

Democratic Tax Program Cleared in House

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Rain Eases in Texas; Threat of Dangerous Floods Still Remain

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — A 12-day stretch of tornadoes and deluges in Texas started tapering off today, though dangerous floods still remained in rivers that course through the southern part of the state.

The flood along the Sabine river, which is part of the border between Louisiana and Texas, reached into Northwest Louisiana, as well as into Eastern Texas, Wharton and Bay City, about 45 miles from Houston, near the Gulf of Mexico, were in danger from the swollen Colorado.

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Russia Accused Of Intervention In Jordan Crisis

Marines Go Ashore in Friendly 'Show of Flag'

By UNITED PRESS

The United States accused the Soviet Union today of backing "foreign intervention" during the recent crisis in Jordan.

The accusation was made by the State Department in answer to an earlier Moscow charge that the U. S. is responsible for recent developments in Jordan, where King Hussein barely saved his government from the forces of international Communism.

The Washington statement came as the U. S. Sixth Fleet landed 1,000 Marines in Beirut, Lebanon today on a friendly "show the flag" mission which demonstrated U. S. striking power in the Mid-East danger zone.

Moscow had accused the western powers of "outright foreign interference" in the Middle East, saying the responsibility for this intervention rested "above all on the United States of America."

To this State Department Press Officer Lincoln White retorted:

"There has indeed been foreign intervention in that country (Jordan), namely as King Hussein said on April 24—the intervention of international Communism."

In response to questions, White emphasized that the U. S. regards the Soviet Union as the fountain-head of international Communism.

A few hours earlier King Hussein denied to a news conference in Amman that the U. S. is interfering in Jordan's internal affairs.

"This statement has no basis whatsoever," he said. "Everything that took place in Jordan was our own internal affair."

Hussein accepted an American offer of \$10 million worth of economic aid providing no strings were attached.

May Ask for Arms

He said Jordan will ask the U. S. for "whatever arms we need as long as no conditions are attached."

The Sixth Fleet and its Marine landing force moved into the Eastern Mediterranean as a "precaution," ready to help if needed.

The Marines hit the beach for 12 hours of Payday shore leave, their pockets filled with money and their objective a good time.

Skirmishes Fall

The measure passed only after a couple of parliamentary skirmishes had fallen by the wayside.

First, Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Portland Democrat, moved to amend the measure which had been explained by Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, to read 10 per cent instead of 15 per cent.

Then Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford Republican, moved to amend that motion to make it read 20 per cent instead of 10 per cent. First Sen. Lowry's motion failed, then Sen. Pearson's motion failed. And finally on the vote on the main question, not a dissenting vote was cast.

Entitled To Relief

Sen. Gill said besides having the problem of local law enforcement to handle as a result of liquor sales, the city's were entitled to some property relief.

He said "we haven't really done anything for anybody in the 106 days we have been here. This is our chance to do something worth while, finally for the relief of our cities."

Ashland Boy Found; Missing Over Night

A 14-year-old Ashland boy, Norman Lester Wilson, 138 Third st., was found at 6:20 a.m. today on the banks of Myers creek near Ashland suffering from a broken leg. He had been missing over night.

According to state police, the boy, son of Mrs. L. H. Wilson, was reported missing from his home about 9:10 p.m. Monday. He had last been seen heading toward Bear creek, apparently to go fishing.

Police said Mrs. Stewart Wyatt, route 1, box 170, Ashland, went to Myers creek this morning and found the youth. She told police she thought she heard a scream coming from the direction of the creek last night. She went to the creek after hearing a report that the boy was missing.

Prince Rainier, Grace Call on Pope Pius

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco called on Pope Pius XII today in a state audience marked by pomp and pageantry.

School Budget Elections Scheduled Next Month

Elections on proposed budgets for the coming year will be held next month in the various school districts of the county.

Election in district 6C will be held Wednesday, May 8; Phoenix, Wednesday, May 15; and Talent and Rogue River, Monday, May 20. Date for the Medford school district budget election has not as yet been set, district officials reported.

Local Man Given 30-Day Suspended Sentence

Edwin John Bemis, 32, of 1808 Spring st., Medford, was given a suspended 30-day jail sentence in district court yesterday after being found guilty of failure to send his child to school.

He was found guilty in a trial before District Judge James Main, who handed down the verdict.

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Britt Home Damaged

50 Per Cent of Historic Building Destroyed by Fire

Jacksonville Fireman Injured in Fall

Jacksonville — The historic Britt residence was extensively damaged by fire early last night. One volunteer fireman was injured.

The blaze, which started from a flue fire, destroyed the upper floor, which included the first photographic studio in southern Oregon. Water and smoke damage was extensive on the lower floor.

Antiques Removed

Most of the valuable antique items owned by the Britt had been removed. Miss Mary Hanley, curator of the Jacksonville Museum, said the Southern Oregon Historical Society had removed everything from Peter Britt's photographic gallery, and parlor furniture including the parlor carpet.

Most of the items which were not taken by the Society were sold at an auction conducted by Southern Oregon college, which assumed responsibility of the estate when the Society declined to take it over under terms of the Britt will.

Donald E. Lewis, business manager at Southern Oregon college, estimated it would require between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to repair that part of the building damaged by fire.

Stored Antiques

He said several pieces of antiques stored in the attic were destroyed. They were stored for Eric Ladd, Portland antique collector, who purchased them for about \$1,000 at the auction. Lewis said the actual value of the antiques probably would be listed as much more than the purchase price by collectors.

More than 15 volunteer firemen fought the blaze for several hours before bringing it under control. Strong winds at the time created a possible threat of the fire spreading to other old residence buildings in the vicinity.

Mrs. Bette Hoskins, Mail Tribune correspondent who lives near the Britt property, said rain earlier in the evening may have averted some of the danger. She reported that it hailed about 5 p.m. and rained for some time after that. General thunderstorm activity prevailed during the time of the fire, she said.

Fireman Injured

Russell McIntyre, Jacksonville volunteer fireman, suffered a cut artery and tendon in his ankle when he fell through the skylight in the observatory in the photographic studio. He was on the roof when the accident occurred. McIntyre was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Assisting the Jacksonville department were trucks from Medford and Central Point. Jacksonville volunteer firemen were attending a meeting at the fire station at the time of the alarm.

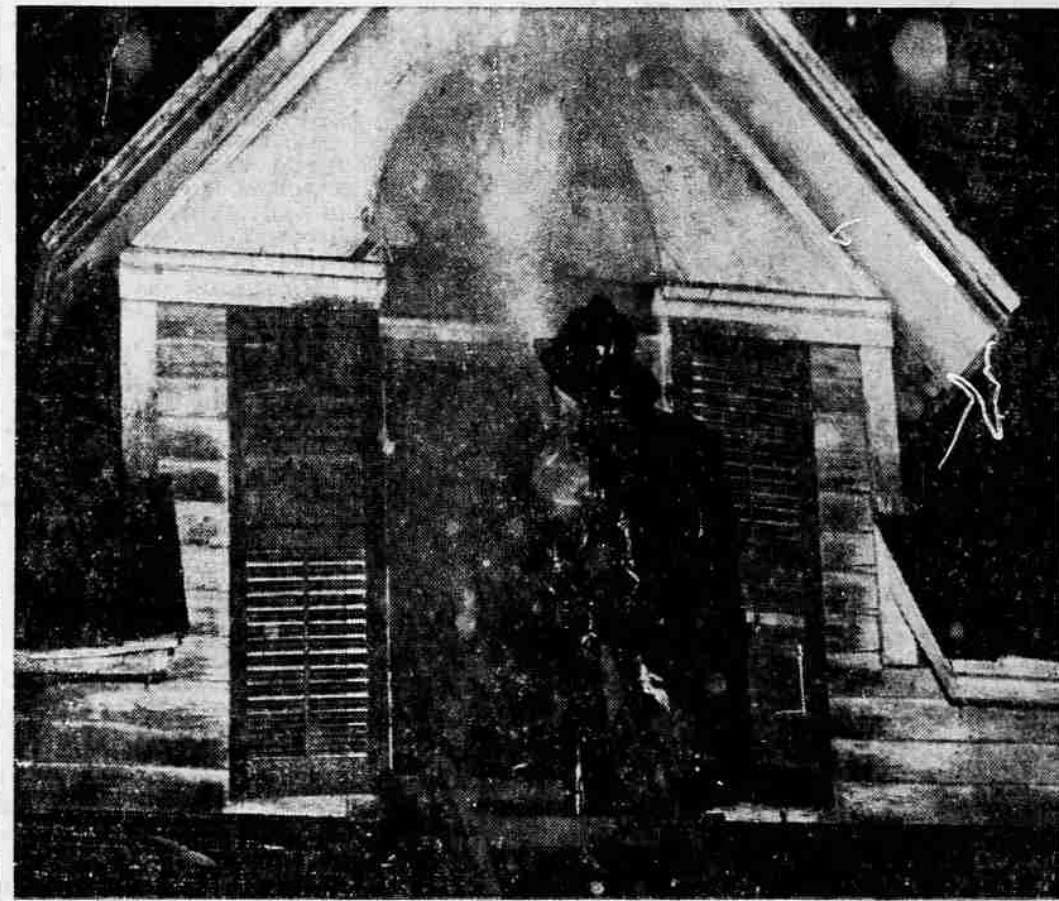
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones were living in the house. They were employed by Southern Oregon college as caretakers for the estate.

Engulfed in Flames

When the alarm was turned in, most of the roof was engulfed in flames. Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, said if the volunteers had not responded as quickly as they did the building would have been a complete loss.

He said fire damaged about 50 per cent of the building. Southern Oregon college had planned to keep the building as part of a Jacksonville restoration program. Dr. Stevenson said, but did not know this morning what would be done with the structure now. He indicated that the frame of the building may have to be removed.

Construction on the residence was started in 1860, and in the early 1880s Peter Britt added another studio and parlor. Prior to that time, he had been using a studio built of lumber, which was constructed in 1854. The pioneer photographer lived in a log cabin he built in 1852 when he arrived in Jacksonville.



FIGHTS FIRE—Above, one of 40 volunteer firemen that fought the fire in the historic Britt home in Jacksonville last night, plays water in a second story window while he tries to keep his footing on the slippery roof. Another fireman, Russell McIntyre, of Jacksonville, fell through a skylight about 10 feet to the left of this picture, cutting a tendon and artery in his foot. The wood in the ancient building was dry, and the fire spread quickly through the upper stories before it could be brought under control. High winds fanned the flames and firemen had difficulty getting hoses through the shrubbery and hedges. Water on the lens of the camera caused the spots in the picture above.

Health Department Out of Vaccine

Jackson county's health department still is completely out of tax purchased Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, said the county has received none of the free vaccine in the past two months. He added that he had no idea when the next shipment would arrive.

A spot check with physicians in the area this morning indicated some have abundant supplies of commercial Salk vaccine, while others have none.

Dr. Merkel said residents who are due for their second or third Salk vaccine shots should contact their private physicians for arrangements to obtain them.

The public health physician said much of the state's available free vaccine is being used by residents in the northern part of the state who are now receiving their first or second shots. He said Jackson county's shipment will probably not be received until the vaccination program is further along in other parts of the state.

Federal Hells Canyon Dam Get Approval

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Interior Committee approved without amendment today a bill to authorize federal construction of a high Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake river between Idaho and Oregon.

The Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee had approved the bill without change Monday. The measure, by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and cosponsored by 27 other senators, goes to the Senate floor for action.

In whipping the bill through in two days, the subcommittee and the full committee ignored five amendments proposed by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah.)

San Francisco Area Jolted By Another Earth Tremor

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Another earthquake jolted the San Francisco Bay area Monday night, the sharpest tremor since the big one of March 22.

The University of California seismograph in Berkeley measured the force of Monday night's quake at 3.25 on the Richter scale of 10. The March 22 quake, which caused extensive damage in the western part of San Francisco and suburban Daly City, measured 5.3.

The latest shock was felt in San Francisco, the peninsula and the East Bay, but there were no immediate reports of damage.

Police and newspaper switchboards were flooded with calls from residents awakened from sleep at 10:27 p.m. (PST) to hear their homes creaking on their foundations and to see chandeliers swaying.

Lastest Minute and Half "I knew it was a quake because I can always hear the dishes dancing," said one resident.

The quake lasted for a minute and a half. Like the March 22 quake and its aftershocks, it was felt most strongly in the southern and western parts of San Francisco.

Party Line Vote Sends Measure To Senate Body

Second Bill Sent Back To Committee

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon House Monday passed the main tax bill of the Democratic program by a party line vote of 36 to 22 and sent it to the Senate.

The bill is designed to raise \$151 million.

The second major bill of the Democratic program was sent back to committee for more work. It would raise corporation excise taxes.

Democrats almost solidly supported House bill one, which passed Monday with Rep. Joe Rogers of Independence the only one opposing it. Rep. Herman Chindgren of Molalla and George Layman, Newberg, were Republicans voting for it.

Repeals Surtax

Rep. Clarence Barton said House bill one repeals the 45 per cent surtax, sets new rates for personal income taxes, raises dependency credits and personal exemptions from \$500 to \$600 and includes "realistic" withholding of income taxes.

Income tax rates would range from four per cent on the first \$500 of income to 11.6 per cent over \$8,000.

Republican objections to the bill centered around Rep. Allen Tom's contention that the bill did not actually repeal the surtax, but merely included it in new income tax rates. He called this "political blackmail."

The Rufus Republican also objected to the more complete withholding provisions. He said two per cent withholding was adequate and that further withholding would hurt farmers and businessmen.

Barton said Democrats have advocated increases in the state basic school support fund ranging up to \$40 per census child, but that it would be up to the Joint Ways and Means Committee to decide how much money could be used for this purpose when considering the whole budget.

State Growth Cited

Barton said that growth of the state made it absolutely necessary to raise tax rates each biennium—whatever party was in power—to maintain services requested by the people. He said the Democratic program spread the increases over personal and corporate incomes, utilities, financial institutions and all other taxpayers.

"The raises are modest and I don't think anyone will be hurt substantially," Barton said. He pointed out that a couple with two children making \$7,000 a year would actually save several dollars a year. Above \$7,000 the most taxes would increase would be \$11 a year.

"Not everybody will like the tax program," Barton said, "but it will raise the money we need fairly and equitably without a state levy on property."

High Taxes Opposed

Rep. Fayette Bristol, Grants Pass Republican and a minority member of the tax committee, opposed the new income tax rates. He said Oregon's income tax rate was now the highest in the country and that Oregon would eventually have to come to a sales tax to raise needed money.

Rep. Robert Bennett, Portland Republican, protested the withholding provisions of the bill as having an adverse effect on income tax collections. He said complicated withholding procedures were hard on farmers and businessmen and expensive for corporations.

Ike Plays Final Round as Stay Ends

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower played a final round of golf today and prepared to fly back to Washington to face what his staff in international relations, particularly the Middle East.

The President was scheduled to take off this afternoon after spending 13 days in the warm sun of his favorite resort, the Augusta National Golf Club.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President's physician, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, believes the Augusta trip has been "very beneficial" to Eisenhower.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 1 6 2

Chicago 6 7 1

Moore, Zuverink (8) and Ginsberg, Patton (4) Pierce and Lollar.

Weather	
FORECAST: Scattered thunderstorms this evening. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with occasional showers. Low tonight 45, high Wednesday 78.	
Highest Yesterday	50
Lowest This Morning	30
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunrise	5:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:10 p.m.
Moonset	8:16 p.m.
First Quarter	May 6
PROMINENT STAR	
Antares, rises	10:20 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Saturn, rises	10:10 p.m.
north of Antares	
Jupiter, sets	10:32 p.m.
Mars, high in south-west	11:14 p.m.