

99 Japanese Women Die in Dormitory Blaze



STRAIN OF WINNING first prize of winners at New York's 79th Annual Westminster Dog Show is too much for St. Bernard Orion of Dolomount II, who submits glumly to an ice pack for headache after standing too long during judging. (International)

James Miller Named Stockmen President

James C. Miller Jr., Medford, was elected president of the Jackson County Stockmen's association yesterday at the organization's eighth annual meeting, held at the Central Point Grange hall.

Other highlights of the meeting, one of the best attended in the history of the organization, included a unanimous vote in favor of the federal brucellosis, or Bang's disease, control program.

Warren Bayless was elected vice-president of the association, and W. B. Tucker was reelected secretary. A treasurer will be selected by the board of directors.

Six directors were elected at the meeting, and three others, for the Prospect, Sams Valley and Rogue River districts, will be chosen later. The association, which previously included seven districts, has been expanded to nine through division of the old Medford-Central Point district and addition of the Eagle Point district.

Those named to the board included Frank Preston Jr., Applegate, reelected; W. Lloyd Stewart, Ashland, elected; Alfred Peile, Sams Valley-Beagle, reelected; John Bohnert, Central Point, elected; Gail P. Buffington, Medford, elected; Charles Stanley, Lake Creek, elected.

The association's recommendation concerning the brucellosis control program will be forwarded to the Jackson county court, which will make the final decision on county acceptance of the plan. The county court already has indicated that it will abide by any decision reached by the stockmen's association.

The resolution on the brucellosis control program included a request that the county court allow members of the association to ask a change in the veterinarian assigned to any one herd if conditions make such a change desirable.

The association named a five-man disease problem committee to represent and act as spokes-

Knowland in Accord With Dulles Speech

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland, who often has been at odds with the administration's Far East policy, said he was "perfectly satisfied" with Dulles' speech last night. He said Dulles "made it perfectly clear that we do not intend to permit Communist China to nibble away on the free world."

Knowland, asserting that Nationalist-held "offshore islands are important to the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores," said the United States "should not adopt a doctrine that everything within a 12-mile limit off the China coast should belong to Communist China."

County Hasn't Yet Received Notification Of O&C Fund Payment; Share 2nd Largest

Jackson county has, as yet, received no formal notification concerning its share of more than \$5,000,000 in funds to be disbursed to 18 Oregon counties from the Oregon and California land fund.

County Commissioners L. G. Morthland and Chester Wendt said this morning that they will be unable to comment on what use will be made of the county's share of the funds until such notification is received.

Second Largest Share
United Press yesterday listed Jackson county's share as \$815,047.88. This is the second largest share, as reported by the news service. Only Douglas county, with \$1,311,523.74, will receive a larger portion.

The funds are in addition to those which the county receives each year from O&C land tim-

142 Aged Trapped In Condemned Wooden Mission

Lack of Escape Route Adds to Heavy Toll

Yokohama, Japan—(U.P.)—A fire raged through a condemned wooden dormitory of a Catholic mission early today trapping and burning to death 99 aged Japanese women.

The former Japanese Navy barracks had no fire escapes, only one exit and an inadequate water supply. A well pump had been out of order for two days.

Because of the bad water supply Japanese and American firemen who arrived 10 to 15 minutes after the blaze was discovered were unable to check it. It was Japan worst postwar fire disaster.

Welfare Ministry and Fire Department officials said the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, an international group that operates the home, had been warned repeatedly that the main dormitory building was unsafe.

Asleep in the building at the time were 142 Japanese women ranging in age from 60 to 96, and three nuns. Ninety-eight died in the flames, one succumbed to severe burns later and one was missing, the district fire chief announced.

Forty-five women escaped, including the three nuns.

Firemen Poke Embers
Mother Superior Marie St. Longin of Canada, her white habit black with soot, stood beside the flattened ruins of the two-story dormitory and convent chapel and watched firemen poking with shovels through embers for bodies of victims.

"There was no water. What can you do with no water?" she kept saying over and over.

Scores of bodies were found piled in front of doorways. Authorities said the dead included Hisako Oyama, 80, who helped Italian Composer Giacomo Puccini arrange the Japanese melodies for his opera, "Madame Butterfly."

Fires Kill 13 In U. S., Canada

By UNITED PRESS

Roaring fires in the United States and Canada have killed at least 13 persons.

The lethal rash of blazes also included a gas explosion which ripped through a downtown accounting firm office in Seguin, Tex. Three persons were injured, one critically.

This country's worst fire Wednesday night was at Baltimore, Md., where a three-story building's fire-weakened walls collapsed on 20 firemen. At least one fireman was killed, five more were missing in the rubble and presumed dead, and 10 were injured.

In Montreal, Canada, at least 11 persons were killed and 10 were injured when fire destroyed a five-story, block-large apartment house during a swirling snowstorm.

John Wesley Gunter, a 67-year-old paralytic, was burned to death as he lay helplessly in his bed at Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday.

Radio Highlights

Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) will make a major address over radio station KYJC (1230 kc) tonight at 8:30.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 410.41 up 0.43; 20 railroads 145.65 up 0.47; 15 utilities 63.60 up 0.19, and 65 stocks 151.86 up 0.14. Sales today were about 3,030,000 shares compared with 3,660,000 shares yesterday.

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Dulles Warns Red China, Western Europe in Speech

American Forces Won't Be Hog-Tied

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' blunt warning that Red China shall not shoot its way toward Formosa was equally a warning to the Western European Allies of the United States.

Beyond that, it was a reassurance to the American people that the military might and diplomatic efforts of this country would not again be hog-tied, handcuffed and sewed in a sack, as in the recent Korean war.

Fight Implied
Dulles spoke Wednesday night in New York before the Foreign Policy Association. He strongly implied that the United States would fight if Red China sought to make the near-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu stepping stones toward the seizure of Formosa. It is confidently expected that this firm position will be badly received by the Western European Allies of the United States.

Western Europe is jittery with anxiety over a third world war. Its press and diplomacy alike are exerting great pressure on the United States to back down in the Far East. Dulles' speech was deliberate notice to Red China and Western Europe that the United States would stand fast. There is an urgent hope in Washington that the Communists in control of China will not miscalculate the determination of this country.

Bi-Partisan Praise
There was bipartisan congressional agreement—but in varying degrees—that Dulles did a good job in letting the Communists know where this country stands, even though he did not spell out every detail.

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Dulles made U.S. policy on Formosa "as clear as he could."

Chairman Styles Bridges (N.H.) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said the speech "clearly indicates our intention to assist in the defense of Quemoy and the Matsus if they should be attacked as stepping stones for an invasion."

Major Points
But there was much more in Dulles' speech than a show of willingness to fight if necessary. The speech may prove to be one of the most significant in Dulles' State Department career. Under careful analysis, the speech proved to be more conciliatory than otherwise. Here are some major points:

1. The United States' prime objective is a peaceful settlement and stability in the Far East.

2. There was a strong hint that Red China might, in the end, gain control of the near-shore islands by peaceful negotiation.

3. The United States is not pledged to defend the near-shore islands but is pledged to defend Formosa and the Pescadores.

4. The "massive retaliation" concept of meeting Communist aggression which Dulles sponsored a year ago apparently is dead.

5. The speech left the United States in a position of inviting further negotiation of the Far Eastern problem on any reasonable basis.

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Convicted Communist To Leave for Poland
New York—(U.P.)—A convicted Communist leader was granted permission today to leave the country and take up permanent residence in Communist Poland.

Irving Potash, one of the 11 top Communist leaders convicted in 1949 for a conspiracy violation of the Smith act, is presently under indictment for membership in the Communist party. He is a native of Russia and a warrant for deportation is also outstanding against him.

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Temp.
Highest Yesterday 49
Lowest this Morning 29

Sales Tax Bill Allowed

Morse Schedules Major Speech in Portland Tonight
Solon Expected To Tell Political Plans

Portland—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse scheduled a major speech here tonight amid speculation that he might disclose his 1956 political plans.

Morse so far has not said whether he will run for reelection as a Democrat next year although he now sits on the Democratic side of the Senate and voted with the Democrats to give them control of the body.

Morse was to speak before the Multnomah county Democratic Central Committee Jack Travis, secretary of the Friends of Wayne Morse Committee in charge of the broadcast, said it would be carried throughout the state at 8:30 p.m.

A recent exchange of telegrams between Morse and Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, added fuel to the speculation. Morgan earlier this week telegraphed Morse commending him for a "public service" in his speeches on the Formosa treaty and the "fight-if-necessary" Formosa resolution.

Morse opposed both the treaty and resolution while most Democrats supported them.

The Oregon senator replied to Morgan that he was "deeply moved" by Morgan's wire. "I am perfectly willing to let time and future events be the judges of my record on this issue," he said.

Morgan's telegram was interpreted in some Washington D.C. circles as another Democratic bid to get the independent senator into the fold.

Paul Butler, Democratic national chairman, said Sunday that the Democrats would welcome Morse into their ranks whether he disagreed with them on foreign policy or not.

Britain To Start Bomb Development

London—(U.P.)—Great Britain announced today that she will start developing and producing hydrogen bombs.

The disclosure that Britain will become the world's third H-bomb power was made in an official government white paper, giving Britain's defenses their most drastic overhaul in history, to keep them abreast of the atomic age.

In deciding to join the United States and Russia in producing the world's most deadly explosive, the government of Prime Minister Winston Churchill said the H-bomb's terrible power would, in its view, "act as a deterrent to war."

Communist Guns Bombard Quemoy

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—The Chinese Communists broke a lull of almost four days in the Formosa Strait today with a bombardment of the Nationalist island outpost of Quemoy.

The Communists, who have built up massive forces opposite the Nationalist held islands, fired more than 90 rounds of artillery at Greater Quemoy before Nationalist guns silenced them, a military communique announced.

There were no Nationalist casualties, the announcement said.

Ike Gives Pattern For Republican Victory
Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower told Republicans today the party can win the 1956 presidential election if it chooses a candidate with personality and ideals. He did not say whether he will be a candidate.

Mr. Eisenhower spoke off the cuff to a closed door lunch of the Republican National Committee shortly after it had voted to hold the 1956 nominating convention in San Francisco the week of Aug. 20.

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Dr. Peter Linstrom, former husband of Ingrid Bergman, said he has accepted the post of chief of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

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Supplemental Talent Fund Request Urged

Congressman Harris Ellsworth has urged the bureau of the budget to submit a supplemental budget request, for construction of the Talent project, to this session of Congress, it was reported today.

Dispatches from Washington quoted Ellsworth as saying that revised information on the project has boosted the benefit-cost ratio up to 1.42 to 1, higher than earlier figures. This is a "considerably more favorable figure" than those used by the budget bureau, Ellsworth said.

He showed newsmen an exchange of letters between him and Budget Director Rowland Hughes, in which he urged the bureau's "earliest possible" consideration of the new data.

Hughes' reply acknowledged the importance of the Talent project to Oregon, and said he would advise Ellsworth as soon as their study of the new figures is completed.

Congressman Cites 62% Return
Ellsworth stated the project's repayment schedule "now shows that farmers will pay \$5,730,000, equal to a return of 47 per cent on the government's investment in 50 years," or a 62 per cent return on the irrigation portion of the project for the pay-out period.

He compared this 47 per cent figure with a 36 per cent return for Washington's Foster Creek project, for which funds were recommended in the budget. He said this indicates the Talent figures certainly are "not inferior to other approved projects."

The \$22,000,000 project would provide new and supplemental water for irrigation in the Talent and Medford Irrigation districts, as well as power production. It was authorized by the last session of Congress and the bill was signed by President Eisenhower.

Construction funds, however, were not included in this year's budget, presumably because of the low benefit-cost ratios cited in bureau of reclamation reports, which have now been revised and corrected.

Frost-Hit Farmers Get PCA Loans; Third Meeting Held

Phoenix—Medford area farmers whose crops were hard-hit by the May 1, 1954 killing frost received a large share of the loans approved this week by members of the Southern Oregon Production Credit association.

Luncheon was served by women of the Phoenix Grange and their husbands.

A total of 427 loans for nearly \$1,899,961 was approved at the association's annual meetings, last of which was held here yesterday. Association members also approved 265 requests for additional advances totaling \$432,989.

3 Things Hurt
The killing frost was one of three things which hurt southern Oregon farmers last year, Lawrence Luy, Medford, a member of the SOPCA board of directors, told the group yesterday.

He listed the other two as repeal of the state milk marketing act in the November election last year, and the "poultry-egg-fed ratio of the last six months, which was about the worst I have seen."

A financial report for the association, made by Secretary Irven Patten, Medford, listed SOPCA's net worth as \$421,256, with assets of \$1,499,088, and liabilities of \$1,076,832.

Officers Named
Ballots cast at the three meetings, held in Coquille, Roseburg and Phoenix, were counted following yesterday's session. Wesley Chapel, Bangon, was named president, succeeding James Conn, Douglas county. Luy was reelected to the board of directors, and Lawrence Michaels, Days Creek, was elected to his first term on the board. Opposing Luy for the Medford district position on the board was Frank Hammond.

Speakers at yesterday's meeting, which was held at the Phoenix Community hall, included Dr. Grant E. Blanch, professor

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Revenue Would Go To Support Oregon Schools

Rules Committee OK's Introduction

Salem—(U.P.)—The House Rules Committee today allowed introduction of Rep. Earl Hill's proposal for a state sales tax that would be used to support schools.

The measure would be submitted to the people for approval under the terms of a companion bill also introduced by Hill.

Labor Opposition
The state sales tax has been opposed by Gov. Paul Patterson and has strong labor opposition. Oregon voters, in the past, have repeatedly rejected such a tax plan.

Hill estimated the tax would raise some \$60,000,000 per biennium and would make it possible to divert other revenues from school support into other channels.

Whether the sales tax would be in addition to other taxes now on Oregon's statute books would be up to the taxation committees of the Legislature to decide.

Other Measures Approved
The rules committee also approved two other tax measures for introduction. One would boost the state gasoline tax by two cents to eight cents a gallon. The other would authorize \$11,000,000 in bonds for highway construction.

These were sponsored by Sen. Warren Gill (R-Lebanon).

Approval of the sales tax bill for introduction followed approval Tuesday by the Senate Taxation Committee of a resolution that would allow the Legislature to put an emergency clause on a tax measure. This could make a tax bill effective when signed by the governor.

International Police Seek Bern Anti-Reds
Bern, Switzerland—(U.P.)—Two heavily-armed anti-Communist Commandos carrying diplomatic documents seized from the Romanian Legation evaded police patrols in Switzerland today and authorities asked International Police for help.

Police broadcast a description of one of the men identified as "Dimitru X."

"Man is armed, probably heavily," the description said. Police lacked a description of the second.

International Police Headquarters in Paris was asked for help as suspicion mounted the two men eluded border police and fled abroad. Speculation was that they had fled to Southern Germany where numerous anti-Communist refugees have banded together.

House Vote on Tandem Statehood Bill Eyed
Washington—(U.P.)—Key statehood supporters expressed cautious optimism today about getting the tandem Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill to a House vote.

This hope was based on indications that Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.), may not order the bill locked in the Rules Committee, although he still finds it personally objectionable.

Chairman Claire Engle (D-Calif.) said "the prospects are good" that the Rules Committee will consent to its going to the floor.

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