

# RUSSIANS DETAIN U.S. CONVOY

## Post-High School Education Aired

### Legislation Being Prepared for State Districts

Areas Would Be Formed as Needed

Salem—UPI—The Joint House and Senate Committees on Education took their first overall look at post-high school education in Oregon at a well-attended hearing here Monday night.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) said that he and Rep. J. Pat Metke (R-Bend) were preparing legislation that would divide the state into 15 districts where two years of post high school education, chiefly vocational and technical, could be provided.

**Follows Flesher Lines**  
The proposal of the two legislators will be along lines suggested by Dr. William Flesher in his report on vocational and technical education in Oregon, except that Flesher recommended only seven districts.

The educational districts would be formed by an election of local people as needed. They would be financed equally by the state or federal government, the education center district and student tuition.

**Not Compulsory**  
Sweetland said he thought such districts, which would not be compulsory, would operate at only a fraction of the cost to students of living away from home at a college or university.

Dr. Paul F. Wilneth, president of the Oregon Vocational Association, told the joint committee he agreed with the Flesher report findings on the need for more technical and vocational education in Oregon.

Dr. O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education explained the Flesher report to the group in outline.

## Scanlon Maples Planted in City

The first plantings of Scanlon maple were made last week end around the St. Mary's school in Medford, Street tree planting program. St. Mary's thus began a series of plantings to re-landscape the area around the school. Eight of the trees were planted on Holly st., next to the school. The Scanlon, a tree developed especially for streets, is the tree selected for all of Holly and Grape sts.

More trees will be planted this week end, according to Bill Dugan, coordinator for the school. Eight Thunder Cloud Flowering plum will go in on 11th st. next to the school, and the Modesto Ash will go in on 12th st. from Ivy to Holly sts. The flowering plum is the tree selected for 11th st. from Oakdale to Central avens. The Modesto Ash is picked from Oakdale to Fir.

Money to plant the trees at St. Mary's was raised partly by Girl Scout Troop 181 and Cub Pack 1. The Girl Scouts had a baked food sale to raise \$25 for trees, according to Mrs. Quenten Lewis, leader and Mrs. Florian Shaky, assistant leader. Vincent Nicoletti reported the Cubs raised their portion of the monies through various projects during the year.

## Budget Cut Forced Curb, Space Committee Hears

Washington—UPI—Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, chief of Air Force research and development, said today he had to curtail needed programs because of deep administration cuts in his budget. He told the House Space Committee his request for \$1,287,000,000 in research funds was chopped to \$753 million before the President's budget was submitted to Congress.

He said the budgeted amount was about \$3 million less than provided for the current fiscal year.

"Well, That Takes Care Of That"



## Consolidation Seen As Possible Action By Griffin Creek

Griffin Creek school district officials indicated last night they are ready to start proceedings toward consolidation with the Medford school district prior to July 1, 1959, Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, reported today.

The statement was made at a meeting of Medford school district officials with representatives of Griffin Creek, Ruch and Applegate and Glenn Smith, member of both the Jackson county rural school board and the Jackson county school reorganization committee.

Howard school district has indicated already it is ready to start consolidation proceedings toward uniting with Medford, Dr. Mayfield said.

## Hearing Set for Central Point Man

Preliminary hearing for Lester Lee Lewis, 66, Route 2 box 671, Central Point, was set for Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m. by District Judge Roy Bashaw Monday afternoon.

Lewis, who was arrested Friday by state and Medford police on a warrant charging procuring a female to engage in prostitution, appeared in court Friday and requested an attorney. He was represented yesterday by O. H. Bengtson, local attorney.

He is being held in county jail on \$1,500 cash bail or \$2,000 property bond. The original amount of \$5,000 was lowered by the court following a recommendation by both attorneys.

Lewis was arrested following an investigation by state and city police which included obtaining statements from three local women who stated that Lewis had approached them in a local restaurant.

Lewis admitted in a signed statement following his arrest that he had taken three of the females to a restaurant in Jackson county where they had relations with employees there and were paid. He told police that he had received a portion of the proceeds.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 92.34, up 0.11; 20 railroads 162.33, up 0.76; 15 utilities 112.20, up 0.48; and 65 stocks 205.61, up 0.44. Sales today were about 3,220,000 shares compared with 3,610,000 shares Monday.

Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force chief of staff, told the committee that the United States "must move at an extremely rapid pace" if it is to meet Russia's space challenge.

## American Held As Suspect in Castro Death Plot

### Ex-Military Flier Held Since Dec. 26

Havana—UPI—Edward A. Nye, 31, of Chicago and Coral Gables, Fla., has been held for more than a month as the suspected triggerman in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro, it was reported today.

Police said the rebels who seized Nye in eastern Cuba Dec. 26—five days before ex-President Fulgencio Batista fell—reported that he had a rifle with a telescopic sight and a pistol in his possession at the time.

**Charges Not Told**  
Nye, who is being held at a police station here, told UPI that he never has heard what charges have been filed against him—if any. He denied complicity in any murder plot.

"It's all a big mistake," he said. "I came to Cuba to join Castro, not to kill him."  
Nye, who was a military flier during World War II, said he came to Cuba to offer Castro the benefit of his experience. He said he was looking for Castro when the rebels seized him in Santa Rita.

**Reason for Suspicion**  
Police Lt. Jose M. Fernandez Roa said, however, that the police "have reason to suspect" that Nye was paid \$10,000 by unidentified persons to infiltrate rebel ranks and shoot Castro.

Fernandez said Nye entered Cuba "clandestinely" by small plane a week before Batista's overthrow.  
No one would comment officially on the precise nature of the charges against Nye. The U.S. Embassy says it has been informed that the American is being held on "criminal charges," but would give no details.

## Butte Falls Man Killed in Tractor Accident Monday

Harold Lee Parker, 41, of Butte Falls Star route, was killed in a tractor accident yesterday afternoon about six miles up the Butte Falls highway, Sgt. Dean DeBerry, of the Jackson county sheriff's office, reported.

The accident occurred on the Parker ranch between 4 and 5 p.m., DeBerry said. Medford Ambulance service was called to the accident scene and found Parker's body under the right rear wheel and in front of the grader blade of the tractor.

The tractor had stopped, probably after running into a bank and was leaning slightly to the right on a side hill, it was reported.

Parker apparently was grading a road at the time. The body is being sent by Conger-Morris Funeral home to Chowchilla, Calif., for services and burial.

Parker was born on July 31, 1917, in Oklahoma. On Jan. 4, 1939 in Reno, Nev., he was married to Mildred Duncan, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Christopher Lee Parker and Harold Robert Parker, both at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Parker, Chowchilla, Calif.; two brothers, Sterling L. and James H. Parker, Chowchilla; and a sister, Mrs. Jack Weaver, Madera, Calif.

## Construction Date For Stockade Set

Construction of a stockade as a tourist information center on Siskiyou summit will start about March 1, according to Ernie Hood, Jackson county coordinator for the Oregon Centennial celebration.

Hood told the Ashland Centennial committee last night that gravel will be spread on the site prior to March 1 and that it is hoped to have the work completed by the first of May and the stockade in operation by May 15.

The stockade will be staffed by both adults and students 12 hours a day from May 15 through Sept. 15, he said. Literature from five southern Oregon counties and all the cities in Jackson county will be made available to tourists, Hood said.

## Repeal of Anti-Picketing Law Has Favorable Report

### Former DeArmond Brothers Company Being Remodeled

Expansion Planned By New Owners

Rogue River—Remodeling and expansion of the former DeArmond Brothers Lumber company is expected to get underway this week new owners of the firm have announced.

The mill, now known as Crater Plywood Inc., was purchased recently by seven Medford and Grants Pass lumbermen. The company will manufacture green plywood and studding.

President and general manager of the new firm is R. E. Nealy, Grants Pass lumberman. Other officers include H. R. Blacketer, vice president, Grants Pass; LeRoy White, secretary, Medford; and Loyd F. Silva, treasurer, Grants Pass. Other members of the board of directors are Duane Nealy, son of the president; William R. Barrett, Grants Pass, and B. D. Mitchell, Medford.

White has been associated with the plywood division of Kogap Lumber Industries, Medford, while Mitchell was with Mitchell Brothers Truck Lines.

Both R. E. and Duane Nealy have operated the Nealy Logging company while Blacketer was associated with Custom Plywood Inc., it was reported.

Silva was in charge of Silva Logging company and Barrett was head of Barrett and Company, a lumber firm.

Remodeling of the Rogue River plant is expected to be finished by April 15 and to cost more than \$150,000, it was reported. New construction will include a 60 by 100-foot addition to the present building.

Although the firm will continue manufacturing studding. It was reported that production would be greatly reduced. Main operation will be the making of green veneer. During the change-over the firm has been closed.

**Employment Figures**  
An estimated 20 men will be employed on each of two shifts in the veneer plant and about 15 in the stud mill. All of the employees are expected to be hired locally. White will be plant superintendent.

Former owners of the mill, Robert J. DeArmond, and his brother, Richard J., also own a stud mill in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A partner, Bill Joyner, formerly of Grants Pass, is currently operating the mill there. Robert and Richard DeArmond stated that "they may move to Idaho." They reported that their father, D. E. DeArmond, who owned part of the Rogue River operation, will remain in Medford.

### Public Outcry Urged Against Spending Plans

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower and his congressional chieftains joined today in urging a public outcry against big spending plans of the Democratic-controlled Congress.

Two major factors are responsible for the delay, according to a letter from Brig.

### Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:27 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:23 a.m.  
The Moon rises 4:42 a.m. tomorrow and rides low in the constellation, Sagittarius, near the planet, Saturn.

New Moon Feb. 7  
**BRIGHTEST CONSTELLATION**  
Orion, in the southeast in the evening twilight, will be high in south 8:52 p.m.

## Three Rock 'n' Roll Stars Die in Crash

Mason City, Iowa—UPI—Three stars of a rock 'n' roll troupe, including Ritchie Valens, 17, an Elvis Presley style singer, and a pilot were killed early today in a plane crash.

The other victims were Buddy Holly, another top singer in the teen-age tradition, and J. P. Richardson, known professionally as "The Big Bopper," and Roger Peterson, 21, Clear Lake, Iowa, the pilot.

The plane crashed into a snowy farm field about five miles north of nearby Clear Lake shortly after it took off for Fargo, N.D., early today.

At Hollywood, Valens' manager, Bob Keene, described the teen-ager as "the hottest singer in the country."  
"Everybody was saying he was the next Presley," Keene said.

The three chartered the plane from a flying service and hired Peterson to fly them to Fargo for an appearance there.

## Porter to Push for Completion of Basin Survey by Engineers

Congressman Charles O. Porter will continue to push for completion of the Rogue River basin flood control survey in time to have the basin project included in the omnibus public works act for the 86th congress, he said this week.

"You will note that the situation appears very dark at this time for rapid action in connection with the survey," he wrote in a letter to the Mail Tribune.

A public hearing previously scheduled for September, 1958, in southern Oregon was

Bill Jess, president of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, said today he and officials of the organization will meet at 8 p.m. next Monday in the Josephine county courthouse with representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss their studies of the Rogue basin.

Those representing the service will include J. T. Barnaby, chief of this division of sports fisheries; T. S. Roberts, regional supervisor of the branch river basin studies and George O. Black, fisheries research biologist for the river basin studies branch.

The meeting was arranged by Leo Laythe, regional director of the bureau of sports fisheries and wildlife, Jess said, and culminates several months of attempts to obtain such a meeting to discuss problems of the Rogue Basin.

delayed. The Corps of Army Engineers had first informed Porter that the hearing would be held in February, 1959, then not until September of this year.

**Report Not Complete**  
"The indication is that this delay is occasioned by the fact the report cannot be completed until July 1 because of a delay in completion of Fish and Wildlife Service data needed by the engineers," Porter wrote.

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### Deadline Nearing For Tax Exemptions

Salem—UPI—Disabled war veterans and widows of veterans must apply for their Oregon property tax exemptions by April 1. Vere A. McCarty, service division manager for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, warned today.

Applications for the tax exemption, which amounts to \$7,500 or the true cash value of the property, must be filed with the county assessor on or before April 1 of each year, McCarty said.

## Bill Scheduled For Final Vote in Senate Tomorrow

### No Indiscriminate Picketing Promised

Salem—UPI—A committee report favoring repeal of Oregon's 1953 anti-picketing law was adopted by the Oregon Senate today. The repeal bill will then be up for final vote in the Senate Wednesday.

Senate action on the measure was made possible by a five to two vote of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industries Monday to recommend the bill out "do pass."

The law prohibits organizational picketing and provides for elections to be held by a labor examiner. The law has been opposed by organized labor.

**Labor Official Learns**  
No indiscriminate picketing would follow repeal of the act, James Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon AFL-CIO, said after the committee vote had been taken.

"I have learned a great deal from the hearings on this issue," Marr stated, "and I feel confession is good for the soul. There have been cases where pickets could have been pulled off much sooner than they were in the past. I want to assure this committee that repeal of this act will not result in a rash of establishments in the state."

Voting for repeal in committee were Sen. R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay); Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras); Carl Francis (D-Emery); and Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg), chair man.

**Leth, White Oppose Motion**  
The two senators who voted against the motion to kill the law were Walter Leth (R-West Salem) and Robert F. White (R-Salem).

White asked if there were any bills in prospect that would affect this law and was told by Dimick that he knew of none except a possible resolution setting up a study committee to determine if there should be a management labor code in Oregon statutes.

The anti-picketing law, in the opinion of Leth, doesn't do a great many things some people fear, but does offer protection to firms engaged in intra-state business.

Other major business saw Gov. Mark Hatfield sign the centennial appropriation bill providing \$1,794,000 for Oregon's 100th birthday celebration.

**Pan American Nears End of Strike Vote**  
New York—UPI—About 8,000 Pan American World Airways employees are expected to complete by the end of this week a vote on whether to empower union officials to call a strike, a union spokesman said today.

Salem—UPI—Rep. Fred Meek (R-Portland) said he is working on a sales tax bill which would put a 3 per cent tax on retail sales.

## 'Strong Protests' Fail To Secure Soldiers' Release

### Stoppage Seen To Create Incident

Berlin—UPI—Armed Soviet guards today held a U.S. Army truck convoy and five American soldiers at a checkpoint on the East-West German border in spite of two U.S. demands for their immediate release.

The U.S. Army said a four-truck convoy was halted by Soviet guards at the Marienborn checkpoint at 1:05 p.m. Monday (4:05 a.m. p.s.t.) Marienborn is in East Germany, at the western end of the 110-mile Autobahn from West Berlin.

U.S. Army sources denounced the stoppage as illegal and designed to create an incident. It emphasized the stranglehold the Communists have on isolated Berlin's lifelines to the west.

**Deliver 'Strong Protest'**  
The convoy, carrying jeeps, cleared the Russian Babelsberg checkpoint just outside of Berlin without incident. It made the run to Marienborn only to be halted there as it was about to cross into West Germany.

Maj. Gen. Barksdale Hamlett, U.S. commandant in Berlin, in a telephone call to Soviet headquarters in East Berlin made what was described as a "strong protest."

U.S. Army headquarters in Europe at Heidelberg also sent a protest to Soviet army headquarters.

Both protests demanded the immediate release of the trucks and their personnel.

American officials believed the Soviets hoped to create an incident to underline their contention that a war could break out unless the West gets out of Berlin.

Observers believed also that the Communists wanted to stress the vulnerability of the Allied lifelines to pressure, particularly when the Soviets transfer control of Allied traffic to the East German Communists.

The four 2½ ton trucks were held up when the Soviets insisted on boarding and searching them, an Army spokesman said.

The backs of the trucks were open and the Soviet guards could see the trucks were carrying jeeps to West Germany for repairs, he said.

The tops and windshields of the jeeps were down. But the Soviets wanted to climb into the trucks and examine the jeeps, the spokesman said.

The non-commissioned officer in charge of the convoy rejected this request and the convoy was refused passage.

The U.S. maintains the Soviets do not have the right to board vehicles to inspect them.

**Means of Reducing Dog, Cat Populace Being Considered by Humane Society**

One means of reducing the excessive dog and cat population in this area is currently being considered by officials of the Southern Oregon Humane Society.

Its basis would be a foundation, supported by voluntary contributions, for spaying females to prevent unwanted litters.

"We haven't spelled out yet exactly what the foundation would do," Andrew Hawver, society president, said yesterday. He told the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable, it would be "strictly for spaying."

Hawver and William Herring, the society's enforcement officer, agreed that facilities at 2902 Table Rock rd. could relieve the Jackson county pound to some extent at least of its present burden.

More than half the dogs entering the pound, or about 150 a month, are brought by owners unwilling or unable to care for them, according to

Chris Hagler, county dog control officer. Only a few of these owners actually want their dogs destroyed.

Herring said that while the humane society is limited in its ability to seek new homes for animals brought to its office, it can destroy painlessly with carbon monoxide gas. He said the society's facilities are not as crowded as the pound, and could accommodate those dogs owners want killed.

Meanwhile, the Jackson county court has reportedly announced plans for constructing a portable lethal chamber to permit painless mass killings at the pound with carbon monoxide.

The chamber will be provided "as soon as possible," it is understood.

Herring also suggested that owners bring puppies or kittens they cannot care for to the humane society for disposal rather than allowing them to roam at large.

He said that 80 per cent of the homeless dog popula-