

McCarthy and Watkins Exc'ge Accusations

Ike Views Escort Need For Planes

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today the United States should provide fighter escorts to protect American military planes on proper missions near risky areas.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference that he personally approved the stiff American protest to Moscow on the shooting down of an American B29 off Northern Japan by two Russian fighter planes.

He said the United States believes the plane had a right to fly in the area.

Calm Attitude Shown
Asked about fighter escorts, Mr. Eisenhower said that when they are necessary and when American planes are where they have a right to go then we should use fighter escorts.

The President's attitude on the latest plane incident in which 10 American airmen survived and one died was very calm.

The President said there was a dispute between Russia and the United States over the area where the plane was attacked.

The plane was on a mapping mission over the northernmost Japanese island of Hokkaido. The plane was near Hanasaki peninsula. The Russians occupy the Hoabomai island group which is only three miles from the tip of the peninsula and is in the southern end of the Kurile island chain.

Russia Conciliatory
Mr. Eisenhower said a wartime agreement gave the Kurile islands to Russia, but did not definitely define the Hoabomai island group.

The President also said the general Soviet attitude on this incident seems to be more conciliatory than in some other instances in the past. He indicated that the Russians may have sent a new note. Russia's first note said the B29 opened fire first.

Other news conference remarks:
1. He said he was not going to say that Charles E. Bohlen, U. S. ambassador to Moscow, was wrong for attending a Soviet reception just after he had received preliminary reports

Vets' Breakfasts, Parade, Scheduled During Holiday

Two breakfasts for veterans and a parade at 11 a.m. will be the principal observances of Veterans day tomorrow.

The day, designated by congress last year in place of Armistice day and proclaimed as a legal holiday, is in honor of veterans of all wars in which America has participated.

The American Legion is sponsoring a breakfast at its club for all veterans, Legionnaires or not, from 8 to 10 a.m. The other breakfast for veterans, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars club, also will start at 8 a.m.

Most Medford merchants plan to open their stores tomorrow, except during the parade, which will start at 11 and be over by about 11:30 a.m. All federal, state, city and county offices, barbershops, both banks and the schools will be closed. The Mail Tribune will publish an early edition.

Parade marchers are asked to assemble on Main st. between Holly st. and Oakdale ave. at 10:30 a.m. Participating will be veterans organizations, Scouts and others. The parade will go east on Main st., north on Bartlett and west on Sixth to Holly, where it will disband.

Viet Minh Rush To Cut Off Fleeing Religious Refugees

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Sunday evening about the plane incident. The President said Bohlen got the bare news of the incident 30 minutes before the reception and he had to make up his mind on the spur of the moment.

2. He denied reports that the United States had ordered Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to bar Nationalist attacks on the Chinese mainland. He said the United States does not give orders to its partners.

Meanwhile, military sources indicated U. S. reconnaissance flights will continue to operate off Communist Asia's borders and will be quick on the trigger if jumped again by Russian jets.

Milk Prices Here Generally Down At Retail Level

Whole milk prices at the retail store level appeared to have dropped generally in Medford today, with wholesale reductions by the two major dairies. Whole milk was down by one cent and non-fat by two cents.

Jorgensen's dairy reported that it had dropped its wholesale prices. Retail outlets in general were passing the reduction on to the consumer.

John Snider of Snider's dairy stated today that Snider's prices "will be consistent with the prices of other dairies and it is our endeavor to maintain a price structure equitable for both the dairy farmers and consumers."

Plan Reduction
Les Gilman of Gilman's dairy, whose business is confined to retail route sales, announced that his firm is working out a scale reduction plan based on the amount of consumption. It will be announced within a few days.

William Auel, manager of the Milk Producers league, was in Klamath Falls today and unavailable for comment.

The Groceteria Super Food market joined those reducing retail prices yesterday afternoon, according to Manager Melvin Hall.

Medford Safeway stores reported this morning that there has been no change as yet in their milk prices.

La Grande — (U.P.) — The price of milk in Union county dropped from 22 to 21 cents a quart at retail outlets today.

Home delivered prices also were reduced to 22 cents from one to 30 quarts per month; 21½ cents for 31 to 60 quarts, and 21 cents for 61 quarts and above.

Irrigation Districts Name New Directors

Leonard Freeman was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district in an election yesterday. In another election, Albert E. Huebner was named to the board of the Medford district.

No election was necessary in the Talent district, for the incumbent and nominee for reelection, Henry Owen, had no opposition for the post.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 371.88 up 0.81; 20 railroads 124.95 up 0.94. 15 utilities 60.31 up 0.45, and 65 stocks 136.57, up 0.64. Sales today were about 3,070,000 shares, compared with 3,240,000 shares traded yesterday.

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SPECTACULAR FIRE RAZES MILL

Work by Firemen Credited; Other Buildings Saved

L. E. Edmonds Unsure Of Rebuilding Plans

The L. E. Edmonds Lumber company sawmill on the south Pacific highway burned to the ground last night in one of the most spectacular blazes in the valley in years.

There was no firm estimate this morning of the amount of damage done, but Owner L. E. Edmonds said a "good guess" would be somewhere between \$250,000 and \$300,000. About 50 mill employees and 20 men working for the company in the woods were thrown out of their jobs by the fire.

Spectators Attracted

The blaze, which was visible for miles, attracted swarms of spectators who hampered firemen in getting to the scene of the fire, and kept state police and sheriff's officers busy keeping the traffic moving. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of cars converged on the area.

Edmonds and other witnesses said the job of firefighting done by the Medford and Central Point Rural fire departments was "superb." The fire, which was blazing throughout the entire mill structure when firemen arrived, was prevented from spreading, and the mill's green chain, office buildings, lumber piles and log deck were saved.

Five Trucks Used
Nearby Bear Creek Orchard packing houses and warehouses would have been threatened by the flames if they had not been rapidly "surrounded" by the 21 Medford and 15 Central Point firemen, who used five pieces of equipment.

The Central Point rural firemen, all of them volunteers, responded to the alarm under the mutual aid agreement, and were escorted through Medford by city police. Standby protection for their district was provided by the Central Point department. Had it been necessary, Ashland could have been called upon for aid, also.

First alarm was given at 6:50 p.m. by a city police car driver, who saw the glow south of town, and within seconds after that, 15 other alarms had been called in. Cause of the fire is unknown, but Fire Chief Gordon Barker said today that it probably was a spark from the mill burner which stood nearby. The wind was in the right direction, he said.

Firemen Delayed

Off-duty firemen who were called to the blaze had considerable difficulty getting there because of the heavy traffic, which also hampered the trucks arriving later. Both the highway and other roads in the area were jammed with the cars of spectators.

Edmonds was conferring today with an insurance adjuster, to prepare estimates of the loss and to see how much of it will be covered by insurance. He said he does not yet know whether he will be able to rebuild and resume operations. Office equipment, which was moved last night to Bear Creek, was being replaced this morning.

Building Burns

Firemen also responded to an alarm at 2417 Springbrook rd. at 4:48 a.m. today, where a large chicken dressing building on the Wayne Higginbotham farm burned to the ground. The alarm was not given until the fire was well advanced, firemen said. Another building on the same foundation burned three years ago. Cause was thought to have been faulty wiring.

A fire reported by James M. Anders, 57, Quince st., at 6:20 p.m., was extinguished by Anders before firemen arrived. It was caused by a leak in a gas pipe connection. Little damage was reported.

Salem — (U.P.) — This week is Optimist Week in Oregon, so designated by Gov. Paul L. Patterson.



SPECTACULAR MILL BLAZE—Shown above is the L. E. Edmonds Lumber company mill, near Bear Creek orchards on the South Pacific Highway, during the early stages of the fire which last evening burned the mill to the ground. The millpond is in the foreground, and to the right are lumber piles and other buildings which were saved by firemen of the Central Point and Medford fire department.



FIREMAN BATTLES BLAZE—A fireman in the foreground is shown fighting the fire which last night destroyed the Edmonds sawmill. The fire in the picture above is in the later stages, after firemen succeeded in saving nearby buildings and lumber piles, and concentrated in putting out the mill blaze. Central Point and Medford firemen drew high praise for their work, although some were delayed in their arrival on the scene by heavy traffic caused by spectators.

Two Women Killed in Crash Near Ashland

Two women were fatally injured in a two-car collision on Highway 99 about seven miles south of Ashland at about 10:20 p.m. yesterday.

The dead are Mrs. Ardith Offill, 42, of 1246 Northeast Seventh st., Grants Pass, wife of one of the drivers, and Anna Katherine Person, 44, of 54 Westbound st., Astoria, a passenger in the other car.

Lights Went Out

The investigating state police officer said that a coach driven by John Vincent McKivergan, 46, of the same Astoria address, was driving south towing a two-wheel trailer when it passed a truck and trailer. As it did so, the driver apparently blinked his lights. He either left them off or they went out, witnesses said.

While he was in the passing lane, the other car, a station wagon driven by Glen Mason Offill, 47, of the Grants Pass address, came from the other direction, and the two cars crashed head-on.

Taken To Hospital

Those involved were taken to Ashland General hospital. Injured were Offill who suffered a broken jaw and left arm, lost a number of teeth, and had bad cuts and bruises; McKivergan, who had bad bruises on his legs, loosened teeth, and cuts, and two passengers in the Offill car, Barbara Helen Offill, 17, bad bruises, and Roberta Singer, 28, of 1889 East N. st., Grants Pass.

CANVASS DUE FRIDAY

County Clerk Bereth Hopkins reported today that the official canvass of Jackson county's vote should be completed by Friday. Deputy clerks are working now to speed up the counting in an effort to obtain the official count as soon as possible.

Postal Pay Raise Supporters Revising Campaign Strategy

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Federal employee and postal worker representatives are revising their strategy for making another drive on Capitol Hill for a pay raise during the forthcoming 84th Congress.

The outlook is regarded as anything but clear, as they survey the results of the Nov. 2 election.

The pay raise legislation that won shouting approval in the last hours of the 83rd Congress was killed by a pocket veto administered by President Eisenhower. Since the lawmakers had adjourned for the year, they had no opportunity to attempt to muster the two-thirds vote by which a veto can be overridden.

Here are factors that loom largest in the outlook for pay bills:

There is expected to be heavy turnover in the membership of both House and Senate Civil Service committees, for generally speaking this is an assignment of lesser rank which usually goes to newcomers to Congress. When openings occur on other committees of higher rank, they usually seek a transfer. The makeup of the new committees and the attitudes of the new members could largely determine the chances of positive action on bills to increase wages and classified and postal employees.

2. While the rank and file membership is still in doubt, the new House chairman is expected to be Rep. Tom Murray (D-Tenn), of whom one authoritative observer said: "He won't be in a hurry to have the committee act on a pay raise bill for either postal or classified employees."

Murray supported the 5 percent pay boost proposal in the last session on the basis of his belief that it was justified by living cost increases since the last pay raise of 1951. But he is also firm in agreement with the Eisenhower administration in thinking that postal rates should be jacked up to offset the increased cost of salary rates in the postal service. Failure of Congress to increase postal rates was one of the reasons cited by the President for his recent veto.

3. If the price of approval of a pay boost is to raise the charge for postage stamps from 3 cents to 4 cents for first class and from 6 cents to 7 cents for air mail, as has been suggested, no one knows what to expect from the 84th Congress.

Politically speaking, this kind of package isn't very attractive to most members of Congress who don't have a large government installation in their areas, for while satisfying a relatively small number of constituents with the pay raise they would be voting for higher postal rates.

Portland — (U.P.) — The board of directors of the Press Club of Oregon has announced suspension of operations of the club at its present location.

Weather

FORECAST: Thickening clouds this evening with occasional light rain beginning about midnight. Showers Thursday. Warmer tonight. Low tonight 42. High Thursday 55. Temp. Highest Yesterday 56. Lowest this Morning 27. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace.

Failure To Uphold Oath Charged To Wisconsin Solon

Watkins Said Guilty Of Misstating Facts

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), accused Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy today of failing to uphold his oath of office.

The Wisconsin Republican accused Watkins of "misstating facts."

Thus began, in anger and heat, the Senate's historic debate of a resolution to censure McCarthy on two counts, contempt of a Senate subcommittee and abuse of an Army general.

Watkins, chairman of a special six-man committee which unanimously recommended that the Senate reprimand McCarthy, had introduced the formal resolution of censure yesterday. McCarthy had released in advance of delivery a speech accusing the committee of making itself the "unwitting handmaiden" of the Communist party.

Yields For Question

Today Watkins, in a prepared speech, said the committee would leave it up to the Senate whether to accept its recommendations. But he said the committee's findings were based "for the most part upon uncontroverted evidence."

At the end of his speech, Watkins yielded for a McCarthy question and the battle was on.

McCarthy hammered away at Watkins' conduct of the hearings from which came the censure recommendations. He concentrated at the outset on the Watkins committee's criticism of his conduct toward a 1951-52 Senate Elections Subcommittee headed by Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D-Iowa), which investigated McCarthy's finances.

Watkins Flares Up

Watkins told McCarthy the Censure Committee felt he "should have cooperated" with the Gillette group and "that you could not fulfill your oath to defend the Constitution by damning the Gillette committee from the very first day."

The usually calm Watkins flared up at one point when McCarthy referred to aides of the Censure Committee as "prosecuting attorneys."

"Just a minute, Sir," snapped Watkins. "I yielded for a question. I did not yield for you to abuse the committee staff who cannot reply."

Sen. Herman Welker (R-Ia.), one of McCarthy's backers, broke in to ask Watkins if he thought the people of Wisconsin did not know McCarthy's record when they reelected him in 1952.

Questions Impartiality

Watkins said, "The people of Wisconsin apparently didn't have all the facts."

McCarthy questioned the impartiality of two members of the Censure Committee, Watkins and Sam J. Ervin Jr., (D-N.C.).

He charged that Watkins, after shaking hands with him early this year, told a newspaper columnist afterwards he hoped photographers had not taken a picture of the incident because "I'd never be able to explain it to newspapers in my state."

McCarthy identified the columnist as Constantine Brown of the Washington Star. He said the handshaking occurred in a Senate corridor during the Army-McCarthy hearings.

Says Committee Fair

"I don't recall any such incident... any statement of that kind," Watkins said. A moment later he flatly denied that he had made such a statement to Brown.

Watkins told McCarthy that "despite all your charges" he had never served with a committee that had been "more fair" than the one that recommended his censure.

President To Dedicate Additions at Museum

Washington — (U.P.) — President and Mrs. Eisenhower made a pilgrimage today to the chief executive's boyhood home at Abilene, Kan.

At Abilene, the President will dedicate new additions to a museum housing trophies and souvenirs of his military and political career.

Grange Master Asks Price Reassessment

Spartanburg, S.C. — (U.P.) — National Grange Master Herschel D. Newsom today asked his organization to renege its two-price plan for wheat and said any "flexing" downward in prices "is unacceptable to us."

Medford Stores Will Be Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight