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Weather  
FORECAST—Fog or low clouds this morning; partially clearing by noon; increasing high clouds this afternoon; snow late tonight or early Monday with heavy accumulation in the mountains. Snow showers Monday afternoon. High today, 42; low tonight 28; high Monday 35.

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# Eisenhower To Hold Informal Meeting; Returns To Capitol

Key West, Fla. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower, winding up an 11-day Florida vacation, will report personally today on his health and his plans for the "immediate future," a White House aide said Saturday.

But the informal conference with reporters today was not expected to produce any announcement as to Mr. Eisenhower's political intentions in this election year.

**Condition of Health**  
Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the president would discuss only the "immediate future... the condition of his health, how he feels and what he is going to do when he gets back to Washington about resuming the regular routine of the presidency."

Mr. Eisenhower, who arrived at this naval base Dec. 28 to follow a program of rest and recreation while recovering from his heart attack last September, will meet with newsmen about 9 a.m. and will fly back to Washington about two hours later.

He will be in the capitol city when his special farm message is delivered to Congress Monday. The president worked out final details of the program at a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson here Friday.

Hagerty said the President arranged the informal chat after hearing of reporters' interest in his health. The meeting is not regarded as a press conference but rather as just a get-together between Mr. Eisenhower and the newsmen who have been covering him at Denver, Gettysburg, and Key West since he was stricken Sept. 24.

**Ask Any Questions**  
Although reporters will be permitted to ask any questions they wish, Hagerty indicated that the President would answer only those dealing with his health and his plans for resuming presidential duties in Washington.

During his stay here, Mr. Eisenhower has followed a daily schedule of activity and rest which brought an expression of satisfaction with the President's health from his physician, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder.

Hagerty quoted Snyder as saying

# Roseburg Area Hit By Flash Blizzard; Power Lines Down

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Only emergency telephone calls were being accepted between Roseburg and Coquille areas Saturday as Friday night's flash blizzard left a trail of downed wires and trees.

H. C. Wells, manager of the California-Oregon Power company at Roseburg, said the power situation was the worst there since 1937. Main transmission lines were not touched, but distribution was out over a wide area, Wells said.

An official of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph said damage to telephone lines in the Douglas county area was "serious." Trouble complaints were being received at the rate of one a minute, the official said. Some 900 phones were out.

Eight inches of snow fell in the area within a few hours and six inches remained on the ground yesterday.

Traffic was hampered by slides and slush. A truck, trailer and its load of logs slipped off the North Umpqua highway yesterday morning and plunged over a 150-foot bank into the little river. The driver, C. E. Pratt, jumped clear and was not injured.

A Greyhound bus was trapped at Glendale Highway 42 by a mud slide at the rear and a washed out culvert in front. Three passengers walked out to await other transportation.

Meanwhile, as Oregonians were mopping up from three weeks of rain, snow and slides, weather forecasters saw a gloomy prospect of at least five more days of rain and snow for the state.

More than two inches of rain fell on parts of water-weary Southern Oregon Friday. Snow was predicted in the mountains last night and, east of the Cascades, light snow showers were expected through the weekend.

Rivers were rising but forecasters said it was not certain whether serious flooding would result in the same regions hit by a pre-Christmas deluge.

# Local Employment Slowed By Flood; Low Mark Expected

The high employment noted in recent months in the Medford area did not slow down until the flood Dec. 21-22, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the Oregon state employment service.

Flooding along Rogue river appeared to have less effect on employment than bridge and culvert washouts, which stopped log hauling and closed some mills. Other mills shut down for their usual overhauls, he said.

**Temporary Shutdowns**  
Lumber shutdowns are temporary and will end when repairs are finished or weather improves. Retail trade experienced a heavy Christmas business and layoffs of extra help at the end of the season was said to be normal.

Gift packing in the fruit industry was completed the week before Christmas.

Unemployment in the county Dec. 31 was estimated at 1,800, including 325 women. The figure was up 39 per cent from November, but is still slightly below the preceding December.

**Next Two Months**  
Employment for the next two months will depend largely on weather conditions, according to Patton. The outlook for January and February are expected to mark the low point in employment for the year. Job placements dropped sharply from November and probably will remain low for the next 60 days.

Although heavy rains made orchard pruning slow, there was a small demand for pruners last month.

# County Commissioner Injured In Accident

County Commissioner and Mrs. Chester W. Wendt suffered bruises and other minor injuries Friday night in a traffic accident in San Jose, Calif. They were returning from a holiday visit in Albuquerque, N.M. with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wendt.

Members of the family said the Wendts' auto was struck from behind while stopped for a red light in San Jose, and the auto was sandwiched between cars at the intersection.

They are expected to return home tonight with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Skinner, who traveled south to return with the Wendts.

Wendt suffered a neck injury when his head was snapped back in the collision, family members said. They were visiting friends in San Jose.

Honolulu, T.H. — (U.P.) — The crew of a C-124 Globemaster that developed engine trouble on a flight from California dumped 25,000 pounds of cargo into the Pacific Saturday and the giant Air Force plane limped to a safe landing here.

# U.S., Britain Headed For Red China Trade Showdown

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and Britain Saturday headed for a showdown on whether to relax controls on trade with Communist China.

Diplomats said the issue will get top-level consideration at the White House talks beginning here Jan. 30, between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

According to word from London, Eden plans to argue that European trade with Red China in non-war items should be expanded gradually, "beginning soon."

The present U. S. position is that "the trade line should be held." This attitude might be modified by any evidence of peaceful intent on Red China's part. But the prospect right now is that it might harden even more between now and Eden's arrival if Red China continues to hold 13 American civilians,

# Mid-East Advisor To Present Plan From Anthony Eden

London — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden will dispatch his top mid-east advisor to Washington next week with a sweeping five-point plan for western action in the troubled Middle East, official sources disclosed Saturday.

The plan will urge American membership in the Baghdad defense pact along with Britain, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Pakistan, the sources said.

**Preparations for Talks**  
The proposals will be coordinated with American suggestions in preparation for the talks between Eden and President Eisenhower in Washington starting Jan. 30.

Evelyn Shuckburgh, foreign office chief policy advisor, will present a blueprint based on a two-day secret meeting here between Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and the British Middle East ambassadors this week.

Center piece of the project is a tentative plan for a fully coordinated system of financial, economic and technical assistance grants to the Middle East countries. This might be linked the area.

**Pledge Assistance**  
The plan provides further for a strong warning against aggression in the area, and a pledge of assistance to the attacked party, informed sources said.

This amounts to a re-affirmation of the 1950 tri-partite declaration (Britain, the United States, France), but with possible additional safeguards against aggression or change of the status quo by force. The 1950 declaration deals with arms shipments to the Middle East with an eye towards maintaining a balance of power.

The plan envisions a complete review of the present arms supply program to Middle East nations, with new safeguards against an arms race in the explosive area.

# President Calls GOP Head Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has called Republican congressional leaders to the White House Tuesday for his first meeting with them since the 1956 session of Congress began.

The conference also will be the first Mr. Eisenhower has held with his legislative leaders since Dec. 12 when he discussed the administration program for this year.

Whether the session will mark the resumption of weekly conferences between the chief executive and GOP legislative leaders will depend largely on Mr. Eisenhower's regimen while he continues to recuperate from his heart attack.

No agenda is made available in advance of the meeting, but the Tuesday session, coming the day after submission of the President's new farm program, is almost certain to take up that touchy subject—particularly reaction to the soil bank idea for cutting down on surpluses.

Sherman Oaks, Calif. — (U.P.) — Bulldozers tore at a moving mountain of earth Saturday in an attempt to save a \$33,000 home from being crushed into a pile of rubble.

# Sports Bulletins

Medford high overcame a seven-point first quarter deficit here last night and went on to score its second Southern Oregon Conference basketball victory of the season over Ashland, 70 to 56. Ashland led at the quarter 13 to 12, but Medford was on top 35 to 21 at halftime and 47 to 37 at the third period break. Dick Copley tallied 20 points and Neil Plumley 15 for Medford. Gene Parent and Phil Sword recorded 15 and 14, respectively, for the Grizzlies.

Cave Junction — Crater High was on top all the way here last night in a 67 to 38 Rogue League basketball decision over the Illinois Valley Cougars. Comet quarterly advantages were 14 to 8, 42 to 17 and 55 to 25. John Shama, Crater, was high point man with 12.

Klamath Falls 67, Grants Pass 58.

Eagle Point — Phoenix high edged Eagle Point 48 to 44 here last night in a Rogue League basketball contest. The Pirates had a 25 to 23 halftime lead in getting their second loop win over the Eagles. Bill Madden collected 16 points and Jim Korth 15 for Phoenix and Ron Veitch 12 for Eagle Point.

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — A small private plane crashed today just short of the Santa Monica municipal airport, skidded two blocks down a street and struck a tree. The only person injured was the pilot who sustained a head bump and a cut finger.

# Consulate Stormed In Riot



IKK ASKS FOR FLOOD INSURANCE—Dick Tribe (left) and Herbert Miller, assistant executive clerk of the White House, arrive at the capitol carrying copies of President Eisenhower's State of the Union message to be read to the Senate and House. In the message, the President asked Congress to authorize flood loss insurance up to three billion dollars. Individual covered by policy would pay 60 per cent of premium, participating states 20 per cent and the federal government 20 per cent.

# Medford's Combined Millage Rate Lowest Of 54 State Cities

Medford has the lowest combined millage rate of any city in Oregon of 2,500 population or more, according to the annual compilation of the League of Oregon Cities.

Medford's combined rate of 57.4 mills is the lowest of 54 cities having more than 2,500 people. Only 17 incorporated communities had lower millage rates, and all were in the small city class.

The combined millage rate in Medford includes levies of 8.7 by the county, 39.8 by the school district and 18.9 by the city.

The 18.9 Medford city levy for fiscal year 1955-56 is 1.7 mills below the average levy of 20.6 mills in Oregon cities this fiscal year, the annual property tax levy report shows. Medford is one of 101 cities in Oregon with a tax levy below 20 mills, which was the average rate levied in cities in the state last year. City rates range from 3.4 mills at Imbler to 77.1 in Falls City.

Combined millage rates, and city levies, in that order, of other Jackson County cities are Ashland, 68.7, 13.2; Central Point, 66.7, 17.6; Jacksonville, 76.4, 17.5; Eagle Point, 84.1, 25.2; Gold Hill, 68.7, 19.6; Rogue River, 74.7, 15; Phoenix, 83.7, 24.8; Talent, 80.6, 20.6; and Butte Falls, 67.6, 8.7.

The assessed valuation of land within incorporated city limits in Jackson county totals \$36,672,421, or 45.4 per cent of the total assessed valuation of

# American Flag Is Ripped From Pole; Six Hospitalized

Caretaker Government Forced To Resign

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — A anti-western rioters stormed the American consulate in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem and ripped down the American flag Saturday in a new outbreak of violence that forced Jordan's caretaker government to resign.

Troops of Jordan's famed Arab Legion opened fire on the angry mob.

In Amman, capital of Jordan, rioters set fire to the offices of the United States Point Four and the United Nations refugee programs and to the offices of the British Middle East bank. Troops and police led the mobs go unchecked through the capital and concentrated on protecting foreign embassies and legations.

**Six Hospitalized**  
Six persons were hospitalized in Jerusalem with wounds from tear gas bomb shrapnel and bullets. Sixteen other injured were given first aid treatment.

Press reports received in Damascus, Syria, said seven demonstrators were shot to death by Arab Legionnaires in Amman and Jerusalem. The reports said the Legionnaires swept the streets of the capital with machine gun fire in an effort to restore order.

The Jerusalem radio announced a dawn-to-dusk curfew for both cities following a day which started with a general strike in all Jordan's cities and demonstrations denouncing the Baghdad pact and demanding immediate nation-wide elections.

**Gather At Consulate**  
At 4 p.m. a large mob gathered outside the American consulate and United States authorities called the Arab Legion to ask for protection. One platoon was immediately sent to the consulate. A Legion officer warned the mob, by then estimated at about 500 persons, that the troops would open fire if an attempt were made to enter the consulate grounds.

When the demonstrators started stoning the building and smashing at the two street doors of the consulate gardens, the Legion opened fire and threw tear gas bombs.

The grounds were finally cleared, but only after the mob tore down the American flag suspended from a steel flagpole in the consulate garden. The tattered flag was reclaimed by the consulate.

An automobile belonging to Point Four officials was set afire.

The caretaker government of Premier Abraham Pasha Hashem submitted its resignation to King Hussein. The king asked Hashem to remain in office until a new premier is designated.

The anti-Western demonstrators were protesting possible Jordanian membership in the Baghdad pact defense alliance, and the government's about-face on the dissolution of parliament. The United States is not a member of the pact ringling Russia's southern frontier, but is a strong supporter of it.

The collapse of Hashem's regime threw Jordan into a crisis that threatened Anglo-American planning for the Middle East. President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden have scheduled talks later this month in Washington on the Middle East situation.

Turmoil was spreading through the strategic area.

In the Arab-Israeli dispute, an authoritative Cairo newspaper reported that Egypt's army on the Palestine front has now received new Communist arms and is "ready for action."

In Jordan's neighbor Lebanon, cabinet members were squabbling over a crisis sharpened by differences over Western aid. Three ministers quit Saturday, but withdrew their resignations when the government accepted certain conditions they had imposed for future cooperation.

# Campaign For New Summit Conference

London — (U.P.) — Iron Curtain diplomats were waging a behind-the-scenes campaign here Saturday for a new summit conference of Big Four chiefs of government this year.

The Red diplomats, in an inspired whispering campaign, claim such a top-level meeting "in the summer" will prove "inevitable."

They hinted that top Soviet leaders might even be prepared to go to the United States if President Eisenhower should find it impossible to leave the country in an election year.

In informal talks with Western officials and newsmen, these diplomats suggest that the summit meeting would be charged with working out a "declaration of principles" to break the present East-West deadlock.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin said last week in an interview in Moscow that a new summit meeting could be "fruitful."

Iron Curtain officials here now stress there is more to this hint than meets the eye. They consider it a first move toward a new initiative for another summit meeting, probably in the summer.

# Road Conditions

(As of 10:30 p.m. Saturday.)  
Highway 99, north—Closed by a slide about 12 miles north of Grants Pass.  
Highway 99, south—Siskiyou was open, chains advised.  
Highway 66, Green Springs—Packed snow, chains were required.  
Highway 97, California—South of Weed, chains required.  
Highway 62—Packed snow at Union Creek and Prospect; chains advised.

# Air Force, FBI, Police Join Forces To Arrest Man Who Admits Extortion Plot

Colorado Springs, Colo. — (U.P.) — A twin-engine Air Force plane derailed an intended extortion victim's car and sent a radio message that helped FBI agents and police in arresting a man who admitted the plot, federal authorities said Saturday.

The suspect, Norman Raymond Carver, 64, a former bowling alley operator now unemployed, signed a statement admitting the attempt to obtain \$30,000 from H. Chase Stone, 56, president of the First National Bank of Colorado Springs, the FBI said.

**Waives Hearing**  
Carver waived a preliminary hearing yesterday before U. S. Deputy Commissioner James C. Cages who set bond at \$10,000. He was bound over for trial in Federal District Court at Denver.

The elaborate device to trap the extortionist was organized Friday after Stone had received the second of two letters demanding money. The first, in November, asked \$25,000 and the FBI said Stone attempted to comply but that no contact could be made with the man demanding the money.

A subsequent letter said Stone had not followed his original instructions.

The third letter asked \$30,000 and ordered Stone to drive along a 15-mile circuitous route in Colorado Springs and its environs and then throw the bundle of money out the window of his car at a designated spot.

**Organize Trap**  
Webb W. Burke, FBI agent in charge at Denver, and Police Chief I. B. Bruce of Colorado Springs organized the trap after enlisting the aid of the 44th Air Rescue squadron and Lowry Air Force Base, Denver.

Stone's car was marked with luminous paint on its top surface so that the car would be visible from the air but not from anyone on the ground.

He followed the route while Maj. Marshall Frederickson, commanding officer of the 44th Air Rescue squadron, and Colorado Springs Detective Capt. Homer Beattie observed progress of his car from an Air Force SA-16 amphibian search plane.

When the car reached the rendezvous and stopped the plane sent a radio message to agents and policemen on the ground.

However, no direct contact was made by the attempted extortionist Friday night, the FBI said. Carver was arrested after a check of license plates of automobiles in the area. Burke said the plates on Carver's car were observed twice, and the arrest followed.