

Ike's 'Fight if Necessary' Proposal Backed

Seventh Fleet Planes Take Off as Warning To Red China Forces

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — The U. S. 7th Fleet sent "large numbers" of planes into the air south of the Tachens as a warning to Red China that the United States means business, it was reported here today.

Waves of Nationalist heavy bombers smashed at Red Chinese invasion fleets north of the threatened island, sinking a 1500-ton Communist warship, and Nationalist sources disclosed the Communists had made a fourth unsuccessful attempt to invade the Matsu islands.

City Police Officer And Family Lose Possessions in Fire

Almost all the personal belongings of Officer Robert Gheysen, Medford city policeman, and his family, 1581 Springbrook rd., were destroyed in an early morning house fire today, according to reports of police and firemen.

Firemen said that the rear of the house, the kitchen and the hallway were considerably damaged by the blaze. There was smoke and heat damage throughout the house.

The blaze apparently started from ashes in a cardboard box left on the back porch about 5 p.m. yesterday, firemen reported. Fire burned through a rear wall, breaking door and window glass and getting into the kitchen. Gheysen and his wife were awakened by smoke and escaped with their small daughter.

Almost Trapped
Gheysen reportedly almost was trapped when he went back into the house to see if he could save anything.

The fire department dispatched the rural pump truck and a pumper from the east side station on receiving the alarm about 1:30 a.m.

Police said that the Gheysen family lost most of its clothing and that all of its furnishings were ruined. They reported that Gheysen had just leased the two-bedroom house with option to buy.

City employees today were raising a fund to help the family. The Gheysens were staying with Mrs. Gheysen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burghardt, 1132 Biddle rd.

Two Couples Hurt In Highway Crash

Two couples received severe injuries this morning in a head-on collision between two vehicles on Highway 99 near Miller's gulch, according to state police.

Injured were Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Bird, Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sully Hodson, Seattle. Bird was to be taken to Eugene immediately for treatment by a specialist of a severe leg fracture. His wife suffered head injuries. Hodson was being treated for concussion and chest injuries, while his wife received pelvic injuries. All were taken to Grants Pass for treatment.

Police said that the Hodson vehicle was attempting to pass another car when the head-on collision occurred. Witnesses said both cars were traveling about 70 miles an hour, police added. Fire broke out in both cars after the accident, and was extinguished by bystanders, police said. No citations were issued.

County Welfare Department 'On Thin Ice' Financially; Careful Screening Needed

The Jackson County Public Welfare department is "skating on very thin ice financially" this quarter, Mrs. Blanch Lyman administrator, said today.

As a result, she stated, new applications for assistance under all of the programs will be screened with exceeding care, and it may be necessary to make minor readjustments in continuing assistance cases.

Critical Programs
The critical programs are general assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the permanently and totally disabled. Mrs. Lyman explained. During the lumber strike last summer, the requests for general assistance (sometimes known as "relief") went up mostly in Willamette

Chinese press reports here said Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride, commander of the 7th Fleet, used 300 planes in the show of force north of Formosa, but naval sources would not confirm the number of planes involved.

American pilots from the carrier Princeton were seen in Taipei today, leading to speculation the carrier had arrived in Formosan waters to reinforce the big carriers Yorktown, Kearsarge, Wasp and Essex already here. That would raise to 500 the number of carrier-based aircraft available to help in the evacuation of Tachen.

The Nationalist Chinese air force said its bombers struck Red positions north of Tachen, including recently captured Yikiangshan island. The 1500-ton enemy warship, big enough to be a destroyer or destroyer escort, was hit 32 miles north of Tachen. It was left flaming and dead in the water.

The Nationalists have reported using 1000 pound bombs against the Communist invasion fleets and said they hit Yikiangshan, barely eight miles north of Tachen with 500 pound bombs in pre-dawn attacks. They said the Communist air force did not try to interfere.

No Communist Activity
There were no reports of Communist activity against Tachen today although the Reds have shelled it repeatedly, giving rise to fears they might shell American ships evacuating the Nationalists.

Naval sources here denied reports any of its units already had clashed with Communist vessels.

Livestock Larceny Case in Second Day

A circuit court trial on larceny of livestock was in its second day today. The first witnesses for the state were on the witness stand this morning.

The trial resulted from a grand jury indictment of Robert Ellis Darrohn, 45, Star route, Trail, and a 16-year-old youth, charging the two stole a calf from V. R. Mathews, route 1, box 650, Eagle Point, on Nov. 15, 1953.

A jury was impaneled yesterday and opening statements by the attorneys were made. District Attorney Walter Nunley is representing the state and Attorney Edward Kelly the defense.

A defense motion to dismiss the case was argued Monday and Presiding Judge E. H. Howell, Canyon City, ruled against the defendant.

Arguments originally scheduled Monday on a demurrer filed by the defense in an attempted rape case, have been postponed. The defendant is Jack Dwight McCoy, 26, of 129 Wightman st., Ashland.

MacArthur Puzzled By Security Position

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, said today he could not understand why the United States as the strongest nation in the world had become "dependent" on others for its security and welfare.

MacArthur, speaking at the unveiling of a statue in his honor, said "Murmurs are arising that our patriotism is outmoded."

"We are accused of being reactionary when we idolize our country," he told the crowd of between 20,000 and 25,000 that gathered in tree-banked MacArthur Park for the half hour program. He said these "voices of despair" who decry "patriotism" "should be repudiated" at every turn.

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Military Planners Working Hard To Make Atomic Weapons Part of Defense System

Washington — (U.P.) — Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson disclosed today that military planners are working vigorously to make atomic weapons part of the nation's continental defense system.

He also revealed that the atomic powered submarine Nautilus is performing beyond expectations and has paved the way for eventual operation of atomic powered aircraft.

Wilson made these disclosures on the development of nuclear weapons when he appeared before the House Armed Services committee to defend military budget cuts being questioned by

congressional Democrats. New Far Eastern commitments have heightened criticism of the cuts.

Wilson said a "vigorous research and development effort" is being made to use atomic weapons in "the continental air defense program which is being pushed with all practical speed." He did not give details but presumably these would be atomic warheads in anti-aircraft guided missiles aimed at blocking any massive air strike against the United States. They probably would be used at high altitudes in the Arctic regions.

There had been hints of this program but Wilson's statement

was the first official acknowledgment of the plans.

Wilson said newly developed weapons have added "tremendous striking power" to U. S. forces.

He said studies are being made "under simulated conditions of atomic war" to revamp the Army... He said they probably will result in a "larger number of smaller, but more mobile and self-contained units of greater firepower."

Wilson, in prepared testimony, also said:

1. He cannot foresee any further military spending cuts below the presently planned \$34,

000,000,000 a year rate. "Nor do I see any need for important increases short of war," he said.

2. "There are no apparent indications that the Soviet Union intends to take action during the next few years that would deliberately precipitate another world conflict." But there's always a possibility war might break out "through miscalculation on their part," he said.

3. "Long-range fighter units of the Strategic Air command are scheduled to be re-equipped with supersonic fighters possessing a nuclear capability." This apparently means jet fighters will carry atomic bombs just as

Weather

FORECAST: Some high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. A few patches of morning fog. Low tonight 25. High Thursday 44.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 51
Lowest this Morning Temp. 24

Joint Committees In Senate Approve Defense of Formosa

Sen. Morse Dissents; Senate in Debate

Washington — (U.P.) — Two Senate committees today jointly approved President Eisenhower's "fight if necessary" proposal to defend Formosa against invasion by Communist China.

The vote was 26 to 2. Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) and Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) dissented.

The action by the combined Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees came two days after Mr. Eisenhower asked Congress to give him blank check authority to use American armed forces if necessary to defend the Chinese Nationalist stronghold.

The House yesterday approved 409 to 3, an identical resolution.

Reject Amendments
Debate on the momentous resolution began immediately on the Senate floor after the committees' action was disclosed.

The combined Senate committees rejected, 20 to 2, an amendment by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and a complete substitute by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.).

Kefauver's proposal would have limited separate U. S. action to Formosa and the Pescadores, eliminating the possibility that Quemoy and Matsu islands could be included in the necessary defense area. It also called for working through the United Nations in an effort to settle the problem. It would have authorized the President to take military action to defend Formosa and the Pescadores "pending effective action by the United Nations."

Humphrey's amendment also was aimed at eliminating Quemoy and Matsu islands by eliminating language to permit U. S. defense of "related positions and territories."

'Step Toward War'
It was understood that Humphrey's proposal was designed to meet objections, attributed to Matthew B. Ridgway, Army chief of staff, yesterday that U. S. ground forces are now too thinly spread to be committed to the defense of Quemoy.

Langer told reporters he opposed the resolution because he thinks it might be "a step toward war" and because sending U. S. troops onto the Chinese mainland, he said it also raised questions whether the United States will be interfering in a Chinese civil war.

Seller and Buyer of Beverage Both Fined

A store operator and a youthful customer were both fined yesterday in district court on liquor violations, according to court records.

Gladya L. Pritchard, Tolman creek rd., Ashland, operator of the Pritchard grocery, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor to a minor, and was fined \$25 and \$3 costs.

The purchaser, Kenneth Benton Glaspey, 20, route 1, box 478A, Ashland, was charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, and fined \$20 and \$3 costs.

Both complaints were signed by a representative of the Oregon Liquor Control commission.

Medford Is Named District HQs for Montgomery Ward

Medford has been designated as a district headquarters for pany, and S. D. Ward, San Rafael, Calif., has been assigned here as district manager, it was announced today.

The area to be administered from the new Medford office includes most of Oregon and northern California, south of Portland and north of the San Francisco bay area and Sacramento. Ward has opened his office in remodeled quarters on the second floor of the Montgomery Ward store on South Central ave.

Central Location
Medford was chosen for the office because of its central location in the district, Ward said.

The action follows recent readjustments of districts in the west coast, with the number of districts reduced from five to four. Other Pacific district offices are in Walla Walla, Wash., Palo Alto, Calif., and Alhambra, Calif.

Ward has been with the company for 15 years. His family, including his wife and three children, Michael, 13, Pamela, 10, and David, 7, will move here as soon as he has located a residence.

Soviet Demand for Conference Expected

London — (U.P.) — Western Observers speculated today the Russians will demand another Big Four conference on Germany as a result of their calling an end to the state of war that has existed between the Soviet Union and Germany since 1941.

These officials regarded the Soviet Union's official declaration on Germany as just another propaganda maneuver in the Communist drive against rearmament of the Bonn Republic.

The British Foreign office's only reaction to the Russian move was a reminder that the United States had made a similar declaration almost four years ago.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 401.97 up 4.97; 15 railroads 141.30 up 0.64; 15 utilities 62.55 up 0.14, and 600 stocks 148.12 up 1.25. Sales today were about 3,860,000 shares, compared with 3,230,000 shares traded yesterday.



BACKS MARCH OF DIMES — Sen. Richard Neuberger took time out when little Mary Kosloski, March of Dimes poster girl, called at his office in the nation's capital. "Give me a button just like yours," he said, "and let's all have the courage like you to conquer infantile paralysis." Oregon, the senator's home state, has been a top state in the nation in the March of Dimes drive with a high per capita for fund raising. "It's a bigger job, now," said the senator.

Neuberger Charges Republican Betrayal Of Talent Project

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), in his first speech prepared for Senate delivery, hurled a charge of "betrayal" at the administration today for not asking for money for the Talent irrigation project in southern Oregon.

The Talent project was authorized by Congress last year. It would cost some \$23,000,000. Interest Said Abandoned
Neuberger accused Republicans of using the Talent project for political purposes during last fall's campaign. "Yet," he said, "... the administration has now evidently abandoned interest in the project — as demonstrated by the fact that no funds have been included in the budget for construction of either irrigation works or the power plant."

Heavy Oregon Fog Slated Again Tonight

Portland — (U.P.) — Fog, which paralyzed airplane and ship traffic in western Oregon last night and early today, will return again tonight, the weather bureau reported.

Four ships bound downstream from Portland had to anchor in the Columbia river last night. Visibility at the local airport dropped to zero at 10:55 p.m. yesterday and remained that way all night.

Fog was general from Roseburg north to Puget Sound west of the Cascades and there were pockets of fog east of the mountains.

New Dentistry Practice Complaint Filed Here

A new complaint was filed Monday in district court charging Lee Poirier, Jacksonville, with practice of dentistry without a license, according to court records.

Another complaint against Poirier, involving a similar charge was the subject of a demurrer which was sustained by Judge Rawles Moore last Thursday.

Arraignment on the new complaint has been set for Friday at 3 p.m. The new complaint contains more details of the charge, officials said.

US May Vote To Ask China To Take Part In Cease Fire Debate

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States may vote to ask Red China to send representatives to New York for any debates the United Nations Security Council may hold on a cease fire in the Far East, official sources said today.

A cease fire resolution proposed by New Zealand is expected to be put before the council "very soon" and formal action may come this week or next, of-

icials said. President Eisenhower has emphasized that the United States would welcome a U.N. peace move in the troubled Far East.

United States Undecided
The United States has not decided finally whether it would vote "aye" on the question of inviting Red China to attend a cease fire debate. But high-ranking informants said such a move definitely "would not be opposed."

The Eisenhower administration views the possible appearance of Red Chinese delegates in this country with mixed emotions. Attendant publicity is sure to be used by the Reds to further their efforts for international recognition and U.N. memberships. But their presence also could be used against them if they oppose a cease fire, it was said.

State Retirement Program Examined By Joint Group

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill to broaden the retirement benefits of public employees — state, county, city and school — was examined in detail today by a joint ways and means subcommittee headed by Rep. Orval Eaton of Astoria.

Under terms of the bill, expected to be brought to the floor of the Senate early next week, the new enlarged benefits would go into effect Jan. 1, 1956.

Plan of Payment
Public employees in state service before then would continue to receive retirement benefits they now enjoy until Jan. 1 then would get the stepped up benefits for time served from then on.

The subcommittee is made up of legislators who were on an interim committee named by the 1953 session to study the public employment retirement system. Rep. Eaton was vice-chairman on that committee which was headed by David C. Baum of La Grande, member of the house in 1953.

Lesser Percentage
The system is known as the old-age and survivors insurance. A policeman or fireman who retires at age 60, and is not eligible for old-age and survivors insurance until age 65, would retire at a lesser percentage of total salary, but upon reaching age 65, and with the commencement of social security income, would reach the stepped up benefits.

The plan is designed with increasing benefits as the employee rises in state service, to encourage the number of employees making state service a career and encouraging the higher bracket employees to remain in state service.

14-Year-Old Boy Admits Participation in Thefts

A 14-year-old youth yesterday admitted participation in three petty thefts in the Medford area during the past several months, according to city police.

Items taken included a B-B gun valued at \$5.95, from the Western Thrift store at Christmas time; two packages of hamburger buns from a Beck's bakery truck about two months ago, and attempted larceny of candy bars from the Big Y market about three weeks ago. Another youngster was involved in two of the thefts and the candy larceny attempt failed when an employee caught them, the youth told the police.

Mystery Man Identified; Another Contest Under Way

W. D. Mearns, Paradise motel, Talent, won a host of prizes when he correctly identified the March of Dimes Mystery Man as Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college at Ashland. Mearns made the iden-

least \$10 in value is added each day that the Mystery Man remains unidentified.

Bob Smith, county March of Dimes chairman, has announced a new contest, starting today.

The new Mystery Man, shown here, was born in the Evergreen state in 1906. He received his education in the Rose City, is married and is a father. He came to the Rogue Valley in 1925. The first clue to his identity is "Animals that roar are not always dangerous." A new clue will be added each day until his identity is guessed.

The first prize is the choice of any pair of Florsheim shoes from Robinson Brother's Men's store.

Persons desiring to enter the contest are asked to send their name, address and telephone number to March of Dimes Mystery Man contest, PO Box 531, Medford. A telephone call will be made each night with the name to be called drawn from those who have entered the contest. A coupon for convenience of those entering the contest appears on page 7.

Tonight's call comes from station KYJC at 8:30 p.m. and Thursday's call will be from station KWIN at 6:15 p.m.

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