

HURRICANE BATTERS SOUTHLAND

Pentagon Leans To Air Industry, Nickerson Says

Huntsville, Ala. — Col. John C. Nickerson Jr., testified today that service rivalries for new weapons were usually decided in the Pentagon "in favor of the aircraft industry," and thus the Air Force got the assignments.

The outspoken colonel court-martialed for leaking secret data in his fight to keep the 1,500-mile Jupiter ballistic missile in the Army, used his trial to bring the bitter inter-service disputes and their relations with industry into the open.

Speaking loudly and rapidly, Nickerson piled into the aircraft industry which he said had no intention of letting civil service contractors get all the big missile money.

They realized that contracts for aircraft were going down and those for missiles were going up," he said.

No Pouches Pulled
And in the Pentagon, he said, the tendency grew to settle struggles for missile money in favor of the Air Force.

Nickerson did not pull a punch, except when he ventured near classified ground, the thing that got him court-martialed. He has pleaded guilty to 15 counts of failing to safeguard secret data in violation of army regulations. He and his other witnesses were attempting to show the 10-member court martial board mitigating and extenuating circumstances which might lighten his sentence. He could serve up to 30 years at hard labor on the charges.

Nickerson said that Army Chief of Staff Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Secretary of Army Wilber Brucker and Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, commander of the Army Ballistics missile agency here, all shared his views that the Army needed to produce the Jupiter.

Counterpart weapon
The Air Force has a counterpart weapon, the Thor, which has been described in published reports as a fizzle in three attempts at launching.

He said that the Air Force embarked on its own project to change the Defense Department's mind when the Army was first allotted the Jupiter project.

Explaining further his opinion of the state of mind in the Pen-

tagon, Nickerson said that "the civilians working there usually have high paying jobs in the back of their minds and the aircraft industry is where the high salaries are."

Nickerson said the team at Redstone, with 20 years' experience on the part of its German-born rocketeers, is "bound to develop" a successful intermediate missile "years sooner" than any other agency.

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Eagles Convention Gets Under Way in City This Morning

A total of 625 Eagles and auxiliary members registered yesterday for the 1957 Oregon state convention which officially started at 10 a.m. today.

E. C. (Chet) Lawson, Eugene, convention manager, said it was the heaviest first day enrollment for a state Eagles convention in the past 15 years. Registration continued this morning, and will continue tomorrow morning in the Eagles hall.

Unofficial Start
The convention got an unofficial start last night when 39 new members for the convention class were initiated in ceremonies in the Knights of Pythias building. Participating in the ceremonies were Erving Reuter and Sherman Dahl, both of Grants Pass.

The first of four business sessions also are scheduled at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

At 8 p.m. today, welcoming ceremonies and memorial services, which are open to the public, will be held at McLoughlin Junior High school. The services will be a joint meeting of the Eagles and auxiliary.

Competition Events
Winners of ritualistic, drill team and drum corps competition will be announced at a meeting at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Holly theater. Ritualistic competition started at 7 a.m. today, and will continue at 7 a.m. tomorrow. Both sessions are scheduled in the Carpenter's Union hall.

The drill team and drum corps competition will start at 7 p.m. Friday in the Medford high school stadium. The event will be open to the public. Drill teams and drum and bugle corps also will participate in a parade starting at 1 p.m. Saturday in downtown Medford. About 15 units are expected to compete.

Property Owners Contacted by Court

The Jackson county court is still contacting property owners in connection with obtaining more right of way for the state secondary highway between Ross lane and Jacksonville.

Members of the court began discussing the right of way with about 11 property owners Tuesday. They resumed the discussions yesterday and planned to continue them this afternoon.

The court explained right of way conferences have kept them too busy to obtain the remaining signatures for the 1957-58 budget. However, they said they hoped to contact Tom Wray, budget committee chairman, and Arnold Bohner, committee member, for their signatures today. All others have signed the budget except Roger Rath, who has refused to do so.

Boy Questioned In Connection With Fire

A small fire was started in the second grade classroom at Lone Pine school yesterday. Police arrested a 12-year-old Medford boy in connection with the fire, and referred the case to county juvenile authorities.

The fire was reported at 10 a.m. by Harold Foster Boner, 3439 Lone Pine rd.

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Hoffa Gave \$2,000 For Documents on Beck, Witness Says

Step by Step Account Of Arrangements Told

Washington — The government's star witness in the bribery-conspiracy trial of Teamsters Vice President James R. Hoffa testified today that Hoffa gave him \$2,000 for Senate Rackets Committee documents on Teamsters President Dave Beck.

The witness, John Cye Cheasty, said the exchange took place March 12 on a street near the DuPont Plaza Hotel here the evening before Hoffa's arrest.

Hoffa and his confederate, Miami attorney Hyman I. Fischbach, are accused of bribing Cheasty, a New York lawyer, to get a job on the committee staff and pass them confidential information on its investigation of the big Teamsters Union. Cheasty tipped off the Senate Committee and the FBI before going to work for the committee.

Step by Step Account
He gave a federal court jury a step by step account of the careful arrangements he made with the FBI and the committee to pass the documents to Hoffa March 12.

He said he picked Hoffa up in front of the DuPont Plaza Hotel in a cab driven by an FBI agent. He told Hoffa he had "some stuff" from committee files on Beck's deals with Nathan Shefferman, Chicago labor relations expert. He said the documents were selected from committee files by Carmine Bellino, chief staff investigator, and were delivered to him the morning of March 12 by an FBI agent.

Hoffa was arrested by FBI agents at the hotel early the following morning.

Hoffa, seated in the courtroom, stared at Cheasty with no discernible expression during most of the testimony.

Benson Asked To Help Ease Canned Pear Surplus

Washington — Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) asked Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson today to take action to help ease the canned pear surplus in the Pacific Northwest.

Jackson sent a letter to Benson urging prompt approval of a plan submitted by B. I. Freeman, secretary-manager of the Washington-Oregon Pear Association, which has its headquarters at Yakima.

Freeman suggested that canned Bartlett pears be placed on the list of commodities which get export marketing assistance under Public Law 480.

Jackson told Benson it is "imperative" that the department accept the plan.

CCC Pays Seller
The law provides that the government will help export surplus products to foreign countries. Under the plan the Commodity Credit Corp. pays the seller in American dollars and the government assumes the responsibility for the foreign currency used to pay for the products overseas.

In his letter to Benson, Jackson said exports of canned pears dropped from 868,000 cases in 1955-56 to 250,000 cases in 1956-57.

The senator said the forthcoming crop of Bartlett pears in the Northwest alone is expected to be 20 per cent above last year.

Pointing out that last year's crop in the Northwest hit a record high, Jackson said favorable action on the request was necessary to "alleviate this serious situation."

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POSTAL SERVICE FOR YEAR ASSURED

Senate Approves Extra \$133 Million For Fiscal Year

President Expected To Sign Appropriation

Washington — The nation was assured today of full postal service for the year beginning July 1.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House today a supplemental Post Office Department money bill providing an extra \$133 million for next fiscal year.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield had warned of new cuts in postal services and the shutdown of possibly thousands of local post offices unless Congress provided him more funds to run his department.

Summerfield had asked an additional \$149,500,000, but the Senate, in approving the bill Wednesday, went along with House cuts of \$16,500,000.

However, Chairman Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) of the Senate Appropriations Committee assured his colleagues that the reduction would not mean any curtailment of daily rural mail deliveries or suspension of Saturday service in cities and towns.

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), voting against the bill, accused Summerfield of trying to intimidate Congress with threats instead of seeking to save money by modernizing the mail service.

Signature Expected
President Eisenhower, who had backed Summerfield in his fight to obtain extra funds, was almost certain to sign the measure.

The postmaster general had curtailed postal services briefly earlier this year when Congress refused to grant him extra funds to tide his department over the fiscal year ending June 30.

On another matter, Summerfield told the House Post Office Committee Wednesday he and Eisenhower would give "careful consideration" to any postal pay raise recommended by the group.

\$54,000 Worth of Bonds Are Sold

A total of \$54,000 worth of general obligation bonds were sold by the Kings Highway water district to the First National Bank last night.

The bonds were sold to finance installation of a water main in the area annexed to the district May 8, south of Shafer lane.

The bonds sold at \$98 per each \$100 par value, with interest rate set at 4 1/2 per cent on \$26,000 and 5 per cent on \$28,000. The whole issue will be paid off by 1980 at a net effective interest rate of 5.0477 per cent.

Bonds were sold at a meeting of the district board of commissioners last night, according to attorney for the district, Mrs. Jeannette Marshall. The United States National Bank also submitted a bid.

Bids for laying the water main and installing fire hydrants throughout the district will be opened in Mrs. Marshall's office July 1. Work will begin as soon as possible.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 2 8 3
Washington 7 10 0
Foytack, Hoefft (2), Aber (4), and Wilson; Pascual, Cleveland (6), Sleater (6) and Courtney, Yewick (6).

Cleveland 2 5 0
New York 0 4 0
Wynn and Brown; Byrne and Berra.

Chicago 3 8 1
Boston 8 8 0
Harshman, Fischer (1), Staley (5), Derrington (6) and Moss; Sullivan, Chakales (3) and Daley.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 1 4 1
Milwaukee 2 4 0
Drysdale, Koufax (8) and Campanella; Buhl and Rice.



Kennedy at Schrunk Trial; Judge Vetoes Motion for Mistrial

Portland — The defense today lost a motion for a mistrial in the perjury case against Mayor Terry Schrunk based on the appearance of Robert Kennedy, chief counsel of the Senate Rackets Committee.

Defense attorneys claimed that Kennedy's appearance late Wednesday was engineered by the state and that Kennedy was used as "a sort of Trojan horse." They claimed he injected into the trial prejudicial matter which could not be removed by any precautionary instructions to the jury.

Thomas Tongue III, one of Schrunk's attorneys, said Kennedy's testimony was offered by Assistant Attorney General Ralph K. Wyckoff to support the idea that racketeer James B. Elkins was not out to frame Schrunk. Tongue said Elkins was not out to frame Schrunk. Tongue said Elkins may have argued this year against a Senate investigation of the alleged bribery incident but that this had nothing to do with what Elkins may have said and done in 1956.

Motion Overruled
Tongue said: "Kennedy made the grand exit. Here's the great man come to town... this national celebrity, the great vice crusader... to lend the weight of his opinion... to tell the jury that he and the Senate committee concluded the mayor of Portland was guilty of accepting a bribe."

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford overruled the motion. Prospects were that the case may go to the jury Friday or Saturday.

The defense called one more witness and then rested its case. He was Alexander C. Brown, Portland city attorney, who testified he had played no role in calling Kennedy to Portland. Defense Attorney Edwin Hicks said there were two witnesses he had hoped to call but he could not disclose to the jury made it impossible to subpoena them.

Trial Enlivened
The state then called Capt.

Cause of Illness Sought by State

Portland — The state board of health said today it was trying to determine the cause of what appeared to be an outbreak of food poisoning following a Lions' convention luncheon at Medford last Saturday.

The board said it was difficult to trace the cause because the convention delegates left before tests could be made.

The Jackson county sanitarian reported symptoms were stomach cramps and diarrhea. The state board's epidemiology section is mailing letters to convention delegates in efforts to determine the cause.

The board said the county health department reported that 779 delegates and 32 dining room workers had lunch Saturday noon in a school cafeteria. Food was catered by the Medford hotel.

The county health office said it knew of 23 known to have been ill, and estimated the total might have been close to 70.

Fire Breaks Out in Logging Operation

State forestry department patrolmen reported a fire yesterday on a logging operation on the south fork of Little Butte creek. The blaze broke out about 5 p.m. and covered about one acre before being controlled.

Patrolmen said they were not sure of the cause. Patrol and operator crews were mopping up today.

Eisenhower Seen Cooling To Idea Of Bomb Test Ban

Stassen Expected To Present U. S. Position

London — Reports that President Eisenhower might be having second thoughts on the wisdom of an immediate ban on nuclear tests sent up storm signals today at the London disarmament conference.

Harold E. Stassen was keeping the emphasis on conventional disarmament at today's session, but he was expected to put forth the American nuclear position soon.

Western delegates here received another firm warning Wednesday from Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin that any first step disarmament agreement must include a ban on tests.

Ike Retreat Seen
Observers interpreted Eisenhower's latest declaration on the subject as an indication of a retreat from previous apparent willingness to meet the Russians on the issue.

Last week the President said he would be "perfectly delighted" to accept an immediate ban. Wednesday he appeared far less ready and emphasized instead the possibility of an "absolutely clean" H-bomb, that is, with no radioactive fallout.

Stassen and his fellow Western delegates received a stern warning from the Russians about the Soviet determination to halt tests.

According to a Moscow radio broadcast this morning, Zorin told the delegates that "those who complicate the settlement of the question of ending atom and hydrogen weapon tests by various contrived conditions are, in effect, raising obstacles to and undermining the possibility of ending the nuclear arms race."

The Zorin statement was accompanied by another venomous Soviet attack on U.S. Gen. Lauris Norstad, the NATO commander, which outdid the Tuesday statements by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Moscow radio said Norstad was a "cannibal" who spends his time dreaming "how to drop thousands of bombs on our country." It recalled that he was chief of staff of the World War II 20th Air Force which bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

High Waves Reported
At Galveston waves were crashing over the seawall there and white caps were smashing against hotels. Galveston is a resort city, southwest of the Beaumont-Port Arthur sector, where the worst hurricane on record killed between 5,000 and 8,000 persons in September, 1900.

It was feared that conditions might be critical at Cameron, La., which was isolated hours before the center of the storm hit.

In Houston, the largest city in Texas, wind did heavy damage on the north, southwest and east sides. Giant limbs were blown out of trees. Signs and small trees were blown down. Heavy rain flooded out one overpass, but Houston escaped hurricane-strength winds.

Public Hearings On Council's Agenda

Two public hearings are on the agenda for the Medford city council at 7:30 p.m. today at an adjourned meeting.

One hearing is on annexation of city and county property in the old fairgrounds area, which includes the new National Guard Armory south of Medford.

The other hearing is on withdrawal of parts of five special service districts annexed to the city in the Berrydale annexation.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of a plumbing code adoption and transfer of budget items.

Planner's Suggest Change Of Zone In Berrydale Area

The Medford planning commission at a special meeting last night recommended to the city council that four lots in the Berrydale area be rezoned from single family to light industrial.

The property is located west of Highway 99 and north of the Y. L. E. Juniper of Pacific Machinery company requested the change of zone, explaining he wants to construct a business building there.

John Dellenbeck, Medford attorney, appeared at the meeting on behalf of Juniper. No opposition to the rezoning was voiced.

Although last night's session was an adjourned meeting for the purpose of holding a hearing on Juniper's request, the com-

Many Terrified Residents Flee Storm's Path

Cities Cut Off By Howling Winds

Port Arthur, Tex. — An unseasonable and vicious hurricane, which already had killed 10 men, swept across the Texas-Louisiana coast today and beat inland cities with winds of 100 miles an hour.

The wind, torrential rain and crashing waves of hurricane Audrey isolated whole towns. Electrical power was knocked out in Port Arthur and Beaumont, Tex., and in Lake Charles, La.

Terrified residents, 50,000 in Port Arthur alone by one estimate, fled their homes. Some took refuge in schools, churches and steel-framed buildings. Others fled in their automobiles to sectors out of the tempest's path.

Raging seas more than 200 miles down the Texas coast swept four vessels, including the 400-foot Sinclair Co. tanker Sheldon Clark, aground in Arkansas Bay. The other vessels were two barges and a tug. The crews apparently were safe.

The New Orleans Weather Bureau said the center of Audrey was about halfway between Beaumont and Lake Charles, along the border between the states, and moving northward about 15 miles an hour.

The hurricane victims were all drowned, nine of them in a fishing vessel that went down in the threatening Gulf of Mexico near Galveston.

The calm eye of the hurricane, surrounded by a vast doughnut of deadly winds, passed straight up the Louisiana-Texas border. Observers clocked its passage as the wind stopped when the eye was directly overhead.

Then, as the eye passed, the wind started howling again from the opposite direction. The eye first passed over Port Arthur, the first major city in its path. Then, at 7:15 a.m. (p.s.t.), Orange, Tex., about 25 miles northeast, reported the eye passing overhead.

But the worst winds were in the northeast quadrant of the hurricane, which was slamming into the Louisiana coast in the Cameron area and east.

As Audrey raged toward the shore, it hurled a two-masted fishing vessel, the Keturah, into an oil rig near Galveston. The Keturah went down with all nine crewmen on board. Another man was drowned Wednesday night off the Texas coast.

Deputy Sheriff L. D. Farrow at Port Arthur estimated that 50,000 persons fled the city.

All except two families fled the little town of Sabine, Tex., five stores and a population of 260, south of Port Arthur. The two families were cut off.

The worst part of the storm appeared to be passing east of the rich manufacturing triangle of Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange on the southeast Texas coast.

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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Low tonight 54. High Friday 82.

	Temp.
Highest yesterday	53
Lowest today morning	53

Our Skies Tonight

Star	Time
Saturn	4:36 a.m.
Venus	5:33 a.m.
New Moon	12:53 p.m.
Dubhe, Merak, Phoebe and Megrez	for the bowl of the Dipper.
Mizar, in the rim of the bowl at the junction of the handle, is the dimmest of the stars of the Big Dipper.	

United States Steel Announces Price Increases To Become Effective July 1

New York — U.S. Steel Corp. announced today steel price increases averaging \$6 a ton, which could affect the price of hundreds of consumer items ranging from autos to hairpins.

The price hike, effective July 1, came a day after President Eisenhower's renewed plea to industry and labor to show restraint on the wage-price front to ease inflationary pressures.

The price increase was made to offset a wage increase which goes into effect the same day and which the company contends will boost its labor costs by 21 cents an hour per man.

U.S. Steel's hike, which is expected to set the pattern for the rest of the steel industry, is less than what many steel leaders have insisted was necessary to offset the automatic wage increase. Last August the steel firms signed a three-year pact with the United Steelworkers of America calling for automatic increases in wages and fringes each year.