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Adlai Demands Ike Censure Dulles

Demo Candidate In Sharpest Blast At Administration

Repudiation of 'War' Statements Demanded

Chicago—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson made John Foster Dulles "brink of war" statement one of his main campaign issues today with a demand that President Eisenhower either repudiate his secretary of state or get rid of him.

Stevenson's blast at Dulles' "shocking" statements and "suicidal" policy was his sharpest attack to date on the Eisenhower administration.

The Democratic presidential aspirant made the repudiate or fire demand during a whirlwind visit to Minnesota yesterday. He went there to file personally in the March 20 Minnesota presidential primary and returned from St. Paul to Chicago last night.

"Russian Roulette"
Stevenson had already said that Dulles' controversial "brink of war" statement sounded like "Russian roulette."

But he went far beyond that in telling newsmen that "if the President does not approve, his course of action is clearly indicated."

A reporter asked if the "course of action" was to fire Dulles and Stevenson answered: "Yes, or repudiate the statements."

Stevenson said that "for this nation to walk to the verge of war three times in three years while drastically reducing our military defense for domestic political advantage can only be counted suicidal folly."

"I trust that the President's silence is not to be construed as approval of the shocking views of his secretary of state," Stevenson said.

"And I can hardly believe that the President has adopted a popular magazine as the place to announce his intentions about war and peace in Asia," he added.

Peddycord's Plea Of Guilty Denied

Portland—(U.P.)—William Clarence Peddicord, blind admitted extortion-plot bomber of Meier and Frank department store here, surprised the Circuit Court yesterday by jumping up to protest a plea entered for him by his attorney.

Peddycord's attorney, Nicholas Granet, pleaded his client not guilty by reason of insanity. But Peddicord immediately interrupted him and said "I wish to throw myself upon the mercy of the court and enter a guilty plea and ask for immediate sentence."

Circuit Court Judge Paul Harris denied Peddicord's request and said the formal plea of not guilty by reason of insanity would stand.

Peddycord is accused of attempting to extort \$50,000 from Aaron Frank, department store head, by exploding a bomb in the store last April 15.

North Bend Official Asked To Lift Ban on News Flow

Coos Bay—(U.P.)—The freedom of information committee of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association called upon Robert Harrington, city administrator at North Bend, to lift a ban on supplying of news by city officials to the Coos Bay Times except on written request. Practice Not Condoned

Copies of a letter written by Carl C. Webb, ONPA manager, to Harrington, have been received here.

Webb's letter said in part: "The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association freedom of information committee cannot condone your continued practice of releasing legitimate public information to the press only

Council Discusses Off-Street Parking

Medford businessmen told the city council last night they generally agreed that municipally owned off-street parking facilities are needed in the downtown business district.

An off-street parking plan presented by Councilman Don Hansen proposed that parking facilities would serve a 12-block area in the Medford business district. The program would provide 170 parking spaces with meters, and would require an expenditure of about \$250,000.

14 Owners Present
Hansen's proposal called for property owners in the area benefited to eventually pay for the project. Fourteen property owners were present at the hearing and others sent letters expressing their feelings on the subject.

A second proposal which would distribute cost between parking lot users, merchants and property owners, was outlined by Otto Ewaldsen, Chamber of Commerce president.

Ewaldsen and others present objected to Hansen's program on the basis that it would not be fair to property owners.

Only Starting Point
Hansen stressed that the program was only a starting point to enable the council to consider the reaction of merchants and property owners. He suggested that a special meeting be called of the council as a committee to further consider the problem.

The plan outlined by Hansen provided that the cost be divided between property owners on a basis of assessed value, front footage, area, and distance from the parking lots.

On this basis, in examples cited, the total cost, which would be paid in 10 annual installments, would be about \$5,000 to the Allen hotel building; \$1,100 to Yellow Cab; \$8,400 to the J. C. Penney building; \$2,400 to the Wing building, and \$9,500 to the Medical Center building.

Not Extensive Enough
There was some objection to the plan on the basis that it was not extensive enough. Hansen said the proposed program would take care of immediate parking needs and perhaps half the need for the next 10 years.

Ewaldsen told the group that the Chamber of Commerce has done extensive research on the off-street parking program during the past four years and concluded the only successful plan must not place the cost burden on one group.

He said that users of the lot should pay through parking meter fees; merchants should contribute through equitably increased business license fees; and property owners through pro-rated assessments in the area benefited.

Considerable thought has been given, Hansen said, to increasing the cost of business licenses as a means of distributing the expense among the merchants. Revenue from parking meters must legally go into the city general fund, he said.

Eden Replies To Political Critics

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden hit back against opponents of his administration tonight with a fighting declaration that "this government is not on the way out."

He made his statement in a major address before a Conservative party rally at Bradford, north of London.

The speech was aimed at calming domestic politics in the last days before his departure for Washington and important talks with President Eisenhower late this month.

"We were elected not for six or eight months but for five years," he said. "I intend, if God wills, to be there on that day."

The speech was Eden's answer to critics who have accused him of "dithering" since he succeeded Winston Churchill as Prime Minister last spring. The critics have included politicians and newspapers of his own and opposition parties.

**Otto Frohnmayer To Sit
On Multnomah Bench**
Salem—(U.P.)—Chief Justice Harold J. Warner of the Oregon Supreme Court today designated Otto Frohnmayer of Medford as judge pro tem to serve in Multnomah county for six days starting Jan. 30.

Circuit Judge E. H. Howell of Canyon City was assigned to serve in Multnomah county to assist in the trial of current cases beginning Feb. 20.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 472.89 off 4.84; 20 railroads 156.84 off 1.85; 15 utilities 63.71 up 0.03, and 65 stocks 167.53 off 1.50. Sales today were about 2,110,000 shares compared with 2,050,000 yesterday.

Webb's letter added: "The committee is aware of the circumstances which may seem to you to constitute justifiable provocation for your action. In the committee's view, however, the principle involved is far bigger than the North Bend-Coos Bay Times controversy."



RAY J. SCHUMACHER
Announces Candidacy

Schumacher Files As Candidate for County Assessor

Ray J. Schumacher, local real estate man and appraiser, has announced his candidacy for Jackson county assessor on the Democratic ticket. Schumacher is the first candidate to file for office in the coming election.

Schumacher, who has been in real estate brokerage business since 1928, has lived in Jackson county for 30 years, coming here from Billings, Mont., where he was born.

Write-in Candidate
In 1936, Schumacher ran for county treasurer, and in 1940 he ran for assessor. He was a write-in candidate for the Oregon house of representatives in 1954.

He has qualified in Jackson county circuit court and United States District court to give expert testimony in cases involving land values.

He is past president of the Medford Realty Board, past president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards, and was a director of the National Association of Real Estate Boards between 1949 and 1954.

Schumacher said he believes he is qualified to handle the position because of his experience in appraising properties at the request of individuals, state, and city governments, banks, oil companies, attorneys and corporations. He said friends have urged him to seek the office.

Student of Valuation
Schumacher said he has been a student of valuation of real property since 1940, prior to which time he participated in various types of businesses, including building work.

He was educated in Billings, Mont., and Jacksonville schools. He and his wife, Laura, live at 126 Portland ave. They have a daughter, Mrs. Helen Grigsby, living in Central Point.

Israel Losing Battle Against UN Censure

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Israel fought a losing battle today against formal censure by the United Nations Security Council but appeared to be avoiding economic sanctions for its attack on a Syrian outpost.

A Syrian demand that the United States cut off all economic aid to Israel was referred to Washington for an answer.

U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., told newsmen the Syrian demand was "a matter for Washington" to consider and that no reply would be forthcoming at today's meeting of the council.

The Syrian suggestion came from Syrian Ambassador Ahmed Shukairy who also asked the council recommend that all UN members end economic assistance to Israel be halted for one year because of its Sea of Galilee attack last month.

He asked the embargo be extended in event of future Israel "aggression."

**Neuberger Calls for
Revival of GI Bill**
Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger today called for a revival of the "GI bill of rights" as a matter of "simple justice" to men and women now serving in the armed forces.

The Oregon Democrat said he and seven colleagues will introduce legislation today reinstating education and other benefits of the Korean GI bill. Benefits under the Korean bill were cut off for all men and women entering the armed forces after Jan. 31, 1955.

Neuberger's bill would give allowances to all honorably discharged members of the armed forces to enable them to spend a month at a college or school for every month spent on active military service.

Pendleton—(U.P.)—Mayor Norman Gorkle, 35, has been named as Pendleton's outstanding junior citizen for 1955.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy this evening with valley fog tonight and Thursday morning.
Low tonight 37-38. High Thursday 55.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest this Morning 41
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .20

Wilson, Dulles In Disagreement On 'Brink of War'

'All Kinds of Brinks,' Defense Chief Says

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson disagreed today on how close the United States came to war during the first three years of the Eisenhower administration.

The disagreement between the two cabinet officers developed in the face of increased Democratic criticism of Dulles for his controversial "brink-of-war" statement.

President Eisenhower will have an opportunity to give his views at a news conference Thursday.

Three War Crises
Dulles' controversial statement was that this country avoided war three times with Communist China only by "walking to the brink" of conflict—during crises over the Korean armistice, Indochina and Formosa.

Wilson told a news conference Tuesday he "never thought we were that close" to war in those areas. But he conceded, "there are all kinds of brinks."

Dulles defended himself vigorously Tuesday against charges that he had gambled dangerously with the nation's peace on the three occasions. He declared that the nation had not moved of its own accord but was "brought" to the brink of war by Red threats relating to Korea, Indochina and Formosa.

Calculated Risks Necessary
In a nutshell, Dulles said his policy was to avoid war by every honorable means but let the enemy know in advance you are prepared to fight to defend vital interests. He said some "calculated risks" have to be taken to attain peace.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, in a Baltimore speech Tuesday night, said the United States may have "fewer friends in the world" now than before Dulles made his statement.

Protest BLM Land Withdrawal Plans

Rogue River—F. I. Bristol, president of the Oregon Mining Association and Bristol Silica company here, said he has forwarded a written protest to the bureau of land management in connection with the BLM's proposal to withdraw several acres of public domain land along Rogue river.

The protest, Bristol said, asks for an extension of time for requesting a hearing to August, when mining representatives along the lower Rogue have better transportation and communication facilities to aid in preparing a formal protest.

The BLM has proposed withdrawing a half-mile area each side of the Rogue river from Prospect to Agness "to protect and preserve their scenic values."

Objections in writing to the proposal must be forwarded this week.

Virgil T. Heath, state supervisor for the BLM at Portland, said "if circumstances warrant it, a public hearing will be held at a convenient time and place."

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Flood Victim's Body Recovered at Yuba

The body of Robert Bartlett, Yuba City, Calif., flood victim, was recovered yesterday, according to Mrs. Ralph Harris, 330 O'Gara st., Medford, an aunt of Bartlett.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bartlett, who operated a fur shop here for about 30 years.

Mr. Bartlett also was a nephew of Mrs. Vera Johnson of Medford, who was a flood victim in the Christmas flood. Mrs. Johnson's body was recovered early this month.

Funeral services for Mr. Bartlett will be held in Marysville at 9 a.m. Friday.

Snohomish—(U.P.)—Two of five youths who escaped from the state reformatory at Monroe Monday night have been captured.

Abandonment of Al Sarena Probe Asked by Solon

Washington—(U.P.)—A Republican senator called today for abandonment of a politically bitter congressional investigation into the granting of 15 disputed mining claims in an Oregon forest.

Sen. Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ida.) in issuing the statement said he will do all he can to halt the inquiry.

But the Democratic majority on the joint subcommittee investigating planned to go ahead with hearings this afternoon on what they call a "timber grab" by Al Sarena Mines, Inc., of Mobile, Ala.

Full Title To Claim
The mining company got full title to the claims in the Rogue River national forest from the Interior Department under the Eisenhower administration. Previously, title was held up on the ground that there weren't enough minerals to justify mining.

The subcommittee awaited a report from the FBI on a disputed letter from R. N. Appling of the Bureau of Mines to a superior. In the letter's last paragraph Appling described a telephone conversation with Interior Undersecretary Clarence A. Davis, then the department's solicitor.

Appling handled and reported on mineral samples from the Al Sarena claims. He submitted the letter to substantiate testimony he gave Davis the results of his report by telephone on Dec. 29, 1953.

Earlier, Subcommittee Chairman W. Scott (D-N.C.) said Appling's report was mailed Jan. 5, 1954, and a 17-page decision making the award was issued a day later.

Typewriter Print Differs
Scott noted the letter's last paragraph was in lighter typewriter print than other portions and asked the FBI to determine "how much it was doctored."

Dworshak said the hearings are an attempt to "smear" Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay by "insinuations, innuendoes and charges that he is guilty of some malfeasance."

He said he doubts that the parent Senate Interior Affairs Committee ever authorized its subcommittee to act in the case. He said he will raise the point at an Interior Committee meeting Friday.

Democratic subcommittee members said the inquiry has the full sanction of Senate Interior Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont.)

Scott said there was evidence of "hurried action" in the case. He said the department's award was issued the day after Appling's report was mailed from Oregon recommending the award.

Tells of Phone Call
Appling was asked yesterday if before sending in his report he had communicated with Undersecretary of Interior Clarence A. Davis who wrote the decision.

Appling said Davis telephoned him about eight days previously to ask about his findings. The geologist said he typed a report to a superior in the Bureau of Mines describing the phone conversation.

Robert Redwine, subcommittee counsel, held up the letter and noted that the typing on the paragraph detailing the phone talk was in lighter type than the rest of the letter.

"Wasn't that typed right here?" demanded Redwine. "It was not," the geologist replied.

Democrat Leaders Predict Ike Will Ask for Tax Cut

Washington—(U.P.)—Belief grew among Democratic leaders today that President Eisenhower will ask Congress to cut taxes later this year.

Recommendation Predicted
"The administration says it is against any tax reduction bill at this time," Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.), told a Democratic dinner at Baltimore last night. "But, mark my words, in an election year like 1956 I predict that before Congress adjourns the administration will recommend a tax cut."

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.), also expects such a move. He told a reporter yesterday, "it is difficult for me to believe" the administration will not recommend tax relief. He suggested

the move would be aimed at helping reelect House Republicans who voted against the Democratic tax-cutting plan last year.

The views expressed by Rayburn and McCormack raised the question of whether Democrats will attempt to seize the tax-cutting drive in advance of any presidential recommendation.

Measure Killed
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Unknown Number Believed Killed; River in Flames

Docks Said on Fire; Refinery Escapes

Lake Charles, La.—(U.P.)—A 130,000-barrel oil tanker blew up at refinery docks last night, leaving in doubt the fate of up to 21 men. Two persons were known dead.

In the confusion that followed the terrific blast that shattered windows in this nearby town, no one could say for certain just how many were aboard the Cities Service tanker Salem Maritime.

When the tanker left New York it had a crew of 41. Authorities here thought there were 50 aboard, including a crew of 49 and an inspector, when the accident happened. A New York company spokesman said the firm had reports of 23 missing.

Sheriff A. H. Reid Jr. said 27 members of the crew had been accounted for among the living, but at mid-morning he and other officials at the scene began varying their figures of survivors from 16 to 25.

Fire Still Burning
It was impossible to get an accurate account of the dead because fire was still burning in the bowels of the stricken ship.

The missing captain of the tanker was identified as Capt. John Rugman of Milton, Mass. He has been with Cities Service for 18 years.

Among the dead were L. J. Acquillan, Port Arthur, Tex., and Howard Reynolds, address unknown. They apparently were standing on the dock when the ship blew up and were killed in the initial explosion.

The tanker exploded just after it had taken on a cargo late last night with a blast that shattered windows in Lake Charles. Flames spread to three barges tied up forward of the tanker and they also exploded.

The tanker broke in segments under the searing heat after it was towed into Calcasieu River Harbor away from the sprawling refinery.

The explosion hurled flaming gas over a wide expanse of the river.

Refinery Safe
"The river's still on fire and the Cities Service docks are burning for about a mile along the river," Hill said.

The refinery itself, located about seven miles west of here, was in no immediate danger from the fire. The wind was blowing from shore.

Company officials said the missing men, with the exception of the inspector, were from the tanker crew.

The tanker, with a capacity of 130,000 barrels, was scheduled to sail early today for Norfolk, Va.

Patterson Selects Dorman's Successor

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul Patterson today appointed Robert R. Johnson of Salem to succeed Harry Dorman as director of the State Department of Finance and Administration.

Johnson has been serving as executive secretary of the Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government. He will take over the finance department post March 1, the effective date of Dorman's retirement.

Johnson is widely known in state government circles for his work in connection with establishment of the state civil service program and also the Department of Finance and Administration.

After completing survey and installation work for the State Civil Service Commission in 1946, Johnson remained as its first director.

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