

# Israel Pioneers Observe Passover While Looking at Gun Barrels

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On the Gaza Strip Border, Israel — (U.P.) — This is the no man's land of an undeclared war. Hundreds of young Israeli pioneer settlers here are celebrating the Biblical feast of Passover, marking the Jews' liberation from Egyptian captivity. They observe it while literally looking down Egyptian gun barrels.

There is a strange irony in the ancient Hebrew rites which recall the Jewish exodus from Egypt and the swallowing up of Pharaoh's armies in the Red Sea. Today Egypt's forces, armed with 600-mph MIG-15 jets and Stalin tanks supplied by Russia, are less than 800 yards away and there's no Red Sea between them. Typical is the settlement of Jahaloz. Overlooking it are Egyptian machine gun posts perched on the hill where, ac-

ording to legend, Samson halted carrying Gaza's gates on his back. Here live some 100 young pioneer settlers, women and children, cultivating the unparched border farmlands and doubling as frontier guards. Average age of the adults is 20. In event of war they will be Israel's first line of defense. There will be no retreating. Their orders are to stand and fight. In the sparkling spring sunshine which brightens even the

drab communal buildings and severely functional layout of the farm, it is hard to believe war is near. Then you notice the barbed wire perimeter and the high wooden guard towers. At night, floodlights sweep the area outside the perimeter, probing for infiltrating Arab guerrilla bands alleged responsible for scores of hit and run attacks. Their latest tactic, according to the Jews, is to creep across at night and destroy crops now almost ready for spring harvest. A young settlement leader

grinned ruefully as he talked. "But we shall have more than enough for our Passover dinner," he said. "And our parents are coming down to join us." We were talking in their new recreation room, boasting an ancient radio set, brightly covered chairs and a handful of modern paintings. Beside the radio stood a twisted piece of metal, the tail fin of a 120-millimeter mortar bomb which fell on the settlement a few months ago. Jahaloz forms part of a string of frontier farms which are be-

ing fortified against attack. Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion and members of the army high command recently visited the settlement. There are reports of strong Egyptian troop concentrations in the Gaza strip area. But it is impossible to see any of them as one gazes across the rolling green hills toward red-roofed Gaza with the blue Mediterranean in the background. "We know they have moved troops up and we are ready for anything," said one young Kib-

butznik (the name given members of the collective farms). A few yards away girls in work-soiled blue jeans and loose fitting sweaters that would do nothing for Marilyn Monroe were turning a tin-roofed barn into a dining room for Passover Eve supper. Rough wooden tables and benches were being hauled into position. Others in the kitchen prepared unleavened bread, bitter herbs, symbolic of the days spent in the wilderness, and apples dipped in honey to represent Israel's return to

the promised land. This week there will be dancing in the fields as the first ears of corn are cut in traditional Passover ceremonies. But it will be dancing behind barbed wire with guards, hands on guns, scanning the countryside. On quiet days, nothing seems more remote than war along this lush green borderland, now dappled with spring flowers. Yet nearly 1000 persons have been killed or wounded along Israel's frontiers in the last few years of "peace."

## Iceland Proposal To Remove Troops Alarms Officials

Washington — (U.P.) — Withdrawal of American forces from Iceland would seriously damage Free World defense strategy and hand Moscow at least a whopping propaganda triumph if not more, officials said today. For this reason, the State and Defense departments are alarmed over the recommendation by Iceland's Parliament that U.S. troops be pulled out. The United States will seek through diplomatic channels to dissuade the Icelanders from carrying through the Parliament's suggestion. Said No Longer Needed The Iceland lawmakers contend American forces are no longer needed on their island because East-West tensions have eased. This was disputed Thursday by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in talking to a group of foreign service officers. He said the cold war is still on and "is worldwide in scope." "The danger constantly exists that that struggle could break from the so-called cold war into a hot war," Dulles said. In the view of American strategists, withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iceland would: 1. Leave a dangerous opening in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Atlantic defense

strategy. Iceland is a NATO member. 2. Tempt other nations to ask American-allied forces to get out of defense bases spotted elsewhere around Russia's perimeter. 3. Spread the idea that the "cold war" is over and the need for collective defense systems likewise has passed. This is Moscow's propaganda line.

## Voter Registration In County 25,808; Deadline April 17

A total of 25,808 people have registered in Jackson county to vote in the May primary, the county clerk's office reported today. This represents a total gain in registrations of 368 since the last tally was made March 22. Republican registrations total 14,272, Democrats 11,011 and miscellaneous 525. A total of 199 Democrats, 165 Republicans and 4 Independents have registered since March 22. Deadline for voter registrations for the May 18 primary election is April 17. Confusion Develops Officials said that considerable confusion has developed over cancellation of outdated voter registrations. A number of people are under the erroneous impression that they do not have to re-register this year if they voted in the 1952 presidential election. Officials pointed out, however, that any citizen who has not voted in a primary or general election during the past two years must file a new registration. Others who must re-register in order to be eligible to vote in the May primary are those who have moved within their precincts or into other precincts or to other counties in the state since the last election; those whose addresses have been changed by order of the post office; those whose names have been changed by marriage; and those who desire to change from one political party to another.

## State Legislators Declared Plotters On Morse Defeat

Portland — (U.P.) — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland charged yesterday that the Republican majority of the 1955 Legislature planned the defeat of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), when it amended the election laws. Sweetland, candidate for Democratic nomination as secretary of state, attacked the amendments in a speech before the Willamette Democratic Society here yesterday. He particularly criticized the requirement that each voter sign the poll book twice. He said this resulted in great delay in a Eugene water board election this week. Party Line Split Sweetland claimed the double-signing requirement and others were in bills that saw a party line split. Democrats opposed the legislation, he said. "These election amendments constitute a deliberate attempt on the part of schemers in back of Republican strategy to defeat Wayne Morse. I've weighed my words carefully, and that is what I mean. It was a calculated attempt to throw the election to Republicans on Nov. 6."

He said proponents of the amendments were seeking to curtail voting by "certain blocks" of voters "who work for a living, who don't control their own time, and who crowd the polls the last few hours."

Broadcast times for programs on local stations encouraging and explaining the weekly topic will remain the same as last week, with Dr. Clifford Miller, Southern Oregon college social scientist, speaking on KBES-TV Tuesday from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m., and a SOC panel speaking on KYJC from 6 to 6:30 Saturday; KMED, 9 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday; and KWIN (Ashland) from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Monday. The Great Decisions program, conducted with great success in Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Springfield and elsewhere in Oregon last year, began in Medford last week. It brings information on foreign affairs, disseminated through press, radio, television and brochures, for use in informal discussion groups. Medford Attorney Don Hansen is chairman of a temporary committee organized to present the program.

## Bank Debits Show Increase Over '55

Eugene — The southern Oregon banking area during February reported an increase of 10.6 per cent over the same period a year ago, but showed a decrease of 11.4 per cent from the January, 1956, total. Bank debits, regarded as indicators of current business activity, are compiled by the bureau of business research at the University of Oregon. Bank debits for the state last month showed a 6.3 per cent increase over a year ago. Southern Oregon, which includes Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass, totaled \$54,968,216 last month, compared to \$62,051,120 during January. February debits for the state totaled \$1,325,094,427, compared to January's \$1,472,609,612, a decrease of 10 per cent. Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms.

## Second Decisions Discussion Slated

The second topic in the Great Decisions series, "What Should the U.S. do about Germany in Europe?" will be discussed in radio and TV programs this week and next, and in Sunday's issue of the Medford Mail Tribune. Broadcast times for programs on local stations encouraging and explaining the weekly topic will remain the same as last week, with Dr. Clifford Miller, Southern Oregon college social scientist, speaking on KBES-TV Tuesday from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m., and a SOC panel speaking on KYJC from 6 to 6:30 Saturday; KMED, 9 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday; and KWIN (Ashland) from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Monday. The Great Decisions program, conducted with great success in Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Springfield and elsewhere in Oregon last year, began in Medford last week. It brings information on foreign affairs, disseminated through press, radio, television and brochures, for use in informal discussion groups. Medford Attorney Don Hansen is chairman of a temporary committee organized to present the program.

## Chamber Directors Adopt Tax Report

The board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce yesterday unanimously adopted the tax report prepared by the chamber's legislative committee. It authorized Committee Chairman Frank J. Van Dyke to present the report to the state legislative interim committee on taxation at a meeting in Salem tomorrow. The chamber, which also is represented at the week following at a statewide chamber tax forum in Salem, at which time this chamber's view on taxation will be presented by Van Dyke and LeRoy Spangler, who helped prepare the report. The board unanimously authorized the preparation of a resolution honoring the late Diamond L. Flynn, former mayor of Medford and a longtime member of and worker in the chamber. The chamber office, now located at 5 South Riverside ave., will move to new quarters in the new D'Anjou building on South Central ave., on April 13, the board was informed. It authorized the move at a previous meeting.

## Payment of Surplus Processing Cost OK'd

Washington — (U.P.) — House-Senate conferees today approved the government paying the cost of processing surplus food crops given to needy persons in this country and abroad. The conferees voted to leave such a provision in a new farm bill. It would cover such processing as manufacture of flour from wheat and packaging of butter. Last night, the conferees dealt the administration another blow by approving a provision that would give dairy farmers an extra \$120 million in income this year. The support price of manufacturing milk would be increased to \$3.25 per hundredweight, a hike of 10 cents. The butterfat support price would be increased by between two and three cents per pound.

## West Europe Red Leaders in Meeting

London — (U.P.) — West Europe's top Communist leaders were meeting here and in Rome today to puzzle out the Kremlin's new anti-Stalin line that has thrown the Communist party into convulsions of confusion. In London, British Communist leader Harry Pollitt ignored Moscow's new anti-Stalin line as he opened a national party congress, the first held outside the Iron Curtain since the Soviet switch. There were rumors he may be fired. Maurice Thorez, leader of the big French Communist party, turned up in Rome and was expected to meet secretly today with Italian Communist party boss Palmiro Togliatti to try to prevent wholesale defections from the ranks.

## Clear, Cold Weather Forecast Easter Sunday

The Medford weather bureau today predicted clear, cold weather for Easter worshippers Sunday morning, with increasing cloudiness Sunday afternoon. It is possible that there may be a low overcast over the valley early Easter morning, weathermen said, but no rain is expected.

## City Offices Close In Honor of D. L. Flynn

Offices in the Medford city hall closed from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today, during funeral services for Diamond L. Flynn, 59, former Medford mayor, who died unexpectedly Wednesday morning. City departments and employees are among those making contributions to the heart fund in memory of the former mayor. Corvallis — (U.P.) — Selection of Miss Jan Markstaller, queen of the 1954 Portland Rose Festival, to be National Moonlight Girl of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity has been announced here.

## Ike Asked To Address Linfield Commencement

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) today renewed an invitation to President Eisenhower to deliver the commencement address this year at Linfield College at McMinnville, Ore. The college is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Norblad issued the invitation last year but was told he was too early for 1956 commitments. Norblad said Linfield would set its commencement at the convenience of the President.

## German Woman Bearing Wounds of Christ Turns Back Estimated 6,000 Visitors

Konnorsrek, Germany — (U.P.) — Therese Neumann, a simple peasant woman who bleeds each Good Friday from wounds similar to those of Christ on the Cross, refused to permit visitors to see her ordeal today. It was the second time the 58-year-old daughter of a Bavarian tailor had turned back pilgrims who make the arduous trip to this tiny mountain village every Good Friday. An estimated 6000 visitors, including German and American servicemen and their families, waited outside the little house to see Miss Neumann's suffering. Some have been admitted in the past. But this year she refused to allow them to file through her room. However, members of her family reported that Miss Neumann suffered today as she has

### Weather

FORECAST: Showers tonight and Saturday morning. Partial clearing Saturday afternoon. Low tonight 35 to 38; High Saturday 58.

Highest Yesterday ..... 66  
Lowest this Morning ..... 41



SITTING AT DESK, Billy Allen, editor of New York's Communist Daily Worker, awaits arrival of Treasury agents with seizure notice that will close his office in spectacular move against the party for non-payment of taxes. (International Soundphoto)

## Texans Frightened By Tanker Explosion

Baytown, Tex. — (U.P.) — An explosion ripped open the side of an oil tanker docked at Baytown Thursday night, injuring only two crewmen but triggering short-lived fears among residents of this port city of a repetition of the 1947 Texas City disaster. Baytown is only 25 miles from Texas City, where 512 persons were killed in a series of explosions aboard a French vessel, and property damage was estimated between \$40,000,000 and \$70,000,000. Kerosene Being Loaded The Baytown explosion came as kerosene was being loaded into a 3,000-barrel compartment of the "Esso Peterson," a 10,000-ton vessel operated by Humble Oil and Refining Co. and moored to a Humble dock. Two seamen were blown into the water and two others hurt. One of those soaked but uninjured, Donald Ayres, 22, of Hillsville, Va., said, "I saw a flash and I was gone." Early today the firm issued a statement saying, "We're back in business. The crew has returned to the ship." "We have not determined the

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## More French Troops Pour Into Algeria

Algiers — (U.P.) — Another 1300 NATO-trained French troops poured ashore in Algeria today and the 17-month-old rebellion showed no signs of lessening. French military authorities said 240 persons had died in the last 72 hours of fighting—202 rebels, 28 French soldiers and 10 Algerian civilians. The Arab League pledged its full support yesterday to the French and French sources expressed fear it would flame the revolt to even greater proportions. The 1300 French troops landed where the vanguard of 30,000 NATO troops France is pulling out of former German barracks to fight in Algeria.

## Adlai Raps Lesser Duty Of President

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson, after attacking Republican proposals to cut down the duties of the presidency, flew to Chicago today to spend Easter with his son, John. Stevenson wound up a two-day visit to Los Angeles and San Francisco with a promise to return in May to wage an intensive battle for California's 68 votes to the Democratic National Convention. He is battling Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in the June 5 primary, one that may decide Stevenson's fate as a Democratic candidate. Series of Conferences Arriving in San Francisco yesterday afternoon from Los Angeles, Stevenson plunged immediately into a series of conferences with Democratic leaders supporting him. Last night, he made a 15-minute local TV and radio talk, met union leaders at the AFL Labor Temple and spoke to campaign workers. In his TV-radio talk, Stevenson scored the Republicans for proposing that the duties of the presidency be lessened. Declaring it is "imperative" for the Democrats to elect a President this year, he said: "... I think we must arrest this new and serious proposal to revise the role of the presidency by cutting down, by diminishing that great office to meet the present unfortunate circumstances." Stevenson also said Democrats must elect their own candidate to arrest "this domination of our government by a single economic interest while the big get bigger and small business disappears." Small Businesses Fail "Did you know that right here in California, 19 times as many small businesses failed last year as 10 years ago? Small businessmen are being squeezed just as the farmers are, and they both need help and they need it now." Stevenson opened his talk with an attack on Kefauver and his supporters for claiming that Stevenson's campaign in California was run by "bosses" and a "machine." "Political bosses are unknown in California and there are mighty few of them any more, anywhere," he said. "... The

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## Hitchcock Takes Stand Opposing Deschutes Dam

Portland — (U.P.) — Phil Hitchcock, Republican candidate for United States Senator, today took a stand in opposition to construction of Pelton dam on the Deschutes river. Speaking before a conservationist audience of Izaak Walton leaguers here, Hitchcock said "this is a question of the federal government stepping in and ignoring the state's right to determine the use of its own water." He declared that he was "firmly opposed to any procedure of this type that attempts to go around the state's laws." The former state senator said "conservation with multiple use is one of the biggest uses facing Oregon voters this year." Hitchcock said that "there are good reasons to believe that recreation may be the biggest use for our state's natural beauty by 1960." But he said that even if the recreation industry brings in more dollars, "we must remember that it is not the basic industry of our state. The basic industries are agriculture and lumber; people still have to have food to eat and houses to live in." The conservation problem, he said "hinges largely on access—both roads into forest areas and boat landings on streams and lakes."

## Censuses of Towns Nears Completion

Censuses in two Jackson county towns neared final tabulation today. A third count showed an increase since the last census. Talent, which completed a house-to-house census yesterday, counted 895 residents, an increase of 156 more than the 739 in the 1950 federal census. Final tabulation of a new Ashland census is expected to be completed by early next week, City Superintendent Elmer Biegel said today. The census, which Biegel said is in the "mopping-up" stage, is being taken to determine accurate population figures in order to provide a basis for possible increase in pro rata shares of certain state funds. Biegel said the count has already passed the 8,000 mark, compared to 7,739 in the 1950 federal census. Everett Ravnor, director of the census at Jacksonville, said the house-to-house count there should be tabulated late today. The census there in 1950 was 1,190.

## Police Hold Man For Threat To Ike

Denver — (U.P.) — The Secret Service office here said today it has arrested a 35-year-old Kentuckian who threatened to kill President Eisenhower. The man was identified as Sam Stepp, a transient from Inez, Ky. The Secret Service said Stepp declared in a hotel bar in Buena Vista, Colo., Monday night that "President Eisenhower is a German s.o.b. and if I ever get close enough to kill him, I'll kill him." "I have a 30-30 bullet for him," he was quoted as saying.

## Woodbury-Lorenz To Liquidate KF Operation

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — J. C. Strong, Klamath Falls manager of Woodbury-Lorenz Industrial Supply Co. and Woodbury-Lorenz Hardware, confirmed today that the Klamath Falls operation of the firm will be liquidated. Strong said the Medford branch of Woodbury-Lorenz would continue in operation.

## Eisenhower Attends Good Friday Service

Washington — (U.P.) — President and Mrs. Eisenhower today attended crowded Good Friday services at the National Presbyterian church. The first family took their regular seats up toward the front of the overflowing church and remained during a 20-minute part of the service.

## Roxy Ann Butte Road Graded by City Crews

The 3½ mile road up and around Roxy Ann butte was graded by city crews this week, making it passable to the picnic grounds in time for Easter Sunday. Rain might again make the road hard to travel, City Manager Robert Duff said, because winter weather removed a large quantity of gravel.

## Valley Telephones Due to Get Letter Prefixes in Year

Telephone numbers in Medford, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Ashland, Phoenix and Talent are scheduled to get prefixes and become seven-digit numbers about February or March, 1957. Jack Creager, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here, said the new numbers are part of a numbering plan now being established throughout the United States and Canada for a uniform system to permit long-distance calling, first by operators, and eventually by customers. Similar Numbers The numbers will be similar to present Central Point numbers, which are prefixed Normandy 4. The numbers will have three-digit prefixes, two letters and a numeral, and four other numerals. Medford numbers will be prefixed SPring 2 and SPring 3, with four other numerals; Gold Hill numbers will be prefixed ULRich 5; Phoenix-Talent prefixes will be Keystone 5; and Ashland prefixes will be MURdock 2, MURdock 5, and MURdock 9. A new Phoenix-Talent exchange will be established when prefixed numbers go into effect, Creager said. The company was recently authorized to provide expanded toll-free dialing service in Rogue valley.

## Talent Council to Consider Marshal

Talent — The Talent city council will meet at 8 p.m. today to hear citizens' complaints about the discharge of City Marshal John Baldwin and to consider hiring a new marshal. The marshal was fired by the council in a special meeting at the home of Mayor Keith Thoreson March 19. At the same meeting, the council asked that Baldwin submit his resignation effective April 1. A petition asking that Baldwin be reinstated has since been signed by about 170 Talent citizens. It will be presented to the council tonight. About 60 citizens met Wednesday in the city hall to protest the action taken by the council against Baldwin. The mayor and council charged that a number of complaints had been received about Baldwin, who was hired two years ago, and that he had demonstrated he didn't know how to hook up city fire equipment.

## Egypt Premier Blames U. S. for Controversy

New York — (U.P.) — Premier Gamal Nasser of Egypt, in an interview with the foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, said today that the United States was to blame for the present Israeli-Arab controversy. In the interview, Nasser also accused the United States of supporting British and French colonialism and of forcing Egypt to purchase arms from the Soviet Union.