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Western Berlin Demands Force If Necessary

Western Powers Warned by Mayor

Berlin - (UP) - Isolated West Berlin demanded today the Western Allies use military force if necessary to save it from absorption by the Communists.

Leaders and citizens alike rejected the Soviet proposal to establish a "neutralized free city" in West Berlin and called it a cunning Soviet power attempt to swallow another part of the free world.

West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt warned the Western powers:

"Do not put your head in the sand. The naked existence of 2,200,000 people who live in West Berlin is at stake. The Soviet goal is absolutely clear - all of Berlin is to be incorporated into the Soviet Zone."

Brandt said the United States, Britain and France must back up the city with their military might and announced he would fly shortly to Washington to discuss the situation.

Give Solemn Pledge

He said the Allies have given their solemn pledge to defend the city and "we cannot release our Allied friends from this responsibility."

Brandt's warning was echoed by Ernest Lemmer, top representative of the West German government in Berlin. He said West Berlin would never agree to become a no-man's-land in the middle of Germany and Europe.

Most Berliners immediately conjured up a vision of the free city of Danzig which was annexed by Adolf Hitler the moment he saw fit.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, speaking in Bonn, assured anxious Berliners that Western Allied security guarantees will save the city "no matter what the developments of the future will be."

Louisiana Athletic Law Held Illegal

New Orleans - (UP) - A federal district court struck down today a Louisiana State law which prohibits whites and Negroes from competing against each other in all athletic events.

The three judge court here declared the 1956 state law unconstitutional and issued an injunction prohibiting the continued enforcement of the act.

The court ruled the law and a section of the rules of the State Athletic Commission, which prohibited inter-racial boxing events "unconstitutionally insofar as they attempted to prohibit athletic contests between Negroes and whites based solely on the contestants' race or color."

The decision was based on a suit filed by Negro boxer Joseph Dorsey Jr., against the athletic commission. Dorsey maintained that the law "jeopardized" his ring career.

Parade Ushers Holiday Season Into Portland

Portland - (UP) - The Christmas season was ushered in today as thousands of parents and children braved a chilly east wind to watch the annual Fairy Tale parade in downtown Portland. The temperature was around 36 degrees but the sun was shining.

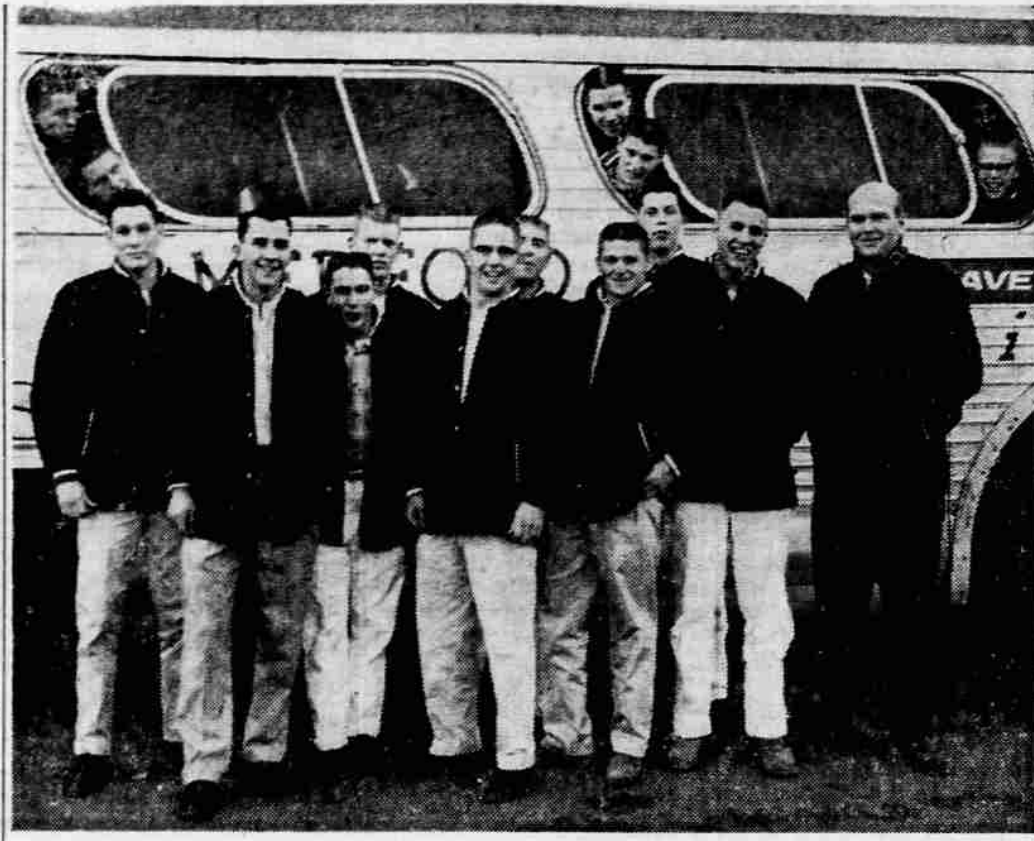
Salem - (UP) - All Oregon highways were clear of snow today.

Protests About Highway By-Pass Sent to State

Phoenix - A letter from the City of Phoenix protesting "a hazardous condition" on the one-way-by-pass for northbound traffic on Highway 99 at Phoenix has been sent to the Oregon State Highway Commission. It was directed to H. B. Glaisyer, commission secretary.

Phoenix City Attorney Frank J. Van Dyke, writing on behalf of the city, stated that "records of the Phoenix Police department indicate that since July 2, 1957, nine cars on different occasions have spun out of control and gone over the bank on this by-pass."

The letter adds that "frequent occurrences of mishaps on this stretch of highway, particularly during rainy weather, make it obvious that appropriate steps should be



EMBARK FOR TITLE GAME - Medford High school football squad members pose here before leaving for state Class A-1 championship game with Jefferson being played tonight at Multnomah stadium in Portland. They are wearing new travel jackets presented to the high school by Crater Lake Machinery company and Rogue Equipment Sales. Standing beside the bus, left to right, are Jim Fontaine, Jim Clark, Gerry Lyons, Gary Heath, Fred Funston, Dennis Barr, John Harvey, Monty Penwell, Pete Rasmussen and line coach Paul Evensen.

Military Spending Talked by Chiefs

Augusta, Ga. - (UP) - Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy said today after a long conference with President Eisenhower against the darkening background of the Berlin crisis that the administration would have a "pretty rough time" holding military spending in the next fiscal year to the present level of \$40,800,000,000.

Treasure Hunt to Start Late Today

Prize numbers will be displayed on merchandise in 43 stores in downtown Medford between 4 and 5 o'clock this evening when the stores will open for the Christmas shopping season.

Free tickets for the treasure hunt have been available in the stores for the past two weeks and will be distributed until 4 o'clock today. Throughout this week the stores have displayed the one or more prizes which will be marked with the winning ticket numbers.

Prizes will be removed from the Christmas treasure hunt if they are not claimed by 5 p.m. Saturday.

Santa Claus will make his appearance this evening accompanied by the Medford High school and junior high school bands.

Sponsored jointly by the Retail Merchandise Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the bands will play in the downtown area from 7 until 8 o'clock. Santa Claus will follow the bands until 8 o'clock when he will stop on Bartlett st. between Eighth and Sixth sts. and continue to talk with children and distribute candy until 9 p.m.

Carolers will also accompany Santa on his tour. All stores in the downtown section will be open until 9 o'clock tonight.

Paris - (UP) - Premier Charles de Gaulle will fly to Algeria next week for the fourth time since his return to power to try once again to restore peace to the North African territory.

Thanksgiving Turkey Weighing 30 Pounds Goes Up in Flames

The six hungry members of the William Glomb family, 341 Black Oak dr., watched frantically yesterday morning as their 30-pound Thanksgiving turkey went up in smoke and flames.

Glomb had, as usual, chosen the largest bird he could find. Mrs. Glomb reported today. But the extra bit of tail which hung over the end of the pan in the hot oven dripped fat onto the electric coils and resulted in loss of half the turkey, including breast-meat and drumsticks.

Mrs. Glomb said the kitchen filled with smoke and spurs of fire when Glomb opened the oven door to inspect the bird. She and the children stood by as he doused the flames with 10 pounds of white flour.

The Glombs went out for dinner with friends, as planned, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vilarino, Old Stage rd., but taking as their share only the turkey back, wings and dressing. The Vilarinos served ham.

Soviet Maneuver Not To Threaten Or Trick Allies

Washington - (UP) - The Soviet Union was on notice today that the United States and its allies can be neither tricked nor threatened into turning free West Berlin over to "hostile domination" by the Communists.

The Western Allies began consultations which foreshadowed virtually certain rejection of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's Thanksgiving Day maneuver to force Britain, France and the United States out of West Berlin and turn it into a "demilitarized free city."

The Russians said that if the Western Big Three refused to agree to the plan within six months, the Soviet Union would withdraw from its sector in East Berlin and force the Allies to deal with the puppet East German Communist regime, which they refuse to recognize.

The United States lashed back in a sharp statement declaring that the Russians apparently want to "keep their grip on East Berlin" while tricking the Allies into leaving West Berlin "in favor of what is called a 'free city'."

The U. S. statement, issued late Thursday, made it clear that the Russian maneuver will fail for two reasons:

1. Britain, France and the United States are "solemnly committed" to the security of West Berlin and its 2,250,000 inhabitants who have "convincingly and courageously demonstrated the good fruits of freedom."

2. This country will not agree to Russia's pulling out of its treaty obligations in Berlin "nor will it enter into any agreement with the Soviet Union which, whatever the form, would have the end result of abandoning the people of West Berlin to hostile domination."

Oregon Records Deathless Holiday

Oregon apparently got through the Thanksgiving day holiday without a traffic death.

State police reported no fatal accidents for the period from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Thursday.

Two persons died in traffic mishaps just before the holiday period started. Mrs. Mary Foss, 52, Coos Bay, was injured fatally in an accident south of Eugene on Highway 99 and Kenneth G. Cruickshank, 21, Bend, died from injuries suffered in an accident north of Madras.

State Gets Senior Republican Chapter

Salem - (UP) - State Republican Chairman James F. Short said today a chapter of the newly-formed National Senior Republican Club has been started in Oregon with four men named to positions.

Honorary members of the national executive committee of the Club are Mrs. George F. Gerlinger, Portland, and former governor A. W. Norblad, Astoria. Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, and Walter W. R. May, Portland, were named chairmen of the active Senior Republican Club chapter.

California With 13 Fatalities Leads Nation

Snow, Freezing Rain Pile Up in East

By United Press International

A forecast of bad weather for nearly two-thirds of the nation today has hung a black cloud over hopes for safely celebrating the last two days of the Thanksgiving week end.

The holiday neared its midpoint with a relatively low traffic death toll, but warnings of heavy snows throughout the Southwest and freezing rain across the upper half of the nation threatened a deadly finish to the week end.

A United Press International count at 10:30 a.m. (PST) showed at least 152 persons killed in traffic accidents since the four-day holiday began at 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve. In addition, 17 persons died in fires, one in an airplane crash in Texas, and 28 in miscellaneous accidents for an overall toll of 183.

California reported the heaviest traffic toll with 13 dead, followed by Ohio 12, Pennsylvania 11, and Illinois and New York with 9 each.

The weatherman's gloomy predictions were expected to keep even more people at their own firesides for the remainder of the four-day holiday - already one of the homiest in recent years.

Strikes against two major airlines - Western and Trans World - have reduced the nation's air traffic by one-third.

The holiday death toll was expected to rise at a steeper rate today with hazardous driving conditions predicted for the Midwest and Southwest, where snow, sleet and rain glazed highways.

Freezing temperatures were forecast for the New England states.

In other deaths, two girls drowned at a Stoughton, Wis., swimming pool after breaking through the ice while skating and two 12-year-old boys fell through thin ice and drowned in a Chicago park lagoon.

In San Jose, Calif., Mrs. Clara Mull, 83, choked to death while eating Thanksgiving turkey.

Pileup Injures Six

California highway patrolmen said a 34-car pileup near San Francisco at the approach to the southern end of Carquinez Strait bridge was the worst within memory. Six persons were seriously injured.

The Chicago weather bureau predicted heavy snows up to four inches in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and parts of Arkansas and Missouri. Lighter snows were to fall throughout the Midwest.

The temperature dipped to 20 degrees below zero in the high mountains of Colorado and Wyoming, with sub-zero temperatures forecast through out the rest of those states.

License for Nursing Homes Gets Backing

Portland - (UP) - The State Public Welfare Commission said today it would seek cooperation of the State Board of Health in seeking legislation requiring that both the health and welfare departments be responsible for licensing of nursing homes.

At present only the health department is responsible for licensing. Welfare officials, at their regular monthly meeting here today, said they felt they also could contribute in judging adequacy of nursing homes.

Jeanne Jewett, state welfare administrator, said there was a possibility the department would not have to seek more money from the State Emergency Board in the heavier caseload winter months, although cases are increasing.

In October, the caseload was up eight per cent over the same month last year.

Farmers' Prices In Slight Decline

Washington - (UP) - Prices farmers received for crops and livestock dropped four-tenths of one per cent in the month ended Nov. 15, the Agriculture Department reported today.

The Department's monthly price report also showed the cost of production and living supplies purchased by farmers rose one-third of one per cent to a new all-time high during the same period.

The amount farmers received in mid-November averaged 81 per cent of parity, the lowest recorded for the year. This compared with 82 per cent in mid-October and 81 per cent in mid-November a year ago.

Parity is the price needed to put commodities sold by farmers on a par with the par with the cost of things they must buy - theoretically a fair return for their products.

Berlin - (UP) - Vice President Richard M. Nixon has assured West Berlin of "un diminished American support" against any Communist threat.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fog or low clouds tonight and Saturday morning. Fair Saturday afternoon. Fog again Saturday night. Low to night 30 degrees. High Saturday 46 degrees.

Highest Yesterday 42
Lowest this Morning 29
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:18 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 7:07 p.m.
Last Quarter Dec. 3

PROMINENT STARS

Vega, low in north-west 10:03 p.m.
Rigel, in the south-east 10:16 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS

Mars, high in southeast 9:21 p.m.
Jupiter, in the southeast at sunrise.

Property Taxes in County Show 8.6 Per Cent Increase

All-Time High Is Reached in State

Property tax levies in Jackson county have increased 8.6 per cent for 1958-59 over the previous year, according to preliminary figures compiled by the State Tax Commission from reports of the various counties. The 1958-59 total for Jackson county is \$6,228,937, compared with \$5,734,128 the previous year.

Property taxes in Oregon have reached an all-time high of nearly \$170 million for the 1958-59 tax year, the Commission reported.

The compilation shows an increase of 7.1 per cent or nearly \$12 million over last year for the state. The new levy amounts to \$104.50 for every man, woman and child in the state, according to the Oregon Tax Research.

Taxes for the 1958-59 fiscal year ending next June 30 totaled \$178,810,392, which includes \$2,080,324 in special assessments. The 1957-58 report showed an ad valorem levy of \$164,923,010 and assessments of \$2,019,589, for a total of \$166,942,599.

Increased basic school support voted by the special session of the 1957 Legislature served to hold down the increase this year. Without the additional help from the state's general fund, property tax levies would have totaled nearly \$9 million more, according to estimates of the state department of education.

Four counties had lower taxes, one showed no change, and the other 31 recorded increases. The largest single percentage increase, 27.3 per cent, was reported by Gilliam county, where the total jumped from \$567,154 to \$722,225. Sherman county had the largest percentage decrease, 13.9 per cent - down to \$564,253 from \$655,395. Hood River county showed no change.

Josephine county's total property tax levied in 1958-59 total \$1,873,142, 21.3 per cent more than the \$1,544,482 in 1957-58.

The Oregon Tax Research reported that of the \$178.8 million levied for the current year, \$113 million was for school purposes. The 36-county levy for schools was up \$7 million from the previous year.

Transient Asks for Lodging; Gets It

Levi Anson Lewis, 51, transient, who "wanted to be arrested so he would have a place to sleep," according to Medford police, was arraigned in district court Wednesday evening on a charge of trespass to real property.

City police said Lewis appeared at the police station Tuesday evening and asked for lodging. When advised that it was not the policy of the police to give transients a place to sleep, police said he threatened to go out and break a window so police would be forced to put him in jail.

After leaving the station, witnesses reported that Lewis broke a window in Stan's Shoe Repair shop, 137 North Central ave., and demanded city police arrest him. The police complied.

The transient pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge James M. Main and was held in county jail with sentencing scheduled this afternoon.

Tanker Truck Burns On Salem Bypass

Salem - (UP) - A tanker truck caught fire on the Salem bypass early today and traffic was diverted for two hours. No one was injured. Heat was so intense that pavement melted.

State police said the truck and trailer rig was owned by Rick's Oil Company of Eugene and was driven by D. C. Stevens, also Eugene.

Capt. R. G. Howard said the trailer started to wave before tipping over and that sparks from the skid apparently set it afire. The truck was disengaged from the tanker trailer.

Firemen from Salem and Four Corners were sent to the scene. The accident occurred north of the Silverton road overpass. Traffic was diverted into Salem at Market street and at the Hayesville junction.

West Won't Abandon It's Rights in Berlin

By United Press International

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The revenue service said it was issuing the reminder because about 53 million 1958 W-2 forms (statements of earnings and tax withheld), incorrectly carry a maximum figure of \$5,000. The forms were printed before the income limit was doubled.

Some taxpayers who changed jobs this year have already received W-2 statements showing the old limit.

An IRS spokesman said the forms printed before the change would be used. They amounted to about half the total W-2 printing.

Under the new rules, taxpayers may use the short return, form 1040A, if their wage or salary income was less than \$10,000 in 1958 and other earnings did not top \$200. Married couples may file a joint return on Form 1040A, if their combined income did not exceed these limits.

The IRS estimated that about 31 million taxpayers will be eligible to file on form 1040A, a punch card about the size of a bank check. About 14 million persons used it in 1957.

Opposition To Maneuver Said To Be War Threat

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