

# RIDGWAY CHARGES UNDER INVESTIGATION

## US Will Defend Interests' Ridgway Declares

### Secretary Steps Into Controversy On 'War' Remarks

#### Some Reaction To Article Regretted

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today aggressors must know in advance that the United States would go to war if necessary to defend "its vital interests."

Stepping squarely into the raging controversy over his recent "brink of war" remarks, Dulles told a news conference it is important that the world should know the United States is ready to defend its basic moral values and vital interests, "if need be by life itself."

Dulles said he regretted some of the reaction to the "brink of war" article in Life magazine and said he would not have said some things in the exact way they were written. But he stood firm on the policy of warning that aggression could mean war.

**Devoted to Peace**  
"I believe that the United States should adopt every honorable course to avoid engagement in war," he said. "Indeed, I have devoted my whole life to the pursuit of a just and durable peace."

Dulles told his news conference:

"It is necessary to be patient; it is necessary to be conciliatory; it is necessary to make our peace a vital force for justice and human welfare so that all men will aspire to share that kind of peace."

Dulles cited as a dividend on the policy of deterrence a belief that Red China feels the United States will fight to defend Formosa and the Pescadores if the Communists should attack the offshore islands.

**Brink of War**  
In the controversial Life magazine interview, Dulles had been quoted as saying:

"You have to take chances for peace, just as you must take chances in war. Some say that we were brought to the verge of war. Of course we were brought to the verge of war."

"The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you cannot master it, you inevitably get into war. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost. We've had to look it square in the face—the question of enlarging the Korean war, the question of getting into the Indo-China war, on the question of Formosa. We walked to the brink and we looked it in the face. We took strong action."

The interview caused an uproar at home and abroad, particularly the reference to "the ability to get to the verge of war."

The secretary's main quarrel with the Life magazine article was with the "verge of war" quote.

**Different Words**  
He said parts of this particular quote, standing alone, were somewhat ambiguous. And he said such an article dealing with complex foreign subjects inevitably tended to "oversimplify and special emphasis."

Dulles said this was a reflection on his views, but that he himself never would have expressed it in that way.

He said that the phrase implied that getting to the brink of war was the U.S. choice, rather than a choice forced upon this country.

"I did not write the article, I did not review or censor the article, or know of its title," Dulles said.

"I did not know in advance of its publication date and, in fact, I did not read the article until after it was released for publication."

Dulles said the article might have been submitted in advance, however, to some of his aides. The New York Herald Tribune said today that the article was submitted in advance to the State Department and that the department had requested one major change relating to the "verge of war" statement.

**Newby Reports \$60,539 In Liquor Revenues**  
Salem — (U.P.) — Apportionment of liquor revenues derived from a tax imposed on manufacturers and importing distributors of malt and other alcoholic beverages totaling \$60,539 was reported by Secretary of State Earl T. Newby today.

The money, for the quarter ended Dec. 31, goes to Oregon cities and counties, Newby said.

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# LARGER ANNEXATION OK'D

## 'Island' Residents Reject Proposal To Be Part of Medford Council To Canvass Election Votes Tonight

Residents in about 1,100 acres southeast of Medford yesterday voted, 66 to 49, to join the city.

But 10 voters rejected an annexation proposal in a 3½ block area in Siskiyou Heights extension. The vote in the county "island" was 4 for annexation, 6 against.

Votes of each election will be canvassed by the city council at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

**Increases Population**  
The annexation increased by about one-third the size of the city to approximately 3,400 acres. It boosted the population within the city limits to about 20,400.

The area is one of the valley's most rapidly developing sections. The proposed \$1,900,000 Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, funds for which are now being subscribed, will be constructed at Barnett and Murphy rds. Also planned for the area is Rogue Valley Manor, a retirement home, estimated to cost about \$2,500,000.

The Mont Crest subdivision, a plat for which the Medford planning commission has given tentative approval, is expected eventually to total an investment of about \$10,000,000, according to Rogue Valley Land company officials.

**Estimated Valuation**  
City Manager Robert Duff has estimated the assessed valuation of the area about \$343,260. It includes 125 residences, some 450 people, three stores, four farm barns, one crematorium, two mausoleums, one radio station, Rogue Valley Country club golf course, two churches and both the IOOF cemetery and Siskiyou Memorial park.

The area was included in an annexation plan last summer, when residents in about 3,000 acres east, south and west of the city limits rejected the proposal.

**City Services**  
City officials earlier indicated that city services would be installed as quickly as possible. Plans are being prepared for a trunk line sewer along Barnett rd., which will serve new subdivisions, the proposed hospital and Verde Hills subdivision.

Plans have been completed for a trunk water main along Barnett rd., and material was ordered with a provision for cancellation should residents not favor annexation.

The new population estimate of 20,400 within the city was derived by computing the number of water services within the city and applying a ratio determined from the last official bureau of census count Sept. 9, 1954.

## Oregon Coast Road Closed by High Water

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon coast highway was closed six miles south of Coquille to all but necessary traffic, the State Highway Department said today. High water was the cause.

High water also closed the Corvallis eastside secondary highway.

The Clackamas highway was closed by a slide 1½ miles east of Carver; the Crown Point secondary was closed by a slide from Multnomah to Dodson, and the Umpqua highway remained closed by a slide at mile point 1.

## Bulletin

**Albany, Ore.** — (U.P.) — A hold-up man fled with an undetermined amount of money today after slugging Raymond Tomlinson, Linn county treasurer, in a daring holdup in the county courthouse.

Tomlinson was taken to the hospital. He suffered cuts above both eyes and behind one ear.



**BATTLE RAMPAGING RIVER**—Troops from Camp Beale labor to bolster weakened section of the levee along the Feather River at Yuba City, Cal., in an effort to prevent a repetition of the Christmas week disaster which cost the lives of 33 persons when the city flooded. Engineers called the situation critical.

## Sunshine Drying Out Northern California

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A bright winter sunshine dried out Northern California today in the wake of week end floods that still menaced Yuba City, created another disaster area and caused four deaths.

The soggy Shanghai Bend levee just south of Yuba City managed to contain the swirling waters of the Feather river. Army Engineers were hopeful it would continue to hold.

**Levee Shakes**  
Col. William F. Cassidy, chief of the South Pacific division of the Army Engineers, said the levee was "very soft and shakes like a bowl of jelly at every step."

"But it's beginning to dry in the sun and I have a definite feeling it will hold."

However, Mayor Glenn Ganche warned residents of the low-lying area near the levee not to return to their homes until the danger is past.

"Of course we are relieved that the levee did not break," he said. "But the situation is still critical. We are worried about seepage through the levee."

**Disaster Area Extended**  
The river reached 67.3 feet at the Shanghai Bend levee yesterday morning and then began Yuba City proper, the river

**Glendale Man Fined, Sentenced In Court**  
Antonia Gonzales, Glendale, was fined \$65 and sentenced to 40 days in Jackson county jail in district court today on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He also was fined \$55 for failure to leave his name and address at the scene of an accident.

State police said Gonzales was driver of a car which was involved in an accident about two miles south of Siskiyou summit on Highway 99 about 2 a.m. today. They said Gonzales' vehicle was being operated on the wrong side of the highway, forcing a car operated by Jerry Edward Rhea, Cottage Grove, into the right shoulder. Gonzales was traveling north, police said.

Lester Kidd and Leon Crafton, both of Glendale and passengers in Gonzales' car, were fined \$12.50 each on charges of being drunk on a public highway.

There were no injuries in the accident, police said.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 477.73, up 1.49; 20 railroads 158.69, up 0.32; 15 utilities 63.68, off 0.07, and 65 stocks 169.03, up 0.36. Sales today were about 2,050,000 shares compared with 2,260,000 yesterday.

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — The Air Force has been invited today to move its Portland base to Clark county.

## Army, Air Force Rows Over Pilot Training Program

Washington — (U.P.) — A new air policy row between the Army and Air Force raged today over an Air Force proposal to take over training of all Army helicopter pilots.

The Air Force proposal has drawn strong objections from members of the House and Senate, with the result that the Defense Department has now postponed a final decision on it, the United Press learned.

**Feud in Background**  
The controversy involves the training of some 600 cargo helicopter pilots for the Army annually. In the background is the growing feud between the Air Force and Army over the increasing strength of the Army's air arm.

The controversy started late last fall when the Army said it planned to turn over the primary training of its cargo helicopter pilots to private civilian schools as an economy move. The Air Force objected and won a Defense Department ruling that it should give the helicopter pilots their primary training.

**Final Decision Delayed**  
On learning of this decision, Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker "hit the ceiling," an associate said. Congressional objections later were raised also.

The Defense Department then backed down and postponed a final decision. Now a settlement of the controversy awaits the return of Deputy Defense Secretary Reuben B. Robertson Jr. from Europe.

**Phoenix Votes For First Class District**  
Phoenix — Phoenix school district residents yesterday voted overwhelmingly to withdraw from the rural school district and operate as an independent first class district. The vote was 246 for removal and 2 against.

The district became eligible to withdraw from the rural school district when the first class census figure of 1,000 was reached. The rural district is made up of second and third class districts.

After July 1, the start of the next fiscal year, the district will operate independently.

Portland — (U.P.) — Negotiations for merger of AFL and CIO labor groups in Oregon opened here today.

## Weather

**FORECAST:** Cloudy this evening with occasional light rain tonight. Showers and a little cooler Wednesday. Low tonight 42. High tomorrow 50-52.

**Highest Yesterday** ..... 46  
**Lowest this Morning** ..... 34

## Military Strength Said Inadequate; Views Requested Former Army Chief Of Staff To Be Called

Washington — (U.P.) — Two congressional committees launched investigations today into Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's charges that the nation's military strength is "inadequate."

Chairman Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) said the former Army chief of staff will be called to testify before the Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee.

Chairman Robert L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.) said he also will "invite" Ridgway to testify before the House Army Appropriations Subcommittee.

**Others Demand Testimony**  
Two Democratic senators meanwhile demanded that Ridgway also be summoned before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sens. Mike Mansfield of Montana and Henry M. Jackson of Washington said Congress should have the benefit of the former Army chief of staff's views on the reasons for and validity of the Army cutbacks.

Ridgway, who retired as chief of staff after splitting with the President on defense policies, charged in a Saturday Evening Post article that the administration has measured "our country's security in terms of dollars instead of the men and guns needed . . ."

**Would Be Helpful**  
In a speech in New York last night, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said President Eisenhower recently warned his Cabinet that excessive defense spending might disrupt the nation's economy and lead to dictatorship.

Jackson, a committee member, said it would be "very helpful" now if Ridgway were called before the Senate Armed Services Committee to give his "unbiased professional views" on administration military plans.

Jackson said it is of "utmost importance" that Congress have the benefit of our professional military leaders. "But he said the administration seems to have imposed an 'iron curtain' preventing military leaders from speaking openly."

Mansfield said in view of Ridgway's charges he thinks the retired general should be called before the Armed Services Committee "to elaborate on his thesis." He said Ridgway's article did "the country a service," and that "he is one of the most courageous men I have ever known."

## Solons Dig Deeper Into Sarena Case

Washington — (U.P.) — Joint congressional subcommittee dug deeper today into an Oregon mining case that Democrats charge amounted to a "timber grab."

The subcommittee planned to question R. N. Appling, a Bureau of Mines official, about assay samples on which the Al Sarena Mines, Inc., Mobile, Ala., got title to 15 dispute claims. Appling supervised taking the samples.

The subcommittee also planned to question John R. Thoenen, Bureau of Mines area director at Norris, Tenn., and Forest Service chief Richard E. McArdle.

The assay samples were sent two years ago to the A. W. Williams Co. of Mobile, which reported they had relatively high gold and silver content.

Subcommittee Chairman W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.) has charged the Interior Department then hurriedly granted "patents" for the claims, in spite of previous rejections based on scanty mineral findings.

Portland — (U.P.) — The Dairy Cooperative Association was fined \$50 in district court here Monday for selling ice cream with a bacteria count in excess of that allowed by law.

## Young Portland Hunter, Lost on Larch Mountain Trip, Found Dead by Searchers

Portland — (U.P.) — James Sonnenburg, one of two 14-year-old boys lost overnight on a hunting trip in the rugged Larch mountain area east of here, was found dead late yesterday.

Earlier his companion, Lyle Block, was found weak but alive after a giant search conducted by the Multnomah county sheriff's office.

Searchers and a doctor gave the Sonnenburg lad artificial respiration, but failed to revive him. He died of exposure.

Block was found on the lower northwest slope of the mountain on the Bridal Veil creek watershed. The second boy's body was found about a mile away by two searchers, C. Hank Williams and Bob Ryan.

The Block boy told searchers when found that his companion was not far behind but was weak and near collapse. He said that

# Ford Stock Price Told

New York — (U.P.) — A huge investment banking syndicate today placed a \$64.50 a share price tag on Ford Motor company stock.

The long awaited announcement on how much the public must pay to buy an interest in the nation's biggest privately owned company came shortly before 722 brokerage firms prepared to sign final contracts for the sale of 10,200,000 shares of Ford stock.

Brokers expect the Ford shares to sell at a fast clip.

At \$64.50 a share, the offering of 10,200,000 shares will total

\$657,900,000, making it the biggest offering in history.

**Price May Rise**  
The stock is being sold by the Ford Foundation. It will go on sale to the public tomorrow through brokers on an "over the counter" basis. Demand for shares is expected to boost the price considerably above the original offering price.

A prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington showed that the 722 brokerage houses which will sell the stock to the public will receive \$1.50 a share in underwriting discounts and commissions, totaling \$15,300,000.

The Foundation will actually receive, after discounts and commissions are paid, \$642,600,000.

The SEC is expected to "clear" the statement sometime today, paving the way for actual sale of the shares tomorrow.

**In Small Lots**  
Brokers at once began accepting definite orders from their customers for the first time. The stock will be parceled out in small lots because of the tremendous demand for it.

The sale marks the end of Ford's history as a privately owned firm.

Ever since the Ford Foundation announced plans to sell 22 per cent of its holdings of Ford Motor Co. stock, speculation has been high over the price tag on the stock.

The price was set yesterday in secret meetings between members of the underwriting syndicate and directors of the foundation, the world's largest philanthropic trust.

Although the Ford family is relinquishing its exclusive hold over the world's second biggest auto maker, it will still have 40 per cent of the voting power after the sale. Experts say this is more than enough to control the company.

## Philippine Official Hurt in Accident

Alejandro Quintin Abad, 35, of the Philippine consulate in Los Angeles, was taken to Community hospital for observation last night, following an auto accident on Highway 99 near Blackwell hill, north of Medford.

Abad, who suffered back injuries, was released from the hospital this morning. He attended a Rotary club luncheon this noon as guest of City Manager Robert Duff.

Abad was traveling north when the left rear tire of his car blew out causing it to skid and roll over twice. The car, a hardtop convertible, was a total wreck, state police said.

Abad, who is a finance officer with the consulate, was en route from Los Angeles to Vancouver, B. C., to open a new Philippine consulate there, when the accident occurred.

He will meet this afternoon with insurance agents to arrange for another car, but will remain in Medford tonight.

## Ben Franklin's Birth Observed

Philadelphia, Pa. — (U.P.) — Benjamin Franklin, the humble printer who achieved enduring world stature, was honored today throughout the free world on the 250th anniversary of his birth.

Some 500 organizations in 51 countries have joined with the Franklin Institute here to observe the birth anniversary of the most versatile man colonial America produced.

Franklin, born in Boston in 1706, crowded several lifetimes of accomplishment into his life span of 84 years.

Monroe — (U.P.) — Five inmates of the Washington State Reformatory escaped from the institution last night.

## Off-Street Parking Hearing on Council Agenda for Tonight

An informal hearing on a proposal to assess downtown property for off-street parking facilities will be held at 7:30 p.m. today by the Medford city council in the city hall.

Three other public hearings tonight will be held on annexation of lots on Columbus and Murray aves., vacation of a portion of Siskiyou blvd. and Modoc ave., and change of zone from single family to heavy industrial of property owned by Marris Gibbons, McAndrew rd., and Clark st.

**Consider Ordinances**  
Ordinances to be considered include amendment of an ordinance prohibiting Sunday dancing; an emergency fund appropriation to finance civil defense radio acquisition, and awarding of bids for water main installation in the recently annexed Laurelhurst addition.

The council will consider authorization of plans and specifications for construction of a sanitary sewer in the southeast Medford area where annexation was approved yesterday.

The city manager will report on a proposed location for a new Eastside fire station; rehabilitation of the Camp White Trunk sewer main, and five requests for loading, parking and right of way privileges.

## Chessman Scores Point in Battle

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Convict-author Caryl Chessman scored a point in his battle for a new trial today when a Los Angeles court reporter admitted it was impossible to make a "verbatim" copy of a dead reporter's notes.

Stanley Fraser, 62, assigned to transcribe notes made by the late Ernest Parry during Chessman's original 1948 trial, made the admission under questioning by the condemned kidnap-rapist's attorney, George T. Davis.

However, Fraser said he understood the definition of verbatim to be "word for word" and he felt that though he could not transcribe every detail of Parry's notes he could make a "substantially true and accurate" copy of the trial transcript.

Chessman has charged that Fraser conspired with Prosecutor J. Miller Leavy and Los Angeles Superior Judge Charles Fricke to "rig" the transcript in order to insure the prison writer's conviction on 17 counts of kidnaping, robbery, rape and sex perversion.

## Annual Chamber Dinner Meeting Thursday

The annual dinner meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Jackson hotel, the chamber office reminded members and their wives today.

Reports on the past year's work will be given briefly, and plans for the coming year outlined.