



**GOVERNMENT PROPERTY**—Collection Officer L. C. Thurmond of the department of revenue, is shown above placing notice on the door of the Orchard Park packing plant near Voorhies crossing, identifying it as government property. The plant is part of the Walter H. Leverette holdings which were seized from Leverette today by the federal government for non-payment of internal revenue taxes.



**TAG EQUIPMENT**—Internal revenue agents tagged individual pieces of equipment as well as buildings and farm property when they seized the Leverette property today. Above, Collection Officers L. C. Thurmond, Eugene, and Irving H. Damitz put a "government property" tag on the pumping unit of the Orchard Park cold storage plant at Voorhies crossing. Other seizures included the Leverette building in downtown Medford.

## Government Seizes Leverette Property

One of the largest property seizures in the Pacific Northwest started today as the federal government began operations to take over the entire properties of Walter H. and Evelyn Leverette, for non-payment of internal revenue taxes.

The property includes 10 pear orchards, a cold storage building and the Leverette building located in downtown Medford. Total value of the property is in excess of \$1,250,000, internal revenue agent said.

The physical act of seizure was done by placing tags on buildings and machinery and started this morning at the cold storage plant at Voorhies crossing.

**Officers Here**

Here to execute the seizure were collection officers Irving H. Damitz of the Portland office and L. C. Thurmond of Eugene. They were aided by internal revenue department employees Oral Bell, Douglas Shepherd and Earl Gray, all of Medford.

The property will be put up for auction bid at a later date, Damitz said.

The Leverette holdings fall into four categories: the Orchard Park packing plant, the Orchard Park ranch, both in the vicinity of Voorhies crossing, the Leverette building, and the Table Top ranch, in the Table Rock area. Total land involved is about 3,100 acres.

Tagging of the properties will be completed today and the collection officers will wind up other business in connection with the seizure by tomorrow night, agents said.

The internal revenue agents declined to report the amount of taxes owned by the Leverettes. He served a brief sentence in federal prison several years ago on an income tax charge.

**Prospect Man Fined In District Court**

Cloys Eugene Adams, Prospect, was fined \$55 and \$5 court costs in district court yesterday when he appeared on a charge of trespass to real property.

Adams reportedly broke 36 panes of glass in the county jail Sunday after he was arrested for being drunk in a public place. He was fined \$30 on the latter charge Monday morning.

## Planning Commission Delays Action on Request for Southeast Change of Zone

City planning commission last night deferred action on a request for zone change from residential (class 1 A) to limited commercial (class III) in the vicinity of Ellendale drive and Barnett rd.

Frank Grover, a property owner in that area, appeared before the commission to urge the zone change. He pointed out there are now two grocery stores and a radio station in that area, which are non-conforming establishments under the present zoning.

Members of the commission indicated the zone change might be considered again if proposed after an overall city zoning survey is completed.

Also delayed pending completion of an overall city zoning survey was action on a request by Wayne (Shady) Wakefield that an area between Stevens st. and Buckshot Hill rd. be changed from residential to limited commercial. Action on another request from G. J. Wolff for change of zone from residential to limited commercial for three portions of property in the Grandview area was delayed pending completion of the survey.

Proposed for zone change were two acres of property be-

# Ike's Envoy En Route To Middle East

## Planners Decide to Recommend Vote In Berrydale Area

The Medford planning commission last night decided to recommend to the city council that an election be called for residents of the Berrydale area to consider annexation to the city of Medford.

Although representatives of interests for and against the proposed annexation attended the meeting, there was no discussion. Members of the commission approved a small change of boundaries for the area, which was proposed in a letter submitted last week by Nick Gier, chairman of the Berrydale Sanitation committee.

**Tentative Boundaries**

Tentative boundaries proposed last week at a special meeting of the commission ran roughly north of McAndrews rd., Gore st. and Lynn st., east of the Pacific highway, north of Mace rd., across Table Rock rd., north of the Crater Lake highway to McAndrews rd.

The new proposal would eliminate the area east of Merriman rd., across Table Rock rd. The boundary line there would start about 200 feet from the center line of Merriman rd., then south to DeBarr ave., and east to Bidde rd., where it would join the present city limits.

Also proposed was elimination of a triangular area south of the Crater Lake highway and east of Riverside ave. West boundaries would remain as originally proposed except for an extension to include property north of the original boundary line. The property is occupied by Haupt Tractor company, and Cal-Ore Machinery company.

**Disagreement Voiced**

At last week's special meeting, considerable disagreement

## Change Suggested In City Ordinance

The Medford planning commission agreed last night to recommend that the city council amend the zoning ordinance regarding parking requirements to provide four square feet of parking area to each square foot of gross building area in limited commercial (class III) districts.

The commission's action followed a public hearing at which no arguments were made for or against the proposed amendment.

The amendment would not effect existing structures, but would effect any structures after adoption of the amendment. Structures being remodelled also would be effected.

The proposed amendment reads: ". . . No building for business, professional, public or residential use shall be hereafter erected, enlarged or moved, upon the premises within a limited commercial district unless vehicle parking area of not less than four square feet for each square foot of gross building area is provided and thereafter maintained."

**Canberra—U.P.**—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles denounced Communist China as an international criminal today and said the United States will stand behind the Nationalist Chinese regime.

**Small slides were also reported along Little Butte creek, Butte Falls rd., and Rogue River drive. A washout was reported on Coleman Creek rd., and several culverts were reported plugged throughout the county.**

**Rynning said about four or five inches of water over the road at the junction of Crooked Creek and Stage Road South established a record of more than 20 years for high water at that location.**

**Clear Debris**

The engineer added that county crewmen, as well as city road crews, worked past midnight last night to clear water and debris from roads and they returned to work about 7 a.m. today.

**Chains were required on several mountain passes in southern Oregon this morning, state police reported. Chains were required on the Siskiyou, where 16 inches of new snow was reported; they were recommended on the Green Springs, where seven inches of snow were reported; and on Oregon mountain.**

**Crater Lake National park reported 23 inches of new snow, bringing the total on the ground to 117 inches. Highway 62 through the park was open, but travel was not advised. The road from Annie Springs to the rim was closed, park rangers said.**

**Decreasing Shower Activity Forecast; Streams Receding**

Decreasing shower activity was forecast for southern Oregon today, giving swollen rivers and streams a chance to recede in the wake of a storm which left 1.39 inches of rain in the valley and deep snow in the mountains yesterday and last night.

Although the Rogue river posed no major flood threat, most smaller streams in the county flooded highways and caused some property damage, officials said.

A low freezing and snow level late yesterday stopped much of the runoff from the steady rain which lasted throughout yesterday and last night. The freezing level this morning was 2,800 feet, weather bureau officials said, and the snow level was about 2,000 feet.

**Above Normal**

The 1.39 inches of rain in the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m. today brought the total for the month to 2.52 inches, 1.87 inches above normal. The total for the agricultural year which started last Sept. 1, is 16.97 inches, 3.43 inches above normal.

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## UNITED STATES URGES EGYPT TO COOPERATE WITH U.N. IN MID-EAST

### No Official Word On Egyptian Plan For Gaza Control

#### Passage for Israeli Ships in Suez Sought

**By UNITED PRESS**

The United States urged Egypt today to cooperate with the United Nations to keep peace in the Middle East.

The State Department announcement in Washington said: "The U.S. government is closely following developments in the Middle East respecting the Gaza Strip and the Suez Canal."

"We have consistently and strongly supported the role of the United Nations in these issues and specifically the functioning of the U.N. Emergency Force in its attempts to restore conditions of tranquility."

"We hope that all the parties concerned will continue to cooperate with the United Nations and its agencies in efforts to maintain peace and tranquility in the area."

The statement did not mention Egypt by name. But Washington officials said it was directed primarily at Egypt because of reports from Cairo on the Gaza Strip and Israeli shipping. They emphasized they had received no official word on Egypt's reported intention to take over administration of the Gaza region or to bar Israeli shipping from the Suez.

The Washington announcement came shortly after Israel warned against permitting an Egyptian governor to take over Gaza and pressed its rights to passage through the Suez Canal. A Foreign Office spokesman in Jerusalem said admission of a governor from Cairo would be considered "an Egyptian return to Gaza."

Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir called in the ambassadors of the United States and France to her Jerusalem office in a new attempt to win passage for Israeli ships through the Suez Canal.

In Gaza, things were quiet. The U.N. Emergency Force was in full control and there were no further demonstrations such as those of recent days. An Arab refugee wounded in one of those riots died this morning and was buried with little reaction in the strip.

**Conferees Held**

In Cairo, Assistant U.N. Secretary-general Ralph Bunche conferred with Egyptian officials in an effort to heal the breach between Egypt and the U.N. command. Egypt accused the UNEF Monday of exceeding its authority and announced its plans to take over administration of Gaza "immediately."

**In New York, U.N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold summoned his seven-nation advisory group on the UNEF for the second meeting in two days. They were to convene this afternoon.**

**Meetings for Budget Requests Continue**

The county budget committee was to resume meetings this afternoon with heads of the various departments who are individually presenting their 1957-58 budget requests.

Yesterday the committee met eight department heads, it was reported. They expected to complete the meetings sometime Wednesday. After all budget requests have been made, the committee will begin planning the overall county budget.

**Weather**

**FORECAST:** Decreasing shower activity tonight with occasional clearing periods. Partly cloudy Wednesday. Low tonight 28-30. High Wednesday 42-50.

**TEMPERATURE**

Highest Yesterday 45  
Lowest this Morning 29  
Prec. to 1:30 a.m. Today 1.39

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunrise 6:29 a.m.  
Sunset 6:13 p.m.  
Moonset Wednesday 4:37 a.m.  
PROMINENT STAR Sirius, due south 7:31 p.m.

**VISIBLE PLANETS**

Jupiter, low in east 7:04 p.m.  
Mars, in the west 2:48 p.m.  
Saturn, rises 1:57 a.m.

## Admiral Byrd Dies At Home In Boston

**Boston—U.P.**—The world of science and adventure today mourned the passing of Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, who unlocked the frozen secrets of Antarctica in five famed explorations that covered a record two million miles.

The 68-year-old "pioneer of the poles" will be buried with the nation's heroes in Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be announced, a Navy spokesman said. Byrd died of a heart attack in his Beacon Hill home Monday night.

His family and physician, Dr. William E. Greer, were at the bedside when death came "peacefully in sleep" at 6:20 p.m. (EST) to the man who excited the world with his exploits in exploration and naval aviation.

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## 2,675 Unemployed in County February 28

An estimated 2,675 were unemployed in Jackson county at the end of February, John J. Patton, manager of the Medford state unemployment compensation commission office, said today.

The figure is the same as the end of January, but 570 more than the number unemployed a year ago at this time when employment began to climb at the end of February, he said.

The lag this year is partly due to weather and to the unsatisfactory lumber market conditions, Patton noted. The lumber market was the source of most of the unemployment noted in this area, he added. Layoffs are mostly of a temporary nature and do not indicate a prolonged shutdown by firms concerned, he said.

**Rapid Increase**

After a rapid increase in December and January, unemployment leveled off and remained fairly constant through last month. Several lumber firms operated irregularly while others continued to operate as usual.

There were no new layoffs until near the end of the month when shutdowns for annual repairs offset a noticeable back to work trend, Patton said.

Out of the area workers appeared in some numbers, Patton said, attracted by rumors of been employment activity in this area.

## Board to Discuss New School Sites

The Medford school board will discuss tentative location of new elementary and high school sites relating to airport zoning regulations at 7:30 p.m. today at the Medford public school administration office.

An elementary school has been proposed at Grand and Corona aves. and a high school east of Crater Lake ave. Both sites are in northeast Medford. Recently a proposed site for a new high school was abandoned when it conflicted with airport zoning height restrictions for buildings.

Correspondence and information from various sources relating to the possibility of federal aid for school buildings in Oregon also will be considered by the board. School officials have indicated that possible aid would be for "distressed" districts only.

## Roy Elliott Hurt In Auto Accident

Roy Elliott, about 68, of 137 Renault ave., Medford, was knocked unconscious this morning when the car he was operating side-swiped another car and struck a tree on 10th st. between Mistletoe and Newtown sts., according to city police.

Elliott was Medford fire chief from 1923 until 1948 when he retired.

He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford ambulance service. Hospital attendants reported late this morning he was "resting comfortably."

According to officers Elliott suffered a four-inch laceration on his forehead and possible internal injuries.

The car he side-swiped was registered to William Duane Finch, 806 West 10th st., Medford, police said.

## Special Adviser Hopes To Explain About Doctrine

### Trip Expected To Include 18 Nations

**Washington—U.P.**—Ambassador James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's special adviser on Middle East affairs, left today on a trip to the area "to remove . . . misunderstandings about the Eisenhower Doctrine."

The Eisenhower Doctrine, signed into law by the President Saturday, serves notice the United States "is prepared to use armed force" to aid any victim of Communist aggression in the Middle East. It also authorizes use of \$200 million for military and economic aid to Mid-East nations.

**Two Months Work**

Richards, former Democratic congressman from South Carolina and recent chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, hopes to convince all nations of the area the United States wants only to help them preserve their independence. He is expected to be gone about two months and will visit all Middle East nations that want to talk to him—possibly some 18 in number.

In a statement released upon his departure from Washington National Airport Richards said it is "natural" the Eisenhower Doctrine is misunderstood in some quarters. "I shall try to remove such misunderstandings if any have arisen," he said.

Egypt and Syria have been cool or critical toward the Eisenhower program. Most other nations in the area appear at least open-minded toward it.

**Endorsements Sought**

Richards said Mr. Eisenhower is hopeful all Mid-East nations will endorse the U.S. plan.

Richards said neither the President nor he envisages the Eisenhower Doctrine as the beginning of a "vast new aid program." But he said it should "enable us to undertake some new and more effective programs which will materially contribute to the strengthening of the area."

The United States, Britain and France Monday rejected a Soviet proposal to join in a Big Four "hands off" policy toward the Middle East. The Soviets called for a joint declaration of policy in notes to the three Western Nations Feb. 11.

## Court to Consider Opinion on Plans

An opinion from District Attorney Thomas Reeder concerning legal aspects of the proposed juvenile detention home plans and construction, will be considered at 10 a.m. Wednesday at a meeting of the county court, architect and contractors for the structure.

Reeder was asked to hand down the opinion after a meeting of the court, architect and contractors last Friday. The meeting was held to discuss possibilities of reducing cost of the detention home from \$93,000, low bid for the project, to \$89,000.

Miscellaneous deletions from the detention home plans were discussed at the meeting, but action was postponed until the legal opinion could be obtained.

Final plans for the building are expected to be made tomorrow and a contract between the court and contractors will be drawn up and signed in the near future.

**Portland—U.P.**—The State Board of Higher Education has named Dr. George Saslow head of the department of psychiatry at the University of Oregon medical school.

