

More Yanks Seized by Rebel Forces in Cuba

Celebrations Break Out As Alaska Bill Passed

Measure Goes To Eisenhower For Signature

Vote of 64 to 20 Approves Statehood

Washington—(UPI)—Alaska emerged onto the threshold of statehood today to a sunburst of predictions it will open a vast new frontier for expansion of America's population and wealth.

Delirious statehood supporters, their 42-year fight nearly over, could hardly believe it when the Senate passed the statehood bill Monday night by an overwhelming 64-20 vote.

Unprecedented celebrations broke out in Alaska where a river was dyed gold, bonfires roared skyward and a beauty queen astride a fire ladder pinned a 49th star on a 40-by-60 foot American flag.

Administration sources said President Eisenhower is certain to sign the bill, a major triumph for one of the top items on his legislative agenda. The House previously passed the bill and the Senate vote sent it to the White House.

The territory still must approve statehood in a referendum this fall. But this was labeled a "sure thing" by statehood backers. A proclamation by the President after the referendum will formally complete the statehood process—probably in December.

Alaska's prospective statehood was seen as vastly enhancing Hawaii's chances of entering the Union as the 50th state, although probably not before next year at the earliest.

Alaska will get two U.S. senators and one representative—bringing the Senate total to 48 and the House figure to 436. Alaska now has one non-voting delegate to Congress.

When the final vote was announced Monday night after five days of debate, cheers and a burst of applause rose from the Senate galleries where about 200 persons, many from Alaska, had come to witness the historic event.

Alaska's Governor Mike Stepovich said "Thank God" and declared: "I did believe we'll show the United States of America that we will be one of the greatest states in the Union within the next 50 years."

Amid the wild rejoicing, a sober note was sounded by E. L. (Bob) Bartlett, Alaska's non-voting delegate to Congress as a time of "great responsibility and great opportunity."

"We regard ourselves as custodians of a great trust," he said in a dispatch written for United Press International: "The untapped mineral wealth of Alaska, the marvelous natural resources and scenic beauty—all these must be used and preserved for the benefit and security of future generations of Americans."

It marks the first time the United States has added to itself since Arizona became a state on Feb. 14, 1912. (See Stories on Page 14)

Montana Man Finds It Easy to Find His Friend, But Harder to Locate Hostess

Spanning a forty year period was easier than spanning a period of a few hours for a Montana man here last week.

While visiting a niece in Forest Grove, Ore., Axel Vigell of Helena expressed the desire to find a friend with whom he grew up in Sweden 40 years ago. He knew the friend's first name was Bernard, that he had changed his last name since coming to the United States, and that he grew near Medford.

Vigell, along with his niece, Miss Elsie Lundborg, and a nephew, Allen Lundborg, arrived in Medford Saturday evening to try to trace Bernard.

County Librarian Miss Helen Webster was called into the search. After several phone calls in the seemingly fruitless search, Cliff Cordy, county extension agent was contacted. Cordy named the man as Bernard Ekholm and gave clear instructions for finding him, since he had no telephone.

The friends were soon united and in deep conversation about boyhood days in Sweden. Enjoying the men who believed their visit more if left by themselves, the women returned to Miss Webster's residence.

There they waited and waited for the return of the rest of Miss Lundborg's party—with her car and her suitcase. They finally retired for the night, believing the men had decided to stay over with Ekholm.

Sunday morning passed with no further word from the men and finally Miss Webster and Miss Lundborg returned to the Ekholm farm only to find no one there. They could learn nothing of the men's whereabouts.

However, about noon the weary pair of travelers drove into the Webster driveway. They explained that after searching half the night and all morning they had gone to the police, confessing that they had no more idea of the last name of their hostess than they had had earlier of the friend they came to find.

The Medford police soon straightened out the mixup. It took one hour to locate Ekholm, and 16 to relocate Miss Webster.

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SNIPER SEARCH—Tank and troop carrier move through street in Tripoli, Lebanon, where the heaviest fighting of the seven-week revolt against the government of pro-western President Camille Chamoun has been reported. Armored cars and tanks are being used against insurgent snipers.

\$1,974,515 Levy Gets Certification By Rural Board

The rural school board has certified a levy totalling \$1,974,515.12, according to County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold.

The total rural equalization levy included \$1,957,685.12, plus \$16,830 of the county office budget for rural board operations.

The levy is apportioned to the various school districts based on average daily attendance, Mekvold said.

The board recently considered three final requests for emergency funds for Lone Pine district, Evans Valley district, and the Shady Cove school district.

Petitions from Lone Pine and Evans Valley were denied based on a study of budget and cash status. The petitions had been presented earlier when the districts felt they would need emergency funds and before it could be determined whether their budgets would remain within their budgets, Mekvold explained.

The petition from Shady Cove was approved. A total of \$908.08 budget deficit had been carried over from the previous year. Deficit for the present school year is \$1,225, Mekvold said. The district was allowed to draw \$2,133.18 from emergency funds.

The superintendent explained that the deficit was carried over since the rural board wanted to make a complete study.

Salem—(UPI)—A county school superintendent is not an appointive officer with a fixed term, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has ruled.

Ballet Celeste Sets Ashland Appearance

Ashland—The Ballet Celeste will make its initial Pacific Northwest appearance as one of the extra attractions of the 18th annual Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland with matinee performances Aug. 22 and 23.

The company, highly successful in its coast to coast tours of the United States, was formed through public

auditions eight years ago in San Francisco. It has been trained and directed in its choreography by Meriem Lanova, a former soloist with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

The group currently has more than 20 ballets in its repertoire, ranging from classics such as "Swan Lake," "Coppelia," and "The Nutcracker," through several numbers choreographed for it.

The original company of 10 persons has been expanded to more than 30 through annual auditions of talented young people in San Francisco. Auditions will be held in Ashland in connection with the performances to give talented young dancers from this area a chance to join the company.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday showings are available in Medford at Mann's, 14 North Central ave., and in Ashland at the Festival's central box office. Both performances will begin at 3 p.m. in Churchill hall at Southern Oregon college. There will be no reserved seats.

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival is offering a six-week show this season, opening July 28 with the comedy "Much Ado About Nothing" and continuing with "King Lear," "The Merchant of Venice," and "Troilus and Cressida" on the next three evenings.

Washington Searchers Seek 11-Year-Old Boy

Pomeroy, Wash.—(UPI)—Some 150 volunteers and two helicopters were scheduled to resume the search today for Bobby Meek, 11, Clarkston, lost since Sunday in rugged Tucannon river country near here.

Drivers are asking an increase of 1½ cents per mile, compared with a company offer of ½ cent per mile.

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Pro-Western Forces Beat Back Rebels in Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Government forces beat back a rebel thrust toward Beirut's International Airport today. There were rebel-inspired reports that new compromise efforts were under way to end the seven-week-old revolt.

Government sources claimed more than 150 rebels had been killed or wounded and more than 200 captured in the last 40 hours of fighting outside Beirut and in the northern port city of Tripoli.

Pro-western government forces firing mortars, rifles and automatic weapons and spear-headed by armored cars regained four miles of territory lost Monday to rebel Druse tribesmen of Chieftain Kamal Jumblatt.

They retook the village of Ain Nab in house to house fighting. The fight regained for the government strategic heights overlooking the Beirut airport and for the moment stymied rebel attempts to take Chamiane, just outside the Beirut city limits.

The government Monday sent rocket-firing jet planes to beat back the first rebel thrust toward Chamiane.

United Press International Correspondent Larry Collins watched today's fighting and reported a force of 500 pro-government partisans andgendarmes slugging it out with the rebel tribesmen.

First report of a compromise settlement of the rebel fight against the government of President Camille Chamoun came from rebel leader Jumblatt.

No Details
Jumblatt told UPI Correspondent Wilbur G. Landrey in his Chouf Mountain stronghold that new efforts were under way to end the revolt but gave no details. However, informed sources in Beirut said the plan involved setting up a neutral provisional government without Chamoun to prepare for new parliamentary elections in six or eight months after tempers have cooled.

Oregon Marshal Gives Up Office

Portland—(UPI)—Harold Sexton today announced his resignation as U.S. marshal for Oregon to "enter private endeavor."

Sexton, 65, became marshal on Aug. 5, 1953, after his appointment by President Eisenhower. He was reappointed to the \$9200 a year job recently.

Before becoming marshal he served for many years as Wasco county sheriff.

"After 29 years in public office it is my desire to retire and enter private endeavor," Sexton said.

Continental Bus Drivers on Strike

Lincoln, Neb.—(UPI)—Drivers for the Continental American Bus Lines walked out the job today, joining a walkout begun last Friday against Continental Central Lines. Both firms are divisions of the National Trailways Bus system.

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Adams Bound Over To Grand Jury

Allen D. Adams, 52, of Grants Pass, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday afternoon on bribery charges after appearing before District Court Judge James Main.

He had waived a preliminary hearing and statement and was released after posting \$2,000 bail.

Adams was arrested June 18 by Jackson county sheriff's officers and postal authorities. He is believed to be the sender of an anonymous letter June 10 to Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna offering a \$500 bribe for a favorable decision in a civil case.

Second in Series of Classes Set at Park

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Registration, according to Huson, will be held at the pool Wednesday through Sunday this week, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Robert Sutherland, head lifeguard, will supervise the classes. Beginners, intermediates and accomplished swimmers will be eligible for Red Cross certificates on finishing the course successfully.

The first series of classes was completed last Friday.

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Areas Withdrawn From Fire District

The Medford city council last night withdrew three recently annexed areas from special districts so residents of those areas would not be subject to double taxation.

The areas, Earhart, Phipps and Douglas addition No. 1, previously were in the rural fire district. Had they not been withdrawn, residents would be subject to taxes by the rural fire district as well as the city for fire protection.

The council also approved the appointment of Robert L. Baccus, principal of Jackson school, as councilman from Ward III effective July 3. Baccus will serve out the term of Stanley C. Jones Jr., who resigned recently because he moved from the ward.

Portland Weather Wettest, Warmest

Portland—(UPI)—It was wetter than normal in Portland in June. It also was warmer than usual.

The weather bureau said rainfall during the month was 3.14 inches or 1.52 inches above normal for the month. Record for June here is 4.24 inches in 1913.

Monthly mean temperature for June was 66.6 degrees compared to a normal of 63.8.

Classroom Teachers Elect Pendleton Man

Cleveland—(UPI)—Ewald Turner of Pendleton, Ore., has been elected national president of the department of classroom teachers of the National Education Association.

Turned is an industrial arts teacher at Helen McCune junior high in Pendleton.



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Dulles Sees Threat To Security of U.S.

Washington—(UPI)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that the House Appropriations Committee's \$872 million cut in foreign aid funds "is a grave threat to the security of the United States."

If the action stands "it will doom the Free World to grave losses," Dulles told a news conference.

Appeal by Ike Planned
President Eisenhower is expected to go on radio and TV to persuade Congress and the country of the necessity to restore the funds, Dulles said.

Earlier, Senate Republican leaders William F. Knowland said after a White House meeting that the President feels the House committee cuts would "jeopardize" handling of U.S. foreign affairs. He said the President expressed hope that "at least a substantial part" of the cut will be restored by the House.

The President asked for \$3,942,000,000 for the mutual security program in the new fiscal year starting today. The House committee voted \$872 million less than he requested.

The White House said shortly after Dulles' news conference that the President will make a special plea at his

Army Moon Rocket Given Green Light

Fort Bliss, Tex.—(UPI)—Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker disclosed today the Army has received a "tentative green light" on a specific plan for shooting a rocket to the moon.

He said the Army is "working day and night" on the plan and hopes to be "ready early and get the final nod" for for what may be the nation's first lunar probe launching.

The secretary coupled his statement with an announcement that the Army's Nike Hercules missiles, the first anti-aircraft rockets with atomic warheads, are now mounted in the defenses of Washington, New York and Chicago.

Passenger Trains Collide in Virginia

Alexandria, Va.—(UPI)—Two passenger trains collided at the Alexandria railroad station today, the dispatcher's office reported. First reports said a number of passengers were injured.

The 5 a. m. power failure caused power outage in southwest and southeast Medford, Ashland, and Phoenix for 28 minutes, he reported. Normal service in the area was restored within 46 minutes of the breakdown.

Benesh said that cause of the short circuit has not been determined.

Porter Hurls New Charge In Gerald Murphy Case

Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Charles O. Porter accused New York Attorney Morris L. Ernst today of "character assassination for a fee" in his investigation of the De Galindez-Murphy case.

Report Said "Whitewash"
The Oregon Democrat, in a speech prepared for delivery in the House, dismissed as a "smear" and "whitewash" Ernst's report absolving the Dominican Republic of any blame in the 1956 disappearance of Jesus De Galindez and Gerald Lester Murphy.

De Galindez, an anti-Trujillo scholar and former Columbia University lecturer, disappeared in New York.

Murphy, a Eugene, Ore., flier, disappeared in the Dominican Republic.

Porter claims there is evidence De Galindez was spirited out of the United States by agents of Generalissimo Rafael L. Trujillo, Dominican dictator, aboard a twin-engine plane flown by Murphy. The evidence, he said, indicates that Murphy in turn was liquidated because he knew too much.

The congressman demanded a congressional investigation to include questioning of Ernst, Sydney Baron, a New York public relations executive, and John Joseph Frank, former FBI agent.

Apprehension Grips Families In Eastern Cuba

No Progress Made To Win Freedom

Havana—(UPI)—Cuba rebels kidnaped four—and perhaps seven—more Americans today, sending a wave of apprehension through the nearly 100 American families in Eastern Cuba.

The new kidnappings brought to 48 or 51 the number of Americans and Canadians seized in bold nighttime raids by rebel leader Fidel Castro's men in Oriente Province. Hopes Dim

Castro's rebels already were known to be holding 42 Americans and three Canadians. Hopes for the prisoners' immediate release were dim.

A band of eight rebels swooped down on the United Fruit Co. Sugar and Agriculture school at Guaro about midnight.

They seized A. F. Smith of New Hampshire, the agriculture superintendent; J. P. Stevens of Oklahoma, the assistant superintendent; and two district superintendents, A. F. Sparks of Indiana and J. G. Ford of South Carolina.

An official at the institution said the rebels also cut telephone poles in the area. The other three kidnappings could not be confirmed immediately.

Though alarmed, the Americans in Oriente Province where Castro's rebels have their stronghold were under no special guard. They stayed indoors, though, and did not venture out of their homes after dark.

The three Americans whose kidnappings had not yet been confirmed were identified in reports from Santiago as executives of the Ermita sugar mill which is about 25 miles northwest of the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo.

American negotiators appeared to be making no progress toward winning quick freedom for the prisoners despite U.S. government guarantees, which were demanded by the rebels, that Naval Base facilities would be denied the Cuban air force.

Stayton Man Enters Plea of Innocent

Salem—(UPI)—Daniel Cole, 60, of Stayton, Ore., Monday entered a plea of innocent in Salem District Court on a charge of assault and battery against his aged father.

District Judge E. O. Stadler Jr. said he would set trial date later for Cole. Eugene Cole, 88, is now in a nursing home after he was taken by sheriff's officers from behind an electric-wire enclosure behind the Daniel Cole home in Stayton. Hospital authorities said the man was suffering from malnutrition.

Two Local Men On Pear Committee

Washington—(UPI)—The Department of Agriculture today announced new members of the Oregon, Washington, California winter pear control committee which controls the marketing and handling of winter variety pears grown in the three states.

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