

Trouble in Senate Seen For Denial Program

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British Vessel Uses Suez Canal; Egypt Jubilant

By UNITED PRESS

The British freighter West Breeze sailed through the Suez Canal today, the first British ship to do so since the invasion of last October. The Egyptian press was jubilant and predicted an early end to any Western boycott of the canal.

The situation in Jordan quieted down for the moment, but the new anti-Communist policy of the Amman government had repercussions in Jerusalem today. Jordan border authorities refused to admit three Russian nuns because they carried Soviet passports.

Balk at Pilgrims

Jordan opened the border to Russians only last Christmas but balked at today's Easter pilgrims.

King Hussein of Jordan told United Press Correspondent Joe Morris earlier in an interview that his country would fight all "imperialism," avoid foreign pacts and steer clear of such imported dogmas as Communism. But he said Jordan would observe "positive neutrality"—the course advocated by Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Banner headlines in Cairo newspapers said the West Breeze and the British freighter Poplar Hill had paid their canal dues in Swiss francs to the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority as demanded by President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The Egyptian authority announced in Port Said that the American President liner President Jackson would pass through the canal next Wednesday, the first American ship to do so. It said the 9,277-ton ship also would pay its toll to Egypt.

Israel was reported increasingly concerned at the way the Suez negotiations were going. A Jerusalem dispatch said Premier David Ben-Gurion also was concerned about recent statements by President Eisenhower.

Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

Medford Kiwanis club will be host at 9 a.m. Saturday for the annual Easter Egg hunt for youngsters of the vicinity.

The event will be staged in Hawthorne park. Children will hunt in three age groups 1 to 3, 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 in separate sections of the park. There will be 21 prizes, one grand prize and six regular prizes in each age group.

Kiwanian Jack Walker will fire a gun to signal the start of the scramble for candy eggs which will be packaged in cellophane wrappers.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Veterans Union said that some 2,000 members will strike at midnight Sunday against the Railway Express Agency in seven cities across the country.

Employ Handicapped Award Given 6 Groups, Individual

Six organizations and an individual received awards from the Jackson county committee for the Employment of the Physically Handicapped on a program seen over station KBES-TV last night.

Organizations receiving the awards for "outstanding public service in promoting the program for the employment of the physically handicapped" were the Mail Tribune, Bear Creek Orchards, American Legion Post 15, Veterans Domiciliary at Camp White, Chin Up club and station KBES-TV.

The Veterans Domiciliary award was presented because of the Domiciliary's policy of hiring handicapped persons in excess of their requirements. The award went to the Chin Up club for that organization's efforts in helping to prepare the handi-

he asked his ambassador in Washington to seek clarification.

The chief Israeli concern was Eisenhower's statement that American ships had been advised not to try to force their way where they are "forbidden." Israel feared this meant the Americans were not living up to promises to see that the Gulf of Aqaba was open to international navigation.

Bill Introduced To Withdraw Water For Industrial Use

State Rep. F. I. Bristol, (R) Grants Pass, this week introduced House Bill 790, which would permit water to be withdrawn, subject to strict safeguards, from the Rogue river for industrial purposes.

Bristol, in introducing the bill, said it would remove the flat ban on such use of Rogue water, but that the safeguards would not permit pollution, water temperature changes or other factors to disturb existing values.

Water of the Rogue can now be withdrawn for appropriation for domestic, stock, irrigation and municipal purposes only. Bristol's bill would add industrial use to the permitted purposes.

Proposal Examined

But before such a withdrawal could be made, under the bill, the proposal must be examined by the state sanitary authority, the state engineer, the state air pollution authority and the state game commission. They in turn must make a finding that the proposal would not be contrary to the public interest, nor adverse to fish life in the Rogue.

Bristol said that, with these stringent safeguards, it is hoped the bill can receive widespread approval.

The measure was the outgrowth of studies being made in the Rogue valley seeking to stimulate industrial expansion. More and more, the legislator said, industries are dependent on quantities of water for their operation, and his bill would offer a chance to explore the possibilities of an industrial endeavor along the Rogue without its being foredoomed to failure because of a flat statutory prohibition.

Lumber Prices Take 13-Cent Drop in 2 Weeks

Portland—(U.P.)—Prices in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry took a 13-cent drop over the past two weeks, according to the Crow lumber price index.

Green fir took the biggest decline in the industry, 28 cents, while dry Douglas fir moved up eight cents.

House Approval Seen Next Week; Hearings Slated

Sweetland Calls Plan 'An Excellent Base'

Salem—(U.P.)—Despite some opposition, the Democratic tax program announced Thursday should have a fairly easy time getting through the Oregon House. Its future in the Senate was not so clear.

Rep. Clarence Barton said the House Tax Committee would hold several hearings on bills embodying the program. If no delays are encountered, the tax program could come up for a vote in the Democratic-controlled House late next week and be sent to the Senate.

A majority of the 37 House Democrats are said to have agreed to the tax committee's program.

Some trouble may be encountered in the equally divided Senate, however.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat and a member of the Senate Tax Committee, called the House tax program "an excellent base from which to start."

But Sweetland added: "To deliver the needed built-in property tax relief of our increased state school fund we will need to add to our total revenues by repealing the federal income tax offset. This change will certainly be proposed before the 1957 tax program is complete."

The House committee's program calls for increased income taxes, repeal of the surtax, restoration of personal exemptions and dependence credits from \$500 to \$600, elimination of the personal property tax offset to increase corporate excise taxes for businesses and utilities and small increases in inheritance and gift taxes.

A budget of about \$270 million would be supported by the program and Democratic leaders have indicated they will try to hold the budget to \$265 or \$270 million.

The proposed income tax would raise about \$75.5 million a year by hiking rates from 4 per cent in the lowest range to 11.6 per cent on all income over \$8,000. Present rates run from 3 to 11.6 per cent.

Net effect of the income tax and exemption increases would be to give some relief to family taxpayers in brackets below \$7,000 and slight increases in upper brackets, according to Chairman Barton.

Rep. Wayne Giesy, Monroe Republican and a minority member of the House Tax Committee, said the program "will do a great deal to hinder the growth of Oregon in the next few years. He called the proposed income tax program "punitive."

"I doubt the benefits to the working man and woman of the state of Oregon when the corporate excise tax will be raised approximately 25 per cent," Giesy said.

"All leaders in the state have recognized the need for more industry and for keeping and expanding our present industry in a healthy climate. This program eliminates some 12,000 to 15,000 taxpayers from our tax base. I think this will be the greatest blow to the progress of the state for several decades," he concluded.

Cloudy Weather Seen For Easter Sunday

Cloudy weather with a cool morning is predicted by the weather bureau for Medford Easter Sunday. Possible showers are forecast for the afternoon and evening.

Some hope was expressed that sunny conditions might come to sections of Oregon Sunday as a clearing trend was possible late Saturday which may last through Sunday morning, forecasts said. A new Pacific storm is due some time Sunday.

The five-day forecast called for showery periods late Sunday or Monday in Oregon.

"See Any Other of Us 'Modern Republicans' Around?"



Three Local Youths Admit Making Bombs

Three Medford youths, one 15 and two 16, have admitted making six home-made bombs in Medford during the past three weeks, according to city police.

The youths were taken into custody Thursday after an anonymous telephone call. The party told police the boys were responsible for the bombs and had been throwing them from car windows recently, police reported.

Officers said the juveniles admitted making about 40 or 50 bombs during the past month. Most of them were exploded by the boys near their homes.

According to police the boys said they made the bombs from dynamite and a chemical set. Dynamite caps and about 10 feet of fuse were purchased from local stores by the boys, officers reported.

During the past three weeks six bombs have been discovered by several Medford residents, including small children, in street gutters and back yards. No injuries have been reported or damage has resulted from any of the bombs.

Valley Woman Named To National Group

Mrs. Hanley Heffernan of Ross lane has been appointed to the advisory committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress on the nomination of Congressman Charles O. Porter.

Mrs. Heffernan said she would attend a meeting of the Congress May 17 and 18 in Washington, D. C. She will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. B. Hanley.

Mrs. Heffernan is serving her second term as a member of the board of the Rogue Soil Conservation district. She has been active in the soil conservation program since its founding in this area. She operates a ranch land on Ross lane, where the Hanley family settled more than 100 years ago.

Congressman Porter's nomination of Mrs. Heffernan went directly to William H. Webb, executive vice president of the organization, who confirmed the appointment in a telephone conversation with the congressman.

Weather

FORECAST: Scattered showers through Saturday. Outlook Sunday cloudy and cool in morning. Showers in afternoon and evening. Low tonight 38. High Saturday 63.

Highest Yesterday 58
Lowest This Morning 45
Precip. to 4:30 a.m. Today .17

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:25 a.m.
Sunset 6:37 p.m.
Moonrise Saturday 12:22 a.m.
Last Quarter April 21
PROXIMATE STARS
Sirius, in the south-west
Arcturus, in the east 7:39 p.m.
Betelgeuse, 10° W
Procyon, low in west 11:31 p.m.

Controversy Over Promotion of Home Show Develops

First Public Event Scheduled May 30

Whether the Medford Home and Auto Show, the first public event scheduled in the new National Guard armory, now nearing completion, would be locally produced or by Johnny Walker Attractions, a Portland firm, was not known by early this afternoon.

Controversy over who would promote the show developed this week when the National Guard armory board, headed by local National Guard officers, leased the armory to the Portland firm for a home show starting May 30.

At an armory board hearing last night, however, Capt. S. J. Fagone, board president, informed representatives of the Medford Kiwanis club that the board had been instructed by Col. Paul Kleiver, director of Oregon National Guard armories, Salem, yesterday that the Kiwanis club had a prior contract for the armory.

Ron Rice, representing the Kiwanis club, noted that in 1955 the Kiwanis club had secured an agreement with Col. Kleiver that the first home show to be produced in the new armory would be a Kiwanis project.

Fagone stated that Kleiver earlier in the week had approved the board's action in leasing the armory to the Portland firm. He apparently did not realize at the time the agreement with the Kiwanis club was in conflict with the lease to the Portland firm.

Fagone told the group the contract with the Portland firm was in the process of being terminated. He added that Attorney General Robert Thornton had agreed to the cancellation of the contract with the Portland firm.

Representatives of Johnny Walker Attractions this morning indicated they were going to contest the armory board's action. They added they would consider cosponsoring the home show with the Kiwanis club.

Boxer Poisoned By Strychnine

A boxer dog owned by Dr. M. L. Vorheis, 2679 Eastover drive, Medford, was reported in critical condition this morning from strychnine poisoning, according to Medford police.

The dog was taken to Siskiyou Animal hospital, Medford, about 6 a.m. today after being discovered by its owner suffering from symptoms of poisoning, police said. Poison was put in raw meat they said.

Veterinarians said late this morning amounts of strychnine had been pumped from the dog's stomach. They added it was not known if the dog would survive.

Police said the dog was the fourth in that neighborhood to be poisoned by strychnine. Owners of three dogs who live in the Hillcrest rd. area reported to police April 4 their dogs also had been poisoned by strychnine. All three died.

Officers indicated the poisoning had been done "purposely." Police Chief Charles Champlin reminded residents that presence of the poison constitutes a danger to small children. He said most of the strychnine was inserted in balls of raw hamburger and placed on yards where they can be easily found.

Oregon Wheat Acreage Allotment Announced

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson today announced state shares of the national wheat acreage allotments.

Oregon was allotted 819,060 acres in 1957; will get 816,443 in 1958.

Khrushchev Warns Western World

Moscow—(U.P.)—Soviet Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev warned the Western World today not to stir up any revolt in East Germany lest the Soviet Union "rap your knuckles."

Khrushchev made his remark at a reception at the Polish Embassy for Polish Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz, who is passing through Moscow on his way back from a visit to the Far East.

Facing foreign ambassadors, Khrushchev said: "Don't joke with us. Don't try to test us as you did in Hungary. 'Or are you thinking of doing it not only in Hungary but also in East Germany, for example?'"

"Be careful, for we are not saints. And if necessary we can rap your knuckles."

\$721,965 Budget For City General Fund Presented

The Medford budget committee last night received a proposed general fund budget totaling \$721,965 for the fiscal year starting July 1. It shows an increase of \$103,807 more than the \$618,158 general fund budget for this year.

The total is \$3,074 less than the amount of levy allowable under the 6 per cent limitation, Budget Officer and City Manager Robert Duff noted.

Estimated receipts in 1957-58 total \$394,969. The estimated balance June 30 this year will be \$52,365. The \$447,334 is estimated total revenue, including the balance, leaves \$274,631 to be levied as taxes for the general fund.

The allowable levy is \$277,705 for 1957-58. The figure is determined by adding 6 per cent to \$247,027, the levy for 1956-57, plus an estimated \$15,857 increase in the tax base because of the Grandview Kenwood annexation, Duff said.

The \$277,705 allowable levy total, Duff noted, is \$3,074 more than the amount necessary for the proposed general fund budget.

An adequate levy within the

constitutional budget limitations is possible, Duff told the committee, for several reasons. They include increased tax base as a result of annexations; proportionately higher returns from state shared revenues because of an increased population; payment of engineering charges from capital improvement projects; and high returns from other revenue sources.

Evaluating Budget
Duff said "in evaluating this year's budget requests as compared to previous years it should be noted that the area of the city has increased over 116 per cent to 7.82 square miles since Jan. 1, 1956. The population increase has been approximately 9.5 per cent during the same period." The latest certified state census for Medford is 22,222.

The budget was prepared on the basis of a 1954 job classification and pay plan for city employees, Duff noted, and no change has been made in the basic rate schedule since that time.

"A recent comparative analysis indicates that the city's pay schedule is lagging in comparison to the amount of wages being paid by other jurisdictions," he said. "The present wage scale in the engineering and other departments has failed to attract any applicants even though strenuous recruitment has been conducted," he added.

Adjusting Schedule
He urged the committee to consider adjusting the pay schedule when working on the budget.

A plan to provide \$50,000 for off-street parking facilities was suggested. The proposal would include adjusting meter time operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and changing the rate of 51 1/2 minutes to 5 cents per 30 minutes. The rates per 30 minutes later this summer, Duff said.

Estimated increased revenue from this source will be some \$15,000 annually, Duff said. Another \$35,000 will come from an increased business license.

Duff proposed establishment of an off-street parking fund into which revenues from the two proposals would be deposited for acquisition for parking facilities.

Final Action
Duff suggested the committee take no final action on the budget until after the Berrydale annexation election May 22. He said both revenues and expenditures may be changed by the election.

Proposed expenditures for 1957-58, with the 1956-57 budget figure and the increase or decrease are:

Airport, \$27,673 proposed, \$25,284 this year, an increase of \$2,389; building and inspection, \$27,517 proposed, \$21,982 this year, an increase of \$5,535; city hall, \$15,040 proposed, \$15,430 this year, a decrease of \$390; emergency, \$10,000 proposed, \$16,000 this year, a decrease of \$6,000; engineers, \$87,398 proposed, \$53,859 this year, an increase of \$33,539.

Finance Department
Finance, \$24,439 proposed, \$25,368 this year, a decrease of \$929; fire maintenance, transfer, \$78,293 proposed, \$64,504 this year, an increase of \$13,789; general administration, \$95,119 proposed, \$85,078 this year, an increase of \$10,041; legal, \$11,685 proposed, \$9,620 this year, an increase of \$2,065.

Library, transfer, \$9,818 proposed, \$3,564 this year, an increase of \$6,254; mayor and council, \$1,465 proposed, \$2,275 this year, a decrease of \$810; park and swimming pool transfer, \$1,857 proposed, \$2,717 this year, a decrease of \$860; planning commission, \$9,106 proposed, \$2,300 this year, an increase of \$6,806; police, \$194,579 proposed, \$171,223 this year, an increase of \$23,356.

Streets and sewers, \$57,572 proposed, \$55,952 this year, an increase of \$1,620; sewage treatment, \$35,899 proposed, \$31,207 this year, an increase of \$4,692; and traffic engineering, \$34,505 proposed, \$31,813 this year, an increase of \$2,692.

Employee Salaries, New Research Site Set for Discussion

Salaries for county employees and a new site for agronomic research will be among discussion topics at the next county budget committee meeting.

The committee will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, in the county courtroom. Last Wednesday's scheduled meeting was held. The group expected to complete work on the budget late this week, but now expect to hold at least two more meetings.

Committee members said nearly all county department heads have requested salary increases for personnel. Salaries in several departments have been considered, but no final action has been taken on any of the requests.

Recommend New Site

The county court will recommend that funds be appropriated for purchase of a site near Jacksonville for agronomic research by officials of the southern Oregon branch experiment station. The proposed site consists of approximately 90 acres at the Hanley ranch near the Jacksonville-Central Point rd. The property is owned by Clair, Mary and Martha Hanley and purchase price will be between \$600 and \$650 per acre, the county court said.

The present agronomic research farm has been declared inadequate because of high concentrations of lead arsenate, an accumulation of spray residue from an old apple orchard located on that site for many years. This concentration of lead arsenate has been found toxic to many crops and affects reliability of data obtained in research programs.

The county court said this property would be listed for sale after the new site is purchased.

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Eisenhower Tells of New Appointments

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today announced a series of new diplomatic appointments, including a new United States envoy to Mexico, Sweden and Colombia.

When Congress returns from its current Easter recess, the President will nominate: Robert C. Hill, now assistant secretary of state for congressional relations, to Mexico.

Francis White, now the ambassador to Mexico, to Sweden. John M. Cabot, envoy to Sweden, will be shifted to Colombia, replacing Philip W. Bonsal who recently was named to Bolivia.

Firepower Demonstration by National Guard Units Scheduled Saturday Night

A National Guard firepower show will be held as scheduled at 6 p.m. tomorrow, barring heavy rains, officers announced today.

Weather forecast for the Rogue valley is high cloudiness, which would have no effect on the 1 1/2 hour demonstration. The show will be held at the Camp White rifle range, located about two miles east of White City on the first major road to the right off Antelope rd.

Approximately 75 riflemen, automatic riflemen and machine gunners will present the simulated battle fire mission with

live tracer ammunition fired simultaneously.

An attack problem will be staged by a platoon from Company C of Grants Pass as they move against a defensive machine gun emplacement manned by members of Company A. Medford Guard unit. Smoke grenades, flares and other pyrotechnics will be used in the problem. Blank ammunition will be used for this portion of the show.

Weapons which will be shown and demonstrated will be pistols, carbines, M-1 rifles, Browning automatic rifles, 30 caliber

light machine guns, 57mm recoilless rifles, 60mm mortars, and the Sniperscope, which allows riflemen to deliver accurately aimed fire in total darkness.

Lt. Richard Montague, platoon leader from Company C, will be in charge of the attack problem. The live fire demonstration will be in the hands of Lt. Jack Phillips, Medford, who is coordinating officer for the demonstration.

Children will be allowed to attend the demonstration if accompanied by parents. All possible safety precautions are being observed, officers said.