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Cooperative Plan To Increase Rain Slated for County

North American To Handle Program

A cooperative program to seek increased rainfall for Jackson county during the next 3 1/2 months was outlined here Friday night at a meeting held in the county courthouse auditorium.

Friday night's meeting was the third in a series on the subject held during the past few days. Purpose of the Friday meeting was to explain the proposed project to members of the Jackson County Stockmen's association and dry land farmers.

Handles Copco Project

The weather modification and cloud seeding program will be conducted by North American Weather Consultants, a firm which has operated a similar program for California Oregon Power company for the past four winters. The Copco program has operated in northern Jackson county and southern Douglas county.

Taking part will be the Medford, Rogue River Valley, and Talent Irrigation districts, Copco, and members of the Traffic association, Jackson County Fruitgrowers league and the Stockmen's association, and dry land farmers. Jackson county and the city of Medford also are studying the program.

Individual Backing

The Traffic association, Fruitgrowers league, and Stockmen's association have not backed the new program as organizations. However, they have presented the plans for the program to their members, who will decide for themselves concerning support of the project.

Dealing with North American Weather Consultants concerning the program will be an organization known as the Jackson County Moisture Increase committee, which will be made up of representatives of those organizations whose members are taking part.

The cloud seeding and weather modification program will be underwritten by the three irrigation districts, who will get money back from those participating, according to Jack Hoffbuhner, manager of the Medford Irrigation district. Speakers at Friday's meeting stated that Copco will put up a large part of the funds.

Nine of those attending Friday's meeting pledged that they would put up \$508 to help cover costs of the program.

Roland Bolland and W. L. Scott, who represented North American Weather Consultants at the meeting, stated that a survey of 30 projects conducted by their firm has shown an average precipitation increase of 39 per cent. However, they warned that they cannot guarantee a rainfall increase, and added that they must have cloud formations on which to work.

Location Tested

Generators for the county-wide program will be located about 15 miles apart, and will be set up at Trail, Wolf Creek, Merlin, Murphy, near Holland, Happy camp, Hamburg, Calif., on the Klamath river, Pinehurst, Ashland, Medford, Gold Hill, and near Diamond Lake. It was explained that the outer group of generators would be used under ordinary conditions, and that all generators would be used when air conditions are turbulent.

The generators send silver iodide crystals into the air over a wide area, which Bolland and Scott said is a more effective method of seeding clouds than any other.

The new program will start as soon as possible, and will be concluded, on June 15. It was pointed out that this area receives few clouds after that date. Also, it was noted that rainfall through June 15 would cause little damage to crops.

Admitted Slayer Held In Klamath County Jail

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—A 45-year-old Bakersfield, Calif., man who says he killed a woman in 1952, was being held in Klamath county jail Saturday for authorities from the California city.

Oscar Hood turned himself in to Sheriff Murray Britton Friday night and in a written statement to District Attorney Frank Aderson said that in 1952 he killed a woman he identified as Mollie Ford, 36, during a drinking party in a Bakersfield tavern. He said he dragged to body to a car and drove to a dump yard where he buried the body.

Trike, Car Collide; Police Study Report

City police yesterday were scratching their heads over what to do about this one:

Two vehicles were involved in an accident at the intersection of 11th st. and Oakdale ave., yesterday, shortly before noon. A 1951 sedan, operated by Ernest Blaar, 1226 Dakota ave., was bumped by a trike operated by Larry Patrick White, 4, of 1036 Winchester st.

Neither "driver" reported damage, no injuries occurred and no citations were issued. The sedan was traveling about five to 10 miles an hour when struck by the trike. Speed of the trike was not reported.

County's February Employment Work Said Best in Years

Last month was the best February in many years as far as employment in Jackson county is concerned, according to the Medford office of the state employment service.

The number of jobs at the end of February was estimated at 1,920 persons. This total is 9 per cent below the total previous, and 36 per cent below the same date a year ago.

No Claims Increase

The number of unemployment claims filed during February was about the same as in January, instead of increasing as is usually the case, the office's monthly report said.

"Local employment apparently hit bottom for this year during the first half of February," the report said. "Work began to increase noticeably after the middle of the month. This steady increase was interrupted temporarily by a storm in the last days of the month which interrupted operations for some loggers who were working at higher elevations.

"The increase in employment was not confined to any one industry, but was scattered throughout the local area," it added. "Good weather helped outside work to keep going and business generally was reported to be better than usual for the time of year."

Ample Labor Supply

There is now an ample labor supply for almost all kinds of work, the report said, with no prospect of any labor shortage in the next 90 days. Orchard pruning is nearing completion, and some orchards have started spraying. It forecast a light demand for agricultural labor for the next 60 days.

The office reported it is now completing its annual aptitude testing program with high school seniors, which will provide lists of young people with demonstrated abilities in many lines. It urged employers to make use of this valuable source of new employees.

President Sets Up New Security Rules

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower Saturday laid down seven new rules to govern the Federal Security program uniformly and to "protect both the National Security and the rights" of federal employees.

Two were aimed at avoiding in the future the furor and intergovernmental dispute which occurred in the recent Wolf Ladajinsky security case.

One might be interpreted as directed at Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, who dismissed Ladajinsky on security grounds although he had been cleared for the State Department. The Russian-born land reform expert then was hired by another government agency.

Kilauea Erupts for Sixth Straight Day; Evacuation of Small Beach Town Ordered

Hilo, Hawaii—(U.P.)—National Guard trucks were sent speeding to three east Hawaii coastal towns late Saturday as new quakes shook the area and experts said everything pointed to new and perhaps bigger eruptions of Kilauea volcano.

Hilo, Hawaii—(U.P.)—Kilauea volcano erupted for the sixth straight day Saturday sending a muddy river of molten lava flowing toward the beach town of Pohokiki where authorities ordered the evacuation of all residents.

Further inland Kapoho was virtually sealed off from civilization as fingers of steaming rock oozed past both sides of the

Dulles Sets Report On Asiatic Plans To Pound Red China

Nation To Hear Tuesday Address

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles returns from the Far East today to report on American-led strategy to pound Red China on three fronts, perhaps with atomic weapons, if the Communists commit outright aggression in Asia.

Dulles also will report on the chances of war or peace in the Formosa crisis. He conferred on Formosa with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at the end of his seven-nation swing.

Reports To Vary

Dulles' reports to President Eisenhower, congressional committees, and the American people will vary, depending on his audience.

In his nationwide television and radio address Tuesday night, he is expected to appeal to both Nationalist and Red China to renounce the use of force in the Formosa-off shore island area. He will match this appeal to reason with a warning to Red China against risking American retaliation against mainland target areas if Formosa and the Pescadores are attacked.

Informants said Dulles will be unable to report his tour has ended a British-American split over policy towards the Quemoy and Matsu Islands off the China Coast. Britain has been pressing for the transfer of these islands from Nationalist to Communist control.

To Discuss Strategy

In Dulles' private talks with the President and Congressional committees, he is expected to go deeply into the latest developments in administration strategy to retaliate on three fronts against Red China if it commits aggression in the Asian-Pacific area.

The triple front strategy calls for hitting the Chinese Reds primarily from Korea, Formosa, and Southeast Asia.

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) said Dulles will be asked to meet with the Senate Foreign Relations committee Tuesday if it is convenient for the Secretary. If not, George said, a date later in the week will be set.

France Told Saar German Territory

Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—West Germany bluntly told France Saturday that the disputed coal-and-steel-rich Saar is German territory.

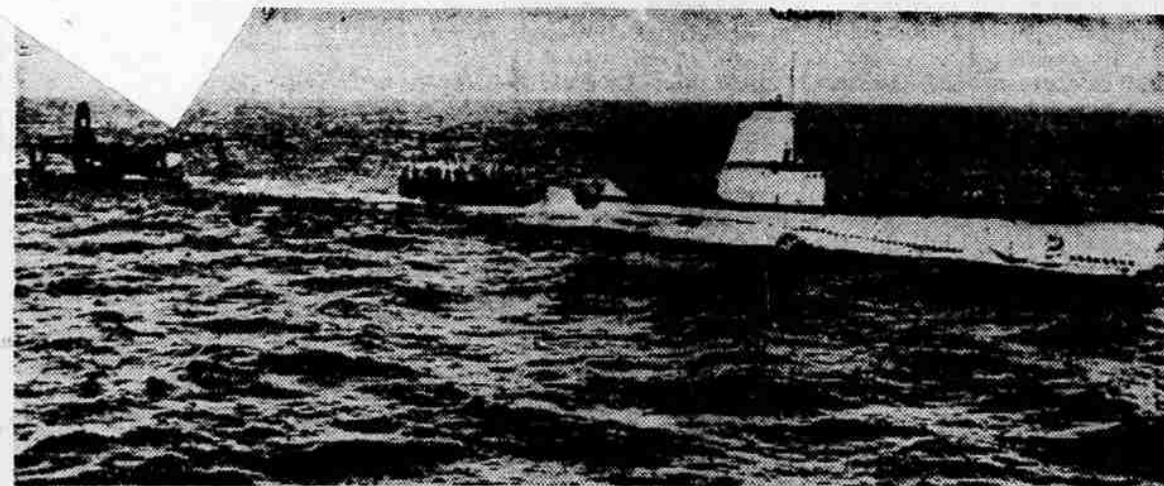
It insisted the 960,000 German-speaking inhabitants would have to right to agitate for return to Germany after the German-French Saar agreement goes into effect.

The West German Bundestag ratified the Saar Treaty last week after bitter debate. The treaty also has been approved by the French National Assembly and is now awaiting ratification by the French Senate.

The Bonn government renewed its claim to the territory in a demarche (official notification of a change of policy) to the French Foreign Office delivered by West German Envoy Wilhelm Hausenstein in Paris.

QUAKE HITS EUREKA

Eureka—(U.P.)—Eureka, the center of a damaging earthquake last December, experienced another light aftershock at 12:07 a.m. Saturday but there was no damage reported.



SUB REFUELS PLANE AT SEA—A twin-engine P5M Martin Marlin patrol seaplane out of Norfolk, Va. is refueled in the Caribbean by the submarine-oiler USS Guavina. The test was part of two-week operation conducted by Commander Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet.

New Violence Erupts In Tense Middle East

Gaza, Egyptian-Israeli Frontier—(U.P.)—Arab-Israeli tension which has threatened the peace of the Middle East, erupted Saturday in new violence on the Israeli-Jordanian frontier.

Jordan charged before the mixed armistice commission in Jerusalem, the five Jordanian Beduins were murdered by Israeli troops Friday night.

Israel charged Syria with a less serious frontier violation near the Hagovrim settlement where, it is said, shots were fired from Syrian positions wounding one of two workmen on a waterworks project in upper Galilee. Israeli reinforcements returned and silenced the Syrian fire, the Israeli complaint said.

The commission already is considering Egypt's charges that an Israeli army unit on last Monday night staged a sneak attack on an Egyptian military post in this Egyptian frontier area, killing 42 Egyptians and wounding 29.

The situation here was so danger-packed Saturday that families of the United Nations truce team—including one American woman—were evacuated from the Gaza area.

Egypt charged that Israeli artillery opened fire during the night on a second Egyptian military outpost, but inflicted no casualties.

The evacuation of U. N. families was ordered as a precaution against their becoming involved and possibly being wounded or killed in such clashes.

U. N. officials identified the American who was evacuated as Mrs. Pierre Duhet, formerly of Geneva, Ill. She is the wife of a Belgian civilian radio operator.

Israel, which has denied the Egyptian charge of responsibility for the bloody Gaza battle, also countered the Jordanian charge of an unprovoked attack in Jordan territory on the opposite side of Israel.

Camp White Man Fatally Injured When Struck by Car

The second fatal accident of the year for Jackson county occurred last night when a pedestrian was struck by a car while crossing Highway 62 at the main entrance to Camp White. The first fatal accident also involved a pedestrian in Medford.

Charles Roubush, 62, a member of the domiciliary center, died en route to a hospital in Medford, according to Gordon C. Hays, deputy county coroner. Roubush received head and leg injuries in the accident, Hays said.

State police said the man was struck at about 8 p.m. by a car operated by Glenn Worth Hue Albert, 31, of 319 Laurel st. Albert was accompanied by his wife and two children, none of whom was injured, police said.

In reconstructing the accident, police said Roubush had been at the White City cafe across the highway from the domiciliary center. After leaving the cafe he was re-crossing the highway and "apparently misjudged the distance" and was struck in the southbound lane by the Albert car, which was going towards Medford, police continued. They said there was no indication that the Albert car was travelling at an excessive speed. No citations were issued.

Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements for the deceased.

Belton Sees No Hope Of 10 Per Cent Cuts

Salem—(U.P.)—State Sen. Howard Belton of Canby said Saturday he saw no hope that the Ways and Means committee could achieve its goal of a 10 per cent cut in the general fund budget.

"If anything," Belton said, "the cut will be nearer one quarter or at most one half of that."

At a meeting of all sub-committees some time ago it was decided to try to cut various departmental budgets 10 per cent, or about \$20,000,000, but Belton predicted the cuts will amount to \$10,000,000 at most.

Yesterday's Cold 20 Degrees Equals Mark

Yesterday's frigid temperature of 20 in the early morning equaled the previous cold record for the Rogue valley, according to the U.S. weather bureau.

Murder in First Degree Indictment Returned by Jury

The Jackson county grand jury Friday indicted Bernice H. (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., Medford, on a charge of first degree murder.

The charge arose out of the death Wednesday of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix, who eyewitnesses said was struck on the head by a two-by-four board wielded by White while both were at work at the Talent Sawmill.

To Obtain Counsel

White appeared in circuit court Saturday morning before Judge E. H. Howell. The grand jury's indictment was read to him, and he was arraigned. The judge gave him until next Tuesday to seek to obtain counsel, and if he is unable to do so by then, the possibility of appointing counsel will be taken up.

White is being held without bail in the Jackson county jail. An autopsy performed on Birk's body after his death revealed the cause of death was a basal skull fracture with interior bleeding, caused by injury to the left side of his head.

Contractor Asks 125 Water Connections

Jacksonville—A total of 125 water connections for a 32-acre subdivision at Bybee corner on the Medford-Jacksonville highway has been requested from the city of Jacksonville by Tom Whittle, Medford contractor.

Mayor John Keaveny told Whittle that the water committee would investigate the application, in regard to the city's total water supply, and make a report at the next meeting.

The property involved is on the south side of the highway, and Whittle told city officials that he intends to put in paved streets and water before any building takes place. He estimated it would take about one year to improve the ground and install the utilities before construction.

Jacksonville purchases its water from Medford, and the connection would be on the inter-city pipeline, officials said.

MENZIES IN U. S.

New York—(U.P.)—Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies arrived in New York by plane from Rome Saturday and told newsmen that the main purpose of his visit to the United States was to have "useful talks" on Southeast Asian defense problems.

Priest Ousted From Russia Tells of Division of World

Helsinki, Finland—(U.P.)—Father Georges Bissonette, the American Roman Catholic priest ousted from Russia, said Saturday that Russian propaganda has convinced the Soviet people that "the world is divided into just two parts: The Soviet Union and the United States."

He told a press conference, arranged after his arrival here from Moscow, that this strange division of the world in the Soviet mind is discovered "when ever you go outside Moscow, to the provincial parts of the Soviet Union."

Will Return to U.S.

The priest, whose home is at Central Falls, R.I., said he has no idea why the Russian government suddenly ordered him expelled on short notice. He said his only present plans are to return as soon as possible to the United States.

Father Bissonette described himself as "just a clergyman" with too many duties of his own to take up political speculations. But he did provide sidelights

Russia Warns US Within Striking Range of A-Bomb

London—(U.P.)—Soviet Russia said today the United States is on the list of targets that it could and would strike with atom bombs if the need arises for "military retaliation."

Friday Moscow warned Britain that the British Isles are particularly exposed and vulnerable to Soviet H-bombs if a nuclear war begins.

A Moscow radio broadcast, monitored here, said: "Under modern conditions the United States ruling circles have no ground for hope that, should they commit aggression, U. S. territory would remain outside military retaliation."

"And as regards the production of hydrogen weapons, the Soviet Union is well ahead of the U.S.A.," the broadcast said.

The broadcast was based on an article written for the Soviet journal New Times by Maj. Gen. F. Isayev.

He said the United States at one time hoped they could inflict "masked atomic blows on vital centers of the Soviet Union and the other peace-loving countries."

Believed Invulnerable

"They calculated that the U. S. would remain invulnerable," the broadcast said.

Now, it said, the United States cannot hope that its own territory would remain outside the range of Russian atomic retaliation.

"As regards the well-recognized vulnerability of their (the United States) satellites in Western Europe and other regions where the U. S. military bases are situated, this state of affairs does not trouble the strategists," the Isayev article said.

"It would seem that these facts now are being understood in Washington."

"The U.S. and British reliance on a monopoly of nuclear weapons has long since proved vain," the article said.

"The U.S.S.R. also possesses the secret of the production of atomic weapons and as regards the production of hydrogen weapons, it is well ahead of the U.S.A."

Allies Invited To Atomic Tests

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States has invited representatives of Britain and other allied nations to witness—under certain restrictions—some of this nation's atomic tests in Nevada.

But none of the foreign representatives will be given access to any secret data on design and manufacture of nuclear weapons, authoritative sources reported Saturday.

This ban is laid down in U. S. law. But the visitors from some of the principal North Atlantic Pact nations will be given opportunity to study the effects of nuclear explosions.

Sir William Penny, Great Britain's top nuclear weapons expert, will be among those who will witness one of this spring's Nevada explosions.

Sports Bulletins

Medford high school basketball team gained a state Class A tournament berth last night by drubbing Crater 77 to 43 here for its second straight win in the District 4 playoff.

Crater resisted stubbornly in the early moments of the contest but the Black Tornado led at the quarter 14 to 7 and pushed to 36 to 18 at halftime. Third quarter score was 56 to 26.

Larry Copple of Medford headed point-getters with 18. Frank Rector scored 16 and Jerry Kalapus 12 for the Tornado and Bob Gray 10 for Crater.

Klamath Falls—Mallin clinched the District 5-B crown last night with its second win over Talent, 44 to 40. The score resulted after a 38-all overtime, following a single foul during the regular play's end.

Corvallis—(U.P.)—The Oregon State College Beavers downed the UCLA Bruins 83 to 64 Saturday night with a red-hot second half streak that gave them two wins over the Bruins and the basketball championship of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Ike-Churchill Meet To Patch Up Rift Forecast in London

London—(U.P.)—Highly placed British sources said Saturday night that Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Dwight D. Eisenhower probably will have to meet again shortly to patch up the rift in the Atlantic Alliance revealed in Churchill's H-bomb speech of last Tuesday.

These sources suggested that the 80-year-old Prime Minister may even now be contemplating "another pilgrimage to Washington" in an attempt to bring American and British policy back into line.

Churchill on Tuesday said bluntly that Britain must build its own H-bombs because American H-bombs might not give adequate priority to the targets Britain would want bombed in event of a war.

British sources accepted this shock-speech as a clear indication that the Anglo-American Alliance is in a "bad state."

They blamed the allegedly dangerous rift in relations between the Atlantic partners on the current state of disjointed planning.

Churchill told the House of Commons that he doubted British could exercise adequate influence on American thinking and actions until Britain had some nuclear power of its own to reinforce its position.

The high-ranking British authority for the report that Churchill and Mr. Eisenhower may meet soon to try to iron out such irritations is an eminent Briton who long has been a Churchill confidant.

Floods Threatening Along Ohio River

Chicago—(U.P.)—Tornado threats ended in Dixie late Saturday but flood threats arose along the Ohio river and a late cold wave moved into the upper Midwest.

The U.S. Weather Bureau at Memphis said that the possibility of tornadoes for Western Tennessee, east-central Arkansas and northwestern Mississippi ended at 4:30 p.m. (CST).

Twisters along the Kentucky-Tennessee border Friday night injured several persons and caused extensive property damage.