

# THOUSANDS FLEE IN CALIFORNIA

## Ike's Defense Reorganization Plan Submitted

Washington — President Eisenhower today submitted to Congress a sweeping defense reorganization plan that would give the defense secretary full control over all military operations and defense money.

The President's plan was aimed at greater unification of the armed services to prepare them better for fighting a modern war, he said.

**'Gone Forever'**  
"Separate ground, sea, and air warfare is gone forever," the President said in a 7,000-word message.

"Strategic and tactical planning must be completely unified, combat forces organized into unified commands, each equipped with the most efficient weapons systems that science can develop, singly and in combination, to fight as one, regardless of service."

The President asked Congress to approve changes in the law which would give Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy undisputed authority to carry out these responsibilities.

**Present System Cumbersome**  
Orders to unified military field commands would go directly from the President, as commander-in-chief, and the defense secretary. The secretaries and chiefs of the individual services would be bypassed in operational control of the nation's armed forces.

The President said the present chain of command through the individual services was "cumbersome and unreliable in time of peace and not usable in time of war."

He asked for repeal of all provisions of the present defense law which "vest responsibility for military operations in any official other than the secretary of defense."

He also asked for greater authority for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The President did not, however, ask for elimination of the joint chiefs system and substitution of a general staff system with only one chief. He did recommend that the

chairman of the joint chiefs be given authority to assign tasks of the present joint staff.

**Administrative Duties**  
He recommended that the service members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—the chiefs of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines—be relieved of the major part of their administrative duties as to their individual services.

The President said that he had ordered that the Joint Chiefs of Staff "advise and assist the secretary of defense in respect to their duties and not to perform any of their duties independently of the secretary's direction."

**North, South Air Service Expanded By United Airlines**  
Air service between Medford and both Portland and San Francisco will be expanded by United Airlines on April 27, by two daily flights, K. W. Cook, station ground services manager here, announced today.

The spring schedules will bring to four the number of daily round trip flights between Medford and Portland, and to three those to and from San Francisco.

Flights to Portland will depart at 6:20 and 8:05 a.m., and 3:15 and 7:05 p.m. Return flights will leave Portland at 6:45 and 10:15 a.m., and 3:45 and 6:10 p.m.

**Same-Day Service**  
Flights to San Francisco, including same-day commuter service, will leave Municipal airport at 9:05 a.m., and 12:30 and 6:10 p.m. Returning, United service will depart from the Bay City at 7 a.m., and 1:15 and 6 p.m.

Also on April 27, new return daylight service from Chicago and all the East, the fastest ever offered, will reduce flight time from the Midwest to Medford by almost two hours. Connections can be made at Portland from an inbound nonstop DC-7 flight from Chicago to a Convair trip department from Portland at 3:45 p.m. for arrival here at 5:54 p.m.

Travelers leaving Medford at 8:05 a.m. on a Convair flight to Portland will be able to connect at Portland with DC-7 Custom Coach service departing at 10:35 a.m. for Chicago, New York and Boston.

**Tornadoes Batters Wichita Falls, Texas**  
Wichita Falls, Tex. — Two tornadoes "bouncing up and down like yo-yos" in slow motion" rained through Wichita Falls and a nearby village late Wednesday, killing one man and injuring a dozen.

The two tornadoes rumbled along the Wichita River, taking 15 minutes to traverse their course and missed the downtown section, packed at the rush hour, by three blocks.

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## Morse Sees Need For Tax Cuts To Fight Recession

Neuberger Favors Expanded Program

Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Wednesday a tax cut is needed as soon as possible to stimulate the economy. He warned the nation to "beware the prophets who gleam and beam."

But Oregon's other Democratic senator, Richard L. Neuberger, lined up on the side of an expanded public works program, rather than tax cuts, as a means of combating the recession.

The two senators issued statements on the issue as President Eisenhower raised a go-slow warning on tax cut proposals and big federal spending programs at his news conference.

Morse said critics of the administration's "reckless economic dogmatism" have been branded as "prophets of gloom and doom."

But under this "gleam and beam" leadership, he said, "we are scraping the rocks and heading for the economic reefs." He said a tax cut would be "the most effective single means of stemming the present economic slump."

Neuberger noted that the Canadian Conservative party, which advocated expanded public works, won a recent landslide victory over the Liberal party, which advocated a tax cut. He said this "holds significance for us in this country."

**Permits Issued For New Schools**  
Two building permits for the Medford school district were issued this morning for a total of \$689,174 for construction of two new elementary schools.

A permit for \$372,000 was issued for construction of Wilson school, Corona and Grand aves., and a permit for \$317,174 issued for construction of the Hoover school at 2323 Siskiyou blvd. School officials hope for completion of both units by October.

Preparation for foundations began this morning at the Wilson school site while work began on the Hoover school several days ago, officials said.

Hampton Platt Construction company, Salem, is general contractor for the Wilson school and Loren Ritchie company of Medford for the Hoover school.

**Mrs. Slaten Said Still Unconscious**  
Mrs. Rosemary Slaten, 33, of Gold Hill, was reported still unconscious at Sacred Heart hospital this morning and in poor condition, according to Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. Slaten is under indictment by the Jackson county grand jury on a charge of embezzling \$12,000 from the Rogue Valley Physicians service.

She was found collapsed early Wednesday morning at her home by sheriff's deputies when they attempted to serve a warrant for her arrest.

Authorities reported that samples of the contents of a cup of coffee near her when she was found and the contents of her stomach have been sent to the state crime laboratory for analysis.

**Federal Reserve Board Asks New Legislation**  
Washington — The Federal Reserve Board asked Congress today to enact new credit-easing legislation. It would release about \$2 billion of reserves held by member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

**PLEADS GUILTY**  
Donald Glen Robertson, 33, Phoenix, pleaded guilty in circuit court this morning to a charge of grand larceny before Judge H. K. Hanna. Sentencing was continued pending completion of a pre-sentencing report.

## Highway Bill Clears House

Rapid Approval Predicted During Senate Session

Anti-Billboard Provision Included

Washington — Congress completed action today on a \$5,500,000,000 anti-recession highway program after a predicted House battle over billboard control fizzled.

The Senate approved the final version of the bill by voice vote and sent it to the White House soon after the House passed it by a roll call vote of 300 to 28.

Washington — The House today passed a compromise \$5,500,000,000 anti-recession highway bill containing a controversial anti-billboard provision.

House passage came on a roll call vote of 299 to 28. Opposition to the bill collapsed after members rejected, 222 to 109, a motion to send the measure back to a House-Senate conference committee for further study.

**Came as Surprise**  
The lopsided vote on this crucial text came as a surprise because Democratic and Republican leaders had passed the word that they were not pleased with the bill.

They had expected the bill to be recommended. House passage sent the compromise bill back to the Senate where it was expected to win fast approval, clearing the way for members to depart of a 10-day Easter recess.

House Democratic leaders who had been pushing for fast action on the anti-recession measure, lost their ardor for it when Senate-House negotiators unexpectedly inserted the controversial anti-billboard provision.

Republican leaders opposed the measure's big spending features. But rank and file members of the House, many of them with their bags already packed, apparently decided it wouldn't look good to the voters back home to block passage of the measure just before starting their Easter vacation.

The controversial section would give states an extra one-half of 1 per cent in federal funds if they agreed to accept federal standards for restricting billboards on the new interstate highway system. The standards will be set later by the secretary of commerce.

**Water Forecast Set For Friday Night**  
W. T. (Jack) Frost, state snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation service, will present the water supply forecast for southern Oregon at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Irrigation district managers, engineers and others having information concerning the stream flow and reservoir storage supplies, snow pack and other factors that may contribute to a forecast are urged to attend.

Water supply forecasts for the Rogue and Umpqua watersheds will be given.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Partial clearing tonight. Cloudy with occasional showers Friday. Low tonight 34. High Friday 53.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunrise 5:32 a.m. Sunset 6:39 p.m. The Moon rises 6:35 p.m. and will be Full 7:45 p.m. This is the largest Full Moon we will see in 1958 as the Moon is also in Perigee and only 231,890 miles from the Earth today, the nearest it will be this year.

**Ike Expected To Veto Flood Control Measure**  
Washington — Some congressional Republicans said today President Eisenhower probably will veto a bill authorizing the spending of \$1,578,812,000 on river, harbor and flood control projects.

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**Man Sentenced to Jail for Theft**  
Royal Weldon Calkins, 28, of 130 West Main st., Medford, was sentenced to one year in the county jail and fined court costs this morning in district court after entering a plea of guilty to charges of petty larceny.

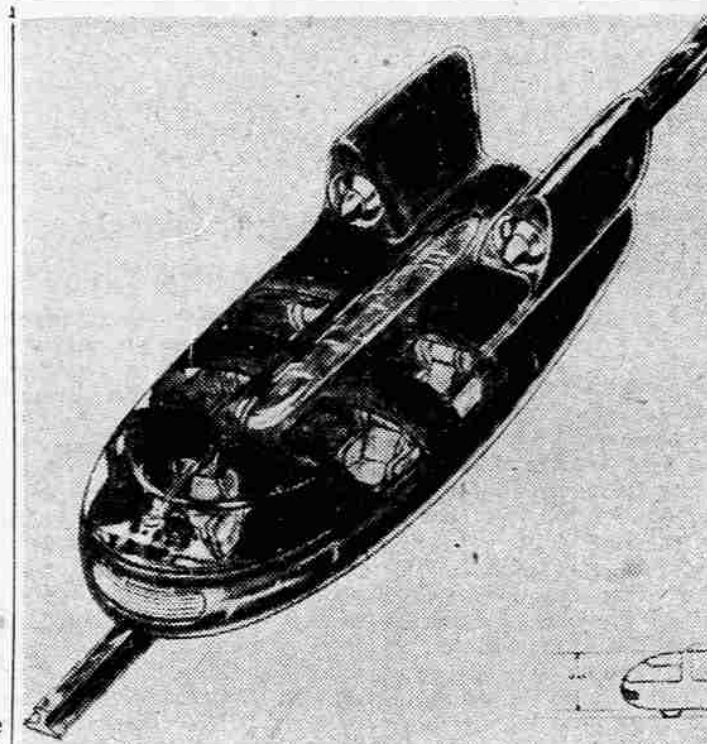
Calkins was arrested by Medford police about 4:05 o'clock this morning after he was observed by an officer loading several pieces of scrap steel into his vehicle at the Moore Steel company, 228 East McAndrews rd. Police said the value of the steel was listed at about \$75.

Calkins told police in a signed statement he was taking the steel in the hopes someone would buy it from him. Police added Calkins said he needed money for payment of back rent.

**Two Arraigned in District Court**  
Peter Sparr Johnston, 64, of 2737 Howard ave., Medford, and his son, Lavern William Johnston, 37, of 928 West Second st., Medford, were arraigned in district court this morning before Judge James M. Main.

The two men requested an attorney and the case was continued until 4 p.m. today. Peter S. Johnston, charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, was lodged in county jail with bail set at \$255. Lavern W. Johnston, charged with drunk on a public highway, was also lodged in county jail with bail set at \$55.

The two men were arrested by sheriff's deputies early this morning at South Riverside and Stewart aves.



**WHEELLESS CAR**—This sketch shows the "Glideair," a new wheelless vehicle developed by the Ford Motor Co., which is expected to be capable of speeds from 200 to 500 miles per hour. Unlike conventional autos, the Glideair uses wheels only for starting. Once it is moving, it rides on "levipads," devices that lift it off a rail and support the car on streams of air.

## Hearing Held Today On Building Road

A hearing was held in the Jackson county court this morning by members of the county court, and representatives from the bureau of Reclamation and bureau of land management regarding road construction into the Howard-Prairie recreational site.

The county and bureau of reclamation agreed to build 1 1/2 miles of a 3/4 mile section of the highway to be constructed from Dead Indian rd. to the Howard Prairie recreational site.

According to County Judge Rodney Keating, construction on the 1 1/2 mile segment would begin immediately. This segment will replace that part of the present road that will be covered by water when the dam is completed.

Judge Keating reported the project will cost an estimated \$75,000. It is slated to be completed prior to the end of the road building season in 1959.

It was reported that the surveys have been completed and the ground cleared for the road project, construction will start with the completion of slash burning, he said.

**Public Hearing on Zone Change Today**  
A public hearing on a request for a change of zone from class IIA, single family, to class IIAA, limited commercial, for the Grandview market will be held by the Medford city council at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The property is now conforming, and the market has requested the change to make improvements.

Also on the agenda is consideration of an emergency fund transfer to replace a fire truck which was damaged in an accident recently, an amendment to the fire code to remove conflicts with the building code, and authorization of plans and specifications for paving Eastwood dr. from East Main st. to Keene Way dr.

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## Knight Proclaims Entire State Disaster Area

New Breaks Noted In Palisades Cliffs

San Francisco — A savage storm roared over California today, turning placid streams into torrents, forcing thousands to flee and destroying homes and crops.

The storm, worst in a half-century, was blamed for at least five deaths as it raked the length and breadth of the state with squalls, torrential downpours, heavy mountain snows and gale winds.

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight proclaimed the whole state a disaster area.

Northern California had the worst of the storm Wednesday but the weatherman predicted occasional squalls today along with heavy snow in the mountains.

The storm buffeted Southern California today, causing innumerable landslides and power failures and felling trees throughout the area. Three inches of rain fell during the night at Lake Hughes near Newhall.

The floods routed thousands of householders, at least 5,000 by conservative estimates, in Stockton, Palo Alto, South San Francisco, various parts of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties, along the Carmel river and in the Alviso area of Santa Clara county.

New breaks in the rain-soaked cliffs of the Pacific Palisades, near Los Angeles, threatened expensive homes atop the bluffs. Street crews put up wire fences in the threatened area and warned sightseers to stay away.

In the Central Valley, streams rose ominously as the storm front passed, over the area. Minor flooding was expected on the Tulare river and in local areas of Merced county, as well as the Fresno Irrigation district. The Chowchilla and Fresno rivers were expected to crest slightly below flood stage.

A flash flood sent water into parts of the city of Patterson during the night, forcing about two dozen families to sandbag their homes.

U.S. 99 in the northern section of Modesto was closed for several hours by water.

A thick blanket of snow mantled the Sierra Nevada, closing Highway 40 from Auburn to the Nevada line and stranding hundreds of motorists in lodges along the way.

Also closed were U.S. 50 over Echo Summit, from Placerville to the foot of Meyers Grade, and U.S. 40A, the Feather River Highway from Greenville Wye to Hallelujah Junction.

Meanwhile, the Southern Pacific pulled its crack streamliner, the City of San Francisco, back to Reno with its 97 passengers after it was stalled overnight at Norden by a wreck.

A mail train ran into a snowdrift 38 miles east of Colfax Wednesday, blocking all rail traffic on the single track east-west mainline.

The City of San Francisco, along with three other west-bound passenger trains stalled at Reno, were to be routed into Oakland today over Western Pacific Railroad's tracks.

In San Francisco, families were evacuated from four terrace apartments on the northwest side of Mt. Sutro as a torrent of mud gushed down the slope.

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## Heavy Wind, Rain Squalls in West Oregon Reported

Portland — April chains if they were traveling in the mountains.

More than an inch of rain fell Wednesday at several coastal points with precipitation elsewhere relatively light.

Mrs. Leon M. Amato, 41, Portland, was struck by the limb of a falling tree in the northwest part of the city. The tree crushed one car, damaged another and struck the roof of an apartment. Another tree also fell here and damaged a car as the wind reached 50 miles per hour.

Snow fell heavily in the mountains south of Klamath Falls and the Southern Pacific Cascade, normally due at 8:15 a.m. was rescheduled due for an 11:45 a.m. arrival. Buses from California were reported arriving on time this morning.

**Highway 99 Open; Snow Forecast for Mountain Areas**  
Highway 99 between Weed and Dunsuir was open for traffic today, but weather conditions in northern California and southern Oregon are not expected to improve during the next 24 hours.

The weather forecast for northern California calls for heavy snow in the mountains. The snow level is expected to be about 2,500 feet in the northern portion, and 4,500 feet in the extreme southern section, the weather bureau reported.

Winds up to 30 miles per hour are expected in squalls. Shower activity will diminish Friday, the bureau forecast.

**Services Slated in Churches Today**  
Mourning Thursday services will be held tonight by many churches in the valley. Although some congregations plan special services the majority of the churches will observe holy communion at various times during the evening.

Churches which have scheduled services at 7:30 o'clock include First Presbyterian, Medford, Church of the Brethren, First Christian church, Eastwood Baptist church, and First Methodist church.

At 8 o'clock, services will be held at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st., Zion Lutheran church, Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., and Congregational church.

Ashtland First Presbyterian church will hold their service starting at 7:45 while the First Methodist church, Ashtland, and Grace Lutheran church, Ashtland, will observe communion at 7:30 p.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Prospect, will celebrate communion at 8 o'clock tonight.

**Medford Man Bids High for Brewery**  
Ashtland — Gordon Logan, route 1, box 421A, Dark Hollow rd., Medford, has submitted a high bid of \$101.80 for the old brewery building on the Peter Britt estate in Jacksonville.

Bids were opened at Southern Oregon college yesterday. There were two other bidders.

The estate was willed to the college by the late Amalia Britt, daughter of Peter Britt, pioneer photographer in southern Oregon. The brewery is about 100 years old, and is to be removed as a safety hazard.

## Good Friday Services Scheduled by Ministerial Association Tomorrow

The annual Good Friday services sponsored by the Medford Ministerial association will be held Friday, April 4, from noon to 3 p.m. at the First Methodist church.

The three-hour period will be divided into 25 minute segments so people may come and go during the different periods. Each period will include a scripture reading and a speaker as well as music.

Good Friday services for Medford High school students will be held at First Christian church with the Rev. William C. Piper moderator. Speaker will be the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn.

Junior high school students at McLaughlin will attend services at the First Church of the Nazarene with Lee W. Mansveld moderator. The Rev. Darold Jones will speak. Students at Hedrick school will attend Good Friday services at Eastwood Baptist church with the Rev. Richard Jones moderator and the Rev. Melvin Dixon speaker.

Services for the students will be held from 2 until 3 p.m. Friday.

Other Good Friday services scheduled in Medford include services from noon to 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., and St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st. Zion Lutheran church has scheduled its service at 8 p.m. Friday.

Ashtland Ministerial association will hold services from noon until 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal church there.

Community Good Friday services in Jacksonville will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 1 p.m. The Rev. W. D. Turnbull, Assembly of God church, Jacksonville, will speak assisted by Dick Merriam and Mrs. Robert T. Bridge.

Prospect community will observe Good Friday services at the Church of the Good Shepherd from 7 until 10 p.m.

