

Neff Admits Money Offer for Hickenlooper

BRITISH REBELS DEMAND ACTION IN MIDDLE EAST

London—(U.P.)—Rapidly mobilizing rebels in Prime Minister Anthony Eden's own Conservative party today demanded a British crackdown in the Middle East and an end to "appeasement."

Eden took personal command of British foreign policy in an effort to prevent threatening war in the Middle East and to quell the growing rebellion that confronted him with a possible serious political crisis.

Even without trying to overthrow his government, the rebels could apply pressure to force a toughening of the attitude toward anti-British moves by Arab nations. And the demands came from a number of Conservatives.

Glubb Report Due
The Prime Minister planned to report to the House of Commons this afternoon on the ouster of Lt. Gen. John Glubb from Jordan where he built the Arab Legion. He also was to say what Britain intends to do about it.

The same group of 40-odd Conservative members of Parliament who threatened to stop last year's British retreat from the Suez Canal Zone stormed into action today protesting the Jordanian affront.

Parliamentary sources said "urgent exchanges" were taking place between London and Washington over the Mid-East crisis, but Julian Amery, another of the rebels, said that Anglo-American consultation was no substitute for policy.

Bond Issue Planned At Howard School

Patrons of the Howard school district will vote tomorrow on a \$60,000 bond issue to construct new rooms at the school, according to Superintendent Howard Boner.

Voters of the district have all been notified of the election by mail, he said. The voting poll will be open from 2 to 8 p.m.

Plans call for the construction of two new classrooms, lavatories, and a combined band and general-purpose room, Boner said.

He pointed out that the school added two new classrooms last year without the necessity of issuing bonds to pay for them, but that the growth of the district has made the bonding for the new rooms a necessity.

The school has grown 300 per cent in the eight years since 1948, Boner pointed out, going from five rooms at that time to a proposed 16 rooms by next year. More than 400 students now attend the Howard school.

Patrons of Lone Pine school district also will vote tomorrow, between 2 and 8 p.m., on a bond issue for the construction of six new classrooms, a teachers' work room, rest rooms, boiler room, storage space and covered outdoor passageway.

The proposals calls for issuing \$90,000 in bonds for the construction.

Medford Plays Beaverton In First Tourney Game

Medford high school's basketball team, representatives of district six in the A-1 state tournament at Eugene next week, will play Beaverton in its first game at 3 p.m. March 14. It was announced today.

Winner of the district six A-2 playoff, 't' be decided Wednesday night between Crater and Coquille, will play its first game against the winner of the Molalla tournament at 3:45 p.m. March 12.

Dulles Arrives in Pakistan for Start Of Conference To Bolster Asia Defense

Karachi, Pakistan—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrived here today for an eight-nation conference called to shore up the free world's fight against the new Communist offensive in Southeast Asia.

He immediately plunged into a round of talks with U. S. and Far Eastern officials in preparation for the three-day Southeast Asia Treaty Organization conference which starts tomorrow.

Lloyd, Pineau Due
SEATO representatives of Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines already were here.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau were expected to arrive a few hours

"Britain should be prepared to act for herself and give a lead to her allies," he said.

Eden ordered a fleet of transport airplanes to Cyprus to airlift as many as 2000 British paratroopers to any trouble spot and to evacuate British and American civilians from Jordan if necessary.

He faced an angry Parliament with members critical of the absence of both Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd and U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in Karachi, Pakistan, at an SEATO meeting at a time of emergency.

Sir Robert Boothby, a member of Eden's own Conservative party, cited Lloyd's absence from Britain as one of the "lessons to be learned" from Glubb's dismissal.

"It is a mistake for Foreign Secretaries to spend half of their time cavorting all over the world," Boothby said. "The proper place for Mr. Selwyn Lloyd—and this goes also for Mr. Dulles—is at his desk."

Rhee Turns Down Party Nomination For Third Term

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Aging President Syngman Rhee unexpectedly turned down his party's nomination for a third term today and then hedged on the decision when his supporters begged him to accept it.

The 80-year-old Rhee sent his rejection to the Liberal Party convention only a few hours after it had endorsed his nomination unanimously.

"I have decided not to run this year," he said.

The party refused to believe it and immediately sent a 50-man delegation to the presidential mansion to persuade Rhee to change his mind.

He told them to go out and "collect public opinion" on the choice of a candidate.

"I would like to retire and have some other more energetic and younger person than I take over the presidency," he told the party.

No Successor
If the decision is final it would throw the Republic of Korea's political scene into a turmoil. No figure of Rhee's stature has risen in either of the two major political parties.

His message did not mention his choice of a successor. It did not even refer to National Assembly Speaker Lee Ki Poong whom the party has nominated for vice-president.

The Liberal Party met this morning for a one-day session to nominate Rhee and choose his running mate. The delegates had intended to adjourn this afternoon, but the new party crisis was likely to extend the session.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, north—Chains required north of Grants Pass.

Highway 99, Siskiyou—Chains required. Eight inches of new snow.

Highway 82, Prospect—Chains required. Eight inches of new snow.

Highway 66, Green Springs—Chains required. Eight inches of new snow.

Highway 227—Chains required on Tiller-Trail highway.

Highway 199, Crescent City—Chains required on Oregon mountain.

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Israeli, Egyptian Forces Open Gunfire On Border

Tension Increased As Anti-Baghdad States Wait Talks

Syrian Gunners Kill Policemen

Jerusalem—(U.P.)—Israeli and Egyptian forces engaged in an hour and a half of gunfire near Kissufim along the Gaza Strip border in the latest flareup in the tension ridden Middle East today.

Israeli sources said Egyptian forces opened fire on an Israeli patrol near Kissufim. They said the Israeli patrol returned the fire, with the exchange continuing for about 1½ hours. No casualties were reported.

Plane Gun Target
Earlier, an Egyptian military spokesman said that Egyptian anti-aircraft guns fired on an Israeli plane which flew over the Gaza Strip this morning.

Yesterday, Syrian gunners blasted an Israeli police boat on the Sea of Galilee and killed at least three policemen. The Syrians handed over the bodies of two of the policemen and the captured boat last night. The body of a third policeman was handed over today, the Israeli Foreign Ministry announced.

Syrian President Greeted
Meanwhile, Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser warmly greeted Syrian President Shukry El Kuwaty when he arrived in Cairo this morning for an Arab conference of anti-Baghdad pact states.

Well informed Arab sources said King Saud of Saudi Arabia would arrive in Cairo tomorrow for sessions among the Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi Arabian heads of state in what amounts to a "council of war."

New clashes between Israel and Syria increased the threat of war, and there were open predictions in London that Jordan's ouster of British Lt. Gen. John Glubb made war "almost inevitable."

Diplomats feared the firing of Glubb as head of Jordan would again ally itself with Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia against Israel.

Demonstrations Reported
Demonstrations by anti-British Arab Legionnaires were reported in Amman, the Jordan capital, and several persons were reported injured as jubilant citizens fired into the air to celebrate the reported removal of a fourth British officer.

In the last retaliatory raid by Israel on Dec. 11, 56 Syrians and six Israelis were killed in an action that almost touched off open warfare and brought United Nations censure of Israel.

Portland Motorists Find Higher Gas Prices

Portland—(U.P.)—Many Portland motorists found an added two-cents-per-gallon tacked on to their gas bills today as about 100 independent operator-owned stations and stations handling non-advertised brands put a two-cent-per-gallon raise on their gasoline. The hike went into effect at midnight last night.

A spokesman for the independent stations said the move was an attempt to stabilize prices.

Adenauer Gains in Sunday's Election

Stuttgart, Germany—(U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats emerged stronger than ever today from elections in the large state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

But the party's control of both the state government and the upper house (Bundsrat) of the federal government was threatened by the possibility of an opposition coalition.

The Christian Democrats won 56 of the 120 seats in the state Parliament in yesterday's election, six more than before. The Free Democrats took 21 and the Socialists 36, a loss of two for each.

The voters gave the Communists a resounding defeat, taking away all four seats they held in the last Parliament.

Two Business Buildings Destroyed in Drain Fire

Drain, Ore.—(U.P.)—A fire in Drain last night destroyed two business buildings—the Wesley cafe and Thatcher's cleaning establishment. The Douglas county sheriff's office described the loss at total. There was no estimate of damage and cause of the blaze was not learned immediately.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 491.68 up 2.84; 20 railroads 164.85, up 2.06; 15 utilities 66.71, up 0.81, and 65 stocks 174.91, up 1.53. Sales today were about 3,060,000 shares compared with 2,860,000 Friday.



DISCUSS COUNTY OFFICES—Students from Jacksonville, Eagle Point, Crater and Phoenix discuss county offices in which they will work tomorrow as part of Student Government Day, which starts today. Jacksonville High school students are Gary Hueners, county commissioner, and Jim Korth, assessor. —(Landis-Shangle photo)

Student Government Day Under Way; Youngsters Hold Offices

Student Government Day got under way this afternoon. Students from city and county high schools, elected and appointed as officials for a day in city and county government, took the oath of office.

Students registered at the Elks' temple basement, and were sworn in at 2 p.m. by County Clerk Bereth Hopkins and Medford's Mayor Earl Miller.

The mayor and county clerk issued proclamations today, officially naming March 6 as Student Government Day, when students will act in the place of the regularly elected and appointed officials.

The program, sponsored by the Elks' club, has been adopted on a national basis as a project for other Elks' clubs. It coincides with studies of local government in Medford high school and with a study of county government in high schools outside Medford in the Elk's jurisdiction.

The Elks greeting committee, under the chairmanship of Ex-Mayor Diamond Flynn, will greet students, parents, city and county officials and other guests at a "get-together" meeting prior to the annual banquet tonight.

Banquet Slated
A banquet at the Elks' temple will start at 6:30 p.m. today. State Sen. Phillip Lowry of Med-

ford will be principal speaker. John Dellenbach will be master of ceremonies.

Students were being conducted this afternoon on tours of the Medford fire department, police departments, court house, county shops, airport and the sewage treatment plant.

The elected student councilmen and mayor will conduct the Medford city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The proclamation by Mayor Miller said, in part, that SGD youth activity does a great deal toward educating our future citizens in the field of local government and an inside look at city officials on the job.

Reds Put Price Tag On American Captives

Geneva—(U.P.)—The latest Communist Chinese blast at the United States apparently dashed any chances that all 13 Americans still imprisoned behind the Bamboo Curtain would be released this year, diplomatic sources said today.

The sources said the statement issued yesterday by the Red China Foreign Ministry appeared to put a definite price of a foreign ministers conference between the two countries for the release of the 13.

It did not specifically mention the 13 civilian prisoners, but it said a Sino-American foreign ministers conference "must be held in order to realize the desire for a peaceful settlement of disputes between China and the United States without resorting to force."

Talks between the United States and Communist Chinese ambassadors now are in their eighth month with no visible signs of progress.

Safe Burglary Attempt Reported by Market

An attempted safe burglary Saturday night at the new Piggly Wiggly market on Stewart ave. as being investigated by sheriff's deputies today.

The safe was moved out of the building through a door which was removed from its hinges, officers said. An officer on routine patrol about 9:30 p.m. found the safe on its side in a lot at the rear of the building. It had not been opened, police said.

A stamp vending machine inside the building had been broken but 55 cents still remained inside.

Weather

FORECAST: Partial clearing tonight and Tuesday with snow showers becoming more widely scattered. Continued cool. Low tonight 26-23. High Tuesday 45-47. Lowest yesterday 44. Lowest this morning 23. To 4:30 a.m. today 23. Prec. 1 in.

Record Snowfall Closes Schools, Snarls Traffic

23 Degree Cold Causes Icy Highways

A record breaking March snowfall that blanketed Medford last night caused traffic to slow to a near standstill, at least five schools to close and power outages.

The more than six inches of snow coupled with 23 degree weather made this area the worst of Oregon's weather trouble spots today.

Cars Stalled on Hill
Traffic throughout western Oregon was in a snarl this morning with at least 20 cars stalled

A snowfall of 6.1 inches since 4 p.m. Sunday was reported by the weather bureau station here late this morning. The amount exceeded total for the entire month of March in any previous year on record.

Previous heaviest snowfall for the month was 4.7 inches in 1951. A fall of 4.1 inches that same year was also the previous record for a 24-hour period in March.

Greatest snow depth for the current storm was 6 inches at 4:30 a.m. today. Most of the snow fell between 4 p.m. yesterday and 4 a.m. today, the weather bureau reported.

Snow showers are expected to become more widely scattered tonight and Tuesday.

Snow depth at Crater Lake National park this morning was 200 inches. The park had 23 inches of new snow.

on Granite hill about six miles north of Grants Pass. Chains were required in all mountain passes with eight inches of snow in mountain areas.

A 10 minute power outage in Medford Sunday evening was caused by snow loading the lines in the Prospect area, California Oregon Power company officials said today. Service was restored through other circuits.

West Side, Lone Pine, Evans Valley, Rogue River and Applegate schools were closed because of transportation difficulties, according to the county school superintendent's office.

Temperatures Fall
Last night's snowfall varied from a trace to Medford's heavy fall. Temperatures fell to a little below freezing at most places west of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington. It was 32 at Portland, 30 at Salem, and 29 at Eugene and Roseburg. The coldest spot in the northwest was Ellensburg with a low of 13 degrees.

The weather bureau said the low pressure trough associated with Saturday's storm was still located along the Oregon coast but was beginning to move inland. Forecasters predicted that it would cause more snow flurries over the state today and Tuesday with precipitation ending west of the Cascades during the night.

Another Pacific storm is now located in the eastern Aleutians but weathermen said it should not affect western Oregon weather before tomorrow night or Wednesday.

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—David Smith Troy, 55, manager of the Klamath Falls division of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., died here Saturday night of a heart attack.

Farmers Union Strongly Opposes Oregon Sales Tax

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Farmers Union expressed emphatic opposition to adoption of a sales tax amendment in Oregon in a statement today.

"We are firmly committed to a policy of taxation based on the ability to pay," the group's statement declared.

"It is quite true that the rapidly increasing cost of school taxation which falls in much too great a proportion upon real property has created a very serious situation to farmers and home owners," the statement continued.

"We are not, however, able to be convinced, or share the enthusiasm shown by some, that enactment of a general sales tax would be permanently used to

Contribution Said To Hinge on Vote On Gas Measure

Nothing Came of Offer, Group Told

Washington—(U.P.)—Oil lobbyist John M. Neff admitted today he had offered a campaign contribution for Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper if the Iowa Republican was "in favor" of the natural gas bill.

Neff made the admission after Wendell T. Edson, Storm Lake, Ia., attorney, told a select committee Neff offered to contribute \$2500 for Hickenlooper's campaign, or any other state GOP fund, if Hickenlooper would vote for the natural gas bill.

Neff, following Edson to the witness stand, confirmed the substance of Edson's testimony. But said he could not recall specifically that \$2500 was mentioned.

Neff is the Lexington, Neb., lobbyist-lawyer for Superior Oil Co. of California, who made the \$2500 campaign contribution which Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) rejected during debate on the natural gas bill.

Sought Correct Vote
Previous testimony has indicated that Neff made inquiries in five states, including Iowa, to determine the views of senators on the gas bill.

But Edson's testimony was the first direct statement that Neff proposed to make a campaign contribution contingent on how a senator voted on the gas bill.

Edson said nothing came of Neff's offer after he had told Neff that Hickenlooper would be "shocked" by any such arrangement. Edson said Neff made the offer after he had told Neff he was a "casual acquaintance" of Hickenlooper.

Hearings Ended
Neff's testimony ended a select committee's nine days of public hearings into whether an improper attempt was made to influence Case's vote on the natural gas bill. The committee now will prepare a report for the Senate on the incident, which has prompted a full scale investigation of lobbying activities.

Neff, who had previously not told the committee about his offer to Edson, conceded that he had mentioned a campaign contribution in a conversation with Edson at Storm Lake Nov. 3. The conversation took place the same day that Neff had been in Sioux Falls, S.D., to inquire about Case's attitude on the natural gas bill.

The Senate passed the bill, but President Eisenhower vetoed it because of what he described as the "arrogant" lobbying activities of a small segment of the oil-gas industry.

Case vetoed against the bill, Hickenlooper for it.

Goldwater Tells of Gift
Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.), said today he received a 1952 campaign contribution from a man named Keck who lived in Chicago.

But he told reporters he did not know the contributor's first name or whether he was related to California oilman Howard Keck. Nor did he know the amount of the contribution.

Goldwater said newsmen seeking details of the contribution would have to go to the office of Arizona's secretary of state, and inspect official reports on his 1952 campaign finances.

Goldwater's statement stirred up considerable attention in view of the fact that Goldwater is a member of the latest special Senate committee which will investigate lobbying and campaign contributions.

Goldwater was asked whether he believed the contribution might be grounds for disqualifying him as a member of the special committee to investigate lobbying and campaign contributions.

"Hell, no," he replied.

Lessen the burden on real property.

The farmers group has been opposed to the sales tax through the years because they feel such a tax is not economically sound.

At the same time, the farmers union voiced their opposition to the 45 cent surtax imposed by the 1955 legislature and lowered personal exemptions. The union said it favored elimination of the federal income tax deduction for the lowering of personal income tax exemptions.

On school support funds, the group declared the Oregon Education association and others seeking more school funds were not looking for property tax offsets, but rather for new and increased sources of money.