

Annexation Plan Would Double City's Size

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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to night and Thursday. Low to night 25-28; high Thursday 58-60.

Highest Yesterday 54
Lowest this Morning 22

Eisenhower Backs A-Weapons Use on Military Targets

President Echoes Dulles' Prediction

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today said he sees no reason why tactical atomic weapons should not be used against strictly military targets should this country become involved again in any major fighting.

The President generally echoed the prediction by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles yesterday that small tactical atomic weapons would be used by this country if the United States became involved in a major military action.

The President added under news conference questioning that it would be foolish to ignore the fact that the dangers of war are greater than they were some years ago.

This was in connection with Dulles' statement that he returned from his recent trip to the Far East with a sense of foreboding, and with last night's statement by Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that there is a possibility that war could break out in Asia at any time.

Mr. Eisenhower made no attempt to inject a time factor into his comments on war. But he said the very fact that we maintain powerful security forces is due to the ever present possibility of war.

In discussing Dulles' statement of yesterday, the President said that use of any kind of atomic weapon on other than strictly military targets would pose an entirely different set of circumstances and conditions which would have to be examined closely.

But the main point in recent utterances by Dulles and Radford, now publicly backed up by the President, is that this country is set to fight even local wars of the Korean type with atomic weapons.

New Phoenix Police Chief Takes Office

Phoenix—Claude Manker, formerly of Portland, took office today as chief of the Phoenix police department. Manker was sworn in this morning by city officials.

The new police chief succeeds Jim Perry, who resigned recently after having been under fire from townspeople for some time. Manker lived for some time in Alaska, and served as a special bodyguard for Adlai Stevenson, Democratic nominee for president in 1952, during Stevenson's visit to Alaska.

The new chief was hired by the Phoenix city council at a special meeting held Friday.

Adjutant Accepts Part of Peress Blame

Washington—(U.P.)—A former Army adjutant today accepted part of the blame for the "administrative error" that allowed New York dentist Irving Peress to get and hold an Army commission despite his refusal to sign loyalty oath forms.

The witness, former Maj. Curtis R. Kirkland, Jacksonville, Fla., told the Senate investigating subcommittee that the Peress case slipped by him in a flood of paperwork when he was assigned to the adjutant general's office at First Army headquarters in New York in 1952.

But he claimed credit for detecting and causing the discharge of five other Army medical officers who, like Peress, claimed the Fifth amendment when asked to take loyalty oaths.

He said the five cases probably would have been overlooked by the Intelligence section of First Army, New York, if he had not acted. The five officers were not identified.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 403.14 up 3.86; 20 railroad 146.44 up 0.54; 15 utilities 63.02 up 0.52, and 65 stocks 150.47 up 1.16. Sales today were about 2,900,000 shares compared with 3,160,000 shares traded yesterday.

Dunsmuir Man Held in Dorris Shooting

Yreka, Calif.—(U.P.)—Frank Jennings, 43, Dunsmuir, was held in Siskiyou county jail here today for questioning in connection with the wounding last night of Dorris Township Constable Jack M. Gravier.

Gravier, blasted at short range with a sawed off shotgun by a man he identified as Jennings, was hospitalized in a Klamath Falls, Ore., hospital with a shot-

Council Approves Continuing Survey For Fringe Areas

A plan which could result in the city of Medford being more than doubled in area in a comparatively short time was outlined to the Medford city council last night by Mayor Earl Miller.

The proposed program met with favorable reaction from councilmen, who authorized City Manager Robert Duff to start a survey which would be the first step toward putting the plan into operation.

The plan outlined by Mayor Miller could result in annexation to the city of some 3,000 acres to the south and southeast of the present city limits. The present size of the city is approximately 2,000 acres, according to Duff.

Two Primary Reasons For Program Given

Two primary reasons for the widespread annexation program were given. First was that small subdivisions and additions in the area involved have been coming into the city on a piecemeal basis for some time, and even more annexation requests are in the works.

Second, and given greater emphasis at last night's meeting, is a continually increasing health hazard created by lack of sanitary facilities and city water supply. This condition is particularly serious in the area involved in the proposed annexation program, it was pointed out.

2nd PART OF PROGRAM STILL TO BE PRESENTED

City Manager Robert Duff pointed out this morning that the annexation program presented to the city council last night is only a part of an overall plan now under study by the city.

Later sections of the plan, involving possible annexation proceedings for areas west, north and northeast of Medford, totaling another 3,500 or so acres, will be presented to the council within the next two months, after further studies have been completed.

No estimate of the number of people who would be added to the city's population under the proposal has yet been worked out, he said, but several thousand persons are known to reside in the areas affected.

Medford's population was listed as slightly over 19,000 in a special census taken last year.

"We can no longer remain static as a city," Mayor Miller declared. He noted that the new armory building is to be constructed three-fourths of a mile from the nearest city sewer outlet, and the site for a new hospital to replace the present Community hospital "must be provided for."

"To the south and southwest we have a health problem which cannot be ignored," Mayor Miller stated. He added that there are "certain responsibilities" in this respect which the city must accept.

The council, by a unanimous vote, authorized the city manager to conduct a survey and prepare a report on the problems which exist in the area, and on the possibilities of annexation. The report will be used as a basis for working toward annexation, and will be followed by an election to see if the people living in the area want to come within the city limits. Annexation cannot be forced against the wishes of the majority of people involved.

Duff said last night that he expects to complete the survey and report in about a month.

In placing the matter before the city council, Mayor Miller declared that he believes that county zoning would be a means of keeping the problem from becoming worse than it already is.

Boundaries Described
Boundaries of the area involved run from Western ave., just north of West Main st., to a point west of Ross and Lozier lanes. From there, the line runs south, including a small area west of Thomas rd., to just north of Home dr., then east to the Southern Pacific railroad tracks, and then southeast along the tracks to a point near Alley Brothers mill.

From here, it runs east about 5,750 yards, and then turns north, eventually meeting the present Medford city limits just east of Foothills rd.

The council took preliminary

Veteran Forecaster Of Frosts Slates Arrival Here Today

Roy J. Rogers is scheduled to arrive in Medford today to start his annual frost forecasting service for Jackson county orchardists, according to County Agent Don Berry.

Rogers' first frost warning broadcast on local radio stations probably will be Monday evening, Berry said.

The veteran frostcaster's office will be located in the county courthouse. Berry requested that local orchardists bring in thermometer readings which they want to be tested as soon as possible.

Berry estimated that fruit trees in this area are about 10 days behind schedule. This is an advantage for orchardists, he said, as it allows them additional time to apply dormant spray to trees.

It probably will be another 10 to 15 days before trees reach a stage at which orchard heating will be necessary in the event of low temperatures, according to the county agent. However, he noted that warmer weather could cause the buds to develop more rapidly than is now expected.

RECORD LOW BROKEN

For the second day in a row, the minimum temperature today broke the record for this date. The mercury dipped to 22 early this morning, making it the coldest minimum for March 16 on records of the Medford weather bureau. The previous coldest March 16 was 24 degrees in 1917. Yesterday's 19 degrees made it the coldest March 15 on record.

Crowded Schedule Waits Paul Butler

Portland—(U.P.)—Democratic National chairman Paul M. Butler faces a crowded schedule when he arrives in Portland tomorrow morning, according to Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman.

A 9:35 a.m. press conference will be held at the airport followed by a meeting with labor and farm executives at 10:30. He will confer with business and professional men after a noon luncheon and is scheduled to speak at a Reed college assembly at 4 p.m.

Butler will address a statewide party dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. He leaves for California Friday morning after a breakfast with Democratic officials.

action for admission of three tracts to the city limits when Duff pointed out that the contractors involved are all ready to start work. Because of the fact that work could begin immediately, Duff said, he felt it was better to go ahead with these three, rather than to wait for the plan proposed by the mayor to go into effect.

The tracts on which action was taken were Vista Heights subdivision, Wilson Park subdivision, and Douglas addition. City Attorney Frank Farrell and Duff were instructed to bring in, at the next council meeting, preliminary plans for setting up a public hearing on annexation of the three tracts.

A fourth tract, involving an area bounded by Stewart ave. on the north, an extension of Holly st. on the east, Garfield st. on the south, and a line 1,000 feet east of Kings highway on the west, was discussed and was referred to the planning commission.

Tax Reduction Plan Tossed To Joint Committee

Three Choices Given House Representatives

Washington—(U.P.)—The House today dodged an immediate showdown with the Senate on cutting taxes. It tossed the whole issue into the hands of a joint Senate-House Conference Committee.

By unanimous vote of the House, its representatives on the conference committee were given a free hand in dealing with the issue.

Three Choices Given

That means they can stand firm on the House approved bill to cut everybody's taxes by \$20 effective Jan. 1, yield to the Senate's decision against any tax relief at this time, or try to work out a compromise.

Republicans after a quick nose count ruled out the possibility of forcing a House vote on a motion to instruct the conferees to yield to the Senate.

Confident of Yield

GOP leaders indicated they were confident that the House conferees would have to yield to the Senate, in view of the narrow 210-205 margin by which the House approved the \$20 for everybody tax cut and the thumping 61-32 vote by which the Senate rejected it yesterday. The Senate also rejected, 50 to 44, a less generous tax cut proposed by Democrats as a compromise.

'Operation Icicle' Starting Today

A group of Boy Scouts and Explorers from Josephine county begin "Operation Icicle" today, skiing and snowshoeing in to snow-covered Lake O' Woods.

A contingent from Jackson county will follow tomorrow. There will be 34 boys and four adult leaders in all.

The first of several flights over the camp area, to make drops of food and equipment and to check with the boys by radio, will be made this afternoon. Gene Kooser will pilot the plane, and for today's food drop will be accompanied by Fred McMulling, field scout executive from Grants Pass.

The group will camp in snow conditions the rest of the week, taking training in winter camping and survival. They will come out this week end.

J. A. Hoffbuhr Given Nomination for Post

J. A. Hoffbuhr, Medford, manager of the Medford Irrigation district, has been nominated for appointment to the advisory board of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, it was announced today in Washington, D.C., by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

The Rivers and Harbors congress is a non-profit organization seeking development of the nation's water and land resources. Hoffbuhr was one of 10 Oregon residents nominated for appointment to the board.

Top Basketball Tournament Coverage Set by M-T, KYJC

The Medford Mail Tribune and radio station, KYJC, will team up this week to bring Jackson county readers and listeners the best possible coverage of the state high school basketball tournament, under way in Eugene.

Medford High school is a top contender for the state championship. It's first game will be at 7:30 p.m. today.

KYJC will carry two games each day, and tonight will broadcast the MHS game, starting at 7:30 p.m. Medford is playing Franklin High school, Portland.

The rest of the tournament, KYJC will carry each of MHS' games, plus one other in which



CAN'T MISS—The U. S. Air Force's "Falcon," a guided aircraft rocket, scores a direct hit on a QB-17 jet plane (left) after being fired from ground during tests. At right is view showing trail of smoke the Falcon left on its path to the target. The Falcon is the smallest guided missile in production and will be carried in quantity by USAF intercepter planes. In spite of its size, the rocket carries its own guidance system and its warhead can destroy a bomber. U. S. Air Force photo from NEA Telephoto.

FFA Conclave Starts; Crater High Student Wins Speech Contest

Central Point—The third annual state convention of the Future Farmers of America was underway here this morning, with the first business session being held at Crater High school.

The first general meeting of the convention was last night, when the state finals of the annual FFA speaking contest were held. The five boys competing in the contest each had participated in elimination contests through local and regional competition.

Crater Boy Winner

Donn Johnson, of Crater High school, was named winner of the top spot in the contest. His topic was "Let's Put Our House in Order." As a result of winning, he will go to Arizona on April 25 for the regional speaking contest of state winners from the 11 western states. The winner of that contest will compete in the nation-wide contest.

Second place was won by Roy Chapin, Perrydale, Ore., near Salem, whose topic was "Mother Nature's Fermentation Vat."

Third, fourth and fifth places were awarded to Lyle Buswell, Sandy, speaking on "What Price Security"; Joe Colvin, Enterprise, "Bees—A Boon to Agriculture"; and Bruce Vandergaw, Klamath Falls, "Hells Canyon and You."

Judges Listed

Speaking contest judges were Harold White, of the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station; Earle Jossy, Jackson county agent for agriculture, and Jennings Perry, Medford.

Jay Wright, Almo, Nev., national vice-president of the FFA, was introduced at the meeting. He is to speak to the convention today. H. P. Jewett, superintendent of school district 6C, welcomed the delegates.

Donnel Stapleton, Perrydale, was named first place winner of a talent contest conducted during the judging of the speaking contest.

Some 500 persons attended last night's session. Presentation of awards as state farmers was scheduled today, among other business.

Dallas Youths Chased For Hub Cap Thefts

Eugene—(U.P.)—Two 16-year-old Dallas high school boys were sent home yesterday after pleading guilty to a disorderly conduct charge in Municipal court. The boys, who had come here to attend the state high school basketball tournament, were accused of stealing hub caps from several cars.

Sports Bulletin

Eugene—(U.P.)—Albany high school advanced to the quarterfinals of the class A state high school basketball tournament today with a 60-44 win over Dallas High.

Don Stamps of Albany led the scoring with 20 while Ray Domaschowsky of Dallas had 14.

Captain Forced To Quit Course For Red China

Vessel Will Head for Non-Communist Port

Helsinki, Finland—(U.P.)—A crew rebellion forced the Finnish Tanker Aruba to quit its course for Communist China with 13,000 tons of jet fuel today and a company spokesman said the ship now will head for a non-Communist port.

The chief petty officer and three mates joined the crew in a 42-man strike against running the gauntlet of Chinese Nationalist warships waiting to seize the Aruba and her cargo of fuel for Red China's Russian-built MIG jets.

Gunnar Damstrom, director of the Re-Be Shipping Company which owns the Aruba, said the tanker which now is in the Indian Ocean will have to call at a non-Communist port. He declined to say which one.

But Helsinki shipping sources said the ship's insurance broker had suggested either Colombo or a harbor in India.

Fear Danger Zone

The Helsinki sources disclosed that the Aruba is insured by a British broker through Lloyds of London.

The Finnish Seaman's Union first revealed today that crewmen aboard the Aruba had asked union backing for a demand to their captain that he stay out of the Chinese danger zone.

Union Secretary B. Johansson said the crew informed the captain two days ago that they were willing to sail with him as far as Singapore. But Johansson said, they warned they would refuse to take the ship on to its planned destination, the Whangpoo docks in Shanghai.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Navy, cruising off the China coast, has orders not to let the Aruba pass.

Reports from Taipei said that Communist submarines and torpedo boats have been sighted near the Parcel Islands off Canton, leading to speculation that they might attempt to escort the Aruba to a South China port.

The official Central News Agency said six Russian submarines and an uncounted number of fast torpedo boats had been operating between the Parcel Islands and the coast near Canton.

Authoritative Nationalist sources said they expected the tanker to make for Kwong Chow Bay near Canton.

Tattooed Boy Beats Mother of Friend

Portland—(U.P.)—A 19-year-old youth, tattooed with the mark of a "pachuco gang," was held by police today for allegedly assaulting the mother of a friend with a heavy pipe wrench.

Ronald F. Harris, a custodial worker at a Portland high school, was accused of striking Mrs. Lena I. Sams as she sat eating lunch in her home yesterday afternoon. She was not hurt seriously.

Harris, in a statement to detectives, said he had had a quarrel with a girl friend Monday night, so he decided to vent his anger on another woman.

The youth said he visited Mrs. Sams, who is the mother of a boy he met while serving in the Air Force, and she prepared a lunch for him. Then when she sat down to eat Harris attacked her with a pipe wrench he had hidden under a davenport cushion.

Bull Elk Leaps

Portland Zoo Fence

Portland—(U.P.)—A bull elk leaped a 6½ foot enclosure at the Portland zoo yesterday and headed for the hills. But today zoo director Jack Marks said the animal had been seen just outside his corral looking wistful.

BOY INJURED

Michael Sacraida, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sakraida, Provolt, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital at about noon today because of head injuries which he suffered when he fell off a tractor, according to a report of the accident. Complete diagnosis of his injuries had not been made at press time.

Bevan Expelled By Laborites in Major Upheaval

London—(U.P.)—Left-wing Laborite Aneurin Bevan, this nation's most persistent critic of the United States, was expelled today from Labor Party ranks in Parliament in a major British political upheaval.

But the vote to put Bevan in the Parliamentary cooler was carried by only 141 votes to 112, an unexpectedly close margin. It came after an amendment proposing he only be rebuked was turned down.

His fellow Socialists reaffirmed their confidence in the party leadership of former Prime Minister Clement Attlee, a moderate who steers clear of left-wing policies which made Bevan the most controversial figure in British politics.

It was punishment for Bevan's brash and brawling long-time challenge to Attlee's command—a challenge that culminated two weeks ago in a public scene on the floor of the House of Commons. Bevan, in public, showed contempt for Attlee's leadership.

Man Without Party

The majority vote cast the villager-tongued but impetuous Welsh Laborite into political wilderness—a lone wolf in Parliament without a party. It may start his slide into limbo, or it may spur him to greater efforts to win the party reins.

The party struggle was a severe one for Labor and neutral politicians say it may take British Socialism three years to recover from the deep chasm between Bevan and his followers and the moderates who back Attlee.

Harlan Nomination Approval Predicted

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate leaders of both parties predicted today one-sided approval of John Marshall Harlan's nomination to the Supreme court despite the determined opposition of Senate Democrats.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) saw "no serious difficulty" for the nomination as the Senate prepared to debate Harlan's selection. He said he hoped for final action by nightfall.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) also predicted approval of the 55-year-old jurist nominated by President Eisenhower to succeed the late Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson.

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Pittsburgh police are cashing in on the numbers racket. Under a "bonus incentive plan," officers who make arrests on their own initiative will be rewarded with three extra days off.