

# Ike Feels Military Data Circulated To Detriment of Security

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower feels that technical U.S. military information has been publicly circulated to the detriment of national security, the White House said today.

Mr. Eisenhower's views were disclosed by Press Secretary James C. Hagerty when questioned about a Defense department directive which has closed down the flow of much news from the Pentagon.

Hagerty refused to discuss the Defense department directive, as such, but outlined for reporters Mr. Eisenhower's views on the subject.

"The President has never be-

lieved in censorship of legitimate news," Hagerty said.

"However, he also has always believed that there is no reason to make available to the enemy technical military secrets which, by their issuance, could do nothing but hurt the interests of the United States.

"To that extent, and only to that extent, would he ask that that sort of information be withheld from general circulation.

"He doesn't believe that in other instances security or security regulations should be used to cover up publication of legitimate news."

Asked specifically whether Mr. Eisenhower felt that technical information has been made available.

Hagerty would not say whether Mr. Eisenhower conveyed his feelings to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, thereby prompting the strict new directives. Nor would Hagerty cite any examples in which the White House believes technical information, which should have been kept secret, has been divulged.

Hagerty said that in outlining the President's views, there was "no reprimand intended to any individual or department."

Wilson's order last week provides that data be cleared through his office before public release. Material which is released also must "constitute a constructive contribution to the primary mission of the Department of Defense," his directive said.

There has been some confusion also as to whether the directive meant that only favorable information could be given out.

The Defense department announced that Wilson "will be glad to discuss the new directive concerned with public information activities" at his news conference next Tuesday. He is unable to do so this week because of an illness which kept him at home. Meanwhile, military public information officers have slowed down the answering of even routine press inquiries.

Wilson's order also has been linked with Adm. Robert B. Carney's "background" dinner briefing recently for some 20 reporters on the Chinese Communist threat to the Quemoy and Matsu islands.

After the chief of naval operations was disclosed as the source of many dispatches stating that a Red attack was expected against the Matsus in mid-April, Carney said he had not made such a prediction.

Several reporters who took notes of the dinner meeting said that Carney did say an attack on the Matsus at that time was anticipated.

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## Report Favorable on Irrigation District Rehabilitation Work

A favorable report on the proposal to rehabilitate the irrigation systems of the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts has been completed by the bureau of reclamation.

The project was authorized during the last session of congress, and a study was made by the bureau to prepare the report for congress on the feasibility of the plan.

Copies of the report were received here this week. Harold Nelson, regional director of the bureau, said after it is reviewed in the Denver and Washington offices, will be used as one of the documents supporting the use of funds for rehabilitation when they are considered by congressional committees.

The entire project would cost \$1,712,000 (at cost levels of last October) the report estimates. The benefits are estimated at \$74,000 annually, compared to annual costs (spread over a 40-year, non-interest period) of \$61,000, or a benefit ratio of 1.22 to 1.

The proposal is divided into six divisions:

The first, at an estimated cost of \$41,500, calls for work on the Fourmile lake reservoir and dam, repairing and improving.

The second, to cost \$62,500, is for work on the Fish lake reservoir and dam.

The third, costing \$306,800, is for the main canal, shared by the two districts, between the pick-up point on Little Butte creek and Bradshaw drop, where water for the two districts is divided. The work on the canal includes a number of new culverts, flumes and siphons to replace existing structures which no longer can be depended upon.

The fourth division, at a cost of \$266,600, is for work on the Medford canal, from Bradshaw drop to its end north of Jacksonville, and includes rehabilitation work and new structures.

The fifth division, to cost \$46,600, is on the Hopkins canal of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district, for similar work.

The final division, costing some \$988,000, is for canal linings, spillway structures, farm bridges and culverts throughout the system.

The report indicates that initial phases of the job could get under way on July 1 of this year, provided congress approves. Most of the work on the first five divisions could be completed within a year, and the remaining work would be stretched over a period of years.

**Good Financial Shape**

Both districts are in good financial position, the report points out. Willingness to repay costs over a 40-year period has

## Unemployment Compensation Plan Draws Objections

**Labor, Industry Protest Provisions**

Salem — (U.P.) — A new plan for unemployment compensation payments was presented to labor and industry here last night by the Senate Labor Committee and drew vehement objections from both sides.

Labor protested that penalty provisions, disqualification clauses and effective dates were improper and that the amended bill would work hardships on seasonal workers who failed to meet the requirements of the complex wage formula provided.

Industry objected that the proposed benefit rate of 33 per week maximum was too high and contended that the qualification provisions would bring so many people under the compensation act that the compensation fund would soon be exhausted.

**Hospitals Object**

The State Nurses Association and association of hospitals sent spokesmen to the hearing to protest inclusion of hospitals in the act. They claimed that employment is historically stable in hospitals and that unemployment compensation is rarely needed.

James G. Swindells, speaking for the hospitals, said the bill would force Oregon hospitals to pay some \$400,000 a year into the fund and would result in an increased daily hospital rate, of 50 cents.

**Sensors Ire Aroused**

James Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, aroused the ire of Sen. Gene Brown (R-Grants Pass) when he said he doubted the committee had been able to become fully acquainted with the unemployment problem in two months. Marr said amendments to the bill had been presented so fast that labor hadn't had a chance to study them.

Brown replied that the committee knew perfectly well what it was doing and that the objections of both labor and industry indicated that its compromise version of the original bill was successful. He said the new bill struck the middle ground between the opposing viewpoints.

**Object To Date**

Both Marr and George Brown, executive secretary of the Oregon CIO, objected to making the benefit increase effective July 1, 1956. Sen. Brown defended the delay, saying it would give the compensation fund a chance to recover some of its lost ground by taking in higher contributions from employers for six months before the new benefits were drawn from it.

Lester Wise, of the Del Monte Packers, asserted that the bill's provisions for seasonal workers would bring more people under the act than it would eliminate. Sen. Eugene Allen (R-Portland) stated flatly, "that statement simply is not true."

## Are Increased To Permit Nationalists To Raid Red Bases

**Theory Advanced That Commies Will Gain Superiority**

Washington — (U.P.) — The administration is under increasing pressure to permit the Chinese Nationalists to bomb Red airfields being built near the invasion-threatened offshore islands, it was disclosed today.

The argument being used is that if the Red airfields are not destroyed, the Communists will achieve air superiority that will spell victory in any Formosa Straits battles.

**Argument Advanced**

This argument is being advanced both by officials of the Nationalist government on Formosa and by Republican senators. It was learned that certain of these senators have been discussing the question with administration officials within recent weeks.

The administration, however, is reluctant to permit the Chinese Nationalists to take any military steps that might provoke general war in the Far East.

The administration attitude is summed up in the "memorandum of understanding" signed between the two governments last year as part of the U.S.-Chinese Nationalist mutual aid pact. The agreement specified, in effect, that the Nationalists would not take any military action against the mainland without first consulting with the United States.

**Want Agreement Relaxed**

It is this side agreement which the Chinese Nationalists and certain GOP senators now want relaxed.

Chinese Nationalist military officials have warned that the Red airfields hold the key on when the Chinese Reds may attempt an invasion of the offshore islands of Quemoy and the Matsu group.

The argument being used on the administration is that if it wants the Chinese Nationalists to hold Quemoy and Matsu they should at least be able to bomb airfields obviously aimed at invasion of the offshore islands.

**Murder Suspect Has Emergency Surgery**

Bernice Hampton White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., under indictment on a first degree murder charge, was taken to Community hospital last night for emergency appendectomy.

Sheriff's deputies said White underwent surgery last night. Hospital attendants this morning listed his condition as "good," and said he spent a "good night."

White is under 24-hour guard at the hospital. He is charged with first degree murder in the death of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, of 215 Fourth st., Phoenix, who died at an Ashland hospital after being struck over the head with a piece of lumber.

## Vic Milnes Seeks Gas Dealer Relief From Evaporation

Salem — (U.P.) — Vic Milnes, Medford, speaking for the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Association, yesterday asked the House Highways Committee to excuse the dealers from paying a tax on gasoline that evaporated before they could sell it.

Milnes told the committee that two per cent of the gasoline in service station storage tanks either evaporated or was lost through shrinkage but that the state tax still had to be paid on the amount put in the tank by the dealers.

**Based on Purchase**

The tax, Milnes said, was based on the amount of gasoline the station operators purchased, not on the amount sold. It cannot be passed on to the consumer, he said, and the operators should be granted relief.

The state highway department reported that the relief Milnes wanted would cost \$690,000 per biennium. Judge F. L. Phipps of the Association of Oregon Counties protested that the cities and counties of the state could ill afford to lose that much revenue from their share of gas tax receipts used for road purposes.

The committee took no action on the bill yesterday.

## Senate Tax Group Acts Favorably on Major Revenue Bill

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate Tax committee headed by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm (R-Portland) reported out favorably one of the major parts of the House revenue package with slight amendments today — bills eliminating utility and skyscraper exemptions from the corporation excise tax.

Amendments agreed upon would eliminate the two-year limit which the House put in the bill bringing utilities under the corporate excise tax and added strengthening language to place public utility districts under the tax.

Representatives of the major utility companies expressed a preference for the two-year limit but elimination is not expected to be a major stumbling block to enactment of the bill.

**True Cash Value OK'd**

Corporations which derive 95 per cent of their income or more from real property rentals — the skyscraper clause — also lose their exemption from paying corporate excise taxes under the House bill approved unanimously by the Senate committee. The law as it will be sent to the Senate floor remains as it was passed by the House, at a full eight per cent, although building owners urged that their rate be four per cent.

Also passed out of the Senate assessment and taxation committee with a unanimous favorable recommendation was House bill 40 which sets up a new definition of "true cash value" for property for assessment purposes. True cash value under the

## Two Men Appear In Circuit Court; Three Are Arrested

Two men appeared in circuit court this morning and three more were arrested by sheriff's deputies and city police. Two other men were taken to Salem this morning by Sheriff Howard Gault to start terms in Oregon state prison.

Appearing in court today were Paul Ronald Holte, 22, Winston, Oregon, and Robert Green, 819 North Central ave.

Holte pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery, and Green was sentenced to two years in prison on a burglary charge.

Arrested were Wayne Edward Ralph, 211 East 12th st., and two 17-year-old Butte Falls boys.

**Arraigned**

Ralph was arraigned in district court this morning on a forgery charge and is being held under \$2,500 bond. The two Butte Falls youths were arrested on charges of larceny from a store.

In a signed statement given city police, Ralph admitted forging the name of Hamilton Hinkle Fox, Box 592, Ashland, to seven checks ranging from \$25 to \$92.50. "I meant to talk to Mr. Fox about the checks," Ralph said, "but I never got around to it."

The two men taken to the state prison were Peter Allen Key, 32, Bakersfield, Calif., sentenced to three years on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and Robert Edward Ross, 22, Eugene, sentenced to five years on a charge of burglarizing the Medford Greyhound Post House.

## MacArthur's Views On Russian War Entry To Be Told

**Defense Department To Expedite Release**

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense Department said today it will make public "relevant" information concerning Gen. Douglas MacArthur's views in February, 1945, on Russian entry into the war against Japan.

The department said release of the material would be made "expeditiously" but set no specific date for public disclosure.

The department said it might not make full disclosure of official documents as MacArthur has insisted should be done.

**Would Have Opposed Entry**

MacArthur, Southwest Pacific commander in 1945, has contended he would have opposed Russian entry "at that late date" if anyone had sought his views at the time of the Yalta conference.

An Army historian, Louis Morton, has contended that MacArthur was "thoroughly in favor" of Russian participation. C. Herschel Schooley, Defense Department spokesman, said that the information "conceivably could be a narrative without complete inclusion of source documents."

In its formal statement, the department said:

"In response to requests by members of Congress and the press, the Department of Defense is surveying its files to collect papers pertinent to the question of Russia's entry into the Pacific war."

**Would Confuse Situation**

"This survey is being carried out expeditiously and the information relevant to the subject will be made public."

"The Department of Defense believes that in the meantime the release of separate items connected with Russia's entry into the Pacific war would confuse rather than clarify the situation."

## Theda Bara, Silent Screen Siren, Dies

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Theda Bara, the silent screen siren who added cosmetics and the word "vamp" to the world, lost an 18-month battle to cancer Thursday night. She was 64.

After several operations for the intestinal ailment, the beauty who caused ministers to preach against her costumes in the early '20s, lapsed into a coma 13 days ago.

She died alone in her room at California Lutheran Hospital shortly after a visit from her husband, former Director Charles Brabin, and her sister, Lori Bara. Nurses discovered her death.

Theda Bara, still with the dark hair and pale face that electrified early film fans, had been a quiet Beverly Hills socialite since she retired from films in 1927. But at one time she was such a sensation that her white powder and mascara eyes started the fad for make-up.

Pope Pius, who spent much of the morning in prayer and meditation in the private chapel adjoining his bedroom, had not planned to appear in public on this saddest day of Christianity — Good Friday, the day Christ died on the Cross.

But he finally yielded to the crowd's insistence.

## Sen. Phil Lowry Tagged as 'Best'

Portland — Sate Sen. Philip B. Lowry, Medford, has been rated the "best newcomer" to the legislature in an informal poll of newspapermen covering the legislature, it was reported this week.

Tom McCall, veteran radio news broadcaster and former candidate for Congress now covering the session, told members of the Oregon Ad club here that Lowry, 36, now serving his first term in the legislature, is considered to be the best "freshman" legislator. McCall said the rating is based on informal discussions among newsmen.

According to the Oregonian, McCall said most newspapermen rank the best freshmen house members as Al Loucks, Salem, Ed Cone, Eugene, George Annala, Hood River, and Jean Lewis, Portland.

McCall also was quoted as saying the legislature was one of the "shortest-winded and least enchanted with Salem night life" of any in recent years. He concluded with an appeal "not to curse them categorically," and "if you don't like what they're doing, try it yourselves sometime."

## Refusal To Rehire Glos Upheld by Civil Service

Salem — (U.P.) — The Civil Service Commission last night upheld the ruling of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission in refusing to rehire Karl Glos as OLCC hearings examiner.

**No Reflection on Character**

The Commission said this was no reflection on the character of Glos. But the evidence presented indicated Glos had "obviously exercised extremely poor judgment in serving as legal counsel for licensees in matters that were even remotely connected with their obtaining licenses," the commission said.

The commission said that Glos would be considered for any further state employment without prejudice.

## Eden Confers on Strategy of Party

London — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Anthony Eden conferred today with his cabinet chiefs on Conservative Party strategy in the forthcoming general elections and possibly on further efforts for peace talks with Russia.

Eden and his wife were spending their first official week end at Chequers, the country home of British prime ministers. They took with them such guests as Chancellor R. A. Butler, the No. 2 man in the government, and the Marquess of Salisbury, lord president of the council.

Observers said Eden's mild reshuffle of the cabinet of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill foreshadowed a quick general election and further efforts for Western talks with Russia, but not "at the summit."

## Nineteen Prizes Ready For Easter Egg Hunt

Nineteen prizes, including one grand award, will be offered to finders of lucky eggs tomorrow when Medford Kiwanis club holds its annual Easter egg hunt at Hawthorne park.

The hunt, for children of the Medford vicinity, will start at 9 a.m. Youngsters ages 1 to 2, 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 will hunt in separate areas. There will be three prizes for girls and three for boys in each age division.

Seven thousand candy eggs, individually packaged, will be hidden for the event.

## Pope Pius Blesses Easter Pilgrims

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII appeared in his Vatican study window today facing sunny St. Peter's Square and blessed thousands of Easter pilgrims who came here from all over the world to observe Holy Week.

The frail, white-clad Pontiff made his unscheduled Good Friday appearance shortly after noon to acknowledge the instant cheers of some 8,000 Romans and pilgrims who chanted "Vogliamo il Papa" (We want the Pope).

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## More Than 5,900 Names Taken Off Voter List

More than 5,900 names have been removed from the list of registered voters in Jackson county because of failure to vote according to County Clerk Bereth Hopkins.

The total does not include persons who have died.

All those whose names have been removed from the list have been notified and have 90 days in which to become reinstated or re-registered.

The task of removing the names from voter lists is continuing and is expected to be completed by May 1.

**TRUCK STANDS BY**

A pumper truck and a crew of four men were dispatched to the municipal airport at noon today to stand by when a Southwest airways plane reported landing gear trouble, firemen said. They reported that the plane landed with out incident.

## Red China Ends State Of War With Germany

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Communist China has followed Russia in proclaiming an end to the state of war with Germany, a Communist broadcast said today.

The Communist New China News Agency, in a broadcast heard here, said the action was taken by Chinese Communist leader Mao Tze-tung.

## Television Coverage Of Atom Blast Planned

New York — (U.P.) — Two major television networks will televise an atom bomb test later this month in the interests of civil defense.

The National Broadcasting Company and Columbia Broadcasting System announced this week elaborate plans for four-day coverage of an April 26 test at Yucca Flats, Nev., designed to demonstrate the effects of a nuclear blast on an actual town.

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Ezra A. Tudor, 79, father of former Undersecretary of Interior Ralph A. Tudor, died in a local hospital Thursday.

## Neuberger Charges Northwest Abandoned By McKay as Far as Power is Concerned

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, in his first Oregon speech since he was elected to the Senate last November, charged today that Interior Secretary Douglas McKay is abandoning "his own Pacific Northwest region" as far as power is concerned.

Neuberger told the City Club here that Republicans label Columbia basin power projects as "creeping socialism." At the same time, he said, the Eisenhower administration is "promoting \$1,659,000,000 worth of federal power projects on the Upper Colorado — including Echo Park dam — which would invade our national park system."

Neuberger yesterday said he would seek to strike Echo park dam from the Upper Colorado bill.

The Oregon Democrat said that power can be generated "cheaply and successfully" on the Columbia and Snake rivers. He said the Upper Colorado sites are to be kept for the government because no utility wants these sites which may never pay out.

Neuberger also discussed declining farm income and attacked administration proposals for aid to education.

## Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight. Considerable cloudiness and cooler Saturday with a few showers late Saturday. Low tonight 36. High Saturday 64.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	37