

ALLIES SLOW



CANINE CASUALTY — In Saturday afternoon's heavy traffic in downtown Medford a German Shepherd named "Pete" was struck by an automobile at the corner of Main and Central. Although the dog whined pitifully, attracting a large crowd of sympathizers, the only injury he received was a sprained foot.

City Policeman Roy Erickson checked the dog over before taking him to a veterinarian. Owners of the dog are Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Crandall of 678 Mae st., Medford.

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Fear of Reprisal Attacks by Egypt Slows Movement

100 Dead Estimated In Attack by British

Port Said, Egypt—(U.P.)—British and French slowed their evacuation of Port Said today to recover from a week end of violence in which a "merciless" attack on Egyptian suicide commandos killed at least 100 persons.

The United Nations Emergency Forces (UNEF) took over most of Port Said but some 5,000 heavily-armed British and 2,000 French troops held strong positions in the debarcation area in fear of new reprisal attacks by the Egyptians.

British Major Ambushed

The British reported a series of 26 raids by Egyptian commandos during the past few days, climaxed by the ambush slaying of a British major. The attack by British tanks and infantrymen Saturday night and early Sunday followed the latest incident.

One U.N. officer described the British attack as "merciless" and estimated the dead at 100. Most estimates run that high although the Egyptians said only 30 persons were killed.

The British and French forces had been expected to leave Port Said by today and the Egyptian government predicted that they would. But it was indicated in Port Said that they were delaying the final pullout.

One of the main reasons for the delay was reported to be U.N. indecision over disposition of the Anglo-French salvage fleet in Port Said harbor. The troops would not leave as long as the equipment remained.

A new crisis loomed tonight, the deadline for U.N. acceptance of Anglo-French salvage fleets with their crews. If no acceptance comes by then, the salvage fleet is expected to sail and let a partially raised blockship sink back to the bottom of the canal.

Egypt has agreed to the use of the British and French salvage vessels but only if they are manned by other nations. Britain and France have refused and gave the United Nations until midnight tonight, local time, to decide.

850 People Attend Sunday Concert

An estimated 850 people attended the Medford Senior High school band benefit concert presented Sunday afternoon by the high school chorus and band.

Proceeds had not been tabulated today, school officials said, but it was indicated the band's trip to San Francisco for the East-West Shrine football game was assured. The game will be played Dec. 29.

The home was erected about 60 years ago. The blaze, starting from an overheated flue, caused extensive damage to the roof and upper story, firemen reported.

Occupants of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braum, were not at home when the fire broke out. The blaze was reported by a neighbor. Firemen said that it had made considerable headway in the attic and upstairs ceiling before being noticed.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department has fixed the 1956 corn crop at 3,431,292,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 997,207,000 bushels.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light showers tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight 48. High Tuesday 48. Temp. Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 41.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:25 a.m. Sunset 4:40 p.m. Moonrise 3:04 p.m. Full moon 11:08 a.m. MORNING STARS: Jupiter, high in Southern 1:15 a.m. Venus, rises 2:37 a.m. Saturn, rises 6:21 a.m. In the constellation, Scorpio, and is now more than a billion miles from the Earth.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Greetings HELP FIGHT TB

Shepilov, Zhukov In Poland To Sign New Defense Pact

Warsaw, Poland—(U.P.)—Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov and Defense Minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov arrived here suddenly today to sign a new defense pact with Poland.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman invited all correspondents to the official residence of Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz tonight to witness the signing of the Soviet-Polish pact. The spokesman gave no further details.

To Spell Out Terms

Informed sources said that the new pact would spell out the terms under which Soviet troops will be stationed in Poland and their status as visiting troops under Polish law.

There was no advance notice of the Shepilov-Zhukov visit. The two Soviet officials flew into Okecie airport from Moscow in a special Soviet military plane today.

Details of the agreement were worked out recently in Moscow when Polish Communist Party Secretary Wladyslaw Gomułka went there as the head of a party-government delegation.

Ministers Commend Police Department

Members of the Medford police department have been commended for their "efficient enforcement of the law, and for their high standard of morale and spirit," by the Medford Ministerial association, it was reported today.

The association, at its meeting last week, authorized a committee to draw up and mail a letter of commendation to the department. The letter was mailed to arrive Monday. It said:

Letter Received

"At the Dec. 11 meeting of the Medford Ministerial association, the matter of law enforcement by the city police was discussed. It was pointed out by several speakers that the city police maintained an efficient enforcement of the law, and a high standard of morale and spirit within the department.

"The Ministerial group felt that with such a record, the Association should give encouragement to those responsible.

Resolution Passed

"It was therefore moved and carried that a resolution embodying these expressions of approval be sent to the chief of police and the city council."

The committee included the Rev. Richard M. Jones of Eastwood Baptist church, the Rev. Kenneth Korby of St. Peter's Lutheran church and Dr. D. K. West of the First Presbyterian church.

Councilmen Conduct Noon Meeting Today

Members of the Medford city council, councilmen-elect and two city officials were to attend a pre-council meeting at noon today in the Rague Room of the Medford hotel.

Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint councilmen with items on Tuesday's city council agenda. The meeting also was planned to familiarize councilmen-elect with business the council has been considering recently.

City officials planning to attend were City Manager Robert Duff and City Attorney E. R. Bashaw.

Compton Low Bidder On Ashland Project

Portland—(U.P.)—J. C. Compton was low bidder on a highway project in Ashland, the State Highway Commission announced today. Compton's bid of \$164,263 calls for grading and paving 1.11 miles of Pacific highway from the Southern Pacific undercrossing north of Ashland to Helman st.

Eisenhower, Nehru Hold Conferences At Gettysburg

Many Subjects To Be Discussed

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India arrived at Mr. Eisenhower's farm here today for informal man to man talks on a broad range of problems.

They drove here from Washington in a White House limousine with an escort of Secret Service guards, newspaper reporters and photographers.

At Gettysburg, away from the pressures and pomp which customarily surround a visit of the head of a foreign government to Washington, they will exchange views on such subjects as the Hungarian crisis, the Middle East dispute, U. S. recognition of Red China, U. S. military alliances, colonialism and disarmament.

Only Second U.S. Visit

Diplomats of both countries hope the President and Nehru, heads of the world's two largest democracies, can narrow some of the differences that have separated their nations on a number of international issues. Some look for a new U.S.-Indian understanding.

Nehru, his visit to the United States long delayed by the President's illness of last summer, arrived in Washington aboard the President's personal plane Sunday afternoon. In setting foot on American soil for only the second time, he said that he considered it a privilege to confer with Mr. Eisenhower "at this rather important and even, perhaps, critical moment in history."

Lunched With President

He drove immediately from the airport to the White House for lunch with the President. Mr. Eisenhower almost ran down the White House steps to greet Nehru and his daughter, Indira Gandhi.

"This is an event to which I have long looked forward," the President said. "It is a privilege and an honor to welcome you to this land—to this house."

It was the first face-to-face meeting between the two leaders since 1949 when Nehru received an honorary degree at Columbia University, which Mr. Eisenhower then headed.

Santa Claus Orders Invited on Telephone

Youngsters who wish to place their orders with Santa Claus, may dial him "direct from Medford" this evening and three other evenings this week.

Kiwanis club members, who have made the arrangements, said that boys and girls may talk to Santa by dialing 2-6178 or 3-5301.

Santa will answer between 6 and 9 p.m.

Youngsters may also telephone between the same hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Kiwanians said.

Pontiac, Mich.—(U.P.)—Another 1,000 workers were laid off today as a result of the Fishery body plant strike, bringing the total idled to 12,300.

"It Works Fine. You Just Have To Push It, That's All"



Phoenix—(U.P.)—Twelve of 13 persons crammed into a 19-year-old automobile built to carry five persons were killed early today when the car crashed into a passenger train here. Four of the victims were children.

The 13th, a baby girl, was injured critically. Police believe the accident may have been one of the worst of its kind in history.

Dead Identified

Police tentatively identified the victims as:

Juan Alire Sr., 59; Juan Alire Jr., 21; Victor Alire, 28; Clara Alire, 21; Sofi Alire, 28; Mike Alire, 8 months; Steven Alire, 10; David Alire, 8; Bobby Alire, 3, all of Mexican descent; Leroy Johnson 36, John Massery, 36, and a woman, about 40, name yet unknown. None of the addresses was known.

Hospitalized and "holding her own" according to attendants, was the baby, Crucita Alire, about 20 months, who required surgery for head injury.

Officers believed Massery may have been driving the car, which carried California license plates. A check with California authorities showed the car had been registered to Donald Haga of Sacramento. However, Mrs. Haga said in Sacramento that her husband had sold the car to a man named John Massery of Phoenix.

"It was a terrible sight," said a police officer at the scene. "The bodies were torn up badly and were scattered everywhere. The 12th body was found hours after the accident. It was that of a three-year-old boy, and was in some weeds near the railroad tracks."

None on Train Hurt

No passengers on the train were injured, and a Southern Pacific spokesman said the train's engine was not aware of the accident until a bumper from the car hit the engine unit as the train neared the station, more than two miles from the scene of the wreckage.

A 1932 Chevrolet sedan, apparently the site of the train between the first and second engine unit of the derailed train.

Officers said the crossing has a starburst warning sign and no signals. The accident happened at 12:10 a.m. (MST) and within minutes hundreds of spectators jammed the area.

Police combined with sheriff's deputies held the crowd back while the bodies were removed.

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Phoenix collision is believed the greatest traffic death of any accident in which a passenger car was involved this year, the National Safety Council said today. It was the greatest death toll in which a passenger car and train were involved together this year.

Paul Jones, a spokesman for the council, also said the largest number of fatalities recorded for a single auto occurred in April, 1950, in Minnesota, when two passenger cars collided and 13 were killed in one car.

Cleaning Campaign To End on Jan. 1

Free laundry and dry cleaning of clothing and linen donations for destitute families in European countries will be offered by local establishments until Jan. 1, according to Al Dumas, owner of Medford Domestic Laundry and Dry Cleaners and past president of the Oregon State Laundry Owners association.

Participating in the clothing crusade, sponsored by the association, are Medford Domestic Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Crystal White Laundry and Dry Cleaners and American Laundry.

Donations for Hungarian, Polish or other European families, will be picked up by trucks from the three establishments, cleaned and turned over to local charity organizations for shipment. Those having clothing or linen donations needing to be cleaned and distributed may phone any of the three establishments for pickup service.

Public response to the crusade, which started last week, has been reported good.

More Bloodmobile Appointments Needed

Appointments for blood donations during the Bloodmobile's visit in Medford tomorrow are far short of the number needed to meet the 200-pint quota, officials said today.

Seventy-three appointments have been made so far. In order to meet the quota, 250 donors will be needed, it was pointed out. Officials said "drop-in" donors will be welcome. The Bloodmobile unit will be in front of the Elks temple in Medford from 1 to 5 p.m.

Appointments may be made by telephoning Bloodmobile headquarters, Medford 3-3813.

Late Store Hours Due Through Friday Night

Friday will be the last night this week that retail stores in Medford will be open until 9 p.m. for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Most retail establishments will be open until 9 p.m., every night until Friday, starting tonight. This is in accordance with a recent decision by the Retail Merchants committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Russia Turns Down U.S. Protest on Tanks in Budapest

Washington—(U.P.)—Russia today flatly rejected a U.S. protest against the recent stationing of Soviet tanks in front of the American Legation in Budapest.

Soviet Charge d'Affaires Sergei R. Striznov said the American complaint of Dec. 6 was "an unjustified attempt to interfere in the relations between the U.S.S.R. and the Hungarian people."

He also charged that the Hungarian revolt "was stimulated from the outside." But he did not directly accuse the United States of stirring it up.

Equal Treatment Seen

The reply came amid indications the United States may give equal short shrift to a Soviet protest charging that three U.S. bombers flew over Siberian territory on a reconnaissance flight last week. Air Force officials denied any knowledge of such a flight.

The United States had complained that Russia posted tanks before the American Legation in Budapest during a demonstration in the streets of the Bulgarian capital.

The United States studied the Russian protest that three U.S. B-57 reconnaissance planes violated Soviet air space south of Vladivostok, Siberia, Dec. 11. The Soviet note was delivered Saturday.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 492.75, up 1.67; 20 railroads 184.63, up 0.58; 15 utilities 67.58, off 0.01, and 65 stocks 172.82, up 0.18. Sales today were about 2,500,000 shares compared with 2,450,000 shares Friday.

Presidential Electors Meet In Capitols Across Nation

Washington—(U.P.)—The voters may think they elected the president and vice president on Nov. 6, but the real election was taking place today.

In 50 state capitols across the land, a total of 531 people known as presidential electors gathered to cast ballots which formally elect the nation's two highest officials.

The electors will, as custom dictates, vote the way the majority of people in their respective states did in the November general election, so that the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket still will be the winner. The results almost certainly will be: Eisenhower-Nixon, 437 electoral votes.

Stevenson-Kefauver, 74 electoral votes. Actually, however, the elec-

Hungarians Forced To Work in Coal Mines

Vienna—(U.P.)—Russia said today the Hungarian revolution had ended, but reports from Budapest said Russian tanks, troops and possibly planes were still fighting rebel guerrillas in the wild mountains north of the capital.

The Budapest government was reported sending Hungarian strikers to the coal mines today as forced labor in an effort to avert economic disaster, and a Budapest broadcast said 654 went to work in the Matra Mountains today.

The defiant Hungarians demanded that Polish troops be brought in to replace the Russian Army of Occupation.

The demands appeared on posters plastered mysteriously on walls of buildings all over Budapest. The posters suggested that the Pole could take over from the Russians "in the spirit and under the terms of the Warsaw pact."

Lady Lions Report Ample Toy Supply

The Medford Lady Lions today reported there is an "ample supply" of toys on hand this year for distribution to needy families in Medford.

The women invited residents turn in names of more families in need of toys or Christmas baskets this year. The requests may be made by phoning Mrs. Joseph Tomjack, 3-1790, or the fire chief's office, 2-2790.

The toys have been donated by residents of Medford, repaired by city firemen and will be distributed Saturday by the Lady Lions. Toys will be on display at Franklin's Transfer and Storage company, Third and First, at a public open house from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday.

Lady Lions have asked that those requesting baskets for families be prepared to give such details as the number of children in the families and ages of the children.

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