

# Baghdad Nations Pledged Help for Communications

## Network Seen of Vital Necessity To Build Defense

### Congress Must OK Pledge by Dulles

Ankara, Turkey.—The United States today pledged \$10 million in additional aid to the Middle East members of the Baghdad Pact for a communications network to link their capitals.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles pledged the additional economic aid at a meeting of the ministerial council. He also said that further aid requests will get a sympathetic hearing in Washington.

**Vital Necessity**  
The new aid allocation will be added to \$8,600,000 already pledged for a survey of civil telephone and telegraph lines. The communication network is a vital necessity in meshing the "northern tier" alliance which guards Russia's path to the Middle East.

It was noted, however, that the \$10 million allocation is subject to congressional approval of the administration's current foreign aid requests.

The pledge was seen as the U.S. reply to a resurgent Soviet economic offensive in the Middle East and particularly to Moscow assertions that America is interested only in military spending.

**Made at Formal Session**  
Dulles' offer was made during a two-hour formal session of the Baghdad Pact Council which ends its deliberations here Thursday.

Leaders of the four Moslem countries immediately met among themselves. Turkish Foreign Minister Fatim Zorlu emerged from this conference and said, "we are very satisfied." The identical words were used by former Iraqi Premier Fadhil Al Jamili.

**\$100,000 Damage Suit Filed Here**

Ruth Abbott, Medford, is seeking, on behalf of Wilda De Ann Abbott, a minor, \$100,000 general damages, \$2,570.35 special damages from Ted V. and Harold V. Roberts and \$25,000 exemplary and punitive damages from Ted V. Roberts as the result of an auto collision and pedestrian accident March 16, 1957, in Medford.

According to a complaint in the Jackson county circuit court, the Roberts' car collided with one driven by Marvin Proehl, struck a metal pole, then hit the 17-year-old girl as she was standing on the sidewalk at the northwest corner of the intersection. As a result of being knocked down on the sidewalk the girl suffered severe injuries, according to the complaint.

The Roberts' are charged, according to the complaint, with being negligent and careless by exceeding a reasonable and prudent speed, failing to keep the car under proper control, failing to yield the right of way, and failing to stop at a signal or traffic control.

**Portland Attorney Draws Suspension**  
Salem.—Portland attorney Claude Johns Jr. was suspended from the practice of law for 1 1/2 years by the Oregon Supreme Court today. Johns had been convicted upon a plea of guilty in Federal Court to a charge of willfully failing to file income tax returns.

Salem.—Union county has become the 27th Oregon county to contract with the State Tax Commission for reappraisals.

**Bulletin**  
Douglas, Wyo.—The Police Department said here today Charles Starkweather, 19, suspected mass killer, had been captured in Douglas. (See Story on Page 13)

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## CONVICTION AFFIRMED BY COURT

### Death Penalty Also Upheld; Review Slated

#### No Promise of Benefit Found

Salem.—The State Supreme Court today affirmed the conviction of Billy Junior Nunn of first degree murder in the strangling of a 14-year-old boy. The case was tried in Medford.

The court also upheld the judgment of death in the case. In an opinion by Justice Randall B. Kester, the court said the evidence amply supported the state's theory of the murder.

It also found that an oral confession made by the defendant to police officers was properly admitted although the court had excluded an earlier written confession.

**Klamath Boy Victim**  
Victim of the slaying was Alvin Eacret, Klamath Falls, whose body was found in April of 1956 near Tub Springs on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway.

The defense claimed that Nunn was led to believe he would be charged only with second-degree murder and would be granted psychiatric help at public expense and therefore that the confessions were not voluntary.

But the high court, in reviewing the interrogation of the prisoner, said it found no promise of benefit conditioned upon his making a confession. The court said the state had shown that the confession should be admitted as evidence and that the ultimate question of whether or not the confession was in fact voluntary, was up to the jury.

**Holmes to Review Case**  
Gov. Robert D. Holmes, upon being informed of the decision, said his legal counsel would review the case immediately. The governor, who opposes capital punishment, said he will announce his decision on possible commutation against the time the Circuit Court sets a new date for Nunn's execution.

## Mayor to Attend League Meeting

Medford Mayor John Snider plans to attend a meeting of the city-state highway relations committee of the League of Oregon Cities in Portland March 24 and 25.

Mayor Snider said relationships between various governments in planning and construction of highways will be the major discussion topic. Officials from all branches of government plan to attend.

Mayor Snider returned recently from a meeting of the board of directors of the league, at which routine matters were discussed. The board discussed organizing a program for city officials to better understand their job.

The sister city, or town affiliation program was discussed.

## Four Japanese Warships Arrive at Pearl Harbor For First Time Since War; Welcome Mat Extended

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—Four Japanese warships arrived today on a visit to Pearl Harbor, the first such court-tesy call in 10 years—and this time they were welcome.

**Careful Planning**  
Japanese and American officials spent weeks of careful planning to avoid any embarrassing reminder of Dec. 7, 1941. Although Pearl Harbor still bears some of the scars of that attack, officials will keep them in the background.

"Instead Of The Quiz Program Originally Scheduled"



## Oregon Shippers Lose in Complaint Against S.P. Line

Portland.—An appeal of western Oregon shippers from a 1954 Interstate Commerce commission order that dismissed their complaint against Southern Pacific railroad was turned down Tuesday by a three-judge Federal court.

The shippers had charged the railroad with failure to provide adequate freight car service. Plaintiffs were the Shippers Car Supply committee, which consists of about 100 producers of lumber and other commodities, and the Wren Planning mill. The Wren mill asked \$154,000 damages for alleged railroad failure to provide adequate service for shipments of lumber products and for alleged discrimination against the mill in favor of other shippers.

The three judge panel consisted of U. S. Circuit Judge James Alger Fee, Chief Judge Claude McColloch and Associate Judge William G. East. They concluded that the tribunal was without jurisdiction on the Wren damage case.

**Dufur Area Rancher Burned To Death**  
The Dalles.—James Garfield Hudson, 75, a pioneer rancher in the Dufur area was found burned to death today in the ruins of his ranch home east of Dufur.

Wasco County Sheriff Ernest Mosier said Hudson apparently had tried to build a fire with kerosene. The elderly man's body was found near the stove. He lived alone.

Salem.—W. Glenn Huston, Linn county coroner, has been named to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

## Job Classification Survey in County Being Conducted

### County Employees Meet Officials To

A job classification survey in Jackson county offices is now being conducted at the county courthouse by the state civil service commission. It will include approximately 290 county employees and elected officials, according to County Judge Rodney Keating.

A meeting is scheduled at 8 p.m. today in the courthouse auditorium to go over the survey with county employees. Meetings have been held previously with heads of the various county offices.

**Simply An Analysis**  
"This survey is simply an analysis of the duties and responsibilities of positions in order to develop a classification plan. The plan will consist of grouping together all positions having substantially similar duties and responsibilities," according to a commission spokesman.

The plan will be used to establish a basis for sound employment system and fair compensation standards, it was explained.

Forms have been distributed for employees to fill in. They are asked to state the kind of work each does, the tasks considered most important in each job, down to the least important work. Each employee is asked also to give complete work assignments over a long enough period of time so as to picture the job as a whole.

Employees are asked also to show the type of supervision either given or received, or both.

Any action on the survey will depend on the survey results, County Judge Rodney Keating had stated previously.

## VFW Emphasizes Hospital Support

The Veterans of Foreign Wars' support of the proposed addition of hospital facilities at Camp White will be emphasized in Washington, D.C. this week, according to Harry Birch, 2802 Crater Lake highway, department commander of the VFW.

Birch said he is leaving here Thursday for Washington to confer with members of Oregon's congressional delegation and officials of the Veterans Administration. He said he will remain as long as necessary to restate and emphasize the VFW's support of the proposal.

Birch pointed out that his organization went on record several years ago favoring the addition of hospital beds to the domiciliary facilities now at the Camp White center. The group's position is unchanged, he said, and he plans to confer with Sen. Wayne L. Morse and, if available, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, as well as Reps. Edith Green and Charles O. Porter.

The hospital proposal, first made here several years ago by veterans organizations, has been taken up in recent months by Granges of the county, and the Chamber of Commerce and increased efforts have been made to see if the plan can be put through. Groups supporting the proposal point out that buildings already standing can be used for this purpose at a great saving in costs; that added facilities are badly needed for veterans in this area, and that Camp White is one of only three domiciliaries in the nation without general hospital beds.

**Thor in Sixth Successful Flight**  
Cape Canaveral, Fla.—The sixth successful flight of the mighty Air Force Thor intermediate range missile provided what officials of this test center hoped today would be a good omen for early launching of the first U.S. earth satellite.

A Thor, sturdiest missile in the free world's defense arsenal, soared up in a spectacular burst of flame and smoke Tuesday. The Air Force announced that it "flew its prescribed course and landed in the pre-selected impact area."

## Streams Expected To Recede Today After Heavy Storm

Decreasing showers are expected to allow southern Oregon streams to recede this afternoon and evening in the wake of a storm which left almost three inches of rain in Medford.

Showers will continue tomorrow, the weather bureau said, but precipitation is not expected to cause streams to rise substantially.

Rain fell almost continuously yesterday and early today after a lull in the storm last night averted any major flooding along Rogue river. Streams in the area crested late last night, but started rising again early today when rain again started.

**Dodge Bridge**  
The river at Dodge bridge this morning was 7.5 feet, and was expected to rise to between 8.5 and 9 feet early this afternoon. Flood stage is considered 9 feet at Dodge bridge.

At Ray Gold dam, the river was expected to crest at 13 feet about 4 p.m. today, and at Grants Pass it probably will crest between 21 and 21.5 feet between 6 and 8 p.m. Flood stage at Grants Pass is 22 feet. The river was a little over flood stage at Ray Gold dam.

The storm left 2.88 inches of rain at the Medford weather bureau station by 10 a.m. today, when a break in the storm occurred, and the heaviest of the rain had passed.

**Seven Inches**  
Up to 8 a.m. today, Grants Pass reported 4.11 inches of rain from the storm, and the California checking station on Highway 199 reported 7.14 inches. Other amounts included 3.11 inches at Buncom on the Little Applegate, 3.52 inches at Star Ranger station, 3.35 inches at Prospect, and 2.39 inches at Ashland.

The storm left 20 1/2 inches of snow at Crater Lake National park in the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today, and it was snowing hard then. In the previous 24 hours, 17 inches of snow was reported at park headquarters.

Total snow depth there is 145 inches, compared to 72 inches last year at this time, and 127 inches the year before. Chains were required for travel to headquarters, and the road to the rim was closed.

Washington.—The government has been urged to lay up vast stockpiles of critical supplies to insure America's survival in event of nuclear attack.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York.—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 451.16, up 2.49; 20 railroads 109.53, up 2.28; 15 utilities 72.86, up 0.31; and 65 stocks 154.15, up 1.27. Sales today were about 2,200,000 shares compared with 2,030,000 shares Tuesday.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Partly cloudy with showers through Thursday. Snow level lowering to near 3,500 feet tonight. Cooler. Low tonight 35. High Thursday 45.  
Highest Yesterday 45  
Lowest this Morning 34  
Prec to 10 a.m. Today 1.89

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset 7:29 a.m.  
Sunrise 5:21 p.m.  
The Moon, rising in the early afternoon, appears between Aldebaran and the Pleiades. During the night it moves nearer Aldebaran. It sets Thursday at 3:10 a.m. and will be full Monday night.



**CLEAN CULVERT**—As water pours across Bellingier lane at the Arnold lane intersection southwest of Medford, a county road crew removes debris from the upper end of a culvert so water won't run over the roadway. Further up Bellingier lane the water cut away a section of the asphalt paving. Although the high water did quite a bit of damage throughout the county, the worst hit was a section along

Highway 99 near the town of Rogue River, where 12 families were evacuated from their homes last night. In addition, the old Minthorne covered bridge, which crosses Evans creek above Rogue River, was damaged, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning. The men in the picture above are, left to right, Damon Floyd, Mike Heffernan and W. F. Duncan.



**ARTESIAN WELL**—As a result of recent heavy rains, Medford sewer and drainage systems were filled to capacity and in the West Main st. area the water spouted out of the holes in manhole covers. Plugged catch basins caused several intersections to be flooded and city crews were busy yesterday and today keeping the water flowing

so it would not block traffic. Trouble areas where flares were put up last night to warn motorists of rising water were Crater Lake ave., north of the Grandview market and Barnett rd., at the intersection of Ellendale drive, according to L. V. Anderson, street department foreman.

## Twelve Families Leave Homes; Local Flooding Is Reported

Twelve families living along Rogue river near the town of Rogue River were evacuated last night, and today were waiting further weather developments before returning to their homes, according to Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks, Jackson county civil defense director.

Six homes along the north bank of the river were flooded, according to reports. Furniture and other belongings were distributed among homes of friends. Some of the families have been taken into private homes, but the bulk of them were placed in the VFW hall in Rogue River.

**Fielder Lane**  
Sheriff's deputies, Rogue River police and Civil Defense groups worked from midnight to 4 a.m. today to evacuate the families. It was reported. About six of them lived on Fielder lane or along

Fielder creek near Rogue River. One evacuated family lived on Highway 99 along Rogue river. Water was just starting to come into some of the homes when the evacuation started, sheriff's officers said. Other families were planning to evacuate later, Chief Criminal Deputy Joe Walsh said.

Walsh said the Rogue river was reported to have raised four feet from 2:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. At 8:42 p.m., it was noted as rising rapidly and evacuation operations started near the Rogue River bridge on Highway 99.

Approximately seven or eight trucks were used to carry the belongings to safe places of storage, Walsh said. Conditions are now appear to be better, he said about noon today.

County Engineer Paul Rynning said the only serious flood damage reported to him was that one end of the old Minthorne covered wood bridge had been washed out. The structure is over Evans creek and about five miles north of Rogue River, he said. The road is now closed, he added.

Walsh said the picnic area by the Bybee bridge was flooded last night. The Shady Cove area had flood conditions but were not reported bad.

Last night Highway 99 was reported clear of water as far as the county line. Big Applegate river was reported high but within its banks at 2:28 a.m. today and a similar report was given for the Little Applegate river.

Water in culverts along Pioneer, Huston, and Coleman rds. was reported receding this morning, according to the sheriff's office.

**Orchards Flooded**  
Orchards were flooded in the Kirkland farm rd. area but homes in that area were not endangered, Walsh said.

Several catch basins were reported stopped-up in various parts of Ashland, city officials reported, but were immediately cleaned out by city crews.

No flooding was reported within the city, they said, and the Hosler reservoir, which supplies the city with water, was completely filled Tuesday night.

## Two Talent Jobs Scheduled for Bids

Two projects on the Talent division of the Rogue River basin project are scheduled to be offered for bids in February or March, according to the bureau of reclamation.

One project is construction of the Dead Indian collection canal. The second Rogue basin project will be the relocating of the Hill cemetery from the Emigrant reservoir area, near Ashland. It will be about 3,000 feet long and will have 85 to 115 cubic foot per second capacity. A rock-fill diversion dam about five feet high and 75 feet long, and a headworks structure also are included in the bid.

Construction of improvements to the Grizzly creek channel, about 1.5 miles long will be included in the project. Work will include construction of road crossings, drops, drain inlets and timber bridges, according to the bureau. Site of the work is about 15 miles northeast of Ashland.

## Two Sets of Twins Born in City Today

Two sets of twins were born at different hospitals in Medford this morning. At Rogue Valley hospital twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Goin, route 1, box 330A. Talent. They weighed 3 pounds 7 ounces, and 3 pounds 3 ounces.

A boy and a girl were born to Mr. and Mrs. Delvin L. Elder, Eagle Point, this morning at Osteopathic hospital. The girl, born first, weighed 5 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, and the boy weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

Seattle.—Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, 47, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Henry Schmitz as president of the University of Washington.