

U.S. Calls for World Agency To Work Out Disarmament Program



OLD 'NAT' COMING DOWN—One of Medford's best-known landmark buildings, the old "Natorium," is coming down. The picture above shows the progress made so far by the wrecking crews. The building, known in more recent years as Merrick's Ball Room, has housed a wide variety of activities during its long history, including grand opera, swimming, shooting in a basement range, boxing and wrestling, plays, and dances. Tentative plans are being made for construction of a 40-unit downtown motel, with restaurant and swimming pool, on the site, which is a block north of Main st. on Riverside ave. —(Brainard photo)

Neuberger Seeks Special Session To Repeal State Election Laws

Portland —(U.P.)— Sen. Richard L. Neuberger demanded last night that Gov. Elmo Smith call a special session of the state Legislature to repeal recently passed election laws which he charged were aimed at "keeping people from voting."

"The egg is in your pocket, governor," Neuberger told the Portland Central Labor Council. The Oregon Democrat said that unless the new laws, which require the voter to sign two poll books and swear that his registered address is correct, are repealed they will become the major issue in the 1956 campaign. He said the laws were passed by the Republicans in the 1955 Legislature and that a recent election in Lane county showed they slowed up the vote and even resulted in many turning away from the polls after long waits in line.

If the governor fails to call a special session, Neuberger said, "the major issue in 1956 is not going to be the Al Serena mining case, or the 'give-away' program or the sales tax. It's going to be this issue..." he said.

Bill Way, president of the labor council, said his group will start a movement to bring about repeal of the measure.

Speaks on Serena Case

Neuberger, home for the Easter holidays, also had a few words to say on the Al Serena case. He charged that "an Alabama mining corporation got millions of board feet of national forest timber free, while qualified Oregon lumber mill operators must pay high competitive prices for similar timber." He criticized Interior Secretary Douglas McKay for his handling of the case.

Neuberger referred to Phil Hitchcock, a candidate for the GOP senatorial nomination along with McKay, as "Doug McKay Jr."

Keith D. Skelton, Eugene attorney and Democratic candidate for the House, also demanded Gov. Smith call a special session of the Legislature. Skelton said a dire emergency had arisen regarding the election laws in the Board of Education, which could not wait until the 1957 session.

The Eugenean pointed out that revision of the laws in election procedures and in registration procedures are needed. He sought repeal of the double signature on poll books and for clarification on the 30-day requirement for voter registration.

Skelton also said more money is needed for Oregon's higher institutions of learning. He said teachers are leaving Oregon universities in droves for other states and pointed out that the University of Oregon, with a normal faculty of 280, has lost over 60 faculty people since October.

McKay Plans All-Out Battle With Morse

By UNITED PRESS

Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, who has announced his resignation from the cabinet to seek a seat in the United States Senate, said in Chandler, Ariz., today that he would wage a "knock-down, drag-out battle" for the post with Sen. Wayne Morse.

McKay, former Republican governor of Oregon, was to speak at the convention of the National Press Photographers association.

He said Morse wanted a federal monopoly over power generation in the United States and had filibustered in it in three different political camps.

"I'm opposed to monopoly," McKay said.

Meanwhile, in his weekly newsletter to constituents, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) accused McKay of "complete subservience" to private power interests.

Neuberger, who is supporting Morse's bid for reelection, said McKay supported public development of "high cost" dams in the Upper Colorado project, which Neuberger said private utilities "wouldn't touch," but "gives the profitable Hells canyon site to the Idaho Power company."

\$20,000 Is Allotted For Flood Survey Along Rogue River

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said today Army engineers have notified him that \$59,600 has been allocated for flood control surveys on Oregon rivers.

The allocations include \$20,000 for the Rogue river, he said. Other amounts include \$10,000 for the Coquille, \$20,000 for the Umpqua, \$4,000 for the Coos Bay area, and \$5,600 for the Luckiamute river and Ricketts creek.

The funds are part of \$400,000 announced several weeks ago for surveys in Oregon and California.

Morse said "these amounts are insufficient to complete the Coquille, Umpqua and Rogue surveys, by \$73,800," and added that he would "press for full appropriations for all authorized Oregon surveys."

Morse expressed dissatisfaction that no funds were allocated for the Klamath, Yamhill, Crooked, Grande Ronde and Powder rivers.

Maj. Gen. E. C. Itchner, chief of civil works for the Army, said in a letter to Morse that only a small amount of additional money would be needed to complete the Umpqua and Rogue surveys. They will have a "high priority" for any additional funds that become available, he said.

Canada Bank Holdup Try Leaves One Dead

Coquitlaw, B.C. —(U.P.)— One man was killed and two others including a policeman, were wounded in a gun battle following a holdup of a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada here today.

The holdup was attempted by four men. Three of whom entered the bank shortly after 10 a.m. They had their faces covered with masks made of stockings. The fourth bandit stayed in a get-away car parked in front of the bank.

The trio inside the bank forced two tellers to open the vault, and started scooping up money.

"The bank's burglar alarm system was touched off unknown to the bandits and two Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables arrived outside the bank just as the robbers were leaving."

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower will hold a news conference at 7:30 a.m. (PST) Wednesday.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Wednesday with rising daytime temperatures. Low tonight 30. High tomorrow 70.

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Dulles Says Arms To Israel Might Assist in Stability

Washington —(U.P.)— Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that the shipment of arms to Israel by some Western powers other than the United States might contribute to stability in the Middle East.

No Change in Policy

Dulles at the same time told a news conference that there has been no change in the U.S. policy against the sale of arms to Israel at the present time; this, despite the almost daily appeals of Israel for jet planes and other modern weapons.

Administration officials said yesterday that Mr. Eisenhower last week had decided against selling arms to Israel at this time. Dulles took no issue with this.

In response to questions, he indicated the situation is right where it has been for months.

He said the United States has not made any affirmative decision on the arms request nor has it been turned down finally.

Would Ask for Troops

Dulles said that if it ever becomes apparent that it would be advisable to use American troops to help keep peace in the Middle East the President would first seek congressional approval, providing there was sufficient time.

In making that statement, the secretary emphasized that he does not know now of any pending emergency which would require sending U.S. troops to the area.

Navy Equips Planes With Guided Missile

Washington —(U.P.)— The Navy announced today that it now is equipping some of its patrol planes with a new guided missile which automatically searches out and destroys enemy ships at long ranges.

The announcement came only hours after informed sources disclosed that the Air Force's Snark, a winged pilotless bomber, had recently made a 2000-mile, record making flight over the Caribbean Sea.

The new Navy missile, known as the Petrel, is designed to be launched by patrol planes well out of range of the anti-aircraft batteries of enemy ships.

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ISRAEL DITCH PROJECT COULD START WAR

On the Israel-Syrian Border—(U.P.)—Gangs of tough, young Israeli engineers engaged on a project to divert the River Jordan are inching closer to a triangular wedge of "forbidden territory" where a bulldozer's backfire could start a war.

The wedge is a seven and one-half square mile demilitarized zone due south of Lake Huleh where Israel plans to tap the Jordan's winter flood waters to irrigate the Negev desert.

Both Syria and Egypt have warned that the first trickle of water through the partially completed sluice gates, now dominated by Syrian machine gun posts, will mean war.

The threats have held up work in the demilitarized zone where the sluice gates are located for two and one-half years. All attempts at negotiation, including mediation by President Eisenhower's special ambassador, Eric Johnson, have failed and now Israeli patience is running short.

Israel Premier David Ben Gurion said recently: "We will give other nations a little time to decide whether to negotiate, and then we will begin work whatever the consequences."

The engineers are ready to start tomorrow. Already their American built tractors, bulldozers and excavators are edging up the Jordan valley, building a concrete-lined canal which would carry the diverted waters. Today they are only a few hundred yards from the "forbidden zone."

Their base camp looks across a valley within easy artillery range of Syrian regimental headquarters situated in a clump of cypress trees. Their work sites are within a stone's throw of the Jordan as it rushes down a narrow ravine from Lake Huleh to the Sea of Galilee. With field glasses it is easy to pick out the heads of Syrian sentries in sandbagged gunpits.

According to Israeli planners, the Jordan scheme would harness only surplus winter flood waters which at present roar down the rocky gorge and empty themselves uselessly into the Sea of Galilee and eventually the Dead Sea.

Their plan is to divert these surplus waters by canal—leaving the Jordan to pursue its normal course, and store them for summer droughts. They would also be used to run power plants for Israeli industries.

Israel has served notice that she intends to take action. One false move here could trigger a new war tomorrow.

County's 20 Office Seekers Expected At Rally Tonight

All of the county's 20 candidates in the May primary election are expected at the old-fashioned political rally and torchlight parade tonight at the Eagle Point Grange.

The candidates, their supporters, Grange members and others interested in taking part in the parade are to meet at the Grange, next to the high school, at 7:30 p.m. They will march down Main st. and back to the Grange hall for a rally program, according to general chairman C. C. Hoover.

Board Votes To Ask Teacher Pay Increase

Board members of Medford School District 49 Monday afternoon voted to recommend to the budget committee salary increases totaling approximately \$77,764 for teachers now on the system's payroll.

The board reached its decision after studies had been made on salary standards in 17 of Oregon's largest school districts outside of Portland.

Superintendent Leonard Mayfield said the proposed increment plan would bring Medford teachers' salaries in line with schedules approved by school directors in Klamath Falls and Grants Pass.

The proposed schedule, based on experience up to 15 years, calls for a minimum annual salary of \$3,430 for teachers with one year of college; minimum of \$4,830 for teachers with three years of college; minimum of \$5,400 for those with bachelors' degrees; minimum of \$5,770 for those with five years of college, and minimum of \$4,100 and maximum of \$6,000 for those with masters' degrees.

Mayfield said the minimum-maximum plan is basically the same as those proposed in both Klamath Falls and Grants Pass.

The formula outline for placing present Medford teachers on the new schedule would provide for \$300 annual increments for teachers with one year of experience. Other teachers would receive \$300 plus \$10 for each year of experience up to \$440 for those with 15 years of experience.

The superintendent explained that new teachers coming into the system would not be placed on salary schedules above those now teaching in Medford. He added that the \$77,764 figure estimates as the total increment does not include salaries for six teachers who have indicated they plan to resign at the end of this year.

Board member said the new schedule would go into effect in September if it is adopted. It must first be approved by the budget committee and later by voters of the district.

Recommendation for salary increases is also contemplated for supervisors, administrators and special teachers, such as athletic, music and drama instructors. Consideration of raises for custodians, secretaries and cafeteria personnel will follow studies to be made on salary programs in other districts.

County Demos To Hear Mrs. Luther

One of the nation's top women Democratic party workers will speak in Medford tomorrow night, April 4. She is Mrs. Lloyd Luther, staff assistant to Mrs. Katy Louchheim, director of the national women's division of the Democratic party.

Mrs. Luther will be principal speaker at a meeting of the Jackson County Central Democratic committee at 8 p.m. in the downstairs room of the Labor temple, 24 1/2 South Grape st.

Mrs. Luther's appearance here is part of a state-wide drive on the part of the Democratic party to get unregistered voters on the books prior to the mid-April deadline, according to Howard Morgan, Monmouth, Democratic state chairman. A former worker in her home state, Mrs. Luther is considered an expert in the techniques of stimulating political activity. She was the public representative at the 1954 minimum wage conference and has served on the board of the Mental Health association of the District of Columbia.

Accompanying Mrs. Luther to Medford will be Mrs. Edna Seales, Clackamas county, state vice-chairman of the Democratic party, and Harry J. Hogan, Hood River, director of organization for the party in Oregon.

Democrats from Klamath, Douglas and Josephine counties will also attend.

Anyone interested in hearing Mrs. Luther is invited to attend, according to Robert Boyer, county Democratic chairman.

City Council to Hold Two Hearings Tonight

Two public hearings on changes of zone will be held at the Medford city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. today. One proposed change is from commercial (class III) to light industrial (class V) in a section of Cottage addition, and the other is from single family (class I-A) to multiple family (class II) in Siskiyou Heights extension.

Also on the agenda is consideration of ordinances authorizing plans and specifications for paving on Boardman st. from Ohio st. to Boardman rd., on Modoc ave. from East Main st. to the old city limits, and for a sanitary sewer in block four of Highcroft addition.

The council will consider adopting plans and specifications for sanitary sewers on Capital ave.-Valley View area; on South Ivy st., from Holmes ave., to Garfield st., and on Whitman ave. from Holmes ave. to Garfield st.

Dakotas Hard Hit By Snow and Wind

Sioux Falls, S. D. —(U.P.)— A raging snow, wind and ice storm struck wide areas of the Dakotas today and at least 42 South Dakota communities were cut off from all except short-wave radio communication.

Pierre, capitol of South Dakota, was the largest of the isolated communities.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. reported that repair crews dispatched to the worst storm area had to turn back.

A bus en route from Rapid City to Pierre was literally blown off the road 12 miles west of Pierre, but there were no injuries or damage. The bus driver borrowed a car from a farmer and took the 12 passengers into Pierre.

Creswell Farmer Due Saturday With Orphans

Portland —(U.P.)— Harry Holt of Creswell, Ore., is due to arrive here at 12:35 a.m. Saturday with 13 more mixed-blood Korean orphans for adoption by American families.

The contingent of children fathered by Americans in Korea during the Korean war is the second to be rescued from starvation by the Oregon farmer. Last October he brought 12 to this country at his own expense and adopted eight of them himself.

Twister Kills Seven in South

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The injured included 35 at Miami, Okla., where 15 remained in hospitals and others were released; seven in hospitals at Cushing, Okla., where they were taken from Drumright; eight at Davenport, Okla.; two at Pond Creek, Okla.; one at Hopeton, Okla., and a number at Grenola and Baxter Springs, Kan.

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Flap Trouble Seen In Ditching of Plane

Seattle —(U.P.)— An "unsymmetrical flap position" probably caused the ditching of a Northwest Airlines Stratocruiser with the loss of at least four, and possibly five, lives yesterday, a company vice-president said today.

Frank C. Judd, vice-president in charge of operations and engineering said: "We think it was flap trouble. That's what the pilot radioed the control tower just before he went down. The engines and propellers were okay and doing everything that could be expected."

Flaps are attached to the trailing edges of the wings and can be lowered to provide more lift for take-offs and landings.

Local Couple Parents Of 12th Child Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Read made it an even dozen when a daughter was born to the couple yesterday at Sacred Heart hospital. The Reads already were the parents of 11 sons and daughters, the eldest 27 years old, and have five grandchildren. Next youngest child is Tommy, 7 1/2 years old.

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Peach Orchards Heated In Area This Morning

Temperatures as low as 24 degrees resulted in home peach orchard heating in Jackson county Monday night, C. B. Cordy, county extension agent for horticulture, reported today.

He said that considerable damage to the fruit would have resulted if the orchards had been left unheated. Many of the more advanced buds in unheated peach orchards in cold locations were killed last night.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York —(U.P.)— Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 515.91, up 0.81; 20 railroads 171.41, off 0.96; 15 utilities 67.17, off 0.24, and 65 stocks 181.69, off 0.26. Sales today were about 2,760,000 shares compared with 3,120,000 yesterday.

Full Freeze on Nuclear Weapons Eyed in Proposal

Most Detailed Plan Yet Put Forward

London —(U.P.)— The United States called today for the establishment of a world agency that would work step by step through conventional disarmament to a full freeze on nuclear weapons production.

The proposal was put forward by U.S. delegate Harold Stassen as the latest in a series of plans placed before current sessions of the five-power disarmament conference.

Most Detailed Plan

The proposal amounted to the most detailed American plan yet put forward for nuclear disarmament.

It was a compromise between the Anglo-French plan, which aims at nuclear disarmament, and a Soviet blueprint which concentrates on conventional arms cuts only.

The new American plan pulls together in one framework many old proposals made by the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France, and then adds some new points. Only Canada has not offered an arms cut plan yet at the conference.

Form of Working Paper

Stassen introduced the latest American plan in the form of a draft working paper.

He emphasized the working paper aspect of his suggestion, noting that it was subject to negotiation.

Shortly after he returned from a week-end conference at Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther's SHAPE headquarters near Paris, Stassen conferred privately yesterday with Russia's Andrei Gromyko.

Major Morris Dies Of Gunshot Wound

Major McKinley Morris, 58, Shady Cove, shot and killed himself in the bedroom of his home with a .38 caliber revolver about 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sheriff Howard Gault reported today.

Mrs. Morris told authorities she heard a shot and found his body on the bedroom floor near a dresser.

Mr. Morris was born June 13, 1897 at Lebo, Kan., and was associated with the Medford Ice and Storage plant until about two years ago. Previously he served as general manager and later as president of the Ashland Ice and Storage company for several years. He was affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations in this area.

Survivors include the widow, Lorraine (Polly) Morris; his father, George W. Morris, Covina, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Al Hermanson, Medford; Mrs. Jim Lindsey, Tracyton, Wash., and Mrs. S. M. Fisher, Silverdale, Wash.; five nieces and one nephew.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Perl Funeral home in Medford.

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