

FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI

Government Turns Tanks, Artillery Against Port City

Rebel Leader Gets Message to Return

Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Heavy fighting broke out today in the port city of Tripoli, flashpoint of Lebanon's three-week-old revolt.

Government troops used artillery and armored cars in an all-out attack on the ancient city where anti-government feeling erupted earlier this month.

Rashid Karami, leader of the rebel forces in Tripoli, was in Beirut at the time the army launched its attack. His lieutenants sent him an urgent message to return.

Lebanese Protest

The new fighting occurred as a Lebanese delegation headed for Benghazi, Libya, to protest to the Arab League council against United Arab Republic interference in this strife-torn nation's internal affairs.

A government statement to the heads of all diplomatic missions Thursday night said the U.A.R. intervention "endangered not only Lebanon and the Arab countries but the entire world."

In Beirut, Maronite Catholic church patriarch Paul Meouchi said that President Camille Chamoun should take "a long vacation abroad" as the best way of solving the crisis.

Opposition Demands

The opposition demands that pro-Western President Camille Chamoun resign are at the base of the current troubles.

Meouchi told newsmen today that he thought Lebanon's complaint to the Arab League and the United Nations about U.A.R. interference was "unnecessary."

He said all the trouble could have been settled last week if commander in chief of the armed forces Gen. Faud Chehab had been named premier. But now the only solution is for Chamoun to get out of the country for a while, he said.

Bids Opened for Highway Projects

A Medford contractor and firms from Eugene and Alturas, Calif., were apparent low bidders on three projects in Jackson and Klamath counties, when bids for 20 highway projects were opened Thursday in Salem by the state highway commission.

Contracts on the 20 projects, totaling \$7,600,000, will be awarded by the commission in Portland June 18.

Durbin brothers of Eugene were apparent low bidders on the largest of the projects in southern Oregon, at \$206,345 for .77 miles grading, paving structure and stockpiling rock on the Crater Lake highway about 23 miles north of Medford.

M. C. Lininger and sons, Medford, bid \$107,125 for 1.11 miles of grading and paving on Pacific highway in Ashland.

Moyer Gravel company, Alturas, bid \$34,560 for stockpiling rock on the Crater Lake highway north and east from Prospect, in Jackson and Klamath counties.

The apparent low bid for the largest project was submitted by Morrison Knudsen company, Seattle, Wash., for 3.21 miles of grading on the Oregon coast highway about 8 miles north of Brookings. Knudsen bid \$2,544,395.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness through Saturday. Risk of afternoon thunderstorms mostly over mountains. High today 81. Low tonight 50. High Saturday 80.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 86. Lowest this Morning 49.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 4:38 a.m.
Sunset 7:40 p.m.
Moonset Saturday 3:59 a.m.
Full Moon June 1
PROMINENT STAR Deneb, low in northeast 9:07 p.m.
This is one of the most remote of the bright stars. It is now estimated that Deneb is 1600 light years from the Earth.

UPI Said Exempt From Anti-Trust

Washington—(UPI)—The Justice department has held that the consolidation of the United Press and International News Service into the new United Press International was exempt from the anti-trust laws because INS was in "failing circumstances."

As a result, the department said, "We do not plan at the present time to move against this acquisition" under the anti-trust laws.

Wreath Placed on Replica of Tomb of Unknown Soldier

Placing a wreath on a replica of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier climaxed Memorial day exercises this morning in the city park at West Main and Holly sts. Highlights of the program were recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, a talk by a Medford attorney and welcoming remarks by a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

Robert Dames, who was principal speaker in place of the Rev. G. E. V. Bolster, who was unavoidably absent, traced the beginning of Memorial day to a custom established by a mother of Confederate soldiers, who decorated the graves of "unknown" Union soldiers, during the Civil war, in Columbus, Miss.

Dames spoke of America's pride in its heritage of freedom of democracy, and said that it is important for young people in this country to learn more about science and bolster patriotism, in order to keep pace with the potential Russian enemy.

Col. W. H. Paine, who gave the welcome, quoted from an address of a southern general, and said that the cornerstone of man's prosperity and honor is man's courage and fortitude.

Women's auxiliaries of local patriotic groups were in charge of the tribute to the Unknown Soldiers of three wars, and the wreath on a replica of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War I in Arlington cemetery, was placed by Mrs. Victor Eakin, of Gold Star Mothers.

Jacksonville Vote Set for June 18

Jacksonville—Voters in the Jacksonville school district will vote on a levy for operating the three Jacksonville schools at a special election Wednesday, June 18, instead of Thursday, June 5, as previously reported incorrectly in a Mail Tribune story.

The school board has approved a total levy of \$141,322.21 for operating costs. A budget calling for a levy of \$153,404.40 was defeated in an election earlier this month.

Reduction of the levy by \$12,082.19 was made possible by cutting the transportation allowance and the reserve to cover unpaid taxes, and by reducing the proposed total for salaries, according to John Crabb, school superintendent.

Because the district has no tax base, the entire levy is considered to be in excess of the 6 per cent limitation and therefore must be submitted to the voters.

The colors were posted and retired by a guard from Camp White. The Rev. John Reynolds of First Presbyterian church gave the invocation and led in prayer, and the Rev. Carl Mai of Sacred Heart Catholic church gave the benediction. Frank Buchter of the Footlighters, local little theater group, recited the Gettysburg address, wearing a suit of the Lincoln era, and appropriate make-up. Mrs. F. A. Daugherty read General John A. Logan's orders calling for general observance of Memorial day. Robert Sheldon, Medford High school, played taps.

Services also were held at Bear creek bridge, where the Rev. E. S. Tolleson of Ascension Lutheran church led the ceremonies, and members of women's patriotic groups cast flowers in the water in memory of the dead of all wars.

Participants in the program and patriotic groups marched from the park to the bridge, with the junior drum and bugle corps of Cavemen aerie, Loyal Order of Eagles, leading the parade.

Del Norte County Stages Celebration

Crescent City—(UPI)—Del Norte county this week is commemorating the 130th anniversary of the coming of the white man to California's scenic northwest.

Being honored is the name and memory of Jediaiah Smith, the first explorer to reach the Del Norte area where arrived June 1, 1828.

San Francisco—(UPI)—Evangelist Billy Graham led 16,000 persons in the San Francisco Cow palace in a prayer for the people of France Thursday night.



FRANK H. GRAY Retires After 50 Years

Manager of Western Union Office Here To Retire June 1

Frank H. Gray, manager of the Medford Western Union office for 25 years, will retire June 1 after completing more than 50 years of telegraph service.

He will be replaced by Harry Hyder, present manager of the Corvallis office, as soon as a replacement is arranged for Hyder. Meanwhile, the local office management will be assumed by Robert L. Griffith, present night manager.

Air Force Denies Air Lines Pilot's 'Buzzing' Charge

Washington—(UPI)—The Air Force today denied a United Air Lines pilot's charge that a B48 jet bomber "deliberately buzzed" his commercial airliner over Kansas Thursday.

Acting Air Secretary Malcolm A. McIntyre said, "There is absolutely no justification for the allegation and it must be considered an irresponsible statement impugning the integrity of Air Force pilots, who are mature, dedicated conscientious officers."

McIntyre, in a written statement issued at the Pentagon, said the B47 pilot was operating "in accordance with CAA (Civil Aeronautics Administration) procedures and current rules of the air."

The bomber pilot, the statement said, was Maj. Eugene Mathis, "a veteran Strategic Air Command pilot with 5,500 hours of flying experience, flying out of Schilling Air Force Base, Kans."

The Schilling AFB public information officer, Capt. J. W. Hinds, told newsmen there that "We don't have planes in the air at that time, but none was in the immediate vicinity."

The Air Force said Mathis was flying "on an approved CAA IFR (instrument flight rule) flight clearance."

Eugene—(UPI)—Orrin H. Perry, 26, of Leaburg, drowned Thursday in the Willamette river about 300 feet below the Eugene Water and Electric board's power dam at Leaburg.

'Consistently Cold Year' Recorded

A "consistently cold year," requiring 21 nights of orchard heating in the Rogue valley, was reported in the seasonal summary prepared by Frost Forecaster William J. Rogers.

The meteorologist made his final regular frost forecast last Friday evening and will return to Pomona, Calif., this week end. He is spending this week packing 20 sets of instruments while on a stand-by frost-warning basis.

"The 1958 season had more cold nights than have been recorded since the first district reports were issued in 1926, and the 21 nights of firing equals a record set in 1929," he reported.

Marginal Nights Many nights were marginal, with temperatures just under 32 degrees. None was unusually cold, and on many nights only a few growers fired. General firing occurred on only five nights.

Rogers characterized the season as "one with a large number of mildly cold nights, with a few cold nights of greater intensity sprinkled through the season."

Development by March 1 It was one, he said, "in which the growers lost more sleep and did more worrying than they did heating."

32 Cold Nights Ten cold nights occurred in March requiring 8 firings; 15 in April requiring 10 firings; and 7 in May requiring 3. The 32 cold nights were the most for any season on record, considerably more than the 19.6 cold night average.

The 21 nights requiring firing compare with a 10.4 average. Warmest season on record was in 1940, when there were only six cold nights and only three firings.

Low night temperatures have required orchard heating only once in the month of June, according to records, that occurring in 1952.

Socialists Request De Gaulle's Plans

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The \$75,000, which has been earmarked for construction of a swimming pool on property now owned by the Jackson County Housing Authority, will come from the Housing Authority on dissolution of the Authority. The amount is what the Authority estimates will be available in money when the Authority is dissolved this summer.

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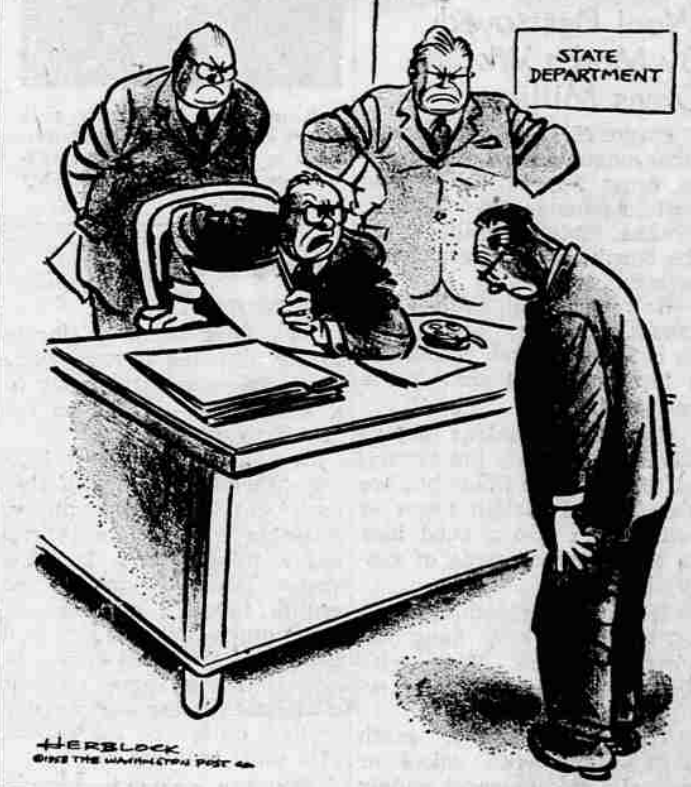
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Paris (UPI)—The powerful French Socialist party, last remaining stumbling block to Gen. Charles de Gaulle's immediate rise to power as head of a "government of public safety," asked today for a preview of his plans if and when he takes office.

It was a further indication of the Socialists' steady retreat from a previous stand of unyielding opposition to the former Free French leader whom President Rene Coty has described as the only man who can save France from civil war.

The Socialists sent former Premier Guy Mollet to see De Gaulle and to ask him about his plans to reform the constitution before they place their final approval on him.

Meanwhile, reliable sources reported that one of De Gaulle's first acts after he takes office will be to visit Algeria to restore the broken ties between the army there and France.

Confers with General

He will take the opportunity also to straighten out relations with Gen. Raoul Salan, commander in chief of the 400,000-man French army in Algeria, and the all-Algeria "Committee of Public Safety."

Thursday night a minority of 20 held out against De Gaulle and the meeting with him today was decided in an attempt to swing unanimous backing for him.

Mollet, who is sympathetic to De Gaulle, sped at once to Colombey-les-deux-eglises to see him. Mollet was accompanied on the flight by special plane by floor leader Maurice Deixonne.

Full Socialist support is essential for De Gaulle to win a majority in parliament.

The party hoped to give its definite reply as soon as Mollet and Deixonne return.

Coty Works Tirelessly

The 76-year-old Coty was working tirelessly to whip-together solid middle-line backing for De Gaulle.

Pledge Full Support

The generals and French settlers who began the De Gaulle-to-power movement in Algeria May 13 said they would accept whatever way the general chose to take over the government.

There were no incidents this morning and police wore broad smiles as they watched several hundred demonstrators march around the arch of triumph at 3 a.m. shouting "Vive De Gaulle."

It probably was the first time in the nation's history that the head of state had acted so far for a premier-designate.

Jobless Total Continues Drop

Washington—(UPI)—The fifth straight weekly decline in the number of unemployed workers drawing unemployment compensation benefits was reported Thursday night by the Labor department.

The number dropped by 82,000 in the week ended May 17 and brought the number of workers drawing jobless insurance down to 3,019,500. This still was sharply above the 1,364,200 listed a year ago.

The decline was due in great part to the fact 55,000 workers exhausted their benefits. The other main factor was a seasonal pickup in outdoor work, mainly construction.

The department also said jobless claims by newly unemployed workers reached a six-months low in the week ended May 24 when such claims dropped by 34,700 to 324,500.

New York—(UPI)—Singer Pat Boone will be graduated from Columbia university next Tuesday.