

American Public Said Not Supporting Policy in Red China

Washington—UPI—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) says the American public "is not supporting the policy of involvement in hostilities with Red China over the off-shore islands."

Humphrey, just back from an 11-state tour, told a news conference Monday that recent developments make it hard to tell whether there has been a change in U. S. policy but "I think there is one in the making." He said he felt any change would be primarily a "face-saving" for Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Monrovia Fire Area Surveyed For Re seeding

Monrovia, Calif.—UPI—Experts of the U. S. Forest Service today began a survey of the blackened area of the Monrovia fire to determine how much of the 12,700 acres must be seeded to prevent winter floods.

The multi-million dollar fire burned thousands of acres of valuable watershed area and destroyed eight homes and dozens of cabins. It was brought under control Monday night, except for a couple of small patches. It was started last Thursday by two seven-year-old boys playing with matches.

Fire Lines Patrolled

A force of 700 men patrolled fire lines and fought flames in the Pine Mountain area where the blaze raced past fire lines into a new area. However, the Forest Service said the remaining fires did not pose a threat because they were moving into areas burned over last year by the Morris and Gale fires.

Weather conditions also favored the firefighters in the mop-up operations of fires which broke out last week during scorching 100-degree temperatures which baked brushlands desert dry.

Seeding Plans Made

Even before the fire was controlled, plans were being made to seed over the burned area with quick-growing grass to prevent flooding this winter in the communities strung along the base of the San Gabriel foothills.

At Newhall, 60 miles north of Los Angeles, a 30-year-old housewife said she accidentally started a 250-acre blaze which fatally burned firefighter Leland Dennis, 33, of Oraibe, Ariz., last Sunday.

Authorities did not issue a complaint against her. They said there was no proof the woman had started the fire, despite her admission.

Steelworker Head Raps Labor Curbs

Portland—UPI—David J. McDonald, president of the AFL-CIO United Steelworkers of America, told the Catholic Conference on Industrial and Social Relations here Monday night that "there are more laws in our country limiting the rights of labor than in any other nation in the free world."

McDonald, speaking on the topic "Legal and Moral Limitations on Work Stoppages," lashed out against "right to work laws, the use of injunctions and the use of state, local and even federal police in strike breaking..." He said "governmental attitudes and hostile corporate groups" were prejudiced against all labor.

The leader of the 1,250,000-member metal workers union said management was just as responsible for work stoppages as labor.

Contracts Awarded For Highway Jobs

Salem—UPI—The State Highway Commission Monday awarded two contracts totaling approximately \$600,000 for two projects in southern Oregon. Both contracts went to Washington firms.

A \$329,936 contract to build the Dwight Creek and Rough and Ready Creek bridges on the Redwood highway in Josephine county was awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons, Vancouver, Wash.

White Brothers Construction Co., Walla Walla, was awarded a contract to grade and pave 1.38 miles of the Pacific highway nine miles south of Cottage Grove in Douglas county. The White bid was \$270,577.

U. S. agricultural exports to Japan increased from 392 million in 1956 to 454 million in 1957, a 16 per cent boost to a new record.

Humphrey, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Democratic criticism did not represent any "softening" of determination to back up the Formosa Defense Treaty with Nationalist China. But he said "there is nothing requiring us to slavishly adhere to misguided policies just out of patriotism."

Humphrey denounced as "intemperate and uncalled for" President Eisenhower's recent attack on critics of his Quemo-Formosa policy.

He referred to the President's reply to a letter from Chairman Theodore F. Green (D-R.I.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Green voiced doubts the American people would support U. S. military action to defend Quemo.

Eisenhower replied Saturday that Democratic attacks on the Administration's Far East policy were hurting free world unity and might make war "almost inevitable."

Multnomah Sheriff Raps Jury Report

Portland—UPI—Sheriff Francis Lambert took issue today with a grand jury report which criticized the Rocky Butte jail as too plush.

Lambert said last Friday's report was the first by a grand jury which called the jail too elaborate. He said "I am sure that the members of other grand juries must have smiled when they read this report."

The jail in the county courthouse was praised as a place of detention by the grand jury. Lambert said this jail was used only for hold-over purposes and had been "condemned by every inspector of federal prisons."

Candidate Offers To Donate Salary

Portland—UPI—John Johnston, Republican candidate for Congress, offered Monday to donate one half of his annual income and expense allowance to bona fide Multnomah county charities if he is elected to Congress.

Johnston opposes Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) in the third district.

"As a Navy officer in Washington, D. C., I had a chance to learn a lot about the duties of congressmen," he said. "I know I can be as effective in representing my district with the income of \$12,500 as I could with an income of \$25,000." He challenged Mrs. Green to match the offer.

Hatfield Favors Capital Gains Tax

Sandy, Ore.—UPI—Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor, said Monday night Oregon's economic development can be helped by a capital gains provision in the state's tax structure.

Hatfield also suggested revision of the "discriminatory" inventory tax and a state provision for small business losses copied from the federal tax structure.

Hatfield said he was not suggesting special tax concessions to industry. "It is purely and simply that we must be competitive with our sister states if we are to hold and attract industry," he said.

He said Oregon timber, agriculture and tourist activities all are seasonal. He said 12-month type payrolls, such as mining, should be developed.



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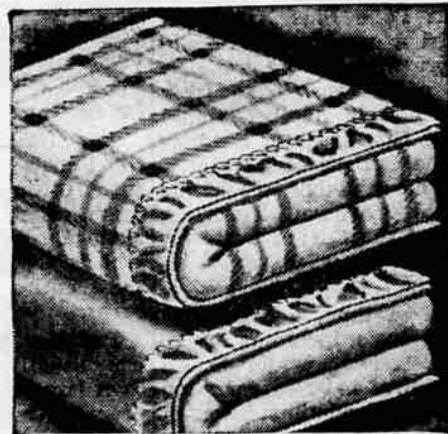
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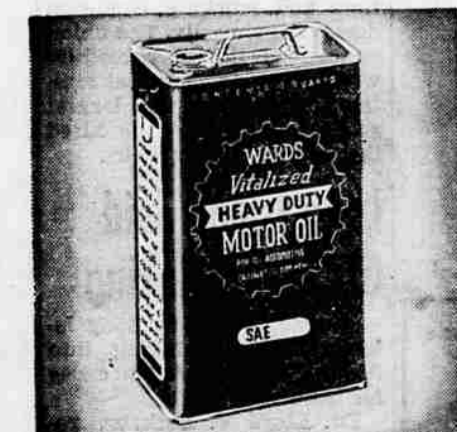
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