



BLOSSOM QUEEN AND COURT—Marilyn Denning, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Denning, Camp White, last night was chosen as queen of the annual Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival, to be held in Medford tomorrow. She and her four princesses, shown above on their float, will be in the 1 p.m. parade. Young Miss Denning was sponsored by the Medford Garden club. Her father is assistant manager of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary center at Camp White.

Marilyn Denning Is Festival Queen; Parade Tomorrow

Marilyn Denning, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Denning, Camp White, was chosen queen of Medford's annual Pear Blossom Festival last night. Marilyn was sponsored by the Medford Garden club.

Young Miss Denning, whose princesses will be the other four finalists in the contest, will be presented a trophy at Hawthorne park following tomorrow afternoon's parade.

The four princesses are Star Christine Leonard, 5, of 2137 East Jackson st., Meredith Tacy Lynch, 3, of 139 Kenwood ave., Karen Joan Morgan, 5, of 875 Gilman rd., and Suzanne White, 6, route 3, box 170A. Each of the princesses will be presented a bracelet.

Mayors Are Judges

The queen was chosen by the mayors, or their representatives, of Gold Hill, Talent, Eagle Point, Phoenix, Ashland, Jacksonville, Rogue River, Central Point and Medford.

There are 87 entries in the parade, which includes individual, organization, commercial, costumed walking group and decorated vehicle categories. It will start at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Fir st. and Main st. It will proceed East on Main st. to Hawthorne park.

Paraders are to assemble on South Fir st. between noon and 1 p.m. and judging will be done at that time. Prizes will be presented following the parade at Hawthorne park.

An auto show, sponsored by Medford firemen in connection with the festival, will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Library park.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York —(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 425.52 off 2.93; 20 railroads 159.11 off 1.92; 15 utilities 64.62 off 0.01, and 65 stocks 159.34 off 1.16. Sales today were about 2,800,000 shares compared with 2,810,000 shares yesterday.

Greensboro, N. C. —(U.P.)—Junius Irving Scales, former campus Communist at the University of North Carolina has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Medford High Teacher and Student Slate Award Trip

Carol Denman, junior in Medford High school, has been elected to represent the school on a Freedom Foundation pilgrimage to historic shrines and cities of the east coast early in May, it was announced today.

The pilgrimage is part of the "principal award" made by the foundation earlier this year to the Medford school, based on the 1954 student government program submitted by Mrs. Justin Smith, instructor of social studies and history in the school. Mrs. Smith will accompany Miss Denman.

To Leave May 4

The student and teacher will leave here by air May 4 for the tour, which will include a visit to Valley Forge and historic spots in Philadelphia as guests of the foundation, a visit to the capital and to New York, including tours of the United States.

Preliminary Budget Totaling \$590,442 For City Presented

A preliminary general fund budget of \$590,442, an increase of \$23,962 over last year, was presented to the citizens' budget committee by City Manager Robert Duff last night.

The proposed budget for Medford is \$31,750 over the amount allowed by the 6 per cent limitation on increases, and several alternative ways of balancing the budget were presented by Duff.

Duff said the budget was "prepared on the basis of continuing the minimum services now being provided. Provision for maintaining adequate service commensurate with the growth of the city and services requested by its citizens have necessarily been deleted." He pointed out that city income is relatively static.

Revenue Estimates

Revenue for fiscal year 1955-56 is estimated at \$328,597, and a cash balance at the end of this fiscal year of \$23,729, leaves a total of \$238,116 to be raised by taxation. The amount which can be raised by taxation without authorization of the voters, is \$206,366.

Duff said the budget could be balanced by transferring a surplus of \$40,177 from the Sewage Disposal bond fund into the general fund. He pointed out the surplus accumulated as a result of a sewer service charge being maintained after sufficient monies were collected to take care of bond indebtedness. The charge was discontinued last year.

Other methods of balancing the budget, Duff said, would be to make further reductions in budget requests, call for a special election to vote additional funds to make up the deficit, call for an election to establish a new tax base, or increase revenue by a larger business tax.

Duff pointed out, however, that "a further reduction in the proposed budget might seriously impair the efficiency of some of the departments." He said consideration should be given the annexation program, which may require a change in the tax base, and capital improvements which include an arterial street program, sanitary sewer facilities,

storm sewer program and off-street parking program.

Greatest Increase

The greatest increase in proposed expenditures for the coming year is in the fire department, where a \$21,927 increase is asked. Duff said the increase is "a result of the depletion of a surplus carried forward as a cash balance in the fire maintenance fund."

The proposed expenditure for the fire department for 1955-56 is \$60,864, compared to a 1954-55 budget of \$38,937.

Other proposed department expenditures for fiscal year 1955-56 include: airport, \$25,888; building and inspection, \$17,626; city hall, \$12,372; engineering, \$51,402; legal, \$7,581; mayor and council, \$2,400; general administration, administrative, \$19,933; general administration, non-departmental, \$60,609; parks and swimming pool, \$7,610; police, \$157,725; streets and sewers, \$58,594; sewage disposal, \$32,508; recorder, \$18,887; traffic engineer, \$33,148; treasurer, \$11,295; planning commission, \$2,000; and emergency, \$10,000.

Estimated expenditures for the Medford Water department for fiscal year 1955-56 total \$388,171, while revenue is estimated to be \$421,377.02, leaving a balance of \$33,206.02 June 30, 1956, which will go for an interest payment of \$28,287.50 and an emergency fund of \$4,918.52.

Next County Budget Meeting April 28

Another meeting of the Jackson county budget committee has been set for Thursday, April 28, courthouse officials said today.

The budget committee and county court met yesterday in what they expected would be the final budget meeting before the fiscal program was presented for advertising and public hearing. However, action was not completed on several items at yesterday's meeting, and the April 28 session was scheduled.

Members of the budget committee are Roger Rath, Tom Tray and Arnold Bohner. Members of the court include Judge Rodney Keating and Commissioners L. G. Morthland and Chester Wendt.

The three members of the court and County Engineer Paul Rynning were scheduled to leave today for Newport to take part in dedication of the new Lincoln county courthouse. They also plan to investigate equipment being used in other counties before returning to Medford.

Baseball

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Sullivan, Susce (7) and White; Ford and Berra.

Weather

FORECAST: Generally cloudy through Saturday with considerable shower activity, mainly Saturday morning. Low tonight 40. High Saturday 55.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 61
Lowest this Morning 44
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today03

Bandung Conference Hopelessly Snarled Over Colonialism Issue

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Big Three Agrees To Vienna Meeting On Austria Treaty

Ambassadors Will Convene on May 2

Washington — (U.P.) — The Western Big Three today agreed to a meeting of ambassadors with Russia in Vienna on May 2 to draft an Austrian state treaty. If progress is made there, the West said in identical notes to Moscow, the Big Four foreign ministers could meet at a formal session to sign a treaty granting Austria her independence.

The West said the foreign ministers meeting should be set at "the earliest practicable date." American officials thought mid-May would be the earliest a foreign minister's session could be arranged.

In the meantime, officials said a group of U.S., British and French diplomats probably will meet in London next Wednesday to lay the groundwork for a broader Big Four foreign minister's meeting on such critical issues as German unification, Soviet invitation.

The Western notes today were in reply to a Russian proposal last Tuesday that the Big Four foreign ministers meet "in the nearest future" to conclude the long stalled Austrian treaty. The Soviet call came on the heels of Soviet-Austrian talks during which Russia said she was ready to end the 10-year military occupation of Austria.

The United States, Britain, and France said they "welcome the Soviet government's view that the possibility now exists of concluding the Austrian state treaty." They added that they "would be pleased to participate at the earliest possible moment" in a foreign minister's meeting to sign the treaty.

But the West said "it is clear that some preparatory work still remains to be done" on the ambassadorial level.

Faster Than Anticipated

The suggestion that an Austrian treaty could be signed by mid-May indicated that progress is being pressed faster than some State Department officials originally had thought possible. The diplomatic offensive got underway as French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay flew back to Paris after London conferences designed to align French and British policies toward world trouble spots.

March of Dimes Totaled \$33,193 In January Drive

The 1955 March of Dimes campaign in Jackson county, held in January, netted \$33,193.22, according to figures released by J. D. Montie, campaign treasurer.

The amount was \$1,258.95 short of the record 1954 drive and marked the first time that the county fund-raising campaign to combat infantile paralysis had ever failed to surpass the previous year's receipts.

Reasons Given

"This does not reflect on the volunteer workers, who did their usual good job," Harry Chipman, chairman for the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said. "We have known for some time that we were nearing the saturation point. That, coupled with the emergency campaign last August and apathy on the part of donors because of good news during the drive regarding the Salk vaccine, helped to contribute to our lower amount," Chipman said.

Medford led all county towns with \$19,940.82, Ashland was second with \$5,068.01, and Rogue River was third with \$2,259.27. Central Point's \$1,173.61 ranked fourth.

Reports for other towns were Totals Listed: Applegate-Ruch, \$453.13; Butte Falls, \$125; Camp White, \$573.22; Eagle Point, \$537.21; Gold Hill-Sams Valley, \$659.68; Jacksonville, \$465; Phoenix, \$839.20; Prospect, \$491.70; Shady Cove, \$590.04; Talent, \$603.18, and miscellaneous county receipts, \$184.39.

Expenses for the county campaign were \$769.54.



GUARDSMEN DRAW WEAPONS—During the four-hour test alert of National Guard mobilization readiness trucks and jeeps throughout Medford, all guard personnel had reported within a period of two hours, and more than half were on hand at the armory within half an hour after the alert was called at 5 p.m.

issuing an M-1 rifle to Pfc. Nolan. All are members of Company A, which later put out roving patrols in radio-equipped trucks and jeeps throughout Medford. All guard personnel had reported within a period of two hours, and more than half were on hand at the armory within half an hour after the alert was called at 5 p.m.

Rural High School Board Budget Seeks \$1,599,895 for Year

A rural high school board budget calling for a levy of \$1,599,895.53 was announced today by Alf Mekvold, county superintendent of schools.

The budget is up \$377,078.29 from last year.

This year's rural high board tax base is \$323,520.64, which will lease \$1,276,374.89 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation on budgetary increases.

Total estimated receipts for the coming fiscal year are \$775,250.73, or down an estimated \$81,107.40.

Totals Given
Operational expenditures listed in the budget are \$2,023,896.26. This total, minus estimated receipts, equals \$1,248,645.53 for the 20 districts served by the rural board. Added are \$68,050 for rural operating and emergency costs, and \$283,200 for non-high districts' tuition, transportation, operating and emergency costs, giving the total levy of \$1,599,895.53.

Among the items Mekvold listed as major increases in operating costs are: Rural operating and emergency costs up \$28,500. Mekvold explained that this item was cut sharply last year, and the proposed new total is more in line with the amount budgeted in the past.

An increase of \$56,450 in the non-high school fund based on an anticipated 14 per cent increase in non-high enrollment (the number of students in districts not served by high schools) during the coming year.

Others Up

Instruction costs, for teachers, additional teachers, and extra duty pay, is up 11.5 per cent. Teaching supplies, library supplies and text books are up 26.7 per cent, due largely to adoption of new text books. Plant operation is up 14.4 per cent, due to additional buildings in many districts. Library costs are up 35.7 per cent in an effort to build up library facilities in county schools.

Unless the budget is approved by the voters at an election set for May 16, it will be possible to levy only the \$323,520.64 which is included in the tax base, or about 20 per cent of the estimated costs of operation. Anything above that amount would still have to be levied in the individual districts if the budget was turned down by the voters.

Chief Attends Meeting About Teletype Threat

Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin returned last night from a meeting in Salem with Gov. Paul L. Patterson and about 30 other police officers and sheriffs, at which the statewide police teletype network was discussed.

Chief Champlin said legislative action on appropriations threatens the network, and he reported the governor said he would do what he could to see that it is continued.

The teletype service was started only a year ago, and has proven a highly efficient aid in crime detection and prevention, the chief said.



RADIO COMMUNICATIONS—These members of the National Guard here are shown as they appeared Wednesday evening during the test alert. They are, left to right: Cpl. Duane Franklin, Pfc. Raymond L. Williams, both Headquarters company, and Cpl. James G. Maternich, Company A. Constant radio communications were maintained with Grants Pass where the commanding officer of the 1st battalion, Lt. Col. Don Burke, was located, and with roving patrols of guard riflemen in jeeps and trucks. Headquarters company provides the administrative staff for the 1st battalion of the 186th Infantry regiment, a part of the 41st Infantry division, Oregon and Washington National Guard.

Bomb Blast Kills Portland Attorney

Portland — (U.P.) — Oliver Kermit Smith, 35, an attorney who police said recently purchased a gun for protection, was killed last night when a bomb wrecked his car as he started home from a country club.

Police described it as a slaying. The motive was not known. Deputy Sheriff Holger Christoffersen said one man, whom he described as a suspect, was being questioned. Another man was questioned briefly.

Assaulted in Garage

Last month Smith, a Purple Heart war veteran, told police he was assaulted in the garage of his home by a man who struck him on the head several times.

"Last week Smith applied for a permit to carry a gun saying he needed it for "protection," police said.

The explosion occurred shortly before midnight as Smith was leaving a "stag" night affair at the Columbia-Edgewater Country Club.

The blast was heard over a large part of Northeast Portland. The splintered windshield was thrown more than 150 yards and the top of the car went 50 yards.

Quarantine Is Lifted At VA Domiciliary

Camp White — The quarantine imposed at Camp White April 13, because of an epidemic of influenza, was lifted at 11 a.m. today by Manager E. K. Ricker.

More than 150 cases of the respiratory illness were reported last week at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, but the situation has improved rapidly, permitting the lifting of the quarantine after one week and two days.

Normal activities may be resumed, Ricker said.

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said he has introduced a bill which would allow Yamhill county, Ore., to buy the lock and dam at LaFayette.

Subcommittee Quits Attempt To Draft Resolution

Conference Shocked Over Ceylon Charges

Bandung, Indonesia — (U.P.) — Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru exploded with anger today at the Afro-Asian conference when the Turkish delegate expressed open skepticism of the idea of peaceful coexistence with Communism.

Nehru, who had joined forces earlier today with Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai in a defense of Communist policies in Europe, took bitter exception to remarks by Turkey's Fatih Rastu Zorlu in a no holds barred meeting of the conference Political Committee.

"War is approaching," Nehru said, and the only way to avoid it is to "lessen tension through peaceful coexistence."

Nehru then issued a passionate appeal to the United States and Russia to stop making atomic and hydrogen bombs and submitted a proposal to place the conference on record as opposed to nuclear weapons of any type.

Bandung, Indonesia — (U.P.) — The Afro-Asian conference became hopelessly snarled today on whether Communist "subversion and infiltration" constituted a new form of colonialism.

A nine-nation subcommittee trying to write a resolution condemning colonialism was unable to reach agreement and adjourned until Saturday without a decision.

The main political committee moved on to a study of world peace and cooperation under which Ceylon is expected to ask that Formosa be placed under a trusteeship.

Fails To Get Conference
Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon, who suggested trusteeship at a press conference Thursday, failed again today in his efforts to call an eight-nation conference on the subject of Formosa.

Kotelawala's charges that colonialism is a new form of colonialism split the 29-nation group down the middle, shocking neutrals, the Communists and the pro-Communists.

Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru joined Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai today in denying Kotelawala's charges.

Nehru and Chou said Kotelawala was wrong about Communism, and they firmly insisted that such Eastern European nations as Czechoslovakia and Poland are free and independent and not colonies of the Kremlin.

Unanimous Vote Difficult

Nehru also suggested that a new form of colonialism might have arisen recently in Guatemala where anti-Communist forces, with the sympathy of the United States, were victorious.

The sharp division in the conference was reminiscent of United Nations cleavages as the 29-nation group tried to get together on the anti-colonialism issue. Resolutions must be passed by unanimous vote, and it was proving extremely difficult to please both West and East.

Bandung, Indonesia — (U.P.) — Communist China and Indonesia today signed a secret agreement settling the long-standing dispute over citizenship of 3,000,000 Chinese living in this country.

It was believed the agreement provided for the Chinese in Indonesia to choose between Indonesian or Communist China for citizenship. They could not choose Nationalist Chinese citizenship under the terms of the reported pact.

Springfield Police Chief Quits; Officer Convicted

Springfield, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Springfield chief of police and a police officer resigned today and the city recorder was asked to resign in the wake of the conviction of another policeman of embezzling \$33 of police funds.

Resignation Requested
City Manager Herbert C. Hamilton said he had accepted the resignations of Chief Harry W. Howard and Capt. Marion J. Redfeard and had asked for the resignation of City Recorder William Mansell. The latter had not submitted a resignation today. Mansell also is the city treasurer.

Hamilton would not say whether the resignations had any connection with Circuit Court verdict last night in which Marrill E. Parke, suspended Springfield policeman, was found guilty of converting

\$33 of police funds to his own use. A recent state audit showed a shortage of \$22,000 in police department collections.

The city manager said his official reason for asking for the resignations was "inefficiency in office."

Mansell Silent

Howard and Redfeard said they had submitted resignations on March 22 shortly after Hamilton took office as city manager. They said their resignations were turned down at that time, but today they were notified by Hamilton their requests had been accepted. Mansell made no comment as to whether he would submit a resignation. Hamilton appointed Sgt. Harold Cowles as acting chief of police and said he was seeking a city recorder to replace Mansell.