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CUP OF DOG—Shown above is Little Bit, who weighs only four ounces at the age of six weeks. She belongs to the Walter McMahan family, 243 Beatty st., and is one of a litter

of four. She is by far the smallest of the litter. Her parents are normal-size small breed dogs, one a chihuahua and the other a manchester. (See story on Page 12)

Six Fishermen Set For Return To Red China on Tuesday

Manila — (U.P.) — Six shipwrecked Chinese fishermen from Communist-held Hainan Island will be returned Tuesday by the American Red Cross as a suggestion to Peiping that it do the same with the 15 American airmen it now holds.

Seventh Refuses

A seventh fisherman from the same group has flatly refused to be repatriated to Red China, Clark Air Force Base sources said. The seven men have been stranded at the American air base since their rescue from tiny Triton Island last summer.

The American Red Cross will fly the men to Hong Kong en route to their Communist-dominated homeland but the seventh steadfastly refused all offers to send him back.

Rescued Last May

The men were rescued last May 16 from the tiny sand and coral island where they had been shipwrecked. An Air Force amphibian of the same type that rescued survivors of a shot down Cathay Pacific airliner off Hainan, spotted the ragged and hungry men waving frantically for help.

They said they were the only survivors of a crew of 22 that set out from Hainan Island. They were flown to Clark base for hospitalization.

It took months before Peiping, in response to American inquiries through the British legation, said they would be accepted.

Expense Allowance Hit by Knowland

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland warned the House Saturday it will "jeopardize the chances" of a Congressional raise if it insists on including a \$1,250 tax-free expense allowance.

Rep. Francis Walter (D-Pa.), chief House sponsor of the pay raise indicated meanwhile that House leaders will agree to give up the expense allowance in favor of a straight increase of Congressional salaries to \$24,000 a year. But he said the House will also demand that the Senate abandon a provision to give Congressmen five free trips home a year.

Congressmen now get \$15,000 a year in salary and one free trip to and from home. The House originally passed a bill to raise the salary to \$25,000 and the Senate voted to raise it to \$22,500. Earlier this week, a conference committee worked out a compromise providing for a \$22,500 salary, a \$1,250 tax-free expense allowance, and five free trips home. The House accepted this version but the Senate, by a vote of 62 to 7, rejected it Friday and tossed the whole question back to a conference committee.

House-Approved Tax Cut Threatens Split Of Senate Democrats

Washington — (U.P.) — The House-approved income tax cut threatens to split Senate Democrats and to upset the party unity so carefully cultivated over the past two years.

The Senate Finance committee starts to work on the tax bill Monday and almost certainly will knock out the \$20-for-everybody income tax cut while approving the tax extension provisions backed by the administration.

Rejection Expected
When the bill reaches the Senate floor, the odds now indicate that the Senate itself will follow the committee and reject the personal income reduction for which House Democrats fought so hard.

Some Senate Democrats are unhappy over the prospect of a party split over the politically-potent tax issue.

The strategy favored by Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson calls for developing issues so the Democrats can unite and win. The tax bills

threatens to put them in a spot where they will divide and lose. **Senate Not Consulted**

All available evidence indicates that Speaker Sam Rayburn and his associates in the House consulted no one in the Senate before launching the move a week ago to provide a \$20-a-year reduction for all income taxpayers and dependents.

Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), who consistently opposes tax relief while the budget is in the red, declared his opposition before the bill reached the Senate. Other Senate Democratic leaders were non-committal.

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), who is counted as an opponent of the proposed tax cut, suggested that House and Senate Democratic leaders should get together to search for a "practical solution."

Glendale Youths Die in Accident

Glendale, Ore. — (U.P.) — Three Glendale, Ore., youths were fatally injured after their car collided with a truck during a heavy snowstorm early Saturday about five miles north of Glendale Junction on highway 99.

Douglas County Coroner L. L. (Jim) Powers said William Leroy Burke and Cecil Dowdy, 16, were killed outright. Robert Harris, 15, died shortly after in a Canyonville hospital. Another youth, Paul Sossamon, 17, also of Glendale, was reported in fair condition.

Powers said the youths were traveling south when their car was involved in a collision with a Plywood truck owned by Nordic Plywood Company, of Sutherlin. The driver, Robert Bratton, was not reported injured.

Powers said it was snowing hard at the time of the accident, about 3:30 a.m.

The dead boys were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burke. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dowdy, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris, all of Glendale.

Controversial Tax Legislation Slated for Hearing Next Week

Salem — (U.P.) — Two highly controversial pieces of tax legislation are scheduled for House Tax committee hearings next week.

The first is a resolution for a constitutional amendment to permit attachment of the emergency clause to tax measures and thus block use of the referendum on them.

The second is the sales tax bill.

resolution passed the Senate 23 to 7, and 33 of 60 House members have signed the measure, indicating their support. Much debate is expected, however, before the people finally receive the proposal.

Opponents have expressed fears that the proposal will weaken Oregon's historic initiative-referendum policy. Hearing on the amendment is set for 1 p.m. Monday.

On Wednesday the House tax

Nationalist Planes Sink Two Red Ships Near Wuchiu Island

Craft Said Massing For 'Sneak Attack'

Taipei, Sunday — (U.P.) — Chinese Nationalist warplanes sank two Communist ships and damaged a third last night northwest of Wuchiu island, apparently the next target for Red attack off the China coast, it was announced today.

A Nationalist communiqué said wave after wave of planes were thrown against ships massing for a "sneak attack" similar to the one which an earlier announcement said was repulsed by the Wuchiu garrison Friday night.

Sights Large Vessels
A patrol bomber sighted a "fleet of large wooden vessels escorted by a torpedo boat" near the threatened island and attacked, damaging the torpedo boat, the communiqué said.

Two more ships of undescended type were destroyed by later attacks.

These losses apparently were in addition to the two ships that the earlier announcement said were destroyed by shore batteries in the Friday battle.

Hope To Repeat

Nationalist sources said that by attacking Wuchiu, which lies between the northern Nationalist outpost of Matsu and the main island of Formosa, the Reds apparently hope to repeat the "encirclement" tactics that forced the evacuation of the Nanchi and Tachen islands earlier this year.

The Communist radio said today Red troops have occupied Nanchi, evacuated by the Nationalists late last week.

Japanese Voters Expected To Return Pro-West Officials

Tokyo, Sunday — (U.P.) — The Japanese people voted today in their sixth post-war general election, which was expected to return to office a conservative, pro-Western government.

All the major parties predicted victory for themselves before electioneering stopped at midnight Saturday, after one of the dullest political campaigns in Japanese history.

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 6 p.m.

37,000,000 Votes Predicted
An estimated 37,000,000 voters were expected to flock to 43,000 polling places throughout the nation to elect 467 members of the lower house of the diet (parliament). There were more than 1,000 candidates, the smallest number of any post-war election.

The major battle was between Premier Ichiro Hatoyama's Democrats and former Premier Shigeru Yoshida's Liberals for control of the House of Representatives and the right to form the new government.

Hatoyama predicted his party would win 200 seats. Taketora Ogata, who succeeded Yoshida as head of the Liberals, predicted 180 seats for his party. The left and right wing Socialists predicted they would win a combined total of 175 seats.

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) said Saturday he is satisfied that turnout government witness Harvey Matusow is "just a stooge."

Russians Violate Secrecy Pledges

Irrigation District Announces Plans for Antelope Area Dam

Rogue River Valley Irrigation district has made application for a permit for use of salvage water and to construct a dam on Dry creek in the Antelope area, it was announced yesterday.

Those active in planning the project estimate that it could provide irrigation water for land not now irrigated in excess of 1,000 acres.

Request Survey

The district has asked the

Bureau of Reclamation to investigate the engineering feasibility of constructing an earth-fill dam 55 feet high. Such a dam would have a storage capacity of 4,800 acre feet.

It is believed that it probably will take about a year before the permits are received by the district.

The dam would act as an equalizing reservoir, to use water presently going to waste as unusable stream flow. It would cause no summertime depletion of stream flow in the three streams which would be involved.

Water would come primarily from Dry creek and Antelope creek, with water from Little Butte creek available during an extremely dry year. Dry creek is an intermittent stream above Rogue River Valley Irrigation district's Hopkins canal.

Under the present system of bringing water down from the district's Fish Lake reservoir by way of Little Butte creek almost to Lake creek, and diverting it into a canal operated jointly by the Rogue River and Medford Irrigation districts, it takes about two days for water to reach the lower portion of the system. Thus, the water supply cannot be closely coordinated to actual demand.

Could Be Regulated

With the proposed dam in operation, water from Fish Lake reservoir would be picked up and held in Dry creek equalizing reservoir during the irrigation season. From there, it could be closely regulated, according to need for irrigation water, and would allow the district to provide adequate water during periods of peak demand.

Construction of the dam would afford major benefits from an operating viewpoint to both the Rogue River Valley and Medford Irrigation districts according to those interested in the project. They state it would allow both districts to improve deliveries during peak demand periods, and to use more efficiently the present water supply.

It is planned for the Oregon State Game commission to make maximum use of the reservoir area for wild fowl resting and shooting areas. Rogue River Valley district officials emphasized that the reservoir area would be open to the public.

Atomic Explosion Postponed Again

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — The next atomic explosion in the 1955 test series Saturday was postponed by the Atomic Energy Commission until next week, possibly until Tuesday, due to forecasts of bad weather.

At a weather evaluation meeting Saturday morning, it was determined that adverse winds probably would continue through Monday.

Worst Floods in History of Australia Leave 14 Dead

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — The worst floods in Australia's history rampaged in new South Wales Saturday, routing thousands from their homes, killing herds of livestock and carrying haystacks out to sea.

Officials said they had counted 14 bodies and feared the death count might reach 40.

Rescuers Killed

Among those killed were two soldiers and a policeman who were electrocuted when the aerial of a flood rescue boat struck overhead high tension power lines. Two other men in the boat were injured.

The officers were crossing a muddy Maitland river to rescue 100 persons stranded on a railroad bridge when the tragedy

Daily Worker Gets Details of Reds' Atomic Proposals

Western Officials Critical of Plan

London — (U.P.) — The Russians violated the secrecy rule of the London disarmament conference Saturday by "leaking" details of their latest atomic proposal to the Communist Daily Worker, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, and Moscow radio.

Western diplomats said the Red move, apparently for propaganda purposes, may be a body blow to chances for an early agreement at the five-power session on atomic controls.

Western Leaders Furious

The Western representatives, who had been carefully observing the secrecy rule to the letter, were furious about the leak. They also were highly critical of the Soviet proposal itself, for it had been broadcast by Moscow radio Feb. 18. But no one outside the conference participants knew it had been presented formally by Russia Friday night until the Daily Worker was published early yesterday.

The Daily Worker reported that Andrei Y. Gromyko, Soviet ambassador to London and Russian delegate to the conference, had advanced a three-point plan. The Worker said it called for:

Three Proposals

1. The destruction of all atomic and hydrogen bomb stocks.
2. The dedication of all atomic materials to peaceful uses.
3. The freezing of all the world's armed forces at the Jan. 1, 1955 levels.

The newspaper added that the Russians also proposed that the "Soviet foreign minister establish international controls to see that these things are carried out."

After the Daily Worker published these details, Tass sent out the story, quoting "informed London circles." Moscow radio then picked up the Tass dispatch and broadcast it widely.

Sports Bulletins

Klamath Falls — Medford high school ended its regular season last night with 12 conference victories against no defeats when they walloped Klamath Falls, 76 to 59. It was the Tornado's 20th straight win for the season. Larry Coppel was the big gun in the attack with 34 points. Klamath's Danny Lowe hit 18.

Eagle Point — Crater high school gained the right to play Medford for District 4 representation last night with a decisive 70 to 53 win over Eagle Point in the Little Six division playoffs. Crater led at periods, 18 to 8, 37 to 19 and 55 to 35. Jim Higinbotham was high for the winners with 19 points.

Oregon State 68, Oregon 58
Idaho 80, Washington 79

Adenauer Receives Sweeping Victory; Paris Pact Backed

Explosive Saar Plan Wins Ratification

Bonn, Germany, Sunday — (U.P.) — The West German Bundestag, in a sweeping victory for Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, voted early today to raise a 500,000 man army and place it in the ranks of the free world's defense alliance against Communism.

Along with rearmament, the lower House of Parliament approved the Paris pact to end the 10-year Western Allied occupation and make the Bonn republic a fully sovereign nation.

At the same time, by a smaller though surprisingly comfortable margin of 60, the House voted to ratify the explosive German-French Saar agreement which has split the nation.

The historic decisions were registered in a rapid fire series of votes in the second of three readings of bills for ratification of the Paris arms treaties and the Saar pact.

The third and final reading still has to be given before the ratification by the lower House becomes final. The last reading and vote is scheduled to begin at noon Sunday.

But the second reading votes were decisive, and set the pattern for the final voting.

They proclaimed to the world that West Germany was prepared to rearm and raise a 12-division, 500,000 man armed force for the free world's defense against Communism under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Following a bitter 36-hour debate the deputies, in four rapid votes, approved:

- (1) A bill to ratify the treaty which would end the Allied occupation and restore freedom to West Germany by a vote of 327 to 151.
- (2) The pact to permit stationing of Western Allied troops on West German soil after it gets its sovereignty. The vote on this was 323 to 150, with four abstentions.
- (3) The treaty rearming the Bonn republic and making it a member of NATO and the Western European Union. The vote was 315 to 153, with nine abstentions.
- (4) A separate pact negotiated with France which would "Europeanize" the disputed coal-rich Saar territory. This won a surprising vote of 264 votes to 204, with nine abstentions.

Key decision was the approval of the Saar pact, the battle over it, joined even by parties within Adenauer's coalition, threatened to upset the whole western rearmament plan.

The French, who have vetoed to complete ratification of the Paris treaties, had made it a condition for their approval. German rejection of the Saar agreement would have meant certain French rejection of the arms pacts.

The government Free Democrats and the Refugee party revolted against Adenauer on the issue. The majority of their deputies joined the opposing Socialists in voting against the pact.

Following the four separate treaty votes, the Socialists, fighting a bitter last-ditch battle, introduced futile amendments to hamstring the operation of the pacts.

The government majority beat 308 to 163, one Socialist motion which stipulated the pacts should not be put into effect until new big power talks are held with the Soviets.

Tuesday Deadline for Buying Dog Licenses
Tuesday, March 1, is the deadline for purchase of dog licenses without a penalty charge. Licenses may be purchased for \$1.50 through Tuesday, after which the charge will be \$3.50.

Licenses are required for all dogs more than eight months of age. Owners may purchase a license for a dog within 30 days after the animal becomes eight months of age for \$1.50.

New residents of the county may purchase a license for a dog more than eight months of age within 30 days after moving into the county for \$1.50.

Clerks in charge of dog license sales said Friday that more than 2,000 licenses have been sold so far this year.