

Atomic Blast Rips Through 'Survival Town'

AMERICAN-BACKED DIEM SUFFERS JOLT AS DELEGATES SPLIT

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — American-backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem suffered a serious setback in a "war of congresses" today when a meeting of provincial delegates he sponsored split in angry discord.

A second congress across town, run by the increasingly powerful Revolutionary Council, came out for firing absentee Emperor Bao Dai and setting up a provisional republican government under the Premier.

Diem's congress was to have approved today a more moderate program keeping Bao Dai as chief of state temporarily.

But nearly all the members from Saigon and South Viet Nam stormed out or failed to show up because they bitterly objected to proposals from northern and central delegates who favor ousting the Emperor, too.

This meant Diem could not now hope for "national" backing from this meeting since the most important delegates, the southerners, pulled out of it.

It also threatened the Premier's attempt to stymie the ascendancy of the revolutionary committee and its "Revolutionary Congress."

Faith in Junta Shown
At the nationwide convention called by the Revolutionary Council there was no dissension. By passing the resolution deposing Bao Dai, the delegates demonstrated their faith in the military junta and its policy of turning free Viet Nam into a republic despite American urging the country is not ready for such a step.

The vote came in the midst of a growing demand to "liberate" North Viet Nam from the Communists—the junta's apparent answer to recent charges it was infiltrated with Communists and former followers of Red Leader Ho Chi Minh.

Apricots, Cherries Thinned by Frost; Pears Safe So Far
Most unheated apricot and cherry orchards in the Medford area have been materially thinned out by frost, County Agent Don Berry said today.

Barring more serious frosts, it appears that the county's pear crop has not been seriously reduced, Berry said.

The full extent of frost damage has not been fully calculated, but Berry declared that "at best, the valley apricot and cherry crop will be light."

Peaches Unharmed
Peaches do not appear to have been badly thinned by frost, but the county agent said that growers are facing a pollination problem. Continued cold, rainy weather has prevented bees and other insects from pollinating peach blossoms, he said.

"I do not remember a year with such poor pollination weather," Berry stated. He noted that, although some growers have been considering artificial pollination methods, reports from other areas indicate that these methods have not proved successful with peaches.

Fair Pear Crop Seen
Concerning the valley's pear crop, Berry stated that, although some frost damage pears can be found in unheated orchards, there will seem to be enough pears to make a fair crop.

Roy Rogers, federal frost forecaster, stated that bartlett and bosc pears will set even after they show some frost injury. However, he added that anjou and comice pears often will drop although they do not show frost damage at this time.

In a normal year, the danger to fruit crops in the Rogue valley from frost ends about the first of June, Berry noted, however, that this year "has been anything but a normal season."

Water Compact Lack Seen in Opposition
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Holden made the statement in testimony before a Senate Interior subcommittee considering a bill to authorize the \$350,000,000 dollar dam in the Snake river canyon below irrigated areas in Idaho.

Oakridge Logging Accident Fatal
Oakridge, Ore. — (U.P.) — Don McMahon, about 25, died of head and back injuries yesterday afternoon when a rolling log knocked him off a truck and he struck his head on a rock.

McMahon, a loader for the Hines Company, was helping load a truck in the woods about 20 miles north of Westfir when the accident occurred.

Two other workmen, M. L. Spellmire and O. J. Farmer, said a short log they were loading on the back of the truck struck the top log on the load and caused it to roll, knocking McMahon to the ground. He died about 15 minutes later.

Cattle-Running Charge Results in \$25 Fine
Roy Vague, Sams Valley, pleaded guilty in district court yesterday to a charge of allowing cattle to run at large in the Sams Valley-Beagle Livestock district. He was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Rawles Moore.

In another district court case, Jimmie Stogsdill, 29, of 142 South Keeneway dr., pleaded guilty to angling during closed season. He was fined \$25 and costs, but \$15 was suspended by Judge Moore.

Washington — (U.P.) — Mrs. Henry Mannix of Brooklyn, mother of 10 children, has been named Catholic mother of the year.

Legislature Ends Second Longest Term in History

115 Days Used By 1955 Session

Salem — (U.P.) — The second longest session in the history of the Oregon legislature adjourned sine die at 7:10 o'clock last night after finally agreeing on changes in the unemployment compensation law, milk control and pay for Supreme Court justices.

The 1955 session adjourned in its 115th day. Only one session has ever gone longer—116 days in 1951. The 1953 session made it in an even 100 days.

It took five teams of conferees, before house and senate could get together on the unemployment compensation changes. The team that finally achieved the agreement was made up of Sens. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, and Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls, and Reps. Ed Cardwell, Sweet Home, and E. A. Littrell, Medford.

Weekly Amount Hiked
Under terms of the measure finally passed, unemployment compensation will be increased next Jan. 1 from \$25 a week to \$35. Coverage is extended to employees of two or more employers. Present law is extended to employees of four or more employees.

In the compromise on the milk bill, the conferees finally agreed to strike out section 17, which would have required producers of grade B milk, including those who sell it at their farms by the jug, to have automatic filling machines and mechanical cappers.

Otherwise, the sanitary regulations for grade B milk sold at retail measure up to the standards of grade A milk.

The senate had voted a pay boost for Supreme Court justices from \$12,000 a year to \$15,000. The House reduced this to \$13,500, and the conferees finally agreed on that figure.

Serenading Goes On
While the senate waited for action by the house on the unemployment compensation measure, Sen. Geddes, Holmes, Ulett and Steen serenaded the secretaries, other senators, president Elmo E. Smith, Chief Clerk Zylpha Zell Smith, and even the press.

When word was received that the house had completed its action, president Smith banged the gavel sharply at 7:10 p.m. and said the "Senate stands adjourned sine die."

At the same time, Speaker Edward A. Geary rapped the gavel for sine die adjournment of the house. Then senators and representatives sang "Auld Lang Syne" and got ready to go back home.

County Court Slates Budget Study Meeting
The Jackson county court was scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. today to the county budget for the day to give added consideration coming fiscal year. County Judge Rodney Keating has indicated that the budget will be completed this week.

After completion of the fiscal program by the court and members of a three-man citizen committee, the budget must be advertised twice prior to a public hearing. Changes in the budget hearing and before it is adopted can be made after the formally by the court.

Members of the budget committee are Tom Wray, Arnold Bohner and Roger Rath. The court is composed of Keating and Commissioners L. G. Morland and Chester Wendt.

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Today's atomic bomb test in Nevada was "clearly visible" here, police said. Officers who went up on a hill to watch for the shot said it was mushroom-like in the middle with fire on each side. It appeared a reddish, golden color.

Ellsworth Sees 'Possibility' For Talent Appropriations
Ashland — Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), sees a "fair possibility" that congress will appropriate funds for the Talent project near the end of the present session.

In a letter written to Harry A. Skerry, president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Ellsworth declared "I think we may have a very good chance of getting the \$350,000 which was in the budget for rehabilitation work on the two older districts." The rehabilitation plan covers the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts.

"I think there is also a fair possibility of an appropriation made toward the end of this session on the basis of a supplemental budget request which I hope will be sent to congress by the president sometime during the next few weeks," the letter stated.

"If we are successful in getting it," Ellsworth added, "that supplemental budget request will not be sent to congress until after the regular appropriation bill has been cleared."

Ellsworth pledged continued structure appropriation for the efforts toward getting a Talent project. His letter was in answer to an inquiry from Skerry.

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Russia Yields on Refugee Demands In Austria Treaty

U. S. Army Tells Plan To Withdraw Troops

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union yielded today to the West on two of the biggest points of dispute in the Austrian treaty, and the U. S. Army made public its plan to withdraw American troops from Austria.

Early conclusion of the state treaty appeared assured.

Ends Repatriation Demand
Russia officially withdraws its demands for an article that could force the repatriation of 36,000 anti-Communist refugees and to another article that would have put a 53,000-man ceiling on the future Austrian defense army.

"We will be able to have the kind of army we want," a spokesman for the Austrian Federal Chancellery announced.

In a release to American troops U. S. Army headquarters announced the "probabilities of withdrawal" of occupation forces from Austria and gave instructions as to how the evacuation will be carried out.

Concessions Follow Talks
The Austrian spokesman said the Russian concessions on article 16 and 17 followed a series of telephone talks today between Soviet Ambassador I. I. Ilyichev and the Kremlin.

The treaty, when completed, will restore Austria's freedom and end the 10-year four-power occupation. The time for pulling out the occupation troops was reported to be the last major article blocking agreement.

Emergency Board Gets Down To Work
Salem — (U.P.) — The State Emergency Board created by the 1955 Legislature held its first meeting today, quickly organized and immediately got down to work.

It approved the architect's fees for final plans for the classroom building at Portland State College, although a question was raised concerning constitutional validity of appropriating money now for an institution that does not come into official existence until 90 days after the governor signs the bill authorizing the classroom structure.

Senate President Elmo E. Smith of John Day was chosen as chairman of the emergency board and House Speaker Edward A. Geary of Klamath Falls was named vice-chairman. Rep. Henry Semon of Klamath Falls was selected as secretary.

Other members of the emergency board are Sens. George Ulett of Coquille, John C. F. Merrifield of Portland and Howard Belton of Canby, and Reps. Loran L. Stewart of Cottage Grove, Leon S. Davis of Hillsboro and Alfred Corbett of Portland.

'Peace, Health, Safety' Assured; Gal Wrestlers Now Banned in Oregon
Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson yesterday signed into law a bill prohibiting women from engaging in wrestling competition.

The law goes into effect immediately since it contains the clause: "This act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

Firemen Issue Advice On Home Fire Hazards
City fire department crews, conducting the current home inspection program throughout Medford, issued 83 recommendations yesterday for correction of unsafe conditions.

The firemen called at 194 homes and made 116 inspections. Six home owners refused the offer of inspection. No one was home at 72 houses.

Fire marshal Truman Nelson called at four convalescent homes yesterday and issued 12 orders for correction of hazardous conditions.

Man Begins Penitentiary Term for Local Stabbing
James Millard Walker, 31, Camp White, was taken to the Oregon state penitentiary in Salem today by Deputy Sheriff Guy Hughes to begin serving a one-year sentence.

He had pleaded guilty to a charge of assault involving the stabbing of Guy Martin with a pocket knife during an altercation in a tavern last month.

Albany, Ore. — (U.P.) — Closure of its Albany zirconium plant after more than a decade of operation has been announced by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

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Neuberger Offers Bill To Outlaw Use Of TV Makeup, Prompters by Politicos

Washington — (U.P.) — If Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has his way, television announcers during the 1956 political campaign will be telling you something like this:

"This was a paid political appearance. The candidate has a wart on his nose, concealed by pancake makeup, and his hair was borrowed for the occasion."

"Makeup also hid the circles under his eyes and his second and third chins. And that fine extemporaneous speech was read off a teleprompter beyond camera range."

The Oregon Democrat, who scorns the use of a toupee on his own thin thatch, proposed a bill today to inform TV audiences when a political candidate is relying on makeup or teleprompters.

The 42-year-old freshman senator said he wanted "to eliminate elements of the theatrical and the synthetic from our national political life."

He said a teleprompter—the gimmick used at the 1952 political conventions, and in wide use on TV today—"exists for one specific purpose—to enable a candidate to read a speech while giving his viewers the definite impression he isn't reading it."

Teleprompter is a device for rolling a speech, typed in inch-high letters, across a speaker's view. His bill would not forbid the use of teleprompters or "idiot boards"—lettered panels held up out of camera range—but would tell the audience about them.

Neuberger deplored a tendency in politics "to substitute play-acting for reality, to try to make men seem to be something which they are not. This may be all right for the theater. It isn't all right when it comes to selecting who shall govern this great free nation."

Foreign Trade Bill OK'd
Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate gave President Eisenhower a major legislative victory Wednesday night by approving his foreign trade program. The administration expected similar victories today on farm and military reserve legislation.

The Senate approved a compromise version of the foreign trade bill by a whopping 75-13 vote after three days of debate. A much longer and closer battle had been expected when the bill first reached the Senate after narrowly squeaking through the House.

But two major amendments by the Senate Finance Committee to make the bill more acceptable to various affected industries amendments which the White House accepted — took much of the steam out of the opposition.

In essence, the bill would extend the reciprocal trade program for three years and empower the President to cut tariffs 15 per cent, 5 per cent for each of the three years.

In the House, meanwhile, administration leaders claimed a good chance of defeating today a Democratic bill which would kill the administration's flexible farm price support program and restore rigid high supports.

Would Remove Peanuts
They based their optimism on an amendment added to the measure by a 186-150 vote Wednesday which would remove peanuts from the list of basic crops guaranteed price support. City Democrats from areas where candy makers have complained about the high cost of peanuts pushed the amendment.

The amendment was expected to cut Democratic strength in the nip and tuck battle. City Democrats threatened not to support the bill without the amendment and congressmen from peanut-growing areas refused to back it with the amendment.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), in a telegram to the Mail Tribune today, pointed out that the Senate agreed to his amendment to the reciprocal trade bill. The amendment, Morse said, is of special importance to Oregon because its purpose is to permit farmers and fruit growers, nut growers, fishermen and other producers of raw materials to be heard by the tariff commission in escape clause and peril-point proceedings.

Agreement on the amendment by a Senate-House conference committee would remedy the regrettable situation under the present law whereby people such as sweet cherry growers, processors and handlers of fresh fruit and similar products have been denied their day in court before the tariff commission, Morse said.

Three Army Whirlybirds Land Here for Fueling
Three Army helicopters landed at the Medford airport at about 12:30 p.m. today. They were en route north on a routine flight, and stopped here for refueling. A number of the "whirlybirds" have passed over this area in recent months, many of them stopping here or in Grants Pass for gasoline.

Robert Duff Reappointed To Housing Authority
Robert Duff, Medford city manager and water superintendent, has been reappointed to a second five-year term on the Jackson County Housing authority, the county court announced this morning.

The housing authority operates the housing project just off West Jackson st. in Medford. The project, built during wartime, is gradually being liquidated.

Adenauer's Germany Now Sovereign Nation
Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — West Germany became a sovereign nation today, almost 10 years to the day after Hitler's thousand-year Reich crumbled in defeat.

The high commissioners of the United States, Britain and France finished signing their names to the treaties which restored West Germany to the ranks of free states.

Loyalty Pledged
Within two hours, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer read a proclamation addressed to the 50,000,000 people of the Bonn republic in which he pledged his new nation to remain a loyal ally of the Free West.

"There is only one place for us in the world: At the side of the free peoples," he said. "Our goal is a free and united Germany in a free and united Europe."

With the treaties, West German occupation by the Allies ended, the Bonn republic won the right to rule itself and assumed the responsibility of raising armed forces of 500,000 men to help defend the West.

Admitted To WEU
In other ceremonies in Washington and Brussels, final acts were taken admitting the new nation to membership in the Western European Union and alliance in the NATO forces.

But, even as it won sovereignty, Germany still was a divided land. The West restored freedom to West Germany, but East Germany remained under Soviet Communist control and posed a problem for the future.

Nearly 500,000 Western Allied troops and 100,000 Air Force personnel will remain stationed in West Germany as "guests."

The largest contingent is American, totalling some 200,000 ground troops and 70,000 airmen.

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At Least Two Homes Destroyed In Big Experiment

Witnesses Brave 'Hot' Radiation

Atomic Test Site, Nev. — (U.P.) The most powerful atomic explosion of the year blasted Survival Town, U.S.A. today. At least two of the 10 homes in the test city were destroyed.

A two-story brick dwelling and a one-story frame rambler, both located less than one mile from the shot tower, were smashed into bits, according to witnesses who braved still "hot" radiation for a survey of the test community five hours after the blast.

Elsewhere in Survival Town, they said, damage was spotty with at least one roof off another home, four small industrial structures knocked topsy turvy, a radio tower jackknifed and a large gas tank hurled from its base.

Survey Tomorrow
A full and official survey of damage caused by the atomic bomb will be made tomorrow by Civil Defense leaders and newsmen.

While it raised havoc in the town, the nuclear device only jarred tanks of a U. S. Army armored task force that was buttoned up on the Yucca Flat desert 3100 yards from ground zero.

Anthony Muto, United Press Movie-tone newsreel cameraman, made the unofficial damage survey, and himself received a dose of about four roentgen units of radiation, slightly more than the safety standard allowed for any one person in a year. Physicians said he should not re-enter the radioactive area.

Obviously Damaged
Muto said that the brick and frame homes on the 4700 foot line were "gone," while adjoining structures of concrete slabs and masonry blocks were still standing although obviously damaged inside.

Muto said that Survival Town's mannikin residents who faced the atomic blast from exposed positions were "tossed all over."

The device that burst at 4:10 a.m. (PST) over the Nevada desert had a force equal to 35,000 tons of TNT, more powerful than any other witnessed at close range by non-military and technical observers.

Pear Blossom Festival Committee Elects
Gene Ferrell, of Fluhrer's Bakeries, was elected president of the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival committee at a meeting of 14 members of the group this morning.

He succeeds former Mayor Diamond L. Flynn. Other officers are Jennings Pierce, junior vice-president; Mayor Earl Miller, re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Howard Boyd, Elliott Becken, Robert Dames, Robert Boyer and Granville Brittain, directors.

The committee also discussed plans for next year which they hope will provide an improved festival in 1956. This was their last meeting until next year.

Baseball
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Milwaukee 4 9 2
Pittsburgh 9 10 1
Buhl, Crona (5), Vargas (6), Jay (7) and White; King, Law (7) and Shapard.
St. Louis 3 5 1
Brooklyn 4 8 0
Jackson, Haddix (7), Smith (8) and Sarni; Lasorda, L. Bine (2), Roebuck (8) and Campanella.
Chicago 3 7 1
New York 6 11 0
Perkowski, Andre (5), Amor (7) and Chiti; Maglie, Griscom (7) and Westrum. HR—Castelman (NY) Speake (Chi). Tappe (Chi.).
AMERICAN
Boston 2 6 0
Detroit 3 11 0
Brewer and White; Maas and House. HR—Delsing (Det).

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 42. A little cooler Friday with high near 70.

Highest Yesterday 71
Lowest this Morning 40