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Northwest Timber Cut Increase Asked

"Sharp, Isn't It?"



Forestry Group Requests Ike To Boost Harvest

Economy Said To Suffer by Failure

Portland — The Industrial Forestry association today wired President Eisenhower asking him to take steps to increase the amount of federal timber cut in the Pacific Northwest.

The Association's telegram said that "in the last 10 years, through failure of the United States to sell more than seven billion feet of ripe timber which should have been harvested, the economy of Oregon and Washington has lost three-quarters of a billion dollars."

The telegram went on to say that government failure to sell the full allowable cut had created artificial timber shortages, contributed to inflation of timber and prices and resulted in fewer job opportunities.

"We respectfully request that you direct the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to sell each year the full allowable cut under sustained yield forest management," the telegram said. It added that harvest of the full allowable cut of federal timber was essential to the new housing program, that it would increase employment, stabilize communities, speed attainment of long-range federal objectives and return increased revenue to the treasury and local governments.

Association members employ more than 63,000 people in Oregon and Washington.

Northern California Lumbermen Protest Freight Rate Change

Redding, Calif. — A group of Northern California lumbermen are planning to meet with Southern Pacific officials in San Francisco to protest a change in railroad lumber shipping rates.

Under present rates it costs 80 cents to ship 100 pounds of lumber from Grants Pass, Ore., to Los Angeles, and 67 cents to ship the same amount of lumber from here to Los Angeles. Under the proposed rates it would cost 50 cents to ship 100 pounds of lumber from both Grants Pass and Redding.

Mobile Booth Has 412 Registrations

A total of 412 new voters were registered by the mobile registration booth operated by the Jackson County Young Republican club, according to Mrs. Joe Walsh, booth chairman.

The registrations covered the 14 days the booth was operated, Mrs. Walsh said. Registration deadline for the primary election on May 16 was Tuesday.

The total of 412 registrations included 230 Republicans, 181 Democrats, and one independent voter, the booth chairman said. This was the first time such an operation was conducted, Mrs. Walsh said. The committee received many compliments, especially from those in the newly developed residential areas. The registrars are not allowed to make a door-to-door canvass for registrations according to state law, Mrs. Walsh added, but are allowed only to park in a district.

Registrars for the mobile booth were Mrs. James Ragland, 3182 South Pacific highway; Mrs. James Lynch, 1525 Lenora dr.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster, King st.; Medford; and Mrs. Walsh, 473 Freeman rd., Central Point.

Several station wagons and a panel truck were donated by local car dealers, Mrs. Walsh added.

Hollywood — A 24-year-old woman today underwent abdominal surgery at St. Vincent's hospital.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with a few isolated light showers. Low tonight 48. High Friday 65.

Highest Yesterday 64

Lowest this Morning 44

Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:28 a.m.
Sunset 6:55 p.m.
Moonrise Friday 5:12 a.m.
New Moon Friday night
Jupiter, the largest planet, now rises shortly after sunset and will be high in the south at midnight.

Tonight it is about 413 million miles from the Earth, the nearest it will be this year.

Furniture Harmed In Ashland Fire

Ashland—Furniture stored in a private garage at 171 Gresham st., was badly damaged last night by fire, according to Ashland Fire department members. Firemen were called at 9:56 p.m. The goods were covered by insurance, according to the report. Lee Atchley is property owner. Damage to the garage was nominal.



800TH PATIENT — Mrs. Lena DeShazo, Applegate, yesterday became the 800th patient to be carried by a Mercy Flights, Inc., air ambulance plane, when she was flown to Medford from Merced, Calif., where she has been hospitalized for a number of weeks, following an automobile accident near there. Medford Ambulance Attendants Perry Johnson and Don Herbert (bending over stretcher) met the plane, and took Mrs. DeShazo to her home. At left, rear, is Dick Nyhoff, one of the volunteer pilots for Mercy Flights, who flew yesterday's trip. At right rear is George Milligan, founder and chief pilot of the non-profit air ambulance corporation, and Mrs. DeShazo's sister, Mrs. Vertise Skalkitsky, who accompanied Mrs. DeShazo on the trip, and who will now make her home with her. Also on the trip was a nurse, Mrs. Ceicle Ashlock, of Merced General Hospital. Mercy Flights began service in January, 1950, with one plane. It now operates three, including the twin-engine Cessna shown above.—(Kenn Knackstedt photo.)

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Western European Forces Will Have Nuclear Weapons

Paris — The defense ministers of the United States and 13 other Atlantic Pact nations pledged today they would strengthen allied "shield" forces in Western Europe with nuclear weapons. They made this pledge at the close of a three-day conference, which ended here this afternoon.

The nuclear weapons are expected to be both tactical—like the Matador guided missile which West Germany is soon to get—and strategic—like the intermediate range ballistic missiles to be delivered to Britain this year and to continental allies at the start of 1959.

A communique issued at the end of the conference said the 14 defense ministers (Iceland, with no military forces, was not represented) discussed ways to build up NATO military strength to meet the Russian threat.

It said Soviet leaders are continuing "to equip their large forces with the most modern weapons."

The ministers agreed that NATO forces in Central Europe should be built up to 30 divisions from the present 16. These divisions, which include American, British, German and French troops, are to be equipped later with tactical atomic fire-power.

The ministers discussed, but made no attempt to decide, where IRBM bases would be established.

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SEN. WARREN GILL in Jackson county today

Sen. Gill Brings Campaign Here

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West Sumatra Said Invaded By Air and Sea

Radio Padang Denies Successful Landing

Singapore — Indonesian Central Government forces today invaded West Sumatra in an air-sea operation. The Jakarta Government reported tonight that paratroopers captured Padang Air Field in the early hours of the fighting.

However, radio Padang said the rebel defense ministry announced tonight that rebel forces had smashed loyalist attempts to land. It claimed that rebel shore batteries opened fire on the invasion fleet and forced the ships out of range. It also said that Jakarta broadcasts about a paratroop landing were propaganda, and that none was dropped.

The air-sea operations were coordinated with concerted drives by government forces driving on the rebel strongholds of Padang and Bukittinggi from the interior of Central Sumatra.

Beginning of End It appeared to be the beginning of the end of the rebellion launched two months ago in an attempt to force President Sukarno to rid his government of Communists.

The attack began at dawn. A Jakarta Government announcement said 20 ships took part in the beach invasion. The radio at Medan, capital of North Sumatra, said the commandos waded a half mile north of Padang.

Medan radio said paratroopers dropped on the air field, six miles north of Padang, simultaneously with the sea attack and had captured it by 9 a.m. (5:30 p.m. Wednesday PST).

The radio said the Commandos met heavy resistance at the shore but managed to establish a beachhead and this was reinforced quickly with infantrymen.

The Air Force covered the landing with bombing and strafing attacks on rebel strongholds in the mountains, the radio said.

It said the commandos, infantrymen and paratroopers were driving toward Padang itself. It said the fighting was "heavy."

In Jakarta, Premier Djundjund said the attack was successful and met only "insignificant" resistance.

Moscow Summons Envoy Thompson

Moscow — U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson was summoned to the Soviet Foreign Ministry today, presumably to receive Russia's latest views on preliminary ambassadorial talks that may lead to a summit meeting later this year.

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IKE KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN FOR REORGANIZATION

Washington — President Eisenhower said today national "safety and solvency" demand that more attention be paid "to America's strategic requirements and less to individual service claims."

Opening an all-out drive for public support for his sweeping defense reorganization plan, the President said there must be complete unity in strategic planning, military command and in U.S. fighting forces.

Modern weapons "have scrambled up traditional service functions" and resulted in inter-service "controversy and confusion," he said.

But the President said he is sure that if Congress accepts his plan based on the "facts of modern military life," necessary unification will be achieved without taking from the Army, Navy or Air Force any of the power each "can usefully provide to support the mission of the command."

The President carried the fight for his reorganization plan to the public in a speech before joint luncheon of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the International Press Institute.

He labelled as "at the least a misconception" the chief apprehensions raised by opponents of his plan.

The President declared emphatically, in answer to critics of his plan, that "there will be:

"No single chief of staff;
"No Prussian staff;
"No czar;
"No \$40 billion blank check;

"No swallowing up of the traditional services;
"No undermining of the constitutional powers of the Congress."

Assault by Vinson The President spoke out in the face of a stinging assault against his plan by Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the House Armed Services committee.

If Congress adopts his plan, the President said: "There will be a stop to unworthy and sometimes costly bickering."

"There will be clear-cut civilian responsibility, unified strategic planning and direction, and complete unified combat command."

"There will be a stop to inefficiencies, and needless duplications encouraged by present law."

In this way, he said, "We will meet our dual needs—safety and solvency."

"We shall have maximum strength, with minimum cost, in our national defense."

"Prussian Command" Vinson, whose 37-man committee will play a key role in deciding the fate of the plan, told the House in an hour-long speech Wednesday the measure would set up the same "Prussian-type supreme high command" Hitler used in Germany. His speech came shortly after the President sent Congress a detailed bill to carry out the legislative parts of his proposal.

The "Squire of Haw River," who would have celebrated his 82nd birthday today, died at 4:55 p.m. in Alamance General hospital about 15 miles from his rural birthplace at Haw River.

Scott, who had a recent medical history of hypertension but no previous heart trouble, was hospitalized April 9 with a coronary thrombosis. He had been making "satisfactory progress" toward recovery when death came.

Scott, colorful, tobacco-chewing and cigar smoking dairyman who often talked in field hand terms, went to the Senate in 1954 after serving as governor from 1948 to 1952.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 445.09, up 0.74; 20 railroads 109.55, up 3.57; 15 utilities 76.01, up 0.25; 65 stocks 154.21, up 1.24. Sales today were about 2,500,000 compared with 2,240,000 Wednesday.

De Gaulle in Paris To Survey Situation Paris — Gen. Charles de Gaulle arrived today in Paris from his country retreat to survey the political situation and a cabinet crisis so deep that no new government appeared anywhere in sight.

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The suit is an outgrowth of a collision in June, 1956, involving trucks operated by Bross and Feris on Klamath River rd. in Siskiyou county.

Hugh B. Collins is Bross's attorney.

Decision Pending On Street Plans For Central Point

Central Point — The Central Point city council expects to decide some time the first of next week on whether to go ahead with an estimated \$400,000 in street and curb paving work, according to City Recorder Lyle Paul.

Decision is pending replies from Central Point property owners on whether they favor the project, Paul said. Saturday, 520 letters were mailed, with property owners requested to reply in seven days. To date 150 cards have been received with a majority of four property owners favoring the project.

The street paving and curb project would be the first such extensive project ever conducted in Central Point, Paul said. It would require 11 miles of paving.

"We have had so many people complain about the streets the council decided something has to be done," the city recorder explained.

The possibility of the street improvement program and the city budget for the coming fiscal year will be considered at the budget meeting tentatively set for the first of the week, Paul said. Consideration of the paving program has held up any budget action, Paul said.

During other business last night the city council accepted the resignation of Harold Hughey, street superintendent.

Unander Group Planned Locally A Unander for governor committee has been organized recently in Jackson county. His state committee reported today.

Robert R. Dickey of Medford, and Archie Fries, Ashland, have been designated as co-chairmen of the Unander for governor committee of Jackson county.

Mrs. Al Littrell, Medford, has been named as secretary and Mrs. James Ragland, Phoenix, has been appointed treasurer.

Raymond Reter, Medford, will serve as finance committee chairman and Bruce Merrill, a student at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, has been selected as head of youth activities.

New Chapter Set For Employees A Southwest Oregon chapter of the Oregon State Employees association, was formed here last week, according to Jim Fisher, technical assistant of the state forestry department. The group is now made up of forestry department employees, though it is expected other state employees will become members.

Doyle Stockton, Medford, was elected president. Bill Pope, Grants Pass, is the new vice-president. Miss Naomi Childress of Central Point, was elected secretary.

Installation will be held at the group's next meeting, April 23.

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