

Churchill Tells Attempt for Anglo-Soviet Meeting

Senator Knowland Reiterates Belief Tax Cuts To Lose

Prediction Follows Breakfast With Ike

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Republican Leader William T. Knowland reiterated his belief today that the Senate will defeat a Democratic compromise income tax cut plan.

The Californian repeated his forecast after breakfast at the White House with President Eisenhower. The breakfasts have become a weekly, early morning date between the two men.

Routine Discussion

Knowland described the meeting as devoted to a routine discussion of legislative problems, including the upcoming tax bill, and various phases of the foreign situation.

Democrats and Republicans laid down a new barrage of arguments for and against the compromise income tax proposal.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey issued a special statement denouncing the Democratic compromise plan for a \$20-\$10 tax cut as "unwise political tinkering" that would hurt the "little people" the Democrats "talk so much about" by damaging the nation's business economy.

Irresponsibility Charged

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) accused the Eisenhower administration of "irresponsibility" in tax legislation — a charge both Humphrey and President Eisenhower previously had lobbed at the Democrats.

The Minnesota senator also said Congress has to choose between "the American people or big business corporations."

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), chairman of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee, said the majority comment in the committee's annual report could be interpreted as specific endorsement of the income tax cut compromise. The report was released today.

FFA Leaders Here For State Conclave

Members of the state executive committee of the Oregon association of Future Farmers of America were arriving in Central Point this morning, to prepare for the four-day state convention which will start tomorrow.

Meetings of the committee were scheduled for this morning, this afternoon and tomorrow morning, to set up details of the program for the rest of the week. The opening meeting of the convention itself is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday with a public speaking and talent contest. Registration will begin tomorrow at 3 p.m.

The first business session will be at Crater High school at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Delegates from all parts of the state will attend.

Death of Nepal King Brings Fear of Crisis

Zurich, Switzerland — (U.P.) — The death of King Tribhuvan of Nepal brought fears today of a new political crisis in his little Himalayan kingdom which shares a 1,000-mile border with Communist-held Tibet.

The 48-year-old King died Saturday night in a hospital here where he had been under treatment for heart disease. Announcement of the death was delayed here so authorities could announce it first in his capital at Kathmandu and in New Delhi.

The Nepalese throne now goes to his son, Crown Prince Mahendra Bir Bikram, 34, who conferred with the King only last month at a cabinet crisis in the nation of 9,000,000 people.

Brother and Sister Winners Of Easter Basket Contest

The brother-and-sister team of Ernest and Jeanette Jones, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norville Jones, 1019 West Second st., won first and second prizes in the Easter basket contest conducted here Saturday.

Both are students at Jackson school. Ernest's winning basket, which won him a prize of \$25, was displayed at Mann's Department store, and his sister's, which won \$15, was at Adrienne's.



STATE WINNER—Mildred Ann Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gail, Gold Hill, a student at Crater High school, has been named state winner of the Elks youth leadership and activities competition, the Elks lodge here was advised this morning. Miss Gail herself was notified last week. She will be presented a \$50 defense bond as local winner during May day ceremonies here April 28 and will receive a \$50 bond as state prize in June. She is now entered in the nationwide contest, results of which will be announced in late April or early May, according to Elks officials. In local judging, Frank Bash, Medford High school, was the other top winner. In the contest, leadership counted 40 per cent, citizenship appreciation 20 per cent and sense of honor 20 per cent.

General Motors, UAW Eye Demand For Annual Wage

Detroit — (U.P.) — General Motors met with the CIO United Auto Workers union today to set up the agenda for handling the union's demand for an unprecedented guaranteed annual wage.

The demand poses a threat to the labor peace of the last five years in the automobile industry. The talks were the first to be held since the union announced it wanted the guaranteed wage written into its new contract.

Contract Expires May 29
The General Motors contract with the union expires May 29. Unless the annual wage demand is resolved, the union may call a strike idling hundreds of thousands at either General Motors or Ford. The Ford contract runs out June 1.

Ford will meet with the union Wednesday.

Ford and General Motors employ 500,000 UAW workers and turn out three-fourths of all cars made and sold in the United States. The contracts between the union and Chrysler corporation and the three smaller producers don't expire until later.

Contracts Reopened Once
The talks scheduled this week will be the first major contract negotiations in the industry since the precedent-shattering five-year contracts were signed in 1950. The five-year contracts were reopened once by mutual agreement to freeze part of the cost of living bonus into the pay of the auto workers.

But the talks will be the first full scale negotiations since 1950. Because of the union demand for the guaranteed annual wage they will be the most significant in history.

Snow, Sunshine Mark Week-Before-Spring
Snow flurries and brilliant sunshine alternated in the Medford area this morning, one week before the advent of spring.

Partly cloudy weather is forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

Not enough snow fell at the weather bureau to be measured.

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Morse Opposes Attempt To Stop Finnish Tanker

US Has No Right, Senator Declares

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse said the United States has no legal right to order the Seventh Fleet to stop a Finnish tanker bound for Red China with a cargo of kerosene suitable for jet fuel.

Such an interception would amount to imposing a blockade on Communist China, the Oregon Democrat said. He added that he deplored the shipment of the fuel, but was opposed to aggressive action which could lead to an act of war.

Addresses Conference
Morse made the remarks at a news conference prior to an address to more than 300 delegates to the North Central Regional conference of The United Jewish Appeal last night.

Interception of the Finnish tanker has been suggested by Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California.

"The only hope of overcoming the threat of Communism is to build up economic productive power in the areas of the world where standards of living are now subnormal and where human dignity and the value of individual life now suffers," Morse told his audience.

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Nationalist newspapers demanded today the Finnish tanker Aruba be sunk if the navy is unable to seize it before it can deliver 13,000 tons of jet plane fuel to Red China.

The pro-government United Daily News urged seizure "even if it may cost us something," but demanded the tanker be sunk if the Communists protected it with military force.

Escort Said Possible
Nationalist quarters had raised the possibility the Communists might escort the ship through the Nationalist blockade with planes and submarines, but military quarters thought such protection would prove ineffective.

One high American naval source said it would be virtually impossible for the Aruba to slip through the blockade to Red China if serious efforts were made to intercept it.

'Theater in Politics' Disturbs Neuberger

Delaware, O. — (U.P.) — Oregon's Democratic Sen. Richard Neuberger said here today that he was "disturbed" by the introduction of "theatrical techniques" in politics.

Neuberger particularly aimed a salvo at candidates who go before television audiences loaded with make-up.

"If a politician won't let the people see what he really looks like, he won't tell them what he really thinks," declared Neuberger.

As for the administration's proposed program to aid the nation's crowded schools, the Oregon senator said it reminded him of a remark once made by President Abraham Lincoln:

"It is sad made of the shadow of a pig that has starved to death."

Committee Sets Hearing On Legitimate Children

Salem — (U.P.) — The House Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing tomorrow on a bill which would make all children legitimate.

The measure, introduced by Rep. Jean Lewis (D-Portland), would give legal status and the same rights to all children regardless of whether their parents are married.

Companion bills would remove the word "illegitimate" from all Oregon laws.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 391.36 off 9.72; 20 railroads 142.52 off 4.27; 15 utilities 62.17 off 1.06; and 65 stocks 146.59 off 3.65. Sales today were about 4,220,000 shares compared with 3,040,000 shares Friday.

Seattle — (U.P.) — A damage suit totalling about \$200,000 has been filed in Federal Court here as an aftermath of the fatal collision between a Navy LST and the fishing boat Santa Maria last Thursday.

South Viet Nam Governor Escapes Death in Terrorist Bomb Attack



LIGHTNING HITS INDIANA CITY—Looking like the victim of an air raid, this square block of downtown buildings in Union City was consumed by fire after being hit by lightning stroke during a tornado. Loss caused by the tornado is expected to exceed a million dollars.

Budget Preparation In Final Stages; To Meet Deadlines

Budgets for the city, county and the Medford school district are in the final stages of preparation for submission to budget committees, a check showed today.

Today is the deadline for completion of county departmental budget estimates. Most of the 38 estimates to be prepared had been turned in at the county clerk's office this morning.

County budget meetings tentatively have been set for March 23, April 5, and April 12.

Now Being Processed
All city of Medford departmental estimates have been completed and are now being processed. It is expected they will be ready for the city budget committee within the next 10 days, according to City Manager Robert Duff.

The Medford school district budget is slated to be ready for work by the budget committee about the middle of April, E. H. Hedrick, city superintendent of schools, said this morning.

Nixon Schedules Report To Nation

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon will report to the nation at 6:30 p.m. (PST) tonight on his recent goodwill trip to Latin America.

His speech before the local World Affairs Council will be broadcast and televised nationally. It will climax a week end visit of the vice-president and his wife, Patricia, to his native Southern California.

Nixon's pre-speech activities were to include the dedication of a hospital and a talk at 1 p.m. of a new wing at White Memorial before some 2500 California Republicans at the Ambassador hotel.

AEC Schedules Atomic Explosion Tomorrow

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission announced today it has planned a 500-foot tower nuclear detonation tomorrow morning, subject to favorable weather conditions.

If carried out, it will be the sixth shot of the 1955 series. A final weather evaluation was planned for tonight.

The AEC said 500 troops will be entrenched 3500 yards from ground zero and that about 100 aircraft will take part in the exercise. The blast was scheduled for 5:15 a.m. (PST).

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The Pacific Northwest Library Association has received a \$60,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to study library needs in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

United States Talks Pacific Defense Plan With Aussie Delegate

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and Australia began White House talks today on Allied strategy to guard Formosa, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific against Communist aggression.

The talks between President Eisenhower and Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies were expected to take up in detail the tough question of the Quemoy and Matsu islands off the Red China coast. Top defense and diplomatic aides to both men were to sit in on the meeting and also attend a White House lunch.

Favors Stout Defense

Menzies made it clear in advance that Australia believes Formosa should be kept out of Communist hands. He also came out for a stout Allied defense system in the Asian-Pacific area, and for the free world to hang on to its atomic superiority over the Soviet Union.

But the prime minister has let it be known Australia would hate to see the Quemoy and Matsu islands, coveted by the Reds and held by the Nationalists, be the cause of war in the Far East. The implication is that the islands are not worth such a price.

During his three-day state visit, Menzies will get a firsthand briefing on American policy toward the islands.

Menzies will press the President and his advisers for a decision on what the United States plans to do in event of aggression in Southeast Asia and the

Grand Jury Not Yet Called on Reindictment

The Jackson county grand jury has not yet been called to consider reindictment of Bernice H. (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

A first degree murder indictment, returned against White last week, was dismissed in circuit court Saturday morning on a motion by the district attorney. He indicated that the matter would be resubmitted to the grand jury this week.

The first degree murder indictment involved the death on March 2 of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix. Birk died of head injuries after being struck over the head by a two-by-four piece of lumber while at work at Talent Sawmill, where both men were employed.

Portland — (U.P.) — Multnomah Circuit Judge James W. Crawford has overruled defense objections as to the validity of first degree murder indictments against Wey Him and Sherry Fong, accused of the death of Diane Hank more than a year ago.

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FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight 23-28. High Tuesday 48-50.

Highest yesterday 47
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Precip. 0.1
To 4:30 a.m. today 0.1

July Proposal To Kremlin Suspended 'For Time Being'

Russia Said Friendly To British Proposition

London — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill disclosed today he approached the Kremlin last July to arrange a top level Anglo-Russian meeting without the United States and found the Soviet reply "friendly and encouraging."

Churchill said he hoped the proposed Anglo-Russian meeting might be the prelude to a wider meeting.

But he later suspended the proposal "for the time being," he said, because "we must on no account let our earnest desire to bring about a top level conference of great powers expose us to a charge of having thrown doubt and disarray into the ranks of NATO."

The Prime Minister made his disclosure while rallying support to defeat a Socialist motion censuring his government for what the opposition termed a delay in arranging the Big Three talks on controlling the H-bomb.

Major Factor
Churchill made it clear that American dislike for the idea was a major factor in the British decision to suspend the plan for the two-power meeting which he had envisioned "at some halfway house such as Bern, Vienna or Stockholm."

Churchill recalled efforts made at the mid-1952 Washington conference for a top level four-power meeting. He said this was turned down.

"The United States and France could only be brought to agree on a foreign ministers' meeting on German elections, reunification and the Austrian treaty," he said.

Sanitation Study Group Will Meet

Second meeting of a public health committee considering the sanitation and sewage disposal problem in Jackson county will be held Thursday evening, it was announced this morning.

Mrs. Janet Guchess, president of the Jackson County Public Health association, and Mrs. A. C. Urdel, chairman of the sanitation committee, said it will be in the health department office in the courthouse at 8 p. m., March 17.

City Manager Robert Duff and other Medford officials will discuss the problem from the city's standpoint, and will answer questions about a study of the problem recently made by the city in regard to possible annexation of affected areas.

A discussion of the formation of sanitation districts as an aid in working toward a solution also will be conducted.

One Hurt in Shooting At British Embassy

Moscow — (U.P.) — A well-dressed young Soviet citizen shot his way into the British Embassy last night and wounded a Moscow militiaman before being disarmed by British officials and turned over to reinforced Soviet police.

British officials said the fur-capped Soviet citizen, wearing better than average dark clothes, pulled a gun and opened fire when two Soviet militiamen tried to prevent him from sprinting into the Embassy courtyard.

One of the militiamen was wounded in the chest.

The gunman then dashed into the Embassy Building past a surprised British guard at the reception desk and booted up the staircase leading to the apartments of Ambassador Sir William Hayter and his wife.

Rigid Security Regulations Set On Religious Sect

Powerful Time Bomb Explodes Under Auto

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — Gov. Tran Van Lam of South Viet Nam narrowly escaped death in a terrorist bomb attack today and the government immediately clamped rigid new security controls on rebellious religious sects.

High Viet Namese sources said the attack on Tran was a "last warning" from the dissident sects to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem to drop his plans to establish a Western-type democracy and take away from the sects their many privileges.

Bomb Explodes Under Car

A powerful time bomb exploded under Tran Van Lam's car as he opened the door of the vehicle standing in front of his villa. The car was destroyed but Tran and his driver were not injured.

The attack occurred as the American-backed Premier was putting finishing touches to plans for sweeping reforms which would end the rampant nepotism and bribery in free Viet Nam and increase the regime's popularity before the 1956 all-Viet Namese elections.

24 Seamen Feared Drowned Off Italy

Taranto, Italy — (U.P.) — Twenty-four seamen were feared drowned today in a double disaster in which a Greek trawler sank off southern Italy and a British lifeboat capsized while pulling survivors from the sea.

Italian officials said the 448-ton Greek trawler Iason carrying a crew of 20 sank last night. The British Peninsular and Orient Lines steamer Stratheden picked up her SOS. It raced to the scene and launched a lifeboat into the stormy sea.

The lifeboat from the 23,732-ton Stratheden picked up a heavy load of floating men and fought back almost to the side of its mother ship. Then it capsized in the heavy seas.

A spokesman for the P. and O. Lines said eight members of the Stratheden's crew drowned when the lifeboat flipped over.

The Iason's captain reported that 11 of his crew were known drowned and five others feared lost.

Chiloquin Youth's Body Found in Sprague River

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The body of 19-year-old Joseph Elwood Wright of Chiloquin was found floating in the Sprague river yesterday afternoon near Chiloquin. State police said the youth apparently had drowned.

His body was discovered by Eddie Cole of Chiloquin who told police he had seen Wright alive about 4 p.m. Saturday when he was fishing at the dam on the river. Cole said Wright's clothing had become snagged on a log.

Young Ex-Convict Sought for Beating Of Lebanon Man Over Welfare Charges

Lebanon — (U.P.) — A statewide search was on today for Dale I. Hetland, a young ex-convict who is suspected of beating a Lebanon, Ore., man and threatening his wife for her exposure of alleged illegal receipt of welfare checks.

Hetland, 22, is wanted for assault on E. A. Gall, 65. Gall was beaten after his wife was threatened for letters she had published in a local newspaper claiming many persons were receiving welfare checks illegally.

Police reported that Gall picked out a photo of Hetland and identified him as his attacker. A warrant was issued for his arrest and the statewide search followed reports that Hatfield had purchased a car in Salem late Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Ways and Means Committee of the state legislature was expected to ask

Mrs. Gall to testify on her claims of illegal check receipt.

Hetland was previously convicted on grand larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Salem — (U.P.) — Mrs. Goldie Gall, whose husband was beaten by an unknown assailant in their Lebanon home after she had made disclosures about abuses by public welfare recipients in Linn county, conferred with Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton in his office here today.

Testimony Scheduled
She will appear before a Ways and Means Sub-committee studying the welfare budget Wednesday, Sen. George Ulett (R-Coquille), chairman of the sub-committee, announced.

Mrs. Gall told Thornton that the majority of cases she disclosed were aid to dependent children in cases where the

fathers were capable of supporting the children.

Thornton said abuse of aid to dependent children is the biggest leak in the public welfare system, and his interest in the Gall case confirms this opinion.

The attorney general said he was willing and ready to be of aid to Courtney Johnson, Linn county district attorney, if the latter desires his assistance.

Would Be Prosecuted
Any legal action to recover wrong payments from the Public Welfare Commission would be prosecuted by the attorney general's office, Thornton said. However, the district attorney can on his own initiative begin proceedings.

Mrs. Gall said she is certain that the man who beat up her husband was involved in one of the welfare cases which she reported.