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Syria Accuses Israel of New Border Attacks

Security Council Considers Protest

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Syria today accused Israel of new border attacks even before the U.N. Security Council could act on Syrian demands that Israel be punished for a raid last Sunday.

A United Press dispatch from Damascus quoted Syrian military sources as saying Israeli forces launched a new border attack against Syrian units last night.

The sources said the attackers were driven back. No casualties were reported.

An Israeli military spokesman, however, denied the Syrian report that there had been a 15-minute exchange of gunfire on the border. The spokesman said there was no shooting on the Syrian-Israeli frontier during the past 24 hours.

The Security Council was meeting this afternoon to consider a strong protest against the Israeli attack last Sunday near the Sea of Galilee. The raid cost 49 Syrian lives.

The United States, Britain and France expressed grave concern over the attack.

Syria, terming the raid "a flagrant violation and an act of open aggression and provocation by Israel," was expected to demand economic and military sanctions against the Jewish state.

Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser informed U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld that:

"In view of the Security Council's failure to prevent a repetition of Israeli aggressions, I'd like to inform you that the Egyptian government is forced to take matters into its own hands and won't hesitate to use its land, air and sea forces to protect its security and maintain peace in the area."

Nasser cited six incidents of Israeli "aggression," five of them against Egypt and the sixth Syria. His warning was considered serious in light of the recently-concluded Syrian-Egyptian mutual defense pact.

Oregon Demos Wait Word From Kefauver

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon Democrats today awaited word from Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) on whether he would enter the Oregon primary next May. Kefauver today announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman, said he had not heard what candidates would enter the primary.

He said he personally favored a Stevenson-Kefauver ticket. Adlai Stevenson, 1952 candidate, also has thrown his hat in the ring.

"They both have a great many supporters in Oregon," Sweetland said, "but it is difficult to say at this time whether they will oppose each other next May."

Harry Dorman Resigns as Oregon Finance Director

Salem—(U.P.)—Harry S. Dorman has submitted his designation as director of Oregon's Department of Finance and Administration effective next March 1, Gov. Paul Patterson said today.

Gov. Patterson, who praised Dorman's work for the state, said that twice before he had resigned to accept the designation. But he said he felt he had to this time because Dorman had reached retirement age and had requested to be relieved of the job.

Dorman began work for the state in May of 1949 and became director of the department when it was created. Before he entered state government, Dorman operated a Portland packing company which he sold at the start of the second World War. He was a lieutenant colonel in

Kefauver Officially Becomes Candidate

West Agrees on Counter-Offensive Against Cold War Political Ties To Be Strengthened

Paris—(U.P.)—The West agreed today at a meeting of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministers to strengthen the political ties of the Atlantic Alliance for a counter-offensive against the Soviets' new cold war moves.

The NATO Allies already had agreed to beef up their military defenses against the Soviets. Today the foreign ministers decided in a secret three-hour meeting to bolster their political action.

New Tactical Air Force
In another move to strengthen the West's military power in Europe, the NATO powers announced they will build a brand new tactical air force with American units based behind the Alps in northern Italy.

The new move will widen the spread of Allied air bases now clustered in mid-Europe. It will strengthen the continent's air shield against Soviet aggression with U.S. aircraft and pilots to serve notice that no American withdrawal is planned.

More Propaganda
A NATO spokesman said the new defense air fleet will be known as the Fifth Allied Tactical Air Force. He said new U.S. air units would fly to join it on the northern Italian bases.

They also agreed to step up NATO propaganda at home and abroad to counter the steady barrage poured out by Moscow radio and Soviet spokesmen at home and abroad.

Delegates said the ministers made such progress at this second day of the three-day session that they might be able to wind up the conference with a communique tonight.

The foreign ministers meeting, which excluded most of their aides, was called specifically to plan strategy that could win in the "new cold war front" in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Terrorists Set Fire To British Building
Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—Anti-British terrorists set fire to a government office building in Myrphou 20 miles northwest of Nicosia today and caused extensive damage.

A few hours later, another terrorist threw a homemade bomb at a military Jeep at the rear of the Greek gymnasium at Famagusta on the coast. The driver was injured.

Also in Famagusta, 200 school boys, formed a mob outside their school and British troops broke it up by firing over their heads.

Other Accidents
Two other accidents yesterday involved cars operated by Bertha Lea McKenzie, 416 Boardman st., and Jesse Austin Mitchell, Grants Pass, which collided at the intersection of East Ninth st. and South Central ave., and cars operated by William Victor Kidson, Central Point, and John Marshall Thomas, 2307 Northwest Hoyt st., which collided at the corner of North Bartlett and East Third sts., according to city police.

Mitchell was cited by police for failure to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic. No one was injured in either accident.

Price War Drops Milk Down To 15 Cents Quart
Miami Beach, Fla.—(U.P.)—A price war may be giving Miami Beach housewives the cheapest milk in the nation.

Two food stores, next door neighbors, are battling it out while the customers cheer. One of the stores has milk down to 15 cents a quart.

The Department of Agriculture in Washington said it knows of no other city where milk is being sold so cheap.

The competition here is a losing thing. Both stores said they are paying the producer 25 cents a quart.

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Four-Car Accident Injures Two Here, Neither Seriously

Alf Bennet Mekvold, Jackson county school superintendent, 120 Freeman rd., Central Point, and Maxwell L. Cottom, 35, Grants Pass, were injured in a four-car accident at the intersection of West Main and Fir sts. about 1:30 p.m. yesterday.

Mekvold suffered rib injuries and shock. Cottom, who was a passenger in a car driven by James Westcott, Grants Pass, received head injuries. Both men were taken to Osteopathic hospital by Medford Ambulance service where they remained for observation today.

Traveling South
According to city police Westcott was traveling south on Fir st. and struck the car driven by Mekvold which was going west on West Main st. The Mekvold car then went into the opposite lane of traffic and struck two cars stopped for a red light. The stopped cars were operated by Earl S. Tummy, 705 Park st., and Robert D. Bernardi, 208 Hawthorne ave.

Mekvold was cited by city police for failure to stop at a red light. Westcott was cited for not having an Oregon driver's license.

A tax study meeting of the chamber of commerce at which Mekvold was to have been the speaker was not held this morning because of his injuries.

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Tennessean Plans Fight in Number Of State Primaries

California Election To Provide Showdown

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver announced formally today that he is a candidate for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination.

The lanky Tennessean told a crowded news conference he again will wage a "vigorous campaign" for the highest office in the land even though he failed to win his party's nomination in 1952.

Kefauver said in a prepared statement that he will fight for the nomination in "as many as I can." The statement did not identify these primaries, however.

To Enter California Primary
Kefauver later told newsmen he definitely will enter California's primary June 5. This will provide a direct showdown with Adlai E. Stevenson who already has announced he will enter the contest.

The senator also made it clear that he will enter the primary in New Hampshire where he launched his 1952 drive for the Democratic nomination by defeating then President Truman. On other primaries, however, Kefauver said he wasn't yet ready to announce his intentions.

Kefauver is the third Democrat to announce formally for the party's 1956 nomination. The others are Stevenson, the 1952 standard bearer, and Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, who announced this week that he will enter Ohio's presidential primary as a favorite son candidate. Gov. Averell Harriman of New York also has announced that his name will be placed in nomination at the National Convention, but he insists he is not an "active" candidate.

Kefauver pledged in his nomination statement that, as a candidate, he will "seek to maintain the spirit of unity which now permeates our party."

But he added that he will, as in the past, attempt "to advance the forward-looking, progressive traditions of the Democratic party which characterized the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman."

"We must continue to seek solutions to great social problems in human terms, something which the Republicans have signally failed to do," the senator said.

In his statement, Kefauver attacked GOP policies as they affect business and the farmer.

Central Point Church Provides Bible Service
The Community Bible church of Central Point has installed an automatic telephone answering device to provide a Bible verse for the day.

The Bible verse may be heard by dialing NORMANDY 4-1616 day or night. The Rev. Paul O. Kroon, pastor, said anyone was welcome to dial for the daily Scripture selections.

Road Conditions
Prospect—Pavement bare; raining.

Siskiyou—Carrying chains advised; half-inch new snow; 3 1/2 inches roadside; snowing; plows working.

Green Springs—Slush on pavement; snowing; one inch roadside.

Crater Lake National Park—Chains advised on Highway 62; chains or snow tread tires required Annie Springs to rim; snowing; 4 inches new; 56 inches present depth; skiing conditions good.

Allied Statements Affirm Western Right To Berlin

West German Dealers' Truck Confiscated

Berlin—(U.P.)—The Western Allies said today in a statement they will hold the Soviets responsible for four power agreements on Germany despite the Soviet grant of sovereignty to East Germany.

The American, British and French embassies in Bonn issued separate statements affirming their right to Berlin soon after West German scrap dealers disclosed the Communists had seized 11 westbound trucks worth \$183,000 in another effort to force recognition of the East government.

Soviet Contention Rejected
The Big Three statements rejected the contention of Soviet Ambassador G. M. Pushkin that East Germany can limit Western Allied rights in Berlin as threatened recently by both the Soviets and the German Communists.

The embassies said the Western powers made it clear to the Soviets in their note to Moscow Oct. 3 that "they continue to hold the Soviet government responsible for the obligations assumed by it in four power agreements regarding Germany."

They said this remains the position of the West.

A spokesman for the scrap dealers association said Communist customs guards were holding the trucks at the Communist Marienborn checkpoint at the Western end of the 110-mile highway from isolated Berlin.

He said the dealers were told they would have to pay "huge fines" or face outright confiscation of their trucks. He said the scrap shipments they contained already have been seized by the Reds.

Documents in Order
"The action is strictly political," the spokesman said. "There was nothing wrong with the truckers shipping documents. When we inquired at the East German customs office about the matter we were told 'You will have no trouble if your ministry talks to our ministry.'"

Mrs. Fong, Reyes Given Life Terms
Portland—(U.P.)—Sherry Fong today was sentenced to life in prison for the 1954 slaying of 16-year-old Diane Hank. She was convicted last week of second degree murder.

Irvin Goodman, Mrs. Fong's attorney, was granted 10 days in which to file motions to set aside the verdict and obtain a new trial.

Mrs. Fong showed little emotion when Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson pronounced sentence.

Her husband, Wey Him Fong, faces trial later on a murder charge in connection with the girl's death.

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Martin B. Reyes, 23, Seattle, today was sentenced to life imprisonment for the Oct. 24 slaying of James R. Applegate, 39-year-old Benton county postman.

Reyes was found guilty earlier this week of second degree murder. He took sentencing with a calm external appearance which marked his week-long trial.

Reyes and Sonny Shadd had escaped earlier from the Eugene jail. Shadd was captured in Corvallis before the shooting. Reyes was captured in Monmouth 24 hours after Applegate was shot.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 482.08 up 1.36, 20 rails 161.36 up 0.36, 15 utilities 64.37 off 0.25, and 65 stocks 171.07 up 0.26. Sales today were about 2,310,000 shares compared with 2,260,000 yesterday.

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RUSSIA JOINS IN WELCOME—The Soviet United Nations delegation, left to right: G. N. Zarubin, A. A. Sobolev, Jakob Malik and V. V. Kuznetsov applaud the admission of 16 new nations to the UN at a dramatic night session in New York. The new members are Albania, Jordan, Ireland, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Romania, Bulgaria, Finland, Ceylon, Nepal, Libya, Cambodia, Laos and Spain. Japan and Outer Mongolia were excluded.

Portland Bomb-Extortion Plot Admitted by Blind Man

Bus Company Plans To Cancel Holiday Service To Ashland

Evergreen Bus Lines filed with Oregon Public Utilities commissioner yesterday schedules cancelling all Sunday and holiday service between Medford and Ashland, Ralph B. Matthews, manager, said today.

The new schedule also eliminates a 9:45 p.m. trip to Ashland nightly, Matthews said. The schedule will be effective Sunday, Dec. 25, under normal procedure, he said.

Reasons Listed
Matthews said reduction of service is the result of lack of patronage of night, Sunday and holiday schedules. He pointed out that during an average week, revenue from the 9:45 trip varied from \$1.15 to \$3.20 for the 30-mile round trip. Three of seven trips failed to earn driver's wages, Matthews said.

Sunday's five day-time round trips showed revenue ranging from \$1.42 to \$3.92, averaging \$2.10, he said.

"Under present conditions," Matthews said, "typical use of public transportation is as a second automobile, and the reduction in service reflects the absence of demand from one-car families when the family car is at home."

Last Bus at 6 P.M.
The new schedule lists the last bus for Ashland leaving Medford at 6 p.m. week days. The 9:45 p.m. trip now is the only night-time schedule to Ashland.

Matthews said schedules between Medford and Camp White will be adjusted soon to provide evening departures from Medford at 7:20 p.m. and 10 p.m. instead of 7:45 p.m. and 11 p.m. The Sunday morning trip between Medford and Camp White will be eliminated, he added.

The company, at the next Medford city council meeting, will request approval of route changes which will eliminate the present South Holly-King st. loop route, Matthews said. The route changes will include extensions of service on East Main st. and Orchard Home drive routes, he said.

No additional change is planned in week day service between Medford and Ashland, or in service to Jacksonville and Central Point, Matthews said.

Oregon High Court Considers Tax Case

The Oregon Supreme Court has taken under consideration arguments conducted before it this week in Jackson county's tree assessment case.

Attorney Philip B. Lowry, representing fruitgrowers who are seeking to have their commercial orchards exempted from property taxes, said the arguments were over procedural matters, with the state tax commission moving to dismiss the case, and the fruitgrowers moving that the court take testimony in the case.

The long and complicated legal proceedings in the case stem from the tax commission's action in placing commercial orchard trees on tax rolls for the first time. The matter is before the high court after it assumed jurisdiction in a plea filed with it by the Medford Pear company against the Commission and County Assessor Robert Fowler.

Youth Injured When 'Cannon' Explodes

Michael Bruce Walker, 15, of 1405 West Main st., was slightly injured yesterday when a home-made "cannon" exploded, driving a piece of metal into the boy's left cheek.

Walker was visiting at the home of William Lee Evans, 17, of 304 Boardman st., when the two boys decided to construct an artillery piece from a section of bicycle frame and the contents of two shotgun shells. The tubing exploded first time the "cannon" was fired.

Walker was taken to Osteopathic hospital where he was treated by a doctor and released.

Authority Of Soil Committee Stated

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled today that the State Soil Conservation committee has authority only to hold hearings on additions to districts for which petitions have been presented.

He also ruled that petitions cannot be consolidated unless they request addition to the same district.

The opinion was requested by the State Soil Conservation commission in connection with the Sams Valley-Beagle soil conservation district and the Rogue soil conservation district.

Petitions were circulated in the Upper Evans Creek-Wimer area in northwestern Jackson county asking that that area be joined with the Sams Valley-Beagle district. It is the only area in the county not in a soil conservation district, according to the local soil conservation office.

The petitions were accepted by the state committee early this month. Later a number of the signers felt their locations would be more adaptable to the Rogue district and asked that they might join that district without circulating a re-worded petition.

The ruling, however, would require a new petition for addition to the Rogue district.

First In Series Of Storms Passes Area

First of a series of storm fronts from the Pacific ocean brought .46 of an inch of rain to the Medford vicinity up to 10 a.m. today and a forecast for western Oregon and western Washington indicated intermittent rains at least through next Wednesday.

Precipitation today reached its heaviest between 7 and 9 a.m. and the weather bureau station at the airport measured .25 of an inch between 8:15 and 9:15 a.m.

The weather prediction for Medford and vicinity was for occasional showers tonight and rain Saturday.

A heavy total amount of precipitation for the interior valleys of western Oregon and western Washington was indicated in the five-day outlook. Amounts were forecast at one to three inches.

Columbus, O.—(U.P.)—The John W. Galbreath Co. has announced purchase of townships and 2600 houses owned by Kennecott Copper Corp. in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

Meier and Frank Confession Links Sister-in-Law

Portland—(U.P.)—William Clarence Peddicord, 38-year-old blind father of five children who once won national praise for his courage, has confessed using his sister-in-law for "eyes" to carry out a \$50,000 bomb-extortion plot against a department store executive.

Peddicord admitted late last night setting off 12 sticks of dynamite in a third-floor washroom at the Meier and Frank department store last April 15, Detective Capt. William Browne said.

The blast rocked the store almost at the same time Aaron M. Frank, store president, was reading a note demanding \$50,000. It hurled shattered glass into the street, injuring a passerby. No one in the store was hurt.

Implicates Woman
Peddicord, who was arrested yesterday, implicated his sister-in-law, Joyce Keller, 38. They were booked on a charge of injury to persons and properties by explosives. Bond for each was set at \$75,000.

Peddicord told police he engineered the plan. "She was my eyes," officers quoted him as saying.

Police said Peddicord was connected to the bombing because samples from a typewriter he had used in a chemical laboratory matched those used on the extortion note.

Peddicord told officers he used a 10-inch fuse for a 10-minute margin of safety and that he and the woman were in the street when the explosion occurred.

No Money Obtained
A stand-in for Frank followed instructions and took a night ride to Eugene and back, a 240-mile round trip. But no one appeared to pick up the money.

Peddicord lost his sight in an explosion 19 years ago. He was blinded when sulphur and ammonia fumes from a refrigerator blew up.

He drew national attention in 1948 when he began hitchhiking to New York, with \$7 in his pocket, to seek an operation to restore his sight. When he reached Detroit a radio program paid his train fare the rest of the way.

The operation, which consisted of transplanting a cornea in Peddicord's right eye, was considered a success but he was blinded again by a tragic stroke of fate.

Shows Little Emotion
A United Press story in December, 1948, said "for an instant there was sunlight on the ceiling" but Peddicord jerked his head as the scissors descended "and darkness closed in and once more he was blind."

Police said money was the motive for the elaborate bomb plot.

Peddicord showed little emotion when questioned and showed no inclination to discuss the bombing with reporters.

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers tonight. Rain Saturday. Low tonight 38-40. High Saturday 47.

Temp.
Highest Yesterday 46
Lowest this Morning 41
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .50