



ASSUMES COMMAND—First Lt. Oran Chastain (left) assumes command of company A, 186th infantry, Oregon National Guard, replacing Captain Roy L. Huson of Medford. Capt. Huson has been appointed adjutant for the first battalion. Lt. Chastain served as commanding officer of Headquarters company here until he retired to the inactive guard in 1951. (See story page 5). (Birchfield photo.)

Stevenson Bids for Labor Support With Taft-Hartley Blast

New York —(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson, unsuccessful champion of labor in the 1952 presidential elections, made another bid for its support today with a blast against the Taft-Hartley Act and the so-called right-to-work laws effective in 17 states.

Stevenson, an announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination again in 1956, touched on all aspects of the Eisenhower administration that have become the whipping posts of labor in a speech to the inaugural convention of the merged AFL-CIO.

He said the so-called state right-to-work laws, which prohibit the union shop, were not fair. "To the workers, to the employer and to the public."

Law 'Unworkable'
"And there has long been agreement that many of the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act are inequitable or unworkable," he said. "They must be changed or removed."

Stevenson told the delegates representing the 16,000,000 members of the new labor organization that he had not planned to make a political speech but proposed, "nevertheless, to speak bluntly against what appears to be a design to play the ugly politics of group hatred."

He made it plain that the farm policy would be an issue in 1956 when he accused Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson of "an attempt to blame the farmer's current depression on the city worker's wage."

For More Social Work
He called for expanded programs in housing, schools, medical care and Social Security and he said that "unemployment compensation must be extended and its benefits made more realistic."

Stevenson was the second Democrat of national stature to address the convention. The convention gave enthusiastic support earlier to New York Gov. Averell Harriman when he blasted the Eisenhower administration Tuesday for policies which he said were designed to crush labor.

Resolutions Criticize Policy
The AFL-CIO indicated possible support for the Democrats in 1956 Wednesday when it adopted a number of resolutions criticizing

Bloodmobile at Elks Temple This Afternoon

Only 105 persons had made appointments up to mid-morning today for the regular Bloodmobile visit, Red Cross officials said.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple until 5 p.m. The quota for the visit is 240 pints, and officials urged Jackson county residents to volunteer. No appointment is necessary, they pointed out.

Two months ago 122 pints were collected, and since then about 250 pints have been used in Jackson county.

Weather
FORECAST: Cloudy with frequent showers tonight becoming partly cloudy with widely scattered showers Friday. Low tonight 40. High Friday 45-48.
Temp. 43
Highest Yesterday 43
Lowest this Morning 36

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Ike, Advisers To Consider Delay in Making Tax Cuts

Hold-off Until Spring Believed Necessary

Thurmont, Md. —(U.P.)—President Eisenhower met with his top money men today to consider delaying any recommendations for tax cuts until mid-spring.

Mr. Eisenhower drove here from his Gettysburg, Pa., farm for a private talk with Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Budget Director Rowland H. Hughes in advance of the weekly meeting of the national Security council.

Informed sources said Humphrey and Hughes came to the meeting prepared to urge that Mr. Eisenhower omit any proposals for tax relief from his messages to Congress in January.

Seek Delay in Cut

The two officials were said to believe that the administration should hold off tax cut proposals until spring, at least, to make sure that a balanced budget is in sight for the new fiscal year starting next July 1.

Mr. Eisenhower arrived at his mountain retreat here at 8:45 a.m. (EST) and went into immediate conference with Humphrey and Hughes.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, whose departments handle the foreign aid and military program that account for the biggest share of the budget, and Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, sat in on the tax talk, which lasted for about an hour.

Cold War Problem

After the discussion on taxes, the President turned to cold war problems at a meeting of the National Security council. A priority topic for discussion at the secret session was likely to be the new war of nerves in Berlin.

Any delay in administration requests for a tax cut could be expected to set off a sharp political debate. Both parties want quick action on a tax cut as a politically strategic move with the voters for the 1956 presidential campaign.

Tungsten Swindle Charges Studied

San Francisco —(U.P.)—The U.S. district attorneys office studied charges today that unscrupulous tungsten dealers have swindled the government out of millions of dollars.

The swindle was disclosed yesterday by officials of the General Services Administration in San Francisco. The local GSA office has bought about two-thirds of the tungsten sold to the government in the past three years.

According to Robert Bradford, regional chief of the GSA, the racket worked like this: A number of sellers of tungsten swore falsely that the Mexican tungsten they sold the government under the price support program was mined in the United States.

This enabled them to collect \$63 for each 20-pound unit of ore concentrate. Actually, they were entitled to only \$33, the world price for the metal.

Medford Ranked 4th In Retail Volume

Medford ranked fourth among Oregon cities in the volume of retail sales during 1954, according to figures announced by the census of business of the department of commerce.

Sales in 1954 totaled \$49,424,000, compared to \$40,000,000 in 1948, an increase of 22.3 per cent, according to the census. Retail sales in Jackson county totaled \$78,081,000 last year, compared to \$60,948,000 in 1948, an increase of 28.1 per cent.

Portland, Eugene and Salem ranked above Medford in total retail sales in 1954.

Mendes-France Calls For Party Conference

Paris —(U.P.)—Pierre Mendes-France summoned fellow-leaders of his Radical Socialist party to an urgent conference today to decide what to do about Premier Edgar Faure's latest move to split his followers.

The party leaders were faced with the task of examining relations with the Left Republican Rally (RGR) headed by Faure.

Captives Feared Hostages; Ocean Scanned for Fliers

US Authorities Seek Information On Yank Soldiers

Refusal by Soviets Described as Strange

Berlin —(U.P.)—U.S. authorities asked Russian officials again today for information on two American soldiers who allegedly were arrested in East Berlin for attacking a Communist night club entertainer.

The request was the second made by the United States in 24 hours.

The two soldiers were arrested yesterday by East Berlin police and turned over to the Soviets. Western officials feared they might be held as hostages in an effort to obtain the release of a Russian officer who fled to the West.

Refusal Said Strange

An American spokesman described as "strange" the fact the Soviets had refused thus far to give any information on the G's.

The East German Communist press hammered away again at the "corrupt" West Berlin government, and an official Communist newspaper said the "whole regime must disappear to make Berlin free from scandal and corruption."

The newest threat was accompanied by renewed hints at blocking passage of Berlin's supply barges from West Germany unless the Bonn government knuckles under to the Red demands it negotiate as an equal with the "sovereign" East German government.

Turned Over To Russians
The two Americans were seized Wednesday by East Berlin Communist police as "drunken American gangsters" and turned over to the Soviets in apparent respect of a four-power agreement covering such cases. Western officials said their early return would show Soviet good faith in abiding by the four-power agreements.

Identity of the Americans was still unknown. The Communist party newspaper Neues Deutschland identified them today as "officers," but indications were they were enlisted men. Pictures of them in the Communist press were too smudged for easy recognition.

One day before the Americans were seized and singled with knocking out the singing star of an anti-American political cabaret in the Russian sector a Soviet tank officer fled to West Berlin.

Mrs. Wayne Morse Joins Up as Democrat

Eugene —(U.P.)—An important supporter has officially climbed aboard the Wayne Morse bandwagon.

Last February, the Oregon senator changed his registration from Republican to Democratic. This Tuesday, Mrs. Morse visited Lane county courthouse here and did the same thing.

Rain, Snow Enhance Irrigation Outlook For Next Year, District Officials Say

Irrigation prospects for the coming year look good so far, with seasonal precipitation above normal and 37 inches of snow on the ground at Fish Lake, according to Jack Hoffbuhr, secretary and manager of the Medford Irrigation district.

Both Four Mile and Fish Lakes have less water in them now than they did at this time last year, but this is due to low precipitation last winter and the fact that the reservoirs were completely drained during the irrigation season, Hoffbuhr said.

The lakes provide water for both the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts. Lake Capacities
Fish lake, with a capacity of 7,900 acre feet of storage, had 3,174 acre feet of water stored yesterday compared with 4,765 feet a year ago. Four Mile lake, with a 16,000 foot capacity, had 2,718 feet of water stored Dec. 1, compared to 8,150 feet a year ago.

Total precipitation in the Fish lake area, from Sept. 1, to Dec. 1, was 16.25 inches, compared

Salem Cop Has Way To Spot Drunk Man

Salem —(U.P.)—How do you tell when a person is drunk? Well, one Salem policeman pointed to these circumstances when filing a report on arresting a man for being intoxicated:

The man was weaving and unsteady on his feet. His speech was thick. His eyes were bloodshot. And his breath had a strong suggestion of alcohol.

And besides, he was talking to a manikin in a Liberty st. clothing store window.

Officials Worried Over Salk Apathy, Merkel Declares

Portland —(U.P.)—Oregon public health authorities are "extremely concerned" over public apathy toward the Salk anti-polio vaccine program, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer.

Dr. Merkel, in Portland for a three-day meeting of local health officers, called for increased public support of the lagging vaccine program after conferring with both Oregon and Washington state health officers.

Vaccine Demand Slow

He said a spot check of drug stores throughout the state showed that demand for Salk vaccine has continued slow except in the downtown Portland area where there is a heavy concentration of physicians' offices.

Dr. Merkel pointed out that Salk vaccine now is available at nominal cost for all children through the age of 15 and for pregnant women. No further mass vaccination clinics are planned. Eight to ten months are required to complete the series of three shots for maximum immunity from infantile paralysis.

Dr. Merkel said no Oregon child who received two or more shots has had paralytic polio this year. But 1955 has been the sixth-worst polio year in the state's history.

Conditions Improve On Highway Passes

Highway passes surrounding Rogue valley were almost back to normal today. Chains were required only in Crater Lake National Park on the Annie Springs-Rim rd.

State police said pavement at Prospect on Highway 62, over the Green Springs on Highway 66 and the Siskiyou on Highway 99 were almost bare with only spots of ice reported. Highway 99 in California was reported normal.

Skiing at Crater Lake park was reported fair. The present depth of snow is 68 inches.

Naval Bomber Crashes at Sea Off Hawaiian Isle

Three Survivors Picked Up By Sub

Honolulu —(U.P.)—A two-engine Navy patrol bomber with a crew of 10 crashed at sea 26 miles off the shore of Kauai Island late last night and a submarine picked up three survivors.

An air-sea search was manned immediately for the remaining crewmen.

The three survivors were identified as Lt. K. C. Guedel, Dover, O., the pilot of the downed P2V; Lt. (jg) E. F. O'Malley, and Lt. (jg) Robert S. Smith, Montgomery, Ala.

Survivors Need Attention

Two of the survivors needed medical attention and were returned to Pearl Harbor.

The plane crashed while on a routine training mission with seven submarines. A search began when it failed to report on schedule.

An accompanying P2V sighted flares and the submarine Bashaw picked up the survivors shortly after.

Other Fliers Sought

The plane was stationed at Barbers Point Naval Air Station. Meanwhile, a search continued for two Marine dive bomber pilots lost on a routine training flight Tuesday night off Oahu Island.

One pilot was identified as 1st Lt. Todd L. Wyman, 25, of Winchester, Mass.

The P2V crash was the eighth military plane accident in the Hawaiian area in the past two weeks. All other seven were Marine aircraft.

Ewaldsen Elected CC Board President

Otto Ewaldsen, manager of Swem's Gift shop, was elected president of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon this noon.

He succeeds John Pletsch, and will take office Jan. 1.

Other officers elected were Bob Root of Myron Root and company, vice-president, and Clarence Young of the Rogue Valley State bank, treasurer.

Reed Students Picked For Rhodes Tests

Portland —(U.P.)—The Rhodes scholarship committee announced here yesterday that two Reed college students will compete in final competitive exams in Spokane for the coveted award.

They are Bruce R. Voeller, Roseburg, Ore., and Paul Richards Burgess, Hyrum, Utah.

UN Assembly Votes Approval for Plan Of 18 New Members

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—The United Nations General Assembly today gave overwhelming approval to a recommendation that 13 non-Communist and five Communist nations be admitted.

The Assembly vote was 52 to 2 with 5 abstentions. The strong support for the admission of the 18 nations indicated by the Assembly vote puts heavy pressure on the 11-nation Security Council to approve the entry of the whole group to the world body.

The Assembly vote exactly duplicated the ballot in the Special Political Committee, which yesterday gave preliminary approval to a resolution sponsored by Canada and 27 other countries setting up the package deal.

United States Abstains

Nationalist China and Cuba voted against the resolution. The United States, France, Belgium, Greece and Israel abstained.

South Africa, boycotting the General Assembly because of its

debate on South African racial segregation policies, was absent. Applause rolled through the Assembly hall as President Jose Maza of Chile announced the result of the vote.

The Assembly's action, however was little more than a "persuader" to the Security Council to recommend the admission of the 18 countries.

Veto Foreseen
Under U.N. Rules, new members are elected by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly only after the council has recommended their admission. Council approval requires favorable votes of seven of the 11 members and can be blocked by the veto of any of the five permanent members.

Nationalist China, according to an official announcement, plans to veto Outer Mongolia in the council.

Russia has announced that it will veto the entire plan if any of its five Communist candidates fails to gain admission.

Eden Said Ready To Make Many Changes In British Cabinet

London —(U.P.)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden will make sweeping changes in his cabinet before he goes to the United States next month to visit President Eisenhower, authoritative sources said today.

The reports said the changes probably would involve Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler, now the No. 2 man in the Conservative government, and possibly Foreign Minister Harold Macmillan.

Reshuffle Uncompleted

The sources said Eden has not yet completed the projected reshuffle but that the long-delayed rearrangement would come sometime between Christmas

and New Year. The changes have been expected since last summer.

The most startling report, and one not confirmed, was that Butler may be promoted to become deputy premier and leader of the House of Commons. He has been reported "tired" of the burden the treasury has imposed on him, and since the death of his wife recently he has been reported anxious to make a change.

The difficulty in replacing Butler as chancellor of the exchequer was reported behind the delay in reshuffling the cabinet. The post requires, expert knowledge because of the powerful control it exerts over Britain's economy.

Macmillan Likely Candidate

The reports said Macmillan might be considered as a possible candidate to succeed Butler. But Macmillan took over the Foreign Office from Eden only a few months ago and it was feared moving him might imply criticism of his achievements as foreign secretary. He has been criticized because conferences on Cyprus and the Big Four meeting at Geneva ended in failure.

Speculation centered on Selwyn Lloyd, the present minister of defense, as a candidate for the Foreign office. Lloyd has risen fast in the Conservative hierarchy, moving from the junior post of minister of state to a seat in the inner cabinet.

Judge Sets Hearing For San Quentin Man

San Francisco —(U.P.)—Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman today set Jan. 9 for a hearing on convict-author Caryl Chessman's newest bid to escape death in the San Quentin gas chamber.

Chessman, the so-called "red-light bandit" of Los Angeles, appeared in court for his first day outside San Quentin's death row in 3 1/2 years.

The convicted kidnap-rapist who has drawn up many of the appeals that have saved him from execution in the past seven years, listened intently and unsmilingly as his attorneys argued for as much time as possible to arrange for the hearing on a writ of habeas corpus.

If granted, the writ would free Chessman whereupon he probably would be tried again by Los Angeles authorities.

Part of Human Leg Found in Portland Dump

Portland —(U.P.)—Authorities today sought an explanation as to how a foot and part of a leg of a human turned up at a private dumping ground here.

The remains were found yesterday. Dr. Homer Harris, pathologist, said they apparently were amputated and came from a female. Detectives said it is the practice of hospitals to burn amputated limbs. The remains were found at a dump near Portland Meadows race track.

Myrtle Point Youth Picked by Neuberger

Portland —(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) today announced the appointment of 15-year-old Keith Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, Ore., to be a page-boy in the 1956 session of the Congress.

The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Schroeder, would be the third Oregon boy to serve as a Senate page during the past 20 years. There are 28 pageboys in the Senate.

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Dow-Jones Averages

New York —(U.P.)—Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 487.80 up 1.45; 20 railroads 165.00 up 0.06; 15 utilities 65.99 up 0.06, and 65 stocks 173.90 up 0.33.