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A feature story on the metasequoia tree, 60,000,000 years old, recently rediscovered in China and from which seeds have been taken all over the world, including the Rogue valley, appears on Page 8 of today's issue of The Mail Tribune.

Weather

FORECAST—Partly cloudy today with clearing tonight. Fair Monday, continued cooler. High to day 65-68, low tonight 38-40. High Monday, 70-73.

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AFTER THE BATTLE—American medical men tend to wounded Communist prisoners after paratroopers cleaned out Compound 76 on Koji Island, Korea. The compound was the resistance center for 6,000 fanatical Reds. Though not a shot was fired in the wild, three-hour battle, one American and 31 Communists were killed. Fourteen Americans and 139 Reds were wounded.

Attorney General Announces Three Top Resignations

Circumstances Point To Clean-Up Start

Washington (U.P.)—Attorney General James P. McGranery Saturday announced the resignations of three top Justice Department officials in circumstances strongly suggesting he was beginning his long-anticipated departmental clean-up.

At a press conference in Philadelphia, where he was spending the week-end at his home, McGranery said he had accepted resignations of H. Graham Morrison, assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division; Harold I. Baynton, assistant attorney general and director of the office of alien property; and William A. Underhill, Baynton's assistant in charge of the Lands Division.

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IKE WANTS "NO DEALS"

Senator Taft Says Delegate Disputes Must Go to States

Convention May Get Hot Texas Argument

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Robert A. Taft said Saturday the Republican National committee was following a rule, written by his present opponents, in referring disputes over delegates to the National Convention back to the states for settlement.

He added, however, that the most hotly contested argument over southern delegates, involving the 38 from Texas, may have to be settled by the National convention.

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First Atomic Sub Near Completion, President States

Groton, Conn. (U.P.)—President Truman disclosed Saturday that the first atomic submarine engine will be in operation soon and predicted it would open a new era as revolutionary as that set off by the invention of the ocean steamship.

Mr. Truman gave a glowing report on the nation's atomic energy progress at ceremonies for the laying of the keel of the \$40,000,000 USS Nautilus, the world's first atomic-powered submarine.

"The military significance of this vessel is tremendous," Mr. Truman told a crowd of 10,000 persons at the flag day ceremonies. "The engine of the Nautilus will have as revolutionary effect on the navies of the world as did the first ocean steamship, 120 years ago."

"This vessel is the forerunner of atomic-powered merchant ships and airplanes, of atomic power plants producing electricity for factories, farms and homes."

Mr. Truman took the occasion to criticize Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, without naming him, for talking about a \$40 billion tax cut. He warned against "cut-rate, bargain counter" policies, which he said would severely hurt the nation's defense effort.

But most of the president's speech was devoted to the new submarine and the "marvelous" new things it foreshadows.

Speaking under a bright sun in the boat yard of the Electric Boat division of the General Dynamics Corp., Mr. Truman proudly revealed that the construction of a dry-land submarine with a full-size working engine was nearing completion and "soon" would be ready for tests.

When a similar engine is installed in the Nautilus, he said, it will enable the submarine to travel at a speed of more than 20 knots, with a few pounds of uranium giving the craft enough fuel to travel thousands of miles at top speed. The Nautilus will be able to stay under water indefinitely, he said.

General Urges US To Hit Corruption "Where It Arises"

Large Crowd Cheers Free-Swinging Speech

Detroit (U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said Saturday night that he was a "no deal" nomination for the Republican nomination for president and urged Americans to wipe out corruption "wherever it arises."

In a free-swinging political speech before a crowd of 10,000, the retired five-star general said he entered the presidential arena "without obligations."

"Not a single soul has approached me," the general declared. "I'm strictly a no deal man."

He said he has "no political debts" except that a Virginia delegate the other day brought him a ham.

Casting aside prepared texts on which he labored long and hard, Eisenhower set out in his speech before a shouting throng in Olympia stadium to answer some of the questions he has been asked since he returned to the United States as a presidential candidate two weeks ago.

As the World War II commander of Allied defense forces in Europe, one of the questions has been why he didn't capture Berlin, which has been a focal point of East-West troubles since 1945.

He explained it at length, listing some of the military and political problems and the tremendous costs involved in taking the German capital.

He disclaimed any responsibility for the much criticized decisions of Yalta and Potsdam.

He said he made two recommendations at Potsdam and both were disregarded. The first, he said, was against a division of Germany into East-West zones, the other was "that we do not invite Russia to get into the Japanese war."

"I have been asked about corruption," he said.

"My reaction is the same as that of any other American. We expect Americans to fight corruption wherever it arises. And, we can do it without besmirching the character of any man."

Weekend Rainfall Ups Month's Total

Rainfall during June is now "above normal" following heavy showers Friday and Saturday, according to the Medford weather bureau.

The week-end rains, which started Friday afternoon, and resumed after a let-up, Friday evening and Saturday morning, brought a total of .64 inches of rain up to 11 p. m. Saturday.

The weather bureau said that normal June rainfall up to the 14th is .39 of an inch, and the recent rain made the June, 1952, total to date .82 of an inch, or an "excess" of .43, making a total of more than the normal total June rainfall of .76 of an inch.

In addition, the bureau reported, up to Friday midnight, the seasonal average rainfall (since Sept. 1, 1951) totaled 20.17 inches, compared to the 15.99 inches which is normal.

The bureau reported late Saturday evening that the storm was over with clearing Sunday night and fair Monday. The heaviest precipitation from the storm occurred in the southwest Oregon area, the bureau concluded.

Appointments Taken For Blood Donations

Up to noon Saturday, 156 persons had made appointments to give blood next Wednesday during the visit of the area's bloodmobile, it was reported by blood program workers.

They said they hope to have 325 appointments by the time the blood center opens at 1 p. m. June 18 at the Elks Temple. Blood donation will continue until 6 p. m. that day.

Telephone number to call to make an appointment is 3-3813.

May Fireball Over Seattle Believed 50 Miles in Air

Seattle (U.P.)—A meteor expert said Saturday that a fireball that rumbled across the heavens, routing thousands of atomic bomb-conscious Seattle residents from their beds early May 11, was 50 miles high.

J. Hugh Pruett, Pacific regional director of the American Meteor society, sent questionnaires and measuring instruments to some 60 persons who reported witnessing the most spectacular meteor ever seen in the Northwest. With reports received from as far south as the Oregon-California border and east to western Montana, Pruett plotted the path of the meteor.

Pruett's charts show the meteor was first sighted at a point 30 miles west of Tacoma and traveled in a northeasterly direction before exploding into several pieces 50 miles beyond Seattle at 1:26 a. m. (PDT). "Fragments may be found anywhere from Seattle to several miles beyond this end point," he said.

Two Seattle policemen said the meteor appeared to be about 2,000 feet overhead. However, Pruett said its height more likely was 50 miles.

A column by J. Hugh Pruett appears each Sunday in The Mail Tribune and may be found today on Page 11.

UN Finds More Evidence Of Fresh POW Execution

Beating by Reds Said Death Cause In Koji Compound

Members of "Court" Believed Identified

Koji Island, Korea, Sunday—(U.P.)—Camp authorities discovered evidence of a fresh "execution" in one of the new 500-man Communist war prisoner compounds here today.

A prisoner doctor delivered a body to the gates of enclosure Number eight and stated the man died from wounds in last week's bloody fighting in compound 76.

An American doctor, however, said the prisoner was beaten to death after being moved to the new smaller enclosure. His bayonet wounds from the compound 76 fighting had already begun to heal when he was killed, the doctor said.

American intelligence officers said today they believe they have identified a 15-man "kangaroo court" responsible for the execution of 16 men in former "murder compound 77."

The Red "court" was picked out by an anti-Red prisoner in one of the 500-man compounds who escaped its sentence by fleeing under a barbed wire fence. Officers said it was probably the same Red "court" that operated in No. 77.

Allied soldiers easily put down three minor rebellions in the new small compounds with tear gas Saturday.

The pint-sized prisoner who identified the "kangaroo court" also pointed out 102 Communist ringleaders in his compound.

The 102 hard-core Communists include a 15-man kangaroo court which a short time earlier had sentenced the four-foot enlisted man to death. Also among them was a North Korean lieutenant colonel Rhee identified as the No. 1 Red on Koji.

The enlisted man's flight to safety freed from Communist terror 273 other prisoners who violently denounced their Red comrades and asked to be separated from them. This brought to 783 the number of prisoners who have denounced Communism in five days.

George Owens, 18, Klamath Falls, suffered a broken leg Saturday evening near the top of Greensprings mountain when his car turned over and is being treated in Sacred Heart hospital according to attendants. Details of the accident were not available at press time from the state police.

SPORTS BULLETINS

Sacramento, Calif. (U.P.)—Plump Ken Gables gave San Diego a run in the first inning that blanked the Padres for the remaining eight Saturday night, while Sacramento turned his eight-hitter into a 4-1 victory over the league leaders. The win was the Solons' fourth of the series.

Bandon defeated the Medford Cheney Studs last night 7 to 5. Derald Wooten received the loss. He was relieved in the third inning by Cliff Pyland who allowed only three hits and shut out Bandon the rest of the way. Frank Rowland hit four for five times at bat for the Studs.



TESTIFYING before Senate Foreign-Relations committee, Secretary of State Dean Acheson urges ratification of German treaty. (International Soundphoto)

Soviet Appointment Of Andrei Gromyko Brings Speculation

Washington (U.P.)—American officials speculated Saturday that Andrei A. Gromyko, as Russian ambassador to Britain, may seek to divide Britain and the United States on a common approach to world peace.

The significance of the major shift of Soviet diplomats in Washington, London, and Peking had American officials groping for some explanation of whether it meant the Kremlin's policies will change.

May Work on Split Some saw in Gromyko's dispatch to London indications that his task may be to work on the growing split on foreign policy between the out-of-office Labor party and Winston Churchill's Conservative government.

Britain's Labor party criticized again Friday some major U. S. foreign policies and called for new elections in western Germany before any German rearmament begins.

It may be Gromyko's task to play up the Laborites by offering concessions in a major new diplomatic peace offensive that would widen further differences between Washington, London, and Paris.

The Soviets have been calling steadily for a new Big Four conference with the U.S., Britain, and France on Germany unity to stop West German rearmament.

Postmaster Nominations Made for Valley Towns

Parker T. Hess, Ashland, and Howard C. Nutt, Shady Cove, have been nominated for permanent appointments as postmaster in their communities, according to press dispatches from Washington, D.C.

President Truman sent the nominations to the senate last week.

Radio Highlights

Sen. Wayne Morse, R-Ore., will be a guest on "Meet the Press" on radio station KMED (1440 kc) at 8 o'clock this evening. At 5:30 p. m. Sen. Estes Kefauver and Sen. Robert Taft will discuss their foreign and domestic policies on the "American Forum of the Air."

Allied Truce Team Agrees to Return To Monday Session

No Progress Reported From Saturday Meeting

Tokyo, Sunday (U.P.)—The patience of United Nations truce negotiators held for another day as the Allied team met with the Communists for 35 minutes at Panmunjom today and agreed to return again Monday.

Before the session United Nations negotiators hinted they might walk out of the Korean truce talks in another three-day recess if the Communists refused to say something new on the deadlocked issue of prisoner repatriation.

Consents to Demand Chief U. N. negotiator Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison consented to a Communist demand for another session.

"Absolutely no progress" was the U.N.'s report on Saturday's meeting.

Harrison imposed a three-day recess last week when he warned of long Communist tirades against U.N. treatment of war prisoners on Koji island and their refusal to discuss the actual matter holding up a truce.

He agreed to meet yesterday only after a short consultation with other delegates as to whether the meeting was "worthwhile" in the absence of any new offers by the Communists.

UN Stand Final In an 11-minute statement Harrison repeated that the U.N. stand on war prisoners is final, but he offered to explain or clarify it if the Reds wished. The U.N. insists that anti-Communist war prisoners should not be forced to return to the Communist side; this is the only issue holding up an armistice.

North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il replied in mild tones but he gave no indication the Reds have changed their own stand.

Fruit Growers Head Says No Connection Between Anti-Hail Flying and Rainfall

The president of the Jackson County Fruit Growers League Saturday denied that anti-hail cloud-seeding had had any effect on rainfall in the area.

W. G. Beard Jr., 119 Newtown street, president of the fruit growers, also pointed out that fruit men of the area have just as much at stake in normal rainfall as do members of the Moisture Conservation league.

The fruit growers, who have joined with the Traffic association to hire pilots to seed clouds in attempts to prevent hail damage to fruit in the valley, have been under heavy attack because of a widely-held opinion that the fliers prevent rain from falling.

Claims No Connection "If we had any reason to believe that the fliers are cutting down on rainfall, we'd stop sponsoring them right now," Beard said. "We are convinced, however, on the basis of facts and figures, that there is no relationship between anti-hail flying and precipitation figures—that is, rain."

Senator McMahon Urges Production Of Many H-Bombs

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Brian McMahon (D-Conn.) Saturday urged production of thousands of H-bombs for battlefield use to deter the Kremlin from waging war "and win us time to wage peace."

McMahon is chairman of the House-Senate Atomic Energy committee and the first responsible official to indicate that H-bombs, big brothers to the A-bombs, could be used in a tactical role against enemy forces in the field.

He made it clear that the United States is on the verge of perfecting the dread hydrogen bomb. But he did not confirm reports that the Atomic Energy commission will test its first H-bomb at Eniwetok this fall.

McMahon, who is a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, made his proposal in a speech delivered by telephone from Washington to the Connecticut State Democratic convention at Hartford.

He outlined a five-point program "for security, solvency, and peace" should he be elected president. One point called for a meeting of the chiefs of state within the United Nations Security council "to consider ways and means of disarming this earth and developing this earth."

Referring to two letters from readers, which appeared in Friday's Mail Tribune and which indicated a belief that the pilots were responsible for dispersing clouds resulting in an unseasonal cold snap, Beard stated that weather bureau figures show conclusively that the cold was not a local situation.

"Cloud seeding here could not have affected the weather pattern over the entire Pacific coast," Beard said.

Drought "Disastrous" to Fruit He went on to point out how and why fruit men, too, stand to lose from lack of rain. Last year, for instance, the pear packout was only 57 per cent of the crop, compared to a normal 75 per cent, due to lack of sizing of pears, Beard said. The lack of sizing was a direct result of last year's drought, he added, and was "disastrous" to fruit men. But he also said that the drought could not be attributed to the hail experiments—it was general all over the western part of the state.

Large Crowd Sees First Roundup Show

A near capacity crowd of about 2,500 people braved heavy rains during part of the rodeo show last night at the 11th Annual Rogue River Roundup.

There were no accidents despite slippery footing. The rodeo is also scheduled for 1 o'clock today with competitive drills by mounted posse groups.

A parade was held preceding the rodeo last night with posse groups from Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties participating, and the Medford Senior high school band, a soap box derby float, and an ancient Red Model T Ford sponsored by the Larson-May company.

L. Garland Ellsworth, Box 81, Talent, a clown in the parade fell from a wagon which broke in front of Fluhrer's building, and was taken to Community hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance. He was released after x-rays were taken which showed no serious injuries, hospital attendants said.

Medford Fire Chief Announces Plans Of Home Inspection

Medford Fire Chief Gordon Barker yesterday announced a new plan for the inspection of the city's homes for fire hazards.

The program—which will be purely voluntary—will begin tomorrow morning, he said.

"Every house fire we've had in the past year has been preventable," Barker pointed out. The new plan is designed to assist homeowners of Medford to find and eliminate the hazards which cause needless fires.

Cites Carelessness "Practically all fires are caused by pure carelessness of one sort or another," Barker continued. The fires here included those caused by stoves too close to walls, smoking in bed, frayed extension cords, and other causes which a little care would have eliminated.

Barker said that in Portland, when a similar home-inspection plan was inaugurated, home fires dropped by 28 per cent. Similar results have been noted in the business area here since inspections there were begun.

The job, to be done under the direction of Fire Marshal Truman Nelson, will be performed by trained teams of firemen. They will travel in a radio-equipped truck, with one man staying in the truck to listen for calls, while the other will make the inspection.

By Invitation Inspections will be made in homes where firemen are "invited in," either as they make tours of a neighborhood, or by telephone calls to the fire department headquarters, at 2-2790. Anyone wishing to have his home inspected is invited to call.

The inspecting fireman will make out a report on the house, and a copy will be given the homeowner, with any recommendations which may be made. Last year, Medford averaged one house fire each three days, Barker said. There were several deaths resulting. Nation-wide fire statistics showed that 8,000 people died in home fires each year; more than half of them children under 10 years of age.

Salem (U.P.)—Elling Halvorson, president of the Halvorson Construction company of Salem, died Thursday in St. Paul, Minn., of a heart attack the firm announced here Saturday.