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Sailor Testifies He Rebuffed Red Pleas to Return

Washington—(U.P.)—A refugee Russian sailor testified Saturday that he rebuffed official Soviet pleas to return home because a Soviet diplomat's face believed his soft words of enticement.

The sailor, Michael Ivankov-Nikolov, said Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zaroubin's face showed "there was nothing good we could expect."

Ivankov-Nikolov recounted to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee details of the confrontation Friday behind the closed doors of an immigration office here.

One of Four

The 36-year-old former Navy radioman was one of four defecting Soviet sailors who spurned Zaroubin's efforts to have them renounce their decision to live in a free world. Two of his fellow-sailors told similar stories.

Five of Ivankov-Nikolov's fellow defecters were lured home April 7 under circumstances which Congressional investigators denounced as "political kidnapping." The United States expelled two Russian diplomats to the United Nations as a result of the incident.

Moscow Statement

Ivankov-Nikolov said a statement issued in Moscow Thursday by the five who returned is "a lie from beginning to end" and "something dreamed up and given to them for reading by Soviet authorities." The five men said they returned voluntarily and accused U.S. authorities of trying to block their departure.

Ivankov-Nikolov also testified that Zaroubin gave one of his shipmates, Viktor Soboyev, what was purported to be a letter from his family. But Ivankov-Nikolov said, "the language was not one his relatives spoke before their births, speak now, or will speak in future life."

School District 6C To Vote on Budget

Central Point—A tax levy of \$282,256.81 for operation of schools in district 6C during 1956-57 will be voted on Monday at an election from 2 to 8 p.m.

Polling places for residents of the district will be Central Point Junior high school gymnasium and Gold Hill school gymnasium.

Total tax levy for the 1956-57 fiscal year is \$422,183. Tax levy for the current year is \$344,041. The total tax levy outside the 6 per cent limitation including sinking fund for 1955-56 was \$242,996.48. The proposed budget is \$326,675.11.

Big Three See War Danger Decreased

Washington—(U.P.)—The Big Three Western Powers believe the danger of imminent war in the Middle East has been stayed off by United Nations action, diplomats reported Saturday.

Their guarded optimism was disclosed as diplomats prepared for important talks on the Middle East in Paris next week by the Big Three foreign ministers in Paris.

These conferences will coincide with a secret report to be filed with the United Nations Security Council by U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on the results of his Middle East peace mission. Of key interest was whether Hammarskjold discovered any middle ground between Israeli and Arab views on peace.

Radio Highlights

A 15-minute recording made during the press conference conducted by Mrs. Franklin L. Roosevelt during her visit here last week will be broadcast on radio station KMED at 12:35 p.m. today.

School Budget Is \$1,992,437; Call Election June 1

A Medford school district budget totaling \$1,992,437.11 was approved Friday night, and an election was called for June 1 when it will be submitted to voters of the district.

The budget was gone over in detail by member of the school board and five citizen-members of the budget committee. It was prepared by School Superintendent Leonard Mayfield and his staff, under the supervision of the school board.

Increased Expenditures

The budget calls for increased expenditures totaling \$200,203.76, which were occasioned by increased enrollments, higher salaries and other increased costs of operation.

But Mayfield said Saturday he believes the increase is smaller in proportion than those of most other major school districts in the state. It will result in an estimated increase in millage from the 39.8 levied this year to 42.8 for the coming year. Mayfield said the Medford district now has the fourth-lowest millage rate of any major Oregon school district, and it is expected that position can be maintained or bettered.

General Fund

The general fund, which is total expenditures less bonded debt service, amounts to \$1,795,233.35. Major components of the general fund include general control and administration, \$44,175.17; costs of instruction, \$1,228,477.17; operational expense, \$150,290.17; maintenance and repairs, \$78,150; auxiliary agencies, \$35,434; fixed charges, \$84,876.84; and capital outlays, \$163,530. Debt service on non-bonded debt will be \$300, and \$10,000 is set aside for emergencies.

The general fund of the coming year is up \$234,615.22 from the general fund this year of \$1,560,618.13.

Receipts for the coming year, including all sources of income except school district property taxes, will total \$706,135.69. These include delinquent taxes collected, a transfer of O & C funds from the county for bond service, county school fund, basic school support fund, common school fund, vocational education aid from the federal government, tuition, sale of supplies, and smaller miscellaneous sources.

Tax Levy Estimate

Deducting the estimated receipts of \$706,135.69 from the total budget of \$1,992,437.11, the amount necessary to balance the budget is \$1,286,301.42. This is increased by the amount which is estimated will not be collected, including tax rebates, or \$40,941.55. The resulting tax levy estimate is \$1,327,242.97. This compares with \$1,163,868.19 for the current year, and \$911,244.32 for the school year 1954-55.

Of the necessary tax levy, \$561,903.72 is within the 6 per cent limitation, and \$965,339.25 is outside, thus requiring the approval of the voters, under the Oregon constitution.

Some of the changes in the budget structure were required by the fact that Dewey and Kenwood districts will become a part of the Medford district as of July 1, 1956.

Mayfield also pointed out that enrollment in 1954-55 was 4,332 students, and that for the coming year it will be an estimated 5,100. He said experience has shown that for each new child enrolled in school, a \$1,000 outlay in capital costs will, sooner or later, be required. The current budget, he said, reflects increases caused by construction of two new schools, salary increases for teaching personnel, and additions to the teaching staff.

Members Listed

Members of the school board who approved the budget are Edward Branchfield, chairman, and Otto Ewaldson, Mrs. Stephen Nye, Frank Bash and William Barker. Budget committee members are Lee Mellich, Hugh Coleman, Robert Cunningham, M. M. Huggins, and the Rev. D. Kirkland West.

The budget will be published in full detail twice before the June 1 election, on May 9 and 21.

The election will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. that day, with a poll open in the girls' gymnasium of the Medford High school. Those eligible to vote are residents of the school district who have lived here for six months and who have been registered to vote for 30 days. Residents of the Dewey and Kenwood districts, which are joining the Medford district this year, are not eligible to vote in this year's budget election. Nor are residents of Oak Grove and West Side districts, which will become a part of the district this year, but which will operate under separate budgets for one more year.

Adlai E. Stevenson Schedules Visit to Ashland on Tuesday

Minor changes in Adlai E. Stevenson's visit to Jackson county Tuesday, May 1, have been announced by Robert Duncan, chairman of the county Stevenson for President committee.

The Democratic presidential aspirant will arrive at Medford airport at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, and go directly to Ashland by motor caravan. He will speak for 30 minutes starting at 11:25 a.m., Duncan said.

He will return to Medford, where he will speak on the Jackson county courthouse steps starting at 12:10 p.m., and will be guest at a luncheon sponsored by the county Democratic party at 1 p.m. in Medford hotel. Duncan will introduce Stevenson at the courthouse steps talk.

Klamath Falls Visits

After the luncheon, Stevenson will leave Medford by plane at 2:36 p.m. for Klamath Falls, where he has evening engagements.

Al Miller is in charge of arrangements for Stevenson's visit to Ashland.

Reservations for the 1 p.m. luncheon in Medford may be made by telephoning Mrs. Duncan, 2-4070; Mrs. Robert Boyer, 3-5189; or Mrs. Moore Hamilton, 2-2801.

Democratic and Republican candidates for county, state and national offices will be heard at 8 p.m., May 4, at Hedrick Junior High school under sponsorship of the Medford League of Women Voters. Jayettes will hold a baked food sale for an hour prior to the program.

Six-Year-Old Boy Fatally Injured In Prospect Friday

Kenneth Moore Falls Under Bus Wheels

Kenneth Douglas Moore, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight V. Moore, box 229, Prospect, died about 5 p.m. Friday from injuries suffered when he was run over by a school bus on Red Blanket rd., east of Prospect.

H. Kenneth Vannice, Prospect school superintendent, reported the boy and his sister were discharged from the bus at 2:50 p.m. about 150 yards from their home. He said it is believed the two children were skipping along the road and the boy attempted to touch the bus, when he apparently tripped and fell under it.

State police said the rear wheel of the bus passed over the child's chest. The accident occurred about 100 feet from where the two got out of the bus.

Motorist Stops

The driver, Rupert Shaw, Prospect high school teacher, was told by other children in the bus that the child had been run over. A passing motorist, Mel Klaus, stopped and transported Kenneth and his mother to a doctor in Shady Cove, then to Sacred Heart hospital where he died.

Survivors besides his parents include one brother, Rance; two sisters Marlene and Darla, all at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Moore, Prospect, and Mrs. Thelma Crosby, Paramount, Calif.; and two great-grandmothers, Mrs. Hattie Squires, Whittier, Calif., and Mrs. Emma Stockton, Montebello, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Conger-Morris Funeral home chapel.

Timber Marketing Areas Discussed

Portland—(U.P.)—Opponents of timber marketing areas in Oregon and California re-vested timberlands argued Friday at a hearing here that the marketing restrictions now in force hold down the price of timber bids and deprive O and C counties of revenue.

Representatives of Chambers of Commerce, coastal ports, unions and mill operators appeared before Virgil T. Heath of the Portland office of the bureau of land management to testify on a proposal that present BLM marketing restrictions be waived, as they apply to salvage timber. The federal agency now requires that salvaged timber must be processed within the marketing area where it is cut.

Opponents of the restriction say the processing should be done in any of the O and C marketing areas. They contended at the hearing Saturday that the restrictions give preferential treatment to mills within a particular marketing area.

Agencies favoring the restrictions, such as the ports of Coos Bay and Bandon and Chambers of Commerce in Coos Bay and North Bend, said the restrictions should be maintained until mills in particular marketing areas demonstrate that they are unable to keep up with the timber requiring salvage. They contended that present competition in bidding indicates that mills are fully capable of processing all the timber available.

A military mission from Jordan, headed by Arab Legion Commander Gen. Radi Inab, also arrived Saturday to discuss plans for closer military cooperation with Egypt.

PLOT AGAINST RUSSIAN LEADERS IS REPORTED



FLAMING INFERNO—Ten persons died and five others were injured when a gas explosion demolished a three-story building Friday in Pulaski, Va. The 10th victim was pulled from the debris Friday night before police began the task of identification. One of the injured was in critical condition, and two others were listed as serious. The explosion was touched off when W. J. McHaffey, a 75-year-old cafe owner, struck a match to start a gas water heater on the first floor.

Two Exhibits Are Accepted By Examiner in SP Hearing

Southern Oregon's case against Southern Pacific's abandonment of passenger service last August in the Rogue valley ended here at 1:45 p.m. Friday, when the 34th witness left the stand.

Southern Pacific officials will tell their side of the controversy at a hearing July 10 in Grants Pass.

At the close of the two-day hearing, the examiner, Clifford W. Ferguson, Salem, counsel and director for the rail transportation department of the Public Utilities commission, held two pieces of published evidence against Southern Pacific.

The first, presented by George Lewis of the Rogue Travel Service in Medford, was an advertisement appearing in the April 30, 1956 issue of Time magazine. In the ad, SP claimed to be currently providing rail passenger service through Medford on the Siskiyou line.

The second was a brochure printed in behalf of Crater Lake National park in which SP again claimed to be providing passenger service through Medford. The brochure was presented by R. H. Gandee of Medford, co-chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce tourist and convention committee. Defense counsel raised no objection to admission of the evidence in either case.

Two-Day Session

In the sessions both Thursday and Friday witnesses repeated these general claims:

(1) Southern Pacific owes rail passenger service to southern Oregon, especially considering the amount of revenue this area provides in freight patronage.

(2) Many businesses have some loss from certain phases of their operations, as SP claims to have lost money on the Rogue valley run. However, witnesses claimed, other businesses continue these operations in the interest of public service and realize operations in the interest of public service and realize operations

hours earlier than they could by the Siskiyou route.

Adopt Resolutions

Merriman also claimed the Central Labor Council of Oregon, as well as the local council, had adopted resolutions favoring restoration of a passenger line in this area.

Chester A. Hubbard, past president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, claimed that lack of rail passenger service in this area was a major detriment to southern Oregon in attracting industry. After learning the rail service situation in this area, he said, "They would think twice and most of them never came back." He indicated this was especially true where eastern industries were concerned.

A commonly voiced complaint throughout the hearing was that traffic manuals in the east didn't show Medford had passenger service, even when it was in operation here. This, witnesses testified, caused considerable confusion and inconvenience.

GOP Administration Praised by Hitchcock

St. Helens—(U.P.)—Phil Hitchcock praised the Eisenhower administration in talks at St. Helens Saturday for "making the greatest tax reduction in our history."

The candidate for Republican nomination for U. S. senator said he looks for "more tax cuts if we continue to follow this program of prosperity without inflation."

"We can reduce taxes through a high level of prosperity," Hitchcock said. "The smaller percentage of tax—when we are making more money—will bring the same amount of federal income."

Hitchcock said the first requirement must be balancing the budget and that "we should insist on some payments to retire the national debt."

Turned on McKay

Grants Pass—(U.P.)—The Phil Hitchcock campaign guns were turned directly on Douglas McKay Friday when the Jackson county manager of Hitchcock's senatorial campaign made the first direct reference to his Republican primary opponent.

Robert A. Elliott of Medford, former state Republican chairman, said here that Hitchcock, unlike McKay, has consistently challenged Sen. Wayne Morse to debate campaign issues in Oregon.

Elliott said McKay has "publicly refused such debate."

"Guy Cordon wanted to debate Richard L. Neuberger in the last senatorial campaign," Elliott said, "but he listened to advisers who told him not to do it."

Elliott added, "I am convinced that this lost him the election." He said "the Republican candidate should be ready at any time to take the Eisenhower administration's worst critic onto the debate platform."

He concluded, "Hitchcock is eager to debate, and McKay says he will not debate. The Republican party cannot afford to make the mistakes in this campaign that were made in the Cordon-Neuberger campaign."

Merced, Calif.—(U.P.)—Fifteen skin divers searched the Merced river Saturday for the body of a five-year-old boy lost in a boating accident a week ago.

London Newspapers Say Scotland Yard Uncovered Attempt

Claim Four Eastern Europeans Plotted

London—(U.P.)—Scotland Yard Saturday was reported to have uncovered and foiled a plot hatched by four eastern European anti-Communists to assassinate Russia's two leaders on their tour of Britain.

Two London newspapers reported that the Yard, which was responsible for security precautions during the Russians 10-day visit, learned of a plot by four men concocted on the continent and in Britain to kill the two chief Soviet statesmen.

Denies Knowledge

A British foreign office spokesman denied knowledge of any specific attempt on the lives of Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev who sailed for home Friday aboard a Soviet navy cruiser. There was no comment from Scotland Yard.

But the Daily Express carried a copyrighted story on the alleged assassination plans. The Daily Sketch said the plot involved two gangs.

A foreign office spokesman, in deriding the reports, said: "It is common knowledge that both the Soviet security officers and the special (security) branch at Scotland Yard took active precautions against any possible action by persons known to be hostile to the Soviet regime."

No Justification

"There is no justification for the report of the plot."

Although Scotland Yard refused to discuss the matter, police sources said security agents had intercepted letters both from abroad and from within England threatening Bulganin and Khrushchev.

The Daily Sketch said two underground gangs were party to the plot, one centered in Britain and the other on the continent. It said the foreign office, Scotland Yard and naval intelligence had been alerted.

Operator Meetings Slated This Week

The 1955 fire season will be reviewed, district policies will be outlined and a question and answer panel on forest inspection problems will be conducted at three meetings scheduled for logging and sawmill operators this week by the state department of forestry.

First of the sessions will be Tuesday, May 1, at district headquarters on Table Rock rd. north of Medford. The second will be Wednesday at the Grants Pass headquarters and the third will be at the American Legion hall at Cave Junction. Each of the meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

James Walker, assistant state forester in charge of protection, will speak at the meetings on "Where Are We Going in Forest Protection?" The panel of forest inspectors will discuss in detail the forest laws as they pertain to logging and sawmill operators.

Second and third meetings will be the same as the first. The sessions are scheduled in the three localities to make it convenient for each operator to attend one of the meetings. All forest operators are invited.

Kefauver Plans Visit In Oregon May 15-16

Portland—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee plans a "whirlwind" tour of Oregon May 15-16 in his campaign to win a write-in endorsement of Oregon Democrats for presidential nomination in the Oregon May 18 primary.

Multnomah County Commissioner Jack Bain and William L. Josslin, co-chairman of the committee promoting Kefauver's write-in campaign in Oregon, said Kefauver will tour Oregon cities by air May 15-16.

Planned so far are stops at Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Eugene, Astoria, Corvallis, Albany, Salem, The Dalles, Bend, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton.