

# D'AUTREMONT LOOKS TO FREEDOM

## Nixon Says West To Stay in Berlin Pending Solution

Vice President Arrives in London

London—(UPI)—Vice President Richard Nixon bluntly told the Communist world today that the West intends to stay in Berlin until an acceptable solution to the city's problems is reached.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Pilgrims Society, a British-American group dedicated to furthering closer friendship between the two nations, Nixon warned against faltering in the face of Red challenges.

**History Said Clear**  
"The lesson of history is clear," Nixon said in the speech which marked the first formal event of his four-day goodwill visit to this country. "Rewarding aggression does not stop it," the Vice President said. "It only encourages more aggression in the future."

The Nixons were welcomed at Victoria Station by a small crowd of onlookers and a large group of newsmen.

He was greeted at the station by U.S. Ambassador John Hay Whitney and his wife, and by British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

The high point of the visit will come Wednesday when Nixon, acting as President Eisenhower's representative, dedicates the American Memorial Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral. The chapel is a memorial to the 28,000 Americans who lost their lives in Britain or in military operations launched from this country in World War II.

**Reds Schedule March**

The Communists have scheduled a mass meeting and a "march on the U.S. Embassy" tonight to protest Nixon's arrival. Scotland Yard has been alerted to deal with any repetition of the Red-led mob violence which greeted the Vice President in Latin America last spring.

"We can't prevent the Communist meeting, but we will watch it closely to make certain it doesn't get out of hand," a Scotland Yard spokesman said. "We wouldn't want any unpleasant incidents while Nixon is in England."

British police in uniform and plainclothes are certain to be on hand throughout Nixon's visit, but the spokesman said so far as he knows Britain will furnish no bodyguards for Nixon as such.

## Wilson School to Open December 2

Wilson Elementary school will open on a full-time basis Tuesday, Dec. 2, Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, announced today.

Wilson school children going to Roosevelt will move into the new school the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 1, and will start a full schedule the following day. Wilson and Roosevelt school children have been double shifting at Roosevelt on an abbreviated schedule.

A full schedule of classes will start for Roosevelt students Tuesday, Dec. 2, Dr. Mayfield said.

The cafeteria and gymnasium at Wilson will not be ready by Dec. 2, he said, but milk will be available for students who bring lunches. The cafeteria at Roosevelt school will start operating Dec. 2.

Revised bus schedules will be given to students by principals of both Wilson and Roosevelt schools, Dr. Mayfield said.

## Living Costs Unchanged For 2nd Straight Month

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"We're Not Doing So Well in Geneva But We're Getting Disarmament Over Here, Anyhow"



## Check Raises Hopes For New Swimming Pool on Jackson St.

Medford's hopes for a west side municipal swimming pool by next summer moved ahead yesterday, with the arrival of a \$25,000 check from the federal government.

The check goes to the Jackson County Housing authority for the time being. But Chairman Mark A. Goldy said he expects the authority to dissolve in a few weeks.

At that time, following an agreement made earlier in the year, the authority is to turn over its total assets, estimated

## County Receives \$326,805 From FS

Jackson county's share of receipts from U.S. forest service lands this year totals \$326,805.03, according to Karl Janouch, county treasurer.

This sum is approximately \$100,600 more than what Jackson county received last year, he added.

Janouch said he received the check this morning. It represents 25 per cent of the money from federal forest service receipts from land within county boundaries, the county treasurer explained.

The money is received from timber sales, grazing permits, and special land uses such as leases for summer home sites.

Of the money received, the county allocates 75 per cent for the general roads fund and 25 per cent to county schools.

## State Calls for Bids for Bridge

The Oregon State Highway commission has advertised for bids for construction of Antelope Creek bridge on Riley rd., about 2.5 miles south of Eagle Point.

County Engineer Paul Rynning said the commission designs the bridge and calls for bids. The county court will award the contract.

The bridge will be an 88-foot reinforced concrete structure. It is included in bids on eight projects advertised by the state highway commission at an estimated total cost of \$2,300,000.

County crews are replacing wood decking on four or five irrigation bridges along the North Phoenix rd., Rynning said. The concrete decks will replace rotted wooden decking, he said.

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## Morse Defends Testimony Given In 1931 Auto Crash Civil Case

### 'Critics Flunked In Logic,' Oregon Solon Declares

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) today defended his testimony in a 1931 automobile accident civil case and said his "critics" had "flunked in logic" in comparing it to another case involving Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield several years later.

Morse issued a statement in reply to a copyrighted story in the Oregon Journal Monday which said the senior Oregon senator, while a University of Oregon law professor, was involved in an automobile accident near Eugene. The story said Morse was driving a car which collided with another and that the other party recovered \$387 damages in a civil suit. It said a notable parallel between the Morse and Hatfield cases was that both Morse and Hatfield testified they did not see the object struck until the time of collision.

**Hatfield Case Revealed**  
Morse, during the final days of the 1958 Oregon gubernatorial campaign, brought out that Hatfield was involved in a fatal automobile accident when Hatfield was 18-years-old and lost a civil suit resulting from the mishap, in which a little girl was killed.

"My critics had to labor mightily to pull out of the hat for Hatfield a property damage case which was tried before a Lane county jury in 1931, with me as a witness, and to try to make out that it is parallel to the Hatfield case," Morse said in his statement today. Morse said that in the case, Alice Miller vs. Carlton Spencer, "I admitted responsibility for damage to a motor vehicle. In the Hatfield case, Hatfield unsuccessfully attempted to avoid responsibility for an accident."

**Verdict Said Correct**  
The Miller-Spencer case involved a collision between a car owned by Spencer and driven by Morse and one driven by Mrs. Miller's husband which was owned by Mrs. Miller.

Morse said, "as the driver of the Spencer automobile, I readily admitted to the jury that I did not see the other automobile approaching when the accident occurred. I told the truth. The case ended in the trial court with a verdict for the plaintiff, as it should have. As a witness I did not seek to prevent such a verdict."

**Property Donated For Use by Rogue Council on Aging**  
A piece of property of approximately 7 1/2 acres in the Ashland vicinity has been donated to the Rogue Valley Council on Aging as a possible site for housing of elderly persons. The offer came as a direct result of the housing conference held Nov. 17 at the Rogue Valley hospital.

**Pears Top Carloads Shipped from Area**  
Oregon's leading pear production district, Medford, produced 727.7 carloads in October to account for almost all commodities—730.3 carloads—to leave the valley, according to W. L. Close, federal-state supervisor of shipping point inspection.

In his report to the state department of agriculture, Close divided the remaining carloads to the following commodities and amounts: apples, 9; onions, 8; potatoes, .5; and peaches, .4.

The second district in pear production is Hood River, which moved a total of 116.3 carloads. Hood River cherries (brine) added 6.7 carloads and apples totaled 144.6, for a total of 267.6 carloads.

Total statewide inspections made during October amounted to 3,469 carloads, down 817 over figures of October last year. The total to Nov. 1 appears at 10,329 which is down 1,359 over Nov. 1, 1957.

To date this year, federal-state inspectors have checked 2,096 cars, as compared with 3,200 at the same date a year ago.



**MYSTERY TREE**—Shown as it appeared last summer in full regalia, this 14-foot tree in front of 820 South Beekman ave., Medford, has aroused curiosity and controversy.

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Howard Heydlauff, federal housing administration assistant director at Portland, spoke at the conference on the new federal program for elderly people as well as at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday.

The site, contributed by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, has been inspected by Heydlauff and found to be acceptable, it was reported.

**Non-Profit Group**  
The land will be available if an acceptable non-profit sponsoring organization will assume the responsibility of carrying on the project. Such a sponsoring group would be a philanthropic organization, church, labor union, fraternal lodge, club, trade or professional association, veterans group, nationality group, municipal, state or county governing body or the like with a recognized interest in providing housing for the elderly.

William Hoxie, housing committee chairman, and his committee met at the Senior Activity Center Tuesday and discussed the project. Any group wishing more information may contact Hoxie or Frank Glonning, chairman of the Council.

The conference was attended by nearly 30 persons representing the various levels of government, church, and other organizations as well as state representatives.

Attending the meeting in addition to Heydlauff was R. E. Stevenson, FHA regional office, Salt Lake City, and K. Carl Robie, local FHA representative.

Among the facts brought out at the conference were that persons 60 years of age and older are eligible to live in such housing area; that the rental costs depend on the development; and that old hotels in some incidents may be used for this type of housing.

Salem—(UPI)—Bids on \$2,300,000 in highway projects will be opened by the State Highway Commission here Dec. 9.

## OSC Professor Says Beekman Ave. Tree May Be Hedge Maple

The latest attempt at naming the mystery tree at 820 South Beekman ave., Medford has been taken by a sage at the Oregon State college school of forestry.

"Acer campestre," better known as hedge maple or English cork bark maple, is the name offered by Warren R. Randall, assistant professor in the forest management department.

The Arnold Arboretum in Boston, botany's Harvard, has returned a similar finding. This was reported yesterday by Marcel Le Piniec, horticulture authority and proprietor of Garden Center Nursery in Phoenix.

**Closely Related**  
Le Piniec tentatively identified the tree two weeks ago as "Acer diversgens." The two are closely related, he said. But, he explained, "campestre" has larger fruit and leaves.

"The fruit and leaves are so small," he said of the Beekman ave. specimen, "that it can't be anything but diversgens."

The plight of the unfamiliar tree was disclosed a few weeks ago as the Medford street tree committee wound up its inventory of the city's streetside arboreal assets. One tree, members reported, had them stumped.

**Cerebral Hemorrhage Claims Gervais Mayor**  
Gervais—(UPI)—Merrill Blair Lucas, 63, mayor of Gervais, died here Monday as he was preparing to make his morning school bus run.

Death was believed due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

**Kettering, Inventive Genius, Succumbs**  
Dayton, Ohio—(UPI)—Charles F. (Boss) Kettering, 82, millionaire, philanthropist and inventive genius of the automotive industry, died at 2:43 p.m. (EST) today of a cerebral hemorrhage.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Valley fog tonight and Wednesday morning. Clearing during the day. Colder tonight, 30-35. High tomorrow 46.  
Highest Yesterday 45  
Lowest This Morning 40  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 4:43 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:15 a.m.  
Moonrise today 4:40 p.m.  
Full Moon tomorrow 2:16 a.m.  
**MORNING STARS**  
JUPITER, rises  
Now about 591 million miles away, this planet's distance from the Earth is decreasing and its brilliance is increasing.

## Shakespeare Fund Reaches Third of \$275,000 Total

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival fund-raising campaign went well over the one-third mark today, with a total of \$103,057.70 reported at noon.

The second general report meeting for the fund drive also was told that Ginger Rogers has accepted the chairmanship for southern California for the drive, and her mother, Mrs. Lela Rogers, will assist her.

The campaign total is \$275,000, and will be used to construct a new theater building in Lithia park to replace the old one, which has been razed in compliance with state fire marshal's orders.

The total today more than doubles the amount reported last week at this time, when \$48,606 had been collected. Voluntary Total

The amount includes more than \$32,000 raised in Ashland today, out of a voluntary quota of \$50,000 for the festival's home city. This amount has been matched by an anonymous donor, and results in more than \$64,000 being credited to Ashland up to this point.

Medford's total as of today is \$33,040. More than \$3,300 has been received from out-of-town patrons of the festival, who were solicited by mail only. These gifts have ranged from \$1 to \$500, and were sent in response to the campaign brochure and an accompanying letter from the fund-drive chairman, Alfred S. V. Carpenter of Medford.

Other gifts have ranged in size from 10 cents, given yesterday by an Ashland boy aged 5, to \$10,000 from another anonymous donor.

Next report meeting will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Red Cross building on Hawthorne ave.

**Christmas Decorations Being Installed**  
Medford work crews are raising candy cane Christmas decorations along downtown streets this week. These and other decorations are being placed on lamp posts as downtown merchants prepare for their Christmas Opening Friday.

The merchants supply the decorations, and the necessary wiring. City crews do the installing.

**Clear and Cold Due For Thanksgiving**  
By United Press International  
Clear but cold weather is the prospect for most of Oregon for Thanksgiving Day.

Sunny, cold weather is expected in Oregon today and Wednesday, and little change is expected for Thanksgiving Day.

**Boasts Knowledge**  
Gribble, who boasts a prodigious knowledge of trees according to his fellow workers, has assisted Mrs. Jean Tucker and others in compiling the inventory.

Mrs. Tucker reported yesterday that some 4,700 trees, comprising between 70 and 80 varieties, have been recorded on 115 maps.

"Of the 4,700," she told the roundtable, "200 are new trees planted under the program."

The tree committee was established by ordinance in 1957, its ultimate function to encourage and regulate the planting of trees along Medford's streets. Other members present yesterday to give the roundtable a progress report included John F. Williams Jr., Paul Jorgenson, Bob Johnson, John Adams, and Mrs. O. A. Eden, the group's chairman.

## Parole Board Grants Release After 31 Years

Printing Trade To Be Followed

Salem—(UPI)—Hugh D'Autremont, 54, winner of a parole after 31 years in prison for the 1923 Siskiyou murder-train robbery attempt in southern Oregon, looked forward today to a job as a printer and freedom from publicity.

The Oregon Parole Board voted unanimously Monday to grant D'Autremont a parole after he completed a pre-release training period, normally about 60 days.

Excerpts from the files of the Mail Tribune of June 21, 1927, the day Hugh D'Autremont was found guilty of murder in the tunnel 13 train robbery in the Siskiyou, in a trial at the old county courthouse in Jacksonville, appear on page 5.

D'Autremont was convicted of murder in 1927 and has been in prison since. His older twin brothers, Roy and Ray, also are under life sentences. Roy is in the state hospital.

**Classic Crime**  
The 1923 train robbery was one of the classic crimes of the west in the roaring 20s. On Oct. 11 Southern Pacific mail train number 13 was making its way through the Siskiyou mountains. As it reached tunnel 13, it was halted by three bandits.

Three trainmen were shot to death and a mail clerk was killed in the dynamite explosion of the mail car. The bandits fled without getting any loot.

The three D'Autremonts were indicted for assault on a mail clerk that December. But despite one of the West's biggest manhunts, the bandits remained at large. Four years later Hugh was located in the Philippines through a wanted poster. He was serving in the Army under an assumed name. The older brothers were found living in Ohio.

All were brought back to Oregon and got life for murder.

Hugh, in recent years, began a legal battle to get his freedom. Three murder charges and the assault count remained against him. He appeared in court in Medford and pleaded guilty last February to another of the murder charges, receiving another count were dismissed.

On May 1 he appeared in Federal Court in Portland and pleaded guilty to the assault charge. He was given probation by Federal Judge Gus Solomon who noted Oregon had "assumed jurisdiction over the defendant and the responsibility for his custody and punishment."

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## Restraining Order Issued in Strike

By United Press International  
A federal judge issued a temporary order against a threatened pilots' strike on American Airlines, third of the major air carriers beset by labor troubles, but a spokesman for the pilots' union said tonight's walkout deadline remained in force for the time being.

Two major lines, Eastern and Trans World, were grounded and their planes silent instead of warming up for the Thanksgiving rush. The strike of the Air Lines Pilots Association against American, in a long wage dispute, was set for a minute before midnight.

**Winds, Heavy Snow Close Schools in Midwest Area**  
By United Press International  
Howling winds propelled cold air into a broad area of the mountain and plains states today, threatening four inches and more of snow for part of the northlands, closing schools in part of North Dakota, and bringing cold wave warnings to an eight-state area.

Winds in gusts up to 100 miles an hour injured two persons and caused thousands of dollars damage in country south of Denver today, wrecking some automobiles and carports and lashing homes.

In North Dakota, winds reached 65 miles an hour, up to seven inches of snow was expected in the northern part of the state and motorists were told to stay off the highways. Highway equipment was idled as the storm struck and schools were closed. Traffic in Minot was paralyzed.

**Conditions Worsen**  
As the day wore on, conditions in parts of North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota worsened, and blizzard warnings were issued. Winds were blowing 20 to 35 miles an hour, whisking thick, heavy snow ahead of them. Students at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota Agriculture colleges were asked to remain on campus until the storm abated.