



GUEST SPEAKER—Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, third from left, president of the University of Oregon, congratulated United Medford Crusade workers in a speech at the annual UMC dinner last night at Hedrick Junior High school. He is shown above shaking hands with John Dellenback, retiring board member.

while the organization's new president, Edward Branchfield, left, and retiring president William H. Prentice look on. Medford was the only city in Oregon that topped its quota in last fall's United Fund drive, UMC officials said.

Dr. Wilson Praises Crusade Campaign Workers at Dinner

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, praised United Medford Crusade campaign workers last night for carrying out one of the most successful campaigns in the state last year.

About 130 heard Dr. Wilson speak at the annual UMC dinner at Hedrick Junior High school. Medford was the only area in Oregon to exceed its quota in the UMC drive last fall, UMC officials said. The goal was set at \$117,175 and Medford workers raised a total of \$122,000 during the campaign.

Special framed citation awards were presented to 37 section chairmen of the United Medford Crusade who topped individual quotas.

Officers Elected

During the business session of the meeting new officers of the organization were elected.

They are Edward Branchfield, president; Tom G. Polk, first vice president; and Dr. Merle E. Foland, second vice president. Ray M. Sorenson was reelected as treasurer.

Also elected as directors for a three year term were Branchfield, Russell I. Brown, Sam Hersh, Robert A. Johnson and Lindsey E. Grigsby.

Three past presidents, William H. Prentice, A. R. (Tony) Manno and John Dellenback, who are retiring from the board of directors, were given citations for their services. They became honorary members of the board.

U.S. Said Willing To Join Military Phase Of Baghdad Treaty

Tucker's Town, Bermuda (U.P.)—President Eisenhower today informed British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan that the United States was willing to join the military phase of the Baghdad pact.

The Arab nations, it was announced, have been advised of the new American position through a presidential mission now in the Middle East.

The President gave the same news to Macmillan and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd here today.

They spent most of the morning exploring the Anglo-American views on European integration, relations with the Soviet Union and a possible increase in trade with Communist China.

There was no change in the American position against recognition of Red China or her admission to the United Nations.

The President and Macmillan at noon had a private meeting with no one else present. Later today they planned a highly secret discussion of mutual defense problems, including cooperation between the two nations on atomic weapons.

Members of Pact

After the president and the Prime Minister met, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced the willingness of the United States to join the military committee of the Baghdad pact.

A spokesman said the United States already was a member of the pact's economic and counter-subversive committees. With the latest development it would now belong to all three committees. Pact members are the United Kingdom, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, and Turkey.

The American spokesman, Andrew Berding, assistant secretary of state for public affairs, strongly emphasized that the new move would not entail additional military assistance by the United States to pact members, all of whom already receive military assistance.

But what it would do, he said, would be to permit joint military planning against Communist aggression in that area.

Dulles, Lloyd Talk

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles met with Lloyd this morning. Spokesmen gave these highlights of their talks:

—The discussion of Red China was brief, but the United States stood firmly against recognition of the Communist Chinese government or its admission to the United Nations.

—Dulles and Lloyd agreed that reunification of Germany should be achieved at the earliest practical moment through free elections in both East and West Germany.

Annual Water Supply Forecast Scheduled

W. B. (Ben) Tucker, county agriculture agent, today reminded residents of the annual water supply forecast meeting for Jackson and Josephine counties to be held in the Grants Pass city council chambers, Friday, April 5.

Ben Hilton, Grants Pass, will be chairman of the session. Presenting reports and forecasts will be W. T. (Jack) Frost, Portland, state snow survey coordinator for the soil conservation service.

Tucker said the meeting will be open to anyone interested in getting reports and information on the prospective water supply in the two counties in coming months.

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Relative Responsibility Law Repealed

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The House Military Affairs Committee voted yesterday to pass the bonus bill to the floor of the House for a vote.

Committee Chairman William Grenfell Jr., Portland Democrat, said "this is only a bill to be referred to the people to decide in the 1958 general election."

Before passage from committee the resolution was amended to provide a levy of three-fourths of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the state instead of the two per cent levy originally proposed.

Committee members felt the levy would be sufficient to provide the needed money.

Another amendment provides coverage for veterans who have been retired for disabilities and are rated not less than 50 per cent disabled.

The proposed bonus would cover state residents who served in the armed forces sometime between June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

Arch L. Brewster, vice chairman of the Oregon Veterans Legislative Committee, said the average bonus for Oregon's estimated 40,000 Korean vets would be \$250.

Local Cancer Society Chapter Being Formed

About 44 valley residents and physicians started organizing a county chapter of the National Cancer Society at a meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club today.

Dr. Earl Lawson, Medford, presided at the meeting. Local physicians and residents were to meet this afternoon to outline activities of the new organization. The meeting was called by Mrs. John Day Medford.

Salem (U.P.)—The Joint Ways and Means Committee has approved \$25,000 to cover a state-wide investigation of juvenile delinquency by a legislative interim committee.

PLANE LOST AT SEA

Misappropriation of Teamster Funds Told

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