

# Hells Canyon Bill Given Reprieve

## Israel-Syria Border Situation Declared 'Grave'

### Soviet Union Said Urging Syria Attacks

Jerusalem, Israel — Israeli officials described the Syrian border situation today as "grave" and there were reports the Soviet Union was urging Syria on to further attacks on Israeli villages.

But the officials said it was unlikely Tuesday's 10-hour artillery duel would precipitate an all out war; observers thought it more likely Israeli troops might attack, occupy and destroy the Syrian positions, then retire across the border into Israel.

**Each Blame Other**  
Syrian and Israeli troops bombarded each other for 10 hours Tuesday across their mountainous farmland frontier. The fighting did not end until United Nations truce observers ordered a sixth cease fire. Each side blamed the other.

Israeli sources said the battle started when Israeli police attempted to investigate a strip of no man's land illegally plowed up by Syrian farmers last week. They said Syrian troops opened up with artillery and mortars and that Israel was forced to reply.

**Syrian Version**  
The Syrian account was different. A spokesman in Damascus said the duel started when an Israeli force equipped with armored cars entered Syrian territory. He said Israel ignored a UN cease fire after the Syrians obeyed it and that Syrian troops were forced to resume firing in self defense.

The Israeli army reported one Israeli civilian killed and seven wounded in the fighting. A Syrian spokesman in Damascus said there were no Syrian military casualties but that two Arab women and two children were wounded.

## Thompson Named CPRFPD Director

Central Point—Claude Thompson, who resides on Scenic ave., was appointed last night to the board of directors of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district.

Thompson succeeds Bert Smith, whose resignation was accepted by the board also last night. Smith gave ill health as his reason for resigning.

The new director is considered well acquainted with the operation of the rural district. He has been chairman of the district's budget committee for the past two years.

Thompson is the second appointee to the board in recent weeks. B. Sam Taylor was named recently to replace Al Ohannon, whose residence was vacated out of the district by annexation of the Berrydale area to Medford.

Both Thompson and Taylor will serve until the fire protection district's annual election in December.

Smith was a former chairman of the board.

**Survey of OTI Facilities Approved**  
Salem—Hiring of a Portland consulting engineering firm to make the survey of physical plant facilities at Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls has been approved by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

The Department of Finance and Administration, which was directed to make the engineering survey by the 1957 legislature, has retained the firm of Stevens and Thompson, Portland, the governor reported.

Cost of the survey will be \$9,000.

Washington — President Eisenhower has nominated Don Paarlberg to be a director of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

## Teen-age Scooter Travelers Arrive in Medford Tuesday

Two teen-age motor-scooter travelers arrived in Medford at about noon yesterday on a tour of the seven western states.

The travelers, Bill Arnold, 16, and Kevin McDonald, 17, both of San Francisco, expect to leave about Friday on a pleasure trip which they hope will take three weeks. While here the youths are seeking odd jobs. Money earned will be used to finance at least a part of their trip.

The pair left San Francisco July 3 after obtaining sponsorship of a motor scooter firm, an oil company, and a television station in San Francisco.

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# IKE, RUSSELL CONFER ON CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

## South Assured of No Expedition Of Punishment

### Major Compromise Agreement Lacking

Washington — President Eisenhower assured the South today that the administration has no intention of launching a "punitive expedition" under its proposed civil rights law.

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) leader of the southern fight against the controversial rights bill, took the opposition's case to the White House today.

He apparently failed to win Eisenhower's agreement to any major compromise. But he said the President's mind is "not closed" to a "clarifying" amendment.

"I found no intention of purpose on his part to go to any punitive expedition against the South," the Georgia senator said after the 50-minute hearing.

**Long Debate Expected**  
The Senate moved into the third day of debate on a motion to bring the bill up for immediate consideration, by-passing a heavy backlog of other legislation. Key senators predicted the vote on this motion will not come before next Tuesday or Wednesday. After that, a marathon civil rights debate of four to eight weeks was predicted.

Russell declined to go into details of what kind of amendment the President would consider. Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said after a White House session Tuesday that his party would oppose confining the bill to a simple protection of voting rights.

**Better Understanding**  
Russell requested the meeting with the President after Eisenhower told his news conference last week that he did not understand certain clauses in the administration's civil rights bill. The President also has said he could not understand Russell's fears about the bill.

"We both have a much better understanding of the other's views," Russell said after the conference.

But he refused to say whether a civil rights compromise now is more likely.

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**OBJECTING** to appointment of Rev. Nelson B. Higgins as pastor, congregation of former all-white Normandie Ave. Methodist Church, Los Angeles, resigns from institution. (International)

## Jackson Welfare Leader Reappointed

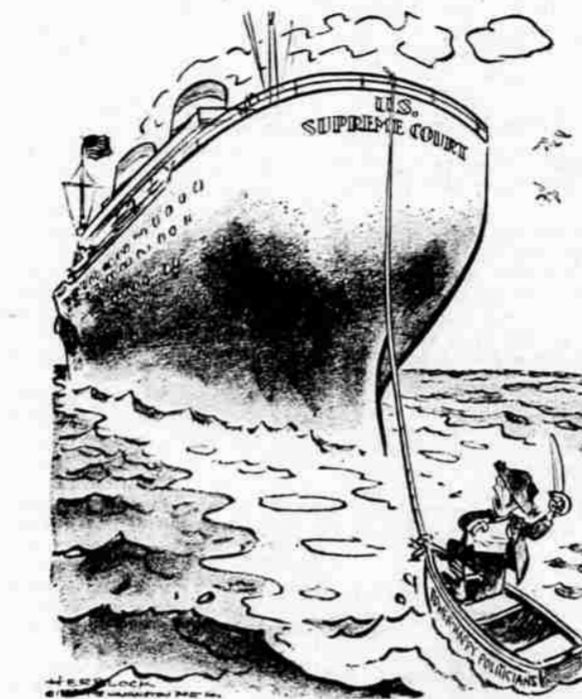
Salem — Appointment of 20 new members of county public welfare commissions and reappointment of eight others was announced today by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

The governor appoints four public members of each of the 36 county welfare commissions for four-year terms. The new appointees will serve until June 30, 1961.

Included is: Jackson: Mrs. Frances L. Hamilton, Central Point Democrat, reappointed.

Salem — V. B. Kenworthy, The Dalles, has been reappointed to the State Civil Service Commission by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

"I Got A Good Mind To Cut You Adrift"



## Mrs. Eve Nye Named Chairman of Board

The Medford school board last night appointed a new chairman, approved educational specifications for two proposed elementary schools, approved the school calendar for 1957-58, and hired five new teachers.

Mrs. Eve Nye was appointed to her second term as chairman of board of education, succeeding Otto Ewaldsen, and Frank Bash was named vice chairman. Mrs. Rebecca Jensen was reappointed clerk.

Educational specifications for architects working on two proposed elementary schools were approved and will be presented to the architects for use in preliminary planning.

**School Calendar**  
Teachers in the district will report to an in-service training period, Sept. 3 through 6, and students will report for classes Monday, Sept. 9, the board decided last night. The early starting date was set because officials said it appears that the fruit harvest will be early this year.

School is scheduled to close June 6.

The five teachers hired are Keith Robert Carr, who will teach science and physical education at McLoughlin Junior High; Carroll L. Graber, who will instruct vocal music at Hedrick Junior High; Eugene I. Helm, physical education and health at McLoughlin; Cornelius M. Janzen, intermediate at Jefferson school; and Otis D. Swisher, social studies at Hedrick.

The resignation of Nancy Speight, primary teacher at Jefferson, was accepted.

**Joint Meeting Set**  
The board decided to hold a joint meeting with the Phoenix school board Aug. 13 to consider possibilities of changing boundary lines between the districts.

The board also approved a resolution authorizing the county treasurer to transfer \$12 from the school district 59 building fund to district 549C bond fund. The transfer was necessary to conform with legal requirements.

**Weekly Lumber Output 183,747,000 Board Feet**  
Portland — The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in June was 183,747,000 board feet, Harris E. Smith, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said today.

Smith said the production amounted to 100.6 per cent of the 1952-1956 average.

**Second Prisoner Dies After Drink Binge**  
Walla Walla — A second Washington State penitentiary inmate died Tuesday as a result of a ditto-fluid binge Saturday.

Warden Bob Rhay said Charles Miller, 45, Tacoma, died about 48 hours after his brother, Clarence, 48, Three more prisoners were back in the prison hospital complaining of headaches and other minor ailments.

Washington — The Agricultural Department forecasts a 1957 corn crop of 3,011,912,000 bushels and a wheat crop of 940,093,000 bushels.

## Secret Girard File Claims Shot Fired Over Head

### Buddy's Statement Claims Direct Aim

Washington — The secret Defense department file on William S. Girard shows that the Army specialist third class claimed he fired from the hip and over the head of the Japanese woman he killed.

Girard also said he did not believe the empty cartridge he fired would hurt anyone even if it hit them.

**Knew Accuracy**  
He acknowledged he knew the grenade launcher he used to hurl the cartridge like a missile was accurate and that it would fire an empty shell "quite a ways."

But the file also contains a sworn statement by Girard's Army buddy, Specialist 3-c Victor M. Nicke, that Girard fired from the shoulder after aiming directly at the woman.

Nicke, who was with Girard when Girard fired the fatal shot also said he and Girard first coaxed the woman and other Japanese civilians close enough so Girard "could take a shot at them."

**Copy Made Available**  
A copy of the secret Defense department file—10 pages in all—was made available to the United Press today.

Other copies were given to the Supreme court as part of the evidence on which it could base its decision on whether Girard should be tried by a U.S. Army court martial or a Japanese court.

Eight Supreme court justices conferred for two and a half hours on the case Tuesday morning and another two hours in the afternoon. There was no indication when the court will rule. The ninth justice, William O. Douglas, is on a tour of the Near East.

**Last of Powder Puff Contestants Lands**  
Philadelphia — The 11th annual Powder Puff Derby came to an end today with the last of the 49 planes landing three hours before the 1 p.m. (PDT) deadline set for completion of the 2,567-mile cross country flight from San Mateo, Calif., to North Philadelphia airport.

Thirty-six planes in the all-women race had arrived by Tuesday, 10 more landed this morning and the last three this afternoon.

The final three to arrive were Betty Clinton, Menlo Park, Calif., and Mrs. Marilyn Anderson, San Carlos, Calif.; Margaret Farkas, North Highlands, Calif., and Thelma Syrek, Parks Air Force Base, Calif., and Mrs. Barbara Reithmaier, Florissant, Mo.

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After he was awakened, the smoker lit a cigarette, puffed once and dropped it like a hot coal. He tried again 10 minutes later with the same result.

The hypnotist said it would take about 10 sessions to make a chain-smoker give up cigarettes.

**Roseburg Man Dies After Fall From Horse**  
Bend — Death of J. E. Emerson, 49, Roseburg, Monday afternoon was reported here today by hospital attendants who said the man had been thrown from a horse.

The report said Emerson was brought to the hospital by a companion who said he had been thrown by the animal while riding at the Hydespeth ranch at Prineville. Emerson died a short time later.

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## Lack of Quorum Forces Delay of Interior Session

### Backers' Strategy Brings Postponement

Washington — Proponents of legislation for a federal high dam at Hells Canyon took advantage of absenteeism today to win at least a one week reprieve for the embattled measure.

The House Interior committee was scheduled to meet this morning to vote on the measure. Opponents claimed in advance that they had enough votes to kill the bill.

But a combination of circumstances, some of them apparently planned in advance, resulted in postponement of committee action for lack of a quorum.

The strategy of proponents apparently called for a boycott of the meeting and counted on absenteeism or tardiness by opponents. The strategy worked.

**Short of Quorum**  
Promptly at 10 a.m., Chairman Clair Engle (D-Calif.), a backer of the measure, ordered the committee clerk to call the roll. Only 12 members, one backer and 11 opponents, were present. Sixteen are needed for a quorum.

Engle called off the meeting over the strong objections of Rep. A. L. Miller (Neb.), ranking Republican member.

One of the GOP leaders in the fight against the measure, Rep. John P. Saylor (Pa.), arrived too late because of an ironic set of circumstances.

Miller, realizing the importance of having all of the anti-Hells Canyon committee members there on time, called Saylor's office shortly before 10 a.m. to make sure he would be at the meeting.

Saylor said he was in the hallway en route to the committee room when he was called back to answer the telephone. By the time he got to the committee the meeting was called off.

**Hints at Reprisals**  
Saylor, obviously angered, said the Democrats had "outraged themselves." He predicted Hells Canyon "will die on the vine."

He also hinted that the Republicans could use the same tactics at future meetings and prevent the committee from acting on other bills.

"This sort of thing could kill the House Interior committee," Saylor said.

Miller protested to Engle that the rules of the House require at least two roll calls before a committee can be adjourned. But Engle banged down the gavel after the first call and walked out.

**Hypnosis May Work To Give Up Smoking**  
Singapore — Doctors here agreed today that hypnosis may be the answer for the smoker who wants to give up cigarettes but lacks the will power.

A demonstration of the effectiveness of post-hypnotic suggestion was given before a gathering at the American Club recently.

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Beach. Judge Crawford denied that request but granted a show cause order that would bring the dispute into court.

Lila contends that the voting by the contest judges was "rigged" because Chief Judge Irving Rotenberg is Sonja's employer. Rotenberg said the vote was a tie and that he broke the tie by voting for Sonja.

# Bulganin Gives Khrushchev Full Credit for Purge

Prague — Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin gave Khrushchev full credit for "uncovering and destroying" the Molotov-Malenkov opposition.

Bulganin, who arrived in Prague with Khrushchev on a "friendly visit" this morning, told a gathering of Czech and Soviet leaders in the presidential palace: "It is necessary to emphasize especially that the

great merit in uncovering and destroying the anti-party opposition goes to the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Union, Comrade Khrushchev."

**Coincides With Reports**  
Bulganin's fulsome praise, the first official Soviet identification of Khrushchev as the moving force behind the recent Moscow shake-up, coincided with reports that Bulganin might be on the way out.

There was speculation that Bulganin had supported Georgi Malenkov and V. M. Molotov in the row with Khrushchev. No information had emerged yet from reliable sources, however, and Bulganin's position in the Kremlin hierarchy appeared unchanged when he and Khrushchev reached Prague today.

**Beck Testifies Freely Before King County Grand Jury**  
Seattle — Teamsters President Dave Beck testified freely before the King County Grand jury for 50 minutes today.

"Did you testify?" Beck was asked afterwards.

"Very definitely," Beck replied. And then his attorney, William Wesselhoft said, "That is no comment."

"That's right," Beck said. "No comment."

**Teamsters Investigated**  
The Grand Jury was called specifically to investigate activities of the Teamsters Union in this area and Beck after the Senate Rackets committee disclosed possible improper activities by Beck and other teamsters leaders.

A half-hour after Beck went into the jury room, Special Deputy Prosecutor Victor Lawrence came out and said Beck had not taken the Fifth amendment.

Grand Jury proceedings are secret.

**Four Men Appear In Circuit Court**  
Four men appeared for sentencing in circuit court today by Judge H. K. Hanna.

Sentenced to two years in the Oregon state penitentiary was Robert L. McCulloch, 22, of Klamath Falls, for parole violation. Julius Hagen, 126½ South Grape st., Medford, received a three-year suspended sentence for charges of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Sentencing of William Lloyd Johnston, 32, Huron, Calif., who pleaded guilty to charges of larceny from a person, was continued pending Federal Bureau of Investigation reports. Johnston was one of three men arrested last week and returned from Crescent City, Calif., on charges of assault and robbery while not armed with a dangerous weapon.

John Warren, 45, 1167½ North Main st., Ashland, was ordered sent to the state hospital at Salem for 30 days for observation. He was charged with sodomy.

**Ed Coss Reportedly 'Resting Comfortably'**  
Ed Earl Coss, 10-year-old son of Earl S. Coss, 728½ East Jackson st., was "resting comfortably" at Rogue Valley hospital today, members of the family reported.

Young Coss was injured when the bicycle he was riding crossed the street collided with a car operated by Mrs. Clara Mae Smith, 115 Florence ave., on East Ninth st., Monday, according to police.

**Weather**  
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Chance of thunderstorms Thursday afternoon. Low tonight 55. High Thursday 70.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunrise 5:44 a.m.  
Sunset 7:49 p.m.  
Moonrise 4:49 p.m.  
Full Moon Thursday 10

**VISIBLE PLANETS**  
Venus, sets  
Jupiter, low in west 10:24 p.m.  
Saturn, low in south-west  
Mars will return as a morning star in November

**Caldwell, Idaho** — Lee Montgomery, 50, Boise, was reported in good condition at the Nyssa, Ore., hospital today after being pinned underneath his overturned cattle truck for two hours Tuesday.

**Court Judge Gets Chore of Selecting Portland's Miss Universe Contestant**  
Portland — Presiding Circuit Judge James W. Crawford today got the chore of choosing Miss Portland in the Miss Universe contest after the beauty contest judges muffed the job.

Judge Crawford said, however, his decision would be based on equity, not on the dimensions of two elegantly-endowed beauties scrapping over

the right to go to Long Beach, Calif., for finals of the Miss Universe contest.

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