

LIKE ASKS GOOD WILL, HARMONY

Military Manpower Reductions Eased In Surprise Move

Stormy Inquiry Expected in Congress

Washington — (U.P.)—Military manpower cuts recently ordered by President Eisenhower have been eased in a surprise move that may save the Army 25,000 troops, it was disclosed today.

But the administration action was not expected to forestall a stormy inquiry into defense manpower slashes at the start of the new Democratic Congress. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (Wash.) added his voice today to the chorus of Democratic criticism, saying the cuts will lessen the nation's ability to fight "small wars" such as Korea.

Nor was it considered likely in defense circles that partial restoration of deep Army cuts would prevent Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of staff, from speaking his piece under congressional questioning. Ridgway, it was confirmed today, wrote a polite but extraordinary protest to Mr. Eisenhower about a week ago.

The President tipped off the break on manpower cuts Wednesday in a letter to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson. Unexpectedly, in light of contrary December announcements, Mr. Eisenhower called for a manpower goal of "about 3,000,000" in all the services by next June 30 and about 2,850,000 by mid-1956.

Defense officials said today those were the actual new goals, arrived at in new studies at the 11th hour before sending the new defense budget to Congress.

Morse May Accept Democrats' Offer

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse said today "there is a strong possibility I will enter the Democratic primary in 1956 as a Democratic candidate for the Senate."

Morse made the statement in a telegram to State Democratic Chairman Howard Morgan. It was a reply to a wire sent Morse by Morgan Sunday in which Morgan extended "a most cordial invitation" to run in 1956 as a Democrat.

Morse's wire today added, "we appreciate your wire in which you assure me I would be welcomed into the Democratic party in Oregon. As I have said on many occasions I think the leadership of the Democratic party in Oregon is fighting for a sound liberal program for our state and nation."

Shady Cove Cabinet Shop Ruined in Morning Fire

Shady Cove — The Henry Doak cabinet shop, located in the south end of town, was destroyed by fire at 2:30 o'clock this morning. Although the blaze had gained considerable headway, firemen were able to save the rear portion of the building which served as living quarters. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Volunteer fireman Kenneth Paulson suffered a minor injury when a nail punctured his ankle.

Fulbright Plans Study Of Rising Stock Market

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman J. William Fulbright of the Senate Banking Committee said today he plans a committee "study" to determine whether "brakes should be applied" to the zooming stock market.

New Telephone Books To Be Distributed Here Tomorrow

Delivery of the 1955 Medford telephone directory will begin tomorrow and approximately 17,000 books will be distributed, according to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Pear On Cover

The "Medford pear" has replaced the long familiar winged figure of the "Spirit of Communication" on the cover. The new picture of a plump ripe pear, superimposed on a line drawing of the Medford orchard country, is the main feature of the newly designed cover.

There is a nation-wide swing toward the use of pictures with local interest, according to Jack Creager, local telephone company manager. Salem's new di-

Grand Jury Indicts Pier

Cornell Slaying Suspect Accused Of Manslaughter

Held in Custody Since Nov. 30

Marion Franklin Piening, 50, of 425 South Grape st., has been indicted by the Jackson county grand jury on a manslaughter charge.

It involves the death on April 19, 1949, of Margaret Ann Cornell. Piening has been in custody since Nov. 30 of last year, when he was picked up and questioned extensively concerning the Cornell death, which had been unsolved for more than 5½ years.

Signed Confession
During questioning, Piening signed a full and detailed confession of the assault which led to the death of Mrs. Cornell. He voluntarily submitted to a lie detector test, which indicated the story he told was correct, according to local law enforcement officers.

District Attorney Walter Nunley said Piening's account of Mrs. Cornell's death was in accord with the known facts of the case, and could not have been known by anyone not familiar with what had happened. Piening was not held as a suspect at the time of Mrs. Cornell's death.

Jury Completes Business
The grand jury, which had been called into session Monday, completed its current business yesterday.

No indictment was returned against Lester Dale Livingston, 47, of 513 iKing st., who was the driver of a car which struck and fatally injured Kenneth Jones, 59, Jacksonville at a Medford crosswalk on New Year's day.

In other legal action here yesterday, two men, Russell Bruce Jackson, 32, Cave Junction, and Jesse David Carter, 24, of 440 Wightman st., Ashland, were taken to Salem by Deputy Sheriff Guy Hughes to start terms in Oregon state prison.

Jackson was sentenced to a three-year term in prison on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and Carter received a five-year sentence on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Five Men Jailed
Five men were lodged in the county jail yesterday. They included Steve G. Rosier, 31, Reedsport, who was returned here from Roseburg by Deputy Sheriff Guy Hughes to face non-support charges. Rosier had been arrested at Reedsport on a Jackson county warrant.

The other four who were jailed yesterday were Norris Haynes Gile, 51, of 1354 Dixie lane, charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor; Earl Schultz Potts, 54, of 48½ North Orange st., charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor; Clarence Otis Sanders, 30, of 610 Plum st., charged with switched auto license plates, and George Edison Moore, 23, Central Point rural route, charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was suspended.

Weather

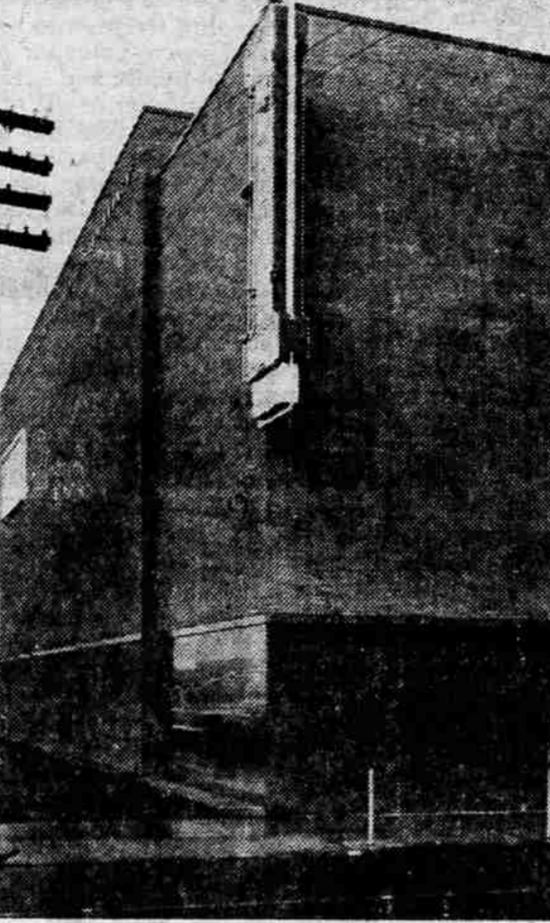
FORECAST: Fair and colder tonight with low of near 23. A few patches of morning fog, otherwise fair Friday with high of 44.

Highest Yesterday 38
Lowest this Morning 21
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today01

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NEW BANK BUILDING READY—The new building of the First National Bank of Portland, Medford branch, has been completed, accepted by the bank, and will be opened for business next Monday. The new brick structure, at No. 1 East Main st., will be open for inspection by the public all day Monday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with flowers, refreshments, tours, music and entertainment planned

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1955'S FIRST BABY AND MOTHER—Shown above is tiny Miss Sharon Kay Clemmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clemmer, Route 1, Central Point, with her mother. The picture was snapped at Community hospital where Sharon Kay was born at 10:45 a.m. New Year's day, to become the first baby of the new year in Jackson county. She weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces. Many gifts were showered on the baby and her parents, including a supply of cigars for her father, from the Groceria; a \$7.50 gift certificate from Mann's, the baby's first photographic portrait from Brainerd's, an engraved sterling silver cup from Larry Schade jewelers, a bottle warmer from the Big Y Westinghouse appliance store, 50 quarts of milk from Jorgensen's dairy, two cases of Gerber's baby food from the Big Y market, a \$5 savings account from the Rogue Valley State bank, a trainer seat from Gates furniture store, \$10 for the savings account from Courtesy Chevrolet, a basket of baby supplies from Piggy Wiggy, a recording of an interview with the father, including music and other features, from radio station KYJC. The record contains a personal greeting to the baby by Don Anderson of the radio station, to furnish a memento of her birth.—(Brainerd photo.)

Nevada Senator's Wife 'Goes for Walk' During Press Club Speech by Neuberger

Washington — (U.P.) — Mrs. George W. Malone, wife of the Republican senator from Nevada, took a walk last night during a speech by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Oregon's new Democratic senator.

Accounts Vary
Most everyone at the Women's National Press Club congressional dinner were agreed on that. But accounts of why she left vary.

One report said Mrs. Malone stood up, booted Neuberger, and walked out after getting into an argument with Mrs. Perle Mesta who was seated at a nearby table at Hotel Statler.

throughout the day. Official opening will be at 10 a.m., when Mayor Earl Miller cuts a ribbon across the front entrance. A number of bank officials, led by C. B. Stephenson, president, will attend the opening. The building cost some half-million dollars, and is the largest building occupied by a branch bank of the First National's statewide system.

Not Remonstrate with her
about her actions.

"Do I think her walking out was unintentional? Well, if someone walked out on you while you were making a speech, what would you think?"

Can Shed No More Light
Mrs. Mesta, party-giving former minister to Luxembourg, said she could not add any more light to the incident.

During his speech last night, Neuberger, first Democrat to be elected senator from Oregon in 40 years, called for an end to "character assassination" in politics.

Police Investigating Thefts at Two Firms

Medford city police today were investigating a reported break and entry at a local service station and theft of home moving picture equipment valued at \$500 from a Medford photo shop.

The break and entry was reported this morning by owners of Crocker Brothers Union Service, 611 North Central ave. Details of the entry and the amount of loss, if any, had not been reported.

Ray W. Anders, Box 430, Central Point, told Medford city police that a Bell-Howell sound projector and a Da-Lite six-foot movie screen in a blue metal case were stolen from Anders' Photo Shop, 232 East Main st. The equipment was used for rentals, Anders said.

SP Says Portland-Ashland Trains Not To Be Removed

Portland — (U.P.) — Southern Pacific has no announcement to make relative to discontinuance of overnight passenger train service between Portland and Ashland, according to Bernal S. Quayle, general passenger agent in Portland.

Quayle denied that there was any basis for the rumor that a decision had been reached for abandoning the trains in March, 1955.

He said rumors that the trains were to be discontinued "have popped up before" and probably stem from the "well known fact that the trains have long been operated at a loss, due to lack of patronage."

1955 Episcopal Church Convention Set Here

The 1955 convention of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon will be held in Medford during the latter part of April, it was reported today.

St. Mark's parish, which will be host group for the convention, has invited the annual church gathering for the past two years. It was only recently, however, that the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Dagwell, bishop of the diocese, indicated that Medford would be the host city this year.

Some 300 to 350 delegates to the convention and the gathering of church women are expected. The exact date will be announced later.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 391.89 off 5.35; 20 railroads 140.31 off 2.25; 15 utilities 61.76 off .29, and 65 stocks 145.76 off 1.86.

ECONOMY GOOD, STATE OF UNION MESSAGE CLAIMS

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower asked a cordial and frequently cheering Democratic Congress today for "good will and harmony" in a cooperative program for peace and prosperity.

The Democratic leadership responded with a pledge that the President's recommendation "will receive reasonable consideration by reasonable men."

In a generally optimistic State of the Union Message, Mr. Eisenhower said the U. S. economy is in good shape and getting better. He reported "heartening progress" toward a durable peace ending the current "world stalemate."

But he warned lest the current political division between the Democratic Congress and the Republican administration result, as it has in time past, in "paralyzing indecision."

Both Democratic and Republican members of the 84th Congress, assembled in joint session to hear him outline his program for the new year, applauded when the President said:

"Let the general good be our yardstick on every great issue of our time."

Standing Ovation Greets President

Mr. Eisenhower received a two-minute standing ovation when he appeared in the House Chamber to deliver his message. He was cheered again when Speaker Sam Rayburn introduced him. And he evoked a thunder of happy applause, before starting his speech, by felicitating Rayburn, just turned 73, on his birthday.

That set the tone for the occasion. Apparently moved by the friendliness of his reception, the President said:

"I do most sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for the cordiality of your welcome."

Republicans for the most part praised his message enthusiastically. The major GOP reservations were on his request that the present flexible farm price support program be continued.

Democrats also had praise for many of his proposals, although they promised to look carefully at his recommendations for cutting back military manpower strength.

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Hammarskjold, Chou Talk for 3½ Hours

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.) — U. N. Secretary - general Dag Hammarskjold conferred with Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai for 3½ hours in Peiping today in their first formal talk on the fate of 11 American airmen jailed as "spies."

The next meeting will be held tomorrow (2 a.m. Friday EST), a cablegram from Peiping to U. N. headquarters said.

Advisers of both Hammarskjold and Chou were present.

Mistreatment of Patients Charged At Gresham Home

Operators Held For Drunkenness

Portland — (U.P.) — Two police departments last night moved in on the Bel Air rest home at Gresham with taxi cabs and ambulances to rescue 14 elderly patients from alleged mistreatment by the operators of the establishment.

Mrs. Blanche May Kephart, 34, one of the operators, was booked on a charge of assault and battery and drunkenness and her husband, Buel, 39, was jailed on a charge of disorderly conduct and drunkenness.

Long Investigation
The arrests by Multnomah county and Gresham police culminated an investigation of more than two months. Officers said they had heard reports of mistreatment of the aged patients at Bel Air but had been unable to get anyone to sign a complaint.

Last night, employees called police to report that the Kepharts had been on a drinking spree since Friday. When officers arrived they said they saw Mrs. Kephart strike an elderly and feeble patient and use abusive language.

Patients Sent by County
The patients were moved to other rest homes in the county by taxi and by ambulance. The patients had been sent to the Bel Air home by the Multnomah County Welfare Commission which paid for their care. The Kepharts operated the home on a month-to-month basis.

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