

Eisenhower Outpol HAMMARSKJOLD PLEAD

Meeting To Seek Mid-East Solution Lasts 75 Minutes

New Commando Raids Charged by Israel

Cairo — (U.P.) — Egypt announced, in the midst of its peace in the Middle East negotiations with U.N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold, that it was withdrawing its Fedayeen suicide squads from Israel.

Cairo, Egypt — (U.P.) — U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold pleaded today with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser for peace in the Holy Land.

They met in Nasser's office to the wailing of an air raid siren test and against a background of new Israeli charges of "acts of terror" in Israel during the night.

The meeting lasted 75 minutes and Hammarskjold told reporters he would confer again with Nasser before leaving Cairo.

Report 'Imaginative'

Asked to comment on a report he had submitted a six-point compromise plan to Nasser to settle the crisis he said the report was "very imaginative." He said nothing more.

Later, a high Egyptian source was asked if Nasser had answered a letter from the U. N. Truce Organization requesting the immediate withdrawal of Fedayeen Commandos from Israel. He replied flatly that "Egypt did not and will not answer the letter."

11 Commandos Killed

Israel has maintained that these Fedayeen suicide groups infiltrated its territory from Egypt during the past week end to kill and sabotage. Israeli forces claimed they killed 11 of these commandos.

Ludwell Denny, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, said in a dispatch from Tel Aviv that "an Arab-Israeli war within two weeks is probable unless infiltration of this country by Arab Fedayeen suicide squads ceases. War in the Middle East could lead to world war."

Military Vacuum

High Egyptian sources said Nasser, key man in the Middle East crisis, was prepared to propose creation of a military vacuum between Egyptian and Israeli forces as the best means of keeping the peace.

This would be accomplished by pulling back troops one kilometer (six-tenths of a mile) from each side of the border. He has made such a suggestion before. This would be a formal proposal.

But Israel said Hammarskjold's mission would be useless unless he wrung a promise from Nasser to end the terror activities of Fedayeen — the do-or-die commandos who have struck deep inside Israel.

Transit Savers Propose

Boycott of Trolleys

Oak Grove — (U.P.) — A one-day boycott of interurban trolleys between Portland and Oregon City was proposed last night at a meeting of Transit Savers, Inc., here.

Some members of the organization, indignant at the plan to shorten the trolley line by several blocks through elimination of trolley tracks from new Hawthorne bridge approaches, suggested that all commuters drive to work or to shop in Portland some day next month.

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President Signs Legislation for Colorado Project

Measure Represents Eisenhower's Belief

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today endorsed the "top to bottom" theory of river development as he signed legislation for the Upper Colorado River Project.

Sitting in his small office overlooking a rainswept Augusta National Golf course, the President said the Upper Colorado bill "represents one thing I believe in."

Follows His Idea

He added that he likes the bill because it follows his idea of "treating river valleys as a whole thing—it goes from top to bottom—it recognizes that one thing is certainly true—water is getting to be our most valuable resource."

The Upper Colorado Project is a water and power supply system dreamed of for half a century.

The bill calls for construction of four major power dams and 11 water supply units on the Colorado and its tributaries. The works will be spread over four states, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah, and will cost an estimated \$760,000,000.

The Interior Department will handle the immense job, and Secretary Douglas McKay called signature of the bill "an historic milestone."

McKay said it "is gratifying" to see the way cleared for work on the project, although he warned that it cannot "be completed and fully operative in our time."

Initial Construction

The President asked for \$8,000,000 for a start on the project in his budget for fiscal 1957. McKay said the initial work will be on access roads into the remote sites where the main dams will be built.

He said he hopes that contracts for construction on two main dams, Glen Canyon on the main river near the Arizona-Utah border and Flaming Gorge on the Green river in Utah, can be signed early next year.

198 Pints of Blood Collected Yesterday

A total of 198 pints of blood was donated during the monthly visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Medford Elks temple yesterday, officials reported today.

The Bloodmobile is at the Ashland Elks temple today, where the quota is 175 pints.

A total of 223 people, including 90 "drop ins," appeared to donate blood, of which 25 were rejected, officials said.

The quota for the Medford visit was 250 pints.

Salem — (U.P.) — Chief Justice Harold J. Warner has assigned Circuit Judge A. J. Goodwin of Eugene to sit in Jackson and Josephine counties to assist with the docket.

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FREAK STORM—This scene at Somerville, Mass. is typical in many New England towns as recent heavy snows caused collapse of hundreds of utility poles, causing power failure and the danger of live wires in the streets.

Study of \$610,158 Budget For Medford Starts Today

The city budget committee tonight will start a detailed study of a preliminary general fund budget totaling \$610,158 for fiscal year 1956-57.

The proposed budget is \$50,468 more than this year's, which totals \$559,690. But the estimated property tax levy will be less than during the present year. Total levy during 1956-57 is estimated to be \$462,673, compared to \$469,212 levied during 1955-56.

The preliminary general fund and library levy of \$247,027 equals the amount allowable under the 6 per cent limitation. Increased Demands

City Manager Robert Duff said that increased population and growth in area have "stepped up demands for service in all departments," but several factors have been responsible for a slightly smaller property tax levy.

The reduced levy in the preliminary budget is possible, Duff said, because of increased estimated receipts from most sources, particularly in the engineering and building departments; a reduction in the bonded debt payment services because of a tapering off of the general bond fund payment schedule; because of economies in operations resulting in an estimated slightly higher cash balance; and an increase in the tax base occasioned by recent annexations.

Duff said consolidation of the offices of treasurer and recorder also will effect a saving and increase efficiency.

Capital Improvements

The preliminary budget, he noted, does not include a capital improvement program which would provide the city with necessary arterial street and storm sewer facilities.

Duff estimated the cash balance at the end of the present fiscal year to be \$28,516, compared to an estimated balance of \$23,729 last July 1. Receipts

for fiscal year 1956-57 are estimated at \$531,999, Duff said. The estimated receipts and carry-over balance, totaling \$380,515, will leave \$229,643 to be levied for the general fund, he said. The levy equals \$219,805 allowable under the old tax base, and \$9,838 allowable under the tax base since recent annexations.

A library fund levy of \$17,384 is included in the general fund for a \$247,027 total general fund levy.

The summary of levies in the preliminary budget, besides the general fund and library, shows \$68,856 for general bond fund; \$36,225, water bond sinking fund; \$88,452, fire maintenance fund; and \$22,113, park and swimming pool.

Budgets for most city departments have been increased because of increased services.

Among items which are included in the preliminary budget is \$4,357 for improvements at the city hall. Duff said most of this would go toward relocating the women's jail, funds for which were eliminated from the 1955-56 budget. The change will allow more room in the police department, he said.

Street Lighting

Another item increased in the proposed budget is \$30,468 for street lights. Duff said the money, if approved, will be used to increase present street lights as well as install lights in residential districts.

Provisions have been made for full time city attorney, who probably will have offices in the city hall, Duff said. The attorney "will be of value to the municipal court and promote a codification and modernization of city ordinances," he stated.

A total of \$4,500 has been proposed for Roxy Ann road repairs. No funds have been budgeted for such repairs during the past three years, and Duff pointed out that during the recent heavy rains, the road was extensively damaged. Proposed funds would match federal funds which have been requested for repairing Roxy Ann road.

Some \$7,500 has been proposed for the city planning commission. The same amount was proposed for the present fiscal year, but was cut to \$2,000 when voters rejected a levy exceeding the 6 per cent limitation.

Estimated revenue and expenditures respectively, for various

Stevenson in Illinois THE EGYPT PREMIER

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 32-34. High Thursday 60.

Highest Yesterday 60 Temp. Lowest this Morning 40 Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today 27

Florida Buffeted By Wind and Rain; Trailers Wrecked

Lakeview Blanketed By Spring Snowfall

By UNITED PRESS
Violent winds and rain hit Florida last night and snow, rain and dust storms plagued the Far West.

At least 15 persons were injured when strong winds with tornado velocity ripped through parts of Florida. Hundreds of trailers were knocked over and dozens of roofs were blown off in the West Hollywood and Dania areas.

An airline pilot reported a tornado south of Fort Pierce and another was reported at North Perry airport at Hollywood.

Three Inches of Rain

However, Miami Weather bureau officials doubted that the storms were tornadoes. They called them "downdrafts" from thunder squalls that dumped as much as three inches of rain in parts of the state.

Police said they could not make an accurate estimate of the damage because of the confusing tangle of wrecked trailers and debris left in the wake of the storm.

Meanwhile, cooler temperatures moved into the Pacific coast region early today following light rain and snow which fell last night. Oregon and California received light rain, while snow was reported in the mountains. Five inches of snow blanketed Lakeview, Ore., last night.

Temperatures dropped as much as 23 degrees in the early morning hours.

Dust in California

Near-gale force winds churned sand and dust in the desert regions of California last night and moved into extreme western Arizona early today. The 40 to 50 mile an hour winds stirred up sand and dust and obscured vision of motorists in the area.

Rising temperatures warmed the Central Mountain and Plain states early today. Warmer weather also spread into the western and southern parts of the Midwest.

Light to moderate rains continued to fall in the Middle Mississippi valley area with a 24-hour total of 2.21 reported at Tupelo, Miss.

Singer Nat King Cole Attacked on Stage by White Segregationists

Birmingham, Ala. — (U.P.) — Negro musician Nat King Cole promised today his show would go on in Dixie despite the intimidation by three white segregationists who pounced on him while he was singing to a packed audience and attempted to abduct him.

Cole received a slight back injury in the on-stage melee Tuesday night but came back to finish his singing performance after being treated by a doctor.

His manager, Robert Schwartz of New York, said Cole would go right ahead with his scheduled tour of southern states where racial incidents have occurred regularly in recent months.

The men who attacked Cole were intercepted by police before they could carry out their apparent plan to abduct the Negro musician. They were hustled to jail and charged with inciting a riot. Three others were booked on the same charge as accomplices and two more were held for questioning.

Against Rock and Roll

Kenneth Adams, 35, a member of the Anniston, Ala., White Citizens council board of directors, was identified as the apparent leader of the attack on Cole.

The Anniston council recently announced a campaign to rid Alabama of rock and roll music on charges it is "immoral" and inspired by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as a form of "integration brain wash" for southern white teenagers.

Cole is not a rock and roll artist. He is a master of the smooth school.

Police said that they had been tipped there might be trouble at the municipal auditorium where Cole was scheduled to appear before a packed audience of 3,000 white people.

They moved in fast when the three white men moved down the aisle of the darkened auditorium while Cole was on stage singing.

Officer Robert N. Higginbotham said he saw two men crawling upon the stage. He heard one of them say "Drag the --- off the stage."

Slugged with Bottle

He told the United Press he grabbed one of the white men and saw he was holding a coke bottle.

"He hit me in the nose with it," he said. The officer suffered a broken nose from the blow.

"The first thing I knew somebody fell against my legs," Cole said. "They hit the microphone and it bounced back and hit me under the chin. Then I went over on my back."

PT&T Technicians Discuss Plans for Microwave System

Relays May Be Put in Service Next August

Twenty-seven Pacific Telephone company technicians here from Washington, Oregon and California today started discussions on final plans for putting the company's new microwave relay system between Sacramento and Portland into operation next August.

When the system is completed television programs of three networks will be beamed through the air in 30-mile jumps from Los Angeles north to Washington. Currently both television programs and telephone conversations travel between Sacramento and Portland by coaxial cable.

The Sacramento-Portland microwave link will allow the cable to handle 1,200 more long distance telephone conversations.

On the agenda here, in addition to technical discussions, are visits to the two microwave relay stations under construction in Jackson county. One is at Siskiyou summit near the California line and the other on Baldy mountain, 11 miles southeast of Medford. The visits will coincide with erecting of four microwave relay antennas at each of the two stations this week.

Nine stations, costing about \$250,000, are being built in Oregon. Four are under construction in California from Chico to Fythish caves.

R. Patrick Sweeney, telephone company supervisor from Portland and coordinator of the Oregon portion of the radio relay project, is chairman for the meetings. Cal O. Webber, Talent, chief transmissionman for PT&T at the Medford central office, is host at the two-day meeting at Rogue Valley Country club.

No Threat of Flood Foreseen at Present

Rain yesterday and today did general good and was welcomed by the farmers and, while streams are rising a little, there is no flood threat foreseen at this time, the Medford station of the weather bureau reported.

A total of .27 of an inch of precipitation was recorded at the weather station up until 4:30 a.m. today. Seven inches of new snow was reported at Crater Lake, making depth there 161 inches. The bureau received no other reports on amount of snowfall in the hills of the area although there may have been some on the higher hills.

Weather is expected to be partly cloudy and cooler to night and Thursday.

Glenn Jackson Named To Centennial Group

Salem — (U.P.) — Two new members were named to the Oregon Centennial Commission and a Columbia River Gorge commissioner reappointed today by Gov. Elmo Smith.

Glenn L. Jackson of Medford and T. F. Sandoz of Astoria were appointed on the Oregon Centennial Commission for terms ending Dec. 31, 1959. They replace Rodney Keating of Medford and S. F. Woodbury of Portland who recently resigned.

Both Jackson and Sandoz are present members of the Oregon Development Commission.

George D. Ruby of Portland was reappointed as a member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission for a term ending March 31, 1960.

Survivors of Marine March Quizzed in Secret Session

Parris Island, S. C. — (U.P.) — A Marine Corps Court of Inquiry questioned in secrecy today the members of a platoon ordered out on an unauthorized disciplinary march that brought death by drowning to six teen-age recruits Sunday night.

Outsiders Omitted

No newsmen or other outsiders were permitted to attend the session of the three-officer inquiry board as it sought to get the facts and decide what, if any, further action should follow.

Funeral services for the six victims will be held here tomorrow morning. A Catholic service will be conducted for Pvt. Donald

Write-in Challenge From Kefauver Of Little Threat

Democrat Candidate Gets Confidence Vote

Chicago — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower appeared today to have beaten Adlai E. Stevenson in a total vote popularity contest phase of the Illinois presidential primary.

Stevenson won a home state vote of confidence from Illinois Democrats, turning back a write-in challenge from Sen. Estes Kefauver.

Stevenson and Mr. Eisenhower engaged in a see-saw race for the biggest share of the total vote, but as late returns were tallied the President moved into a consistent lead of about 17,000 votes.

Small Kefauver Vote

Stevenson led Mr. Eisenhower, 476,948 to 256,011 in the Democratic stronghold of Chicago and Cook county with only 29 precincts uncounted. But Mr. Eisenhower moved ahead downstate and in Chicago's Republican suburbs. His downstate margin was 443,862 to Stevenson's 206,021.

Kefauver, whose name was not on the ballot but whose supporters conducted a write-in drive, got only 31,111.

On the Republican ballot, Sen. William F. Knowland of California who entered the race before President Eisenhower announced he was a candidate and could not withdraw, got 30,774. Lar Daly, a perennial candidate, got 8798.

On the Democratic side, a write-in effort on behalf of Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio apparently never got off the ground, garnering only 79 votes.

The primary vote was the lightest in 12 years and few definite conclusions could be drawn from it. Kefauver's supporters had hoped for 10 per cent of the vote for Stevenson, and fell short.

Stevenson, on the other hand, ran a close second to Mr. Eisenhower but the test was regarded as inconclusive because voters cannot cross party lines in the Illinois primary.

Voter Registration Reaches 26,655 Here

Jackson county voter registration for the May primary election now total 26,655, election officials reported today.

Since April 6, a total of 220 voters have registered. New Republican registrations total 114 and new Democratic registrations total 106. No new independent voters have filed since April 6.

Only five days remain until the April 17 registration deadline, election officials reminded voters. The total of registered voters in the county is still considerably under the 32,882 total registered for the 1952 primary election.

D'Anjou Pears Start To Bloom in Valley

D'Anjou pears are starting to bloom in some of the early orchards in the valley. C. B. Cordy, county extension agent for horticulture, reported today.

Generally, other pears in the area are in the pink bud stage, he said. Rains yesterday caused no apparent damage, though some scab may result in the future.

Cordy said other pear orchardists are busy applying pink bud scab sprays.

The county agent also commented that peaches have passed the full bloom stage and weather is favorable for pollination. Prospects for a successful crop appear good, he said.

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price supports for basic crops produced this year.

In a compromise move, administration leaders sought yesterday to rally Republicans behind a substitute plan that would raise minimum supports to 82½ per cent of parity from the present 75-90 range. But they were rebuffed by a group of Republicans from the Midwest farm belt who said they would vote with the Democrats unless the administration offered more.

Crucial Vote

Both sides agreed the crucial vote would come on a Republican move to send the measure back to the Senate-House Conference Committee with instructions for revamping it. If that failed, members believed the bill was certain to pass.

The compromise offered Republicans at a closed-door conference yesterday called for elimination of the bill of 90 per cent of parity, dual parity, a mandatory two-price plan for rice this year and authority for a two-price wheat plan next year.

Price Boosting Provision

The pending bill would peg 1956-crop support prices higher than this compromise for corn, wheat, cotton, peanuts, grain sorghums, rye, oats, barley and domestically-consumed rice. But the proposed compromise would retain a price-boosting provision that would jack up price supports for butter two cents a pound and for manufacturing milk 10 cents per 100 pounds.

House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts said efforts were being made to revamp the compromise proposal. He said he hoped for victory, but didn't know how the vote would go.

Two Coast League Ball Games Rained Out

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Rain today caused postponement of two Pacific Coast League baseball games, Vancouver vs. San Francisco here, and Portland vs. Sacramento at Sacramento.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 112.70, up 2.66; 20 railroads 169.78, up 1.24; 15 utilities 66.54, off 0.14; and 65 stocks 180.29, up 0.83. Sales today were about 2,440,000 shares compared with 2,590,000 yesterday.

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