

Danger of War Lessened, Dulles Declares



MEDFORD WINS AWARD—The city of Medford, because it went through the year 1954 without a pedestrian fatality, has been awarded a citation by the American Automobile association and the Oregon State Motor association. A plaque commemorating the citation was presented to the city recently by Herb Grey, Medford, a member of directors of the OSMA. Shown above, left to right, during the presentation ceremonies are Charles Champlin, Medford chief of

police; Mayor Earl Miller, who accepted the plaque on behalf of the city; Grey, and Kenneth Berrey, manager of the Medford office of the OSMA. Medford was one of the 500 other cities in the same population group, which had an average of three deaths per 100,000 population. The year 1954 was the first in three decades where the number of pedestrian fatalities fell below the 8-000 mark. The high point was in 1937 when 15,500 pedestrians died.

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Carvings Believed 12,000 Years Old

Portland — (U.P.) — A Portland cab driver and amateur archeologist thinks he has the answer today to a 12,000-year-old mystery.

Jack Benson has been fascinated by a huge slab of basaltic rock in Portland city hall courtyard since he first saw it 35 years ago when he was a lad of 5. And off and on he has been trying to decipher the hieroglyphics which cover its surface.

The rock markings were generally thought to be the work of early day Indians along the Columbia river between Wallula and the Oregon border. The rock was found there in 1910. But Benson is now convinced the writing is Mayan. He thinks it tells the story of the sinking of the mother land and the coming of colonists to the West Coast of North America.

From his Mayan studies, Benson has placed the age of the writing at about 12,000 years. He thinks he can recognize a picture of the Mayan priest Itzamna from a jaguar, which was the symbol of the tribe from which the priest came. Also on the rock is the floor plan of a temple which he believes was built in east or central Oregon.

Geneva Meeting Results Good, Newsmen Told

Both Sides Must Give, Ike Tells Nation

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the danger of war has receded as a result of the Geneva summit conference.

Dulles told a news conference that the Geneva conference produced good results. At the head of the list of accomplishments, he said the meeting transformed American and Soviet relations so that they became less brittle, thus making it possible to conduct diplomatic negotiations without fear of igniting a war.

He said this means the danger of an East-West war has receded. Dulles' assessment of the Geneva accomplishments followed President Eisenhower's report to the nation last night.

The President said both the United States and Russia must do "some giving" at next October's foreign ministers' meeting if the "generalities" of Geneva are to be moulded into peaceful settlements. Mr. Eisenhower said that conference will provide the "acid test."

Dulles also disclosed at his news conference that the United States, in talks with Red China at Geneva starting next Monday, hopes to find out if the Reds will accept the principle of a cease fire in the Formosa Straits.

Washington and Peiping announced yesterday that the talks on prisoners and other practical matters between the two countries would be held at the ambassador level.

Dulles recalled that on April 26 he had said the first thing in any talks with Red China was to find out whether there was a possibility of a cease fire in the Formosa Straits.

He also recalled his previous remarks that it was important first to find out whether the United States must prepare for war or peace in the Far East. And he repeated that the United States does not negotiate with a pistol aimed at its head.

Today, however, Dulles spoke in more conciliatory tones about Red China and events since April 26.

Dulles described Mr. Eisenhower's mutual military inspection proposal as the most sober and serious proposal that history records in the disarmament field. He said it was not discussed with the Joint Chiefs of Staff or Congressional leaders prior to Geneva.

Private Discussions As for Geneva accomplishments, Dulles said German reunification now is in the air and Western unity emerged stronger than ever.

In private talks with Soviet leaders, the United States emphasized its concern over the Iron Curtain satellites and the subversive role of International Communism even though the Reds gave no assurances in return.

Mr. Eisenhower mentioned these points in his radio-television report.

He said the Big Four meeting made the world realize even more "that the United States will go to any length consistent with our concepts of decency and justice and right to attain peace."

Must Demonstrate Willingness But, he indicated, Russia must demonstrate its willingness to do the same when Dulles meets with the other Big Four foreign ministers in Geneva next fall.

While the President did not "belittle the obstacles lying ahead," he expressed hope that the "longing of mankind" for peace will continue to pressure world leaders "to advance constructively, not merely to reenact the dreary performances of the past."

That pressure for peace was felt at Geneva, he said.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain tonight. Partly cloudy with scattered showers in mountains Wednesday and mild temperatures. Low tonight 50; high Wednesday 75-78. Highest Yesterday 81. Lowest this Morning 50.

Brownell Said Aware of Talbott Dealing With Defense Contractor

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate investigators were told today that Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. knew that Air Secretary Harold E. Talbott's private firm sought a business deal with a defense contractor.

Air Force General Council John A. Johnson testified at a public hearing of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee that Brownell "expressed no disagreement" with the idea that Talbott was acting legally in pursuing the deal. But he said Brownell suggested delaying ac-

tion on the deal. Meanwhile, Talbott's attorney said the Air Force secretary wants to return for more testimony before the subcommittee, which is conducting an inquiry into his activities on behalf of Paul B. Mulligan & Co., a management engineering firm in which he is a partner. Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark) said the group would meet later today to consider which witnesses to call in its investigation. The subcommittee investigat-

ing the propriety of Talbott's continued association with the Mulligan firm, which has been employed by a number of big defense contractors as well as other large corporations. Previous testimony showed that Talbott has received \$132,032 in profits from the firm since he became Air Force secretary. The subcommittee also has obtained copies of letters which Talbott wrote from his Pentagon office on Air Force stationery seeking to drum up business for the firm. Johnson was called to the witness stand today for questioning about Talbott's efforts to land a contract for the Mulligan firm with Radio Corporation of America, a major defense contractor. The senators specifically wanted to know if Johnson, as government salaried official lawyer for the Air Force, had acted as Talbott's private attorney in talks with RCA officials who questioned the propriety of a defense contractor doing business with Talbott's firm.

E. Germans Call for Reunification Talks

Berlin — (U.P.) — The East German Communists called today for immediate talks on German reunification between the East and West German governments.

Such talks were first proposed by the two top Russian leaders now visiting the Soviet Zone. The appeal for East-West German talks was made in the Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland which said the two governments must negotiate now to prepare for German participation in the October Big Four foreign ministers conference at Geneva.

Rally Scheduled Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita S. Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party leader, have repeatedly said that Germans must take part in any deliberations on Germany. The Communists scheduled a rally for today for the two visit-

ing leaders who will be the main speakers. "The call for negotiation between the governments of the German democratic republic (Communists) and the federal republic now must be raised with doubled emphasis," the Neues Deutschland said. "All-German talks on a government level should be borne by a powerful movement in all Germany for the bringing together of both parts of Germany and agreement of the German people.

"The first common goal: End the cold war on German soil." The authoritative newspaper, like the Soviets, coupled the demand for talks with the demand for a European security pact which it said must take precedence over unity.

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RCA Not Satisfied Johnson told the subcommittee he did not act as Talbott's private attorney in the RCA contracts last January. He said he simply prepared a memorandum for Talbott stating that Talbott's membership in the Mulligan firm did not violate the conflict of interest laws. Johnson said that Loftus E. Becker, a Washington attorney for RCA, informed him last Jan. 5 that RCA would not be satisfied with this, but wanted approval from the attorney general.

SP's Request for Heltzel Restraint Denied by Judge

Marion County Circuit Judge Val Sloper this morning denied an application by the Southern Pacific company for a writ prohibiting Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel from interfering with the end of passenger service between Portland and Ashland.

The SP yesterday asked the circuit court to stop Heltzel from ordering the SP to continue service after Aug. 6, the announced date for the end of the nightly "Rogue River" passenger trains. But Judge Sloper today said the application was untimely, and the SP must wait until Heltzel issues his order. Delay Order Planned

The railroad announced July 6 that it would terminate the passenger service, but last week, after protests and a formal complaint from three state senators were filed with him, Heltzel said he would order a delay in the end of service, pending a public hearing.

Word of Judge Sloper's action was telephoned to State Sen. Philip B. Lowry, Medford, one of the three legislators filing the complaint. In filing the circuit court action, the SP said it was done to clarify a rule requiring the railroad to give the PUC 30 days advance notice of timetable changes. Bernal S. Quayle, Portland, general passenger agent, said the service to southern Oregon is causing a loss to SP of about \$1,250 each day.

Quayle was quoted as saying, "Under the law as we interpret it, we have the right to take off the train, after which the commissioner, based on his investigations, may sustain or overrule our action." Judge Sloper's telling the railroad it must wait is interpreted as a setback to the SP in its intention of ending the service.

Heltzel's plan to order a delay in the end of passenger service was based on a complaint filed with him last week by Senator Lowry and Senators Gene Brown, Grants Pass, and Paul Geddes, Roseburg, in which the legislators not only protested the end of passenger service, but also claimed that the area served by the SP in southern Oregon is entitled to "reasonably adequate" passenger service which it has not been getting.

The complaint asked the commissioner to order the SP to provide such service. The number of protests to SP's plan was increased Saturday through the action of the Jackson County Pomona Grange, which went on record as being opposed to the SP's proposed abandonment of passenger service.

470 Soldiers Said Missing in Korea Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense Department said today that 470 members of the U. S. armed forces in the Korean war remain unaccounted for and some of them may be held prisoners by the Communists.

In reply to a request by Senate GOP Leader Sen. William F. Knowland, the Defense Department said in a letter that the Reds failed to account for 944 Americans after the Korean truce.

The department said that it never believed all the unaccounted for were alive and held prisoners by the Reds. The demand on the Reds to account for them was an attempt to force them to live up to an armistice provision that each side should give a "full accounting" for all prisoners.

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Betty Hutton has disclosed that she and her husband, Alan Livingston, are expecting a baby in January.

George Feels Far East Talks Will 'Clear Air'

Convention Speaker Sees 'Double-Talk' In Elections of '56

"We're going to run across more double-talking candidates in 1956 than ever before," Ed Weston, president of the Washington Federation of Labor, warned Oregon labor delegates here this morning.

Weston addressed union representatives attending the 53rd Oregon State Federation of Labor convention now in its second day. The Washington labor leader said his state should follow Oregon's lead in efforts to eliminate strong committees in state legislatures. He noted that in this year's legislative session, labor was not too successful in obtaining its wishes in the northern state.

Weston congratulated Oregon labor organizations for sending to Washington, D. C. Sen. Richard Neuberger and Congresswoman Edith Green. Farmers' Plight

In the second of three major addresses, Harley Libby, president of the state Farmers' Union, told delegates of the farmers' plight. He said they are faced with sinking prices and rising costs. His union, Libby declared, believes in and supports the "family farm." In closing, he asked, "above all," for the people's understanding.

The number of industrial worker fatalities has decreased but injuries have increased this year, William A. Callahan, chairman of the State Industrial Accident commission, told the assembly. The first six months of 1955 compared to 1954 have seen an increase of 8.71 per cent in injuries reported, and a decrease of 10.16 per cent in deaths due to on-the-job accidents.

Callahan noted that 21.29 per cent more workmen are now employed under the workmen's compensation act than last year. The commission chairman stated that logging was Oregon's most hazardous industry, but that frequency of accidents in

that field has lessened considerably. Between speeches, 22 resolutions were read and referred to various committees, bringing the convention total to 47. Deadline for filing resolutions is 5 p.m. today.

Others addressing delegates this morning included Joe Clark, vice-president of the Painters and Paper Hangers International Union; Kenny Davis, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters; William Becker, area representative of the Jewish Labor Commission, and Terry Shrank, Multnomah county sheriff. (See story on Page 6)

Merrill Logger Dies in Accident

Lowell Snapp, 25, Merrill, Ore., was killed almost instantly late yesterday afternoon in a logging accident at McDonough Brother's Logging company camp on Glade creek in the south part of the county.

Jackson county sheriff's deputies said Snapp was helping load logs onto a truck. As logs were being raised by a hoist, one log broke loose and fell on him.

A standard metal safety hat which Snapp was wearing was crushed in the accident, deputies said. Other workers at the scene of the Ashland company's operation went to his assistance, but sheriff's deputies said Snapp died within a few minutes after being struck.

Carlos Morris, county coroner, was at the scene when sheriff's officers arrived. Ashland Mortuary is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Final Tribute Paid Cordell Hull

Washington — (U.P.) — National leaders and diplomats from every part of the world paid final tribute to former Secretary of State Cordell Hull today at funeral services in Washington Cathedral.

Rites for the 83-year-old statesman were conducted by the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre Jr., dean of the cathedral, at the main altar of the high vaulted Gothic church on Mount St. Albans.

The simple, austere service followed the traditional Protestant Episcopal service for the dead from the ancient Book of Common Prayer. There was no eulogy.

Hull was buried following the service in the crypt of the cathedral, by the side of his wife, Rose, and near the tomb of former President Woodrow Wilson.

2 Oregon Men Die In Bus-Auto Crash

North Bend, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two men were killed and four others were injured today in a collision between a station wagon and a Greyhound bus about one mile north of the Coos county line on Highway 101, state police reported.

Dead were Calvin Forrest Crass, 43, Empire, and Vern Maurice Fleck, 51, Coos Bay. They were riding in the station wagon along with three other men, who also were injured.

The bus driver, Clarence Bankhead, 30, suffered face cuts and bruises and was treated at the scene. None of the seven passengers, on the bus was reported injured.

Brought to Keizer hospital here were Edward Clark, 19, Woodrow Matson, 35, and Walter Olson, 40. Matson suffered a head injury, Clark a broken left arm and facial cuts and Olson a broken leg.

Education Board Names Secretary

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Earl M. Pallett today was named secretary of the State Board of Higher Education. The position has been filled for the past two years by Dr. John P. Richards, now chancellor of the state system of higher education.

Courthouse Annex Connection Starts

Construction of a connection between the present recorder and clerk's office in the Jackson county courthouse and the new annex has started. County Judge Rodney Keating said today some quarters in the annex will be occupied "presumably sometime in August."

The west wall in the recorder's office has been knocked out to provide a connection between the present office and one on the second floor of the annex. Keating said he was not sure when construction of the annex would be completed, but that construction was progressing well.

The school superintendent's office, the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee office, county watermaster, engineer, and surveyor's offices will occupy the first floor of the three-story annex.

The third floor will be unoccupied at the present. Alterations will be made in the present court house to provide additional office space.

Fairbanks, Alaska Hotter Than Medford

(Editor's Note: The high temperature recorded here yesterday was 81 degrees, according to the weather bureau.)

Fairbanks, Alaska — (U.P.) — Interior and Arctic Alaska sweltered in record high temperatures for July 25.

The mercury soared to 93 degrees, sending hundreds of Fairbanks residents to lakes and water-filled quarries for a cooling swim.

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House Delays Action On John Day Dam

Washington — (U.P.) — A House public works subcommittee took testimony from backers of a bill for "partnership" construction of John Day dam on the Columbia river and then postponed action on it until the next congressional session.

Chairman Clifford Davis (D-Tenn.), said he was surprised at the amount of opposition to the bill, and added that "lengthy hearings" would be required on it next year.