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FORECAST — Occasional snow showers today, with sun at times. Rain Monday afternoon. High today 35-38, low tonight 25. Temp. Highest yesterday 42. Lowest yesterday 32. Precip. To 10 p.m. yesterday .23

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Legislative Processes Got Under Way Rapidly Senator Lowry Writes

(Editor's note: State Sen. Philip B. Lowry, Medford, has agreed to write a report on the legislature periodically throughout the session which began in Salem last Monday. Following is his first report. Senator Lowry and Jackson county's two members of the House of Representatives, E. H. (Ed) Mann and E. A. (Al) Littrell, have indicated they would be glad to hear from Jackson county residents regarding pending legislation. They may be addressed at the State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon.)

By STATE SEN. PHILIP B. LOWRY Bills, resolutions, lobbyists and committee meetings have started coming in a hurry this session, in contrast to meetings of past legislatures. The pace will continue to increase until a flood of legislation is considered in the closing weeks.

In writing to the people of Jackson county and reporting on the developments at the legislature from time to time, I have in mind my firm conviction and campaign pledge that a legislator should, in so far as possible, keep the people informed on the problems and issues. In turn, I hope that the citizens of Jackson county will let me know of their views on proposed legislation.

In subsequent reports I should like to give you some idea as to the procedure followed here at the legislature, the divergent political views, and the difference in viewpoints arising from the diverse economic and political interests of different geographical sections of Oregon.

Events have occurred quickly since Mrs. Lowry and I arrived at the Capitol. On Monday morning the new members were sworn in and we were assigned to our permanent seating arrangement. The desk assigned to me is No. 21, on the center aisle. Directly in front of me is Sen. Paul Geddes of Douglas county and behind me is Sen. Gene Brown of Josephine county. Our mutual interests in the problems of southern Oregon make this seating arrangement convenient for frequent discussions. This is purely a coincidence, as seats are assigned on the basis of seniority and request. To my left is Sen. Joseph Carson Jr., from Portland.

No particular seating arrangement is worked out between Democrats and Republicans in either the House or the Senate. Mr. Littrel has Desk No. 8 in the House, near the front, and Mr. Mann received a desirable seat at the back of the House on the center aisle.

My committee assignments include assessment and taxation, judiciary, elections and privileges, and roads and highways. These are hard-working committee assignments, and the taxation committee will be particularly important in the forthcoming session because of the sizzling controversy developing over what forms new taxes will take. Contrary to press reports, I am not a member of the alcoholic traffic committee.

Mr. Mann, Mr. Littrel and I confer frequently, in order to coordinate the Jackson county delegation, in the House and Senate, and plan to meet at least once a week for this purpose.

Many important bills have already been introduced. I should set forth briefly some of the ones affecting the most people. 1. A measure providing that all county officers shall be elected on a non-partisan basis, and that if a candidate does not receive a majority in an election, the two candidates with the most votes shall have a runoff in the following election.

A companion bill provides for similar non-partisan election of district attorneys. The proponents of the measure believe that county government should be operated on sound business principles, unaffected by political considerations, and that the proposed change will insure the election of the most competent candidate irrespective of party affiliation. The measures originate from Multnomah county and have some political implication because of the substantially greater Democratic registration in Multnomah county.

2. A joint resolution proposes a reduction in the voting age limit from 21 to 18 years.

3. A bill taxing corporations deriving 95 per cent or more of their income from the rental of real property. This would eliminate the so-called skyscraper exemption, and tax this type of corporation for the first time.

4. A bill which would reduce the corporate excise tax from 8 per cent to 6 per cent. A companion bill would repeal the personal property tax offset now enjoyed by corporations paying the excise tax.

5. A bill requiring equal pay for both sexes who perform similar services in the labor market.

6. A bill extending unemployment compensation coverage to employers of one employee if the calendar quarter earnings exceed \$225.

7. A measure prohibiting picketing where there is no dispute between the employer and his employees in an appropriate bargaining unit.

8. A proposed increase in the minimum salaries of teachers with less than a bachelor's degree from \$2,100 to \$3,400 for a school year of nine months; of those having a bachelor's degree from \$2,400 to \$3,700, and of those with a master's degree to not less than \$4,000.

9. A bill to establish Portland State college as a regular four-year-degree-granting institution similar to the University of Oregon and Oregon State college.

As you are all aware, the tax problem and tax controversy will be paramount at this issue. There is certainly no uniform agreement on the recent recommendations made by Governor Patterson, or the ultimate solution as to what new taxes should in fact be levied.

Generally speaking, the Democratic membership seems more agreeable to the governor's tax program than the Republicans.

French Premier Appeals to Reds To Show 'Good Faith'

Paris—(U.P.)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France appealed to the Communist nations Saturday to show in "good faith" they want a reconciliation with the West. The Premier made the statement in a radio broadcast to the nation reporting on his just concluded talks with Italian Premier Mario Scelba and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. "Because the whole of Europe is waiting for the hour,"

Panama President Impeached, Jailed For Part in Plot

Nation Gets Third Leader in 13 Days

Panama — (U.P.) — President Jose Ramon Guizado was impeached and put in jail Saturday on charges of having a part in the machine gun assassination of his predecessor, Juan A. Remon. First Vice President Ricardo Arias Espinosa was sworn in immediately as the new president—the third in Panama in 13 days.

At the same time it was announced the release of Martin Lippstein, a former resident of New York City who had been imprisoned during the investigation of Remon's assassination. Lawyer Confesses

Guizado's ouster was the latest in a series of sensations to be turned up in the investigation of the bold assassination of President Remon at a race track 13 days ago. Other spectacular developments included the betrayal of a young cadet in the murder plot by his sweetheart and the confession by a playboy lawyer that he was the actual slayer of Remon.

The National Assembly, in a more than five hour session that began at 2 a.m., heard the district attorney read the sworn confession of 41-year-old Lawyer Ruben Miro to the murder.

The lawyer, deep in debt because of gambling, revealed he received nothing for the assassination.

Guizado Approved Miro said he shot Remon with a German-built tommy-gun after Guizado, who was vice-president at the time, had been told of the assassination plot and had approved it. The lawyer said Guizado promised him a high government job, then refused to keep his word.

After the assembly heard the confession it stripped the president of his powers and ordered him held on charges of complicity in the murder of the man whose death made him president.

Lodge Confident Flyers To Go Free

Washington — (U.P.) — Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., expressed confidence Saturday that American flyers imprisoned by Red China will be freed, but officials cautioned against expecting any quick release.

Lodge, U.S. representative to the United Nations, sounded the slightly optimistic note when he came here Saturday from Omaha, Neb., with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

"I am confident they will be freed although naturally there is disappointment that their immediate release wasn't effected," Lodge said.

Dulles was non-communicative, referring all questions to Lodge. He said the ambassador had the advantages of having talked "first hand" to Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary General who returned this week from a free-the-flyers mission to Peiping.

The action ended a period of air inactivity on the part of the rebels' small fleet of planes which had been credited to the two-day old "Peace Patrol."

March of Dimes Test Taken Over by 'Mystery Woman'

The March of Dimes Mystery Man contest took on a feminine air yesterday with the third mystery person in the week-old contest a woman.

Cues to her identity follow: She is five feet, seven inches tall. She came to Medford with her husband in 1946. She is a mother and there has been polo in her family. She has something in common with Byrd. Her last name may be found in a hilarious party.

Prizes Listed Prizes for the person guessing her identity are an electric frying pan from an anonymous donor and a \$15 permanent wave from Christine's Beauty shop.

Someone will be called over station KYJC at 5:30 p.m. today and another call will be made over station KWJN Monday at 8:15 p.m. Each day that the mystery woman goes unidentified, another clue and another prize will be added.

Mrs. Ragsdale Wins Mrs. Jack Ragsdale, 850 Palm St., Medford, correctly identified the second mystery man as Clayton Lewis.

In order to be eligible for a phone call, persons must send their name, address and telephone number to March of

REDS COVER ALL-GERMAN VOTE U.S. Patrol Planes Involved In Costa Rican 'Incidents'

Rebels Buzz, Fire On American Craft Flying for O.A.S.

Troops Move South; Battle Shaping Up

San Jose, Costa Rica—(U.P.)—A rebel F-47 fighter buzzed a U.S. patrol plane Saturday and then bombed and strafed the highway center of Liberia in an apparent prelude to the first major action of the Costa Rican revolution.

The new rebel action occurred shortly after an investigating

Washington — (U.P.) — The Council of the Organization of American States has formally charged that a substantial part of the rebel forces fighting in Costa Rica came from Nicaragua.

commission of the organization of American states revealed that rebel ground forces fired on another American "Peace Patrol" plane Friday. The plane, a U.S. Navy Martin Mariner, was undamaged.

Battle Shapes Up The five-nation investigating group also reported that rebel troops apparently had begun a move southward toward contact with government forces. The government troops were moving up toward the Nicaraguan border from Liberia, 150 miles north of San Jose.

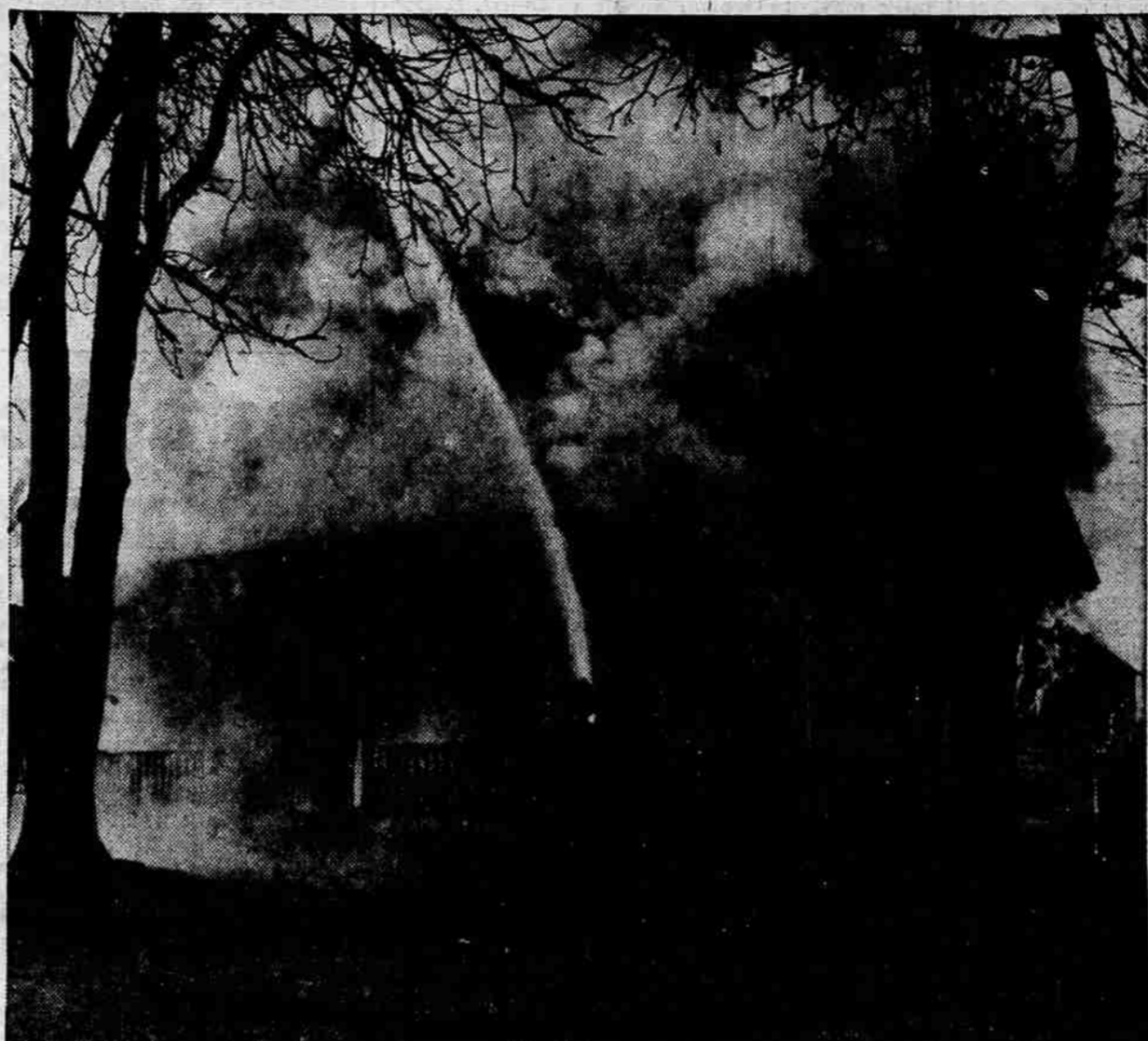
The American aircraft involved in the incidents are among several lent to the OAS to fly an Observation Patrol over Costa Rica and neighboring Nicaragua. The Costa Rican government charges that the rebel "invaders" came from Nicaragua.

An official commission report said a U.S. patrol plane observed the rebel P-47 fighter, along with a C-47 transport and two C-47 planes, parked on a cow pasture near La Cruz, just south of the Nicaraguan border.

Buzzed U.S. Plane Half an hour later, the report said, the fast fighter plane took off and buzzed over the American observation plane. It then was reported to have sped away at a 500-foot altitude toward the town of Liberia.

Minutes later, the Costa Rican government reported the Thunderbolt fighter was strafing and bombing Liberia. No damage or casualty reports were available immediately.

The action ended a period of air inactivity on the part of the rebels' small fleet of planes which had been credited to the two-day old "Peace Patrol."



HOUSE DESTROYED — Shown is the two-story residence at 305 South Riverside ave. which was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The house was occupied at the time of the fire by Mrs. Robert Remillard and her four children, the oldest of whom was five years. She dashed from the structure with the youngest child in her arms and the others got out in time. The house's furnishings and the family's personal effects were lost in the blaze. Flames can be seen spurting from the windows in the picture as firemen train a stream of water on the second story.

(Brainerd Photo)

Expansion Under Way At Industrial Area

White City—This industrial area eight miles north of Medford is in the midst of a rapid expansion program which, when completed, will add to Jackson county's industrial potential a capital investment estimated to be in excess of \$2,000,000.

New payrolls created will total an equally impressive sum. Construction has already started on one half-million dollar plywood plant, and another is planned for the same area in the near future.

Three Firms Expand Beside these operations, three firms at White City are expanding their present operations and two small new sawmills are expected to begin operation by spring.

The two proposed plywood operations should create some 250 additional jobs for the valley's lumber payrolls, and bring the plywood operations in Jackson county to four. Medford Veneer and Plywood is already in operation at White City, and Timber Products, Inc., Medford, is the oldest such operation here. Some time ago, Elk City Lumber company reported it planned a plywood operation within the next several years, as well as a new stud mill.

A log pond is being dug for one of the new plywood firms, Fir-Ply, Inc., and temporary offices are already up. Construction of the mill will begin tomorrow and it is hoped it will be finished within three months.

The company plans to build the mill at a cost of \$500,000, with an expenditure of another \$500,000 for the rough plywood to be manufactured. A \$500,000 annual payroll is expected, with between 100 and 110 men employed.

A spokesman for the other proposed operation said yesterday that it is still planned to go ahead with a plant in the same area, and that more details would be announced shortly.

Plan Sheathing Plant This operation is being sponsored by a group of local lumber manufacturers. They plan to construct a plywood sheathing plant, with an initial expense of about \$300,000, and future building plans of about \$1,500,000.

Starting capacity of the plant would be about 3,500,000 feet monthly. A payroll of about 150 men is planned.

The existing White City plywood firm, Medford Veneer and Plywood, Inc., is also expanding. An additional 40 feet has been added to the plant and a new hot press for making exterior plywoods was installed Thursday. Total expenditure is \$150,000 for the addition and new machinery, a spokesman said.

The Medford Door corporation, under the same ownership, is expanding its operation into a third White City building, and plans to install machinery to put in a molding operation. A 100 by 50-foot shed is being erected to hold dry lumber, according to sources.

Two New Sawmills Construction of two new small sawmills is also under way. The Cowling Lumber company is construction a 36-inch gang mill, west of Agate rd., and has excavated a pond. The firm expects to begin operation by spring, and will probably sell all its sawmill lumber locally.

Near this construction, Hans A. Edwardsen, Medford, is working on construction of the E and B Lumber company's sawmill. Edwardsen is constructing the mill in his spare time and hopes to get into operation by spring, an official of the White City Realty company said.

Officers of the Eugene Burrill Lumber company reported that they are continuing their stud mill expansion in the same area. During 1955, they plan to add a new dry kiln and new office. They are presently erecting a new roof over the planer saw.

Since the company moved its operation from Prospect, a year ago last August, the mill's production has increased four times in daily cut, the officials said. A new planer, dry shed and shop were added during 1954. Last year the company cut 15,500,000 board feet and employed between 70 and 75 persons.

The Olson-Ross Lumber company, one of the county's larger timber operations, has recently enlarged its log pond to about 15 acres and has built two new double track dry kilns. The company plans to add another shop and planer during 1955.

Employers 250 During 1954 the company cut 80,000,000 board feet and had a payroll of \$1,300,000, exclusive of its logging operations. It employs 250 people. A band mill is operated at Prospect.

Mother, Children Escape From Fire As Home Destroyed

A mother and her four children escaped with their lives in a Friday afternoon fire, but lost everything else except some silverware.

Mrs. Robert Remillard, whose rented house at 305 South Riverside ave. was destroyed by flames, said she and her children were "very fortunate" to escape the flames.

She said first discovered the house was on fire when her son, Gregory, 4, screamed. She ran to get the baby, Chris, 2, who was asleep and she and the other three children ran outside "just before she heard an explosion when the windows shattered and the whole house seemed on fire."

The fire was apparently started when a wood stove "blew up", in the living room, firemen said. Although no official report had been made as yet, Mrs. Remillard said that she had been smelling gas fumes for more than a week.

Her husband and father had left Medford the day before to seek work in California. The husband has been unemployed for several months.

Firemen said that there was insurance coverage on the house, but it was not known if the furnishings were insured. The house is owned by Mrs. William F. Roney, Grants Pass. It was rented furnished, except for the children's beds and small items.

Snow Covers Valley Saturday Morning; More Predicted

About a half inch of snow was on the ground of the Rogue valley yesterday morning, and more snow showers are predicted today, according to U. S. Weather bureau at the Medford airport.

However, weathermen said that the sun would occasionally peek through the clouds during the day.

Snow surrounded the valley with "snowing hard" warnings on all mountain routes, according to state police. About two feet of new snow was reported last night on the Siskiyou along Highway 99. Chains were required on all routes, including Highway 99 north and south, Highway 66 east, Highway 62 to Crater Lake and Highway 199 to Crescent City.

Want Rejection of Paris Agreements By West Germany

Atoms for Peace Secrets Extended

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia offered Saturday to establish "normal relations" with West Germany and indicated it would agree to international supervision of all-German elections if Bonn rejects the Paris rearmament agreements.

The Soviet Union's meaning of "normal relations," as shown in the past, probably would entail an exchange of diplomatic representatives. Observers said this would be tantamount to diplomatic recognition.

The offer was made in a seven-page statement on the German question released by West German Foreign Ministry Saturday night. Western correspondents were summoned to a press conference at the foreign office for the statement.

Included was a call for all-German elections to speed German unification and a promise to seek agreement "on the establishment of international inspection" of such elections, on condition Western plans to rearm Germany are junked.

Observers said this marked a reversal of Soviet policy. Up to now, the Russians insisted German elections should be organized and run by the "German people themselves."

Latest in Series The move was the latest in a series apparently aimed at seeking to halt Europe's march toward unity with a rearmend West Germany.

Earlier, in a multi-pronged diplomatic offensive, the Kremlin:

- 1. Offered to share some of its atom-for-peace secrets with Western nations. 2. Claimed that the United States dropped two former Hitlerites into Sovietized Estonia. One of the men was reported executed. 3. Held conversations with Serge Vinogradov, ambassador to Paris who was recalled to Moscow Friday.

Anna M. Lozier Services Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna M. Lozier, 85, of 417 Kenwood ave., former Medford school teacher who died Friday, will be held at Perl Funeral home, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. F. Carl Truex will officiate and interment will be in Logtown cemetery.

Mrs. Lozier had been a Medford resident for the past 69 years. She had taught in most of the city grade schools at various times. Her father, James Jeffrey, was county surveyor in the early days at Jacksonville.

Mrs. Lozier was born at Fayetteville, Ark., on Mar. 24, 1889, and was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include a nephew, S. S. Magill, The Dalles, Ore., and a step-daughter, Mrs. Pearl Bollow, Medford.

Logging, Mill Permits For New Year Required

Logging and sawmill operators in Jackson and Josephine county were reminded Saturday that they must have 1955 permits to operate legally.

Ted Maul, state district forest warden, said that applications and permits can be obtained at his office on Table Rock rd. just north of Four Corners.

Maul pointed out that in the past, permit applications have been mailed to all known operators on Jan. 1 from the Salem office. This practice has now been discontinued, however, Maul pointed out, and operators are requested to apply locally.

Sports Bulletins

Ashland—Medford high's Black Tornado continued its winning ways last night by wallowing Ashland, 85 to 38. It was the Pear city's fourth conference win without defeat. Larry Copple was game-high with 24 and Gene Parent had 15 for the losers.

Crater 39, Eagle Point 34 Illinois Valley 49, Phoenix 38 Oregon 41, Idaho 40 Oregon-State 70, Washington 83