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## Chinese Reds Purge Leaders Of Rival 'Party'

### Mao's Foe Said Victim of Suicide

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The Chinese Communist party disclosed today that it has purged two top leaders who attempted to seize control of the Red government headed by Mao Tze-tung.

According to a broadcast by Peiping Radio, Kao Kang, former boss of Manchuria and one-time "comrade in arms" of Mao, was purged and then "committed suicide."

Purged with Kao was Jao Shu Shih, another veteran Communist leader who once was political commissar for the Northeast China military district.

Seven Others Accused  
This pair, and seven other men, were accused by the Communist party's Central Committee, of "shameless deceit" in forming an "anti-party alliance" in an attempt to seize control of the party and government.

"Kao Kang not only did not admit his guilt," said a Central Committee resolution revealing the purge, "but even committed suicide as an expression of his ultimate betrayal of the party."

The resolution added that Jao "has never shown any signs of repentance and now persists in an attitude of attacking the party."

**Might Still Be Alive**  
However, the broadcast version of the resolution indicated that Kao still might be alive despite the "suicide" statement. It said the committee "decided to expell" Kao and Jao from the Communist party and "to remove them from all posts they held inside and outside the party."

The basis of the attack against Kao, the resolution said, was the fact he raised the "utterly absurd theory" that there actually were two parties in Red China, with himself at the head of the dominant one.

## 100 Blood Donors Still Needed for Tomorrow

Some 100 or more blood donors are still needed for tomorrow's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile, it was reported this morning. Appointments to give blood may be made by telephoning 3-3813.

The quota is 240 pints, to provide enough blood for local use, plus a small supply for the regional blood bank, which has furnished blood to Jackson county recently when local donations did not meet local needs.

The bloodmobile will be at the YMCA from 1 to 6 p.m. Drop-in donors will be welcome, and all donors were reminded not to eat fatty foods for four hours before giving blood.

## Red Cross Approves Federated Fund Drives

Washington — (U.P.) — The American Red Cross today announced a new policy which gives its local chapters the right to join in Community Chest or other federated fund-raising drives under certain conditions.

The new policy statement says local chapters must participate in annual fund campaigns of some type, but they may determine for themselves whether a joint appeal with other groups or an individual Red Cross drive will best serve the interests of their communities "as well as those of the Red Cross."

## Photographs May Be Used As Evidence in Log Theft

Photographs taken by a woman who notified two men loading logs near her home may be used as evidence in the case of two men arrested this morning on a grand larceny charge.

District Attorney Walter Nunley said the woman noticed the two men taking the logs, and decided to take their pictures with a Polaroid camera. She

## Policeman Fooled by Toy Gun; Fellow Officers Aren't Kidding Him About It

Portland — (U.P.) — A Portland police officer today told how he was fooled by a trick gun, but none of his fellow officers kidded him about it.

Officer Perry Turner said he was getting ready to go to church Sunday when a neighbor called and told him a drunken youth was staggering down the street.

The officer left his house, and saw the youth pull what appeared to be a .22 rifle from his trouser leg. Turner, remembering last week's shooting in Pasco, Wash., in which a patrolman was shot to death by a youth, rushed to get his service revolver.

As the boy worked his way down the street toward a group

of youngsters playing, the officer stalked him. Just as the boy aimed his weapon at the children, Turner leaped on him and knocked the weapon to the ground.

The weapon turned out to be a realistic toy. But Officer Turner doesn't joke about the incident. Two of the children playing in the group were his small daughters.

## Phenomenal Blizzard Claims Six Lives; Autoists Marooned

By UNITED PRESS  
A phenomenal, record-busting April blizzard swirled over Wyoming and Montana for the third straight day today.

At least six persons were dead, seven were missing in the snowy wilderness, and scores of motorists were marooned by drifts which sometimes covered their cars. Many towns were isolated.

It was the worst blizzard in history for the area, outdistancing the great storms of 1887 and 1949. The U.S. Weather Bureau, which rarely uses such phrases, called it "phenomenal."

In the Midwest, a tornado swooped down on two farms near Milburn, Ia., destroying six buildings and sending a farm family scurrying to shelter in a cave. Hail stones three to six inches deep followed the twister.

**Dust Storms End**  
Another storm dumped four inches of snow on Duluth, Minn., and in the Southwest farmers hoped that two days of high winds and land-tearing dust storms were over.

But none of these disturbances could compare to the freak cyclonic mass which rotated over a vast area of the northern Great Plains with its crippling blizzard.

The massive snows mounted steadily late Monday and were whipped into 14-foot drifts by 70-mile-per-hour winds.

**38 Inches at Sheridan**  
Sheridan, Wyo., the focus of the storm, had 38 inches of snow.

The storm covered a circular area over parts of Wyoming, Montana, Utah, South Dakota and Nebraska. Snow depth early today included 35 inches at Billings, Mont., and 27 inches at Havre, Mont.

In the East, April was relentlessly. Rapidly warming temperatures melted up to two feet of snow which belted southern New England with its worst spring snow storm in 20 years. It was generally warmer east of the Mississippi river and in the Pacific coast and Great basin areas.

## East Germans Extend Highway Truck Toll

Berlin — (U.P.) — The Communist East Germans extended their exorbitant highway tolls today to trucks bringing milk and fresh meat into West Berlin.

Until today milk and meat refrigerator trucks were classified in a special category and rolled through the Soviet zone to Berlin at rates the same or only slightly higher than before.

The new move to harass Western controlled West Berlin coincided with East German hints that the Reds may demand heavy back payments for "repairs" to highways used by West German truck traffic during the past 10 years.

## Rogue River Chief Kept Busy By One Auto, Two Drivers

Two men were jailed here yesterday, charged with driving the same car while they were intoxicated.

John P. Wilson, 23, Grants Pass, was stopped by Rogue River city police and arrested.

When Police Chief W. J. Peters saw the other occupants of the car were in no shape to drive, he had a service station attendant drive the car to a lot, while Peters called state police.

But the attendant, inexperienced in such things, left the keys in the car, and while Peters telephoned, Edward Everett McWilliams, 34, Grants Pass, another occupant of the vehicle, slid under the wheel and started away.

Peters gave chase and arrested McWilliams. Both Wilson and McWilliams appeared in district court yesterday where they pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated.

They were jailed in lieu of \$250 fines and court costs.

## Albert E. Orr, 70, Dies Unexpectedly At Home Monday

Albert Eugene Orr, well-known Medford merchant and civic and business leader, died unexpectedly at his home, 220 North Barneburg rd., yesterday. He was 70.

He died while working in the yard, and his body was found some time later.

A native of Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, he moved to Medford while a youngster in 1888, with his parents, the late Eugene M. and Edith Orr. In 1906 he became associated with his uncle, the late Fred Weeks, in the furniture business then known as Weeks and McGowan.

They built the present store building in 1909, and in 1920 the name was changed to Weeks and Orr, the name it still bears. He was an active participant in the management of the business until his death.

Mr. Orr was a veteran of World War I, serving as a Navy pharmacist's mate first class on the USS Northern Pacific. He was a long-time member of the American Legion, was a 45-year member of Lodge No. 1168 of the Elks, was a member of Medford Lodge 103, AF and AM; Crater Lake chapter No. 32, RAM; Malta, Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, and Hillah Temple of the Shrine. He was a past president of the Oregon Retail Furniture association.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Clara Grimes Orr, who he married on Aug. 9, 1908, in Redding, Calif.; a son, Eugene, and two grandsons, Gregory and Richard.

**Funeral Thursday**  
Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Conger-Morris chapel, with Dr. D. Kirkland West, minister of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Ed Nichols, E. C. Jerome, Ron Gande, Cole Holmes, Phil Hoffman and William Gates.

Active pallbearers will be Sam Hamilton, Harold Kohler, Ken Weaver, Amos Ayres, Marion Robbins, and Ray Hamilton.

Private committal services will follow at the Medford IOOF mausoleum.

## Increase in Medford Milk Consumption Noted

Salem — (U.P.) Lester Adams, manager of the Oregon Milk Producers Association, said milk consumption has increased up to 17 per cent in areas where newspaper advertising has been intensified.

Largest increase came in the Eugene area, where stepped up advertising brought about a 17 per cent rise in milk consumption. In Medford and Tillamook, 14 per cent increases were noted, he said.

## Demos Crack Republican Hold in Michigan Election

Detroit — (U.P.) — Michigan Democrats, who swept the state elections for the first time in two decades last November, followed it up today by smashing a 22-year-old hold Republicans had clamped on spring elections in the key state.

Democrats elected both of their candidates for University of Michigan regents and both of their candidates for the state Agriculture Board, which is the governing body of Michigan State College.

They held narrow, shrinking leads over the Republican candidates for state superintendent of public instruction, and member of the Board of Education, which directs teachers' colleges. It appeared their candidates for those

## Dulles Says Peace Or War in Hands Of Chinese Reds

### Statement on Defense Of Islands Rejected

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the Far Eastern situation is highly dangerous and the question of war or peace is up to the Chinese Communists.

If the Chinese Red leaders mean what they say about wanting peace, Dulles told a news conference, there will be no war in the Pacific.

Dulles at the same time flatly rejected new proposals in Congress that the United States say now whether it would defend the Chinese Nationalist held Quemoy and Matsu islands against a Chinese Red attack.

**Difficult Ground**  
Dulles said he did not see how this could be done. He said it would amount to entering onto very difficult ground.

Dulles described American policy toward the offshore islands in this way:

The United States is committed by treaty to defend Formosa and the Pescadore Islands is no additional commitment of any sort, direct or indirect, to defend anything else.

**In Related Attack**  
Then the question arises as to how you defend Formosa, he said. He said the defense of the islands of Quemoy and Matsu would be important only if an attack on them was related to an attack on Formosa and the Pescadores.

President Eisenhower has told Congress he would order U.S. forces to defend Quemoy and Matsu only if an attack on them was recognizable as a "preliminary" to assault on Formosa or the Pescadores.

## Ashland Underpass Bid Due April 17, 18

Salem — Bids will be received for four Jackson county projects at the April 13 and 14 meeting of the state highway commission, it was reported this morning.

The biggest of the four is for widening the Highway 99 underpass just north of Ashland, and building .72 of a mile of highway from the point where it now narrows to two lanes into the city of Ashland. Completion date is July, 1956.

Other projects are a box culvert and concrete bridge at Quartz creek and McNeil creek on the Butte Falls rd.; paving and reshaping Main st. in Talent between Pacific ave. and Second st., and paving a section of First st. in Phoenix.

## Scattered Heating Needed in Orchards

There was scattered orchard heating in the Rogue valley last night, for the second day in succession. Little or no commercial damage to fruit was reported by orchardists.

The minimum temperature recorded this morning at the weather bureau was 26, which set a record for low temperature on this date. The mercury fell below that in the colder spots of the valley, however.

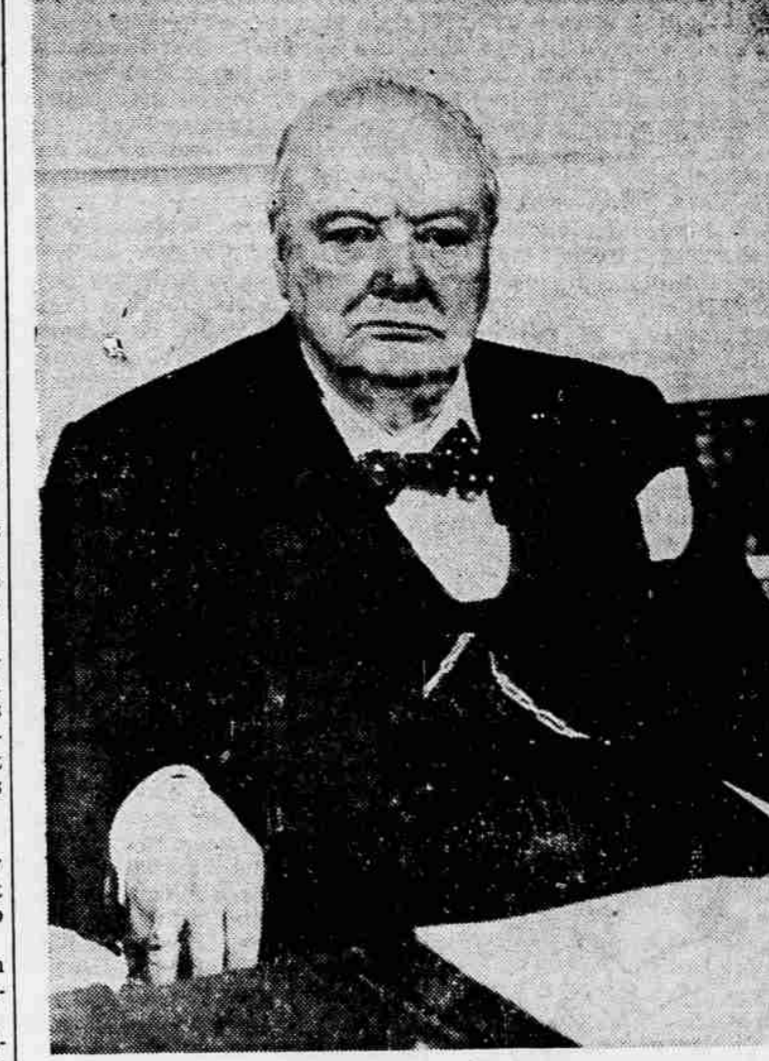
## BONUS CHECK WAITING

Salem — Delbert Horace Gephert, whose last-known address was 1409 Cunningham ave., Medford, is entitled to a World War II state bonus, the state department of veterans affairs said today. He is one of 13 World War II veterans who filed bonus claims, then moved without leaving a forwarding address so the claim can be paid.

## Weather

FORECAST: Fair and slightly warmer through Wednesday. Low tonight 28; high Wednesday 70.

Highest Yesterday 58 Temp. Lowest this Morning 26



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Retirement Now Official

## Senators Propose Delay in Cutback Of Marine Strength

Washington — (U.P.) — Two Democratic senators urged today that proposed cutbacks in the Marine Corps be postponed until the Formosan situation clears up.

Sens. A. Willis Robertson (D-Va.) and John Stennis (D-Miss.) protested against a planned reduction of 27,000 in Marine Corps manpower at a Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee hearing.

They contended it is unwise to cut the military service that probably would be called upon first if U.S. land forces are needed in the Formosan area, including the Quemoy and Matsu islands just off the Red Chinese coast.

**Defends Economies**  
Secretary of Navy Charles S. Thomas agreed that the Formosan situation is not getting any better but said that he doesn't think it has worsened enough since last December to change the military planning that was done then.

Thomas said even after the planned cutback, the Marine Corps would have one and three-quarters division ready to go in any emergency.

"Basically, I don't think it (the cutback) affects the striking power of the Marine Corps," he said.

As for the Navy, Thomas said it is shifting rapidly over to guided missiles, giving the fleet greater mobility and striking power.

## Chicago Republicans Eye Mayoralty Race

Chicago — (U.P.) — Chicago elects a new mayor today and Republicans hoped for a huge turnout to overthrow the long-entrenched Democratic "machine."

The GOP staked its comeback hopes on a 36-year old reformer, Robert E. Merriman. Merriman was a Democrat until a few months ago, but broke with the party charging a link between crime and politics.

His opponent was Richard J. Daley, 52, a veteran officeholder who also heads the powerful Cook County Democratic organization.

The expected vote ranged from 1,000,000 to 1,400,000 or higher. Republicans were frank in admitting they needed a heavy turnout to overcome the hard core of at least 600,000 votes which the Democratic "machine" can usually throw into a major election.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower will not hold a news conference this week, the White House has announced today.

## Anthony Eden To Be Successor As Prime Minister

### Queen Elizabeth II Accepts Resignation

London — (U.P.) — Sir Winston Churchill, 80, the grand old man of empire, officially resigned as Prime Minister of Great Britain today.

Tears glistened in his eyes as he presented his resignation to the Queen.

Sir Anthony Eden, 57, will be his successor. Churchill, who battled and defeated every enemy save the

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today the free world will continue to draw upon the experience and wisdom of Sr. Winston Churchill even in his retirement.

Addressing himself directly to the retiring British Prime Minister, Mr. Eisenhower said:

"We shall never accept the thought that we are to be denied your counsel, your advice. "Out of your great experience, your great wisdom, and your great courage, the free world yet has much to gain, and we know that you will never be backward in bringing those qualities forward when we appeal to you for help, as all of us are bound to do."

relentless passage of time, presented his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

The venerable statesman drove alone from his official residence at No. 10 Downing Street to the palace in the sunshine of a bright spring day. Cheering thousands applauded him in the streets.

Then he went home to Downing Street and stood for a time, old and mute, his fingers raised in the "V for victory" sign and tears standing bright in his eyes, while from Buckingham Palace the announcement came officially that he had quit.

The palace announcement said: "The Right Honorable Sir Winston Churchill had an audience of the Queen this evening and tendered his resignation as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury which Her Majesty was graciously prepared to accept."

Eden is expected to be summoned to the palace tomorrow to receive the seals of office as Churchill's successor as first minister of the crown.

The emotional ordeal of handing his resignation to the youthful sovereign he considers his "young, gleaming champion," unnerved Churchill.

He cancelled a scheduled appearance in the House of Commons. He held a private farewell meeting with his ministers. Then, alone and in silence, he retired to become a back bench elder statesman in the House of Commons.

For Churchill it was the winter of a lifetime of achievement seldom matched, and exceeded by few.

But time and age came together on this warm and tranquil day in spring to bring his stewardship to an end.

He quit quietly and with sadness at the end of a final 24 hours as Prime Minister that were filled with deep emotion and rich affection.

Last night he played host to his sovereign at a farewell formal dinner party and received the rare tribute of a personal toast from the Queen.

Churchill goes next week to Sicily for a vacation in the sunshine, free at last of the burdens of a lifetime which has earned him regard as statesman, soldier, author and orator.

## Injunction Sought in Road Dispute in Squaw Lake Area

Kermit C. Combes and Evelyn G. Combes have brought suit in circuit court seeking an injunction against Bert G. Harr, Christine Harr, Art Brown, and D. B. Winningham, according to records filed in the county clerk's office.

The complaint, filed yesterday, seeks an order enjoining the defendants from use and trespass on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Combes along Squaw Creek rd., in the Applegate area.

The complaint points out that on Nov. 23, 1954, an order was issued decreeing Squaw Creek rd. to be a public road, "as located on the ground." It claims that the defendants have no right to widen the road.

On March 23, 1955, the complaint says, the defendants widened the road with a bulldozer, taking earth from land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Combes on each side of Squaw Creek rd., and extending the road at numerous places in areas not included in the Nov. 23, 1954 order.

It further charges that the defendants have "forcibly committed trespass," and are continuing to operate log trucks on property owned by the plaintiffs.

On March 23, Kermit Combes was arraigned in district court after a complaint charging him with disorderly conduct had been filed by Bert Haar. The case is still pending.