Democrats

Four States Select Convention Delegates

Washington (U.P.)—More national convention delegates were chosen Saturday in four states as the political spotlight swung to the Pacific Northwest for next week's Oregon presidential primary.

Three states had party conventions Saturday. Nevada Republicans selected 14 national convention delegates. Michigan Democrats picked a 40-delegate bloc, and Utah Democrats named 12 delegates. In Virginia, where 23 GOP delegates already had been selected, four more were named in district meetings.

Twenty delegates were chosen by the Nevada Democratic convention in Elko, each to have one-half vote. The delegation will go uninstructed and not under the unit rule, leaving them free to vote as they want to individually.

Highlight of the coming week is the Oregon primary where eight names appear on the presidential ballot—five for Republicans and three for Democrats. The only other primary of the week is in West Virginia, where Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O.) goes against Harold E. Stassen.

The coming week also will bring about selection of many delegates for both parties at state conventions. Republicans have four conventions, to pick 40 national delegates; Democrats, five, with 52 delegates at stake.

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), with a Florida victory behind him in his first presidential primary, picked up announced support Saturday of his two colleagues from Alabama, Sens. John J. Sparkman and Lister Hill.

Besides the influence they can swing for him in Alabama, the two Senators are in position to give practical aid at the Chicago convention with their votes. Both are delegates-at-large from Alabama.

Both parties have a lively interest in Oregon's primary on Friday. The result is binding on the delegates—18 for the Republicans, 12 for the Democrats.

On the Republican side, voters will choose among Sen. Wayne Morse, a "favorite son" entry, Gov. Earl Warren of California; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower; Stassen and Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, who has said he is not a candidate and indicated a preference for Taft. The Ohioan is not entered in Oregon.

On the Democratic ballot, are Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, and Justice William O. Douglas of the United States Supreme Court. Douglas is not an active candidate, and Stevenson has tried to eliminate himself from the race, but talk persists that he would yield to a convention draft, especially if the Republicans nominate Taft.

Frustrated Motorist Gives Vent to Wrath

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Harboring a grudge against traffic signals and armed with a screwdriver, a frustrated motorist gave vent to his emotions Saturday and attacked more than a dozen signals in downtown Hollywood.

Witnesses said the man went from box to box with his screwdriver, but escaped in the ensuing traffic jam before police arrived.

Survivor of Ship Disaster Blames Commanding Officer

Bayonne, N. J. — (U.P.) — The senior surviving officer of the destroyer-minesweeper Hobson Saturday blamed his dead commanding officer for the vessel's disastrous collision with the aircraft carrier Wasp.

Testifying before a naval court of inquiry, Lt. William A. Hofer, Jr., 27, of Ocean Springs, Miss., said the U. S. Navy's worst peacetime disaster would not have happened if the Hobson's master, Lt. Cmdr. William J. Tierney had ordered only one turn instead of two.

Moving Too Fast He also said the Hobson probably was moving too fast and that he never before had seen plotted the maneuver of two left turns that Tierney ordered after a right turn had put the Hobson on course with the Wasp.

DA Haviland Responds To Opponent's Charge

His office is not an investigating one, Paul Haviland, district attorney and candidate for the Republican nomination for reelection, said in a radio talk Friday.

Responding to charges from his opponent in the campaign, he said:

The two candidates for the Republican nomination for Jackson county district attorney, Paul Haviland and Walter Nunley, will continue their election campaign in a series of radio talks this week, they reported.

Nunley has tentatively scheduled talks for 9 p. m. Monday over KYJC, and 9:15 or 10:15 p. m. (definite time to be announced later) over KMED.

Haviland will speak at 9:15 p. m. Tuesday on both stations, and at 9:45 p. m. on Thursday on both stations.

There may be changes or additions to these schedules as the week advances, they said.

There is no candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Haviland made his first major political talk over radio stations KYJC and KMED at 9 p. m. Most district attorneys "do not go out to conduct investigations for the obvious reason that to do so puts the district attorney in a position where he cannot be fair and impartial as the evidence may come before him, and

General Ridgway Calls Reds Liars On Germ Charges

Tokyo, Sunday—(U.P.)—Allied and Communist truce negotiators met briefly at Panmunjon today after Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway blasted the Red delegates as liars whose charges of germ warfare and chemical warfare "are an international crime of the first order."

There was no sign of progress when the 20-minute bargaining session adjourned and observers expressed belief the talks faced either complete collapse or a prolonged series of unproductive meetings unless one side or the other altered its "final" stand on prisoner exchange.

Senior United Nations and Communist negotiators agreed to meet again at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Ridgway pointed out the near crisis of the talks at his farewell press conference yesterday, warning the debate will end with complete failure unless the Reds accept the U. N.'s final offer on the prisoner issue.

Ridgway, supreme U. N. commander and chief of U. S. Far East forces, will turn over his commands on Monday to Gen. Mark Clark and leave for Paris where he will succeed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as supreme Allied commander for Europe.

Ridgway refused to predict whether an armistice might eventually be reached. Yesterday's session at Panmunjon lasted only 11 minutes during which North Korean Gen. Nam Il attacked the Allies for "coercing" prisoners into rejecting Communism.

Delegates scheduled another meeting today.

would tend to lead him to act overzealously to convict a person . . ." Haviland said, indicating that this is the practice which he follows, as well as the DAs of Roseburg, Josephine and Klamath counties and elsewhere throughout the nation.

Denies Refusal Haviland denied charges by Walter Nunley, his primary election opponent, that he had failed or refused to prosecute on charges of illegal gambling in Jackson county.

He said: "In no case where evidence indicating guilt has been produced in my office by any individual has he been refused the right to sign a criminal complaint, regardless of the nature of the crime or the person accused, and I very definitely include the crime of gambling in that statement. That will continue to be my policy as long as I am your district attorney, and I will vigorously prosecute in all such cases."

In response to Nunley's statements that Haviland does not himself sign criminal complaints, Haviland answered at length, giving his reasons why he does not do so.

Tells Reasons In part, he said, "It is necessary that each person making a complaint be carefully interviewed to determine if a crime has actually been committed and if there is legal evidence to support conviction. I realize that it is hard for you to believe that on numerous occasions individuals have attempted to commence criminal prosecutions for personal reasons, and may even have gone so far as to base their attack . . . against an innocent person. It is our duty to protect those cases."

"For this reason, the complaint must be signed by the person charging another . . . and must be supported by an affidavit . . . that the facts therein are true.

"It is obvious that for this reason I do not sign complaints, nor does my assistant, or the other district attorneys throughout the state."

Duties Complex During his talk, Haviland pointed out that the duties of the office are complex, due to rapid population increases, and include protection of the innocent, prosecution of the guilty, and serving as legal officer for the various county offices.

"Your district attorney must be constantly aware of the responsibility to protect the innocent, and always, and this is extremely important, to maintain a position that is fair and impartial to all persons," he said. " . . . To remain impartial, he must hear both sides. I have not, and will not, be a party to witch-hunts, in which innocent people are found guilty by accusation and convicted upon hearsay evidence prior to being brought to trial. Even though they are subsequently found 'not guilty' by trial jury, they have been damaged irreparably, and this damage can never be completely erased."

Cites Record He added that the record will bear out his job has been done efficiently, without favoritism, fear or prejudice and to make all decisions based on experience, knowledge and with due regard for the public interest.

"I have no commitments at this time . . . I have never had any, and I will not have any. . . I will continue to do my best to give fair treatment to all of those with whom I am dealing, regardless of race, creed or political affiliation," Haviland concluded.

In a signed statement issued Saturday, Haviland denied that George Goodman, 212 Valley View drive, had ever been in his office to file complaints on gambling. (The Mail Tribune, in a report on a speech given last week by Nunley, quoted Goodman as saying he had called at the DA's office and told the deputy district attorney, Bob Dickey, that "he wanted to file several complaints against the slot machine operators in the county.")

Haviland's statement continued: "He (Goodman) has never been in the district attorney's office to my knowledge nor has he ever identified himself with any complaint by telephone. "I have had no conversation

World-Wide Slash In Gas Use Asked As Strike Goes On

Local Plane Service Curtailed by Shortage

Denver, Colo. —(U.P.)—The nations of the free world were asked to slash aviation gas consumption late Saturday as the 11th day of the crippling oil strike saw unions and industry accuse each other of bringing pressure to block settlement of the nationwide walkout.

The state department revealed that both the United States and Britain called on free nations to reduce aviation gas consumption by 30 per cent to make up a 40 per cent loss in production.

The United States and Britain are reducing aviation gas consumption by at least 30 per cent. The U. S. order went out Tuesday and the British directive is scheduled to become effective Monday.

The threatened spread of the walkout to California, chief source of oil supply for United Nations troops in Korea, was at least temporarily averted at the eleventh hour when union headquarters told the Pittsburg, Cal., local to stay on the job until after a scheduled meeting of union and management representatives with the Wage Stabilization board Tuesday.

The petroleum administration for defense issued an order for large service stations and gasoline storage depots to reserve five per cent of their gasoline for possible emergency use by fire engines, police cars and ambulances.

On the civilian front, only four midwestern cities—Detroit, Toledo, Springfield, Ill., and Madison, Wis.—reported shortages of gas and even in those cities motorists could get gas by shopping around. The East Coast, the South and the Southwest were in best shape.

In Medford it was announced that a new West Coast Airlines schedule effective May 12, has been slightly modified to comply with an order allocating gasoline from the federal government.

The schedule states flights north from Medford will depart from the airport at 1 and 5 p. m., Pacific standard time; flights from the north will arrive here at 11:40 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., PST.

United Airlines flight schedule for the Medford airport effective Monday was announced Saturday by Walt Carson, station manager.

Northbound flights revised are as follows: the commuter flight leaving Medford at 7:10 a. m. for Seattle is cancelled; the 10:45 a. m. flight to Portland is being cancelled and replaced by a 11:40 a. m. flight through Klamath Falls and Bend to Portland; and the 4:40 p. m. Medford to Portland flight via Eugene and Salem will run as usual.

Southbound trips are as follows: the Seattle to Medford flight which arrives here at 8:40 p. m. is cancelled; the 10:05 a. m. flight from Medford south via Eureka to San Francisco will run as usual; the regular 5:25 p. m. flight from Medford with a Sacramento stop to San Francisco is cancelled and is being replaced with another 5:25 p. m. flight which will stop at Red Bluff, Sacramento and Oakland en route to San Francisco.

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STEEL SHOWDOWN NEARS

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Ex-Prison Officer Will Tell Ordeal To Gen. Van Fleet

Release Prevents Attempt at Rescue

Seoul, Korea, Sunday, May 11

(U.P.)—American Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd flew to the South Korean capital of Seoul today after being released "unharmed and in good spirits" by fanatical Communist prisoners who held him within a Koje island stockade for four days.

The former prison camp commandant was to describe the ordeal behind the barbed wire to Gen. James A. Van Fleet who directed negotiations for Dodd's "ransom."

Van Fleet, 8th Army commander, revealed the Allies had agreed to make "minor concessions" to the prisoners, but he did not disclose all of them. An 8th Army spokesman said some demands "could be construed" as political.

Appeared Nervous Dodd appeared pale and nervous as he climbed from an airplane at a military field outside the limits of Seoul. He was helped from the plane by Brig. Gen. Charles W. Christenberry, deputy Eighth Army chief of staff.

"I do not have to be helped," the haggard officer told Christenberry. "I am perfectly capable of getting down by myself."

"You look tired," Christenberry said. "You are the one that ought to be tired," Dodd replied.

The special plane arrived at the airport at 11:45 a. m. (10:45 p. m. Saturday EDT). Dodd was accompanied in the aircraft by Brig. Gen. Paul Young, commanding general of the 2nd logistical command.

Before being taken to a waiting sedan he was whisked to Eighth Army headquarters where Van Fleet was waiting. Dodd posed willingly for photographers.

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FATHER RELEASED—Betty Dodd, daughter of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, is shown above left learning of her father's capture by fanatical communist prisoners at a Korean POW camp. General Dodd was released unharmed by the Reds Saturday.

Dodd, 52, was seized Wednesday as he and Lt. Col. Wilbur R. Raven of Newton, Tex., talked with leaders of the compound at the entrance gate. Raven wriggled free, but Dodd was dragged behind the barbed wire barricade and hidden. Dodd was commander of the prison, but he was relieved immediately upon his seizure.

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Armed Russ Guards Bar Use of Highway To Allied Patrols

Berlin —(U.P.)— Armed Russian guards Saturday barred American and Allied military police patrols from the International Highway which connects isolated West Berlin with Western Germany.

American, British and French commandants in Berlin protested the action to Gen. Vasily I. Chluykov, Soviet commander in Germany, and demanded that the blockade measure be lifted.

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Opposing Briefs Filed Saturday With High Court

Arguments Scheduled Before Court Monday

Washington — (U.P.) — The government and the steel industry filed opposing briefs with the Supreme Court Saturday in a showdown test of the steel industry seizure that may define the emergency powers of the presidency for the first time in U. S. history.

The CIO United Steelworkers joined the action as a "friend of the court," filing written arguments explaining the union's position in the steel controversy.

New Legal Line The government and industry briefs generally hewed to the legal line argued before Federal Judge David A. Pine in district court here last month. The government asked the Supreme Court to reverse Pine's ruling that the seizure was unconstitutional. It said he should have ruled on non-constitutional grounds. But it argued that in any event the president did have authority under the Constitution to prevent, by seizure, a steel shutdown which would "gravely endanger the national interests."

The companies contended in their brief that the seizure was "without any vestige of support in the Constitution." They warned that this case could set a precedent by which some future occupant of the White House could compel labor to work on terms dictated by him.

"It is not the rights of these (companies) alone which are at stake here. Our system of government has no place for any such concept of arbitrary power which, if once established, must be fatal to our liberties," they said.

The union skirted the Constitutional question and dismissed as the "veriest nonsense" the industry's contention that the president should have obtained a Taft-Hartley law injunction, instead of seizing, to head off a strike.

The steelworkers asked the court to modify its ban on government-imposed wage increases as soon as oral argument of the case ends.

The nine justices took all three briefs under consideration and recessed until Monday noon, when the government and the steel companies will get 2 1/2 hours each to buttress their arguments verbally in open court.

Decision in Two Weeks The high court may hand down its decision in two weeks on the great Constitutional issue that has torn the country into partisan factions even since President Truman seized the steel mills on April 8.

In the interim, the actual wage-price dispute between the steel companies and the union seemed likely to remain deadlocked, with the government still dangling its offer of a \$4.50 per ton price increase as bait to the industry to settle on the 26-cents-an-hour wage raise recommended by the wage stabilization board.

Informed observers said today the court's decision should lead to a quick settlement, whichever way it goes. And they said the union stands a good chance of winning either way.

LOCAL IKE SUPPORTERS ENDORSE 14 CANDIDATES

Jackson county Eisenhower for President backers Friday received a list of 14 recommended candidates for delegate at large during a rally at Medford senior high school. Issuance of the list marked a departure from long-established procedure on the part of the state Eisenhower group.

The move was an effort to elect a solid slate of Ike supporters in the May 16 primary election.

Candidates endorsed included Zylpha Zell Burns, Frank E. "Ned" Fowler, Catherine Holtz, Samuel H. Martin, Douglas McKay, Wayne L. Morse, Gordon Orput, Robert Ormond Case, Mark O. Hatfield, J. O. Johnson, William M. McAllister, Lesley (Mrs. Charles E.) Miller, Alf O. Nelson and Almadge F. (Jack) Staley.

Highlighting the Eisenhower rally was a speech by Republican Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas. General Eisenhower is the only man, according to Carlson who can give this country both a domestic unity and world wide peace. The senator cited Eisen-

hower's ability to present the United States with a united program and stated that he is the only man whom the Russians fear and respect.

Eisenhower's military background will not be a shortcoming, but an asset in the presidency, Carlson said. He pointed out that, with force of a strong military force in coming years coupled with an absolute necessity of cutting the budget, Eisenhower has a background which qualifies him to state positively how the budget can be cut without endangering the country.

The speaker urged that all persons, Republicans and Democrats, vote for Eisenhower in the Oregon primaries. He pointed to the large Democratic write-in vote for the general in the Massachusetts elections.

Carlson also spoke before the student body of Southern Oregon college today in Ashland.

Petitions Circulated For Zoning of County

The Rural Life committee of the Jackson County Agricultural council is now circulating petitions asking the county court to place a county zoning measure on the November general election ballot.

The measure would authorize the court to enact zoning and land use regulations.

Similar proposals have been on the county ballot twice previously and have been rejected twice, the last time by a small margin.

Death Sentence Commuted For Murderess Winnie Judd

Phoenix, Ariz. — (U.P.) — Winnie Ruth Judd, notorious trunk murderess who escaped the gallows 20 years ago when she was declared insane, had her death sentence commuted to life imprisonment Saturday by Gov. Howard Pyle.

The 48-year-old doctor's wife was the center of one of the nation's most gruesome murder trials in 1932.

The state charged originally that she had shot to death two women friends, and dismembered one with her husband's scalpels.

Both bodies were shipped to Los Angeles in a trunk and suitcase, where they were found in a freight depot.

the state mental hospital had stated no patient should be denied the opportunity to recover from their insanity because of a death sentence.

Supt. Dr. M. W. Conway told board last Monday that Mrs. Judd probably would never recover completely, because of the deterioration of 20 years of mental illness.

Might Improve But he said she would be easier to handle and might improve to a point where she would have less tension and would not have so disturbing effect upon the other patients.

The "hard to handle" Mrs. Judd has escaped five times from the ancient state hospital since 1939. The most recent escape was the night of last Feb. 2, 20 years to the day from the time she was sentenced.