

Earth Temblors Jolt California and Nevada; Russia Warns France on German Agreement

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New Company Tells Plans For Half-Million Dollar Ply Mill

Officers of Firm In Grants Pass Form New Concern

3,000,000 Feet Monthly Output Seen

Plans for a new rough plywood mill near Medford, to cost more than half-million dollars, were announced today.

Officials of the Southern Oregon Plywood company at Grants Pass are quitting that firm and have organized their own company, Fir-Ply, Inc., to build an operate the mill.

Articles of incorporation for the new company were filed with the state corporation commissioner in Salem this week, listing initial capitalization at \$250,000. Signing the articles were Ernest A. Clark, Arthur W. Mickelson, Robert W. Van Duker and Roy E. Henry.

Name Officers

Carl Jacobson, now general manager of the SOPO, was elected president of the company at an organizational meeting in Medford this week, and he also will be general manager of the new concern. Clark will be vice-president and production manager. He has been production head of the Grants Pass company.

Van Duker, office manager for SOPO, will be secretary-treasurer and office manager of the new company, and Mickelson and Henry will be on the board of directors, with Henry in charge of the logging department and Mickelson chief engineer, positions they now hold with SOPO.

Frank Farrell, Medford attorney, is serving as counsel for the new company.

Van Duker reported that construction costs will total about \$1,000,000.

To Employ 100 Men
The mill, he said, production will begin at a rate of 3,000,000 feet per month of three by eight ply boards. Three shifts with a total of 100 to 110 men are planned, Van Duker said.

He estimated the annual payroll at about a half-million dollars, and said the firm will buy about a half-million dollars worth of logs each year.

The mill will produce a rough, construction grade of plywood, unsanded. Sales will be handled through a sales company yet to be organized.

It is hoped construction on the mill can start shortly after Jan. 1, Van Duker said. The job may be contracted, or the company may handle the construction itself, he said. He estimated that production can begin by April or May of next year. Machinery is already on order for 90-day delivery, and he said it should start arriving soon.

Quitting SOPO
The participants in the new firm are all severing their connections with the Southern Oregon Plywood company, and all



TO HEAD MOD — Thomas J. Reeder, above, local attorney, today was named Medford chairman of the March of Dimes campaign to raise funds to combat infantile paralysis. The new chairman, who came here in April from Salem, asked that anyone interested in serving on committees during January contact him by telephone at either 3-3936 or 3-4739 or at his office at 216 East Main st.

Court Lists Load Limits, Stop Signs

The Jackson county court has ordered reduced load limits on four county roads and a county bridge and has designated four other county roads as "through roads."

A load limit of 11,000 pounds on a single axle and 20,000 pounds on a dual axle has been ordered for the entire length of Medford-Climax rd., Crowfoot rd. from Butte Falls rd. to Laurelhurst rd., and portions of Wagner Creek rd. and Antelope rd. All have been posted.

A five-ton limit has been placed on County Bridge No. 43, on Cove rd. over Frog creek. Designated as through roads are Table Rock rd. from Highway 99 Sams Valley state secondary highway, Old Stage rd. from Jacksonville to Highway 99 near Voorhies crossing, and Crater Lake ave. from the Medford city limits to the new Crater Lake highway. Stop signs are to be posted on all intersecting roads.

will move their families here. Van Duker already has established his residence at 30 Hawthorne st.

The mill site has not been definitely determined, but will be somewhere in the Camp White area. All that remains to be arranged is the exact location and the supply of water, Van Duker explained.

Knowland Sees Red Move To Grab More of Free World

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Sen. William F. Knowland predicts the Communist bloc will act to seize more of the free world in the next two years "unless we give a display of strength."

The California Republican told the American Bureau of Medical Aid for Free China last night that the Communist powers "will try something new" if there is a power vacuum or an indication of weakness by the free nations.

Pressure Predicted

Knowland also predicted there will be "a great hue and cry" next year for the admission of Red China to the United Nations, but did not qualify the reason for his belief.

"As long as I have a vote in the Senate, I shall oppose it," the Senate majority leader declared. In a somewhat modified opin-

Safe Driving Day Declared Success Despite 51 Dead

Savings in Lives Said 10-15 Per Cent

By UNITED PRESS
Safety officials said today that S-D Day was a success even though 51 persons died in traffic accidents during the 24 hours ending at midnight.

In addition to the 51 persons who were killed instantly, several persons died today of injuries suffered in S-D Day accidents. Their deaths were not

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon had a record of 12 injuries, most of them minor, no deaths, and 78 accidents on national S-D Day yesterday, Cliff Mudd, in charge of the state communications center here, said today.

added to the total, however, so figures would be kept comparative with previous counts. Another 1135 persons suffered injuries in 3573 accidents on the day. President Eisenhower had hoped would pass without a single death, injury or accident in traffic.

Those figures compared with 60 killed and 1807 injured on a comparable traffic day a year ago today. A special United Press "test" tabulation last Wednesday showed 67 persons killed.

Rear Adm. H. B. Miller, director of the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, said "S-D Day did precisely what it was intended to do."

Projecting the reduction in deaths and injuries on S-D Day for the entire year, he said, showed that 6000 persons killed in traffic during 1954 would still be alive if motorists and pedestrians had used the same caution they did yesterday.

The savings in lives yesterday was estimated at 10 to 15 per cent.

Indiana had the worst record for the day with five dead. New Mexico was next with four in a single accident.

Counting three deaths each were California, Florida, Illinois, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Texas. Two each were reported by Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Washington. States reporting one death each were Georgia, Iowa, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Jackson county made a creditable, though not entirely unblemished traffic safety record during S-D day yesterday, police authorities said today.

There were no deaths and no injuries reported. Police records listed three accidents, all within the city limits of Medford, and all of a minor nature. Only one, reported yesterday, was investigated by officers. The other two were minor "fender-bumping" incidents.

According to records in the sheriff's office, six accidents were reported in Jackson county on the same day last year.

A total of 14 accidents were reported in the seven counties under the jurisdiction of the Medford state police. No deaths and no injuries resulted from any of them. Only one of the seven counties with a perfect record was Lake county. There was one accident each in Klamath, Coos and Curry counties; two in Josephine, three in Jackson and six in Douglas.

Invite Blackmail
"Every time you show weakness," Knowland said, "you invite international blackmail from the Communists. Wherever we've stood up to them, they've backed down."

He branded as "international blackmail" a possible deal under which the Chinese Reds would trade the American prisoners for 35 Chinese students in this country.

Weather

FORECAST: Foggy tonight and Friday. Partial clearing Friday afternoon. Cold again tonight. Low tonight 38. High Friday 42. Temp. Highest Yesterday 46. Lowest this Morning 34.

Next Move in Deal To Release Airmen Said Up To China

U. S. Not Planning To Take Initiative

Washington—(U.P.)—American officials said today it is up to Red China to make the next move in any deal to swap Americans held in China for Chinese students held here.

They said this country does not intend to take the initiative even though the State department indicated Wednesday that it might be receptive to a trade.

The hope is that world opinion will prod Peiping into making a formal offer. Diplomats at the United Nations said Wednesday night they believe Red China is in fact drafting a price for release of the Americans.

In their opinion, this will call, among other things, for release of 35 Chinese students denied permission to leave this country and a U. S. agreement to hold some kind of East-West conference on the Far East.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland, meanwhile, sounded his opposition to any trade. He told newsmen in Los Angeles late yesterday that this would be nothing short of "international blackmail."

He praised the UN effort to free the Americans. But if this fails, he said, he will again recommend that the United States clamp a naval blockade and economic sanctions on Red China.

These proposals recently brought Knowland into conflict with President Eisenhower. But he said America must take all necessary steps to free its citizens in China even if it means using stern measures and "going it alone."

Red China has admitted holding 87 U. S. civilians and military men, including 11 airmen recently sentenced to long prison terms. There could be others who haven't been reported.

Blood Collection Highly Successful

The most successful blood collection program in recent months was conducted here yesterday, when 297 pints were collected.

A quota of 300 donors had been sought, program workers explained, but 329 people visited the bloodmobile unit at the Elks temple. Of the total, 32 were rejected for various reasons.

Of the total, 102 were "drop-ins" donors, it was reported. Thirty-seven persons who had made appointments failed to keep them, which was said to be an unusually high number, and which tends to disrupt the orderly processing of blood donors.

Coffee and doughnuts were served to blood donors by the Junior Service League, and other usual volunteer help assisted during the blood collection hours of 1 to 6 p.m.

Diamond Lake Roads Closed for Winter

Both east and west entrances to Diamond lake were closed for the winter by snow yesterday afternoon, according to reports made to the Medford state police office.

Other southern Oregon mountain highway routes were open to drivers, but police cautioned that many of them have icy spots where the roadways are shaded.

Roads in Crater Lake National park are closed, except the principal entrances to Annie Springs, and from there to the rim.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 393.14 up 4.22; 20 railroads 140.20 up 3.40; 15 utilities 61.65 up 0.39 and 65 stocks 145.93 up 1.93. Sales today were about 3,390,000 shares, compared with 2,740,000 shares traded yesterday.

Note To French Envoy Threatens Friendship Treaty

Opposition To Pact Reiterated by Soviets

Moscow—(U.P.)—The Soviet government threatened today to abrogate its 1944 friendship treaty with France if France ratifies the London-Paris agreements for rearming West Germany.

The threat was made in a note handed by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov to French Ambassador Louis Joxe at the Foreign Ministry.

The note contained a lengthy reiteration of Soviet opposition to the Paris agreements and the rearmament of West Germany. It described German rearmament as directed against the Soviet Union and "other peace loving nations" of Europe.

"Under such circumstances," the note said, "the Soviet government considers it its duty to state that the act of ratification of the Paris agreements will nullify the Franco-Soviet treaty and the whole responsibility for this will fall on the French government."

Grave Threat Made

This threat was the grave major joint of the Soviet note.

It was the most definite move made thus far by Russia to disavow France from ratifying the Paris agreement which would place 500,000 Germans in uniform as a part of a new Western defense system.

Only last week Ambassador Joxe was present at a ceremony celebrating the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Soviet-French friendship pact.

Today's note said the policy of the French government, if it ratifies the rearmament agreements, "not only will fail to conform" to the Franco-Soviet treaty, "but will be directed against the Soviet Union and the other peace loving states."

The note was handed the French ambassador amid official and press attacks on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and British and American generals accused by Russia of preparing atomic war.

Soviet Marshal Gregory Zhukov bitterly attacked Churchill and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery for their "treachery" toward Russia at the end of World War II.

The Moscow press chimed in with proposals that Montgomery and U. S. Brig. Gen. John D. Stevenson, commander of the 49th Air Division stationed in Britain, be made candidates for war crimes trials.

Zhukov's attack on Churchill and Montgomery stemmed from Churchill's recent statement in a speech at Woodford, England, that he ordered Montgomery, at the end of World War II, to stack captured Nazi arms ready to be handed back to the defeated Germans if Russia advanced too far into Western Europe.

The Soviet press attacks on American and British generals were the first in which such men had been labelled "war criminals."

Medford Businesses To Be Open Evenings

Most downtown Medford businesses will remain open until 9 p.m. the first four days of Christmas week, according to the Retail Merchants association.

Stores have remained open for the evening hours on Wednesday throughout the fall, and in anticipation of the last-minute Christmas rush will stay open the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Friday, which is Christmas eve, stores will close at their regular times, and will remain closed through the long Christmas holiday, reopening Monday.



INVENTING PORTABLE RADAR to warn blind of obstacles in their path, Dr. Clifford M. Witcher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology scientist, blind since infancy, forecasts at Cambridge Mass., it will be on market in four years. (International)

Physicians' Service Files Incorporation; To Assume OPS Pacts

Articles of incorporation for the Rogue Valley Physicians' Service have been filed in the Josephine county clerk's office by three Grants Pass doctors, it was announced today. Medford will be the headquarters city for the new organization.

Among those listed as members of the initial board of directors are C. I. Drummond, Robert W. Sleeter, and R. C. Barnes, all of Medford; Harvey A. Woods, Ashland; Alvin Roberts, Central Point, and five Grants Pass men.

Formation of the new corporation followed a decision by members of the Jackson and Josephine county medical societies to withdraw from Oregon Physicians Service and to create a local insurance plan.

To Take Over Contracts

It was announced in Medford this morning that the local corporation will take over all locally held OPS contracts in the near future. Those interested in the new organization stressed that there will be no interruption of services rendered to the present OPS subscribers in the two counties, and there will be no loss of seniority to any subscriber.

Reserves, required by the state insurance commissioner for the protection of subscribers, which have been built up during the last 10 years, will be transferred to the local organization by OPS. Representatives of the board of directors of the local organization stated this morning that they believe they can offer more service per premium dollar under the local plan with no loss of the contract holders' rights to consult with specialists.

The articles of incorporation list the objectives of the organization as: To provide a cooperative organization which will provide services of doctors of medicine and surgery of Jackson and Josephine counties in furnishing medical, surgical, hospital, ambulance, dental and other service under contracts with employee groups, firms, individuals and families, or to the general public.

To service contracts for prepaid medical or hospital service.

To enter into agreements with federal, state, county or other political or municipal subdivisions for providing services of its members in any medical or hospital program which may be financed by revenue from taxation.

Policy Changes
In recent years, OPS has operated under a system of "pools" with Jackson and Josephine counties each being a local pool in the state OPS system. Recently, OPS adopted a policy of not recognizing separate pools, as of Dec. 31, 1954, according to representatives of the local organization.

As a result, the local physi-

cians voted to form their own insurance plan. Local subscribers will still have the services of specialists in Portland and Eugene, as well as those of other reciprocating doctors throughout the state.

Independent organizations of this type have been operating successfully in Eugene, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls, and Oregon City for the past 15 years, they pointed out.

Greek Students Burn Photograph Of Eisenhower

Athens, Greece—(U.P.)—Rioting Greek students, shouting anti-American slogans, today burned a picture of President Eisenhower, shattered a Statue of Liberty, smashed their way into a U. S. Information Service office and wrecked its film library.

The violent demonstrations, protesting American support of Britain's claim to the strategic island of Cyprus, erupted in Salonika and Katerini, Greece, and at Famagusta, on the island of Cyprus.

Offices Stormed

Mr. Eisenhower's picture was burned during a riot in the town of Katerini, near Salonika. More than 5,000 shouting, banner waving students stormed the U. S. I. S. offices at Salonika and wrecked the film library. They also shattered a replica of the Statue of Liberty amid jeers and shouts of anti-American slogans.

At Famagusta, 1400 students marched from their classrooms and paraded through the streets shouting "Down with America" and "Britain get out."

Police in Famagusta ringed the central square and prevented any violence.

Gastritis, Hernia Claimed Cause of Pope's Troubles

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Long delayed X-ray tests revealed today that Pope Pius XII is suffering from gastritis and a hernia of the diaphragm.

These tests showed that the Pope's long illness that almost proved fatal early this month was not a result of cancer, an ulcer, tumor or other grave ailment.

Injury Causes Hiccups
Gastritis is a chronic inflammation of the stomach lining. The diaphragm is the muscle separating the lungs from the abdomen. Injury to the diaphragm apparently has caused the Pope's 11-month siege of hiccups.

Msgr. Angelo Dellacqua, deputy pro-secretary of state of the Vatican, said the outcome of the X-ray examinations was "reassuring."

It was heartening news to a world which has been praying for the Pope's recovery that there was no grave ailment beyond curable ailments.

Thousands Roused From Sleep; Minor Damage Reported

Barren Nevada Desert Feels Heaviest Force

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Two rolling earthquakes shook California, Nevada and Utah early today, rousing thousands of persons from their sleep and causing minor damage.

Police and sheriff's offices reported the damage was limited for the most part to a few toppled chimneys, ceiling cracks and dishes tossed to the floor. The quakes touched off burglar alarms in one city.

The quakes hit with heaviest force in the barren Nevada desert along U. S. 50 in the Frenchman's Flat and Carroll Summit area 100 miles east of Reno and east of Fallon.

The Fallon section was hit by a series of sharp quakes earlier this year which caused more than \$1,000,000 worth of damage. The extensive Newlands Project irrigation system, heavily damaged earlier this year by quakes, escaped harm today.

The owner of a store at Frenchman Station reported the quakes toppled his large liquor stock, breaking scores of bottles and causing damage estimated at \$3000.

Highway 50 suffered severe damage in several places.

The Highway Department reported one 50-foot stretch each of Frenchman's Flat dropped about two and one-half feet. Traffic was being detoured around it.

The first shock was felt at 3:09 a.m. (PST) and the second about four minutes later. Both the quakes were long and rolling. Had they been sharp jolts, they could have caused widespread major damage.

In Lovelock, Nev., electric power was cut off to one section. However, no other damage was reported from there.

Sheriff George Wilkins of Fallon said the temblors were "about as strong" as those of last summer. However, he said the fact they were rolling spared the town the damage it suffered in the previous temblors.

The quakes were felt in San Francisco, the California valley towns of Sacramento, Yockton, Modesto, Visalia, Fresno and Bakersfield, in Los Angeles, in Nevada and as far east as Salt Lake City.

Residents of Portola, Calif., and Lovelock, Nev., said windows rattled in their homes.

The quakes were felt only slightly in the Los Angeles area, mostly in the central and southern sections of the city. Some beach areas did not even feel the temblors.

However, the sheriff's office in Bakersfield, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, reported the initial shock "was fairly severe" but caused no damage.

99 Persons Receive Chest-Rays Yesterday

A total of 99 persons received chest x-rays yesterday at the outpatient clinic held each Wednesday afternoon at Community hospital, according to Mrs. Dick Knight, Medford case finding chairman.

Mrs. Knight was in charge of volunteers manning the outpatient clinic. Other workers included Miss Helen Bullis, Mrs. Frank Tanney, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mrs. Chester Hubbard, and Mrs. Ray Frisbie. Bob Sutton was the technician on duty.

The clinic is conducted each Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the hospital. No appointments are necessary and the only charge is \$1.75 for film.

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