

McCredie Given Confidence Vote

COUNCIL UNANIMOUS; TRIBUNE, JURY HIT

A unanimous vote of confidence for Police Chief Clatous McCredie was given by Medford's city council at a meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

The vote came after the council voted 5 to 3 to table another motion, which had been drawn up by Councilmen Paul Selby and Stanley Jones Jr. just prior to the meeting.

The majority of the council would not accept the two men's entire statement. Members said they felt it might harm the current investigation of police department procedure and practices. Voting against the majority were Jones, Selby and Earl Miller.

Have Faith in Chief

Although not specifically stated in the motion which passed, the council, through earlier expression, voiced opinions of faith in Chief McCredie's personal integrity and character, and desired to put them publicly on record.

The meeting, which was attended by some 45 citizens, was originally scheduled as a closed police committee meeting to continue the investigation concerning police department activities. Chairman John Snider declined to hold the committee's hearing, because in his opinion, the testimony should be confidential.

Mayor Diamond Flynn then conducted the meeting as an open session of the full council, stating that he had had "hundreds of requests" for attendance at the session.

Policy Reviewed

In the statement prepared by Jones and Selby, they said "very limited" statements have been published regarding the death of Lester Hurley, 62-year-old Camp White member, who died on July 4. In general, the statement reviewed the city's police policy and defended action taken following the 1951 report on William P. Beall Jr. of the Berkeley, Calif., police department.

In speaking of the 100 recommendations by Sgt. Beall, the statement read, "... Insofar as it has been financially possible, the police department has complied with these recommendations."

It noted an April, 1952, letter showing Beall's findings on progress since the first report. The letter said "a number of problems had been solved," and it was the writer's belief "that personnel of the police department ... have done an excellent job."

The next step for the people of Medford and the city council was to provide wage and working conditions similar to those existing in the local labor industry, the letter said.

Get What Pay For

Beall added that although many of the recommendations have been initiated, there was very little more the police department could do unless wages were raised, and that the city would get just about what it paid for.

The Jones-Selby statement strongly criticized the district attorney and The Mail Tribune. It read, "The insinuation by the district attorney and The Mail Tribune that Hurley probably met his death as a result of brutal treatment by the police department was wholly unwarranted and without foundation."

Such irresponsible attacks have served only to undermine the confidence of the people in their police department ...

(Editor's note: The grand jury's report said: "Lester Hurley's injuries, which resulted in his death, were caused by an accidental fall. There is no evidence of any criminal responsibility for Lester Hurley's death.")

The Mail Tribune has made no insinuation that Hurley was brutally treated. It reported the fact that he was confined to the city jail for 41 hours without medical attention while suffering from a skull fracture that later proved fatal.)

Heading "Irresponsible"

The statement rejected by the council majority also called the headlines in the Wednesday edition of the M-T "an irresponsible outrage."

Councilman Dick Woodcock, speaking against the motion, said he felt the council should not judge the editorial policy of The Mail Tribune nor the working of the district attorney's office. "We should run our own city," he said, and he added his belief that the police committee should continue its investigation of the police department.

Five citizens from the audience spoke on the Hurley investigation, and expressed their confidence in Chief McCredie. They were Medford Attorneys Charles Reames and Paul Haviland; two former mayors, J. C. Collins and Halbert S. Deuel Sr.; and R. B. Gibson, 209 Girard dr.

Reames attested to the personal integrity of McCredie and directed an attack at the grand jury. He stated that the grand jury had no jurisdiction over the matter when no criminal act had been found.

Questions Jury's Act

The latter point of law was reiterated by Haviland, former district attorney of Jackson county. He reported that "... it seems to me that where a grand jury has determined that no crime has been committed that they are acting beyond their authority in recommending that any city administration discharge any public official of any city who has been guilty of no crime. Actually this grand jury has besmirched the character of Chief McCredie and interfered with the city administration without the right by the law to do so."

He spoke at length on the Beall report and stated that after the report had been submitted and approved it was given to the police department for execution. "... notwithstanding the fact that it was recognized in the report that certain individuals, from a police administration standpoint, had certain shortcomings as to background and ability with which to carry out those recommendations."

Says "Scapegoat" Demanded

Continuing, Haviland said, "I do not recollect during the past two years that the Medford Mail Tribune or the mayor or the council as a whole have made any statement indicating that they were dissatisfied with the speed with which the recommendations were being adopted." He stated further that "... those that we depend upon for the functioning of our public departments failed us and I mean specifically the mayor, the council and the press, but now, because of the unfortunate situation relating to Lester Hurley, certain elements are demanding a scapegoat."

He placed the responsibility for the present situation with the three groups cited and asked for correction of any wrong conditions "as quickly as possible."

Haviland later stated, "It may be necessary that Chief McCredie step aside, entirely or to a degree necessary to effect these changes, but none of us should be a party to condemning him and for turning him out, after many years of public service, in disgrace."

Comments Investigation

He concluded by commending the council for continuing their investigation of all phases of police administration.

Councilman Snider at the beginning of the session placed the responsibility of the present situation on no one person, but on the present city administration and previous administrations who have allowed conditions described in Beall's report to develop. Former Mayor Deuel agreed with Snider's placement of responsibility and stated he would never feel happy if Clatous "is made the goat for us."

Fire Damages Cupp Furniture Barn

Central Point—Some roof and water damage resulted yesterday when a fire started at the John Cupp Furniture barn just south of the Central Point city limits at about 5 p.m., according to Dick Krupp, fire chief of the city's rural fire protection district.

The call was answered by both the city's department and rural group, Krupp said, and with the aid of the city's salvage covers most of the furniture was protected.

Krupp reported this morning he was in "fine shape" although there was some water damage not yet estimated. He praised the quick action by both Central Point fire groups and said their handling of the fire was "a wonderful job."

The owner stated that he had just begun re-shingling with fireproof material and about one-fourth of the roof was completed. About one-half of the old roof was partially burned. Cause of the blaze was not determined, but one theory was that a spark from a sawmill burner started the blaze.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and slightly warmer. Possible afternoon and evening showers. Low tonight 56. High Wednesday 67.
Lowest Yesterday 53
Lowest this Morning 66

Americans Must Continue To Bear Economic Burden

Eisenhower Reviews Major Accomplishments

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower declared soberly last night that the American people must continue to bear a "staggering economic burden" because the danger of war has not ended in spite of the Korean truce.

In a nationwide radio broadcast, Mr. Eisenhower credited his administration and the Republican controlled 83rd Congress with major accomplishments in the past seven months.

But he conceded these were "little more than a beginning."

It would be "foolish," he said, to claim the Republicans "have seen and conquered all the problems of our nation."

Future Is Uncertain

"The future, both immediate and distant, remains full of trial and hazard," he declared. "The end of our staggering economic burden is not yet in sight. The end of the peril to peace is not clearly in view."

The broadcast was the President's first detailed report to the people on the GOP stewardship that began last January after 20 years of Democratic rule. It was a mixture of pride for the "bright beginnings" and a realization of the heavy tasks that lie ahead.

Mr. Eisenhower pledged America to fight any new outbreak of aggression in Asia or other parts of the world. He praised rebellious East Germans for opposing Russian domination. He said the Korean truce was good, but no cause for "wild rejoicing."

Lists Accomplishments

In addition to the Korean truce, he listed these major accomplishments of the first seven months of GOP rule:

1. Stringent economies pared nearly \$13,000,000,000 from the budget requests of the Truman administration, a saving of "some \$80 for every American."
2. Teamwork between Congress and the executive branch has been restored so that the government is no longer "divided against itself."
3. The nation's economy has been freed from "a labyrinth of needless controls."

Government Reorganized

4. Repair and reorganization of the colossal machinery of government is well advanced because Congress approved all 10 of his reorganization plans, "an unprecedented record."
5. Congress did what "sense and honesty" dictated by extending for six months the "onerous but needed" excess profits tax, and by postponing tax reliefs in other fields until next year.

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French Walkouts Increase

District Attorney Declines Comment On Judge's Rebuke

Misunderstanding Said Cause of Act

District Attorney Walter Nunley today refused to comment on a rebuke against him made earlier this week by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna following release of a grand jury report to the press.

"I do not wish to enter into a public controversy with my superior," Nunley said.

Judge Hanna said he was "shocked and incensed by the violation of the oath of secrecy" in the release to the press of a grand jury report recommending dismissal of Medford Police Chief Clatous McCredie.

Exonerates Jury, Press

In issuing the rebuke against Nunley, Judge Hanna exonerated the jury and The Medford Mail Tribune after Jury Foreman J. E. Crawford informed the judge that Nunley had urged the jury "to speed its report" so that it could be released to the press Wednesday.

In open court Nunley replied that the allegedly premature release was the result of a misunderstanding based on the method in which the report of a previous jury was handled.

Nunley spoke both to the full jury and to individual members of the group. He said he accepted full responsibility for the release and explained that in releasing the report he believed that he was following the wishes of the court.

Judge Hanna said he had no word of the grand jury's report until he read his paper in the afternoon. Referring to Nunley's action, the judge said he had never before witnessed such a move in his career on the bench.

Dismissal Advised

The jury recommended McCredie's dismissal after investigating the death in the city jail of Lester Hurley, a member of the Camp White veterans domiciliary center. Hurley died of results of an accidental fall and the jury said there was no evidence of criminal responsibility in his death, but suggested that McCredie be replaced by an outsider.

Judge Hanna said he questioned the jury's authority to make such a report when it did not return a true bill.

Dulles, Rhee Reach Alliance Agreement

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Final agreement was reached today on the terms of a defense alliance pledging the United States to come to the aid of South Korea to repel any future aggression.

A State Department spokesman announced the treaty which will be subject to ratification by the U.S. Senate, will be initiated at p.m. (PDT) today by U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and South Korean President Syngman Rhee.

Korean officials said the defense pact pledges the United States to take "military action" in support of the South Korean republic against any further Communist aggression. It also gives the United States the right to base armed forces in South Korea, they said.



MERCY SHUTTLE SERVICE—Prisoners of war released by the Reds and brought to this point by ambulance near Panmunjom wait for returning helicopters. The men are being airlifted by shuttling 'copters to processing centers and hospitals.

Eight Allies Swallowed Red Line, Returned Enemy Captives Reveal

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—Prisoners of war returning to freedom disclosed today that seven Americans and one Briton swallowed the Communist propaganda line and refused to go home.

The defections were reported at nearby Freedom Village shortly after 81 Americans in good condition went through the Panmunjom reception center in the third day "Operation Big Switch."

Each of the soldiers told of the relentless attempts by the Reds to convert prisoners to Communism.

Friction With British

Cpl. Donald R. Disney of Pond Creek and Ashland, Ky., and Pvt. Steve Glowacki of Brooklyn, said the seven men's decision to "stay with the Communies" was kept secret until the last day.

"Camp No. 5 is now empty except for the seven who stayed plus one American who was sentenced to a year in jail," Disney said.

No. 5 is the Communist "holding camp" as described by Peiping radio, on the shore of the Yalu river near the Suifu reservoir.

Pfc. William C. Hansens, 21, Maspeth, N. Y., said the British soldiers were more impressed by Communist propaganda than the Americans, causing friction in the camp.

Fight Threatened

"A lot of the British seemed to take to the Communist propaganda," Pfc. Donald Deumas of Wadlington, N. Y., said. "Most of the Americans did not. The British seemed to fare better than we did."

"There was some trouble between us," Hansen told newsmen. "It did not break out into fighting but when we started to fight."

A former tenant, Gordon Clifford Satterlee, 38, alias Dick Satterlee, Gordon Barnes and others, was arrested at a local auto court as a suspect in the case and was booked on a charge of drunkenness, police noted.

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Red 'Toughs' Storm West Berlin Sector

Berlin—(U.P.)—More than 3,000 Red toughs stormed the Western sectors of Berlin today under orders to break up distribution of "Eisenhower Food parcels" to hungry Soviet zone Germans.

The Communists battled West Berlin police in the streets of the American, British and French sectors before being driven back behind Berlin's little Iron Curtain.

Western police used clubs and powerful "water cannon" mounted on trucks to beat off the Red invaders bent on wrecking food distribution centers.

'American Swine'

They shouted "American swine" and "give back the food packages" at thousands of East Germans collecting the American food parcels.

Police said several members of the Red gnomes were sent to West Sector hospitals suffering scalp and head injuries. A score or more of the Communist riot heads were arrested.

It was the second Red raid in a week. Wednesday, 5,000 Communist agitators demonstrated before two headlines until West Berlin police drove them off with water hoses and night sticks.

Send in Troops

Meanwhile, the Soviets were reported rushing troops into strife torn East Germany from Poland to strengthen their forces in the face of a growing anti-Communist rebellion.

This report was given West German authorities by East German railway men who came into West Berlin to receive "Eisenhower parcels" of American food.

They reported the movement of trainload after trainload of Soviet troops into East Germany from Poland beginning last week end.

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Airline, Subway, Bus Employees Join in Strikes

Action in Protest Of Premier's Demands

Paris—(U.P.)—The Socialist party moved tonight to have the National Assembly convene in emergency session and have Premier Joseph Laniel explain the economy measures which have brought on France's most paralyzing general strike since 1936.

Paris—(U.P.)—Airline, subway and bus employees today joined a mushrooming strike of more than 2,000,000 French civil servants and nationalized job holders which brought life in France to an almost complete standstill.

Paris radio and television stations went off the air when their employees staged a nine hour walkout in support of the rapidly spreading strikes.

The wholesale walkouts, which have crippled telephone, telegraph, gas, electric and postal services, was in protest against government economies demanded by Premier Joseph Laniel.

Protest Economy Moves

The government answered the strikers with an announcement that Laniel's drastic economic decrees will be pushed through in spite of the paralyzing protests.

Latest group to join the strike were the ground personnel of the nationalized Air France Air Lines. Many flights were grounded at Le Bourget and Orly fields.

Subway and bus workers walked off their jobs earlier. Railway men, miners, gas and electric workers, street cleaners, garbage collectors and even undertakers had joined in the nationwide shutdown, the most crippling since the series of strikes in 1936 which brought the Socialist Popular Front into power.

Government Challenged

The Socialists launched the campaign in a challenge to the new right wing government of Laniel. They stole the thunder of the flabbergasted Communist party which had talked vaguely of launching an attack against the government this fall.

No incidents were reported in contrast to the serious Communist attempt to seize power in the winter of 1947-48 with the long and bloody mine and rail strikes.

But for the average Frenchman or tourist there was plenty of annoyance.

Thousands of would be travelers sat on their trunks and suitcases as railroad stations closed their gates and only about one out of every 50 trains arrived or departed.

Telephone except for urgent medical or police calls and dial phones were out except for emergencies. Mail remained undelivered for a second day and thousands of Parisians who use the postal savings system as their bank found themselves without money.

Roseburg Cabbie Slain by Officer

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Loran Kenneth Arthur, 52-year-old Roseburg cab driver, was slain early today and a Roseburg police officer seriously wounded in a gun battle outside a local hotel.

Hospital attendants said the condition of Sgt. Carl Smith was "fair" after he suffered two gunshot wounds in the fight with Arthur.

Smith was leaving the hotel after making a routine investigation, police said, when the desk clerk told him Arthur was in the lobby with a gun. Smith ordered the cab driver to come to the police station with him when Arthur opened fire with a revolver. Smith was struck in the left leg before he could draw his own gun and return the fire.

As he ran for a parked taxi for cover, he was struck by another bullet in the back. He was knocked to the ground and dropped his pistol but managed to retrieve it and fire the fatal shots at Arthur through the window of the cab.

Douglas County Coroner L. L. Powers said a coroner's inquest would be held tonight.

North Korea Official Accused of Spying

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Pyongyang radio said today that North Korean Vice-Premier Pak Hung Yong has been accused of spying for the United States and implicated in a plot to overthrow the Red regime.

Pak, recently booted out as foreign minister, was involved in the activities of 12 North Korean officials prosecuted for spying and attempting to seize the government.

The broadcast said Lee Sung Yop, inspector general of the North Korean People Council and one of the arrested officials implicated Pak in his confession.

Lee was quoted as saying Pak and two other planned to build up an armed force of 3,900 men with which to seize power.

Coos Bay—(U.P.)—The first annual Coos Bay Timberco opens here tomorrow in conjunction with the city of Empire's Centennial celebration.

2. "I think the Communists wanted a truce badly for reasons best known to themselves. They had taken very heavy punishment."

3. Some of the discrepancy between the number of prisoners listed for exchange and the much larger total of missing Americans may be accounted for when the Communists hand over a list of those who died in captivity, as provided in the armistice agreement.

4. "The only thing we can do short of force, and I don't advocate that, to compel the return of additional prisoners is to use political and diplomatic means."

5. Clark repeated his statement of yesterday that the UN "could have won a military victory" if "we had massed the means in air, sea and land forces."

More POWs May Be Held for Political Reasons, General Clark Tells UN Newsmen

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Gen. Mark W. Clark said today the Communists might be holding unlisted American prisoners as hostages for political purposes.

The Far East commander told United Nations newsmen that he "never knew what motivated" the Reds. But he said in answer to a question that their purpose "might" be to use prisoner hostages as a bargaining weapon to extract political concessions from the free world.

Wait Suggested

However, Clark suggested that "we should wait until the exchange of prisoners is over before we make this protest that I'm sure my government would make" if it is proved that the Reds hold more prisoners than they admit.

Clark first raised the issue yesterday in Washington, saying

the UN command had some evidence that the Reds might be holding from 2,000 to 3,000 more American prisoners than the 3,313 listed for exchange.

Clark expressed the hope that the other 15 United Nations members that participated in the Korean campaign would

Washington—(U.P.)—Several congressmen urged the administration today to do everything possible to learn if the Communists are holding back U.S. prisoners and, if so, to take action to get them back.

"keep their troops there" during this "difficult period."

He said the "disintegration of the UN aspect of the Korean operation would be a very serious blow to the free world and