

Prisoner Retaliation Possible, Dulles Says

NEW MEDFORD - K F HIGHWAY PROPOSED VIA LAKE O'WOODS

Construction of a primary standards highway connecting Medford and Klamath Falls by way of Lake O' Woods has been proposed to the state highway commission by State Representative Robert Root, he revealed here today.

The route, as proposed by Representative Root, would follow the existing Lake Creek road, which dead ends at McAllister Soda springs on the Jackson-Klamath county line, about 30 miles east of Medford.

Representative Root proposes that that road be extended 16 miles to meet a road now being improved to primary standards from Klamath Falls to Rocky Point. The work is being done by the state highway commission at a cost of \$866,000.

Approximately six miles of road already have been constructed by Klamath county from the Lake O' Woods—Wocus marsh area due west in the direction of the proposed link with the Lake Creek road.

Representative Root points out that the proposed link would cost more than a billion board feet of forest service timber, much of which is ripe or over ripe.

It would make an estimated 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 board feet available annually under a sustained yield cutting program, and would make both Medford and Klamath Falls railroad distribution points for wholesalers in the two areas, he said.

In a letter written to the highway commission, Root stated "At the request of interested groups of citizens, I made an inspection trip of this route . . . in company with the highway department's division engineer, Tom Edwards, and was impressed by the favorable topography and the many advantages that such a route affords to offer."

He requested that the highway department conduct an economic survey to determine the feasibility, necessity, economic value and urgency of the route.

Few Sharp Curves
The maximum grade on the Lake O' Woods route would be "5.3 or less," Representatives Root said. The Greensprings highway has a 6.3 grade, he stated. Root added that the proposed highway, if built to maximum standards would have few sharp curves, and at least 600 feet visibility.

He pointed out that interest in the new Medford-Klamath Falls route has been developed with general recognition of the fact that the location of the Greensprings highway does not appear to lend itself to modernization at reasonable cost, while a route via Lake O' Woods appears to be much less expensive.

Highway Officials To Inspect State Roads in County
Members of the state highway commission and the state legislature's interim highway committee are scheduled to be in Medford tomorrow to meet with local officials and to inspect state highways in this area.

They are slated to arrive here from Klamath Falls at about noon, after inspecting the Greensprings highway and portions of Highway 99 en route. In Klamath county they will inspect the Wocus marsh road.

To Have Lunch Here
Members of the group will have lunch at Rogue Valley Country club with members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce highway committee, other chamber representatives and county and state officials including Representatives Robert Root and Ed Mann, according to Paul Rynning, chairman of the chamber highway group.

Following the luncheon, they will leave Medford for Crater Lake, by way of Gold Hill, where they will inspect new highway work, and Sams Valley secondary highway. They plan to stay overnight at Crater Lake lodge.

Those in the group include R. H. Baldock, state engineer; R. B. Glaisyer, secretary; Ben R. Chandler, county assessor; Charles H. Reynolds, La Grande, member, and Milo K. McIver, Portland, member.

Administration Praised, Demos Hit at GOP Meet
Portland — (U.P.) — Most of Oregon's congressional delegation and Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay fanned out over the state today after attending week end Republican meetings here at which the Eisenhower administration was praised, and Democrats got some raps.

McKay Defends Policies
Secretary McKay took the occasion to defend policies of his department, assuring his listeners that if there is any giveaway, it will "not be to any particular private enterprise or special group, but to the people."

Leonard Hall, GOP national chairman who was principal speaker at the fund-raising dinner, told party members that the truce in Korea and a number of "cracks in the Iron Curtain" are results of the Eisenhower administration.

Population of United States Reaches 160,000,000 on Automatic Calculator
Washington — (U.P.) — The population of the United States reached 160,000,000 at 7:02.07 a.m. (PST) today.

The number was recorded on the Commerce department's automatic population calculator which lit up like a juke box and rang a bell as the figure 160,000,000 fell into place.

Brief Ceremony
The milestone was marked by a brief ceremony in front of the calculator of "census clock."

Census Director Robert W. Burgess told a crowd of 200, mostly newsmen and photographers, who gathered to watch

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US Contemplates No Drastic Change In Defense Plans

Russia's H-Bomb Boost Taken Calmly

Washington — (U.P.) — Highly placed officials said today Russia's H-bomb announcement does not call for any drastic change in U.S. defense plans.

They said the Eisenhower administration is taking the Soviet boast calmly, and has no present intention of undertaking a "crisis program" of building bomb shelters, dispersing cities, moving industry underground or hastily expanding the air and radar defenses of the North American continent.

Authorities gave two reasons for the government's unruffled reaction to Soviet Premier Georgi M. Malenkov's assertion Saturday that "the United States no longer has the monopoly of the hydrogen bomb."

1. There is a strong suspicion here that Malenkov may have been bluffing. This suspicion is based on the fact that delicate scientific instruments, capable of detecting atomic blasts in any part of the world, have detected no test explosions in Russia since October, 1951.

2. Even if Russia has succeeded in making a super-bomb, the basic facts of world atomic power have not changed. Long before Malenkov spoke on Saturday, U.S. officials were warning that the Soviet Union possessed enough ordinary A-bombs and long range planes to lay waste most of America's cities in a single devastating raid.

The administration's unperturbed attitude was demonstrated by President Eisenhower, who left for a four week vacation in Colorado soon after news of the Malenkov announcement reached the capital.

Officials emphasized that there is no disposition in the administration to belittle Russian atomic capabilities. On the contrary, it has long been taken for granted here that the Russians were working on the H-bomb, and that they had received valuable aid from Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the British atomic spy, and Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, the Italian born physicist who deserted to the Reds after working on the U.S. atomic project.

Salem Newsboys Extortion Victims

Salem — (U.P.) — The Marion county sheriff's office was told today that 12-year-old Salem newspaper carrier had been "shaken down" for nickels and dimes by two older boys for a month, then beaten when he objected to paying stepped-up demands.

The sheriff's office was told two older boys, one of them 16, had been taking nickels and dimes from the 12-year-old regularly after threatening to beat him.

Saturday night the boys sought more money, the newsboy objected and the older two beat him at the Hollywood bowl. The sheriff's office learned the lad managed to hide his wallet containing \$8 and his receipt book. He stumbled home with a black eye and cuts on the mouth. Salem city first aid men treated him. The sheriff's office said it is investigating the incidents.

Portland — (U.P.) — A syndicate of West Coast businessmen, including J. Elroy McCaw, Seattle, and Jack Keating, Portland, has purchased the Crosley Broadcasting corporation.

Washing Machines Okay But Banks Have Points
At least one Medford woman has come to the conclusion that banks have a few advantages that washing machines can't offer.

Late yesterday she notified police that the \$2,000 she had hidden under a washing machine at her home had been stolen. An officer was rushed to the "scene of the crime," and a detailed report was taken.

Then, just to be sure, the officer suggested another search under the washing machine. The "missing" \$2,000 was still there.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson is back at his desk in Salem after attending the National Governor's conference.

THREE ESCAPE COUNTY JAIL



GETTING TOGETHER—South Korean President Syngman Rhee drinks a cool drink as U. S. Sec. of State John Foster Dulles (left) gestures a point. The two have been engaged in post-armistice talks in Seoul. They have reportedly initiated a security pact which provides for U. S. troop bases in South Korea. It also stipulates that the United States will aid South Korea in the event of a new Communist attack.

Reds Hope to Use Turncoats For US Revolution, POWs Say

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — Returned U.S. war prisoners said today the Reds hope to use a group of Americans turned Communist while in Red prison camps to spark a Communist revolution in the United States in about four years.

They said at least 124 of the U.S. turncoats are being kept behind, at their own will, for special training.

Others of these spies and would be revolutionary leaders, they said, have infiltrated among war prisoners now being readied for return home to the United States.

Hunt For Spies
American authorities took these reports seriously enough to plant trained counterspies among the released prisoners in an attempt to weed out the Yanks who have gone Red.

The disclosure came as the Communists stepped up the number of U.S. prisoners being released.

The Reds unexpectedly freed 125 Americans, largest number for any single day, after announcing that only 100 would be returned in tonight's phase of "Operation Big Switch."

Predict Revolution
Among the returnees were several men who reported at least 186 American and British soldiers had chosen to remain behind the Iron Curtain.

The latest group of prisoners, including 25 Britons, 25 Turks and 239 South Koreans, said their Communist captors had predicted their American converts will start a revolution in the United States within four years.

Those who remained behind at their own choosing, the returnees said, will study Communism behind the Bamboo and Iron Curtains and try to slip into the United States later.

Of Weak Will
Cpl. Purvis Webster, a Negro soldier who said he knew his way around notorious camp No. 5, told newsmen in the presence of censors that 124 Americans remained behind "for sure."

Cpl. L. F. Mansfield, Hamilton, O., said British prisoners told him that 51 other Britons swallowed the Communist line and stayed with their captors.

Cpl. Donald R. Staten, Newton, N. C., said he believed those who remained behind were men of weak will who couldn't stand up under constant Communist indoctrination.

The release of 125 Americans brought the number of U.S. soldiers repatriated to 448.

Altogether 1,946 of the Communist captives have been released, while the United Nations has turned 13,896 back to the Reds.

Inchon, Korea — (U.P.) — An Indiana corporal said today 30 American victims of Communist indoctrination plan to meet in the United States and join labor unions and peace organizations.

Cpl. Leslie E. Scales, 22, Folsomville, Ind., said he believed the 30 "progressives" were among the 328 repatriates who boarded a troop ship here today for return to the United States. They were repatriated with him Friday, he said.

"You'll hear about them," Scales said. "Someone will be assassinating them or kicking the damn soapbox out from under them."

He said the men talked freely of their plans to meet in California at the house of another "progressive" released during the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners last April.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and warm through Tuesday. Low tonight 55, high Tuesday 85. Highest this morning 85. Lowest this morning 55.

Coast-Wide Search Underway, Jailers Foil Fourth Break

Escapees Use Blanket Strips To Flee Cell

A coast-wide search is underway today for three men who escaped late yesterday from the Jackson county jail.

Two alert county jailers foiled another attempted escape earlier in the day in a hand to hand battle that lasted several minutes in a hallway of the jail.

The escapees are Floyd Earl Denno, 23, of Sun Valley, Calif., who was jailed July 30 on a larceny by bailer charge, and two servicemen—Marine George M. Edwards, 20, of Box 73, Butte Falls, and Army Pvt. Arnold Fay Grisham, 19, of Box 524, Jacksonville—who were being held on AWOL charges.

All three men were in the "bull pen" of the jail where lesser violators are kept, according to Sheriff Howard Gault. Six other prisoners were in the large pen at the time, but did not leave the cell, the sheriff added.

According to inmates, the break was made at about 11 p.m., Gault said. The trio apparently worked all during the day to secure their escape, which was made by breaking off a window bar by use of a radiator piece, leaving an opening of about 14 by 12 inches.

After crawling through the opening the men lowered themselves down from the third-story jail window by tying blanket strips together. They climbed to the ground after reaching the roof of a small shed.

Gault described the window bars as "not too secure," and added that maximum security prisoners are not kept in the cell.

The room is the only one from which escapes have been made in the county jail. The last such escape was made Oct. 19, 1948, when Robert Leland Taylor, a parole violator, broke a bar in the same manner.

Earlier in the day at about 8 a.m., Raymond Clifford Hodge, 38, of San Francisco, held on a charge of illegal possession of weapons and as a suspect in a California murder, attempted escape from a single cell in the north wing, Gault said.

Hodge was being given his breakfast by relief jailer George Mead when the incident happened. Mead passed the food through the jail door opening and Hodge dropped it on the floor. A trustee was called by Mead to clean up the food. When Mead opened the door, Hodge rushed him and knocked Hodge unconscious.

Chokes Jailor
Gaining the corridor, Hodge ran into regular jailer R. L. (Smitty) Janzen, and the two scuffled in the hallway and entrance to the jail lobby. Janzen struck Hodge several blows with a heavy bunch of keys and the prisoner struck back at Janzen and attempted to choke him, Gault said.

Mead revived consciousness during the fight and assisted Janzen in getting Hodge back into the cell. Janzen required three stitches for a cut received in the fight.

Stroudsburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Sen. Malone, (R-Nev.) is reported in good condition at Monroe county hospital here, where he is recovering from a fractured pelvis suffered in a fall from a horse.

Wave Sinks Small Boat; Two Occupants Escape
A big wave struck and sank a small fishing boat yesterday evening but the two men aboard escaped.

Edward Johansen, operator of the craft, and George Toivonen, clung to life preservers until a gillnet boat operated by Leo Halks arrived and they were plucked from the water.

Kremlin Makes Move Toward Iranian Oil
London — (U.P.) — The Kremlin has made its first move to enter into the Iranian oil dispute.

This is how observers here interpreted the cryptic announcement in the Soviet press today that a joint commission will be created at Tehran to "strengthen existing friendly relations between the USSR and Iran."

The announcement said the commission will open negotiations "to eliminate all differences as regards finance, frontier and other problems."

It follows closely the special mention of Iran as one of Russia's neighbors in a speech Saturday by Soviet Premier Georgi M. Malenkov. Malenkov indicated Russia was especially interested in maintaining good relations with Iran.

TRUCK AFIRE
Two state forest patrol fire crews were dispatched to Highway 99 south of Ashland near Siskiyou summit at about 1 p.m. today when a dump truck was reported afire, according to forest patrol officials. They were unable to furnish details of the blaze.

African Methodists Protest Sen. Gill
Portland — (U.P.) — Members of the African Methodist Episcopal church today protested possible appointment of State Senator Warren C. Gill as United States district attorney for Oregon on grounds he opposed passage of civil rights legislation in the last Oregon legislature.

The protest was formulated yesterday in a resolution approved at the 62nd annual session of the Puget Sound AME conference in session here.

Although the conference included AME churches in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, delegates felt they were within their rights in taking the action, officials said.

U.N. Steps Against Chinese, Koreans May Be Necessary

Statement Follows Meeting With Ike

Denver — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reported after a conference with President Eisenhower here today that the United Nations might be forced to take retaliatory steps against the Chinese Communists and the North Koreans if the Communists do not return all of the war prisoners they now hold.

Dulles said after 70 minutes with the President that the fear some U.S. prisoners might not be exchanged by the Communists was a source of great concern.

Leave for Washington
If all of the American prisoners are not returned, "we presumably would adopt reciprocal measures with the prisoners we hold."

Dulles, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U.S. representative to the United Nations, and Assistant Secretary of State Walter S. Robertson, flew here non-stop from Honolulu to report to the President on their recent conferences with leaders of the South Korean and Japanese governments.

Dulles said the precautionary measures were still in a formative stage, but that among other things the Army was doing was checking with American prisoners as they are released by the Communists in an effort to identify those still known to be in captivity.

Prisoner Exchange
The secretary and Lodge both told newsmen they were deeply impressed by the prisoner exchange which they saw in operation only a few days ago at Freedom Village in Korea. Lodge was struck particularly by the better treatment the United Nations was giving its prisoners turned back to them in contrast to the sterner reception the Communists were giving their prisoners.

Other high points of news discussed by the secretary following his meeting with the President.

1. His talks with President Syngman Rhee of South Korea ended on a note of "complete agreement and cordiality."

2. He wanted to emphasize a portion of his communique with Rhee stating that there were no secret agreements reached in their talks. "The whole world knows what we talked about and what we agreed to do."

Treaty Action Coming
3. He emphasized that Rhee had assured him that until a mutual defense pact between this country and South Korea can be expected to come into effect, the South Korean forces will remain under the United Nations command and abide by the armistice.

Dulles said the treaty would be submitted to Congress for ratification in January and he hoped it would come up for action in February.

4. Out of the talks with Premier Yoshida of Japan, came the announced conclusion by Dulles that Japan should be given a role of greater responsibility in her own area.

Malenkov Speech Not Studied
5. He had not had an opportunity to study the recent speech by Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov and that he had seen only meager accounts of the address in which the Russian leader claimed that the United States had no monopoly on the hydrogen bomb.

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Beria, Ousted by Soviets, Referred for Prosecution
Moscow — (U.P.) — The Supreme Council of the Soviet Union has turned over the case of Lavrenti Beria, ousted minister of internal security, to the Supreme Court for prosecution, it was announced today.

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The order ratified the Presidium's action in stripping Beria of his post on the Supreme Council and Council of Ministers and his position as minister of internal affairs.

It also removed all his titles and decorations and specified that the dossier of his activities be transmitted to the Supreme Tribunal of the U.S.S.R.

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