

Ike Asks Higher Mail Rates, Wage Boosts

Costa Rica Said To Be Invaded by Nicaragua Forces

Town Near Capital Declared Captured

San Jose, Costa Rica—(U.P.)—Reports reaching the capital said today that a force from Nicaragua had begun an invasion of Costa Rica.

The invading forces were said to have captured the town of Villa Quesada in Alajuela Province, only 30 miles from the capital. Villa Quesada is the commercial center of the so-called San Carlos lowland. It is a railroad of the line leading to San Jose, the capital.

Communications Out

The San Carlos lowland is a fertile plain producing grain, tobacco, coffee, cattle and lumber. Communications were cut and no further details were available. Government troops have not yet contacted the invaders.

Reports that an invasion actually had started followed by only a few hours the official ouster of a Nicaraguan diplomat from Costa Rica and a call for volunteers to patrol the capital against the alleged threat from the neighboring republic.

Costa Rica's ambassador to Nicaragua, Bernardo Montes de Oca, was placed in charge of the volunteer patrol in his home capital, which otherwise presented a calm appearance.

The Nicaraguan charge d'affaires left here today after having been declared persona non grata by the Costa Rican government late yesterday.

Foreign Minister Mario Esquivel said the withdrawal of Alfonso Ortega Urbina had been demanded because the diplomat said publicly that Costa Rica was "in a state of great internal tension" and had repeated the statement despite a denial by the Costa Rican government.

The opposing governments of the two nations have been feuding for months. Nicaragua recently charged that Costa Ricans had tried to assassinate its president. It has denied the Costa Rican allegation that an invasion is approaching.

Second Pedestrian Accident Reported

Medford's second severe auto-pedestrian accident of the new year occurred yesterday at about 4 p.m. when Emanuel C. Belcher, 73, of 216 South Columbus ave., was struck by a vehicle on West Main st.

Belcher spent a "fair night," and was suffering from head and pelvic injuries, according to a report from Community hospital where he was taken by Medford Ambulance.

The accident followed one on Jan. 1, when James Kenneth Jones, 59, Jacksonville, died as a result of injuries when he was struck in a crosswalk at Main and Fir sts.

Yesterday's accident happened at the intersection of Main st. and Columbus ave. Don V. Hanning, 30, Box 684, Ross lane, driver of the 1949 sedan which struck Belcher, told police that as he approached the intersection, Belcher ran in front of his car before he could stop, striking the left front fender.

Belcher has not yet been interviewed, due to his condition. The investigation will continue and no citations have been issued as yet, police said.

The car skidded 57 feet 4 inches before it came to a stop, according to police measurements. Estimated speed of the vehicle was 25 miles an hour, according to the accident report.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 400.25 off 0.64; 20 railroads 144.98 off 1.25; 15 utilities 62.57 up 0.19 and 65 stocks 149.17 off 0.43. Sales today were about 3,680,000 shares compared with 4,300,000 shares yesterday.



SNOW FUN—Doreen Woodbury, feature dancer at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., who a week before posed for "fun in the sun" pictures, turns to snowballs after a blanket of snow covered the desert gambling mecca for the first time in five years.

Bank Opening Monday Draws About 12,000 People During Day

More than 12,000 persons visited the new Medford branch of First National Bank of Portland during its grand opening and opening house held all day yesterday, Bank Manager Elwood Hedberg said this morning.

The first commercial depositor at the new half million dollar branch was Earl Gaddis, 815 East Jackson street, retired one-time mayor of Medford and a customer of the branch since its inception.

E. M. Tucker of Tucker Snow-Cat corporation made the first deposit at the new drive-in windows from his 1906 Buick touring car.

Mrs. James W. Rolls, 512 Summit ave., mother of triplet sons, opened the first new savings accounts in the expanded bank. She opened an account for each of the boys, James M., William D., and Robert J., who are now 13 days old and still confined to incubators at Sacred Heart hospital.

During the day-long affair, the throng consumed 6,240 doughnuts, 5000 pieces of cake, several hundred dozen cookies, nearly 700 gallons of coffee (14,700 cups), and 265 gallons of punch (5561 cups). Six thousand

orchid and gardenia corsages were presented to women visitors at the bank opening, before the supply was exhausted at 7 p.m.

The interior of the new structure was decorated with more than 60 flower arrangements sent to the bank by Jackson county businessmen and friends of the First National.

Hedberg said he was overwhelmed by the tremendous success of the opening, and extended his sincere thanks to everyone who visited the open house and contributed to the success of the event.

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Fire Destroys Kiln At Prospect Mill

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Dag Leaves Red China

No Report Given On Effort To Free American Fliers

Report Expected After Conference

Hong Kong—(U.P.)—U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold crossed the China border today, ending a week-long mission to the Communist regime on behalf of jailed American fliers.

Hammarskjold reached the

London—(U.P.)—Highly placed diplomatic sources said today that U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold apparently has failed to win freedom for 11 American airmen jailed in Red China on espionage charges.

They said Hammarskjold apparently has kept the door open for further negotiations with Red China which might bring about the release of the American fliers later.

border on a train from Canton, where he had landed on a flight from Peiping.

On arriving in Hong Kong proper, the U. N. secretary-general told newsmen he could not "comment in substance" on his talks with Chou En-lai.

Questions Refused

He told the correspondents who met him at the Hong Kong railway station he could not answer their questions.

A Communist newspaper in Hong Kong derided the secretary-general's 10,000-mile trip to Peiping, capital of a government which the United States refuses to recognize.

The newspaper Wen Wei Pao said Red China "is so great a world power that even the U. N. Secretary-general Hammarskjold has to go to New China to meet with Premier Chou En-lai."

It was believed that Hammarskjold will withhold his report until after he has conferred with President Eisenhower or other high-ranking U. S. officials.

D. R. Mankekar, New Delhi resident editor of the Times of India who is in Peiping on special assignment for United Press, said in cables it was assumed Hammarskjold is taking back to the United Nations the Red Chinese viewpoint on the fliers' case.

Mankekar said it also was indicated that Hammarskjold had promised to inform Chou of the United Nations' reaction.

No Inking Given

Those views grew from the wording of a joint communique issued by Chou and Hammarskjold in Peiping Monday.

As in the case of other communiques issued by Peiping and U. N. headquarters in New York, no inking was given on the outcome of the talks but the final message said "we hope to continue the contact established in these meetings."

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature. Low tonight 32; high Wednesday 40.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 33

Lowest this Morning 33

Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace

26 Bills Await Senate; Reaction To Patterson's Message Varied

Salem—(U.P.)—The brand new session of the Oregon Legislature was off to an unprecedented start today, with committees in the Senate all ready to work on a jam of 26 bills—the most ever introduced in the Senate on the opening day of the session.

And legislators in both houses were pondering the inaugural address of Gov. Paul L. Patterson in which he advocated means of raising more revenue without resorting to the sales tax. His recommendations included a levy of a six-mill state property tax; elimination of federal tax offset on personal state income tax; a business tax to include partnership and individual operations of business as well as corporations, and elimination of the "sky-scraper" clause and other exemptions on corporate income tax.

Gov. Patterson said Oregon faces a deficit of \$45,000,000 in its budget for the 1955-57 biennium, or of more than \$60,000,000 if the state is to proceed with its building program for the state system of higher education and state institutions.

Reaction to his inaugural address was mixed.

Senate President Elmo E. Smith, a Republican like Patterson, said: "I thought he did a very good job of clarifying and enumerating the problems this legislature faces."

House Speaker Edward Geary said: "I think the governor covered the field thoroughly. He assumed that the people of Oregon want to maintain the services of the state they are now getting. . . I feel he left it to this Legislature to decide what new ways are best to raise the revenue needed to balance the budget."

Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Millwaukie, made the most outspoken observations. He said: "It is amazing that a governor's message in 1955 could omit reference to such basic issues as public education, turmoil in the governor's own liquor and real estate agencies, the burning need for attention to old-age assistance, welfare and public health, repeal of the unconstitutional anti-labor laws passed in 1953, recommendations on the mounting problems of public transit in metropolitan areas, and the need for stimulation of Oregon's tourist business. . ."

Sen. Robert D. Holmes of Gearhart, like Sweetland a Democrat, said: "He sounded like a man who already is thinking in

terms of being a candidate for higher political office." In this respect, Holmes said, Gov. Patterson indicated in his speech that "he clearly is moving to be associated with the liberal Eisenhower wing of the Republican party."

Sen. Joseph K. Carson Jr., Portland Democrat whom Patterson defeated for governor, said "there were a number of things in Patterson's message which I have advocated heretofore."

Sen. Howard C. Belton, Canby, Republican and only former Senate president who is still in the Senate, said Gov. Patterson was "forthright and forward

looking. He didn't duck the issues, but met them squarely that was characteristic of the great statesman he is."

Sen. Lee V. Ohmart, Salem, one of the youngest members of the Senate but a veteran of the House, said the address as "excellent, well prepared and well delivered."

Rep. Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove, chairman of the important House committee on taxation, said he considered Gov. Patterson's speech thorough indeed, and said his committee would get to work at once to study the proposals of the governor for raising more revenue.

Sanitarian Retires; Successor Named

Walter I. Sutherland has retired from the position of Jackson county sanitarian which he has held since Sept. 1, 1943, it was announced today by Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer.

Sutherland, a registered sanitarian, came here from the State Board of Health. He will be succeeded by Robert Hart, who has been with the county health department since last October. Hart formerly was with the state board of health sanitary authority.

Active in Mosquito Work

Sutherland has taken an active part in mosquito control work in Jackson county, and was instrumental in working out the original survey for the program. Dr. Merkel said this morning that he hopes to secure Sutherland's services during the summer months to help with the county's mosquito abatement program.

While associated with the county health department, Sutherland took post-graduate work in sanitation at the University of California, Berkeley, and also took several short courses at Oregon State college.

Case Fails To Bump McCarthy From Post

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Clifford P. Case, (R-N.J.), tried and failed today to persuade fellow Republicans to bump Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy off the Senate Government Operations Committee.

Case made his move during the preliminary stage of preparing Republican assignments to legislative committees. He then abandoned the effort.

Neuberger Says Ike Gave Up Power Stand

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said yesterday President Eisenhower has abandoned "political scarecrow" warnings against a federal power monopoly.

The freshman Oregon Democrat said Mr. Eisenhower's state of the union message last Thursday "abandoned the pretense of an impending federal power monopoly" which has so long served as a political scarecrow for the opponents of continued public power development in the Columbia river basin.

Calling attention to the president's statement that "federal hydroelectric developments supply but a small fraction of the nation's power needs," Neuberger issued a statement urging federal development of the proposed Hells Canyon project.

Refunds Mailed Out To County Taxpayers In 9 School Districts

Refunds on county tax overpayments are being mailed to residents of nine Jackson county school districts, county officials said today.

The overpayment resulted from an error in the levies set up last year for the nine districts, including Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Talent, Rogue

River, Elk-Trail, Oak Grove, Shady Cove, Butte Falls and West Side.

First Mailed Friday

First of the county warrants was mailed Friday, and another group was sent out yesterday. So far approximately 1,152, or about half of the estimated total, have been mailed.

The largest check sent out so far was for \$6,025.78, and went to California Oregon Power company. Other large checks include Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, \$2,678.33; Southern Pacific railroad, \$1,361.52, and California Pacific Utilities company, \$1,715.51.

Some Only One Cent

Several of the checks have been for only one cent, and many more have been for less than 10 cents.

Refunds are being sent from both the county tax department, and the county clerk's office, depending upon the method and time of payment of the taxes.

No figures are available to date as to the total amount of refunds to be paid. Deputy county clerks estimated today that payments will be completed in about six weeks.

School Zone Speed Signs Now Installed

Installation of new school zone speed signs has been completed for six Medford schools, according to Vernon Thorpe, director of public works.

The signs are of a type recently designed by the State Highway department and have white letters on black, reading "Speed 20 Miles."

Thorpe said that the council authorized the project about two months ago, but that installation was upheld until the new type sign was designed.

The signs are located at all major school crossings near Jackson, Lincoln, Washington, and Roosevelt grade schools and the junior high and high schools.

He said that the county received a number of signs in the same shipment for installation on county roads in school zones.

Homemade 'Bombs' Exploded in City

Four explosions from what appeared to be homemade bombs were reported to city police yesterday afternoon from the vicinity of the Pacific Fruit and Produce company, 706 South Central avenue.

Floyd Vernon Palmer, 332 Mae st., an employee at the California-Oregon Power company's shops near the scene, reported that a flying piece of copper tubing narrowly missed him after the third explosion. The blasts occurred between 4:20 and 4:30 p.m.

Police said that someone apparently filled the tubing with some type of explosive and placed it on the railroad tracks, where it was fired by a passing train.

An unidentified youth was seen near the scene by Palmer and another witness, police said.

President's Plan Would Cost Nation Over \$394,000,000

Postal Increase Said In Interest of Public

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today asked Congress to hike postal rates and increase the pay and benefits of federal workers at a cost to the government of more than \$394,000,000 a year.

Mr. Eisenhower said in twin messages to Congress that the mail rate increase "will be in the public interest" to assure efficient service of the Post Office Department, and the pay raise boost is essential "to the further improvement of the federal career service."

In an effort to make the Post Office Department self-supporting, Mr. Eisenhower proposed that the postal rates on the first three classes of mail be increased. He did not spell out the actual proposed increases. He said the postmaster general soon will submit details to raise the rates to "more reasonable levels."

Four-cent Letters

However the administration stand has been that three cent postage on out of town mail should be increased to four cents and air mail upped from six cents to seven cents.

Included in Mr. Eisenhower's postal rate plan was a recommendation that the second class rate on newspapers and magazines should be increased "until such matter makes a fair and reasonable contribution to postal revenues."

Mr. Eisenhower recommended that the postal rate increases be regarded as tentative pending congressional establishment of an independent commission which would have the authority to prescribe future postal rate adjustments under broad policy guidance of Congress.

General Pay Increase

Mr. Eisenhower recommended what amounted to an approximate five per cent pay raise for all federal civilian workers. He said that for the classified or civil service employees this would add about \$210,000,000 to the federal payroll. A comparable wage adjustment in the postal service would cost about \$129,000,000.

The civil service pay increases proposed by the President would range from 4.7 per cent to 7.4 per cent according to a complex formula based on the employee's grade, length of service, and present pay.

Dollarwise, the smallest boost, \$125 a year, would go to bottom bracket grade 1 employees whose salaries now range from \$2625 to \$3105 a year. A grade 10 employee, in the salary bracket of \$5800 to \$6550, would get a \$300 a year raise.

The top raise, \$800 a year, would go to employees in grades 15, 16 and 17, whose present salaries range up from \$11,600 a year. However, the ceiling of \$14,800 on civil service salaries would not be raised.

Health Insurance

He also recommended group insurance benefits for civilian federal employees. The government would contribute approximately one-third of the cost. The contribution was estimated at about \$55,000,000 annually.

Slightly less than \$1,000,000 people would be affected by the President's civil service pay increase recommendation and about 500,000 persons by his recommended postal service pay increase.

Health insurance coverage would be extended to about 2,000,000 federal employees, including thousands of workers who are not classified and not part of the postal service.

The postal service pay hike actually represented a payroll increase of 6.5 per cent. However, 1.5 per cent of this represented the cost of adjusting current pay scale inequities.

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Control has named Dr. Russell Guis as assistant to the superintendent of Oregon State hospital here and Dr. Herbert L. Nelson as clinical director.

Boom Man Lands Big Shark in Log Pond

Empire — (U.P.) — Richard Duncan, boom man at a log dump here, is so piker with a pike when it comes to catching fish.

Duncan thrust his pike pole at a large fish he noticed in the log pond Sunday when he knocked off work. His aim was true.

After a lengthy struggle, Duncan subdued the fish, which was a little larger than he had at first thought, and hoisted it from the pond by a log hoist.

The catch—a cove shark, 18 feet long and weighing close to a ton.

Neuberger Expected Maiden Washington Speech To Cause Stir

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Mail-Tribune Correspondent

Washington—For a fleeting moment the other night before he rose to make his maiden speech in the nation's capital, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger had the thought that his remarks might cause something of a to-do.

This occurred when he saw Vice-President Richard Nixon arrive at the dinner of the Women's National Press club at which Oregon's freshman Democratic senator and New Jersey's Repub-

lican Sen. Clifford Case were the guest speakers.

"But," Neuberger said he thought to himself, "it's got to be said"—and shortly thereafter he plunged into the subject of the evils of character assassination and charges of treason used in the 1954 political campaign.

That everyone present—including some 70 senators—assumed he was referring to Nixon, without ever mentioning the vice-president by name, gave the occasion its high political drama. And the walkout of the wife of Sen. George Malone (R-Nev.) made the occasion the talk of Washington the next day.

Mrs. Malone, incidentally, is well-known socially here for her sharp tongue, which she exercised every day of the Army-McCarthy hearings by sitting directly behind the three Democrats on the committee and offering her pro-McCarthy sentiments in the case to the point almost of being a heckler.

So Neuberger's fleeting premonition was correct—it caused quite a to-do. The speech itself, however, was nothing new for Neuberger, since it contained material he had used in his victorious senatorial campaign. The portion most widely quoted here was that "an election campaign

never should be an excuse to suspend the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount," which Neuberger said at Forest Grove on election eve.

Neuberger and his wife, Maurine, were invited in mid-December to attend the dinner and share the guest speaker honors with Case, who had won a dramatic see-saw battle. Sitting in Portland, they knew not who would attend, other than the lady correspondents and their guests. They accepted the invitation and picked their theme.

Though it was a familiar topic to Neuberger, he drew up well in advance a set of notes for

this important debut in the Washington spotlight. He didn't know until the day before the dinner that Nixon would be there. When he did learn this, the senator admitted he thought of picking another subject, but he decided to go through with his prepared address when he looked at it this way:

"Isn't it a terrible thing to think that one shouldn't talk about character-assassination in the presence of the second highest officer of the United States government for fear of embarrassing him. It's like steering clear of a discussion of the evils of crookedness

or chicanery in the presence of, say, a secretary of the treasury for fear of embarrassing him. If the shoe fits, put it on him."

Although by week's end he was getting telegrams of congratulations from around the country, Neuberger said with a puzzled look:

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