



WINDS HIT OREGON—Winds up to 75 m.p.h. tore these steel hangers apart and wrecked five planes at Trohs Air Park in Portland, Ore. Sixteen other planes came through undamaged when the hangers they were housed in blew apart. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. A few scattered showers Thursday. Cooler tonight with low 32's. High Thursday 46.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 43
Lowest this Morning 27
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .12

Nationalists Fear Dulles Will Ask Island Surrender

Meeting Scheduled With Chiang Thursday

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — The Nationalists fear that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will ask them to give up the islands of Quemoy and Matsu in exchange for a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait, reliable sources reported today.

Dulles is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow from Manila for an important "war council" with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and top American and Chinese Nationalist military commanders on the Formosa crisis.

Fleet Said Prepared
Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet who arrived here today from Japan, told newsmen the fleet is "substantially" as strong as it was during the Tachen evacuation and is prepared to meet any Communist attack.

Pride refused to disclose whether the fleet would move deeper into the strait between Formosa and China to head off threatened Communist invasion of Quemoy and Matsu and said, "I won't reveal our tactics, but I'd like for the other fellow to reveal his."

Defense Hinted
Dulles has hinted the Seventh Fleet would defend Quemoy and Matsu if a Communist attack were aimed at Formosa and the Pescadores, but has not made a clear cut announcement.

Britain, seeking to end the Formosa crisis through "secret diplomacy," has suggested that giving up the two offshore bases would mean an automatic cease-fire. National leaders have vowed repeatedly they will never give up these two remaining islands.

Manila, P. I. — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles clearly spelled out the American position on Formosa, Matsu and Quemoy today in a two-hour secret meeting with his key diplomats in the Far East.

But most of what he said got no further than the dark-paneled conference room of the American embassy under his policy of keeping the Communists guessing on the United States' exact position on the Nationalist-held offshore islands.

Dulles talked for two hours and 10 minutes non-stop today in telling American diplomats serving in 17 Far Eastern nations of the events leading to the Southeast Asia conference in Bangkok, the conference itself and results of his visits to Burma.

Reliable sources said he dwelt in detail on the U.S. views on invasion-threatened Quemoy and Matsu and the Pescadores and Formosa. The only news to leak from that was that he made a point of referring to Formosa as "Taiwan," which he said he considered more appropriate.

'Granddaddy' Atomic Explosion Postponed

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The big A-bomb shot of the 1955 test series was postponed again this morning just 45 minutes before its scheduled detonation atop a 500-foot tower in the Nevada desert.

The Atomic Energy commission decided to postpone firing the "granddaddy" nuclear device after a weather briefing which ended at 4:45 a.m. (PST). Reason for the postponement was not given.

A spokesman said there will be no test shots today or tomorrow. Another weather evaluation meeting was scheduled for late tomorrow morning to decide if a shot can be fired Friday.

Cambodia King Abdicates Throne

Phnom Penh, Cambodia — (U.P.) King Norodom Sihanouk, 33, abdicated today in a dramatic protest against the leftist political groups which oppose his pro-Western policies and his plans for early democratic general elections.

The young saxophone-playing monarch announced his abdication to his 3,700,000 subjects just 48 hours after he conferred here with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on raising and training a 55,000-man Cambodian army.

Norodom resigned in favor of his father, Prince Suramarit, 60, who has never been king. Norodom is regarded as a bulwark against Communism in Southeast Asia.

West Leads in Weapons Race, President Says News Conference

Central California Coastal Region Feels Earthquake

Excited Residents Flee Into Streets

Hollister, Calif. — (U.P.) — An "easy going" earthquake rolled along the Central California coast today, rattling dishes and sending excited residents running into the streets.

Reports indicated that the temblor, which lasted five minutes on the University of California seismograph, did little damage. Sheriff's offices received scattered reports of broken china and spilled canned goods.

Quake Felt Widely
The quake hit at 8 a.m. and was felt widely, ranging along the coast from Watsonville to Paso Robles and inland to Hollister and Seneca.

Residents who tumbled from their houses said the quake was "hard" but "slow rolling." They said it was felt strongly for "about 30 seconds." Dishes rattled and chandeliers swayed here.

At Monterey, residents said the quake was "felt strongly," but described it as an "easy going, kind of lazy roller."

In Paso Robles, china was tumbled to the floor. A staff reporter at the Paso Robles Press described the quake this way: "My shoes stood still, but the rest of me rocked."

Magnitude of Four
The University of California seismograph registered the quake as having a Richter magnitude of 4, and indicated the center of the temblor was 200 miles southwest of Berkeley, probably off the coast at Paso Robles.

It was the second local shock to be recorded by the Berkeley quake reading machine in the past 12 hours. A 3.45 earthquake centering in the Hollister area, was recorded at 10:05 p.m. (PST) yesterday.

Skiers Recovering From Exposure

Bishop, Calif. — (U.P.) — Two skiers were recovering here today from frostbite and exposure after a seven-man team rescued them from a remote cabin in the High Sierras of Yosemite National park.

The skiers, Janice Off, 25, Beverly Hills, Calif., and Frank Dunn, 22, Sunland, Calif., were brought in from the mountain last night.

The couple credited a radio and food drop by Bob Symons, pilot of a search plane, for saving their lives. Symons spotted their snow-printed "help" at the 10,000-foot level of Rush Meadows, near the Madera-Mon county line.

The pilot instructed the stranded skiers to ski to the Rush Creek power company cabin, where the ground rescue party reached them yesterday.

The submersible, first vessel ever powered by atomic power, left her berth at the Electric Boat Co. Sunday to begin what proved to be her longest cruise since the tests started Jan. 17.

Churchill Says U.S. Only Nation Able To Deliver Full-Scale H-Bomb Attack

London — Prime Minister Churchill says the United States is the only country in the world able to deliver a full-scale hydrogen-bomb attack "on a few hours' notice."

Further he said the United States has an overwhelming lead over Soviet Russia in the "knowledge and power to make nuclear weapons."

"The threat of a hydrogen attack on these islands lies in the future," Churchill told the house of commons in opening a debate on defense planning.

"It is not with us now," according to information which we have been able to obtain."

"Only three countries possess, in varying degrees, the knowledge and power to make nuclear weapons."

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Egypt Hurls War Charges

Cairo, Egypt — (U.P.) — Egypt accused the Israeli army today of opening fire against an Egyptian outpost yesterday and Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser held an emergency cabinet meeting to review the worsening military crisis.

Lt. Col. Salah Gohar, in charge of Palestine affairs for the Egyptian army, said the Israeli army opened fire against an outpost southeast of Gaza. He said there were no casualties.

The incident increased the tension between the two countries even more, and authoritative reports from Gaza said the Egyptian army rushed a "strong" infantry force into the area during the night.

Bursts of rifle and machine gun fire echoed nightlong along the Egypt-Israeli border, but the Gaza dispatch said the firing was "targetless."

The Israeli press called for increased preparedness on the part of Israeli combined with a firm stand against what it called Egypt's "criminal acts" of murder and sabotage.

Egypt Accused of Espionage Activity

Almost every Israeli paper accused Egypt of sending espionage agents and spies deep into Israel territory. Some accused Egypt of trying to show the Arab states how strong it was to cover up for its failure to halt the defense pact between Iraq and Turkey.

Egypt already was reported on a near-war footing, and the sending of reinforcements into the Gaza area increased its readiness for eventualities.

Security regulations prevented disclosing military dispositions, but the reports said a "sizeable force" moved under cover of darkness to El Arish, some 40 miles south of the scene of the Israeli attack Monday.

Strict security precautions were put in force at key points along the Israeli border in the Egyptian-occupied Gaza strip which thrusts up the Mediterranean coast for 20 miles, cutting part of Israel off from the sea.

Fear Open War
The growing tensions along the border heightened fears the growing bitterness between the two nations might erupt once again into open warfare.

The U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission met in emergency session in Jerusalem to study the crisis while Egypt protested to the U.N. Security Council against an Israeli attack Monday night which it called an "act of aggression."

A dispatch from Tel Aviv said Israel protested today to U.N. truce observers against the preliminary report blaming Israel for the Gaza incident. A note was sent to U.N. headquarters in Jerusalem where the commission met to hear Egypt's formal protest.

Nautilus Completes Tests on Deep Diving

Groton, Conn. — (U.P.) — The atomic submarine Nautilus was back in port today after completing deep dive trials in the Atlantic off the Maine coast.

The Navy said it was preparing a report on results of the latest tests.

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U.S. Will Never Start Aggressive War, Ike Declares

No Invitation Due Marshal Zhukov Now

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today that the Western world has a lead over Russia in development of atomic and hydrogen weapons.

But the President said one could not know exactly how long the lead can be sustained. At one point in a news conference discussion he said that in the past the West has had a great lead over in development of nuclear weapons.

The President underscored the Western world's lead in atomic and hydrogen weapons in commenting on Winston Churchill's statement yesterday that the United States and Britain must increase their superiority or the Russians would pull even within three or four years.

Mr. Eisenhower emphasized that the United States will never start an aggressive war. Aid to China

He was asked about reports that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had said his government expects moral and material aid from the United States to invade the China mainland. The President, replying firmly, declared that the United States was not going to be a part of any aggressive war. He said that was all he would say on that.

Mr. Eisenhower, commenting on Churchill's speech, said he felt that any statements in the nuclear arms field generally were nothing more than speculative estimates.

But the President said the United States does know that the Western world has had a great lead over Russia in development of atomic and hydrogen weapons. Exactly how long this can be sustained is problematical.

Russian Visitor
On other foreign affairs matters, the President:

1. Said he was not going to issue an invitation now to Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Soviet defense minister, to visit the United States. The President said he had thought this over himself and decided to do nothing about it now because of the world situation.

2. Declared that the free world wants peace and the only way the West could become embroiled in another war would be by the other side's action. The President related this statement to the Formosa situation.

3. Asserted that a dozen different disarmament solutions could be worked out if world problems were approached in good faith. The United States will never start an aggressive war, he said, and it merely wants to develop the security of the American people and their Allies.

4. Disclosed that the administration is developing an Asian aid program that will be presented to Congress soon.

5. Emphasized that the administration has no plan under study to send surplus grain to Russia.

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Pendleton — (U.P.) — Regular mail service between here and Lewiston, Ida., has started by highway. Airmail is not affected. The new service replaces that formerly handled by five railroads.

Brownsville Woolen Mill Destroyed by Night Blaze

Brownsville, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Brownsville woolen mill, a pioneer Oregon mill, was gutted by fire last night as firemen from seven Willamette valley towns tried to contain the blaze and hundreds of valley residents gathered to watch flames which were visible for 15 miles.

Cause of the fire was undetermined.

Half Insured
Damage was estimated at \$280,000 by the mill owner, Chester A. Page. He said about half of it was covered by insurance.

The mill, which specialized in caracul wools, was built in 1860 and its original machinery was brought around Cape Horn. The mill burned down in 1865 with a loss of \$60,000 and was rebuilt.

Last night's fire was spotted by an employee, Gordon Lee, who turned in the first alarm about 7:15 p.m. Later, fire equipment from Brownsville, Lebanon, Sweet Home, Albany, Shedd, Halsey and Harrisburg responded to the call.

Employed About 60
Page, who purchased the plant in 1935, said only the boiler house and a warehouse, located away from the main building, escaped.

The mill, along with the Timber Products company, was one of two main payrolls for this town of 1200 persons. It employed about 60 persons.

OLCC Tightens Up Regulations on Gifts, Gratuities

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission yesterday tightened up its "gift and gratuity" regulation following a furor that has caused two suspensions and one resignation of commission employees in recent months.

A regulation already was in effect prohibiting licensees from accepting gratuities, gifts, rebates or refunds, but it said nothing about employees.

The new section states: "No member, agent or employee of the Liquor Control Commission shall accept any gift, gratuity or thing of value from any manufacturer, distributor or retailer of alcoholic liquor or from any agent, employee or officer of such manufacturer, distributor or retailer."

The section further prohibits manufacturers from giving gifts to commission employees and prohibits suppliers' representatives from using more than one case of their product for sampling in the state. They previously were allowed three cases.

February Building Permits Take Jump

February building permit totals for Medford reached \$324,770—the highest February total in at least 10 years, except in 1951.

City building officials pointed out that in February, 1951, the permit for the new St. Mary's school totaled about \$350,000, raising the month's figure to \$561,000. Permits for last month included no large projects, but rather reflected a strong trend toward residential growth and renovation.

Last month's building was an increase over the same month in 1954 by \$182,954, and even a greater increase over that month in 1953 when only \$131,347 was recorded. Last month also topped January, 1955, which registered \$161,910 in building valuation.

A total of 75 permits was issued last month, including 17 new residences at a \$195,000 valuation.

.12 Inch of Rain Falls; Winter Unusually Dry

A total of .12 of an inch of rain fell in Medford in the 24-hour period ending at 10 a.m. today, the weather bureau reported. The rain is nothing out of the ordinary in a normal winter, but was noteworthy in an unusually dry winter such as this.

The forecast is for a few scattered showers.

Rainier periods this year were on Jan. 16, when .22 of an inch fell, and Jan. 26 and 27, when there was .16 of an inch.

Chief Says Statistics Show Traffic Campaign Results

Police Chief Charles Champlin today reported traffic statistics for February which reflect a stepped-up traffic enforcement program in the city of Medford.

He stated the figures show a considerable increase in citations for basic rule violations, reckless driving, and failure to yield the right of way to both pedestrians and vehicles.

Violations Total 78
Total number of violation of road and driving laws for last month was 78, an increase over February, 1954, of 44 citations.

There were 66 cases of basic rule violation, 12 of reckless driving, and 11 each for failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians and to vehicles.

Champlin pointed out, "these types of violations are causing the most accidents. We started our harder-hitting program as a

Stockmen, Farmers Slate Consideration Of Rainfall Program

A meeting of county stockmen and dry land farmers will be held Friday to consider joining with fruitgrowers in cloud seeding for a four months period to produce rain or snow.

James Miller Jr., Medford

City Traffic Light Contract Awarded

The State Highway commission today awarded a contract for the installation of traffic signals at six Medford intersections to Trowbridge and Flynn Electric Co., according to United Press. The bid was \$15,593.

The contract calls for installation of signals on Central and Riverside aves., between McAndrews rd. and 12th st. They have previously been approved by the city council. The work includes the lights, auxiliary cabinets and relays.

The commission, meeting in Portland, also awarded the Frank Wat Construction Co. and the S&D Construction company a \$25,450 contract to replace two timber bridges on the Upper Applegate road.

Den Herder and Strobel, Medford, was awarded a \$22,184 contract to repair road damage near Winchester bay in Douglas county, and F. L. Somers, Medford, won a \$63,400 contract to improve the Salt creek channel and riprap Willamette highway embankments near Oakridge in Lane county.

Korea Railway Coach Fire Kills 39 Persons

Pusan, Korea — (U.P.) — Flames enveloped a parked railway car in Pusan tonight and first reports said 39 persons were killed and 50 were injured.

A U.S. Army spokesman said Army fire fighting trucks rushed to the scene of the disaster. The burned railway car reportedly was one of four waiting for an engine to pull them to Seoul.

The other three apparently did not catch fire.

One report said a kerosene lantern might have exploded, sending the flames leaping through the wooden car.

No Americans were reported among the injured or dead.

SOLDIER RETURNS

Pfc. Harold Stayton, Medford, is scheduled to arrive in Seattle tomorrow aboard the transport Gen. John Pope from the Far East, according to United Press. Available city directories do not list an address for him.

'Adequate' Defined By Liquor Commission

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has defined its use of the word "adequate" in regulations requiring food service where liquor is sold by the drink.

The commission said that "adequate" food service was defined to mean that a liquor licensee, when his establishment is open, must offer meals to the public during the hours such meals are normally served.

Establishments also must have food service available at least six hours each day, the commission said.

Salem — (U.P.) — Charles R. Holway Jr., Portland, has been appointed by Gov. Paul Patterson to the State Board of Higher Education. He succeeds Edgar W. Smith whose term has expired.