

EGYPT RENEWS CLAIM TO GULF OF AQABA



SCOUT LEADERS—These Scoutmasters from the Crater Lake Area Council have been making local preparations for the Boy Scout Jamboree held every four years at Valley Forge. About 70 boys from this area will make the trip, although less than half the number have indicated they plan to attend. The Scoutmasters are, left to right, seated, Bob Church, N. H. Gladfelter and Jack Thompson, all of Medford; back row, left to

right, William Clary, Grants Pass, Gene Pulley, Cave Junction, and Bob Laverty, Mt. Shasta. The six leaders will accompany the boys on the trip, which will include a visit to United Nations, a tour of the Ford plant in Detroit and various other sightseeing trips along the way. The group will leave Wednesday morning, July 3, and will be gone through July 27.

Indonesian Mobs Destroy Indian Embassy Building

Jakarta, Indonesia — (U.P.) — Mobs defied a proclamation of martial law and sacked an Indian Embassy building today while top army commanders were meeting here to decide the future of this rebellion torn republic.

The Indian Embassy said 200 Indonesians attacked the dining hall and "destroyed everything after stealing all the money they could." The embassy could give no reason for the attack.

Landlady Blamed

However, other sources said the attacks were masterminded by a landlady who wanted to eject the embassy and build an apartment house.

The mob arrived in trucks and on bicycles, cut telephone wires and set to work systematically destroying the building. They slashed the walls, roof, furniture and household goods with axes and crowbars and escaped before police arrived.

One Indian official said he was robbed during the two hour orgy of destruction.

Official Imprisoned
The mob wrecked furniture, tore away building tiles and looted other property. One Indian official was imprisoned in his home throughout the raid.

Maj. Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, army chief of staff and one of the most powerful men in the nation, presided over the group of generals who gave President Sukarno the emergency powers of a dictator during the crisis. The army meeting is to last four days.

Groups to Establish Honor Scholarship
A scholarship in memory of the late Mrs. Marjorie (Laurence) Butler is being established by Medford Teachers' association and Una B. Inch chapter, Future Teachers of America, it was announced today. Other organizations wishing to honor Mrs. Butler may join with these two groups in the effort, it was stated.

Mrs. Butler was on the faculty of Medford High school and dean of girls for several years until illness forced her resignation. She was founder of the FTA chapter at Medford High school. Claire Gurwell, advisor for the FTA chapter, states that further announcement concerning the scholarship will be made when all details are completed.

Radio Contact Established With Group of Boy Scouts
Radio contact was established last night with the group of Boy Scouts on "operation icicle," who are camped in the snow several miles west of the Umpqua divide on the road to Abbott Butte.

The 25 boys, along with six leaders, met in Prospect yesterday at 7:30 a. m. where they were transported by trucks and pickups to a point on the Woodruff meadows rd. Here they put on skis or snowshoes and started up the mountain towards Abbott Butte.

Radio contact was established by Sam Taylor of Elk Lumber company, who drove some distance up the Woodruff rd. in order to receive the signal from a small hand radio carried by the group. If necessary it would be possible to relay the message directly to Medford with the mo-

Defense, Veterans Budget Funds Pared

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Appropriations Committee today whacked \$516,993,000 off President Eisenhower's requests for funds to operate 13 government agencies, including Civil Defense and the Veterans Administration.

It ordered a general belt-tightening by public servants, calling for fewer new cars, less travel, stabilized payrolls, reduced office space and fewer frills of new public buildings.

The 8.7 per cent bite out of the \$5,923,195,000 requested to run the so-called independent offices was in line with the announced determination of the committee and of the House to trim a substantial amount off Mr. Eisenhower's record \$71.8 billion budget.

The committee's action followed a budget-cutting move by the administration itself. Federal housing chief Albert M. Cole Thursday recommended a \$200 million cut in funds for government housing programs.

The House committee made its biggest reduction in funds for the Federal Civil Defense Administration. It allowed only \$39.3 million of the \$130 million requested, a cut of \$90.7 million.

As its authority for so doing, the committee, in a report to the House, cited the President's own remarks at a press conference on Feb. 7. Mr. Eisenhower said that the likelihood of any nation's using atomic weapons in an attack "grows less, I think, every year." He said atomic war would be "just another way of committing suicide."

Veterans Compensation Cut
On veterans compensation and pensions the committee lopped \$149.5 million off a request of \$2,840,500,000 overall, the committee chopped VA's budget from \$4,889,363,000 to \$4,682,705,300, a cut of \$206,657,700 or about 4 per cent. Funds for hospital and medical care were not touched.

Budgets for the other 17 agencies were reduced altogether by more than 30 per cent. The committee said it had denied all requests for new cars. It urged all agencies to rely on motor pools.

The Civil Service Commission, which handles government employment, was trimmed from \$22,924,000 to \$21,091,000. The committee said this was in line with announced plays to level off government payrolls, this year and next, at 2,390,000 persons.

The General Services Administration, the government's housekeeping agency, got \$127,464,000, a cut of \$14,536,000 from the request.

Funds for stockpiling of strategic materials were cut from \$130 million to \$19 million on the ground government stockpiles will total \$8.4 billion by July 1.

Other agencies covered, and cut, by the bill were Federal Communications Commission, Federal Power Commission, Federal Trade Commission, General Accounting Office, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Interstate Commerce Commission, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, National Science Foundation, Selective Service, and the National Security Training Commission.

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Sports Bulletin
Eugene — (U.P.) — Klamath Falls and McMinnville advanced to the finals of the consolation bracket in the Oregon Class A-1 high school basketball tournament here this morning. They will meet at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow for fifth place in the tournament.

Klamath Falls got off to an 11-4 first quarter start and were never headed in downing Astoria, 54 to 46. Klamath's Glenn Moore led the scoring with 22 points.

McMinnville went on a second half spurge to down Albany, 68 to 51, with Gene Carlson netting 27 points. John Wilson got 15 for Albany.

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Israel Warships Declared Ready To Shoot Way Through

Egypt Taking Over Gaza Administration

By UNITED PRESS
Egypt renewed its claim to the Gulf of Aqaba today despite a warning by Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir that Israeli warships would shoot their way through if Egypt tried to reimpose a blockade.

At the same time Egypt began taking over administration of the Gaza Strip from the U. N. Emergency Force in a move that brought anxiety to Western capitals and alerted Israel for trouble.

Nasser Urged to Slow Down
U. S. Ambassador Raymond Hare conferred in Cairo Thursday night with President Gamal Abdel Nasser and informed sources said he was trying to slow Nasser down.

Egypt's semi-official and government owned Middle East News Agency restated Egypt's claims today to the narrow Gulf of Aqaba which Israel hopes to use to bypass the Suez Canal.

"Egypt and Saudi Arabia will strongly oppose attempts which are now being made by Britain, France and Australia to enlist the support of the United States for active measures designed to give the Straits of Tiran at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba an international character," the agency said.

"Egypt will stand firmly on her right to exercise control over her territorial waters."

Could Block Ships
UNEF forces still were stationed at Sharm el Sheikh, evacuated only this week by the Israeli forces which captured it in the swift Sinai campaign. But Egypt was expected to ask the UNEF to leave at any time.

Sharm el Sheikh is a fortress guarding the narrow Straits of Tiran across from Saudi Arabia. Israeli officers have said even large machine guns could prevent shipping from passing there.

The Middle East News Agency statement came only a few hours after Mrs. Meir stated in Jerusalem that "Israeli warships will ensure the passage of Israeli ships" through the Gulf of Aqaba.

But she added she expected the "great powers will support our rights to free navigation."

Headquarters Set Up
United Press dispatches from Gaza said Egypt's new governor of the Gaza Strip already had set up headquarters in a private villa and was expected to demand return of the UNEF headquarters soon.

Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir is flying back to the United States today to appeal to the United States to support Israel in its fight against Egyptian administration of the Gaza Strip.

Shortly afterwards, the United Nations announced in New York that U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold has postponed a scheduled trip to Cairo. He was due to leave Saturday.

Cuban Government Alerted for Rebels
Havana, Cuba — (U.P.) — The government was alerted today for new attempts by revolutionary "suicide squads" to assassinate President Fulgencio Batista or other high officials of his regime.

Military sources said the anti-Batista student movement still is very much alive despite the deaths of two of its principal leaders in Wednesday's abortive attack on the presidential palace.

Intelligence sources said it has been known since last week that arms have been distributed recently to an estimated 300 members of the government opposition in Havana.

"We're Still Wrestling With It"



29 Foreign Students Plan Medford Visit

Twenty-nine foreign students attending the University of Oregon will visit southern Oregon next week through arrangements of the university and the Medford YMCA.

The group will be guests at a public meeting and potluck dinner Wednesday night at the YMCA. They are scheduled to arrive here at 11 a. m. Wednesday, according to Bob Jones, executive secretary of the "Y."

Those planning to attend the Wednesday night dinner are to bring their own table service, Jones said.

Panel of Students
A panel of the students will present views of their own countries' relations with the United States at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday following the potluck dinner at 6:30 p. m. The guests will talk

New Trial Motion Denied by Judge

Circuit Judge Orval Millard of Josephine county yesterday denied a motion for a new trial in the case of Donald LaVerne Ambuehl, 31, of Medford, convicted by a Jackson county circuit court jury in January of illegal possession and control of narcotics.

The motion was filed by Ambuehl's attorney, Edward Kelly, and was based on alleged errors at law by the court, alleged misconduct of the prosecuting attorney and a juror during the trial and similar points.

Judge Millard ruled there was not sufficient cause for a new trial in the case.

Ambuehl is now serving a sentence of three years in the state penitentiary. He was also fined \$500.

Chains Not Needed on Highway Passes in Area
State police this morning said chains were not needed on the Siskiyou or Green Springs, but it was snowing on both mountain passes. Packed snow was reported on both highways, but state highway department crews had sanded.

It was snowing hard this morning at Crater Lake National park, where seven inches of new snow was reported, bringing the total on the ground to 130 inches. Highway 62 through the park was open, but the travel lane was reported narrow. The road from headquarters to the rim was temporarily closed, park personnel reported.

Medford Officials Return from Salem

Further negotiations with W. C. (Dutch) Williams, state highway engineer, will be necessary before the Medford city council takes final action in approving the proposed Highway 99 freeway along the Bear Creek-Hawthorne park route, Mayor John Snider said today.

Mayor Snider was among three city officials who started negotiations in Salem Thursday with Williams to seek agreement on several conditions in plans for a Highway 99 freeway through Medford.

The committee, composed of Mayor Snider, City Manager Robert Duff and Councilman Robert Van Sickle, is preparing a full report on the Salem negotiations which will be submitted to city council March 19.

The council is negotiating for agreement from the commission on providing a access roads, deceleration lanes, parking facilities, replacement and preservation of public recreation facilities and landscaping along the route before it gives the freeway final approval.

Eisenhower Heading For Southern Waters
Aboard Eisenhower Escort Ship — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower headed today on a leisurely cruise that he hopes will clear up the last of his bothersome cold.

The president was bunked sumptuously aboard the guided missile cruiser Canberra as it slowly traveled down the Atlantic Coast between the destroyers Wood and Barton in anti-submarine formation.

The small flotilla cleared the Virginia capes about 9 o'clock Friday night. The President retired shortly afterward as the ships headed into open seas under a bright moon.

Municipal Judge Returns from Vacation
Noreen Kelly, Medford municipal judge, returned to her duties today after about a 2½ week vacation.

Miss Kelly was replaced during the period by James Redden, Medford attorney. Redden, a member of Roberts, Kellington and Branchfield, was appointed pro tem municipal judge in February by the city council.

Burton W. Abbott Pays for Slaying Of Berkeley Girl

San Quentin, Calif. — (U.P.) — Convicted kidnap-slayer Burton W. Abbott died in the San Quentin gas chamber today while Gov. Goodwin J. Knight tried vainly to telephone the prison and order the execution stayed.

A telephone call to the San Quentin death chamber failed by only a minute or two from preventing the execution of the slayer of 14-year-old Stephanie Bran.

Gov. Knight's clemency secretary, Joseph G. Babich, said in Sacramento that Knight had phoned him from the aircraft carrier Hancock off the California coast to "hold it." Knight had previously received a last-minute plea from Abbott's attorney, George T. Davis.

Call Comes From Ship
The execution was scheduled to start at 11:15 a. m. (PST), and one minute later the call came from the ship to Babich.

Babich told the governor, "The pills are dropping right now, but we'll do everything we can."

On another line, Babich got through to San Quentin and asked, "did it start?"

The answer was "Yes." And Babich said, "You can't stop it then?"

The answer came, "It's too late."

Execution of the 23-year-old college student climaxed a morning of dramatic last-ditch appeals by Davis, including a plea to Knight over television.

Abbott went to death calmly. He spoke a few words as guards seated him in the steel chair of the apple green gas chamber and fixed straps to his chest and arms.

Slapped on Shoulder
One of the guards slapped him on the shoulder and the condemned man's lips formed the words, "All right," as the men stepped out of the chamber and changed the door shut behind them.

Abbott, who maintained to the end that he was not responsible for the brutal slaying of the shy Berkeley school girl, died calmly as the cyanide gas reached the one lung left him after a siege of tuberculosis several years ago.

He was pronounced dead at 11:25 a. m. (PST).

Lines Kept Open
Gov. Knight, speaking from the ship, told reporters that the call from Davis did not come through to him until 11:14 a. m., and that he had kept two lines



BURTON W. ABBOTT Message Too Late

open all morning for such a call. He said Davis had requested one more hour's delay to make a final plea to Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, who had already rejected pleas for a stay this morning and yesterday.

The governor said he told Davis, "It's a little late, but we'll try to get through and hold it up if we can."

The governor said Davis admitted he was late in making the call.

Davis was not immediately available for comment.

Forestry District Boundary Changed

Major changes in the southwest Oregon district protection boundary will become effective July 1 this year, according to the state forestry department.

The change is a result of the forest service and O and C administrative boundary change of last year.

Affected by the boundary change is a large area in the Little Applegate which is being added to the southwest Oregon district. Smaller portions of the district will be dropped. These are located throughout the district along the present boundary.

Present plans call for placing a crew and pumper in the Little Applegate area somewhere near Ruch, department officials said.

Under the boundary change the forest service lookout on Tallowbox will become a state lookout. The change adds about 480 acres to the district.

Beck Asked To Tell When Papers Coming

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Rackets Committee demanded that Teamsters President Dave Beck tell it today when he would surrender his personal financial records. It said the records will be subpoenaed if he does not give them up voluntarily.

Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said he had heard nothing directly from Beck since the portly union president returned from Europe Sunday and announced his willingness to testify.

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Ashland Man Fined on Driving Charge Today
Lester Warren Alwine, 35, of 136 North Second st., Ashland, was fined \$255 and given a suspended 30-day jail sentence in district court this morning after he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Alwine's driver's license also was suspended for 90 days. He was arrested early this morning by state police.

Eisenhower Considers Amendment Giving Temporary Powers To Vice President

New York — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower is seriously considering a constitutional amendment that would authorize the vice president to exercise temporarily the powers and duties of the president during any disabling illness of the nation's chief executive, the New York Times reported today.

A news story by James Reston, chief of the Times Wash-

ington bureau, said the President is expected to support the proposal which he received several days ago from Attorney General Herbert Brownell. The proposed amendment and the President's recent heart and ileitis attacks, the Times said, are merely coincidental and have nothing to do with its physical condition.

The amendment would provide for the temporary assumption of presidential authority by the vice president during the duration of any disabling illness, the Times said, and it would also probably authorize the President himself to declare his own disability and then summon the Vice President to take over temporarily the "powers and duties of the presidency."

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with showers tonight. Partly cloudy with isolated showers Saturday. Continued rain, low to night 35. High Saturday 52.

Highest Yesterday	Temp
54	
Lowest this Morning	41
Prev. to 10 a. m. Today	52

Our Skies Tonight	
Sunrise	6:24 a. m.
Sunset	6:18 p. m.
Moonrise	6:21 p. m.
Full Moon	6:32 p. m.
PROMINENT STAR	
Arcturus, rises	8:01 p. m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Jupiter, near the Moon	
Mars in the west	8:41 a. m.
Saturn, rises	1:15 a. m.