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MEDFORD STUDENTS AT CAPITOL—The Medford High school orchestra, under the direction of John Drysdale, presented a half-hour impromptu concert in the rotunda of the State Capitol Tuesday. The picture above, taken by Oregon Statesman Photographer John Erickson, was taken from a tiny window high in the capitol dome, and shows the orchestra during the concert, which drew the

attention of both houses of the legislature, the governor, and several hundred statehouse employees. The orchestra was on a trip to Willamette university, and arrangements for the Capitol concert were made by Mrs. Al Littrell, wife of Rep. Littrell. The 63-piece orchestra included a few junior high school instrumentalists, and also played a one-hour concert at Willamette. (Engraving courtesy of Oregon Statesman.)

Eden, Attlee Open Formal Campaign in British Election

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden and Laborite leader Clement Attlee kicked off the formal campaign for this month's general election Saturday night with parallel calls for early Big Four talks, preferably at "the highest level."

Attlee told a political meeting in the provincial town of Blaydon that early negotiations are necessary because "America and Russia are afraid of each other," and because the world is in danger of atomic war.

Says Government Slow

"We think the present government has been slow in getting together with Russia," the opposition leader said. "In this dangerous world, we must have talks at the highest level as soon as possible . . ."

"Foreign policy today is overshadowed by the development of scientific weapons. We have to face the fact that this country and our whole civilization is (sic) in danger from these inventions."

Eden, in a nationwide radio speech, said Britain hopes Big Four talks with Russia "will begin within a month or two . . . at any level."

Eden said he wants to make a "supreme effort to see whether we can make progress with the main differences between East and West. Plans are afoot to make a meeting possible."

"We are anxious to meet at any level—the heads of governments or foreign secretaries," he said. "I expect they will both be needed."

'Russian Roulette' Kills Portland Boy

Portland—(U.P.)—A 14-year-old boy died instantly Saturday afternoon when he shot himself in the chest while demonstrating "Russian roulette" to a schoolmate.

Dead is William R. Woolridge of Portland.

The accident occurred at the home of a schoolmate, David Schruck, 13. Schruck told police the boys found the .38-caliber pistol in a dresser drawer. He said Woolridge put a cartridge in the chamber, pointed the gun at him and pulled the trigger.

"See, nothing happened. What's there to be afraid of?"

Schruck said the boy then pointed the gun at his own chest and pulled the trigger. The pistol went off and he died instantly.

Dry Summer Forecast in Pacific Northwest

Washington—(U.P.)—The Geological Survey said Saturday that reports indicate a dry summer for the Pacific Northwest and continued drought in the southwestern states.

William S. Eisenhower Jr., of the water resources division, said this did not mean the survey was predicting a critical situation in the Pacific Northwest. But he said those states would have less water than they have had in recent years.

Sharp Earthquakes Hit Lakeport Area

Lakeport, Calif.—(U.P.)—Three sharp, rolling earthquakes and at least nine aftershocks rocked Lake county resort towns early Saturday.

The shocks, felt within a 6½-hour period, cracked plaster walls and ceilings; broke open brick chimneys and threw canned goods and glassware from store shelves in communities fronting on 30-mile-long Clear lake.

The sheriff's office here reported no injuries resulted from the tremors but that the third and strongest shock sent residents of Clear Lake Highland and Lower Lake running to the streets.

The shocks centered about 100 miles almost due north of San Francisco and 200 miles south-east of Eureka, Calif., where last fall an earthquake killed one person and did thousands of dollars of damage.

Lillard Calls Off Women's Wrestling Match After DA Clarifies Law Status

A women's wrestling match scheduled in Medford last night was called off yesterday afternoon by Promoter Mack Lillard, after he had been contacted by Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin.

Had Planned to go Ahead

On Friday, Lillard stated he would go ahead with the match featuring Gerry Hunter and Bonnie Bartlett, despite the passage and signing of a legislative bill prohibiting women from wrestling. He said that the match had been arranged, the principals were here, and that he felt he had a commitment to them to continue.

He said the Geological Survey's summary was based on reports made available by state and Canadian water resource groups.

Shortage Seen

The survey said the supply outlook for irrigation, power and other uses is good for the northern rivers of the Columbia Basin, but "critical shortages are developing" in the southern half.

In California "the water supply during the remainder of this year will be lowest since 1947."

Other areas which may be hardest hit, Eisenhower said, are the Arkansas and Rio Grande river basins where water will be short and the Colorado River basin where streamflow and snow accumulations are below normal.

The Geological Survey summary was based on streamflow and ground-water levels for the six months ended last March 31.

CAVES RESORT TO OPEN

Oregon Caves—The resort at the Oregon Caves National monument will open its facilities on May 14, according to Manager Richard Sabin. The coffee shop, dining room and overnight accommodations will open that day.

Guide service is provided the year around.

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—An Air Pollution expert Saturday predicted there would be no appreciable reduction in smog in the Los Angeles basin this year or even in 1956.

Council Schedules Consideration of Special Election

Committee Proposes Increased Tax Base

The city council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow to consider calling a special election to change the city's general fund tax base.

The citizen's budget committee recommended the increased tax base to provide an addition \$65,000 for general fund purposes for fiscal year 1955-56 and for each succeeding year.

The recommendation followed a meeting of the budget committee late last week.

"The committee said a new tax base is necessary "in order to continue presently existing services for the people of the City of Medford, and in order to develop programs deemed necessary for the progress of the city."

The recommendation, submitted by committee chairman Stanley L. Stark, said, "Such increase is necessary in order to continue the existing services now rendered by the city of Medford, and for the following additional expenditures, some of which will be continuing: remodel city jail; codification of city ordinances; provide funds for the operation of the planning commission; establish additional traffic signals; establish employees' life insurance plan; provide additional personnel for the engineering department, in anticipation of extra work required in future annexations."

A preliminary general fund budget of \$590,442, an increase of \$23,982 over last year, was submitted to the budget committee last month for study. The proposed budget is \$31,750 over the amount allowed by the six per cent limitation on increases.

The proposed budget as submitted by City Manager Robert Duff was "prepared on the basis of continuing the minimum service commensurate with the growth of the city and services requested by its citizens have necessarily been deleted," Duff said in presenting the budget.

Duff listed several ways of balancing the budget, but pointed out that "a further reduction in the proposed budget might seriously impair the efficiency of some of the departments."

Among the ways of balancing the budget he suggested were a special election to vote additional funds to make up the deficit, or an election to establish a new tax base.

Postal Pay Boost Reported Assured

Washington—(U.P.)—The nation's 500,000 postal workers were assured Saturday they will get a pay raise this year although the amount is still in doubt.

Chairman Tom Murray (D-Tenn.) of the House Post Office committee, told a reporter that if President Eisenhower vetoes the pending 8.8 per cent increase bill he will introduce a 7.6 per cent scale acceptable to the White House. This would add \$151,000,000 to the annual post office payroll.

Murray said a measure with the lower figure undoubtedly could be rushed through the House and Senate. The President already is pledged to sign it.

The House is scheduled to act Monday on the 8.8 per cent compromise worked by Senate-House conferees after the two chambers passed differing versions. The House had proposed 8.2 per cent and the Senate 10 per cent.

Fishermen Drowned in Willamette River

Oregon City—(U.P.)—Two Portland fishermen, a father and son, drowned in the Willamette river near here Saturday when their boat turned over, spilling them into the river.

The body of Fred Miner, 58, was recovered near where the boat turned over by the north entrance to the U. S. Locks at West Linn.

Dragging operations were continuing for his son, 31-year-old Raymond Miner, and Coast Guard frogmen were reported joining the search.

Several hundred boats were on the river at the time of the accident and the Coast Guard frogmen were participating in a water fete celebrating the dedication of the new Oregon City municipal elevator.

Scores of fishermen and observers along the shore witnessed the accident.

County Polio Vaccination Clinic Plans Postponed

U.S. Health Service Calls for Temporary Halt for New Checks

Washington—(U.P.)—The U.S. Public Health Service Saturday called for a temporary halt in the nationwide polio inoculation program. Informed sources said the service wants to "double-check" the safety of all existing Salk vaccine supplies.

There were indications the halt would be short-lived. Informed sources said the Health Service was hopeful of being able to give the go-ahead for resumption of the inoculation program in about a week.

Days Request Order Permitting Change To Innocent Pleas

Motions and affidavits have been filed in circuit court for Claude Richard Day, 23, and Jack LeRoy Day, 18, Portland brothers, asking for an order permitting them to withdraw pleas of guilty and to substitute pleas of innocent to charges of failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

The Days, extradited from California, entered guilty pleas in circuit court Wednesday and their cases were continued for sentencing.

The charges were the outgrowth of an accident on April 14, in which, Mrs. Ruby May Bartley, 55, Talent, a pedestrian, was struck by an auto and seriously injured. The accident happened on Highway 99 near Talent. The Days were arrested in Los Angeles in connection with the case.

Attorney Robert Dickey, Medford, filed the motions and affidavits Friday for the brothers. Counter affidavits by District Attorney Walter Nunley and Guy Hughes, one of the deputies who returned the Days from California, were filed yesterday by Nunley.

Claim No Advice

In their affidavits the Days claimed that they had no opportunity to confer with an attorney and had no advice from an attorney other than the district attorney. They added that if they had known they could have had counsel, they would not have entered guilty pleas. They maintained that the district attorney assured them they would get suspended sentences but that they learned the judge may have a different idea.

Counter affidavits maintain that the Days were advised that they could have counsel, that they had opportunity to obtain it, that whether they would get probation depended on the court's evaluation, and that quite possibly they would have to "do time."

Number of County Jobless Below Levels of Last Year

The number of Jackson county people without jobs at the end of April was smaller than it was last year at this time, the Medford office of the state employment service said Saturday.

The number of unemployed was estimated at 1,400, including 350 women. This estimate is 17 per cent lower than at the same time last year, and 26 per cent lower than at the end of March. The estimate does not include transients seeking temporary work.

Compensation Drops

Claims for unemployment compensation in April declined about 40 per cent from the March totals, the report said, due largely to the resumption of work by sawmill and logging crews.

The report forecast a general increase in demands for labor during the next 60 days, as seasonal work opens up. The lumber industry probably will not provide as many jobs this year as it did last year, the report in-

In the meantime, the Health Service will recommend a thorough recheck of all vaccine stocks now on hand. This could be a time-consuming process that would slow down the flow of the vaccine supply.

One possibility is that the Health Service will recommend that the vaccine be subjected to a rechecking similar to that used in the field tests conducted last year. This testing involved the inoculation of monkeys and took several weeks for each batch of vaccine.

But a great deal of testing along this line has already been done. It is possible, therefore, that some vaccine could get moving into the distribution pipeline fairly shortly.

Advises Postponement

Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele, in a statement issued at 4 a.m. Saturday, advised all cities and states to "postpone their vaccination programs" pending a formal announcement today on the new precautions.

Scheele acted after an all-night meeting with a committee of medical experts, including Dr. Jonas Salk, the vaccine's developer, who were called here to review the inoculation program in the light of the 44 confirmed cases of polio that have occurred among vaccinated children.

Informants said the polio experts decided after thorough study that there is nothing wrong with the basic Salk vaccine formula when it is prepared properly. But they agreed that existing stocks should be re-examined to make sure they are absolutely safe.

Youngster Lost in Skyline Mine Area

Ashland—A party of more than 10 law enforcement officials and Ashland residents late last night continued a search in the Skyline Mine district west of here for a 10-year-old boy missing since about 2 p.m. yesterday.

Ronnie Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bradley Wilson, 490 Strawberry lane, Ashland, became separated from his father while the two were hiking in the area at the head of Wagner creek.

A small black dog accompanied Ronnie, Ashland police said. The boy's father, the state forestry department, state police, and Jackson county sheriff officers started an organized search of the area late yesterday.

Rescheduling To Be Studied

A decision on rescheduling the shots will be made after a detailed study of the facts, Dr. Merkel indicated. A U.S. Public Health Service decision on the vaccination program is scheduled for this afternoon.

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Decision Follows Recommendation By Surgeon General

Delay Complicates Second Inoculations

The program of polio vaccinations scheduled to start in Jackson county Monday morning for first and second graders has been postponed, it was announced Saturday.

Dr. A. Merkel, county health officer, announced the delay. He said his decision was made with the concurrence of Dr. Fred A. Loris, president of the Jackson County Medical society.

Questions of Fact

The postponement decision was made after the surgeon general of the United States recommended a delay, and after

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Board of Health, in special session late Saturday, decided there would be no Salk polio inoculations in Oregon next week.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said that was the board's recommendation and added that many counties had already announced abandonment of inoculations for the present.

The board's decision was unanimous and was opposed by Dr. Matthew McKirdie, Oregon Medical Society representative on the Public Health committee, and Dr. Samuel E. Osgood, state epidemiologist.

consultations with medical groups meeting in Portland seemed to indicate that some questions of fact about the vaccinations should be cleared up before the program proceeds.

The postponement of the first series of shots will complicate the administration of the second series, due two weeks after the first, it was pointed out. If the postponement is for one week, the second series of shots would become due after most schools have started summer vacations.

If that happens, Dr. Merkel said, some arrangements will have to be made to make the shots available to those entitled to them.

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Britain Proposes Meetings of Chiefs; Dulles, Faure Talk

Secretary of State Turns Down Bao Dai

Paris—(U.P.)—Britain urged the United States at the outset of Big Three talks here Saturday to agree to an early meeting of the three Western Chiefs of State with Soviet Premier Niko-

lai Bulganin. At the same time, the United States and France apparently failed to reach agreement in a showdown meeting on Indochina that opened one of the

Saigon—(U.P.)—Anti-French violence flared Saturday in both Communist and Free Viet Nam. French troops were called out to protect the European settlement here.

French Commander in Chief Gen. Paul Ely charged Premier Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam was conducting a "deliberate campaign of incitement against the French."

most important series of international talks since World War II.

Seek Settlement

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles conferred with French Premier Edgar Faure shortly after his arrival here Saturday in an effort to settle a controversy over U.S. support for Premier Ngo Dinh Diem in South Viet Nam.

Authoritative sources said Dulles told Faure the United States will continue to support Diem, regardless of French criticism of the embattled Premier. The Secretary of State refused to confer with absentee "Emperor" Bao Dai, who rushed here from the French Riviera to see him.

Dulles and Faure will confer again on the Indochina situation next week.

British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan put the British proposal for a top level Big Four meeting to Dulles Saturday afternoon.

He then sat down with six other Western European union Foreign Ministers in an attempt to win them over also to the British idea.

Set Up Organization

The seven nations—Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium and West Germany—were meeting to set up formally their western defense organization as called for by the Paris Pact which brings a rearmend West Germany into the North Atlantic treaty organization (NATO).

MacMillan called for the Big Four meeting "at the summit," with President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden and French Premier Faure meeting with the Soviet Chief of State.

MacMillan made his bid as British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, in a nationwide broadcast from London, called for a "supreme effort" to eliminate major differences between East and West.

"We are anxious to meet at any level—the heads of governments or foreign secretaries," he said. "I expect they will both be needed."

The United States has been steadfastly opposed to a top level meeting without a big four Foreign Ministers session first. Dulles was not believed to have answered MacMillan immediately Saturday afternoon.

But in an earlier meeting with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, it was reported, Dulles and the Chancellor lined up solidly in favor of a lower level meeting.

First Forest Fire Of Season Reported

Ted Maul, district warden of the state forest patrol, has cautioned campers and picnickers about open fires after the first forest fire of the season burned over about an acre of second-growth brush about four miles north of Rogue River yesterday afternoon.

Maul said lower areas are drying out fast, and that campers should use caution in building fires.

The fire yesterday was brought under control within an hour and a half, Maul said. Six men from Rogue River and one pumper from Wimer were used in extinguishing the blaze.