

'BUMP' TRAPS 84 IN MINE



SINCLAIR WEEKS He Resigns



LEWIS STRAUSS He's Appointed

Sinclair Weeks Quits Commerce Secretary Post

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower today accepted the resignation of Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks and named Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Commission, to succeed him.

Weeks resigned effective not later than No. 10. Strauss stepped down as AEC chairman June 30. He has been serving as special assistant to the President on atom-for-peace matters.

Weeks said in a letter of resignation to the President dated Oct. 22 that he was quitting "only because of pressing business, personal and family considerations, which seemed to me to make it imperative that I return to Boston and to my interests there."

The President, in a "Dear Sinny" letter, said Weeks takes with him "My deep gratitude for your long and unstinting devotion to duty and my very best wishes for your future health and happiness."

"It is of course very gratifying to me, as it must be to you, that during your six years as secretary of commerce, the American economy has expanded broadly and generated for our citizens more jobs, higher incomes and greater abundance," the President said.

Original Member Weeks was a member of the original Eisenhower Cabinet which took office with the President in January, 1953. Only three original members now remain—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Police Question Three Regarding Complaint

Medford police last night interrogated three persons in connection with a complaint by the Rev. Robert Edward Cull of the Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., that someone had aroused his suspicions in attempting to borrow money.

Chief of Police Champlin said today he planned to notify other ministers in the area to beware of suspicious transients asking for loans or engaging in other forms of "confidence game."

United Nations N. Y.—UPI—The United Nations Political Committee neared the end of debate on disarmament today with little hope of breaking the nuclear deadlock.



BARGAIN COUNTER—Here is another example of outdoor display of used merchandise, cluttering the entrances into Medford. Storing or exhibiting such items indoors or behind a closed fence would help "Make Medford Beautiful."

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Aircraft Carrier Ordered To Cuba To Aid Evacuation

Attack Transport Already at Scene

Havana, Cuba—UPI—The American Embassy announced today that the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt has been ordered to Nicaragua on Cuba's north coast to provide assistance "if needed" in withdrawing 55 American women and children from the rebel-infested area.

The fast U. S. attack transport Kleinsmith already was at the scene prepared to take aboard the Americans, all dependents of American supervisors who run the big U. S.-owned nickel plant nearby.

The sleek carrier was pulled off maneuvers near Guantanamo Bay to stand by at the withdrawal of the Americans who were left unprotected by the removal of Cuban government soldiers from the area.

The Americans were ordered out of the area by the U. S. government, which also criticized the rebels for their kidnappings of Americans. An embassy spokesman did not elaborate on the order to call the big aircraft carrier to the Nicaragua scene, but he did say the ship would "provide a helicopter airlift if needed."

Polling Places for Precincts Change

Voters in precincts 29A and 30, Medford, will vote in the same places they did during the May primary election, Mrs. Bereth P. Hopkins, county clerk, announced today.

Originally, voters in the two precincts were to vote in the new Wilson school at Corona and Grand aves., but the building will not be completed by Nov. 4.

Voters in precinct 29A will vote at the Howard school and those in precinct 30 will vote at the Lone Pine school, Mrs. Hopkins said.

Klamath Indian Tracts for Sale

Washington—UPI—The Department of the Interior announced today a sale offer for 40 tracts of land on the Klamath Indian reservation under the terms of the Klamath Termination Act.

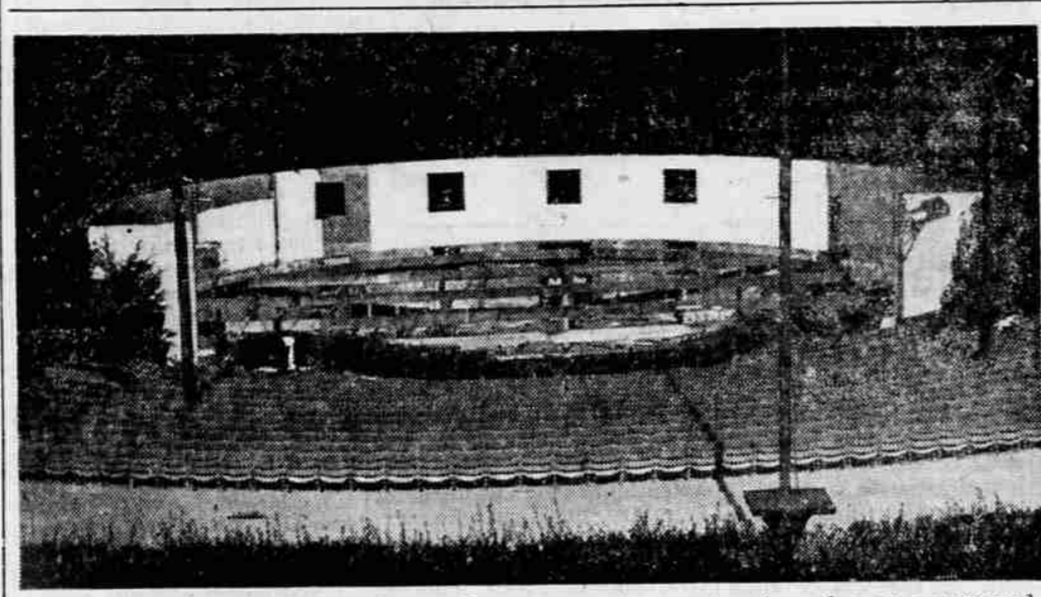
Tract values range from one to 10 acres at \$250 to a tract of 460 acres valued at \$85,000, Indians themselves may buy the land if they meet the high bid but only for themselves and not as agents for someone else.

Don Foster of the Portland area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs said the sale is the first of several in fringe areas of the reservation not included in the tribal forest of the Klamath marsh as described in the termination act.

He said such fringe area sales would convert to cash some of the assets of the Klamath tribe "so that we can start paying off the withdrawing members of the tribe."

Tillamook—UPI—The Tillamook County Creamery Association has voted against a proposed increase in milk prices as proposed by Oregon Milk Producers.

Dulles Convinced China Reds Won't Achieve Goal



WALL BEING WRECKED—Shown above is the concrete wall which encircled the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater in Lithia park, Ashland. Wrecking crews this week started wrecking the wall to make room for construction of a new proposed theater building for the 1959 season. A campaign to raise funds for construction of this new theater will start Nov. 12. (Classic Studio photo)

Directors To Be Elected in Five Districts Nov. 11

Directors will be elected in area irrigation districts Tuesday, Nov. 11, water users in the districts were reminded today.

Oregon law provides that irrigation districts elect directors the second Tuesday in November, which this year comes on a legal holiday, Veterans Day. A recent attorney general's opinion ruled that despite the holiday, the election must still be held on that day.

Petitions nominating candidates for director must be filed with the irrigation district secretary-manager 15 full days prior to the election.

Petition Filed Up to this morning, the only petition filed was one nominating J. G. Cameron for reelection to the Medford Irrigation district board.

No petitions had been filed nominating candidates in the Rogue River Valley, Talent, Eagle Point, and Gold Hill Irrigation districts.

In the Rogue River Valley district, the term of Gordon Kershaw, Medford, expires. David Holmes' term expires in the Talent district, and the term of C. Norman Gail expires in the Gold Hill district.

In the Eagle Point district, Clarence J. Grebb's term expires. Mrs. Ann Todd, who has been involved in a dispute with other members of the board over district policy, has indicated she plans to file as a candidate for the post.

Lumber Market In Spotty Condition

Portland—UPI—The lumber market of the Pacific Northwest is in a spotty condition this week.

Crow's Lumber Market Service which prepared the index of industry prices said "while there are a few indications that the downward trail is about to level off, there have been no dependable signs of it yet."

Crow's said green fir dimension for water shipment has dropped closer to a normal price relationship with rail shipment. Demand from both California and the east coast has been slack and Canadian price competition is tough.

Razing of Theater Nears Completion

Ashland—Razing operations at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater in Lithia park here are almost complete, with the stage already removed and workers this week tearing down the curved concrete wall which circled the back of the stage.

Festival officials pointed out that the concrete wall had never been used structurally by the theater organization. Dating from its original construction at the turn of the century for the former Chautauqua building, the wall has been razed recently.

The recent Elizabethan stage, built on the same Chautauqua site, stood within the wall, but was independent from it, it was pointed out. They said they have had several inquiries regarding the reason for destruction of the concrete wall.

Weakened by Cracks Architects and construction authorities working on the proposed new theater determined some time ago that the wall, which had been weakened by cracks, could not be used as support. To have designed the new theater building for construction within the wall would have greatly increased the cost estimates, since curves are more expensive in construction, they noted.

The remainder of the encircling wall will be left intact around the audience area, Festival officials said. It is hoped that in future years this portion can be altered and improved in accordance with suggestions from acoustical engineers, a plan advanced as a method for reducing traffic noise in the outdoor theater.

Although the \$275,000 fund drive for the Festival's new stage does not start until Nov. 12, the present leveling project had to start immediately after this year's performances. In order to open its 1959 season, foundation work for the new theater must be finished before heavy rains commence.

Work Starts on Hospital Building

Remodeling plans for the old Rogue Valley hospital building on East Main st. are expected in the near future, according to local sources.

The building was sold recently to Claude H. and Harold A. Esselstrom, brothers from Roseburg. It is reportedly being converted to a general office building, with space being leased to doctors, dentists and professional and vocational firms.

William Seibert, of the Medford architectural firm of Seibert and Sites, said today an architect's rendering of remodeling plans will be available "in about a week."

Nation Should Be Thankful for Chiang's Forces

Red Forces Declared Aimed at U.S. Defeat

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today his meeting with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek this week convinced him the Chinese Communists "will not gain their ends" either through military means or propaganda.

The secretary told newsmen this country can be thankful for Chiang's Nationalist government because it is resisting forces aiming at the "ultimate defeat of the United States."

The Chinese Reds, Dulles said, apparently want to keep fighting going in the Far East and are not interested in sincere efforts to promote peace. Force Renounced Dulles said that the Chinese Nationalists, on the other hand, have renounced the use of force to carry out their avowed mission "to bring about the restoration of freedom to the people on the mainland."

Dulles made the statement after reporting to President Eisenhower on his conferences in Formosa this week with Chiang. Dulles returned early today from the Far East.

Dulles said the Reds seemed to have broken their own cease fire proclamation because they want "to throw roadblocks in the way of stabilized tranquility."

He added that "it is possible that the firing is more for psychological than for military purposes."

Praises Nationalists Dulles said the American nation can be thankful for the Nationalist government because "it resists those forces whose central purpose is world rule and, to that end, the encirclement and ultimate defeat of the United States."

"The Communists seem to believe that they can best achieve domination of the Western Pacific if they perpetuate confusion and uncertainty and if they alternately give hopes for peace and fears of war," Dulles said in his statement.

"They accompany their erratic action with intensive propaganda to the effect that if the people of Asia would unite to expel the United States from the Western Pacific, then all would be well."

Local Club to Observe 35th Anniversary

Medford Kiwanis club will observe its 35th anniversary with a Saturday night dinner and dance at Rogue Valley Country club.

Speaker for the dinner, which is set for 7:30 p.m., will be Stary Gange, Visalia, Calif. A former governor of the California-Hawaii-Nevada district, Gange is an olive grower. He travels about the country giving addresses and is considered one of the 10 leading speakers in the United States. He addressed the 30th anniversary dinner of the Medford club in 1953.

Anti-Porter Ad Protested by Butler

Washington—UPI—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler protested today against what he called "smear" campaigns against Democrats. One of the things about which Butler complained was an advertisement in the Roseburg (Ore.) News-Review which sought to identify Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's propaganda.

78 Rescued, Nine Bodies Sighted In Coal Tunnel

Little Hope Held Men Still Alive

Springhill, Nova Scotia—UPI—Weary rescuers worked deep in the rubble-strewn Cumberland Coal and Railway Company mine here today in an effort to free 84 trapped miners. But a company spokesman said there was "little hope" any would be found alive.

The miners were among 172 trapped in an earth-shaking "bump" Thursday night which sent a coal and rock slides roaring through the tunnels, closing portions of the mine.

Nine Bodies Sighted Seventy-eight miners were rescued, but one died. Nine bodies were reported sighted in the mine by rescuers, making a death toll of 10.

It was the second major cave-in at Springhill in two years. The company said six "supervisory personnel" were in the mine when a "bump" an underground upheaval which results in the movement of the coal seam, trapped them at two levels.

Explosion Two Years Ago It was reported the supervisory personnel were making tests to determine what caused a series of small bumps which occurred at the mine this spring and for a while threatened closure of the colliery. An explosion at the same time two years ago killed 39 miners.

Dragnetmen, so-called because of a German named Draeger who invented their special equipment, pumped fresh air down the slope toward the two levels.

Harold Gordon, general manager of coal operations for the parent firm of Dominion Coal and Steel Corp., went into the pit to direct operations. Gordon is a former miner and Draegerman.

Rain Adds to Gloom A heavy rain added to the gloom at the pithead where families of the trapped men gathered in silent vigil. Some 80 masked Draegermen entered the pit in relays required to give up hope and worked throughout the night under floodlights.

Some Residents Pay Property Taxes

A few Jackson county residents have already paid their property taxes, county tax department officials reported today, but the rush of tax payments is expected near the first of the month.

Tax statements were mailed Oct. 14, officials said. Payments are due by Nov. 15.

The total tax levy is \$5,904,000, they reported, and of that amount 17 per cent is received from personal property tax. 14 per cent from utilities, and 69 per cent from real estate.

None of the tax income this year will go for county purposes, but will be distributed to cities, school districts and other taxing units in the county. The state of Oregon collects no property tax this year, and has not for a number of years.

Chicago—UPI—Time will stand still for an hour Sunday morning when areas of the nation still on daylight saving time turn back the clock.

"Dear Sir: In Answer to Your Expression of Concern of a Couple of Weeks Ago—"



Russia Offers To Back Aswan Dam

Cairo—UPI—The Soviet Union scored a major gain in the Middle East with its offer to finance the first stage of the gigantic Aswan High Dam on the Nile.

The announcement of the Soviet offer of the ruble equivalent of \$100 million Thursday night was followed today by an announcement work would start soon since the Nile flood season is ending now.

The offer was the second big Soviet loan negotiated by Vice President Abel Bakim Amer who was named head of a ministerial committee to speed up work on the dam. Amer negotiated a \$175 million loan for industrialization a year ago.

A United Arab Republic announcement said the project would cost \$600 million, but it was not clear whether this referred to the first stage which calls for an irrigation dam or the second stage which includes a hydroelectric project.

Forges Another Link What did appear clear was that Russia had forged another link in its already close friendship with the UAR by offering help that the Western powers had rejected.

Amer remarked at a Kremlin reception celebrating the loan that "the Soviet Union has proved she is a friend of all Arab peoples."

President Gamal Abdel Nasser has always insisted that Soviet aid had "no strings" and that the UAR continues to follow its policy of non-alignment in the struggle between East and West.

But Western diplomats feared Russia sooner or later would present its political bill. Renewed Effort Seen In Washington, diplomatic sources said Russia was making a renewed effort to woo the wavering Nasser closer to the Soviet bloc since there have been signs he was again leaning toward the West for economic assistance, recently borrowing \$100 million from West Germany.

The Washington sources also saw it as a long-range Russian program to spread Soviet influence since terms of the loan call for Russian technical personnel and construction equipment to help in the dam's construction.

Police Seek New Rally Location

Medford police are seeking a new site for high school football rallies and bonfires following an incident last week at the present site on Barnett rd., Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner said today.

A Medford physician answering an emergency call to deliver a baby at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital farther east on Barnett was reportedly delayed last Thursday evening by traffic congestion at the senior high school's rally.

Police said a St. Mary's school rally last night at the same location caused no congestion thanks to prior planning, but explained that the senior high rallies are much larger.

Gold Beach Woman Flown to Medford

Mrs. Lois Bust, Gold Beach, was flown from her home city to Medford yesterday for treatment of a gunshot wound in the hand. The flight was made in a Mercy Flights, Inc. air ambulance plane.

She was taken to Sacred Heart hospital, where her condition was reported as good this noon.

According to reports from Gold Beach, Mrs. Bust was wounded when she attempted to prevent her husband from committing suicide.

Another Mercy Flight yesterday took Mrs. Mildred Brown, route 1, box 215, Gold Hill, to Portland for emergency medical examination, and back to Medford.

The two flights brought to 884 the number of patients carried by the non-profit air ambulance corporation since it was formed nine years ago.

Highway Commission Okays Budget of \$126.9 Million for Next Year

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Highway Commission which concludes a meeting here today has approved a highway budget of \$126.9 million for 1959—the biggest on record.

This year's budget was \$74.1 million. The increase stems largely from the large federal-aid highway program for 1959 which will see more than twice as much money spent for highway construction as this year.

Construction Spending Up Construction spending will be about \$77.4 million compared with \$35.9 million this year.

The department will get about \$65 million in federal funds for 1959 and some \$60 million from state motor vehicle revenue.

Included in the budget is \$400,000 to lure tourists to Oregon during its centennial year. This is some \$90,000 more than is being spent this year.

The travel information division which handles this part of the budget plans to spend \$99,000 for magazine advertising, \$95,000 for newspaper ads and \$35,000 on television and radio.

Bids Too High The Commission awarded \$9,100,000 in highway contracts, all of them going to previously listed low bidders with two exceptions.

Bids on the Eagle Creek bridge near Richland were rejected as too high and the bid on the Nevada ave. interchange revenue.

change in Klamath Falls was awarded to Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, for \$334,099 because of a \$27,500 error in a bid submitted by Pacific Concrete Company.

The Commission also approved purchase of eight acres of land from the federal government between Yaquina Bay lighthouse and the Coast highway for use as a park.

Klamath county was authorized to give Lake county its 1960 federal road funds to start its "Winnemucca to the sea" route, although State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams was skeptical as to whether the project could be completed with the money available.

Lake county will pay the funds back in 1962.

WEATHER FORECAST: Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Cloudy Saturday with occasional light rain by early afternoon. Outlook for Sunday cloudy with showers. Low tonight 32. High Saturday 65. Temp. Highest Yesterday 58. Lowest this Morning 29. Our Skies Tonight: Sunset today 5:16 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:36 a.m. Moonrise today 3:57 p.m. Moonset tomorrow 4:44 a.m. Full Moon Hunter's Moon. PROMINENT STARS: Square of Pegasus, high in south. VISIBLE PLANETS: 9:30 p.m. Saturn, sets 7:31 p.m. Mars, in the east 9:27 p.m.