

U.S. Ready To Plan Europe Oil Shipments; Back To Stalinism



No Information Seen To Indicate Outbreak of War

Hagerty Sees Crisis Materially Eased

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower conferred early today by telephone with Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. on the international situation.

After the telephone conference, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said there was no incoming information from abroad to indicate that the tense Mideast situation might explode into a general war in that area.

Crisis Seen Eased
Hagerty said Wednesday that in his opinion the grave Suez Canal crisis had eased materially in the last two weeks. The President's spokesman refused, however, to appraise the recently disclosed shipment of Russian arms into Syria.

Mr. Eisenhower left his luxurious cabin on the edge of the Augusta National Golf course and went to his temporary office at 8:30 a.m. to receive overnight intelligence reports from his staff secretary, Col. Andrew Goodpaster.

Urges Generosity
After the President's morning in the office, Hagerty had these news announcements:

1. Mr. Eisenhower urged all Americans to contribute generously to a special American Red Cross disaster appeal for \$5 million to aid in emergency relief in Hungary and for Hungarian refugees in Austria.

2. The chief executive called for "organized citizen support" in all states and communities for the accident prevention possibilities of the highway modernization program passed by the last Congress.

3. Hagerty confirmed that Mr. Eisenhower recently sent a personal letter to French Premier Guy Mollet expressing the President's hopes and desires that Franco-American relations would continue in the spirit of friendship and cooperation of the past. Hagerty said the note to Mollet was in response to a message from the Premier congratulating the President on his reelection.

Big Three Meeting
4. Asked about a statement attributed to Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), that the retiring chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee expected a meeting with the President, Mollet and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden early next year, Hagerty said, "I haven't got anything on that."

Sanitation officials said rats are drawn to homes and areas closer to town during cooler weather for food. During the summer months they get food from fields.

Rat control measures recommended by officials include removing the food supply. This would include chicken feed left in the open, dog food and garbage. Places which could be used for nests, such as rubbish and wood piles, and other collected objects left in the open also should be removed.

Officials recommended war-farin poison, which may be purchased at feed stores, mixed with a suitable attractive bait, for killing rats.

Sanitation officials added that it is almost impossible to completely eliminate rats but the number can be controlled by checking food supplies.

Portland — (U.P.) — Mrs. Charles Neri, 95, a native of Oregon and a descendant of an early day Lane county medical doctor, died here Wednesday.

"I Think Maybe I'm Going To Enjoy This"



Property under condemnation cannot be sold, May said.

Salem — (U.P.) — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel has filed a petition before the Interstate Commerce Commission protesting increased rates requested by eastern and western railroads.

Puppet Regime Decides Against More Passports

Soldiers Laying Mines on Frontier

Vienna — (U.P.) — The Hungarian puppet government returned all the way today to hard line Stalinism.

A government announcement said the Cabinet of Premier Janos Kadar had decided not to issue any more passports or exit visas. At the same time, refugees reported that Russian soldiers were laying minefields again along the Austrian frontier across which 96,000 Hungarians have fled to freedom since Oct. 28.

The new rigid ruling on passports and exit visas represented a return to the inflexible Stalinist line which the East European satellites had hoped was gone forever.

After Stalin's death, the Hungarian government lifted the Iron Curtain for thousands of elderly citizens who had relatives in the West.

Mass Arrests Loom
The return to the hard line inside Hungary was signalled by the government earlier this week with indications of mass arrests and preparation of show trials for leaders of the rebellion.

A Moscow dispatch today denied news agency reports, not carried by United Press, that the Kadar regime was receiving advice on its new tough line from former Russian Premier Georgi Malenkov. A spokesman in the press department of the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow said the report that Malenkov was in Budapest was "pure fabrication."

Refugees reported the Russian mine-layers most active in the region of Rechnitz, 60 miles southeast of Vienna.

Shooting Protested
It was in that region that Austrian frontier police shot and killed a Russian infantryman who chased and molested a fleeing Hungarian girl inside the flag-marked Austrian frontier.

Russia Wednesday night formally protested the Nov. 23 shooting, charging that the Austrian police "virtually murdered" the Russian.

Already Russian patrol activity was so intense that only 3,700 refugees crossed into Austria during the past 24 hours. A week ago the 24-hour total averaged 10,000.

Hunter Shot When Mistaken for Deer

Albert Floyd Johnson, 36, of 2877 Springbrook rd., Medford, suffered a shoulder wound when his hunting companion, Scott Leonard Atkinson, 22, of 910 West 11th st., Medford, mistook him for a deer early yesterday afternoon, according to state police.

The men were deer hunting near the Blue Moon ranch north of Central Point. Atkinson was using a 30-30 rifle, police said. Johnson was shot in the left shoulder.

He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service, which met state police on Highway 99 and transferred Johnson from a patrol car.

The special deer season in the northern part of Jackson county and parts of Josephine county along Rogue River will end Dec. 2.

Start Proceedings Against Stumbos

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Highway Commission late yesterday filed condemnation proceedings in Douglas county court against the Stumbo brothers of Wolf Creek to obtain a title to a 16½ foot stretch of the Pacific highway.

Robert L. May Jr., assistant chief counsel for the commission, said the fact that the Stumbos were selling four-square-inch tracts of the busy roadway property made it necessary for the commission to act quickly before they had to sue hundreds of property.

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WINNING FLOAT — Shown above is the Medford Jayettes float that won the grand sweepstakes award in the Christmas parade yesterday. The float depicted a Christmas dream. Because of fog only nine floats entered the parade, which was about half of what had been planned. Winner of the youth division was the First Methodist church float, and in the adult division the Medford Public Library float took first place. About 9,000 pieces of candy were distributed by Santa Claus and his helpers.

to children watching the parade. Judges of the floats were Catherine Fonkin, art instructor at Hedrick Junior High, and Steve Bayless, art instructor, at McLoughlin Junior High. Other winners in the youth division were Roosevelt Girl Scouts, second; Griffin Creek Girl Scouts, third; St. Mary's Girl Scouts, fourth; Pilgrim Holiness church, fifth; and Roosevelt Girl Scouts (second float) sixth. Pilgrim Holiness church took second place in the adult division.

No Relief From Smog In View, Bureau Says

A high pressure area, extending from northwestern British Columbia to 500 miles west of San Francisco, has created smog conditions in Pacific northwest valleys, including Rogue valley.

Weather bureau officials at Medford said the condition will exist until a severe storm front forms in the Pacific and creates high winds to carry the smog to sea.

For about two weeks the stagnant condition has kept smoke and other particles from leaving the valley, and as the moisture content of air in the valley increased, it was attracted to small particles, causing dense fog, or a non-toxic smog.

The condition is caused when cold air settles in the valley, and is held there by warm winds aloft. Bob Church, meteorologist at the Medford weather bureau office, said the temperature about 700 feet above the airport, or the upper edge of the smog, was 43 degrees early this morning.

New Traffic Light To Start Operating

The new traffic signal at Oakdale and Stewart aves. will begin operating at 8 a.m. Friday according to Vernon Thorpe, city public works director.

The light, with a semi-actuated control signal, is set so it will remain green on Stewart ave. The light will change to red only when vehicles approach the intersection on Oakdale ave. and trigger a magnetic detector under the pavement.

For pedestrians crossing Stewart ave. two push button controls are available to stop traffic. They are located on the west side of Oakdale ave. and on each side of Stewart ave. and will control the walk-wait signal. No push buttons are required for pedestrians crossing Oakdale.

Friday a city policeman will be at the intersection the majority of the day as well as Jefferson school patrol members.

Gresham Bus Drivers Halt Salt Lake Travel

Sale Lake City — (U.P.) — Some 40 drivers for Northwest Greyhound lines left their jobs early today, halting the company's bus travel between Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City.

Emergency Fund Drive Set by RC For Hungarian Aid

A campaign for emergency funds to aid Hungarians will be held in Medford Wednesday, Dec. 12, officials at the Jackson county Red Cross chapter said today.

The one-day drive for \$1,633 will be known as "Tag Day." Red Cross officials and volunteer workers will be on street corners to accept contributions. Donations also may be made at the Red Cross office on the first floor of the county courthouse.

The drive will be similar to the tag day held last year for benefit of eastern flood victims. Medford reached its quota in the one day that drive was conducted.

Nation-Wide Basis
Mrs. Helen Wilson, chairman of the Red Cross chapter here, said the tag day campaign is being conducted on a nation-wide basis and total goal is \$5 million.

County Red Cross board members will make final plans for the drive at a meeting Saturday, Dec. 8. Mrs. Wilson said volunteer fund solicitors are needed and requested those interested in helping with the campaign to call the Red Cross office, 2-4405.

Officials in the local office received first notice of tag day plans today in a telegram from national American Red Cross headquarters.

The one-day emergency drive has been approved by the United Medford Crusade, UMC officials said this morning.

Salem — (U.P.) — Fog settled over southern and eastern Oregon again today as highway department maintenance crews reported icy spots on many routes.

Officials Await More Evidence of Troop Withdrawal

Definitive Statement From Lloyd Awaited

Washington — (U.P.) — American officials said today they are prepared to work out plans for emergency oil shipments to Europe as soon as they get more concrete evidence of British and French plans to withdraw from Egypt.

The U.S. position was made known to reporters after a State Department spokesman said this country is awaiting a "definitive statement" from London on Suez withdrawal plans.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White told reporters the United States is awaiting a more detailed British statement than the one British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd made to the House of Commons today. Lloyd said Britain and France are still standing by plans for a "phased withdrawal" of their troops from Egypt. But he refused to commit Britain to hurried withdrawal pending new consultations with France.

British Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia called on Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. almost simultaneously to explain that the Lloyd statement was designed only as "an interim" report. Caccia said another statement would be made in common Monday.

White told reporters "we are awaiting his (Lloyd's) definitive statement expected Monday."

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau will fly here Friday for emergency talks on "other important matters."

The new issue of Soviet infiltration into Syria was also on the agenda for these talks. A top level delegation from Turkey arrived here this morning to discuss the Syrian situation with Lloyd.

Bevan Makes Debut
Left winger Aneurin Bevan, making his debut as the Labor party's official candidate for foreign secretary should it regain control of the government, immediately attacked Lloyd's "sinecure juxtaposition" of the three conditions for Anglo-French withdrawal: Phasing of the pullout with the arrival of U.N. police troops, clearance of the canal blockade, and a settlement for its future.

"Is it not a fact that our insistence of having a clear declaration of the future of the canal was one of the chief causes of difference between us and the United States?" Bevan asked.

"Was it not through our use of force that difficulties have arisen?"

McKay Returning to Washington Next Month
Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon's "forgotten man," Doug McKay, is going back to Washington next month.

But on this trip, the former governor and interior secretary will just close up his Washington apartment and then return to Salem.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 466.62, up 0.52; 20 railroads 150.44, off 0.71; 15 utilities 65.97, up 0.04; and 65 stocks 165.45, off 0.05. Sales today were about 2,440,000 shares compared with 2,190,000 shares Wednesday.

Weather
FORECAST: Clear above 2,000 feet mean sea level. Continued foggy in valley through Friday. Low tonight 25. High Friday 38 in fog. 50 in sunshine.
Highest Yesterday — 37
Lowest this Morning — 23
Our Skies Tonight
The Sun rises — 7:19 a.m. and sets — 4:41 p.m.
The unseen stars in its background are now those of the constellation, Scorpio.
Moonrise Friday — 5:43 a.m.
New Moon — Dec. 7.
Prominent Stars
Aldebaran, high in south — 12:08 a.m.
Capella, high over head — 12:54 a.m.

Chamber Approves Suggestion for Job Evaluation Survey for County Employees

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce today approved a suggestion that the county court obtain a job evaluation and pay rate survey for employees of the county.

The action was taken by the board of directors in the recommendation of the chamber's committee on governmental operations, which has conducted a year-long study of county government. The committee was authorized to make the recommendation to the county court, and if necessary to the budget committee, on behalf of the chamber.

The committee's report, which was approved unanimously by the chamber board, follows:
Honorable Occupation
"Public employment is an honorable, useful and worthwhile occupation. Public servants provide services for the community which can be obtained in no other way.

Our public servants must be of high caliber. If public service is to attract high caliber people, they must be compensated adequately and in terms comparable to the rewards—both financial and otherwise—available in other fields.

"It is not within the province of this committee to conduct a survey of employment compensation and conditions in the Jackson county government, but the contacts which we have had in recent months have convinced us that such a survey should be made. Recent resignations in departments of the county indicate some dissatisfaction — a conclusion borne out by other evidence.

Job Evaluations
"We believe that such a survey should include not only rates of pay, but also job evaluations to go with them, providing county executives, taxpayers and the employees themselves with an indication of ex-

pected terms of employment, both now and in the future.

"Such a service was recently provided the city of Medford by the state civil service commission, for a fee of \$1,000. City officials say the resulting schedule of duties, qualifications, rules, and pay scales has paid for itself many times over in employee satisfaction, in job security, in administrative convenience and in other ways. (It should be noted that while the new system is of a "civil service" nature, it does not have the limiting and complicated procedures of some other civil service organizations with regard to the discharge of sub-standard employees.)

"Because of these findings, we most respectfully recommend to the county court that a job evaluation and pay rate survey, either through the state civil service commission or otherwise, be undertaken for the personnel employed by Jackson county."

21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
HELP FIGHT TB
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS