



AIR FORCE'S NEWEST—Undergoing tests over Fort Worth, Texas is America's first supersonic bomber, the delta-wing Convair B-58 "Hustler." Slung beneath her wings are four powerful J-79 turbojet engines. The Hustler carries a crew of three. It is about 95 feet long, and its delta wing spans about 55 feet.

Shepilov Proposes 'Hands Off' In Middle East

Russia's Proposal Seen as Move To Undermine Doctrine

President, Dulles Confer About Note

Thomasville, Ga., —(U.P.)—The White House called Russia's "hands off" proposal for the Middle East today an effort to "discredit" the Eisenhower doctrine.

President Eisenhower conferred early today by telephone with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles about the note delivered to the American Embassy in Moscow Monday.

Asks 'Hands Off' Policy
The note, from Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri T. Shepilov, suggested that the Big Four powers declare a "hands off" policy in the Middle East. Similar notes were delivered to the French and British Embassies.

Shortly after the President finished playing golf this morning at the Glen Arven County club here, his press secretary, James C. Hagerty, made the following statement on the Russian note:

"Obviously this is a move to try to discredit or to stop the Eisenhower plan in the Middle East."

Hagerty said the President and Dulles, who is in Washington, conferred by telephone for about 20 minutes. Dulles had a digest of the Shepilov note, but not the full text.

Shepilov called for a four power "hands off" declaration for the Middle East, saying Russia, Britain, France and the United States could guarantee peace there by "peaceful negotiation."

Doctrine Not Mentioned
The Soviet foreign minister did not mention the Eisenhower doctrine but told the Supreme Soviet that the Big Four could join together to give guarantees of sovereignty in the Middle East without interference in the internal affairs of Middle East nations.

Shepilov also has called on the Western nations to halt what he regarded as their efforts to "roll back Communism."

Hagerty said that in addition to the Russian notes, the President and Dulles conferred again on efforts to get Israeli military forces out of Egyptian territory.

The White House also announced that Vice President Richard M. Nixon will pay a state visit to Liberia in March.

Dulles Incompetent, Sen. Morse Declares

Washington —(U.P.)—Democratic senators Monday accused Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of lying and evasiveness.

Republican senators promptly defended Dulles as the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees ended public hearings on the Eisenhower doctrine.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) accused Dulles of "complete incompetence and deception."

"There is no more deceptive person in public life," he said. He also accused Dulles of putting forth an "unadulterated lie" in saying he was being jocular when he testified that U.S. troops in the Middle East might be better off without British and French troops at their side.

Morse said he would check the clock if he were present, when Dulles was asked the time of day.

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) said he never questioned a "more evasive witness" than Dulles.

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Conditions in Lumber Industry Declared Grim

Lumber, Sawmill Conference Hears Concern Voiced

No Great Hope for Immediate Recovery

Seattle —(U.P.)—The Western Conference of Lumber and Sawmill Workers heard the governor of Washington and a Labor Department official express concern yesterday over slumping prices and employment in the lumber industry.

Daniel L. Goldy, northwest regional director of the Labor Department Bureau of Employment Security, told 350 delegates to the organization's 20th annual convention:

"You are meeting at a time when conditions for your industry are grim."

Great Hope Not Held

Goldy said that despite booming construction in some lines, the specific lines in which the lumber industry is interested do not hold great hope for immediate recovery.

He said new housing was down 400,000 units last year and added that the 1957 total is expected to decline another 100,000 from last year's 1,000,000 new starts.

Goldy said sawmill workers would demand employment equal to 50 per cent of their regular wages.

Should Boast Benefits

He said that in Washington this would mean an increase from \$35 to \$55 in maximum weekly payments. Oregon also should boost its benefits from \$35 to \$55, he said.

Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington also expressed concern over the situation in the lumber industry.

He said he would work with Washington's congressional delegation to bolster lumber and plywood prices. He also promised support for higher employment compensation benefits.

Legislator Honors Memory of Lincoln

Salem —(U.P.)—The memory of Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator, was honored in song and speech at a joint session of the Oregon Legislature today.

Present for the formal observance of the 148th anniversary of Lincoln's birth were Gov. Robert D. Holmes, members of the State Supreme Court, high state officials and private citizens.

Howard W. Runkel, chairman of the speech and drama department of Willamette University, said that Lincoln would probably be more impressed with tributes in the form of action, rather than diction.

But he said the eulogist must note at least three aspects of Lincoln's extraordinary personality: His humility of spirit, his rare understanding and his generosity of spirit.

"More than one writer has linked the American Civil War president with Jesus and Socrates as the three transcendently great figures of all time," Runkel said.

Weather

FORECAST Variable high cloudiness through Wednesday. Low tonight 28-30. High Wednesday near 60. TEMP. Highest Yesterday 55. Lowest this Morning 33.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:11 a.m. Sunset 4:39 p.m. Moonset Wednesday 6:07 a.m. Full Moon — Feb. 14
PROMINENT STARS
Spella, high overhead 7:56 p.m. Sirius, due south 9:26 p.m. VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, high in south. 6:41 p.m. West. 8:55 p.m. Jupiter, low in east. 3:12 a.m. Saturn, rises 3:12 a.m.

Conciliatory Tone Seen Marking New Peace Offensive

Non-Interference Policy Proposed

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The Soviet Union countered the Eisenhower doctrine of military and economic aid for the Middle East with a six-point "hands off" plan of its own today.

U. S. officials in Washington promptly labeled the proposal a move designed to force the West out of the area and leave the Soviet free to stir up more trouble.

Outlined by Shepilov
The Soviet policy was outlined in a major speech before the Supreme Soviet in Moscow by Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov.

In it, Shepilov adopted a conciliatory tone which seemed to mark the start of a new peace offensive. But he backed this up with a threat of Soviet armed might so long as Moscow's "peaceful efforts" meet resistance in the West.

Shepilov's speech expanded on Soviet proposals made Monday in notes handed to United States, British and French ambassadors in Moscow.

The plan calls for the four big powers to join in settling Middle and Near East problems by peaceful negotiations only. It proposes a policy of non-interference, elimination of military blocs in the area, liquidation of foreign bases and withdrawal of foreign troops, renunciation of the supply of arms and mutual cooperation for economic development of the region.

Cautious Prediction
Shepilov's plan came as Western diplomats cautiously predicted that Israel would pull its troops out of Egypt as a result of U.S. support of its claim to free navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles promised a U.S. declaration to that effect if Israel withdraws now in accord with U.N. demands.

Israeli troops still in the Gaza strip and along the gulf of Aqaba constitute the present biggest threat to Middle East peace. But if they are withdrawn following U.S. support of the Israeli demands for guarantees, tension in the area will drop sharply.

Shepilov made it clear in his address that the Soviet would continue with its present policies of strength until its views are accepted.

Vaccine Shots Set At Four Schools

The second round of Salk anti-polio vaccinations will be given between 9 and 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eagle Point school, Griffin Creek school, Hedrick Junior High school and Ashland Junior High school, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel public health physician.

Volunteer physicians and nurses today administered the shots at Gold Hill school, Rogue River school, Phoenix High school and Medford Senior High school.

About 7,700 youths under 20 years of age received their first shots in the series last month and will receive their second shots by the end of February.

Health department officials reminded residents that anyone under 20 who did not receive his first shot last month may receive it during this round and receive his second shot at the clinic next month.

Hearing on Bills To Repeal Surtax Delayed by Vote

Salem —(U.P.)—Immediate consideration of two bills to repeal the 45 per cent surtax appeared unlikely today after the House Taxation Committee voted against immediate discussion of the bills 5-3.

Rep. Wayne Giesy, Monroe Republican, led the move for consideration. He was joined by Reps. Fayette Bristol, Grants Pass Republican, and Ben Evick, Madras Democrat.

Chairman Clarence Barton, Coquille, said he had not yet scheduled the surtax bills.

The Democratic surtax repeal contains provisions for amending the personal income tax law while the Republican-backed bill provides for repeal only.

Two Bills Get OK
The committee late yesterday voted on two bills with a do pass recommendation. One would allow a farmer to deduct from his income taxes as expenses money paid by him for soil or water conservation on farm lands or to prevent soil erosion.

The other bill would amend the corporate excise tax law to permit corporations engaging in farming to deduct not more than 25 per cent of gross farm income for soil or water conservation purposes.

Postponed pending tax commission research was a bill to give persons over 65 a \$600 a year exemption on their personal income taxes. This would cost the state \$1.4 million a year in revenue.

Rep. Giesy recommended that the bill be limited to persons making less than \$3500 a year.

Action in the House saw a bill introduced to abolish the State Board of Control and transfer its functions to the governor and other agencies. It also would provide for a director of public institutions.

India Assumes Role Of Algeria Mediator

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—India jumped into its favorite U.N. role as "mediator" today and sought to work out a compromise resolution on Algeria that the West as well as the Arab states would accept.

An Indian spokesman said the chief of his delegation, V. K. Krishna Menon, had conferred with U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau on the draft.

The Arab states have demanded Algeria be given the right of self determination through free elections. The United States has urged that France and Algeria be given a chance to work out the problem without U.N. interference.

Planners Recommend SE Area Zone Change

The city planning commission last night recommended to the city council that seven acres in southeast Medford be rezoned from single family (class IA) to limited commercial (class IIA).

A public hearing will be held at the next meeting concerning a proposed addition to the recommendation. The proposal calls for a 4-to-1 parking ratio in the area. If adopted, the proposal would require setting aside four acres of parking area for each acre of building.

Recommended for rezoning were five acres south of Barnett rd. and east of Black Oak drive, and two acres south of Barnett rd. and west of Black Oak drive.

Construction Listed
If the city council adopts the commission's recommendation, construction of commercial service facilities, such as grocery stores, doctors' offices, service stations and similar establishments will be allowed there.

City planners agreed on the recommendation after a public hearing in which Frank Van Dyke, Medford attorney appearing on behalf of several downtown businessmen, voiced protests against the proposal.

Van Dyke said establishment of a business zone in that area would result in "diluting the economic milk of the area." He

148 Appointments Made by Donors

Officials at the Red Cross Bloodmobile headquarters today said they were hopeful at least 175 more people would make appointments to donate blood from 1 to 6 p.m. tomorrow, when the Bloodmobile unit will be at the Elks Temple in Medford.

By noon today, 148 prospective donors had made appointments. Quota for Medford is 290 pints. Officials said at least 300 donors would be necessary to meet the quota.

Appointments will be received until 5 p.m. today and from 8:30 a.m. until noon Wednesday. Prospective donors may make appointments by telephoning the Bloodmobile headquarters, 3-3813. Drop-in donors will be welcome during the Bloodmobile visit, officials said.

Medford's quota this time has been raised 40 pints because of increased blood usage in this area it was pointed out. Blood will be received from donors who have had malaria or jaundice and will be used in plasma for the Civil Defense program.

Portland —(U.P.)—The Columbia County Labor Council has announced it would maintain its boycott on Kaiser Gypsum's two Fir-Tex plants at St. Helens, Ore.

said the commission should not encourage business development in southeast Medford until all areas in the downtown business district have been utilized.

"Businessmen are now paying the largest share of the tax burden . . . people opening businesses in these outer areas would not have an equal burden. The competitive element would be unfair and we feel establishment of a business area there would be detrimental to both areas."

He added that the southeast district has not grown substantially to justify that type of development. "Commercial development of these outer areas might be sound when Medford's population grows to about 50,000, but we feel it would not be sound now."

Members of the planning commission contended advance planning is essential to development of the city. They also said designation of the southeast Medford area as a limited commercial district does not mean business establishments will go in immediately. They noted businessmen do not build in an area until there's enough population to support it.

Art Pritchard, California planning consultant hired to assist in Medford planning, called attention to an ordinance under consideration to provide four acres of parking to each area of commercial building.

Few Businesses
He pointed out that this ordinance, if adopted, would mean only a few business establishments could be constructed in the seven-acre southwest Medford area.

"If that ordinance is enforced, rezoning of the area might be more palatable to my clients," Van Dyke said. "We're against rezoning of the area under any circumstances, but would look upon it more favorably if there was a restriction of that type," he added.

It was suggested that the rezoning issue be delayed until the city council takes action on the parking ratio ordinance. However, the commission indicated there had already been considerable delay on the issue and expressed reluctance to further postpone action.

May Go To Court
"It is very important to my clients to find out how much of that area is to be used for business," Van Dyke said. "If necessary, we will go to court to block action on it until the ordinance is passed."

After considerable discussion, commission members suggested the rezoning recommendation be submitted to the council and a hearing be called on the parking ratio issue. The commission will subsequently consider recommending the parking ratio restriction as an addition to the rezoning recommendation.

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said park and recreational development could be included in this year's program at an added cost of \$500.

After considerable discussion, the commission agreed to request funds for the park and recreation program as well as the renumbering program.

Pritchard explained the land use program would involve a land use survey, which would be recorded on a property lines map. Distribution of population as well as a projection of future population distribution would also be recorded on the map.

Field work, printing and similar work would also be needed, Pritchard said.

The zoning ordinance would involve preparation of maps, which could overlap somewhat with maps prepared for the land use plan, printing, hearings and meetings.

The house renumbering program would necessitate survey and drafting of the existing numbering plan, analysis and report of the existing program and setting up a new system which would facilitate numbering changes. Pritchard said the program would not involve renumbering of every house in Medford but would provide for renumbering of houses in areas where confusion exists.

Pritchard said hiring of a full-time technician would be necessary in order to complete the project in time to be eligible for federal funds. He emphasized importance for taking advantage of the federal aid program immediately. He noted the program is offered to cities with populations under 25,000. Medford's population is about 20,000 at the present time and is steadily growing, he said.

Planning Commission to Request \$9,700 to Finance Medford's Participation in Federal Aid Program

A request for \$9,700 will be submitted to the city council by the Medford planning commission for financing the city's participation in a federal aid program for planning municipal improvements.

Under the program, which is available to cities with population less than 25,000, the federal government would match the city in funds to carry out city improvements. One-fourth of the city's participation may be in service, it was pointed out at a commission meeting last night, and the remainder in cash.

Estimated Cost
City Manager Robert Duff said \$9,700 is estimated as the cost to the city for obtaining a land use program, zoning ordinance, house renumbering program, park and recreation program and services of a full-time technician who would work with

the city administration and Art Pritchard, member of Hahn and Wise and Associates, planning consultant firm.

The program would have to be completed in one year in order for the city to be eligible for federal funds, Duff explained.

Originally, Duff and Pritchard suggested the commission ask the city for \$9,200, which would cover all phases of the proposed program for this year, except park and recreation development in next year's federal aid program.

Need for Program
However, commission members emphasized need for an immediate park and recreation program and suggested its importance might exceed that of the house renumbering plan. Duff declared the need for renumbering is critical here and indicated it should not be postponed. He