

# Strikes, Demonstrations Reported in Russia

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## Nehru Sees Talks as Contribution To Peace



CLOTHING SHIPPED—Boxes of clothing for Hungarian relief are checked by Virgil Rose (right) and Art Davis at the Pierce Freight Lines company before loading it on a truck for San Francisco. Approximately a ton of clothing reported in unusually good condition was collected last week by the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations Association, for Hungarian relief. The 30 cartons were made ready for shipment last Friday and taken to San Francisco by the freight lines without charge.

## People in Russia Believed Unhappy Over Hungary

### American Policy Found Not So Rigid

Washington — (U.P.) — Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru concluded his formal talks with President Eisenhower today with a prediction that their meeting will make a definite contribution to world peace.

### To Be Host At Dinner

Nehru told newsmen as he left the White House after talking with the President for one hour and 40 minutes.

"I think India and America will get along very well in the future in international affairs."

The Indian Prime Minister will be host to Mr. Eisenhower at a state dinner tonight but his visit to the White House today was the last man to man secret talk with the President on his schedule.

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## Copco to Receive Reserve Award

The California Oregon Power company Thursday will receive the department of defense reserve award at ceremonies in Medford.

Brig. Gen. Sam Maddux, commander of Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, will present the award, which is in recognition of an outstanding record in cooperation with reservists and reserve activities of the armed services.

A. S. Cummins, president of Copco, will receive the award and citation on behalf of the company.

The award is made to employers who have been unusually cooperative with reservists and their military activities. Defense department officials pointed out that the award to Copco is the result of the company's policy of giving military leave to reservists on active duty tours, pursuing personnel policies favorable to reservists, providing office space and facilities for reserve activities, and allowing time off for reservists to attend special training events.

## HOW TO PHONE SANTA

Dial Medford 2-6178 or 5-301  
Between 8 and 9 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday  
(Through arrangements by Medford Kiwanis Club)

## Premier Says Israel Not To Return Gaza Strip To Egypt

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — Premier David Ben-Gurion told the Knesset (parliament) today Israel will not return the disputed Gaza Strip to Egypt.

The white-haired Premier, in a speech to a packed session of the Knesset, cautiously refused to comment on reports Israeli Ambassador to Washington Abba Eban said Tuesday Israel does not want the Gaza Strip.

"But I would like to stress immediately that no one is entitled to say anything regarding the future of the Gaza Strip except that in no circumstances will Israel agree to its return to the Egyptian invaders," Ben-Gurion said.

The Gaza Strip is a finger of land that juts into Israel from Egypt along the Mediterranean coast, and some 200,000 Arab refugees are jammed into the area.

Israel won the Gaza Strip in its push into the Sinai Desert last month. Since then Israel said it would give up its conquests in Sinai but has been adamant it retain control of Gaza and the refugees who have lived there since they left what is now Israel during the 1948 Palestine war.

## Hearing Called on Annexation Proposal

The Medford city council will decide on the annexation of the Kenwood-Grandview district to the city following a public hearing next Jan. 15, members decided last night.

Voters in the area approved annexation by a vote of 342 to 283 at the general election in November. But before the annexation becomes effective it must be approved by the city of Medford, either by the council after a public hearing, or by an election.

In effect, the cost of annexation to present residents of the city would amount to about 18 cents per month per water connection, the council was told last night by City Manager Robert Duff.

### Balance Each Other

The cost of new city services to be furnished the area, and the added income coming to the city as a result of annexation, almost balance each other, he said.

The added cost would come through water department services, where added costs would exceed increased income of some \$13,000 per year. This could be paid in several ways, Duff said, and he suggested either a general water rate increase throughout the system totaling about \$2.18 per connection per year (or about 18 cents per month), or a levy of 0.41 of a mill on all city property.

Duff said costs chargeable to the water department shape up this way:

There would be an annual cost of \$10,568.75 for debt service on \$153,000 worth of outstanding district bonds, plus \$3,190 per year net loss in revenue and in additional maintenance costs, for added annual costs totaling \$13,758.75. Also, over the next few years, about \$20,300 would be needed for capital improvements in the district for fire protection and water service.

### Expenses Handled

These costs could be handled either through the small increase in water rates, or in the small property levy, Duff said.

General city services to the area, including street maintenance, lighting, police and fire protection, street signs, building inspection and drainage, would total about \$52,550 annually, Duff estimated.

But added income created by the annexation would come within a few hundred dollars of offsetting this cost, he said. The added income he estimated at \$41,670, and it would come from city taxation of the area on its assessed valuation of \$1,002,003, state assistance paid from gasoline and liquor taxes on a per capita basis, business licenses, and franchise fees.

The original petition for annexation submitted by residents of the area was based on the need for sewage facilities there, which they say has become critical, and could be solved only by annexation.

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## Nixon in Austria To Study Problem Of Moving Refugees

### Russia Denounces Trip as Interference

Vienna — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon arrived in Austria tonight to take a first hand look at the problems involved in the great mass refugee flight from Hungary.

As Nixon's special plane from Washington landed at Vienna's Schwechat Airport, almost the first persons he saw were 72 Hungarian refugees from Communist rule waiting to take off for a new life in America.

They were the latest group of more than 11,000 Hungarians already in or en route to the United States under President Eisenhower's plan to admit a total of 21,500 victims of Communist terror.

The vice president and his party finally landed here after a thick fog over Central Europe had caused hours of delay.

The vice president will tour several refugee centers and confer with officials on the scene in an effort to determine how the United States can help clear up the refugee problem.

President Eisenhower Asked Nixon to determine how American doors can be opened for even more refugees and how the Austrian government can be helped in taking care of the more than 60,000 persons still jammed into makeshift camps in this overburdened country.

Even before he landed Moscow Radio was denouncing his trip. It broadcast a dispatch in the Soviet Communist newspaper Pravda accusing him of flying to Austria to organize Hungary's ebbing fight for freedom and said he was jeopardizing Austria's neutrality.

The official Soviet newspaper, in a dispatch broadcast by Moscow radio, said Nixon's trip was "gross interference" in the affairs of other nations and violated U. S. pledges to respect the permanent neutrality of Austria.

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"Merry Christmas To You, Sir"



## Zone Change Proposal Referred to Planners

A proposal to rezone property in the area near the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital construction site was referred back to the planning commission for further consideration last night.

Frank Van Dyke, attorney representing 14 residents, said the group was opposed to recommendations made by the planning commission recently. The commission recommended that property be rezoned from Class 1A (single family) to Class IIIB (limited commercial).

He told the city council the group desired an opportunity to be heard by the planning commission before the council considers the commission's recommendations.

### Hearing 'Not Fair'

Van Dyke added that the initial planning commission hearing on the zoning change last month was "not fair" and that there was not adequate notice for the hearing.

The council asked the planning commission to submit a recommendation on the zoning change before Feb. 5, when the council again considers the matter.

The council tabled an ordinance proposing reduction of building permit fees for structures in which construction costs exceed \$500,000. The present ordinance provides a \$3 fee for each \$1,000 of construction costs.

Under the proposed ordinance the fee would be \$3 per \$1,000 for the first \$500,000, \$2 per \$1,000 for the second \$500,000, and \$1.50 per \$1,000 for more than \$1,000,000.

### Fees 'Excessive'

Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital association representatives said they believed the present fees were "excessive" for the new \$2,000,000 non-profit hospital being constructed at Barnett and Murphy roads.

The Rev. George V. Bolster and Eugene Thorndike of the hospital association requested the city to waive building fees "in exchange for the benefits the hospital will bring to the city."

The motion tabling the ordinance followed council discussion that collection of building fees might be deferred until completion of the hospital.

### Red Hungary To Ask West for Big Loan

Vienna — (U.P.) — Hungary's Communist regime is preparing to ask the free world for a \$400 million loan to stave off economic disaster, reports from Budapest said today.

The reports said Hungary had no hopes of receiving such a huge sum from the Soviet Union or other Communist nations and was being forced to turn to the United States and other Western countries.

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## Shepilov Said Shouted Down in Attempt To Speak

### Police Rescue Female Member of Politburo

Berlin — (U.P.) — The West Berlin news paper Telegram said today a wave of strikes and anti-government demonstrations has hit the Soviet Union.

The newspaper said reports of strikes and worker anti-government rallies extended from the Donetz River Basin in the Ukraine to the Crimea and to Moscow.

It said students demonstrated at the universities of Moscow, Rostov and Vilna and that Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov was shouted down and hissed when he tried to speak at the University of Moscow against counter-revolutionary tendencies.

It said other party officials were shouted down in meetings at the universities of Rostov and Vilna.

The newspaper also reported that Mme. Ekatarina Furseva, a woman candidate member of the Communist party politburo, had to be escorted by police from the Moscow Kagavich ball bearing factory.

A strike took place at the factory after the Hungarian revolution and Madam Furseva went there in an effort to counter demands for higher wages, the newspaper said.

### Complete Chaos

The meeting hall turned into a scene of complete chaos when an answer to a shout from the audience she had to admit she earned 20,000 rubles a month (\$5,800 at the legal rate), the newspaper said.

"Police only with effort were able to rescue her from the furious workers' riots."

It said reports of strikes and spontaneous protest rallies of workers had come from the Donetz Basin and the Crimea. "Satisfaction is spreading rapidly over the entire Soviet Union."

"The movement is not organized but breaks out spontaneously in incident after incident," it said. "It has a foundation in the broad masses of the Russian workers and among the intellectuals. The events in Hungary play more than a slight role in the movement."

## State to Design Bear Creek Bridges

State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams has notified City Manager Robert Duff that the state highway department will design and build two bridges to the city's arterial street building program.

Aerial street development is one of three segments of a capital improvement program approved by voters Nov. 6.

The highway department will assist in designing Bear Creek bridges at 11th and 11th 1/2. According to the plan the city will supply necessary maps and other engineering data upon which the state will base the design.

The state will estimate the cost of preparing the design and will require the city to deposit the estimated cost with the state. Upon completion, the state will return the balance of the deposit.

If the cost exceeds the deposit, the state will bill the city for the additional cost. Williams said in some cases the state has headed the engineering part of the construction by stationing a resident engineer stationed in the vicinity.

## Outgoing Mail in Medford Sets New Record This Week

Monday and Tuesday were both record-breaking days at the Medford post office. Postmaster Moore Hamilton reported this morning.

On Monday, a total of some 111,000 pieces of mail were cancelled here, he said, compared to the previous record-high day, in 1955, just before Christmas, when 97,000 pieces of mail went through. On Tuesday, the total dropped to 98,000, still over the previous record high. These were outgoing items of mail only, he pointed out.

Monday was the peak day this year, Hamilton said, and the volume of outgoing mail can be expected to taper off from now on. The incoming peak volume will also be sometime this week, he indicated.

The post office has employed 31 extra employees to help with the Christmas mail rush. Hamilton reported and the office has borrowed 11 trucks and panel trucks from other federal agencies to help with the distribution.

The fact that the peak volume passed more than a week before Christmas is attributable to the cooperation of post office patrons in doing their mailing early, Hamilton declared, and he said that postal employees are grateful for this cooperation.

The office will be open until 5 p.m. Saturday, he said, and parcel deliveries will be made on Sunday. He added that in accordance with past custom a "cleanup" delivery of any undelivered parcel post packages will be made Christmas morning.

# Medford Stores Open Until 9 o'clock Through Friday