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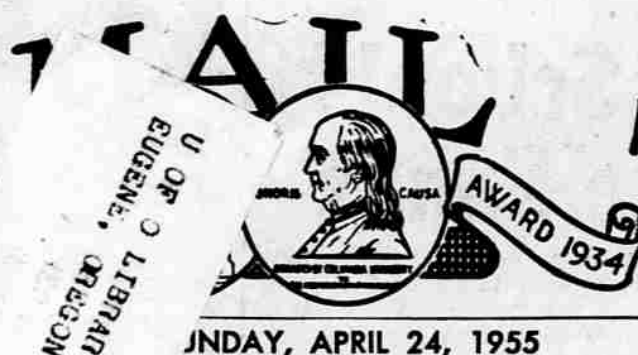
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Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness Sunday morning; partly cloudy Sunday afternoon; fair Sunday night and Monday. Cooler Sunday night. High Sunday 62; low Sunday night 33.

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Chou Issues Surprising Bid for Peace Parley

Morse Given High Praise at Dinner In Honor of FDR

By ERIC ALLEN JR.
Mail Tribune City Editor

The fifth Roosevelt Memorial dinner, the big annual event of the Democratic party in Jackson county, last night sounded like the opening big guns of the 1956 campaign to return Sen. Wayne Morse to his seat in the senate.

The senator's name was heard at least as frequently as that of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and stirred the crowd of some 350 persons as few other references during the evening.

Praised by Mitchell

Stephen A. Mitchell, Democratic national chairman during the successful Democratic campaign of 1954, devoted nearly half of his talk to extolling what he called Senator Morse's honesty in breaking with the Republicans "when his conscience would no longer permit him to stay in the company he was in."

Mitchell used the example of Senator Morse in approaching his main theme—that of party responsibility, and the necessity to stick with the party of one's choice, or to "break clean." He castigated men who, he indicated, had neglected to observe a sense of party responsibility, including Henry Wallace and Glenn Taylor, candidates for president and vice-president of the Progressive party in 1948; Gov. James Byrnes of South Carolina; Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, and others.

Criticizes President

In the same vein, he criticized President Eisenhower for "injecting himself into the Texas Democratic primary last summer to help Governor Shivers win the Democratic nomination."

"A few more years of this reckless self-seeking default of party responsibility and we will have in America more parties and less stable government than in France," Mitchell declared.

The former party chieftain said there are signs that there is a trend away from the type of thing he criticized. He cited a repeal of the Texas cross-filing law; the control of their own party by California Democrats; and the proposal of three new party responsibility rules which have been adopted by the national Democratic advisory committee on rules, and which will be proposed to the 1956 Democratic convention. These, he indicated, would signal a trend back toward party responsibility.

Predicts Convention Vote

"Only this week," Mitchell declared, "I have predicted that at least seven out of 10 of the delegates to the next Democratic convention would vote against seating Messrs. Byrnes, Shivers, Kennon and Morrow if they should seek to participate as delegates. It is my personal opinion that the rank and file of Democratic party members and leaders will not make the same mistake twice with these men," he stated.

Changing a party, honestly and in good conscience, Mitchell emphasized, is not the same thing as trying to remain in it while seeking differing objectives. And he said the party is always open to men and women who seek honestly to follow its principles, its program and its policies.

Praises Senators

He paid tribute to such men as Sen. Charles McNary, Sen. Charles Norris, Sen. William Borah and Sen. Hiram Johnson for their breadth and foresight, and compared them with Republicans of today who "couldn't even find the Columbia river—and certainly not the Snake—on a school boy's map."

Hells Canyon popped up throughout the evening as a major issue, and before Mitchell's talk the assemblage (which included a sprinkling of Republicans) voted without opposition in favor of a resolution of support for Sens. Morse and Richard Neuberger in their Hells canyon fight.

Chairman MC

State Democratic Chairman Howard Morgan, Monmouth, was master of ceremonies, and in his opening "keynote" remarks, de-

clared that the best way in which to commemorate Franklin Roosevelt is to carry forward the principles of the party into the elections of 1956, electing Democrats to office as president, secretary of state, attorney general, to four congressional seats, to the legislature, and returning Senator Morse to Washington.

The Democratic party is in the best shape it has ever been in, he said, and it "will give its best" in the fight to come.

Present Program

An hour-and-a-half long program preceded the main speakers, including introduction of longtime county party workers and notables, an invocation by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, songs and a reading, and talks by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton and State Sen. (and Democratic national committeeman) Monroe Sweetland.

A gift of myrtlewood bookends was presented to Mitchell by Frank DeSouza, party treasurer here.

The evening concluded with the reading of telegrams from a number of prominent Democrats, including Sens. Estes Kefauver, Paul Douglas and Richard Neuberger, all of whom had words of praise for Morse; from Adlai Stevenson, Ex-President Harry Truman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and Senator Morse.

Bulganin Supports Top-Level Talks

Moscow (U.P.)—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin indicated Saturday night he is ready for top-level talks with President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

Bulganin, attending a reception for visiting Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz, was asked by Western correspondents: "When will you meet with President Eisenhower and Eden?"

The Soviet leader replied: "Ask Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Eden when the date will be. I have already made my position clear."

Bulganin nodded in agreement when asked if he meant that he still takes a "positive attitude" toward a meeting of the heads of state of Russia, the United States and Britain.

But, British diplomatic observers in London said the West almost certainly will hold out for a meeting of foreign ministers with Russia before embarking on a top level meeting.

Klamath Falls (U.P.)—A 90-year lease for use of Klamath Falls airport as a jet interceptor base has been returned here after being signed by government officials. The lease is the official "go-ahead" for reactivation of the airport as a jet base.

Morse, Neuberger Split Over Echo Park Dam Project Provides Conversation Piece for Gallery of Senate

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—The split between Sen. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger on Neuberger's fight against Echo Park dam in the Senate was the conversation piece of the press gallery this past week.

It was not the first time Oregon's Democratic senators had been found on opposite sides of an issue in this congressional session, but it was considered the most dramatic issue, made so by Neuberger himself. And Morse let him down, easily but flatly.

The climax came in the Senate as voting began on the upper Colorado River reclamation-power project—a \$1,600,000,000 authorization for federal construction of dams and irrigation units in four Rocky Mountain states. As a member of the Senate Interior Committee, that heard testimony on the bill, Neuberger voted in favor of sending it to the floor, with one reservation against the single



POLICE TO THE RESCUE—Policeman John J. Brodley, trying to take off his coat, dashes into the swollen Merrimack River at Lowell, Mass., to rescue Paul Kish, 14 (right arrow). Two other policemen (left arrow) were swept downstream after futile efforts to reach the boy clinging to submerged limb of tree. The youth fell off a raft in vain attempt to rescue his dog. The pet was not found.

Estimated 10,000 See Pear Blossom Festival Parade

The largest parade crowd Medford police officers can remember—estimated at as high as 10,000 people—watched the annual Pear Blossom Festival parade yesterday afternoon.

Only a few light sprinkles of rain fell—not enough to mar the fun of the big crowd nor the hundreds of people who lined Main st. to watch them go by.

Long before the scheduled starting time, 1 p.m., Main st. was crowded, and by the time the parade started, about 10 minutes past the hour the slight delay was caused by the difficulty of judging the 93 entries in the line of march, the spectators were two or three deep.

Three floats won \$25 grand sweepstakes awards. They were those entered by the Medford Lady Lions, for best design; Royal Neighbors of America, for best theme portrayal and originality; and Medford Jaycees, for best comic float.

Big Appropriation For Welfare Okayed

Salem (U.P.)—A bill appropriating \$31,150,032 for public welfare was passed by the Oregon House Saturday with only one dissenting vote.

The largest appropriation bill to reach the floor of the House this session encountered the objections of Rep. G. D. Gleason of Portland who said it provided only enough money for "general starvation."

Salem (U.P.)—An appropriation of \$1,576,000 for Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls was approved by the Oregon House Saturday without argument.

New Extortion Threat Reported in Portland

Portland (U.P.)—Harried police Saturday investigated another extortion threat here in which a telephone caller demanded \$20,000 and menaced by implication youngsters of four families including those of two officials of the Meier & Frank Department store.

Mrs. Herbert Winfree, wife of a Portland attorney, said a man with a low-pitched voice called her about 5 p.m. Friday and said she was to have the money by Monday. The caller said she would receive additional instructions over the week end.

Children Threatened

By implication, she said, the anonymous caller threatened to harm her three children. Also included in the threat were the children of Richard Frank, Jack Meier and Police Chief Jim Purcell Jr., all of whom live in the Sylvan school district. Mrs. Winfree is president of the Sylvan school PTA.

It was the latest in a series of threatening calls to persons and schools in the Northwest since a week ago Friday when a bomb exploded in a third floor restaurant of the Meier & Frank Department store in what police said was a \$50,000 extortion plot. Police said they could not assume the calls were the work of pranksters.

Started To Get Shaky

Mrs. Winfree said "I thought the thing was crazy and I told him this sounded like another one of those bomb hoaxes." She said the caller replied "Not with the Meier, Frank and Purcell children in your school, it's no gag." Then, Mrs. Winfree said, "I started to get shaky."

Police promptly put the Winfree home under surveillance. Police also reported that bomb threatening calls were made to the Sunset Fuel Company and the J. J. Newberry store yesterday.

Earlier in the day, Lincoln high school was evacuated while authorities hunted a bomb a caller said had been placed in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Smith Denies Part in Slaying; Victor Wolf Held

Portland (U.P.)—Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 35-year-old widow of the Portland attorney who was blown to bits by a bomb Thursday night, stuck steadfastly to her denial of any part in the crime Saturday despite intensive questioning by county detectives.

The attractive brunette was taken from Rocky Butte jail by Detective Capt. Howard Kelly for more questioning yesterday, but her whereabouts was unknown.

Confessed Killer Held

Meanwhile, Victor Lawrence Wolf, 45, confessed killer, was being held in the county court-house jail. He told police he and Mrs. Smith planned the slaying to collect \$20,000 insurance on her husband, 35-year-old Oliver Kermit Smith.

The pair have been charged with first degree murder by Dist. Atty. William B. Langley.

Smith was blown to bits Thursday night when he stepped on the starter of his car following a "stag" party at the Columbia Edgewater Country club.

Watkins of Utah who are reclamation enthusiasts by backing Echo Park dam than to satisfy conservation groups by fighting what was regarded in advance as a losing cause.

This caught the Oregon senators in a heavy cross-wind, since both are backers of Hells Canyon and both regard themselves as champions of conservation. The directions in which they separately chose to travel suggest their deepest inclinations.

With virtually every conservation group in America opposed to Echo Park dam, Neuberger ran true to the form of his journalistic efforts of past years to take the lead against that project.

With public power and Hells Canyon dam at the top of his list for presentation to the voters when he comes up for reelection next fall, Morse went along with the comprehensive plan for development of the upper Colorado without dropping the controversial Echo Park site.

Through it all Wayne Morse sat silently, chatting amiably with colleagues, sometimes with Sen. Arthur Watkins (R-Utah), who pushed as hard as anyone for the project. Not until after Neuberger had taken his lickin' did Morse arise to "commend" his colleague's efforts but to state that Neuberger just didn't have the law on his side this time. Morse said if Neuberger's argument had had any merit, he would have supported it.

Reportedly, there was more to it than that, for there was heavy pressure from pro-Hells Canyon backers to head off the Neuberger move in order to win some mountain state votes for Hells Canyon bill when it comes up. That is, the argument was being pressed that it was more important to court good will among Republicans such as

U.S. Wants Chiang Included; Sen. George Favors Proposal

Red China Premier Asks Negotiations On Formosa Crisis

Says Nation Does Not Want War With U.S.

Bandung, Indonesia (U.P.)—Chinese Communist Premier Chou en-Lai, in a complete reversal of his position, Saturday proposed direct negotiations between Red China and the United States on a settlement of the Formosa crisis.

In a statement issued at the 29-nation African-Asian conference here, Chou said the Chinese Communists do not want war with the United States. He said he was willing to sit down with American officials and discuss the "relaxation of tension" in the Far East, and particularly in the Formosa area.

The statement was issued by a Chinese Communist spokesman following an eight-nation meeting bringing together Chou and representatives of the Philippines, Thailand, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia.

Abroad, Chou's offer was met with cautious optimism in London and outright opposition in Taipei. A Chinese Nationalist spokesman said the offer appeared to be a "trick" designed to camouflage a Red military buildup.

A Peiping government spokesman, questioned about the statement, said Chou meant "direct negotiations" between the United States and Communist China, and not a 10-power conference as proposed by Russia.

But the spokesman threw a possible stumbling block in the way of such a conference when he said that Nationalist China should not be represented at the conference.

The spokesman, public relations officers Kang Mao Chao, was asked whether he thought Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek should be at any such conference.

"I do not think so—no, no," he replied.

It was the first conciliatory statement made by Chou toward the United States and he represented a sudden and startling change of form.

The Chinese Communists previously had spurned all efforts of the United Nations to arrange a truce in the Formosa Straits. They had even turned down Russian and Indian efforts to get them to open negotiations on Formosa.

It was not known whether the Philippines, Thailand or Pakistan, U. S. military allies who were present at the lunch meeting with Chou, would transmit Chou's offer formally to the United States.

The Chinese Communist premier also advocated an immediate truce in the world armaments race.

He called for an agreement of the big powers on reducing armed forces, as well as arms, and a ban on production, storage and use of nuclear and other mass destruction weapons.

Conference sources said Chou also expressed willingness to join with British Prime Minister Anthony Eden in signing a joint declaration supporting "principles of co-existence."

Ed Boehnke Resigns State Republican Job

Portland (U.P.)—Ed G. Boehnke, state Republican chairman and national committeeman for Oregon, resigned his state chairman post Saturday effective May 21.

Boehnke, in a letter to the state central committee today, said "I find that I do not have the time and energy to continue as state chairman of the Republican party. Therefore, please accept my resignation as of Saturday, May 21st."

The committee has been instructed to meet on that date to fill the vacancy.



CHOU EN-LAI Proposes Conference

Radford Arrives in Formosa for Talks; Fighting Increases

Taipei (U.P.)—Fighting flared in the Formosa Strait Saturday amid preparations for top-secret talks between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the U. S. joint chiefs of staff.

A Nationalist communique said patrol planes heavily damaged five 50-ton landing craft and one gunboat west of the mainland port of Amoy.

All Planes Return

The Air Force communique reported heavy anti-aircraft fire but said all Nationalist planes returned safely.

The Nationalist defense ministry said Red artillery based at Amoy fired four rounds at Tatan Island in the Quemoy group. The communique said it was the first Red shelling of the Nationalist outpost since April 13.

Radford and Assistant Secretary of State Walter S. Robertson arrived in Formosa at 8 p.m. for important talks with Chiang on the Formosa problem. Informants said the Red Chinese offer to negotiate also would be examined, but Nationalist spokesmen have made it clear that Chiang will reject any negotiations on Formosa unless the Nationalists are represented.

On his arrival, Robertson said: "We came here to talk to a good friend and ally about mutual problems." Radford declined comment.

Elk Sells Interest in Oregon Veneer

George Flanagan, manager of Elk Lumber company, Saturday announced the sale of Elk's interest in the Oregon Veneer company, a recently-organized firm.

The new company was organized by Elk and the Medford Veneer and Plywood Corp., of which Loren Haugen is president. Announcement of the organization was made several weeks ago.

Flanagan said Elk has sold all its interest in Oregon Veneer to Medford Veneer and Plywood Corp., and its interest in Medford Veneer and Plywood Corp. to Loren Haugen.

Elk Lumber company "no longer has any interest in or any connection whatever with any plywood company or venture at Elk City. Neither does the Elk Lumber company have any obligation to furnish peeler logs to any such company or venture," Flanagan's statement said.

He added that Elk still plans to construct and operate its own plywood plant on its own pond at Elk City, just as soon as possible after completion of a stud mill now under construction.

State Salk Vaccine Allocation Protested

Portland (U.P.)—The State Board of Health said it was protesting Oregon's allocation of Salk polio vaccine which it said was based on only 90 percent of eligible children.

Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, told county health officers by letter that Oregon's allocation is only 76,140 cubic centimeters. He said the health board figured a bare minimum would require 81,758 cubic centimeters. There was still uncertainty as to when the shipments would arrive.

Influential Demo, State Department, Differ Over Plan

Communists Challenged To Produce US Airmen

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) said Saturday night the United States should accept the offer of Chinese Communist leader Chou En-lai to negotiate a Far Eastern peace settlement.

The influential chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee made his suggestion only a few hours after the State Department had rejected any negotiations with Red China unless Nationalist China were included in the talks as "an equal."

George, in an off-the-cuff address before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said that when Red China shows a willingness to talk, "this nation should be big enough and strong enough, through its highest officials," to accept.

Would Be First Step

George said such a conference might not produce a final solution. But he said it would be at least a first step which could lead to further steps toward "solution of some of the problems of our times."

"It is time we are relieving some of the tensions of this world, if we can," he said.

George said he did not know how much sincerity was in the offer of Chou En-lai. But he felt the United States has a responsibility at least to explore the matter.

George made no direct reference to participation of Nationalist China at the proposed talks. But he did specify that the United States should know what its "friends think about the trouble spots in the Far East; we should not be unmindful of our friends."

Calls for Release of Airmen

Aside from insisting upon participation of Nationalist China, the State Department also challenged Red China to prove the sincerity of its offer by releasing imprisoned American airmen and by accepting an invitation from the United Nations Security Council to participate in discussions to end hostilities in the Formosa area.

The department's statement was issued after consultations with President Eisenhower, who was at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm.

The statement was in reply to Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai's offer to negotiate directly with the United States on the Formosa crisis and other Far Eastern tensions. Chou's offer was made in a statement at the Afro-Asian conference in Bandung, Indonesia.

George expressed belief that the Chinese Communists leader's proposal was prompted by the pro-Western attitude he found at the Bandung conference.

Insist on Free China

The State Department made it clear that Chiang Kai-shek's representatives would have to be included.

"In the Formosa region we have an ally in the free Republic of China," it said, "and of course the United States would insist on Free China participating as an equal in any discussions concerning the area."

The statement said the "United States always welcomes any efforts, if sincere, to bring peace to the world." But it suggested Red China could take concrete action to provide its sincerity.