

Morse and Neuberger Denounce Charges by Republican Chairman

Washington — Oregon's two Democratic senators today branded as "vicious" and "unfounded" charges by GOP National Chairman Meade Alcorn that six liberal Democrats sold out civil rights for a high dam at Hells Canyon.

Sens. Richard L. Neuberger and Wayne L. Morse accused Alcorn of trying to kill chances of the Hells Canyon bill in the House because the "Eisenhower administration doesn't like it."

Neuberger, a strong supporter of the Hells Canyon dam, was not one of the six accused by Alcorn. But he denounced Alcorn's charges as "shabby and unfounded."

Neuberger noted that he and Sens. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Frank Church (D-Ida.), all advocates of the fed-

eral dam, voted to bypass the Judiciary Committee and put the civil rights bill on the Senate calendar.

This move, opposed by southern senators, increased chances for action on the House-approved measure.

Attack Called 'Vicious'
Morse said Alcorn's attack was "vicious and unwarranted falsehood." He said the debate over the civil rights bill completely disproves the vote-trading charge.

"Alcorn and his reactionary senatorial private utility mouthpieces are trying to divert attention from the Eisenhower administration's political immorality, demonstrated by its many betrayals of the public's right to have their heritage in natural resources protected," Morse said.

Midwest Farmers End Russia Tour

Rockford Ill. — A group of Midwest farmers just returned from a 17-day tour of Russia have agreed their wives would not like living in the Soviet—they'd have to work too hard.

The 30 farmers, who returned Monday, said the most impressive thing about Russia was not Soviet collective farming, but the hard labor put in by Russian women.

All but one of the group was from the Rockford area in north-central Illinois. They were joined by a farmer from Brodhead, Wis.

The farmers' trip was arranged by a Rockford television station, and the group paid its own way at a cost of about \$1,400 to \$1,800 each. All of them seemed to think it was a good investment.

The group was critical of Russian farms which they said were "inefficient."

29 French Soldiers Killed by Algerians

Algiers, Algeria — Algerian rebels ambushed two columns of French troops during the week end and killed at least 29 soldiers, the army announced Monday.

The army said it ordered troops out in a vengeance sweep against the rebel bands.

Gromyko Attacks Norstad Remarks as Aggressor Ravings

Moscow — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today denounced a recent statement by Gen. Curtis Norstad as the ravings of an aggressor and "inconsistent with the disarmament negotiations."

Gromyko, at an unprecedented early morning news conference, read a prepared statement denouncing the statement Norstad made before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate.

Gromyko said Norstad's statement made it obvious the United States was using the London disarmament talks as a smoke-screen to cover up a desire to continue the arms race.

NATO Comments Criticized
He also criticized Norstad's comments before the North Atlantic Alliance in Paris where the American general is the Allied supreme commander in Europe.

Gromyko quoted Norstad's warnings that the United States could attack the Soviet Union from anywhere in the world and destroy all targets of military value in Russia and then said:

"The American general clearly forgets that planes can fly in either direction, not only from the direction of the aggressors. It would appear that even the biggest hotheads among the NATO militarists should be clear on this point."

Syrian Gunfire Kills Israeli Nurse

Jerusalem, Israel — An Israeli nurse was shot and killed by Syrian gunfire Monday night and Israeli official sources accused Syria and Egypt today of trying to provoke Israel into retaliatory action.

The sources noted the almost daily attacks by Syrian forces on Israeli border settlements and the upsurge in raids by Arab marauders from the Gaza Strip during the past two days.

They said the increase in border incidents coincided with the attacks by Cairo radio on pro-Western Arab states for alleged negotiating with Israel toward a solution of the Arab-Palestine refugee problem. An Israeli attack on either Egypt or Syria could heal the breach between the pro-leftist and the pro-Western Arab states, the sources said.

Yuma Hottest Place; Montana Said Coldest

New York — The nation's highest temperature Monday was 120 degrees at Yuma, Ariz. The low today was 33 at Drummond, Mont., the weather Bureau reported.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting statistic:
In 1956, according to the bureau of public roads of the department of commerce, registration of U.S. motor vehicles reached a record high of 65,212,510. This represented an increase of 2,518,691 vehicles over 1955.

Passenger cars alone numbered 54,332,295. There were 10,625,536 trucks and 254,679 busses.

WHAT is to say:
By putting a shade better than three persons in each passenger car, we could move our WHOLE POPULATION from where it is now to somewhere else. We could do it in a minimum of time, for modern cars move rapidly, and with a maximum of comfort, for even a load of four persons per modern automobile involves little crowding. By utilizing the trunks of the cars and adding the trucks and the busses, we could take most of our baggage along with us.

WHAT would be a record of sorts, for no nation in the world was ever able to accomplish such a hegra before.
We're getting places.

ALL this, of course, raises questions. For example:
If we undertook a mass movement of ALL of our people, it would have to be assumed that we would be moving them from the United States of America to somewhere else.

Like all happy and reasonably contented people, we grouse and grumble more or less constantly about the conditions under which we are compelled to live.

But—
Getting down to bedrock—
WE'D ALL OF US—EVERY MOTHER'S SON OF US—RATHER LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAN ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH.

SO WHY waste time talking about silly things like mass movements of all of our people—even if we do have cars enough to get away with it?

Home Economists Convene in St. Louis

St. Louis — Home economists from over the nation met here today to compare notes on laboratory research that will affect American home life in a convention of the American Home Economics Association.

Dr. C. A. Elvehjem of the University of Wisconsin, keynoting the four-day session, described the home economist as the link between research and the people.

He said the home economist "stands between the producer and the consumer." The end product of research, he told the 4,000 experts, must be introduced into the home and everyday living by the home economist.

Woman Injured When Train Hits Car Door

Hood River — Mrs. M. S. Walton, Parkdale, was reported in serious condition today following an unusual accident in which she was hurled against the side of a train.

Mrs. Walton was injured when she attempted to close her car door which was struck by the approaching train. The accident occurred Sunday after the Walton family had been boating on the Columbia river and had parked near the railroad tracks just west of here.

Two Killed, Three Hurt In Crash Near Albany

Albany, Ore. — A Eugene man and a teen-ager were killed and three others critically injured in a head-on collision of two pickup trucks Sunday evening on Highway 99 two miles north of here.

The dead were Raymond Oldfield, 37, an electrical contractor, and Terry B. Payne, 16, also of Eugene. Injured were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Joseph Miller of Salem and their three-year-old daughter Susan.

L. A.-Mexico Plane Flights Scheduled

Los Angeles — Western Air Lines has announced it will begin non-stop air service between Los Angeles and Mexico City July 15.

The company yesterday disclosed the inaugural flight after it received approval from the Mexican government. Western obtained the approval it start the service under an agreement reached between the United States and Mexico for reciprocal landing rights.

The line will offer daily round trip flights using Douglas DC7B airliners from the 1,555-mile non-stop flight. It will be the first service to the Mexican capital from the western United States by a domestic airline.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Betrayal Charge Against Army Colonel Dropped

Huntsville, Ala. — The Army today dropped charges that Col. John C. Nickerson betrayed his country by spilling missile secrets and the defendant promptly pleaded guilty to 15 other counts of failing to safeguard classified matter.

The two swift developments came in the first 90 minutes of Nickerson's heralded court martial.

The defense accomplished its main goal, to have the 41-year-old career rocketeer cleared of espionage and perjury charges, when the Army withdrew its second charge containing three counts.

Then it came time for Nickerson to plead to the one remaining charge. One of his civilian lawyers, Robert K. Bell, Huntsville, announced crisply in the tiny Army courtroom:

"In view of the fact that the prosecution has withdrawn charge No. 2 the defendant wishes to plead guilty to Charge No. 1, on specifications one through 15."

Court was recessed at that point. The second charge could have carried up to 16 years in prison, and \$10,000 fine or both.

The first charge involved up to 30 years and heavy fines on all counts but Nickerson's guilty plea was expected to be a factor in the sentence.

The action by the trial counsel left Nickerson facing one charge containing 15 specifications.

They dealt with his writing of memos containing secret matter which reached "unauthorized" persons and charged that he failed to safeguard secret material.

The tomb of the Unknown Soldier is in Arlington national cemetery.

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