

60 Rebel Army Officers Executed in Iraq

BINFORD LOSES VOTE IN SENATE COMMITTEE

Another Hearing On Appointment To Be Scheduled

Water Resources Vote on Party Lines

Salem — (UPI) — After voting four to three against confirmation of L. C. Binford, Portland, as a member of the State Water Resources board, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources voted to hold another hearing on his appointment here.

Binford was an original member of the Board who was not reappointed by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes when his term expired.

When Gov. Mark Hatfield came into office he named Binford to the post, which required confirmation of the Senate.

Four Democrats Opposed

The four committee Democrats voted against confirming the appointment. The three Republican members voted for Binford.

Sen. Dan Thiel (D-Astoria) said that in view of the fact that the majority of letters favoring Binford's confirmation appeared to be circular letters and that only one witness appeared against Binford, perhaps another hearing would be in order.

Sen. Walter Leth (R-West Salem) was the only committee member to vote against a second hearing.

"The hearing on the question of confirming Mr. Binford's appointment was well publicized," Leth said. "I believe in majority rule and the majority of this committee has voted against confirmation. I can see no value in another hearing."

Binford Appears

Chairman Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport) said after the committee had voted to hold the second hearing that the question of Binford's confirmation was still an open question.

Binford, appearing in his own behalf, gave members of the committee his concept of what a member of the Board was obliged to do, including using persuasive methods with other agencies—county, state and federal—and having a high concept of what is best for the entire state.

"If, in your opinion I fit into this scheme of things, you should confirm me, if you think otherwise, don't confirm me," he said.

Extreme Care Urged

Sen. Lloyd Key (D-Milton-Freewater) said the position was of such importance that extreme care should be taken in filling it with a person who is not prejudiced in favor of any interest.

Gene Hansen of the Oregon Wildlife Federation read a letter urging Binford's confirmation. William Westall, Astoria, was the only witness against Binford. He praised Binford's work on minimum flow of water in the state. But he said that Binford was prejudiced against commercial fishermen.

Naterlin said he didn't know when the next hearing would be held.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York — (UPI) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 611.49, up 0.35; 20 railroads 163.74, up 0.25; 15 utilities 93.74, up 0.38 and 65 stocks 211.03, up 0.30. Sales today were about 4-160,000 shares compared with 3,920,000 shares Tuesday.

Run-Away Bus Crashes Into Pittsburgh Crowd

Pittsburgh — (UPI) — A runaway bus crashed through a home-bound crowd at one of the city's busiest corners at the height of the rush hour Tuesday, killing two persons, one a veteran Pittsburgh Press reporter, and injuring 16 others.

Scene of Confusion

Sam Hood, 42, who worked for the Scripps-Howard newspaper since 1945, and Mrs. Sally F. Strait, 54, head cashier at the Roosevelt hotel, were killed in the crash.

The scene was one of panic and confusion as the lumbering conveyance slammed into the midst of the huge, tightly-packed crowd, hurled three persons into a display window of a department store and crashed headlong into the window itself.



FISH DIE IN BEAR CREEK—Aubrey Goff, Medford, inspects four of the 45 fish found dead in Bear creek in Medford yesterday. The fish presumably were victims of stream pollution. Goff was one of four members of the Oregon Sportsman club of Jackson county who inspected a 500 to 600-yard stretch of the stream because of reports of fish deaths and pollution. Sportsmen are thinking of forming a patrol to determine pollution causes. The fish found by the four men included four steelhead, one a nine-pounder, 21 trout and 21 suckers.

Sportsmen Consider Bear Creek Patrol For Pollution Cause

The Oregon Sportsman club of Jackson county is considering establishment of a patrol along Bear creek here to determine causes and sources of pollution, President Russell DeForrest said today.

The Medford attorney said that he and three other members of the club scanned a

G. P. Man Raps Binford Defeat

Salem — (UPI) — Sen. Don Cameron (R-Grants Pass), a member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee which Tuesday declined to recommend confirmation of Jack Binford, Portland, to the State Water Resources Board, today issued a statement saying "devotion to political ends has reached a new low."

"The Democrats... on a party line vote, refused to recommend confirmation of Mr. Binford," the statement said. "Their ready submission to political pressure displays a disregard for good government and their intention to embarrass the governor regardless of consequences."

"Only a short time ago," Cameron continued, "the Democrats came begging the Republicans for confirmation of Byron Brinton to this same board. Brinton was clearly a man with prejudicial views, according to the testimony before the committee."

"The Democrats then said that these matters should be devoid of politics and the Republicans accepted their word that Brinton would try to be impartial. The confirmation went through," Cameron continued.

He said that the Democrats "highly forgot their desire for non-political action and yesterday they applied their savage partisanship on Binford. It was disappointing."

500 to 600-yard stretch of the stream in town yesterday and found 45 dead fish, apparently killed by stream pollution. They included 4 steelhead, 20 trout and 21 suckers.

The count by Aubrey Goff, Virgil Goff, Russell McDonald and DeForrest, was of fish caught in eddies or obstructions along the creek and did not include those which may have died and floated downstream. DeForrest said that exact cause of the fish deaths was not known. He pointed out that the Sportsmen have their ideas but that proof is another matter. No marks could be seen on the fish.

"They looked healthy except that they were dead," DeForrest remarked. The matter was taken up with Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, game commission fish biologist, who was to investigate.

The Sportsmen president said there has been a report of dead fish seen in larger numbers in the creek recently. Of the steelhead found yesterday, one was a nine-pounder, one weighed about six pounds and the others two and three pounds.

The creek is readily accessible to and used by youngsters for fishing, DeForrest stated, adding that it is a relatively safe stream and has sufficient trout to provide enjoyment for children. He brought out, however, that pollution makes the creek dangerous both in the matter of play and fish edibility.

DeForrest said that anyone with information or ideas on the pollution of the creek may contact him or any other member of the Sportsmen's club.

Contract Awarded for Clearing Lake Site

Leonard Ward, 304 South Ivy st., Medford, has been awarded the contract to clear and remove improvements from the enlarged Emigrant reservoir site southeast of Ashland, the bureau of reclamation has announced.

Work on the contract started yesterday, bureau officials said. Ward bid \$26,650, the lowest of 19 bids submitted Jan. 13.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Considerable cloudiness Thursday with risk of a few light showers mostly in mountains. Low tonight 33. High Thursday 57.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:13 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:30 a.m. Moonset tonight 5:44 p.m. First Quarter March 17. Venus the bright evening planet, appears quite near the Moon tonight, the nearest it will be seen this year. Venus is now about 132 million miles away and is moving nearer the Earth.

Ike Challenges Critics To Ask For Higher Taxes

Some Demands Said Hysterical

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower today challenged congressional critics of his defense policies to have the courage to ask for higher taxes when they call for larger armed forces.

In his ninth consecutive weekly meeting with reporters since the first of the year, the President warned strongly against reacting to each new international crisis with demands for appreciably larger armed forces. He said some of these demands are hysterical.

Serious Mistakes

He said Congress in the past has made some very serious mistakes on national defense. He thought it would be ruinous at this point to change his announced, established program of military strength because of new crises generated by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Furthermore, he told reporters that if Congress forced additional military manpower on him at this time, he had no intention as commander-in-chief of sending added troops away in some quiet and convenient place.

Defends His Beliefs

Seldom has Eisenhower shown more emotion and vigor in defense of his beliefs than he did at his news conference today.

He said the United States could not win a ground war in Central Europe over the Berlin crisis or anything else. He accepted the fact that nuclear weapons might have to be used if the Russians were so foolish as to start a war. But he said he did not believe anyone, even the Russians, would launch a self-defeating, self-destructing major nuclear war.

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Rogue River School Board Sets Election

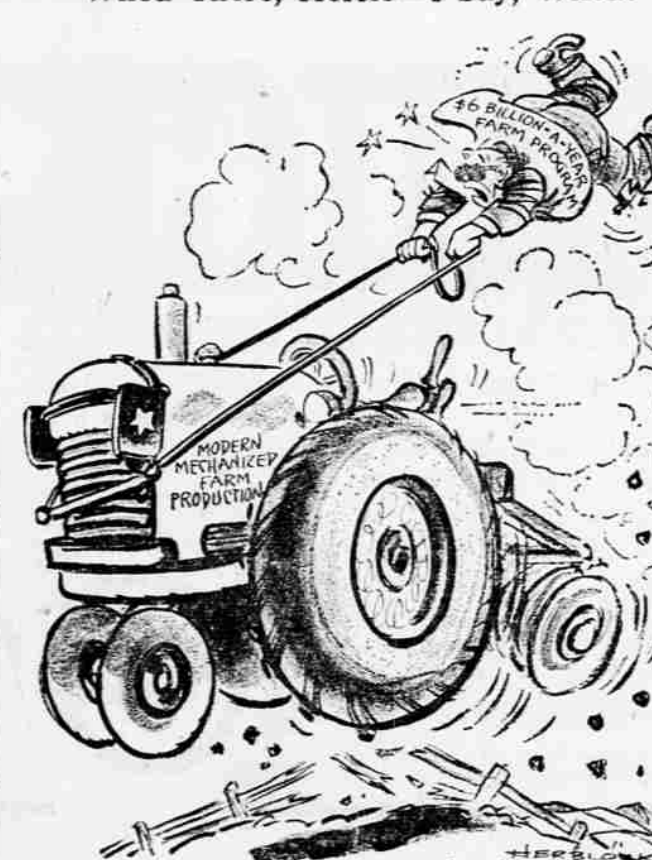
Rogue River — The Rogue River school board last night called for an election Wednesday, April 1, on \$175,000 bond issue to finance construction of additional elementary school facilities, John B. Harr, superintendent of schools, announced.

The bonds would finance 11 new classrooms, office space, library, cafeteria and kitchen in a building which join present facilities with a walkway, he said.

The board action is an outgrowth of a recent condemnation by the state fire marshal of the third floor of the elementary school, a three-story structure which is 50 years old.

The election will be held between 2 and 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, Jack Edson, Medford, is architect.

"Whoa There, Horsie—I Say, Whoa!"



President Doubts Russia Planning To Start War

Ground War Victory Claimed Impossible

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today he does not believe the Russians would be unwise enough to start a war over Berlin.

Eisenhower said however that if the Russians should be foolish enough to start hostilities in the Berlin crisis, then would be the time to decide whether to use nuclear weapons to protect the western position.

He said flatly that the United States could not win a ground war in Europe and there was no point in sending any more American forces there. If war comes in Europe, he said, he would not dream of trying to win it with ground forces but would have to use what he called other means.

Cautions on Hysteria

The President made it clear at his news conference that he contemplated resorting to nuclear weapons only if it became clear that Russia was determined to push matters to the point of a conflict which could not be handled by the five American divisions now in Europe.

Again, as he did last week, Eisenhower cautioned against any hysterical approach to the Berlin crisis. He called for sober study both in the United States and in allied countries. This should be based, he said, on firm notice to Russia that the U. S. does not intend to abandon its rights and responsibilities or obligations in Berlin and to its allies.

The President said he did not think very much of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's offer that token allied forces along with some Russian troops, remain in West Berlin, if it were made a free city as proposed by the Kremlin.

The President brushed off Khrushchev's proposal at some length that he did not even want to be in the business of reacting instantly to any of Khrushchev's wisecracks or whatever they are, as he put it.

Eisenhower rejected a suggestion that the American public may not be aware of the seriousness of the Berlin situation. He said they obviously understood grave world issues or they would not approve the continued high expenditures for defense.

The American public, the President added, sometimes seems to have a better idea of the situation than the people around Washington.

Budget Approved For Rural District

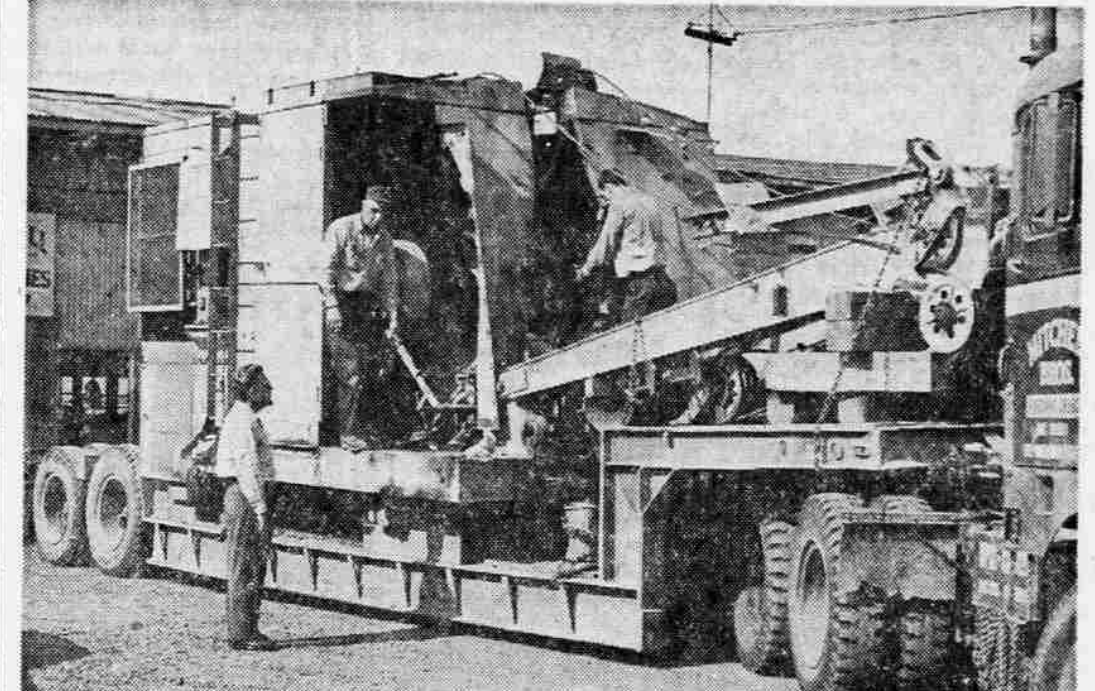
Central Point — A Central Point Rural Fire Protection District budget of \$28,300 for the 1959-60 fiscal year was approved last night following a public hearing.

Only one person attended the hearing and he approved the amount, it was reported. Exact millage will be determined later when the county assessor's office determines the assessed valuation.

The budget set up is about \$30,588 less than expenditures for the current fiscal year. The \$58,888 this year was set up in order that debts on equipment could be paid off, it was announced.

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HEAVY MACHINERY—A giant Washington truck loader with a total weight of more than 30 tons, arrived in Medford today from Susanville, Calif., on three separate trucks. The loader is scheduled for installation at the Medford Corporation reload point in Butte Falls that will go into operation some time next month, according to Medco Manager B. L. (Bud) Nutting. The machine, one of two to be in use there, will transfer logs

School District Sells Bonds for Additions, Shop

Medford school district last night sold \$186,000 worth of bonds to Rogue Valley State bank, Medford, which submitted a low bid with an effective interest rate of 3.4983 per cent.

Funds from the bonds will be used to construct music and classroom additions at Medford High school, renovation of music rooms at McLaughlin Junior High, and construction of a district warehouse, maintenance shop and school bus shop.

Other bidders include the First National Bank of Oregon, with an effective interest rate of 3.596 per cent, and the U. S. National Bank of Oregon, 3.5156 per cent.

The bonds are the remainder of \$1,786,000 bond issue approved by district voters in 1957 for financing a two-year building program.

The program also included construction of two new elementary schools, Wilson and Hoover. The board last night postponed acceptance of Wilson school until after school officials inspect the structure at the corner of Corona and Grand avenues.

Wilson school will be dedicated at ceremonies and an open house March 17. Hoover school was dedicated earlier this year.

An addition to West Side school and the industrial arts addition at Medford High school were accepted. Discussion on purchasing a junior high school site in southeast section of the district was postponed until additional site offers can be studied.

Resignations of five teachers were accepted, and other teachers not on a continuing contract basis were reelected. Teachers on a continuing or extended contract basis are automatically retained by the district.

The board decided to postpone for the rest of the school year curriculum study committee meeting the first Tuesday of each month because of budget committee and consolidation meetings. The meetings were held to familiarize the group with curriculum in the school.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of schools, reviewed legislation being considered concerning schools.

Van Dyke Named District Leader

Alan F. Davis, Portland, Republican state finance chairman, today announced appointment of Frank Van Dyke, Medford, as a district leader for a GOP finance drive scheduled to open in May.

Van Dyke will head a southwest district composed of Jackson, Curry, Douglas, Coos, Josephine and Lane counties.

Davis said "the drive would be designed to give every member of our party an opportunity to contribute."

Cool Nights Help Condition Buds to Delay Area Heating

No orchard heating has been necessary yet in spite of recent frosty mornings, county extension agents report.

Fruit buds are tightly closed and would not be hurt by low temperatures unless the mercury should drop to approximately 20 degrees, it was explained. So far, chilly nights have helped to condition the buds to low temperatures and have slowed their development, they said.

The fruit buds are most apt to be hurt when warm tem-

peratures occur both day and night and then a sudden freeze occurs, agents explained. Last year, orchard heating was necessary starting March 1, which was one of the earlier heating dates on record.

February of last year had almost the highest temperatures recorded for that month and the most precipitation on record, according to the Medford station of the weather bureau. The fruit tree buds advanced early, but cool weather held back the pear bloom to almost normal.

Average Temperature

In contrast, average temperature for this February was 41.7 degrees, which is nine-tenths of a degree below the normal temperature of 42.6 degrees. Precipitation for February, according to the weather bureau records here, was 34 of an inch above normal for the month. The previous February recorded 90 inch of precipitation in one 24-hour period.

Only five days showed above normal temperatures last month. Highest was 67 degrees on Feb. 28 and the lowest was 25 degrees on Feb. 2 and 5, according to the weather bureau records.

Another aid to protecting fruit trees has been the low cloud layer over the Rogue valley, the weather bureau said.

The cloud layer reflects heat rays absorbed by the earth during the day and sends them back during the night. The five-day forecast predicts a storm system which would put low clouds over the valley for at least two days.

Petition Would Restore Industrial Uses in Bill

A petition in support of Senate Bill 183, which originally would permit the use of Rogue river waters for industrial purposes, is being considered by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, local officials reported today.

The petition is being circulated in the Grants Pass area and support for the bill is being sought in Jackson county, it was explained.

Local Manager Don McNeil said the legislative committee of the local chamber had not seen the petition and any action here as to its circulation will depend on their recommendation.

The bill, which is currently in the house committee on state and federal affairs, had the words "industrial use" eliminated by a senate game committee. The petition is being circulated in the hope that that portion will be restored.

The industrial use clause in the bill is a key portion of the bill as far as many backers of it are concerned, according to reports. Copies of the petition have

Fighting Believed To Be Under Way Near Syria Border

Strafing Reports Go Unconfirmed

Cairo — (UPI) — Iraqi government troops in Mosul executed 60 rebel army officers without a trial, Egypt's semi-official Middle East news agency reported today.

Reports reaching Cairo also said a large number of rebel officers including insurgent leader Col. Abdel Wahab Shawaf were killed in fighting around the city of Mosul in northern Iraq.

The reports of the mass executions gave every indication the government of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem had defeated the main insurgent forces though scattered fighting may be under way near the Syrian border.

Planes Strafe Villages

Damascus Radio said Tuesday night Iraqi planes were strafing villages in northern Iraq where the revolt started Sunday, an indication rebel units still were holding out in some parts of the country.

Another strafing attack by Iraqi planes was reported by responsible United Arab Republic sources on the Syrian village of Hamed, three miles inside U. A. R. territory.

There was no immediate confirmation of the strafing report. Damascus is the capital of the Syrian region of the U. A. R. which has been sharply attacked by the Iraqi government and leftist newspapers in Baghdad which said Cairo foisted the plot against Kassem.

Political implications of the revolt were becoming plainer every day: Defeat of the rebellion came as a victory for Communism and a defeat for the Arab nationalism of U. A. R. President Gamel Abdel Nasser.

Relations between the U. A. R. and Iraq dipped to a new low and 11 U. A. R. diplomats were expelled from Baghdad Tuesday on grounds that Nasser had plotted with the rebels.

The returning diplomats reported Baghdad filled with chanting demonstrators and that the city was nervous and tense.

Subdivision Bill Hearing Tonight

A public hearing on the proposed county subdivision ordinance will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Depending on public opinion, the planning commission may decide to recommend that the county court adopt it, or put the proposal up for public vote, a planning commission spokesman said.

A zoning ordinance, according to law, must be put up for vote while a subdivision ordinance does not necessarily have to be.

The subdivision ordinance, according to a planning commission spokesman, is not a zoning ordinance. It merely sets up an orderly plan for division of property of 5 acres or less which would be sold for building purposes. It also establishes standards and regulations to protect property from becoming a part of a "blighted area" in the future, it was pointed out.

Businesses Asked To List Tours

Industrial firms, pear packing plants, and other business organizations which conduct tours of their establishments for visitors and tourists, today were urged to provide information about these tours to the Jackson County Centennial headquarters.

Ernie Hood, county Centennial coordinator, said he would like to have this information available for tourists and others who ask about things to do during the coming year.

Information needed is type of operation, frequency and times of the tours, how many can be taken, location of the plant, and so on.

Letters with this information can be mailed to Hood at 1959 Oregon, Medford.