

Premier of Iran in Control After Revolt Try

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Communists Accused of Building Strong Air Force in North Korea

American Converts Purged by Chinese, Repatriate Reports

Cartoonist Sentenced For Changing Belief

Inchon, Korea—(U.P.)—Chinese Communists purged an American artist who had drawn caricatures of former President Truman and Gen. Douglas MacArthur for Red leaflets and then repatriated him, a Georgia newspaper reported today.

Another convert to Communism was shipped to a Red labor camp when he fell into disfavor.

These purges of Americans who tried to change their politics were revealed by Pfc. William M. Balkcom, 24, Lindale, Ga.

"One guy drew cartoons for propaganda leaflets," Balkcom said. "He drew John Foster Dulles with fangs and dollar signs for eyes. He drew the same kind of pictures of Truman and MacArthur."

Made Fatal Mistake

Balkcom said the artist made the fatal mistake of seeing the error of his ways.

"He changed his mind about Communism and tried to become a reactionary," Balkcom said. "The Chinese put him in a building with the windows and doors broken. It was December or January and below zero."

"He must have gone crazy in there. He ripped off his padded uniform and lay there stark naked."

"We didn't feel sorry for him, because we still held a lot of things against him. But one guy tried to slip him an overcoat, but the guard stopped him."

Two days later the artist was sent to jail and never was seen again.

"There was another guy, a real progressive," Balkcom said. "He spent a lot of time in regimental headquarters. He wrote a lot of peace appeals."

But Balkcom said the Reds purged him.

"He disappeared from camp in March or April, 1952," Balkcom said. "Last June some men coming from the labor camp told us he was there serving out his time."

City Opens Bids on Five Street Paving Projects

Bids for city street paving were opened at 10 a.m. today in the council chambers of the city hall.

Five streets are involved, J st. from 12th to Monroe sts.; West Jackson from McAndrews rd. to Columbus ave.; Western drive from Barneburg rd. to Grove land ave.; Elm st. from West Main to West 10th sts.; and West Eighth st. from Laurel to King sts.

'Element X' Just Table Salt, County's Cloudseeds Reveal

Sodium Chloride—common table salt—is the "Element X" used by Jackson County's cloud-seeding pilots, it was revealed this week end.

The pilots, Harvey Brandau and Gene Kooser, in making known what their "goop" is, confirmed the conjectures of some and surprised others who had suspected all sorts of virulent chemicals were used.

Use Two Methods

The salt is applied to the clouds by two methods, and in various combinations, according to the fliers. One way is simply to pour the solid salt crystals into the air at various levels on the cumulus hill-bearing clouds; the other is to transform it into minute crystals which serve as nucleating agents for moisture in the clouds. This is done by putting a salt solution through hot exhaust gases.

The fliers say that knowing when, where and how to apply their material is as important as the material itself. They have developed their techniques over the five-year period when they have been flying for the Rogue River Valley Traffic association.

Objective Hail Prevention

Their sole objective in the Traffic association project, as they have stated many times, is to prevent the formation of hail which in the past has caused heavy damage to the valley's pear crop. They make no claims that they either increase or decrease the amount of rainfall, and weather bureau figures over a period of years, compared to the time they have been working here, appear to bear out their statements.

Their operations, nevertheless, have been the subject of heated controversy in the rain-conscious valley, and probably will continue to be. Many "dry land" farmers still believe they decrease rainfall, and some pear growers contend their operations do not always stop hail and in some cases could actually cause it to form.

However, the fliers' employers, the pear packers who have the most to lose, are convinced that the pilots' work has saved the valley many millions of dollars, and they

Returning Americans Describe Airplanes

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—Returning American war prisoners accused the Communists today of building a strong new air force in North Korea in violation of the armistice agreement.

The information that the Reds were using the truce to strengthen their aerial punch was offered after 73 more Americans went through "Freedom Gate" as "Operation Big Switch" neared the halfway mark.

The freed prisoners said they saw new, twin-engine, swept wing jet bombers put on a show over the North Korean capital of Pyongyang after the armistice had been signed.

Mrs. Porter Neff, Prominent Medford Civic Leader, Dies

Mrs. Porter J. Neff, 227 North Berkeley way, one of the city's best known and most active civic and cultural leaders, died yesterday in a Medford hospital.

Mrs. Neff, 82 years of age, had been in failing health for the past few years.

Services Wednesday

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, in Conger-Morris Funeral home, with the Rev. George R. V. Bolster of St. Mark's Episcopal church officiating. Cremation will follow.

Survivors include her husband and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Humphrey of Mt. View, Calif., and Mrs. Richard Horgan, Minneapolis, Minn., as well as a number of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Humphrey is expected in Medford for the services. A son, John, died at the age of 17.

Born Isabel Mealey in Minneapolis, Minn., June 3, 1871, Mrs. Neff was married to Porter J. Neff Oct. 17, 1895. She had lived in Medford since 1908.

In Many Organizations

Mrs. Neff's widespread civic and cultural activities included many of the valley's organizations, institutions and movements. She was a charter member of the board of Girls Community club and for 20 years did all the club's buying. For many years Mrs. Neff was a member of the board of Community hospital, and upon her active retirement was made an honorary member.

Her interests included the Oregon Shakespearean festival association. She was a member of the first board of directors of the association, and continued her support throughout the years. Mrs. Neff was also an early-day member of the Medford Library board, and is credited with much work for the advancement of the library's interests throughout the years. She had served on boards and committees for the Girl Scout movement, and had been made a life

Knowland Cites 'Moral Climate' In Government

GOP Achievements Recalled by Senator

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said today an improved "moral climate" in government was perhaps the greatest achievement of the GOP during its first seven months in power.

He reviewed and defended the GOP record in a lengthy statement published today in the Congressional Record.

Achievements Told

"In a little more than seven months," he said, "the Republican administration ended the fighting in Korea, reversed the 20 year trend toward centralization of power in the federal government, abolished unnecessary economic controls, cut nearly \$13,000,000,000 from the Truman 1954 budget estimates and justified the people's confidence by restoring honesty in government."

Then Knowland added that "perhaps the greatest change in seven months of Republican control lies in the moral climate of government."

Integrity Being Restored

"There is no room in the Republican administration for influence peddling, secrecy or corruption," he said. "The integrity of the career civil service is being restored."

"Security is now better safeguarded. Tax loopholes are closed. Law enforcement is firm and impartial. Influence and favoritism no longer tip the scales of justice for poker playing cronies."

Knowland said the GOP has provided "honest government, better government and cheaper government than the nation has had in many years."

Of Korea, Knowland said the administration "moved vigorously" to end a war which had cost many lives and caused a heavy drain on the resources of this country.

Entries Coming In For 4-H, FFA Fair

More than 50 entries have been received for the home economics division of the Jackson County 4-H and FFA club fair, which opens August 19, it was announced today by the county agent's office.

The fair is scheduled to continue through August 22 at the Jackson County fairgrounds, with an auction sale scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The deadline for livestock entries is 9 p.m. Tuesday at the county agent's office in the county courthouse.

A style revue and special awards program is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, August 22.

Girl Loses Arm, Leg In Motorboat Mishap

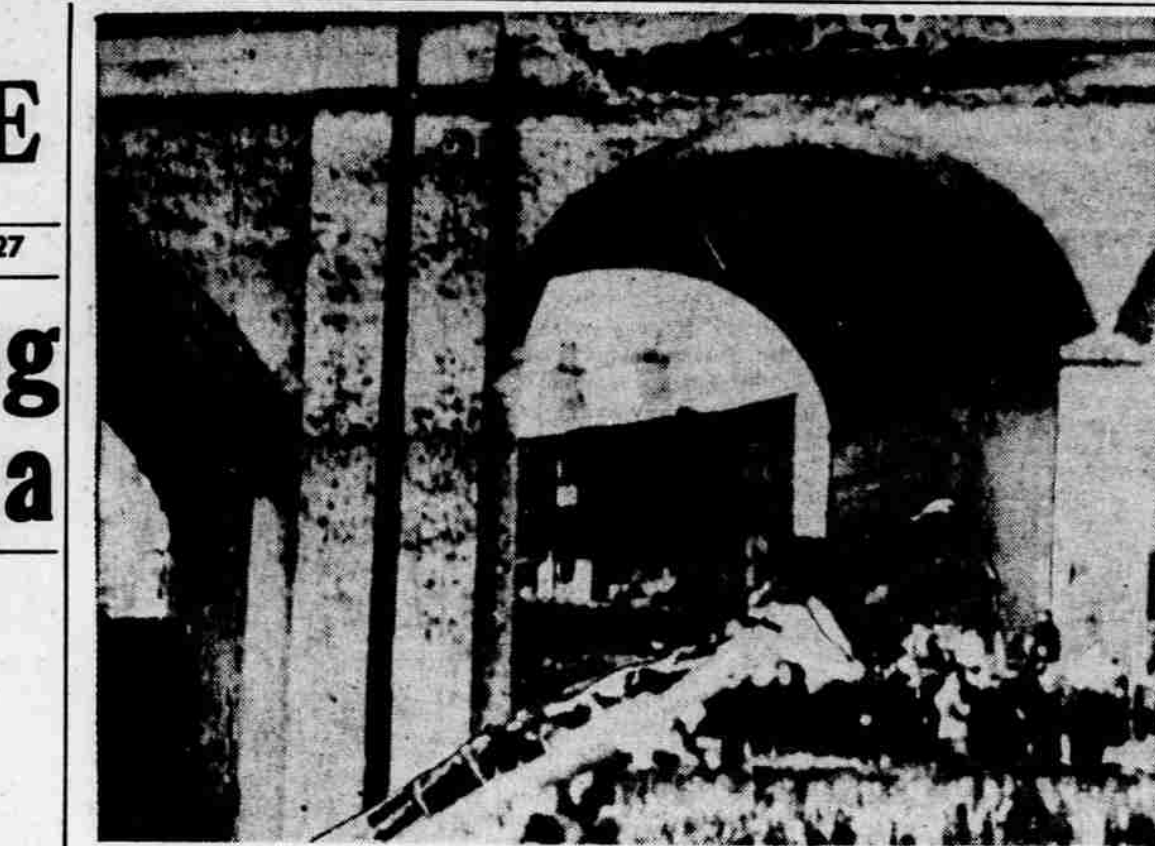
Lake Arrowhead, Calif.—(U.P.)—A pretty airline stewardess lay near death today after losing her left arm and left leg when she fell from a motorboat that was towing water skier Geary Steffan.

Steffan is the former husband of screen star Jane Powell.

Boni Buehler, 25-year-old Western Airline hostess, was hit by the speedboat's propeller yesterday. Her left arm was severed by the whirling blades. Her mangled left leg was amputated at the hip later at Santa Anita hospital here.

Dr. Jack Hill, who performed the operation, said her condition was "extremely critical."

Steffan helped keep the girl alive by breathing into her mouth while she was rushed to the hospital.



TEN DEAD IN BRITISH RAIL CRASH—Railroad coach lines in the Irk River in Manchester, England, following collision of two speeding trains on a high viaduct (background). At least 10 persons were killed and 50 injured when the coach crashed through a two-foot-thick wall and plunged 90 feet into the river.

RUSSIA TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO FAR EAST POLITICAL CONFAB

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The Western powers go before the United Nations General Assembly today with an invitation to Russia to attend the forthcoming Far Eastern political conference.

The wording of the proposed invitations satisfied U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. that the Russians would agree to sit at the political conference on the "side" of the Communist aggressors in Korea.

The General Assembly was to meet today to set up the high level Far Eastern "peace" conference called for in the truce agreement signed at Panmunjom.

British Hope Realized

The 16 U.N. Allies whose troops fought in Korea agreed on the wording of the Russian invitation at a meeting yesterday. Lodge said afterwards the compromise met United States demands that Russia sit on the Communist side and "share responsibility and accountability for peace."

A British spokesman, however, said the invitation, which must be approved by the U.N. General Assembly, actually would produce what Britain had hoped for in the first place, a political conference of the "round table" variety without opposing "sides."

The significant wording in the conference resolution was that Russia should be invited "provided the other side desires it." Some observers felt Russia might reject the invitation because of its connotation that the Soviet Union shared the guilt of the Communist aggression.

Yreka Man Admits More Burglaries

William Henry Robinson, 40, of Yreka, Calif., now in the city jail on three burglary charges, has admitted 14 burglaries and attempted burglaries one as long ago as Dec. 12, 1951, city police said today.

The first in the series of robberies which Robinson admitted being involved in was the burglary of Short's East Side Pharmacy, Ashland, on Dec. 12, 1951.

Following this was a succession of burglaries, all in 1953, including Doctors Clinic, Medford; Medford high school; Savago Motors, Ashland; Valley Chevrolet, Ashland; Valley Cleaners, Medford; Larson May company, Medford; Busch Motor company, Ashland; Doctors Clinic a second time; Cal-Ore Machinery company, Medford; General Petroleum company, Medford; Mason Ehrman company and Crater Lake Motors, both Medford, and Savago Motors a second time.

Jackson and Siskiyou county sheriffs, Yreka city police and Oregon state police cooperated with Medford city police in Robinson's arrest.

Festival Attendance Record Reaches 902

Another attendance record fell Saturday night at the Oregon Shakespearean festival. A total of 902 persons saw Saturday's performance of "The Merchant of Venice," according to William Dawkins, executive secretary.

This broke the attendance record of 889 for the previous Saturday's showing of "Taming of the Shrew." The previous attendance record was 852 for the last performance of "Twelfth Night" in the 1951 season, Dawkins said.

"Henry VI" drew a good-sized and appreciative audience Sunday night, traditionally a poor theater night. Tonight's play is "Taming of the Shrew."

Los Altos, Calif.—(U.P.)—Capt. Frank A. Johnson, master of the Matson liner Lurline, died today of a heart attack at his home here. He was 62.

Shah Flees Nation After Followers Fail in Overthrow

Communists Support Mohammed Mossadegh

Tehran, Iran—(U.P.)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh took firm control of the nation today with the support of the Communists after smashing an attempt by followers of the Shah to overthrow him.

Police and troops fired in the air to disperse angry mobs demonstrating in Tehran against Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who fled the country, and against the United States for playing a behind the scenes role in the monarch's unsuccessful attempt to seize power.

Monarchy May Fall

The 33-year-old Shah and his beautiful wife, Empress Soraya, fled to neighboring Iraq yesterday in his personal plane after the Mossadegh government put down the revolt by the monarch's imperial guards Saturday night.

The Shah did not abdicate. But Mossadegh met with his cabinet to decide whether to proclaim Iran a republic or retain the monarchy under a regency council.

Mossadegh, nearly 80, was expected to tell the nation the shah was incompetent to reign and demand a verdict from the people.

Observers said it is certain Mossadegh would be the public's choice for first president of Iran.

U.S. Offices Closed

American Point Four establishments were closed in fear of possible attacks on them by demonstrators.

Mossadegh was reported considering an order to put an end to all U.S. activities in Iran short of severing diplomatic relations. The general belief was at least all Point Four aid activities would be closed down permanently.

Copco Rate Hearing To Open Tomorrow

Hearings will open at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium on a California Oregon Power company proposal that the firm's electric rates be increased.

Copco has applied for increases raising its rates an average of about 20 per cent in Oregon to bring in an estimated \$2,349,000 a year. David Don, Public Utilities Commission chief engineer, will preside at the hearing.

Charles H. Heltzel, Public Utilities commissioner, has predicted that Copco probably will conclude its "case in chief" in one day. Then the hearings would be recessed "in the public interest" to give PUC officials and others time to study all the company's evidence.

The Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association and the Rogue River Valley Traffic association have joined a move spearheaded by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce to employ Attorney Walter Evans to act as intervenor for them in the hearings.

Medford Schools Set To Open September 14

Medford's four elementary schools and junior high school will open Sept. 14, it was announced today.

Senior high school will open one week later on Sept. 21 because of the need for student workers in local orchards. This year's crop is about two weeks later than usual.

Arrangements are being completed for registration of students new to the Medford district and will be announced later.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Low tonight 54. High Tuesday 85.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	53

Eight K. Falls Business Houses Gutted by Flames

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Fire of undetermined origin gutted a square block of downtown buildings here early yesterday, causing damage estimated by Fire Chief Roy Crowe at \$75,000.

Eight business houses in the old frame structure area were reported total losses.

Truck Driver Injured

A truck driver, Harmon Cress, 21, was injured when he fell 25 feet from the roof of one of the flaming buildings. Witnesses said the accident occurred while he was manning a high pressure hose. He was treated for possible internal injuries and multiple cuts and bruises.

Bandon—(U.P.)—Cranberry farmers in the Bandon area expect to harvest the largest crop in the history of the area this year.