

President Makes 11th Hour Effort To Save Aid Plan

Washington — President Eisenhower counter-attacked today in an 11th hour effort to save the foreign aid program from what he considers crippling budget cuts.

He held an unannounced breakfast conference with the speaker—and Democratic leader—of the House, Sam Rayburn, and appealed for his help in restoring the 30 per cent economy cut made by the House last week.

At the same time he sent a task force of four top administration officials to Capitol Hill to plead with the Senate Appropriations committee to put back the \$60 million dollars cut by the House.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles led the delegation of witnesses. They warned that U. S. prestige and security are threatened by a budget slash so large that it would change the basic nature of the foreign aid program.

Gives Blunt Warning
Adm. Arthur W. Radford, retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, delivered the bluntest warning.

The alternative to the size of military aid program asked by the administration is for the U. S. to increase its own defense strength and draft more men so that "nearly every able bodied young man of military age would spend several years of his life in military service overseas."

Dulles said the House cuts are so severe that they will make the Free World wonder whether it can count on the U. S. as a dependable friend.

Hope Is Dim
Outgoing aid administrator John B. Hollister said the cuts made by the House in the development loan fund "would make it impossible to carry out the forward looking policy adopted by Congress in establishing the fund."

Despite Dulles' pleas, the Senate was expected to restore little, if any, of the House cut. Republican leaders, however, planned to make a fight for at least some increases.

Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said Sunday night he will urge the Senate to raise the aid total to about three

billion dollars. This is a little more than half way between the \$2,524,760,000 voted by the House and the \$3,367,000,000 originally authorized by Congress and approved by President Eisenhower.

Even if the Senate votes close to three billion dollars, it must adjust its final figure to the House total and the final compromise is likely to be at least half a billion dollars below the President's minimum figure.

Series Of Thefts Reported Locally By City Police

A series of three thefts took place in Medford during the week end and one man was arrested for shoplifting by city police. Officials are investigating two thefts.

Alfred Harold Alfred, 18, a transient, was arrested by city police Sunday at 2:25 p.m. on a charge of shoplifting. Alfred was observed taking a number of small items from the Groceria Super market at 200 West Sixth st. by an employee, police said. He was held after leaving the store with the items by employees until police arrived, they said.

The Big "Y" Market on Highway 99 reported to police Saturday afternoon that a portable transistor radio, valued at \$73, was taken from the appliance section.

Charles Earnest Bennett, 820 Marshall ave., reported to police that a loader tractor and unit shovel owned by him was broken into while parked on a dirt road west of Highway 62 and north of Bear creek.

A battery and a number of small tools were taken in addition to several small windows on the vehicles being broken. Bennett placed the value of the tools at \$125, according to police reports.

Cyclist Injured By Hit-Run Car

Melvin Clinton Minor, 24, route 3, box 65, Croker Butte rd., suffered a broken arm and lacerations about the head when his bike was hit by an unidentified car Sunday evening, according to city police.

Minor was on his way home from a drive-in movie when the accident occurred. Police were called to the scene when a passing motorist saw Minor laying on Highway 62, near Hilton rd.

He was taken to the Rogue Memorial hospital by Medford Ambulance service where he is being held for observation, according to police.

House Democrats Want Rights Bill Out

Washington — Confident House Democrats planned to take steps today to get their modified civil rights bill onto the floor for a vote.

Their strategy was to pry the measure out of the House Rules committee, whose chairman, Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), an all-out opponent of any rights legislation, has refused to call a meeting to clear the Senate-passed bill for House action.

The Democrats predicted that once the bill reaches the floor it will be approved with only one major change—a limitation in the jury trial provision to voting rights cases. They would agree to the change and that President Eisenhower would sign the measure.

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Parra Identified As 'Latin Lover' During Confidential Trial

Hollywood — The "Latin lover" of actress Maureen O'Hara was identified today as a married Mexican businessman who once figured in a child custody suit brought by her husband.

The identification was made by defense counsel Arthur Crowley as the criminal libel trial of Confidential magazine resumed after a week end recess.

Crowley said he was prepared to call to the stand a "well to do" man he identified as Eric Parra. He said his witness will "prove" Confidential's spicy article about Miss O'Hara necking with a "Latin lover" in a Hollywood theater.

As the trial resumed to begin again spreading the alleged sex-captives of Hollywood across the court record, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker made a ruling that could bring sighs of relief from most of the more than 100 movieland luminaries subpoenaed to "tell the truth" about their intimate lives.

Blocks Defense Move
All have been seeking some legal means of avoiding sessions on the stand under oath.

Walker refused to permit the defense to read into the record articles about the sex-misbehavior of Hollywood stars other than those 12 articles already entered in evidence by the prosecution.

This will limit the parade of stars, if the judge follows this ruling in every such case.

Walker, however, told a conference of attorneys at his bench that he would rule individually in each case as it arose.

Crowley told the United Press before today's session that Parra, a businessman of Mexico City was the man involved with Miss O'Hara. Miss O'Hara's ex-husband accused Parra in 1955 of being the "other man" in his former wife's life with whom she was "openly living and consorting" in the presence of their daughter.

Another Witness
Another witness, Michael Mordaunt-Smith, the London agent for Confidential, took the stand for the defense and told of a conversation he had with the usher whom Confidential says witnessed the "affair" in row 35.

Parra was named in a suit

Leabo Dies Camping At Elk Creek Site

Barney Leabo, Shady Cove resident, died of a heart attack Saturday night while on a camping trip at Elk creek.

It was reported that he and his wife were camping at old homestead at Elk creek when he was stricken. She went eight miles for help, but he had died meanwhile.

Leabo was a resident of Shady Cove for approximately 10 years. He was a member of the VFW post there. He ran the Shady Cove garage before his retirement two years ago.

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brought in June 1955 by television director William H. Price, who was seeking custody of his daughter, Brouwyn Bridget Price, on grounds Miss O'Hara was an "unfit mother."

The Irish-born actress and Price were divorced Aug. 11, 1953.

Fatality Reported Near Shady Cove By State Police

Charles Embree Lawson, 29, reported to be a resident of Lake Tahoe, Calif., was killed early Sunday morning when the panel truck he was driving catapulted 223 feet off the highway a mile south of Shady Cove, state police reported.

Officers said Lawson apparently failed to make a sharp curve on Highway 62, his panel truck skidded into the right shoulder of the highway, then left the road. Thirty-nine feet of skid marks were discovered.

His body was found about 44 feet from the truck, police said, and taken to Conger-Morris funeral home in Medford.

Residents of the area said they heard a crash about 2 a.m. A resident called the state police who found the body about 7:30 a.m.

Hearing Scheduled On Train Safety

David Don of the Oregon Public Utilities commission, will hold a hearing at the city council chambers Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. to discuss the safety of trains operating inside the Medford city limits.

Mayor John W. Snider, City Manager Robert A. Duff and City Attorney E. R. Bashaw will represent the city while L. R. Smith, Southern Pacific's superintendent from Portland, will represent the railroad.

Top items on the hearing's agenda, which is open to the public, will be the speed of trains inside the city limits, grade crossings and the signal systems. Items concerning the railroad operation by any citizen will be heard at the hearing.

Dave Beck's Top Aide Summoned by Group

Washington — The Senate Rackets committee summoned Teamster boss Dave Beck's number one assistant to the witness stand today to explain how thugs and hoodlums were imported into Teamster unions. They also scheduled a mystery witness.

Committee Counsel John F. Kennedy scheduled the Beck aide, Teamster Vice President Einar Mohn, as witness when the committee resumed its hearings.

Kennedy said at least one other witness—"an important one"—would testify today. He refused to name him.

Fishing Boat Fire Causes \$2,000 Damage

Newport — Fire aboard the commercial fishing boat Dorothy E. Sunday caused damage estimated at \$2,000.

The craft, which was moored in Yaquina Bay, is owned by Ronald W. Barnham, Newport. Coast Guardsmen said the fire may have been caused by a short in the wiring. The guardsmen and Newport volunteer fire department extinguished the flames in about 15 minutes and prevented them from spreading to other vessels in the area. Paul Michmer, 17, an employee of Barnham, was treated at Pacific Communities hospital for burns, then released.

Rescue Attempted To Recover Bodies Of Blast Victims

Explosion Kills Three In New York Tunnel

Oswego, N.Y. — A rescue party enters a 6,250 foot tunnel under Lake Ontario early today in an effort to recover the bodies of three men killed by an explosion. A fourth man died in an ill-fated rescue attempt Sunday night.

Some 20 other rescuers were overcome by fumes after the blast Sunday and Oswego hospital said 13 of them were detained for observation.

Operations were suspended late Sunday night, police said, so that fresh tanks of oxygen could be brought in to help clear out the tunnel.

Water Intake System
The tunnel is part of a \$2-million water intake system for Oswego. A team of five men had entered the tunnel about 1:30 p.m. (edt) Sunday to make final preparations to set off explosives which would allow water to come in.

The workers were placing booster charges of dynamite beside other explosives when one of the charges apparently went off prematurely, a project engineer said.

Three men 5,000 feet inside the tunnel were killed. They were identified as Lynwood P. Heiston of Elkton, Va., Philip Aylor of Harrisonburg, Va., and Arthur La Goe of Oswego. The other two—Horace A. Nunn of Newark, N.Y. and Joseph Ruckie—escaped with minor injuries. They were closer to the mouth of the tunnel.

Rescuers found the three bodies eight hours after the explosion, but were unable to remove them. Rescue worker Lloyd Matteson, 30, was overcome by fumes and pronounced dead at the hospital.

Comet Mrkos May Be Picking Up Speed

Portland — Robert E. Millard, Portland astronomer, said today that a newly-discovered comet, named Mrkos, seems to be picking up speed.

The comet has been visible in the northwest sky near the Big Dipper in recent nights. Millard reported that last Wednesday and Thursday the comet moved 1 degree, 24 minutes and by Sunday night had moved 2 degrees 48 minutes. He used a crossstaff, an instrument formerly used at sea for taking altitudes of celestial bodies, to plot the position and speed of the comet.

Millard said he believed the comet was making its tight loop around the sun and soon would be off for outer space. He said it had not been determined if the comet belonged to this solar system or was from some other system. If it should belong to this system, he said, it may have an orbit which will not bring it into view from the Earth again for 300 to 400 years.

Shippers, PUC Men Consider Freight Rates

Salem — Oregon shippers and industrialists met with public utility commission officials here today to consider impact of the overall 12 per cent rail freight increases which many regard as discriminatory to Portland and the state generally.

The new rates were recently authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair, through Tuesday. Low tonight 50. High Tuesday 82.

TEMPERATURE
Highest yesterday 86
Lowest this morning 51

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:22 a.m.
Sunset 7:07 p.m.
The moon rises Tuesday 12:07 a.m. and rides high between Aldebaran and Elmath in the constellation, Taurus.

New Moon — Aug. 25
Visible Planets — Venus and Jupiter, low in west 8:02 p.m.
Saturn, low in southwest, 9:51 p.m.

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Judging Commences At 4-H and FFA Fair

The 4-H and FFA Jackson county fair got underway this morning with a total of 800 4-H and FFA members making last minute preparations for various activities and exhibits.

Judging started in the morning of home economics and forestry. Tomorrow morning the girls will be judged in the style review. After lunch activities will consist of rabbits and poultry and rabbits and poultry showmanship. Home economics judging starts at the same time.

"We hope to have all exhibits officially placed and the ribbons on them so the people visiting tomorrow's public opening will be able to see the results," Glenn Klein, 4-H agent, said.

Approximately 40 forestry and three or four crop exhibits will be on display, Klein said. The forestry exhibits consist of mounted specimens of trees or forest plants. Crop exhibits show samples of seed or sod for pasture crops with some barley displayed.

Considered one of the most popular parts of the fair is the livestock judging which this year numbers 850 animals and a total of 450 participants. In the home-economics department clothing and cooking are most popular.

Ninety youngsters are expected to participate in the beef fitting, and approximately 100 youngsters in the beef showmanship. Entered again this year will be Dale Smith, Central Point, champion beef steer showman and Joanna Malloroy, Antelope, champion beef female showman.

Body Discovered At Camping Site

Howard Granville Thomas, 80, 1902 Third st., La Grande, Ore., was found dead in his trailer house Sunday at the Union Creek park campsite by Rex Adrian Resler, forest ranger at Union Creek ranger station.

Thomas, according to sheriff's deputies, had been dead for approximately a week. Death was due to natural causes.

Reports show that Resler became curious due to the lack of activity around the trailer and found the body. He notified sheriff's officers.

The body was removed by the coroner to the Conger-Morris funeral home. A daughter, Mrs. Philip Sanford of Redmond, Ore., is expected to arrive later today.

Manned Balloon Sets New Record in Flight Today

Brainerd, Minn. — An Air Force doctor has soared to nearly 21 miles into the sky to set a new manned balloon altitude record.

The large, frail balloon reached an altitude of 110,000 feet at 9:30 a.m. (p.d.t.). Two hours after take-off it had exceeded the old record of 96,000 feet.

Fears Aroused in Israel of Middle East Explosion

Leaders May Avenge Defeat in Conflict

By WALTER LOGAN
United Press Correspondent
A Communist-backed coup that placed Syria under the iron control of a pro-Soviet military clique aroused fears today in neighboring Israel that a new Middle East explosion was in the making.

Responsible sources in Jerusalem said grave dangers lay ahead for the Middle East—and the world—and that the new left-wing Syrian leaders may seize the earliest opportunity to avenge Syria's defeat in the Palestine war.

Reports filtering through heavy Syrian censorship said a major purge was being carried out of neutral or pro-Western military officers and that the military clique would soon launch a drive against its political opponents, the weakened Populist Party.

Tribesmen Plan Revolt
There also were reports that Kurdish tribesmen loyal to the ousted regime were preparing a revolt against the leftist leaders who are backed by Soviet guns, planes and tanks. One report reached Amman, Jordan, that Damascus was ringed with tanks and troop carriers and that military camps had been set up near the border of pro-Western Lebanon.

There were reports of arrests, "retirements" and dismissals of leading Syrian army officers. Reliable sources said the police were in the firm grip of the army and that police would move soon against the Populist Party.

Largest Group
The Populists are the largest single group in parliament and with the conservative wing of the Nationalists have nearly 50 per cent of the total votes. But their organization has been disorganized and spiritless and the pro-Soviet factions have dominated.

The new Syrian military leader was Gen. Afif Bizri, promoted from colonel to take over from the more moderate Gen. Tewfiq Nizameddine, long a stumbling block to the young officers clique. Bizri has been called a Communist party member.

The crisis began last week with Syrian announcement of an American led plot to overthrow the government. This followed a long series of border incidents with Israel which Israel said was planned to divert moderate military leaders from the brewing coup in Damascus.

Road Worker Lock-Out Enters Second Week

Pendleton — Forty-two GrEnt county road workers began their second week of lock-out today following a breakdown in negotiations between the Grants county court and the workers.

The workers reported to work last Monday and found that new locks had been put on the doors and their equipment moved outside. The superintendent was also on hand with their paychecks.

Salem — State Sen. Howard Belton, Canby Republican, today announced an organizational meeting of the legislative interim committee on administrative reorganization for 10 a.m. Aug. 23 in the Senate lounge room of the state capitol here.

Fire Destroys Rich Ponderosa Pine Area

Vale, Ore. — Winds fanned a 60-acre fire into a 800-acre holocaust late Sunday some 40 miles east and south of Klamath Falls, destroying rich Ponderosa pine.

R. C. Burgess of the bureau of land management said about 60 men were fighting the blaze, and that he was prepared to call in 100 fresh fire fighters today.

Burgess said the fire was almost completely circled, and the chances of checking it were good.

The previous manned balloon record was set last June 2 when Capt. Joe Kittinger soared to 96,000 feet in an experimental flight launched near Minneapolis.

The highest altitude man has ever reached was 126,200 feet during the flight of the Bell X2 rocket plane Sept. 7, 1956.

Medford Stores Will Be Open Until 9 o'clock Tonight