

# REDS LIKE 'OPEN SKIES'

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### Certain Tree Assessment Hikes Ordered Stricken From Tax Roll

#### Supreme Court Orders Assessor To Take Action

##### Technical Reasons Cited in Decision

Salem — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court today ordered the Jackson county assessor to strike certain increased assessments on commercial orchard properties from the tax rolls due to certain technical reasons.

The case was brought by the Medford Pear company which claimed increased assessments covering trees in its orchards were void.

##### Assessment Ordered

Before 1955, the county had not taxed the trees, but in June, 1955, the State Tax commission ordered the board of equalization to assess the trees and add their value to the assessed land value.

The pear company contended the increased assessments were void because the board failed to give notice of the increases. The tax commission ruled that the increased assessments were void, but the assessor failed to delete them from the assessment rolls.

##### Proper Notice Claimed

Later the tax commission, acting as a board of equalization, made assessment of the trees.

The court, in an opinion by Justice George Rossman, held the tax commissioner gave proper notice, but that assessments previously made by the assessor and not adopted by the tax commission should be deleted.

The basic question of taxing the trees was not involved in the case.

Sam Stewart, chairman of the State Tax commission, said he was "very pleased" with the state Supreme Court's decision in the Medford Pear company case.

Stewart said he regarded the decision as a victory both for the commission and the taxpayer.

**Appeal on Grounds of Errors.** Stewart pointed out that the commission had adopted practically all the increased assessments after hearings were held.

The tax official noted also that Medford Pear company appealed the tax on grounds of administrative errors and did not attack the right of the tax commission to include the value of the orchards in its property tax. This, Stewart felt, was an implicit admission that the trees were taxable.

##### By UNITED PRESS

Financial and commodity markets throughout the United States will be closed Good Friday, but banks and foreign exchange markets will operate as usual. Domestic livestock markets also will be open.

### Chamber Study of Taxation Completed; Report Includes Nine Recommendations

A four-month study of state and local taxation was concluded last night by the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Its findings, which include nine recommendations, will be presented to the chamber board at a special meeting tomorrow noon.

In brief, the report recommended:

1. Elimination of the 6 per cent tax limitation, and the adoption of a tax levy limitation based on a percentage of market values averaged over a period of years.
2. A requirement that published budgets contain comparisons with tax revenues of past years to provide taxpayers with some idea of what taxes will result from proposed budgets.
3. An increase in the number



A POINT OF INTEREST—President Eisenhower (center), Mexican President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines (left) and Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent pose on lawn at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., before meetings of the "little summit" conferences.

### Talent Residents to Ask Reinstatement of Dismissed Marshal

Talent — More than 60 Talent citizens met in the city hall last night to exchange protests over last week's discharge of John Baldwin, Talent city marshal, on grounds that he has failed to meet requirements of the job and has been the target for numerous complaints.

At least one spokesman will be delegated to carry the citizens' support for Baldwin to the city council when it meets Friday at 8 p.m. in the city hall to hear protests and consider hiring a new marshal. A petition bearing signatures of about 170 people advocating Baldwin's reinstatement will also be given to the council at that time.

**Special Meeting**  
The marshal was fired March 19 at a special city council meeting at the home of Mayor Keith V. Thoreson. Councilmen unanimously voted in favor of the mayor's recommendation for Baldwin's dismissal. Later that night the council decided to give Baldwin until April 1 to submit his resignation. He has held the position for about two years.

During the meeting Tuesday Baldwin was given a standing vote of confidence and a number of people gave testimonies as to his accomplishments. As evidence of his competency, they cited his work toward controlling traffic problems, answering calls for assistance from the citizens and aiding in numerous maintenance projects in the city.

It was explained at the meeting that Baldwin's job has consisted of both maintenance and police work. Actual percentage figures on police and maintenance work Baldwin was hired to do were unavailable at the meeting Tuesday.

Several speakers voiced the opinion that police work should be a full time job and that maintenance work should not be added to the marshal's duties.

**Recent House Fire**  
Further discussion concerned a recent house fire at which it was learned the marshal did not know how to connect fire fighting equipment. This was among factors the council reportedly considered in deciding to fire Baldwin. The feeling of the crowd appeared to be that fire fighting was not included in the marshal's duties and he therefore should not be required to be familiar with the equipment.

Another major protest the citizens voiced against the council's action concerned the fact that the meeting in which Baldwin was fired was held in a public place.

Only councilman accepting the group's invitation to attend the protest meeting was Clifford Nicholson. He made no statement during the session.

Conducting the meeting was Ray Garland, chairman of the special citizens' committee. Other committee members are Howard Lockwood, F. C. Leaming and Fred Morris.

**Supreme Court Allows Otto Cahill Petition**  
Salem — (U.P.) — The State Supreme Court today allowed, without written opinion, a petition of Otto W. Cahill for a hearing of his appeal.

Last January 25, the Supreme Court had affirmed Cahill's conviction for conversion of public funds from the Taft-Nelso-De-Lake water district.

Cahill had been fined \$1,500 and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

7. Publication of detailed reports on the county's sinking funds.

8. A broad study of the personal property tax and of possible substitutes.

**Emergency Clauses**  
9. Elimination of the ban on emergency clauses on tax legislation.

The committee has been meeting periodically since the middle of last November, and has heard testimony from many state, county and other local taxing and fiscal officers. The report was compiled from the records of these meetings, following evaluation and discussion.

The complete report, including a statement of the scope of the study, the general findings, and the recommendations in detail, will be published in tomorrow's issue of the Mail Tribune.

### Daily Worker Paper Published Despite Seizure

New York — (U.P.) — The Communist Daily Worker published its regular daily edition in makeshift offices today with assurance of Treasury officials that yesterday's tax raids were not designed to interfere with publication of the newspaper.

Internal Revenue agents raided and seized the property of the Communist publication in Chicago and New York for non-payment of income taxes.

**Tax Raids All Over**  
At the same time Treasury agents raided and locked offices of the Communist party in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia and New York for refusing to file a claim for tax exemption and failure to cooperate with tax investigators.

The Daily Worker staff left its offices on the eighth floor of a New York building when agents sealed the door with warning stickers saying the property had been seized for non-payment of internal revenue taxes.

Editorial offices were set up hastily on a lower floor of the same building where the Worker is printed by the F and D Publishing Co., Inc., a job printing concern not otherwise connected with the Communist publication.

The Worker made arrangements later to establish semi-permanent editorial offices in quarters occupied by the Morning Freiheit, a Yiddish language Communist Newspaper at the same address.

**Fight Expected**  
Both the Daily Worker and the Communist party indicated they would fight the seizure of their property in the courts.

Today's edition of the Daily Worker said in a front page editorial the federal action showed "contempt for the Bill of Rights."

John Gates, editor in chief of the Daily Worker, said the newspaper did not owe any taxes because it had never made any money.

"The Worker was founded in 1924. We have had a deficit every year since then. We have never been out of the red," he said.

**Medford's Population Estimated at 20,083**

Medford's population has reached 20,083, according to an estimate made by city officials today following a special census of the recently annexed south-east area.

City Manager Robert Duff reported to the state board of census that the southeast Medford area has a population of 355. That, plus the city's estimate of Jan. 1 of 19,728, comprises the new figure.

The special federal census made here in 1954 found the population totaled 19,050.

#### Weather

FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and mostly cloudy Thursday. Expected low tonight, 32. High tomorrow, 62.  
Temp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ 56  
Lowest this morning \_\_\_\_\_ 30

### Fire Destroys Dry Kiln Unit at Tolo Lumber Firm Plant

300,000 to 350,000 Board Feet Burned

Some 300,000 or 350,000 board feet of timber and one complete dry kiln unit were destroyed by fire last night at the Double Dee Lumber company at Tolo.

Wayne Safley, general manager of the firm, said the fire started in a control room. When discovered it was burning on belts and motor, and was thought to be extinguished. But after that, the glow of fire burning inside kiln tunnels was seen. Starts About 8:30

The fire, which started about 8:30 p.m., destroyed three double-track kilns and a cooling shed in the unit. The three tunnels were full of lumber as was the cooling shed. Safley said two tunnels were discharged of lumber yesterday afternoon, and the lumber placed in the shed.

Central Point Rural Fire Protection district which had water on the fire about eight minutes after the alarm was turned in, saved the boiler house and fuel storage tank. Safley reported.

Firemen controlled the fire on one wall while electrical equipment and other machinery was removed. A compressor and other small motors were saved from the second control room.

As much lumber as possible was saved from areas near the fire. Fire Chief Dick Krupp said, but the blazing dry lumber prevented fire fighters from salvaging much of it in the fire area itself.

The fire was allowed to continue to burn under control to dispose of debris, company officials said.

Safley has not yet estimated the amount of damage. At present company officials have not considered the possibility of reconstruction.

Krupp said state police were called to control traffic near the scene, and Central Point city fire department had crews standing by in case of another alarm.

The plant was owned by J. L. DeArmond. The unit which burned was the Tolo Lumber Driers.

**Five Appearances in Circuit Court Today**

Judge H. K. Hanna this morning revoked suspension of a two-year penitentiary sentence previously given to Warren E. Keller, 30, Trail, Ore., when he appeared in circuit court on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

John Butler Childress, 25, of 430 DeBar ave., was given a suspended two-year penitentiary sentence for entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal.

Arraigned this morning were William H. Mitchell, 19, Salem, who pleaded guilty to a forgery charge; Lee James Potter, 40, of 408 Edwards st., who pleaded guilty to an embezzlement charge; and Lawrence Duncan Ferguson, 20, Renton, Wash., who also pleaded guilty to a forgery charge.

Investigation was ordered continued on a grand larceny case against Berkeley Keller, 34, Trail, Ore.

**Motel Construction Planned at Merrick's**

Construction of a 40-unit motel, with a swimming pool, restaurant, cocktail lounge and service station, is tentatively planned for the site of Merrick's old Natatorium on North Riverside ave., it was reported today.

The Merrick building, now being torn down, is one of Medford's most historic structures, the site of many community events.

It was purchased a few years ago by a partnership including Otto Frohnmayer, Jack Crawford and Tom Culbertson.

An option to lease the property has been given to Bob Crossman, of San Francisco and Eagle Point, owner of the Medical Center building. Crossman said his plans for the motel and other units are still in the development stage.

### Russia Embraces Ike's Proposal in Own Blueprint

Many Restrictions Declared Included

London — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union has embraced President Eisenhower's "open sky" reconnaissance plan for the first time in a formal disarmament proposal, it was learned today.

An informed source said the new Soviet proposal introduced here yesterday also goes further on armaments inspection than ever before.

The United States, France, Britain and Canada were reported giving cautious study to the still secret Soviet blueprint.

The part that embraces the Eisenhower plan for mutual aerial reconnaissance is hedged by many restrictions, the informed source said.

**Giving Serious Study**  
Nevertheless, the Americans were reported somewhat heartened by the fact that the Soviets built the Eisenhower plan into a formal disarmament proposal for the first time.

The Americans were understood to be giving the offer serious and lengthy study. U. S. Delegate Harold Stassen accordingly withheld substantive American comment on the plan until next week.

Stassen did, however, ask Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko many questions in an effort to clarify the Russian position at today's session of the five-power U. N. Disarmament Subcommittee meeting.

Discussion described as "intensive" and "animated" boiled for two hours and 15 minutes in the closed door meeting. It centered altogether on the new Soviet plan and the Anglo-French disarmament proposal which the Soviets are attempting to bypass.

The United States will advance more proposals of its own early next week after the conference's Easter recess ends Tuesday.

The informed source said the United States will make a "considerable presentation."

Western delegates avoided disclosing details of the new Russian plan until Moscow does so. But it was understood to switch emphasis from nuclear disarmament toward conventional disarmament.

**McKay Submits Resignation**

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has formally submitted his resignation, freeing him for the political wars in Oregon.

McKay, a former GOP governor of Oregon, said he plans to quit about April 15 to get into the Oregon senatorial race. He will try to unseat Democratic Sen. Wayne L. Morse.

The secretary sent his resignation to the White House yesterday. He mentioned no specific date of resignation in the letter.

McKay told a group of Amherst college political science students at his office that he could not rest easy in retirement unless he at least tried to unseat Morse, a former Republican who bolted to the Democrats in 1952.

"I'll either be a senator or I'll be free," McKay said.

The 62-year-old secretary's first campaign target is the Oregon Republican primary May 18.

**Neuberger Delighted By Eugene Bond Vote**

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today he was "delighted" with rejection of a bond issue by voters in Eugene yesterday for the proposed Beaver Marsh power project on the upper McKenzie river.

Neuberger was working for Joseph Oliver, Trail, in the Long Branch area near Shady Cove when a limb fell on him, it was reported here. Extent of his injuries were not known. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

**Shady Cove Logger Hurt by Falling Limb**

Jack Dugger, 20, Trail, was injured in a logging accident near Shady Cove this morning.

Dugger was working for Joseph Oliver, Trail, in the Long Branch area near Shady Cove when a limb fell on him, it was reported here. Extent of his injuries were not known. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

**House-Senate Conferees Hand Rebuff To Administration on Cotton Price Support**

Washington — (U.P.) — House-Senate conferees, in another rebuff to the administration, voted today to boost the support price for the 1956 cotton crop by an additional 1.4 cents a pound.

The conferees voted to delete from the big administration backed provision plans for changing the way of figuring cotton supports.

**Reconciling Differences**  
The provision had been included in the Senate bill. The conferees are working to reconcile differences between bills passed by the House and Senate.

The conferees yesterday ignored administration pleas to continue flexible price supports.

They voted instead to restore rigid high supports at 90 per cent of parity for basic crops; also to provide a "dual parity" system which would raise dollar and cents supports for cotton, wheat, corn and peanuts.

**Veto Predicted**  
As the bill now stands, it is so objectionable to the administration that Republican leaders again forecast a veto if the measure reaches the White House.

As a result of today's action, the measure would provide a 1956 crop support price of 31.7 cents a pound for 7-8 inch staple cotton. This would mean sup-

### D.L. Flynn Dies Of Heart Attack

Diamond L. Flynn, 59, mayor of Medford for three terms and immediate past president of the League of Oregon Cities, died unexpectedly of a heart attack early today.

He was stricken at home late yesterday, and was taken to a local hospital at about 8:22 p.m. He died at about 3:30 a.m.

**Active in Community**  
"Dime" Flynn was one of Medford's and southern Oregon's best-known citizens, having been active in a wide variety of community and civic enterprises over a period of many years. During his terms as mayor, the city underwent many changes and improvements, including a reorganization of both fire and police departments, construction of a new city water pipeline, improvement of Hawthorne park and building of the swimming pool, and many others.

The flag at the city hall was at half staff today in his honor.

Mr. Flynn entered city government in February, 1948, receiving an appointment to the city council to fill an unexpired term. In November of that year he was elected mayor, and served three two-year terms, leaving office in January, 1955.

**League President**  
He was elected president of the League of Oregon Cities at the 1954 convention, and traveled widely throughout the state during his one-year term of office. He was long an advocate of good municipal government, and it was under his leadership

that Medford adopted the city manager plan of operation.

He was born in Palouse, Wash., on April 29, 1896, the son of Thomas and Alice F. Flynn. He was educated in Medford schools, and on Christmas day in 1919 was married to the former Miss Fay Rinaberger of Medford.

He started work as a division electrician in the Portland-Medford district of the Southern Pacific railroad, later becoming associated with the Peoples Electric company here. Still later, he was associated with his brother, Ben J. Trowbridge, in the firm of Trowbridge and Flynn.

**Semi-Retired**  
He was semi-retired for a time, but recently had accepted the position of state public relations director for Pierce Auto Freight lines.

Among his public service work was service on the war manpower board, the county arbitration board, the Jackson county selective service board, and the Medford civil service commission. He was a director of the Medford Community Chest in 1943, and of the USO between 1943 and 1946. His memberships included the Elks lodge, the American Legion and the Medford Rotary club. He served in the Army during World War I.

**Active in RVHM**  
At the time of his death he was acting director of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital organization, having been one of the most active workers in the fund-raising organizations which campaigned for the new hospital to be built here. He was also active in making plans for the Pear Blossom festival to be held here next month.

Mr. Flynn suffered a minor heart attack several years ago, but appeared to have recovered from it completely. He spent a busy day yesterday, making calls on behalf of the hospital and of the Pear Blossom festival.

Survivors include Mrs. Flynn, two daughters, Mrs. Bruce Holmes, Panama City, Canal Zone, and Mrs. Donald Ross, Portland; two sisters, Mrs. George Peake, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Mary Elkins, Los Angeles; four brothers, Alfred A. Flynn, Portland, Tom J. Flynn, Medford, and Ray and Ben Trowbridge, both Medford, as well as four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Conger-Morris funeral home.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 510.25, up 1.57; 20 rails 170.35 up 0.18; 15 utilities 67.52, up 0.06, and 65 stocks 180.45, up 0.38. Sales today were about 2,610,000 shares compared with 2,540,000 yesterday.



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