

Reds Claim Capture of Tachen Isle Outpost

Constitutionality Of Portland State College Questioned

Education Committee Conducts Hearings

Salem—(U.P.)—The question of constitutionality of locating an autonomous state college in Portland was raised today at a hearing before the Senate Education committee on the so-called Wilhelm bill which would create an urban institution here.

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland Republican, said the legislative counsel which had drawn his bill had assured him that recent court rulings on location of the medical and dental schools in Portland seemed to indicate that Portland State college could constitutionally be established without a vote of the people. There is a constitutional provision that state institutions must be located in Marion county, except by vote of the people.

Full-Fledged Institution
Wilhelm's bill, one of the two now before the legislature, would establish the Portland State extension center as a full-fledged, degree-granting institution beginning in the fall of 1955.

Full support for the bill came at a hearing yesterday from the State Board of Higher Education, the Oregon Federation of Labor, the Oregon Education association, the CIO, and from a delegation of Portland State college students.

Only opposition was expressed by F. Ellis Johnson, a Salem farmer who listed a long record of service as an educator in midwest colleges. He objected to the expense of what he termed duplication of laboratory and library facilities already in existence at other state institutions.

Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge of the State Board of Higher Education said it is the board's aim to develop Portland State in an orderly fashion and as rapidly as the need is demonstrated. The school, he said, is already badly overcrowded and the board this year will ask an appropriation for new construction. He said the school meets the needs of the working student in the Portland metropolitan area.

Many Reservations Made for Dinner

A considerable number of reservations have been made for this evening's annual membership dinner of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, it was reported this morning by the chamber office.

Speaker will be Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, whose topic will be "The Lengthened Shadow."

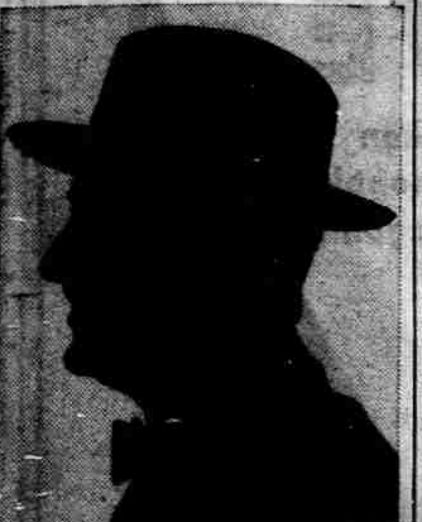
The dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel with Jimmy Dunlevy as master of ceremonies. Invocation will be given by Father Nicholas Dies. Guests from other communities will be introduced, as will 1954 committee chairmen and outgoing board members.

Greensprings, Lake Highway Plans Rejected

Portland—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission today turned down a plan for improving the Greensprings highway and Lake o' Woods highway, both in Jackson and Klamath counties. The commission said cost of the projects were too high.

New Mystery Man Contest Starts; Woman Identified

A fourth Mystery Man in the March of Dimes contest was announced today after Edward Young, route 2, box 519, Medford, correctly identified the



NEW MYSTERY MAN Prizes in Police Contest

third mysterious person as Bert Pree, Medford women's apparel shop owner.
The new Mystery Man was born in California in 1904. He became a Beaver in 1941 and came to the Rogue valley in 1940. He is a father. A clue to his



OTTO EWALDSEN Earns Award From Jaycees

Otto A. Ewaldsen Named for Award By Local Jaycees

Otto A. Ewaldsen has been named as winner of the distinguished service award of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1954, it was announced today.

Ewaldsen, manager of Swem's, was chosen by a panel of judges from a list of nominations submitted earlier. The award is for men between the ages of 21 and 35 who have contributed the most to community welfare and civic enterprise during the year. Last year's award winner was Attorney John Dellenback.

Activities Listed
Ewaldsen, 34, is a member of the school board of District 49; is a director of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; belongs to the board of the Jackson county Red Cross chapter; holds the rank of major in the Army active reserve, and has been active in the Lions club, Retail Merchants association, the Lutheran church and Rotary club, of which he is vice-president.

He will be honored at a no-host banquet Feb. 8, in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel, at which past award winners will be introduced. The public is invited.

Came Here in 1942
Ewaldsen has been a resident of Medford since 1942, when he was stationed at Camp White with the Army. He returned here in the fall of 1945 to make his home. He is a native of Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewaldsen make their home at 20 Ross court, and are the parents of two sons, Eric, 11, and Hans, 8, and a daughter, Karen, 4.

Mrs. Ewaldsen is the former Miss Phoebe Swem of Medford. They were married 12 years ago this month.

Medford Post Office Substation Reopens

The Medford post office substation located in the Trade Fair (Pennywise) Drug store, 323 East Main st., reopened yesterday, according to Postmaster Moore Hamilton.

The substation had been closed since Jan. 7 when a fire damaged a stock room at the drug store. All post office materials were removed without damage and there was no fire damage in the postal area.

The drug store's fountain was reopened today, but it was unknown when the drug department would be reopened.

Massachusetts Prison Convicts Seize Five Guards

Mass Escape Attempt Seen by Authorities

Boston—(U.P.)—Ten of 22 convicts who revolted and seized five guards as hostages at Massachusetts State Prison today surrendered nearly eight hours later.

At least 12 convicts were believed still holding out. These prisoners included four ringleaders who spurned a chaplain's appeal to surrender without bloodshed.

Boston—(U.P.)—Twenty two hardened convicts seized five guards in Massachusetts State Prison today in an apparent mass escape attempt from the 152-year-old institution's solitary confinement block.

Scores of state troopers, armed with riot guns, rifles and tear gas, rushed to the high-walled prison and prepared to storm the punishment section. City police massed outside the prison.

Guards Identified
The seized guards were identified as Warren L. Harrington, Thomas M. Mulhern, Boston; Joseph E. Ryan, Girard V. Kadlec and Eugene Willis.

Warden John J. O'Brien said he believed some of the convicts had weapons, possibly guns and crude knives fashioned in the prison workshops.

The warden said the convicts "were hollering back and forth" but he said no ultimatum was received from them.

Escape Plan Believed
"I believe they were planning to escape when the guards discovered it," he said. He said there were 22 convicts in the Cherry Hill section, an area of cells reserved for incorrigible prisoners.

O'Brien said one of the riot ringleaders was Theodore (Teddy) Green, notorious bank robber and escape artist.

Lattimore Perjury Charges Dismissed

Washington—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl today, for the second time, tossed out the government's main perjury charges against Owen Lattimore.

Youngdahl labeled two main charges against the Far Eastern expert as "formless and obscure." He said that for Lattimore to go to trial on such counts "would be unprecedented and would make a sham of the Sixth Amendment and the federal rule requiring specificity of charges."

The two key counts in the government's seven-count perjury indictment are that Lattimore lied when he told Senate investigators in 1952 that he was not a follower of the Communist line or a promoter of Communist interests.

When Youngdahl dismissed the key count in the first indictment, U.S. Atty. Leo A. Rover accused him of bias in favor of Lattimore and asked him to disqualify himself from presiding at Lattimore's trial.

Youngdahl indignantly refused, and termed Rover's request "scandalous."

'Calm' Reported in Costa Rica Revolt

San Jose, Costa Rica—(U.P.)—The government reported "complete calm" throughout Costa Rica early today, and it appeared the arrival of four out-dated U.S. fighter planes had broken the back of an eight-day revolt.

Two American-buit AT-6 trainers—two-thirds of the known rebel "air force"—were flown to Nicaragua and were interned there Monday, shortly after the F-51 fighters landed in San Jose. The only rebel plane not accounted for is a U.S.-built F-47 fighter.

Another blow to the rebel cause was the reported death of Capt. Teodoro Picado Jr., West Point-trained son of an ousted ex-president. Picado was the reputed leader of the insurgent army.

Road Conditions

Motorists were going over the Siskiyou mountain pass this afternoon, state police reported. However, chains are required for travel over the Greensprings route, across Oregon mountain on the Redwood highway, and in the Dunsmuir area, where the highway, closed earlier by snow, has been reopened.

Highway 99 to the north was clear.
Chains were either required or advised on most other mountain routes in Oregon.

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U.S. Will Deal With Red China If U.N. Fails To Get Flier Release

Attempts Cannot Go On Forever, Dulles Declares

Hammarskjold To Give Report on Mission

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that if United Nations efforts fail to free American airmen imprisoned by Red China the United States will deal with the matter itself.

Dulles made the statement in disclosing at a news conference that he will meet here tomorrow with Dag Hammarskjold, U. N. secretary-general, and Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U. S. ambassador to the United Nations for a first-hand report on Hammarskjold's recent mission in Peiping in an effort to get the Americans out of jail.

Dulles described the imprisonment of the U. S. airmen as indefensible and said he does not believe the United States can let the U. N. attempts to free them go on forever.

He did not indicate how long this country would wait before it took matters into its own hands. Nor did he hint how this government would deal with the situation in that case.

Aside from the military prisoners, Dulles said the United States would take independent action to obtain the release of two American civilians whose cases were not being taken up by the United Nations.

The two civilians are John T. Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Richard G. Fecteau of Lynn, Mass., both of whom received jail terms.

Dulles said the United States intends to get out all imprisoned American civilians in Red China.

Dulles also told a news conference it is premature to pass final judgment at this stage on whether the U. N. secretary-general's free the fliers mission to Red China was a success or failure.

Higher Letter Mail Rates May Be Asked

Washington—(U.P.)—The administration is expected to ask Congress for a penny boost in the price of mailing local letters as well as those sent out of town, it was learned today.

The charge for both local and out of town letters now is the same, three cents for the first ounce. The administration in 1953 and 1954 proposed a four-cent charge for out of town letters which, with increases in second class, third class and air mail rates, would bring in around \$250,000,000 a year.

In his budget message yesterday, President Eisenhower called for an increase of about \$400,000,000 a year in mail rates, but gave no details on how the extra money would be raised.

A four-cent charge on local letters could make up the difference.

Pedestrian Complains; Driver Fined by Judge

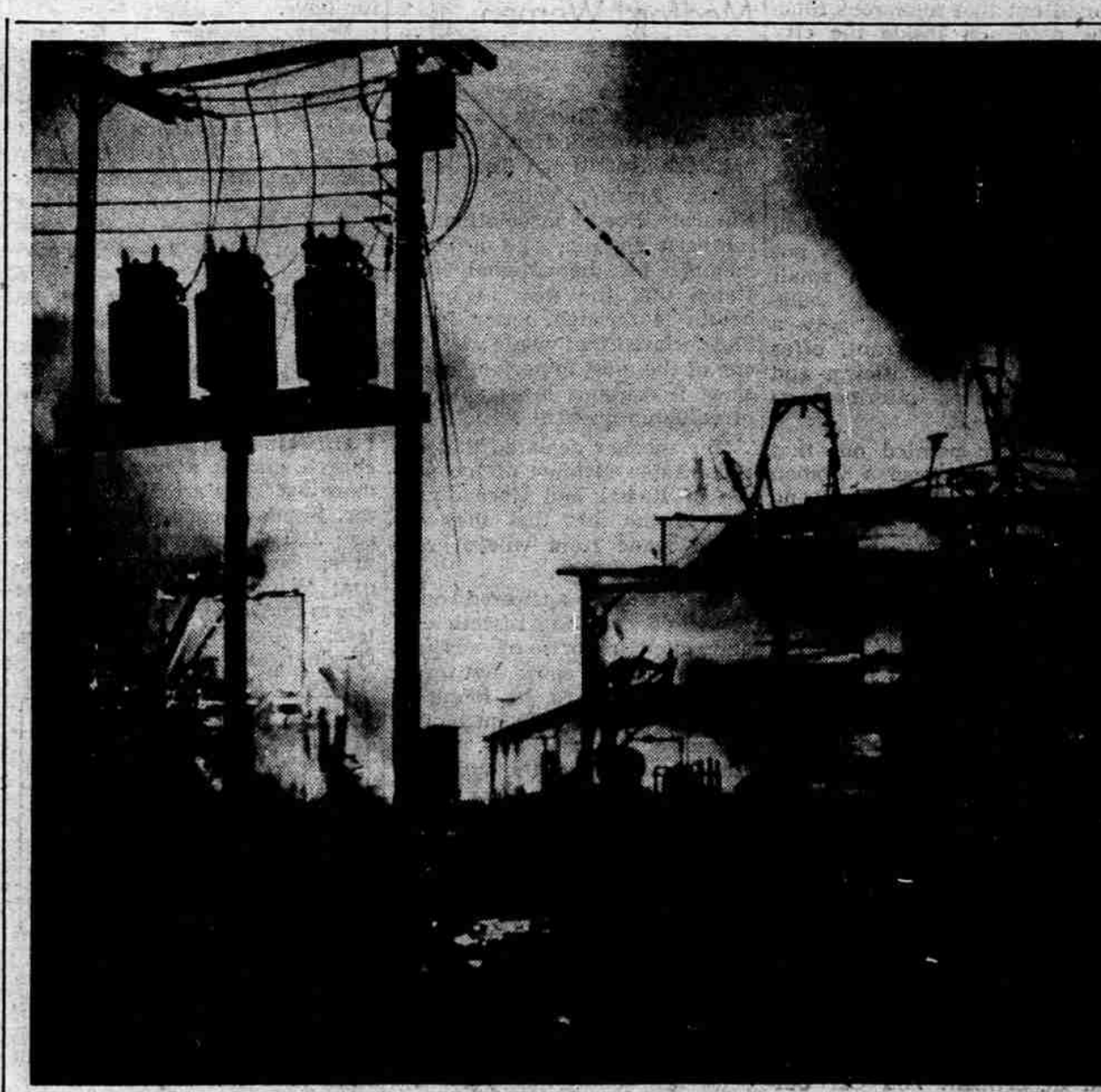
A driver was fined \$10 in municipal court this morning after pleading guilty to failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian, according to court records.

Mrs. Lois F. Badley, 2209 East Main st., who was cited into court by a complaint signed by the pedestrian, told the judge that she didn't remember the incident and hadn't seen the pedestrian.

Tonight's Council Session Said Routine

Routine business will be on the agenda of tonight's Medford city council meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall, according to the city manager's office.

Bids for supplying the city with gasoline for the year will be presented to the council.



FLAMES HIT CENTRAL POINT MILL—The sawmill of the Continental Lumber Co. near Central Point was damaged by fire early Monday morning, with an estimated \$250,000 loss. The picture above, taken at the height of the fire, shows the mill in flames. The log pond is in the foreground. The fire was the fourth major mill fire in Jackson county in less than a year. —(Photo by Ernest Piercy)

Oregon Solons Say Northwest's Needs Inadequate in Ike's Budget

Washington—(U.P.)—Oregon's two senators today opposed including their area in the administration's "partnership" policy for development of power resources.

Other sections of President Eisenhower's plans for resources development drew criticism from a Democratic congressman. But an influential House Republican defended resource sections in the budget delivered to Congress yesterday.

Morse Sees Inadequacy
Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) said the budget is "woefully inadequate to the urgent needs of the Pacific Northwest." He said the administration has failed "once again" to recommend a major dam in the Pacific Northwest "where hydroelectric power is so badly needed."

He criticized a proposal to allow money for joint construction of two Oregon dams by local public or private interests.

Storm Winds Rap Portland and Eugene

By UNITED PRESS
Storm winds that reached 104 miles per hour yesterday afternoon and grounded a Japanese freighter on the northern California coast off Eureka reached Portland last night, greatly diminished in strength.

The weather bureau at Portland said the winds had weakened considerably after moving inland and to the north.

Eugene reported gusts of wind up to 46 miles per hour while Portland had 40 MPH gusts last night.

At Vancouver, Wash., winds dropped a tree limb across two 12,000-volt lines, and caused a 45-minute power outage over a wide area.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Low tonight 25; high Wednesday 47.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 46
Lowest this Morning 28
4:30 to 4:50 a.m. Today, Trace

Chiang, Eisenhower Hold Conferences On Grave Situation

Nationalist Defenders Give Up, Radio Claims

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Red China today hurled an amphibious invasion force against the small Nationalist outpost island of Yikiangshan, in the Tachen group, and Communist Peiping radio claimed the Nationalist defenders have surrendered.

The Red radio said the barren, rocky island fortress, 20 miles off the China mainland, fell to the invaders at 11 p.m. (PST) a few hours after Communist landing craft hit its beaches.

Reports received in Taipei before the Communist broadcast was heard indicated that the lightly defended island had fallen.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's high military command met in a hurried, secret conference to discuss the grave situation created by the invasion.

Eisenhower Conference
If the Red claims of capture of Yikiangshan prove correct, it would mark the first successful Communist Chinese invasion of any of the string of Nationalist-held offshore islands which form the outer defenses of Chiang's Formosa fortress.

In Washington, President Eisenhower briefed Republican congressional leaders on the situation created by the invasion thrust.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California refused to tell reporters whether the President expressed concern over the new development in the tense East Asian area.

Military observers in Tokyo speculated that the Red invasion might prove the first round in a battle for control of the strategic Tachen island group 200 miles north of Formosa.

Test for Fleet
Other sources believed the Chinese maneuver was intended more as a test of the intentions of the U.S. Seventh fleet in that area than a serious effort by Red China to seize valuable territory.

Yikiangshan had been used by Chiang's forces as a forward position from which Nationalist troops in the Tachens carried out nuisance raids against the coastal area of Chekiang province. The island also served as a base for Chiang's naval units in their raids on shipping in the Formosan Straits.

A large American detachment is based on Tachen island, main island of the Tachen group, located just 12 miles south of Yikiangshan. There were no Americans on Yikiangshan island, U.S. sources said.

Old Grenade Found; Police Aid Asked

Medford city police yesterday were requested to assist in removing a hand grenade from a cabinet during a house wrecking project at 322 East 12th st.

The grenade's pin was found removed, police said, and it was taken by National Guard personnel, who disposed of it in the Camp White area.

9 Men Appear This Morning In Court on Felony Charges

Nine men appeared in circuit court before Judge Orval Millard this morning on felony charges.

Frederick Joseph Nettekoven, 48, a transient, was sentenced to three years in the state prison on a charge of larceny of a gum machine and a candy machine from Kogap.

Luther Clayton Baker, 57, a transient, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail on a charge of malicious destruction of personal property. The charge involved the vending machines stolen by Nettekoven.

Admit School Burglary
Donald Lee Biggers, 19, St. Helens, and Oscar Freeman Stallsworth Jr., 20, route 4, box 250, Grants Pass, were arraigned and pleaded guilty to a charge that they were involved in a burglary several months ago at Rogue River grade school. The cases were continued for sentencing and Stallsworth's cash bail was continued at \$500.

Steve Gamaliel Rosier, 31, Reedsport, was arraigned and pleaded guilty to a non-support charge. Judge Millard suspended passage of sentence for two years on the condition that Rosier provide \$35 a month support for his minor son.

James C. Brown, 49, of 24 North Orange st., Medford, was

given a two-year suspended sentence on a charge of concealing stolen property. The charge involved a wrench taken from Rogue Service and Supply company.

Aaron Frances Gentry, 25, of 42 1/2 Third st., Ashland, was arraigned and pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor boy by giving him whiskey. Judge Millard suspended passage of sentence for one year.

Lawrence Eades, 56, Sawyers Bar, Calif., was arraigned on a charge of altering a \$3 check. He waived counsel and is to enter a plea to the charge Wednesday.

Case Continued
Fred Warden, 31, of route 1, box 350K, Medford, charged with manslaughter in the hunting accident death of Phillip Stephens Minear, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minear, route 1, box 331, appeared in court and his case was continued indefinitely.

Warden's case was continued because of the illness of Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who will hear a plea from the defendant. Judge Hanna is in Sacred Heart hospital receiving treatment for a kidney infection. His condition was reported this morning as improved.

The projects, Green Peter and Cougar, were approved by the last Congress as federal projects while bills for partnership development failed, he said.

He also complained that a \$500,000 planning fund suggested for John Day Dam on the Columbia river is "inadequate." He said it was "unfortunate" that no funds were requested for the Talent project in Oregon.

However, Rep. Ben Jensen (R-Ia.), chairman last session of the House Appropriations Subcommittee handling reclamation funds, said the President's op-

ponents are "quite unfair" in complaining that no new major project was in the budget.

"They didn't put in many 'new starts' when they were in power," he said.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said federal assistance in the budget for new hydroelectric plants "is tied specifically to the discredited partnership scheme." He also criticized the fact that no money was put in the budget for deepening the ship channel over the Columbia river bar.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock average: 30 industrials 390.98 up 2.78; 20 railroads 139.06 up 1.22; 15 utilities 62.09 up 0.03; and 65 stocks 145.33 up 0.94. Sales today were about 3,020,000 shares compared to 3,360,000 shares traded yesterday.

Britain Joins Against European Arms Pool

Paris—(U.P.)—Britain lined up with West Germany and Holland today in a move that practically doomed a bold French plan to put the proposed European arms pool under a single agency.

A weak compromise on the French plan began to emerge, however, before France's partners officially went to work on demolishing the single-agency idea.

Informed sources said some sort of arms pool definitely will grow out of a seven-nation conference being held here.

These sources said Germany, Britain, and Holland would turn down the French plan at the meeting today with German Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard outlining his country's official view.

Gale-Force Winds Recorded Yesterday

Gale-force winds were recorded in the valley yesterday.

The weather bureau at the airport measured the winds in the 30 mile per hour category, with gusts ranging up to 55 miles per hour. The force, according to official designation, would be between "gale" and "whole gale" velocity. Hurricane force winds are over 72 MPH.

Some damage was reported to the weather bureau. One roof in the Coker butte-Roxy Ann area was reported blown off, and other wind damage, mostly minor, was reported.