

Rain Limits Fire Damage in Thunderstorms

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Stassen May Disclose New U.S. Plan for Disarmament

Proposal To Ban Further H-Bomb Tests Expected

Plan To Go Beyond 'Open Skies' Proposal

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States had in the works today a "brand new" plan for breaking the East-West disarmament plan.

Presidential disarmament advisor Harold E. Stassen may announce it as a news conference late this afternoon.

Observers speculated it may include a proposal to ban further H-bomb tests. High administration sources said the "brand new" plan will "go even beyond" President Eisenhower's 1955 open skies inspection proposals.

Would Limit Tests

At the United Nations, U. S. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth said the United States would agree to atomic test limitations if all countries could agree on a "safeguarded" program. He also called for an "effort of statecraft" to limit nuclear weapons themselves.

Wadsworth said this country and Britain give public notice of the start and location of nuclear tests and apply safeguards. Alluding to Soviet tests, he said "this shows more concern for the general safety than the unheralded method of setting off blasts in the midst of the Eurasian land mass."

Soviet Proposals

Russia, meanwhile, muddled the picture with:

1. A U.N. move to "accept" Western proposals for ceilings on armed forces. The Soviet move was coupled with a proposed ban on manufacture, stockpiling, testing, and use of nuclear weapons. Although purporting to be an acceptance of Western proposals, the Soviet plan would sharply limit West German forces leagued with NATO.

2. A proposal for a European atoms for peace agency with the United States participating. Russia already is committed to a much larger undertaking to organize 87 countries into an international organization for peaceful development of the atom.

Fewer Mosquitoes Reported This Year

The county health department has received fewer reports of mosquitoes this season than a year ago at this time, Dr. A. Erin Merkle, public health physician, reported today.

He attributed the decrease in mosquitoes this year to the relatively cool spring.

For the past month crews have been spraying the worst mosquito areas of the county, including the Jackson County Posse grounds, with fogging type chemicals, he said. Spraying is done by two men using ground equipment.

Coast Guard Credited With Saving Five Lives

Newport, Ore. — (U.P.) — Five men from Salem credited the Coast Guard today with saving them from possible death after their boat capsized in a heavy sea.

Operating the cruiser was Robert Blegel. With him were his fellow Salemites Jim Stilson, Bert Iverson, Dean Hagerdon and Royce Linhart.

Friday the 13th; Last One in Year

This is Friday, July 13. It is the third time this year that Friday has fallen on the 13th days of the month, which some consider to be an omen of bad luck, and which others ignore as "just another day."

The combination will not occur again this year.

Chicago—(U.P.)—The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists has denied the charge that there are 150 Communists in the union's New York local.

"What Do You Make of This Rock-'N-Roll Stuff?"



Highway Commission OKs Supplemental Construction Program

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon's highway system received a \$2,500,000 boost yesterday when the State Highway Commission approved a supplemental program of construction to be financed by the new federal highway program.

The funds represented the difference between House and Senate versions of the federal aid program. The commission's construction plans had been based on a House-approved bill that was \$2,500,000 lower than the Senate authorization.

Immediate Contracting

W. C. Williams, deputy chief highway engineer, said the increased appropriation would permit immediate contracting for projects that had been

Bolt Levels \$12,000 Residence at Harper

Harper, Ore. — (U.P.) — A two-story \$12,000 home was destroyed here last night when it was struck by a bolt of lightning and exploded. There were no injuries.

Three witnesses said the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Chastain looked as though a bomb had gone off inside. They reported that the bolt hit a power line, followed it into the cave of the house and then blew it up in a cloud of dust. The building then burned to the ground in a matter of minutes.

The Chastains had left home about 30 minutes earlier. They saved only clothing and furniture that was blown outside by the force of the blast. Harper is near Ontario, Ore.

Governor Takes First Day Off in Six Months

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith was back at his desk today after talking his first "unofficial" day off in six months.

The governor arrived at the state capitol yesterday morning to find no appointments and no visiting delegations were scheduled for the first time in his gubernatorial career. So he decided to take the day to himself.

School Milk Program Moves Step Nearer

Washington — (U.P.) — Congress today moved a step nearer passage of legislation to extend the school milk program to child care centers and nonprofit nursery schools.

The bill, already passed by the House, was approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee for action by the Senate.

Salem—(U.P.)—Major problem facing Oregon civil defense workers during "operation alert" exercises July 20-21 will be radioactive fallout, the state CD agency said today.

President Confers With Dulles on Foreign Policy

Nixon Appointment Moved To Saturday

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower tackled a series of foreign policy problems today in a conference with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon had planned to report to Mr. Eisenhower on his recent Far Eastern tour. But the meeting was cancelled at the last minute when he was advised a storm here ruled out flying.

Nixon Due Saturday

Dulles and Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams flew here before the storm, landing at the grassy Gettysburg airport in a heavy rain.

At an important news conference at the airport, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said Nixon would see the President Saturday. Nixon has just returned from an 11-day, 27,000-mile trip to the Far East.

Hagerly said Dulles was discussing "entire State department business" with the President and would have no comment upon leaving Gettysburg.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said after a meeting with Mr. Eisenhower Thursday that he believed the Republican ticket would be Eisenhower and Nixon.

Returning to White House

Asked if Mr. Eisenhower had made it clear he would still be "planned" to have Nixon as his running mate, Hall declared: "Absolutely."

The big news at Gettysburg Thursday, however, was that Mr. Eisenhower will be returning to the White House very soon for the first time since his June 8 illness. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said the President plans "to return early next week — Monday or Tuesday."

Wild Storms Rake Grants Pass Area

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — An area north and west of Grants Pass was raked by wild electrical storms last night and 125 power transformers were knocked out as well as the California Oregon Power company substation at Merlin.

The storms covered an area from Glendale, 25 miles north of here, to Galice, 15 miles west of Grants Pass.

In addition to power disruptions, the storms caused 13 snag fires but they were quickly controlled. Recording instruments at the Grants Pass water plant were damaged when lightning hit a transformer near the plant, causing a power outage of about 45 minutes.

W. J. Moyer, Copco manager here, said the substation at Merlin would have to be replaced. It served the Bates Plywood Co. there and the firm was forced to close until power can be restored.

Prescott Park Bid Rejected by State

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Highway Commission yesterday rejected a Medford proposal that the commission accept the city's Prescott Park on Roxy Ann Butte for state park use.

Parks Superintendent Chet Armstrong said cost of improvements would be \$110,000, which he considered excessive in view of the fact that visitors would total about 40,000 persons annually.

Simulated Air Rescue Set For Sunday at Airport Here

Col. Kenneth Jordan and his staff, from the U. S. Air Force base in Portland, and Maj. Walter Lamb, Air Force-Civil Air Patrol liaison officer in Portland, will arrive at the Medford airport about 3 p. m. Saturday.

They will stay over Sunday to observe the Civil Air Patrol's operation SARCAP, a simulated air rescue.

The mock rescue search will begin with registration of planes at 7 a. m. at the airport. Pilots and ground men will be briefed at 9 a. m. and the search will start immediately afterwards.

Air Force men will have placed a search target somewhere within a 25 mile radius of the

INSIDE TODAY

Women's news appears on page 2, section 1, of today's Mail Tribune. Sports are on pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 of section 1 and locals and personals are on page 13 of section 1. Comics and radio and television logs are found on page 2 of section 2.



HOT DOG!—Ingrid Goude (Miss Sweden) is introduced to the American hot dog as she stops over with other European Miss Universe contestants at Palisades Park, N. J. She is on her way to Long Beach, Calif., where the Miss Universe Pageant will be held July 20.

Petition Filed to Transfer Case to Federal Court Here

Petition to move a damage suit by Vivian Milson, Eagle Point, and her six minor children vs. Medford Corporation and Fred Kincaid from circuit court has been filed in circuit court here.

Mrs. Milson is the widow of Jack A. Milson, employee of Medford Corporation, who was the victim of a fatal logging accident June 14, 1954.

Charges Negligence

She has charged Medford Corporation and Kincaid, an employee of Medford Corporation, with carelessness, recklessness and negligence in 18 particulars in connection with Milson's death.

Mrs. Milson has asked for \$484 to cover funeral expenses and \$20,000 on behalf of her six children and \$100,484 plus costs and disbursements or \$20,000 plus costs and disbursements.

The petition, addressed to Claude C. McCulloch, Gus K. Solomon and William East, judges of the U. S. district court for the district of Oregon, asks removal of the case from circuit court for the following reasons:

1. The suit is of a civil nature involving more than \$3,000.

2. It is between citizens of different states. Medford Corporation is a Delaware corporation and the plaintiffs are Oregon residents.

3. Kincaid is improperly joined as a party defendant because the first two counts are brought solely under the employer's liability act of Oregon and a servant cannot be joined as a defendant thereunder.

4. The third count is brought under the wrongful death statute and can not lie where an action under the employer's liability act has been brought.

Mrs. Milson is being represented by DeForest and Hansen and McAllister, Duncan and Brophy law firms. Representing Medford Corporation are Philip B. Lowry and John C. Beatty Jr.

Salem—(U.P.)—James R. Banks, assistant director of the motor vehicle department's traffic safety division for the past seven years, has been advanced to director.

Scattered Hail, Power Failures Reported in Valley

Similar Conditions Exist in Area Today

A thunderstorm late yesterday brought lightning accompanied by enough rain to limit fire damage, and scattered hail, but no extensive damage had been reported to the weather bureau today.

The weather bureau at the airport recorded .91 inch of rain after 6 p. m. to 12:47 a. m. today. Precipitation totalled .74 of an inch in 45 minutes after 6:15 p. m.

The state department of forestry on Table Rock rd. reported about 1.90 inches and the Southern Oregon experiment station on Highway 99 reported about one inch during the storm.

The weather bureau said upper air was more stable today but that "similar conditions" exist. Some thunderstorm activity was expected this afternoon.

Forest Fires

Eight forest fires were reported by this morning on Rogue River National Forest lands, according to the supervisor's office.

Six fires were in the Union creek area and two in the Butte Falls district. All were "two or three man" lightning strikes, and were controlled by forest service crews.

Rain accompanying the storm was credited with keeping fires in check.

The state department of forestry district office sent crews out on five small lightning fires today.

One was in the Thompson creek area, one in the Wagner creek area, and one near Grizzly peak. Josephine county had one on Dutcher creek, and another on New Hope rd.

Plano Goes Up

Crews were out on all five fires but no reports had been received from them by the office late this morning. A forest patrol plane went up about 11 a. m. to check for further fires.

Forest patrol officials said a low fog cut visibility to about 500 feet in nine of the 15 lookouts. Other fires were expected to be spotted when the fog cleared.

California Oregon Power company was troubled by widespread fuse outages during the storm, a service department spokesman said. Damage was mostly to line and transformer fuses and little to lines and poles according to the company.

No Major Outage

There was no major outage in Medford itself. The largest concentrations of blown fuses were on Crater Lake highway between Medford and Camp White, on Table Rock rd., and in the Sams Valley area.

All outages reported were repaired by this morning.

A United Airlines plane scheduled to leave here at 6:20 p. m. was delayed by bad weather until 8:20 p. m. The plane carried 44 passengers north. A Navy Private advised to land because of the storm, landed about 8:20 p. m.

The airport also reported that all navigational aids were temporarily cut off last night, but had been restored.

Scattered Trouble

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph received only "some scattered cable trouble" with no severe structural damage, a spokesman said.

Inadequate drainage facilities in the Ashland Shakespearean festival theater allowed water to flow from the back of the house into the theater building. The technical crew diverted water before serious damage was done.

Farmers looked upon the storm with varying sentiments, county extension agents reported. While the rain helped alfalfa which is in the growing stage and seed lying on the ground, considerable damage to cut hay was noted.

Grain Knocked Down

Earle Jossy, county agent for agriculture, said some grain was probably knocked down but most seed crops were not far enough along to be seriously damaged.

C. B. Cordy, county agent for horticulture, said fruit growers in general were "pretty lucky" and only minor damage was reported. He added that considerable damage to fruit could have resulted from scattered hail.

A few small turkeys in the area were reported dead this morning as the result of the storm. Growers explained that loud noises frighten the turkeys, causing them to stampede and suffocate.

Fire Calls

Medford and Central Point rural fire department crews extinguished grass fires during

POLIO VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE UP TO AGE 30

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Board of Health meeting here today raised the age limit of eligibility for Salk anti-polio vaccine to 30 years and launched a six-month vaccination campaign to cut the polio rate in the state in half.

Previously, vaccine supplies in commercial channels had been limited to persons through 19 years of age. The board said supplies were now adequate to permit inoculations of persons through 29 years and of pregnant women regardless of age.

Could Drop Limit Again

The board said that if supplies increased, the age limit might be moved upward or removed entirely. Conversely, if supplies again become critical, the limit could be dropped again to 19.

Gov. Elmo Smith gave the anti-polio campaign his official endorsement today, pointing out that it may be possible to cut cases of paralytic polio by as much as one half if the campaign is successful. Oregon last year had 449 cases of polio, the third largest total in its history. Roughly half the total number of polio cases in Oregon during the past five years have occurred in August, September and October.

Agencies Commended

Gov. Smith said "As Governor of Oregon, and as the father of two children, I commend the agencies that are attempting to increase polio vaccination in Oregon during the next six weeks since at least five weeks are required to take two shots recommended for minimum protection."

Steel Negotiators Fail in New Effort To Reach Settlement

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Top negotiators for the steel industry and the United Steelworkers met for two and a half hours today in another try at reaching a peace formula for ending the 13-day strike of 650,000 basic steel workers.

Both sides agreed to meet again Monday.

Immediately after the joint conference recessed, the negotiators for the industry's big three, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem and Republic, went into a huddle

with federal mediators.

USW President David J. McDonald went into a closed door conference with his union aides.

McDonald said that he emerged from the joint talks that "There is absolutely no change in the situation."

"The union has a firm desire to negotiate a labor contract with the companies and we will devote ourselves wholeheartedly toward that end," he said.

Federal Mediator Joseph F. Finnegan and two of his aides joined the union and management negotiators for about the last 20 minutes of the joint conference. They were called in by the companies.

Knowland, Humphrey Nominated To UN Jobs

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today nominated two frequent critics of his foreign policy, Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), as U. S. representatives to the U. N. General Assembly.

They were among five representatives and five alternates nominated to speak for the United States at the assembly meeting scheduled to open in New York about Nov. 12. All must be confirmed by the Senate.

Among those nominated to be an Assembly representative was former foreign aid chief Paul G. Hoffman. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) has said he would fight Hoffman's nomination. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said the administration was aware of McCarthy's threat before the choice was made.

Local Firm Submits Low Bid on PT&T Job

H. Barnhart Construction Company, Medford, was low bidder on construction of a one-story, concrete block long distance equipment building at Rogue River for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The bid was \$6,600. Only other bid was by Armin Richter and Associates, also of Medford, \$7,736.

Work on the 14 by 19-foot structure is scheduled to start July 23, according to Jack Cragger, local telephone manager, and be completed Oct. 1.

Douglas Planning Boat Trip on Salmon River

La Grande — (U.P.) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, recently released from a Portland hospital, left here today for Boise where he will embark on a boat trip down the middle fork of the Salmon river.

yesterday evening's electrical storm.

Medford firemen were summoned about 6:40 p. m. when lightning ignited grass along Barnett rd. at North Phoenix rd.

A hay field blaze on Elliott ave. in Elk City district was controlled by Central Point rural crews despite high wind about 5:45 p. m. The blaze covered about one-fourth acre but flames threatened a couple of houses. Firemen said an unattended trash fire was the cause.

Lightning struck a pole at the White City station of the Central Point rural fire protection district, knocking out the station's electrical supply.

Today's session was the second to be held since the steel contract talks broke up in disagreement in New York June 30, six hours before the start of the strike. Both sides were brought together by the mediators Thursday afternoon and conferred for two hours.

McDonald said before Thursday's talks, when he refused to pose for photographers with the industry officials, that he didn't "want anyone to get any false illusions about this."

Road Paving Near Butte Falls Starts

The county road department Tuesday began a five-mile paving project in the Butte Falls area, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

Rynning said the paving crew will remain there for at least two weeks.

Crews have also been doing "adds and ends" of paving on Taylor rd. and Beal lane west of Central Point and part of Midway rd.

Workers have also finished laying piers for a 106-foot bridge across Carberry creek in Applegate valley. Steel workers will start bridge construction in the near future, Rynning said. Crews are still straightening out curves and still widening parts of the Wimer-Evans Creek rd.

Cave Junction Man Gets Prison Sentence

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Two men described by Federal Judge Edward P. Murphy as "small time" operators in the gold black market today received short sentences in federal prisons.

The men are Elbert S. Osburn, 50, Cave Junction, Ore., salesman, given eight months, and Guy William Pye, 59, Auburn, Calif., miner, sentenced to six months.

Salem—(U.P.)—William C. McGraw of Sherwood has been appointed as a member of the Oregon State Library Board of Trustees.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN

Chicago 4 6 0
Boston 5 7 3
Wilson, Staley (8), Donovan (8) and Lollar, Brewer, DeLoach (7) and White.

NATIONAL

Pittsburgh 6 12 0
Chicago 7 15 1
Friend, Aranzo (8) and Shepard; Hacker, Lown (7) and Chiti.