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Moscow Claim American Ships Gathered

British Warships Declared To Be On Way To Israel

Russia Might Stumble Over Own Propaganda

By UNITED PRESS

Moscow Radio said today the United States Sixth Fleet was massing "not far from Syria's shores" and that U.S. and British warships were enroute to Israel.

It was the latest of a series of Soviet statements that have aroused fears in Western nations that Russia might stumble over its own propaganda and touch off World War III.

In Cairo the government-controlled Middle East News Agency reported from Damascus that Syria's army had been placed in a state of emergency because of the threat from Turkey.

It said all Syrian army leaves were cancelled and that the army distributed arms among civilian popular resistance units at Aleppo and other points in northern Syria.

Verge of War Warning

There were no confirmation of the agency reports which followed a series of stern statements by Syria and the Soviet Union and a warning by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in the United Nations, that the Middle East was close to war.

There was no immediate U.S. reaction to Gromyko's harsh statements in the United Nations, but Dulles already had warned that Soviet intervention in any Turkish-Syrian action would bring U.S. retaliation against the Soviet Union itself.

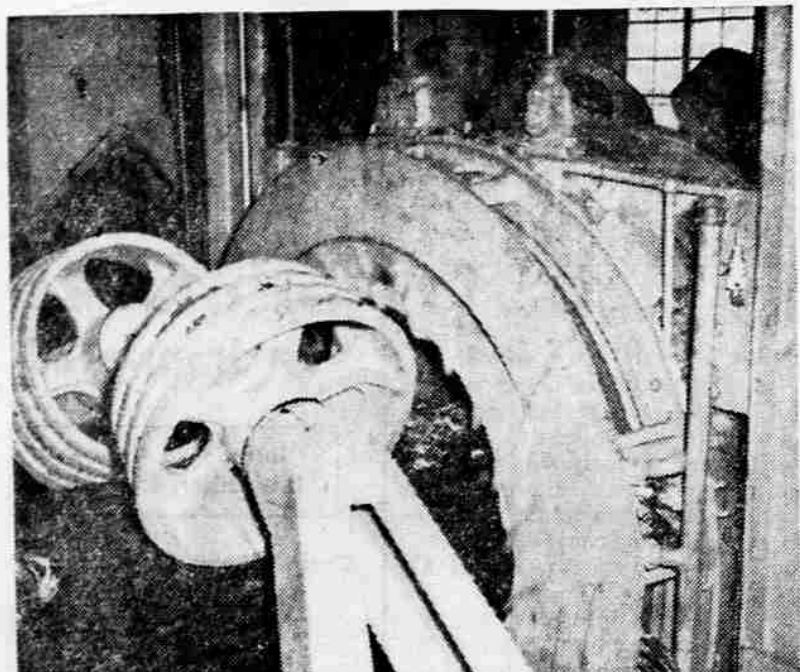
Foreign Troops Concentrated

The latest Soviet blast over Moscow Radio against the United States was beamed to North America. It said "foreign troops were being concentrated on Syria's boundaries and not far from Syria's shores ships of the United States Sixth Fleet are gathering."

It also broadcast an editorial in the official Soviet government newspaper Izvestia describing as "hypocritical" a British Foreign Office statement of Tuesday saying there was no threat against Syria.

Turkey remained calm and officials in Istanbul said they welcomed U.S. assurances it will stand by Turkey in case of attack by Syria or Russia. Officials said the Foreign Ministry had begun closed door consideration of a "new line of conduct" on strained relations with Syria.

Paris — A Communist attempt to stage nationwide demonstrations against French policy in Algeria flopped today.



NEW LOG BARKER—A \$350,000 log barker unit was put into operation at the Ross Lumber and Olson-Ross Lumber companies at their White City plant yesterday. Chips will be shipped to paper and fiberboard manufacturing firms in Oregon and California. The unit will provide more utilization of logs, company officials pointed out.

Ross Companies Start New Log Barker Unit

A new \$350,000 log barker unit started operations today at Ross Lumber company and Olson-Ross Lumber company, firm officials have announced.

Addition of the log barker, they said, increases the level of utilization of each log reaching the firms. The machine will also produce between five and six carloads of chips a day, worth about \$1,000 on the current market, according to Frank T. Olson and Thomas G. Ross.

The chips will be shipped to Publishers Paper company in Oregon City and to Fiberboard Products in Antioch, Calif., to be used in paper and board manufacture.

Seven-Hour Day

Olson and Ross also announced that about 300 mill workers in two shifts will start a seven-hour day instead of an eight-hour day. They will continue to work a five-day week, they said.

The two companies previously planned to cut each shift to

three days a week, they said, in order to conserve the firms' timber supplies in the face of a depressed lumber market.

The companies' log decks, which at present contain about 25 million board feet of logs, will be increased to about 27 million board feet in the next two weeks, they said. Snow in the mountains is expected to stop log deliveries then. Last year, the firms began winter operations with 32 million board feet in their decks.

Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, president of the Assembly and chairman of the committee, today summoned the 17-nation group to meet at 10 a.m. Friday for speedy action on the Syrian demand for a U.N. investigation of Turkish troop concentrations Syria charges threatens "imminent attack."

The United States, charged directly by Russia with "prodding" Turkey to attack Syria and touch off a new war, has expressed full support for such an investigation.

Three Hearings on Council's Agenda

Three public hearings are scheduled before the Medford city council at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today in the city council chamber.

One is on a request for a change of zone from class II, multiple family, to class IIIA, limited commercial, in the Urdale addition.

Hearings also are scheduled on assessing property abutting trunk water mains on Crater Lake ave., from Spring st., to Saling ave.; on Black Oak dr., from Acorn way to Country Club drive, and on Country Club drive from Black Oak, north, to Black Oak, south. Both trunk mains will be used as laterals to serve the properties.

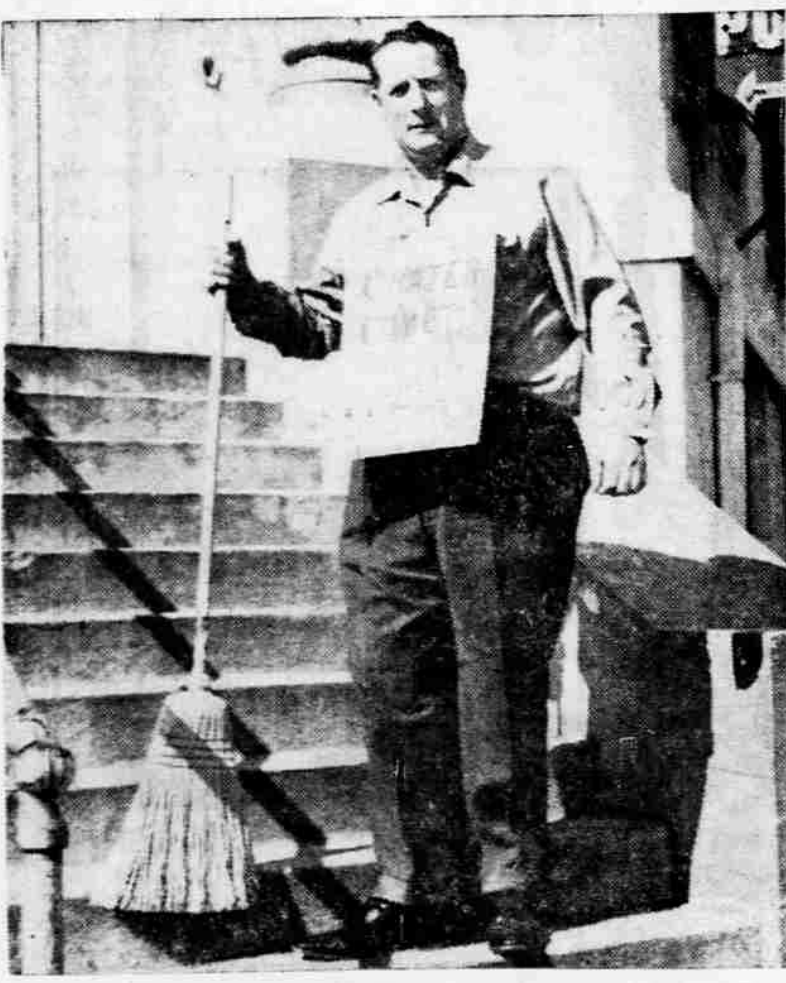
Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Valley fog again by morning. Low tonight 32. High Friday 65.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 62. Lowest this Morning 33.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 6:26 a.m. Sunset 5:27 p.m. Moonrise Friday 1:04 a.m. New Moon Oct. 22. PROMINENT STAR Altair, high in southwest. VISIBLE PLANETS Venus and Saturn, low in southwest. 6:12 p.m. Venus is, by far, the brighter of the two.



MAYOR PAUSES—Central Point Mayor Donald E. Faber pauses on the Medford city hall steps before completing sweeping the sidewalk. He swept the walk after he lost a wager with Medford Mayor John Snider that the Crater High school Comets would beat Medford High's Black Tornado in last Friday's football game. Medford won 40 to 14.

Defense Denies Secrecy Order on Satellite Program

Officers Told To Avoid Controversy

Washington — The Defense Department denied today it has ordered a secrecy gag on U. S. rocket and earth satellite programs.

Army, Navy and Air Force orders issued Oct. 9 told officers and men to steer clear of the controversy stirred by Russia's successful launching of a satellite five days earlier. The orders were released yesterday by the House subcommittee on government information, which plans public hearings on the matter.

Orders Interpreted

A Defense Department spokesman said today he interpreted the orders to mean military officials who weren't informed on missile and satellite matters should not make public comments.

"The orders were intended to say in effect that 'unless you are an expert in the satellite field, keep quiet,'" he said.

He contended the nation has been given full information on technical aspects of the satellite by scientists, and that President Eisenhower himself fully discussed military implications in a 700-word statement last week.

Explanation Didn't Jibe

This explanation did not jibe with dispatches from Barcelona, Spain, on an international scientific meeting there during the past two weeks. The United Press quoted some of the military top experts on satellites and space research at Barcelona as saying their lips were sealed on orders from Washington.

The fact that all three orders came out Oct. 9 may indicate the subject came up the day before at the regular meeting of the Armed Forces policy council.

Ike Praised for Choice of USIA Chief

Washington — Two Republican members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today praised President Eisenhower's decision to replace Arthur Larson with George V. Allen as chief of the U. S. Information Service.

Democrats long have disliked Larson and voted almost as a bloc in the last session of Congress to slash his agency's budget.

Republican Sen. Homer E. Capehart (Ind.) and Alexander Wiley (Wis.) predicted that the Senate will be glad to confirm Allen, one of the State Department's top trouble shooters.

Four Men Fined for Spotlighting Deer

Four Medford men were arrested this week by Oregon state police for spotlighting deer. They were fined \$155 each in district court by Judge James M. Maine this morning.

Arrested by police were Harry Stanford Pitts, 42, of 1519 Thomas rd.; Jack Eugene Morris, 42, of 375 1/2 South Central ave.; Edward Buchanan Morgan, 30, of 509 Plum st.; and R. B. Bewley Jr., 28, of 2331 Sunnyview ave. They all pleaded guilty to charges.

French Author Awarded Nobel Prize for Literature

Stockholm, Sweden — Existentialist French author Albert Camus was awarded the 1957 Nobel Prize for literature today.

He was the second youngest writer in history ever to win the high honor, with Britain's Rudyard Kipling the only one younger when he won it.

Camus was given this year's \$40,000 prize for "his important literary production which, with clear-sighted earnestness, illuminates the problems of the human conscience in our time."

Camus has won worldwide fame for a number of novels and

plays noted for their bitter outlook on life. His best known novel, "The Plague," is typical of his work. It speaks for the disillusioned French generation which grew up just in time to face World War II.

Like all the 43-year-old writer's works, it is marked by despair and doubt that life is worth living in a world where he is convinced no God exists.

He is best known to American readers for his novel "La Chute" (The Fall), which was published in an English translation and is on current best seller lists.

SP Turns Down Porter's Request For Rail Service

Can't Compete With Autos, Official Says

Eugene—The Southern Pacific company, through Vice-President C. E. Peterson, has informed Congressman Charles O. Porter that it cannot give favorable consideration to his suggestion that the company inaugurate passenger service by Budd car, or other means, in southwestern Oregon.

Peterson informed Porter by letter today that train passenger service, "just cannot economically be justified for the short run where the private automobile is so convenient to use."

The railway official said his company made a study of the cost of operating such a service between Eugene and Ashland with a Budd car "as promised you." He said the results indicate such an operation would result in a loss in excess of \$200,000 a year with a daily operation, and more than \$100,000 a year with an every-other-day operation.

Trend Away From Trains

According to Peterson, the general experience of railway carriers in the United States is that there is no lessening in the trend toward the use of the private automobile and airplane and away from rail passenger service.

He told Porter that the diversion "has occurred in highly populated areas where the latest streamlined equipment has been operated and where the probability of a successful operation should be greatest."

Peterson said he is sending a copy of the letter to Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan. The matter of rail passenger service has been heard and is pending before the PUC head.

In his letter to the Congressmen, Peterson noted that Southern Pacific rail passenger service depends on the volume of business, and is "presently so costly to provide." He added he had been informed that freight service is steadily improving since passenger service has been discontinued. Service ended in August, 1955.

He said, "The movement of both loads and empties is being advanced from 12 to 24 hours, more satisfactory switching service is being performed, and it is our considered judgment that the absence of passenger service on this line has been a real factor in the adequate empty-car situation during the year."

Advantages Outweighed

The railroad spokesman added, "We strongly feel that continued and improved freight service and adequate supply of freight equipment to our shippers in southern Oregon greatly outweighs any possible advantage to the communities or individuals which would result from the operation of rail passenger service."

He said that is particularly true in southern Oregon.

He told the congressmen, "By reason of the physical characteristics of our line, and the great improvements which have been and are being made on the highway, which generally parallel our railroad for the entire distance, we could not possibly compete, in time, with the private automobile and adequate bus service now provided."

Rep. Porter was in Coos Bay when informed of the letter by his office. He is visiting constituents in Coos, Curry and Josephine county this week. He said he would have a statement to make when he returns to Eugene this week end.

President Greeted Queen Elizabeth At Washington

Visit Strengthens Ties, Ike Declares

Washington — Britain's captivating Queen Elizabeth II swept into Washington today to the cheers of thousands of her American "cousins" and a warm yet solemn greeting from President Eisenhower.

The President, who went to National Airport to welcome the 31-year-old monarch, said her visit strengthens the ties binding the United States and Britain.

"In the warm and strong cooperation between your country and ours lies the best hope for the security and peace of the world," he told the Queen.

The Queen, responding to the President's welcome, brought greetings from "my peoples of every race and creed in the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Big Airport Hushed

All air traffic stopped and engines were silenced during a 20-minute airport ceremony in which the nation formally rolled out its fanciest red carpet welcome to the Queen and her dashing consort, Prince Philip.

Many thousands lined the road from the airport, along the Potomac and through Washington to the White House, which will be the royal couple's home in a four-day visit here.

There was no immediate crowd estimate. But the turnout appeared to be considerably below expectations and far less than crowds which have turned out for some presidential inaugurations.

They drove up to the north portico of the White House at 12:40 p.m.

Mrs. Eisenhower came forward and greeted her most famous house-guests with handshakes.

Medford Men to Head Convention Sessions

Eugene — Robert A. Duff, Medford city manager, and Larry S. Horton, electrical engineer with California Oregon Power company, will be chairman of two key sessions at the annual convention of the Professional Engineers of Oregon at the Eugene hotel Friday and Saturday.

Duff's session, Saturday morning, will be on "Servomechanisms." Also Saturday morning is Horton's session on "Automatic Computers."

Registration for the convence, expected to draw 400 from throughout the state, will begin at 10 a.m. Friday.

Keynoting the meet will be Dr. Joseph Kaplan of the University of California at Los Angeles, chairman of the U. S. committee for the geophysical year. He will address delegates at a Saturday night banquet.

Engineers Schedule Hearing Next August

The Army corps of engineers is planning to hold the first public hearing on the corps' report of results of the flood control survey of the Rogue basin now underway, sometime in August, 1958, according to William Jess, chairman of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association.

The tentative date originally set was in October, next year, and indicated engineers expect to have their survey completed earlier than planned.

Jess also reported on a meeting with Congressman Charles O. Porter at which various dam sites for flood control were discussed.

Escapes from Federal Prison Caught in Area

Two men, who were arrested by state police on a vagrancy charge Saturday and lodged in county jail, are being held pending action by federal authorities. Upon questioning, police found they had escaped from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., last month, officers said.

Arrested were James William Berry, 20, and George Franklin Samuel Titchnell, 23, both of Cheyenne, Wyo. They were removed from a Southern Pacific freight train at Tolo rd. overpass by police.

Pendleton Guardsmen Become Ill After Meal

Pendleton — Fifty-nine members of Company G, 186th Infantry, Oregon National Guard, became ill after a turkey dinner in the ONG Armory here, none seriously enough to be hospitalized.

The county sanitarian said illness probably resulted from food poisoning. The only guardsman who didn't become ill was the cook.

PRIME MINISTER, IKE SLATE TALKS

London — British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is flying to Washington next week to discuss world problems with President Eisenhower, it was announced tonight.

Macmillan will fly to the U.S. capital late Tuesday night, Oct. 22, and is expected to return to Britain the following Friday.

There was no immediate indication of what would be discussed, but observers said it appeared certain that the agenda would include the critical Turkish-Syrian situation in the Middle East and Soviet blustering about warfare in that region.

The announcement of the visit was made in a statement from No. 10 Downing st., the Prime Minister's official London residence.

It said Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, now in the United States for the royal visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will join in the talks.

The statement added that "this meeting will be in the tradition of the many talks which have taken place between our two governments."

Damage Suit Starts In Circuit Court

Robert L. White, Eugene, is asking \$50,000 for general damages and \$874.65 for special damages from Gerald L. Butler, Medford city policeman, in a trial which started this morning in circuit court before Judge Edward Kelly.

White, who is represented by Medford Attorney Robert Duncan, was driving a car March 15, 1957, when it was involved in an accident with a Medford city police car, driven by Butler, at the intersection of Court and Manzanita sts.

The complaint states that the plaintiff suffered severe injury in the accident.

According to city police reports, the patrol car was traveling south on Court st., when Butler received a call to investigate a disorderly conduct complaint. Reports show that the patrol car proceeded, with red light on and siren sounding, to the intersection of Manzanita st. The patrol car proceeded through a red traffic light at the intersection where the accident occurred, reports show.

Defense attorney is Stanley Jones.

Regional Meeting Slated in Medford

Salem — The first of three regional meetings for county elections officials has been called for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19 at the Umatilla county court house. Secretary of State Mark Hatfield announced this week.

The second session will be held Oct. 21 at the Capitol in Salem and the third in Medford Oct. 25 and 26.

County clerks will review drafts of election manuals for voters, as well as manuals for candidates and election boards. Films of election procedures used in other states will be shown and the possibilities of producing a film on new Oregon election laws will be discussed, Hatfield said.

Dr. Merkel Returns to Office After Surgery

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health officer, returned to his office this week after convalescing following foot surgery.

Dr. Merkel will spend several hours each day in the public health office in the county courthouse and expects to resume his full duties the latter part of the month.

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