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Ike To Ask Definite Far East Defense Line

TALENT PROJECT SAID DEFERRED FOR A YEAR

Further Review on Project Planned, Spokesman States

Morse, Neuberger Hope To Add Funds

By A. ROBERT SMITH

Washington—The Eisenhower administration has decided to defer construction of the Talent division of the Rogue River reclamation project at least another year, according to an official spokesman.

Despite reports on Capitol Hill and in the Medford area of a possible request for construction funds being sent to Congress later this year, the spokesman denied this would be done.

However, confidence was expressed in several quarters that the Budget Bureau would have a change of heart and agree to send Congress a request for construction money for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

President Eisenhower's budget which went to Congress last Monday failed to include funds to start construction of the Talent project as authorized by Congress last summer. It contained only a \$30,000 item to continue planning the project.

Reportedly, the Bureau of Reclamation had included the project in its original budget requests that went to the White House, where the project was knocked out by the Bureau of the Budget.

Asked why the project was not in the president's budget, Miss Virginia de Pury, chief of information for the Budget Bureau, said:

"Because of the large investment and the high federal subsidy, and the fact that total annual benefits are only slightly in excess of costs, the bureau decided to defer action on it and have a further review in connection with the 1957 budget (which will be out one year from now)."

Miss de Pury said she consulted the officials who made the adverse decision concerning the Talent project, and they said that with the \$30,000 request for planning funds for fiscal 1955 they hoped to review the project with more detailed cost estimates in hand.

Piening Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison; Warden Pleads Guilty

Marion Franklin Piening, 50, of 425 South Grape st., yesterday was sentenced to 15 years in the state prison, and was fined \$100, on a charge of manslaughter. The charge grew out of the April 19, 1949 death of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cornell.

Sentence was passed by Circuit Judge Orval Millard, who termed Piening "a dangerous sadist." When asked by the judge if he had any recommendation for leniency for Piening, District Attorney Walter Nunley said "None at all."

Before passing sentence, Judge Millard turned down a request by Piening's attorneys that their client be given a psychiatric examination. In denying the request, Judge Millard declared that experts agree there is not much a state hospital can do for a man "guilty of sadism."

Piening's wife was present in the courtroom during the entire proceedings, which included a reading of Piening's statement of the events which led up to the death of Mrs. Cornell. Piening was represented by Attorney Fred Warden, 31, of route 1, box 350K, Medford, appeared in court yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges resulting from the death of 12-year-old Philip Stephen Minear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minear, route 1, box 331, Medford, in a hunting accident last year.

The case was continued for pre-sentencing investigation, and Warden's bail was continued at \$7,500.

Two other men appeared in circuit court yesterday. They were Alexander James Heagle, 38, Cottage Grove, and Charles William Bringle, 46, of route 2, box 245, Grants Pass.

Heagle pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining money under false pretenses and the case was continued for sentencing. Bringle pleaded guilty to a charge of concealing stolen property, and was sentenced to 18 months in prison, with the sentence suspended for two years.

Edgar and Josephine Link, owners of the Oakdale market, yesterday completed sale of the store and real property to a local group, according to the attorney for the new owners.

The new owners have organized a corporation called Oakdale Market, Inc. The stockholders did not wish their names to be disclosed at this time, the attorney said.

Although no exact sale price was revealed, the attorney said "it was the biggest food market transaction in the area during the past five years."

No change in personnel is planned by the new owners, the official added.

The Links have operated the market, located at the intersection of Oakdale ave. and "F" st., for more than 13 years. They plan to now devote their time to holdings in the eastern Oregon area, continuing in the same type of business. They will move from Medford in the near future, the spokesman added.

Phoenix woman enters plea of guilty in polygamy case

May Set Stage for War or Peace With Communist China

Hardening of U.S. Policies Predicted

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower will ask Congress at noon Monday to approve a definite U.S. defense line in the Far East in what may set the stage for a war-or-peace showdown with Red China.

A White House announcement Saturday said Mr. Eisenhower will submit a special message that "will clarify the purposes and application of United States policy in relation to the security of Formosa and ask for the support thereof by the Congress."

Those sparse words, high administration officials said, represented a hardening of American policy toward the Communists in the face of intensified encroachment on Nationalist China's island territories.

Though doubts were voiced that Mr. Eisenhower will seek to establish publicly in his message a specific defense line, several congressmen reported a "definite" line would be drawn.

Overstepping of that line in the embattled Formosa area by Red China would invite retaliation by U.S. sea and air forces in support of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

There was a welter of conflicting reports about what the message would contain, specifically whether it would draw a defense perimeter around the Nationalist bastion in Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands.

The President and Dulles already have said this country must defend Formosa and the Pescadores. But some informed administration sources said not to discount the possibility that the Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu would be included within the defense line.

Quemoy is almost within eyeshot of the Red Chinese Port of Amoy. It is regarded as vital to the defense of Formosa should the Reds attempt an invasion. Matsu is farther north.

A Congressional source said he did not believe Quemoy and Matsu would be included in the defense area.

It is fairly certain that the Tachen Islands, some 200 miles north of Formosa and under attack by Red Chinese, will not be included. As one administration source put it: "We would not spend one man, one Chinese Nationalist, one bullet, to defend a rocky bunch of crags which are of no importance."

Democratic leaders in Congress were filled in on the proposed draft of the President's message. And Undersecretary of State Walter Robertson, who handles Far Eastern affairs, conferred with Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister George Yeh and Ambassador Wellington Koo at the state department.

Major Water Shutoff Scheduled for Monday

There will be a major water shutoff for the area north of the Big Y market and west of Bear creek Monday from 6 p.m. to about midnight, residents have been reminded by Robert Lee, assistant Medford water superintendent.

The area involved includes the Midway water district, city of Central Point and users along Table Rock rd. The shutoff is to allow connection of a new feeder pipeline served by the Medford system.

Sports Bulletin

Adm. Price Races To Meet Seventh Fleet Off Formosa



RED RAIDER—A Red Chinese plane (arrow), one of a 120-plane attack, makes its run past Tachen Island as numerous anti-aircraft bursts can be seen in the sky. Strong Chinese Communist invasion forces aimed a giant pincer at the bomb battered Tachen and the Nationalist defenders braced for an assault expected any time.

Committee Study of Bills Occupies First Weeks of Legislature

By PHILIP B. LOWRY

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6. A bill to increase fire-fighting equipment requirements for loggers during the closed season.

7. A bill to abolish the State Department of Finance created in 1951. The 1951 law was designed to streamline state finances and produce the maximum possible economy.

Carriers Augment U.S. Force; Tachen Being Evacuated

Red Subs Reported In Formosa Straits

Taipei, Formosa, Sunday — (U.P.) — U. S. Vice-Admiral Alfred Pride, raced today aboard his flagship toward a rendezvous off Formosa with his American 7th Fleet, newly reinforced with three aircraft carriers from Manila.

The fleet commander sailed last night from Hong Kong. Sources in Taipei reported he was steaming across Formosa Strait to meet his fleet which is under orders from President Eisenhower to defend Formosa.

The U. S. carriers Essex, Kearsarge and Yorktown were ordered to augment the 7th Fleet in the wake of the Chinese Communist invasion of the Island of Yikiangshan, some 200 miles north of Formosa.

The sudden American naval movements coincided with reports from well-informed sources the Nationalists had started the evacuation of threatened Tachen Island.

U. S. naval sources reported today the Communists have at least three submarines in the waters around Tachen where the 7th Fleet units are gathering.

Submarines Reported

Naval authorities here would not confirm the report publicly. But naval sources said U. S. air and surface units searching for enemy submarines craft repeatedly identify submarines in the area.

"We get from two to five sightings per day," one source said. "We know two are ours."

The Chinese Nationalists reportedly have reported Red subs in the area and U. S. naval officials have estimated there are as many as 100 Russian submarines in the Far East. The Soviets are said to have given some of these to the Chinese Reds.

Naval authorities were reportedly concerned over the possible role of Communist subs in event the Chinese Reds do not stand aside to let American vessels evacuate Nationalists from Tachen.

Assemblies of God Plan Medford Meet

The state district council of the Assemblies of God will be held in Medford at the Medford Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., April 28 to 29, it was announced Saturday. The district presbytery of the Oregon Assemblies of God picked Medford during a recent quarterly meeting at Brooks.

Some 300 to 400 persons, church delegates and ministers, are expected. The Oregon district includes more than 100 churches.