

# Ike Agreeable to High Level Big 4 Talks; American Sabrejets Shot Down Red Planes

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### City Tax Election Planned

#### Increase in Millage Limitation, Hike in Tax Base Asked

**Need for More Funds For City Use Cited**

The Medford city council last night voted to go ahead with plans for an election to authorize slightly increased real property taxes in the city.

At a special session, it instructed City Attorney Frank Farrell to draw the necessary documents for a special election. The vote would ask approval to increase the city's tax base by \$65,000 annually, and to amend the city charter by increasing the limitation on property taxes from 12 mills to 16 mills.

The election will be held prior to June 20 to allow time for publication and a public hearing on the budget before the July 15 budget deadline.

**Committee Recommendation**

The action followed a citizens' budget committee recommendation urging an election 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 increase was necessary, the budget committee said, for additional expenses as well as present services. The committee recommended the increase after several weeks of study.

Among expenditures for which the increase was recommended are "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 engineering department, in anticipation of extra work required in future annexations."

**Addition Suggested**

City Councilman Fred E. Robinson suggested a clause be added to the committee's recommendation to include an arterial street program as well as annexations. Other members of the council agreed.

City Manager Robert Duff pointed out that "if we don't change the tax base this year, we will have to next year." He added that the increase in tax base should have no effect on future plans of annexation.

Farrell told the council the city charter would have to be amended where it limits the levy to 12 mills. The \$65,000 increase would raise the general fund levy to about \$288,000 and based on present assessed valuations the levy would be a little more than 14 mills.

The council agreed that the charter amendment should increase the levy enough to more than take care of present needs.

**Needed for Progress**

Mayor Earl Miller, who read the citizens' budget committee recommendation, said the tax base increase is necessary "if Medford is to continue to progress as it has in the past few years."

He pointed out that the 12 mill limitation was established when the charter was approved more than 40 years ago.

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

**Revenue Static**

The budget was prepared by Duff "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." He pointed out that the city's revenue was almost static while expenditures steadily increased.

Farrell was asked to have the necessary documents to increase the tax base ready for the next regular council meeting May 17.



**ARRIVE FOR TREATMENT**—Nikito Kashiwabara, American-born Japanese nurse on staff of Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, greets 25 Japanese girls from Hiroshima, Japan, who were disfigured by the atomic explosion there during war. They are here to receive free plastic surgery. Next to Miss Kashiwabara is Shigemoko Nimoto, carrying flowers. The girls range in age from 17 to 31.

### Forecast of Supplies Of Irrigation Water For Summer Improved

The outlook for summer irrigation water supplies in southwestern Oregon has brightened somewhat during the last month, it was reported today.

Above-normal increases of snow pack, and below-average temperatures which have decreased snow melt during April were cited by W. T. Frost of the Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and R. D. Church, Medford weather bureau, in reporting the improvement from the "dim outlook" reported a month ago.

**Prolongs Streamflow**

The delay in snow melt and runoff will result in prolonging the expected streamflow sufficiently to wipe out some previously expected shortages, they said. However, mountain soils are continuing to soak up much water, it was added, due to the dryness resulting from lack of autumn rainfall.

Stored water increased only a little last month, and remains short in Fish Lake and Emigrant reservoirs, the report said. Fish Lake is expected to receive 13,500 acre feet of added storage during the April-September period, but Emigrant Lake is not expected to fill so well, since much of the snow cover which feeds it is already gone.

**TID Supplies Down**

The forecast said that Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts should have a "satisfactory" season, although there will be no water to spare. Talent Irrigation district likely will run out of water late in August or early in September, unless summer rains are abnormally heavy.

Satisfactory supplies were forecast for Eagle Point and Grants Pass Irrigation districts.

### Search Pressed for Worker Thought Trapped in Debris

New York — (U.P.) — Emergency crews searched through a giant mass of twisted steel, smashed timbers and fresh cement today for a construction worker feared buried alive when a huge section of the uncompleted New York Coliseum's main floor collapsed with a roar.

**Sugar Poured on Cement**

Workers poured a half-ton of granulated sugar on mounds of fresh cement in the wreckage to keep the cement from hardening until they find some trace of the missing man, Joseph Lombardi, 55, of Brooklyn.

All other workers on the project escaped with their lives, police said, although nearly 100 were caught on the main floor

### Eastern European Officials Gather For Warsaw Parley

Moscow — (U.P.) — Officials of the East European Communist nations led by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin converged on Warsaw today to set up their own "Eastern NATO" to counter the rearmament of West Germany.

Disclosure that Bulganin as well as Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov were attending the Warsaw conference was a clear sign of the major importance the Soviet government has attached to the meeting.

**Zhukov Expected**

Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov spent last week in East Berlin for celebrations of the end of World War II and was expected to be in Warsaw for the conference opening Wednesday to set up a mutual aid treaty and a unified military command.

North Atlantic alliance planners in Paris said between 80 and 90 satellite divisions will be fully integrated into Russia's war machine when the "Eastern NATO" comes into being Wednesday. They said the Soviet concept of a "unified command" will permit the Kremlin to control all the armed forces in name as well as in fact.

**Red China Observer**

Premiers, foreign ministers and defense ministers of the other seven East European Communist nations also were attending. Communist China announced it was sending an observer.

Preparations for Wednesday's meeting were set at a similar meeting in Moscow last Nov. 29-30.

It appeared the Warsaw conference will be short since Molotov is expected to be in Vienna this weekend to sign the Austrian state treaty. However, Bulganin, making his first trip outside the Soviet Union since he became premier early this year, would be the top Soviet official in Warsaw anyway.

### Winter Wheat Crop Set At 652,886,000 Bushels

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today estimated 652,886,000 bushels of winter wheat will be harvested this year.

Today's estimate based on May 1 crop conditions, compares with an April forecast of 662,252,000 bushels below the 1954 winter wheat production.

The estimated winter wheat crop added to the previously estimated production of 177,000,000 bushels of spring wheat, would mean a total wheat crop of 829,886,000 bushels for 1955. This compares with a total 1955 production of 969,781,000 bushels.

### Three Damaged In Air Battle Off North Korea

Yanks Attacked Over International Waters

Tokyo — (U.P.) — American Sabrejets, outnumbered two to one, shot down two Communist MIGs and damaged a third in a blazing battle off the coast of North Korea, the Air Force announced today. No American planes were lost.

The Air Force said a flight of 12 to 16 Communist MIGs attacked a flight of eight Sabrejets "over international waters" off North Korea and that the Americans returned the fire, shooting down two and sending a third into a smoking dive toward the Yellow Sea.

"The U.S. Air Force fighters, all assigned to the 35th Squadron of the 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, were on a patrol mission off North Korea when the attack occurred," the announcement said.

"After the MIGs began firing at the Sabres the American planes returned the fire. In the ensuing battle two Communist pilots bailed out and the third plane was last seen diving straight down trailing smoke."

The Air Force said the MIGs were shot down by Capt. R. V. Fulton of Bernardsville, N.J.; Lt. B. C. Phythyon of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Lt. J. E. McInerney, Garden City, N.Y.

"The Communist planes initiated the attack approximately 50 miles southwest of Sinuiju," the Air Force said.

Sinuiju is on the Yalu river in northeast Korea. The dogfight happened over the Yellow Sea which separates the Korean peninsula from the China mainland.

An Air Force spokesman said the jet fighters were not accompanying reconnaissance bombers but "were on a patrol by themselves."

The spokesman said "this attack was a little farther south" than a similar battle last February when a flight of North Korean Communist MIGs attacked a flight of Sabres escorting a U.S. reconnaissance bomber.

### Full Investigation Will Be Made Before Protest Registered

Washington — (U.P.) — State Department officials said today they will await a full investigation and official report by the Air Force before deciding whether the United States should lodge a formal protest with the Communists over today's Yellow Sea air battle.

Pending such a report, they said, the department does not know whether a protest would be directed to North Korea or Red China. If it were the former, the U.N. Korean Command might make the protest, since the mere presence of MIGs in North Korea constitutes a violation of armistice terms.

The fact that no American planes were lost in the clash does not, technically at least, mitigate the gravity of an unprovoked attack over international waters.

From a practical standpoint, however, it means that the State Department is under less pressure to move swiftly than it would have been had American lives been lost.

There was no immediate disposition in diplomatic circles here to regard the incident as a fatal blow to the current Formosa cease fire feelers. It was pointed out that air clashes such as today's are essentially a symptom rather than an underlying cause of over-all Far East tension, which U.S. officials hope the cease fire talks might help to relieve.

**Carrying Out Orders**

The U.S. planes which downed the two MIGs in the air battle were carrying out long standing orders to shoot back when attacked by Communist aircraft.

The orders grew out of a long series of plane incidents occurring since the end of the Korean hostilities and involving attacks by Red Chinese, Russian and North Korean planes.

### Dulles Has Power To Arrange Parley With Russians

Notes Dispatched Proposing Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — The White House said today President Eisenhower is agreeable to a "feasible and useful" meeting of the Big Four chiefs of state.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, now meeting in Paris with the British and French foreign ministers, has "full power" to arrange a so-called meeting at the summit with Russia.

"The President has always stated that such a meeting was a possibility," Hagerty said.

"Of course, the secretary of state is fully familiar with the President's views and if it seems feasible and useful that such a meeting be held, the secretary has full power to arrange for that on behalf of the President."

**Brief Session**

The announcement came after diplomatic sources in Paris reported that Mr. Eisenhower had agreed to a limited meeting with the premiers of Russia, France and Britain. These sources said the proposed meeting would be brief, possibly only two days, and would serve to "kick off" a more extensive conference of Big Four foreign ministers to work out details of a cold war settlement.

Diplomatic informants in Paris said identical U.S., British and French notes were dispatched to Moscow today proposing the chiefs of state meeting.

**Early Summer Seen**

The White House announcement followed a series of cabled communications between Dulles in Paris and the President and his advisers here in Washington.

European reports said the meeting might take place in the early summer.

Mr. Eisenhower has long been cool to the idea of a meeting of the chiefs of state level until there was some assurance that such a meeting would produce results.

The President told a news conference recently that he felt it would be better to hold preliminary talks first on the foreign ministers level before bringing the chiefs of state together. But he emphasized his willingness to go anywhere, anytime, if he thought it would advance the cause of peace.

### Man Admits Taking \$970 in Currency

Berkeley Wayne Keller, 33, Cascade Gorge, was jailed yesterday by sheriff's deputies on a grand larceny charge involving \$970 taken Saturday afternoon from Prospect Shopping center.

The money was taken from an unlocked safe while a clerk was in another part of the store waiting on a customer. The bundles, all in bills, was in three bundles held together by rubber bands.

Sheriff's deputies said Keller has admitted taking the money, and the man's statement says he was drunk at the time, they added. Records indicate that some \$855 found in a pickup truck owned by Keller is being held by the sheriff's office.

Keller is scheduled to appear in court today or Wednesday for arraignment, according to Gene Piazza, deputy district attorney.

### Equalization Board Continues Sessions

The Jackson county board of equalization continued its meetings this morning, and County Assessor R. G. Fowler indicated that the sessions are expected to continue into next week.

The board meets each year at this time to hear complaints on the amount of assessed valuation placed on individual pieces of property in the county. The three-man board is empowered to change assessed valuations as needed to equalize assessments.

Fowler said this morning that the board probably will not meet every day this week. All those having complaints will be heard by the board, but board members have requested that those wishing interviews make appointments through the county clerk's office.

Board members are County Judge Rodney Keating, Arnold Bohnert, and Ralph Cook.

### Mrs. Avgeris, Former Colesline Clerk, Dies

Ashland — Funeral services for Grace V. Avgeris, 63, clerk of the Colesline school district for more than 20 years, will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Litwiller's Mountain View chapel.

Mrs. Avgeris died Monday at a Medford hospital.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. John Thompson, assisted by members of the Order of Eastern Star. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

The deceased was born Sept. 17, 1892 at Snohomish, Wash. On Aug. 12, 1928 in Medford, she was married to Theodore Avgeris, who survives. Other survivors include a brother, Charles Ernest, Seattle, Wash., and a niece, Mrs. Helen Dunphy, Medford.

Mrs. Avgeris was a member of Alpha chapter, O.E.S., Ashland, and attended the Episcopal church.

### Alaska Ice Pool Pot Split 20 Ways

Nenana, Alaska — (U.P.) — The \$104,500 Tanana river ice pool was split 20 ways today, 49 years after Gunny Sack Jack and his side kicks started the Arctic game of guessing the exact time the ice would go out.

The ice break-up, traditionally the beginning of spring in the far north, came at exactly 4:13 p.m. (PST) yesterday.

There were 20 tickets carrying that time, but many were owned by syndicates of more than one person.

Sourdoughs and cheechakos, who swarmed in here for the annual event, denied that a fire which roared through this riverboat town a few hours earlier had anything to do with the thaw.

The fire leveled five buildings and damaged several others in the business district.

### Suspect in Burglary Arrested by Police

Medford police late yesterday arrested and jailed Leslie Roy Walsh, 402 Boardman st., Medford, on a charge of burglary.

The charge was in connection with the theft of about \$34 in quarters and half dollars from an ice house on North Fir st., owned by the Valley Fuel company, 26 West Main st., Saturday night. Police said Walsh admitted prying the door open and breaking into three small cash boxes.

### Final Atomic Blast Scheduled Wednesday

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The 14th and final atomic shot of the Atomic Energy Commission's tests was scheduled for tomorrow at 4:05 a.m. (PST) after a morning weather evaluation today.

Another evaluation was planned for tonight.

### Child Gets Polio After Wyeth Vaccine

Washington — (U.P.) — The Public Health Service today reported the first polio case among children inoculated with vaccine produced by the Wyeth Laboratories of Philadelphia.

It said a seven-year-old Pennsylvania boy developed bulbar polio seven days after receiving his first shot of Wyeth-produced vaccine.

His case brought to 52 the number of officially confirmed polio cases among inoculated children. Of the other vaccinated youngsters stricken, 44 received shots of vaccine produced by the Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, Calif., and seven with vaccine made by the Eli Lilly Co., Indianapolis.

### Neuberger Challenges Rep. Coon To Debate

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), challenged Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.), today to debate how the John Day power facilities should be developed in eastern Oregon.

"During the past week you have called me various names because I have been factually critical of the so-called 'partnership' power bill which you have introduced to turn over the John Day power facilities to certain private utilities," he wrote Coon. "It seems to me the public is entitled to facts and not to epithets."

Neuberger proposed public debates next September in five eastern Oregon communities. He suggested, The Dalles, Baker, Pendleton, Bend, and Klamath Falls.

### Baseball

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Boston	2 9 0
Keegan, Dorish (6); Fornieles (8) and Lollar; Brewer, Kinder (9) and White.	
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Brooklyn	3 8 0
Chicago	0 1 1
Newcombe and Campanella; Hackler and Chitt.	

### Russia's Stand on Vital Treaty Clause Snags Work

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — A stubborn Soviet stand on a vital clause delayed agreement on an Austrian state treaty and threatened today to disrupt plans for a formal treaty-signing ceremony by the Big Four foreign ministers here this week end.

The 11th-hour hitch developed over Austrian war payments to Russia. The Big Four ambassadors to Vienna, who have been charged with drafting the treaty, will make another attempt to resolve the deadlock today.

A high conference source said the Russians may be trying to force a four-power conference in Vienna this week end instead of the scheduled treaty-signing ceremony. U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan, French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov are expected to fly here this week to sign the treaty ending the four-power occupation and setting Austria free as a neutral buffer in the cold war.

Conference sources said that unless the Soviets change their attitude at today's session the problem may be checked to the foreign ministers for solution.

**Weather**

FORECAST: Fair through Wednesday. Low tonight 45; high Wednesday 50.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 76 Lowest this Morning 41