

Jackson county's beginning for the white man was all tied up with gold and mules according to a story by E. R. Jackson and W. B. Tucker, former county agent. This over-all glimpse of Jackson county pioneer events is chronicled on page 12 of today's Mail Tribune.



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Ten Americans Held Uncharged In Havana Jails

'War Crime' Deaths Reported Totalling 453

Havana —UPI— The arrests of two more U. S. citizens were disclosed yesterday, bringing to 10 the number of Americans held in Havana jails without formal charges since the revolutionary government took over.

Eight of the Americans were picked up during the past 48 hours. They included two women, Elaine Mitchell and Exenia Thornadakis, identified only as New York actresses, who were jailed after police said they discovered \$57,000 in Cuban pesos hidden in their undergarments.

The two latest arrests to be disclosed were those of Paul R. Casovina, of Pearl River, N. Y., and Melvin Chapman, of Burbank, Calif. Both were picked up at the swank Hotel Nacional.

The two women were arrested at the airport on their arrival from Miami Friday.

Arrested at Airport

Four men also were arrested at the airport. They were identified as Mike McLaney, operator of a Havana gambling casino, and a resident of Miami, Israel Weinstein of Atlanta, Ga., Edward Solomon, North Miami, Fla., and Jesus Antonio Prieto, Miami.

McLaney and Weinstein arrived on the same plane with the two American women. Solomon and Prieto were arrested later. Police said Solomon carried \$159,000 in Cuban pesos and Prieto had \$30,500 with him.

Law Forbids

Present Cuban law forbids bringing in more than \$50 in Cuban pesos. The restrictions were imposed when supporters of ousted President Fulgencia Batista who fled the country were reported selling pesos at discount in the United States.

The other two Americans jailed here are Michael Moreno, of Miami, and Alan Nye, of Whiting, Ind. Nye was arrested last Dec. 26 for allegedly plotting to assassinate Fidel Castro. Moreno was taken into custody March 7 when he arrived from Miami in a small private plane.

A U. S. Embassy spokesman said consular officials had visited the jailed Americans and contacted the proper Cuban authorities. He gave no details.

Death Toll 453

The executions of convicted Cuban "war criminals," continued yesterday. Eleven more died before the firing squads, boosting the unofficial total in the "war crimes" trials to 453.

Five high-ranking Batista government officials, who took asylum in the Colombian embassy, left for Bogota Friday night by plane. They included former Premier Jorge Garcia Montes, former defense minister Santiago Verdía, former labor minister Jose Suarez Rivas, former communications minister Alberto Garcia Valdes and former Sen. Guillermo Aguilar.

Box Car Probe Asked by Duncan

Robert B. Duncan, speaker of the House of Representatives, has requested Ed Benedict, chairman of the committee on planning and development, to investigate the danger of a box car shortage in Oregon this year.

The investigation would be conducted to determine if anything could be done to alleviate the situation and whether the problem should be directed to the attention of an interim committee.

Duncan pointed out that every time there is a shortage, "Oregon, and particularly Western Oregon south of Eugene, suffers greatly and usually at a time when employment and production has reached its maximum after the usual winter slump."

He said he has received information which "indicates the number of serviceable cars has been steadily declining."

"Informed sources in the lumber industry advise me," Duncan said, "that the worst car shortage in history could very well develop this year. This is a tragedy to be averted if at all possible."



TREES PLANTED — The first trees to be planted in downtown Medford as part of the city's street tree program are two Scanlon maples, placed Saturday at the new Texaco service station, Eighth and Grape sts. Here Dick McDonald of Southern Oregon Nursery, which sold the trees, assists while Ronald A. Hale, Texaco sales

manager for this area, shovels dirt and looks on. The two trees, purchased with the approval of high Texaco officials, replace one cut down when construction of the station began. The trees reach a height of 35 feet, and turn amber or red in autumn.

Eight Persons Hurt In Bus-Truck Crash

Fairfield, Calif. —UPI— Eight persons were injured yesterday, none critically, when a Greyhound bus struck a truck-trailer loaded with lumber in a rear-end collision on U. S. Highway 40 about 40 miles northeast of San Francisco.

Another seven of the 41 passengers on the Sacramento-to-San Francisco bus were checked at hospitals in Fairfield and Vallejo and released. The California highway patrol said the right front end of the bus struck the left rear wheels of the truck, demolishing the front end of the bus. Both vehicles were traveling south.

Did Not Overturn

The 37 adults and four children on the bus were removed through a rear, side

Insecticides May Have Caused Loss Of Bear Creek Fish

The loss of fish in Bear creek last week was believed caused by insecticides from an orchard spray rig washed out in the Talent-Phoenix area, Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, ifed agent for the state game commission, said Saturday.

He urged the public to be cautious with the use of modern insecticides, which can cause heavy losses of fish, birds and wildlife.

The loss of fish in Bear creek has been almost an annual occurrence, he noted, particularly since sprays containing DDT or related hydrocarbons have come into use. The materials, even in small trace concentrations, he said, are extremely toxic to fish and aquatic insects.

Rivers said private pond owners throughout the Bear creek valley occasionally suffer partial to total loss of fish by sprays drifting through the air to the surface of the pond. Some fish losses, he added, have been caused by the use of weed-killers in irrigation ditches.

Persons observing spray materials being dumped into streams or drainage ditches are asked to identify those responsible and report the incident to the state police, the Oregon sanitary authority or the game commission.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday morning. High today 58-60. Low tonight 29. High Monday 60.

TEMP.

Highest Saturday 33

Lowest Saturday 23

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:17 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:23 a.m.

Moonset tomorrow 12:25 a.m.

Aldebaran is the star seen near the Moon tonight. Above Aldebaran is the planet Mars, and above Mars is the star, El Nath. Aldebaran and Mars are now equal in brilliance.

Mayor Announces Signing Ordinance For Zoning Change

Medford Mayor John W. Snider announced Friday he has signed the ordinance changing the zoning of property at the northeast corner of East Jackson and Genesee sts. from residential to limited commercial.

The reported reason for the change is to permit erection of a branch office of the Rogue Valley State bank.

The city council voted for the change March 5 by a narrow 4-3 margin. It had previously been recommended by the city planning commission.

Mayor Snider stated at the March 5 meeting that in view of considerable opposition to the change he would investigate the situation further before making up his mind. If he had chosen to veto the ordinance, a two-thirds majority would have been required in the council to over-ride him.

"In signing the ordinance," Mayor Snider said in a statement released Friday, "I have first satisfied myself that the interests of the contiguous property owners will be protected."

"The pledged use of a buffering parking area, a decorative masonry wall and a compatible architectural building design remove the principal objection to the zone change."

"I do feel, however, that long range planning must clearly spell out the design for orderly commercial growth and at the same time give a reasonable degree of protection to the residential property owners."

BASKETBALL

SATURDAY COLLEGE

Kansas St., 85, Cincinnati 75 (Final)

STATE B CHAMPIONSHIP

Pilot Rock 48, Mapleton 46.

Bend —UPI— A 27-point second quarter put Merrill out front here Saturday night to give it a third place win over Joseph 64 to 54.

Kansas City, Mo. —UPI— Tennessee A&I won an unprecedented third consecutive NAIA basketball championship Saturday night with a 97-87 win over Pacific Lutheran college.

Southwest Texas State took third place with an 87-80 win over Fort Hays State of Kansas in the consolation match.

Charlotte, N.C. —UPI— West Virginia advanced to the semi-final round of the N.C.A.A. major college basketball tournament Saturday by edging Boston University, 84-82, behind a 33-point barrage by all-American Jerry West.

Evanston, Ill. —UPI— Louisville's rags-to-riches basketball team came from behind with tremendous second half surge Saturday to upset the Big Ten champion Michigan State, 88-81, and advance to the semi-finals of the National Championships cage tournament.

San Francisco —UPI— California's full court press conquered the St. Mary's Gaels Saturday night, 66-46, in the finals of the Western Regional NCAA basketball tournament before 12,937 fans in the Cow palace.

Gen. Taylor Reports Army Studying Appeal for More Troops in Germany

Washington —UPI— The Army is studying an urgent appeal for more U. S. troops in Germany to fill vacant places in Seventh Army units and strengthen the defense of Berlin.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, army chief of staff, told a congressional subcommittee in testimony made public yesterday that he favors sending the additional men, even though this might involve calling out reservists and organizing new units.

Do No Good

President Eisenhower told his news conference last Wednesday that it would do no good to send more troops to Europe because this country has no intention of fighting a ground war there.

Taylor's views were disclosed in the second installment, released after heavy security deletions, of testimony he gave before the senate preparedness subcommittee Wednesday.

The army leader agreed with Eisenhower that ground warfare would be futile in East Germany "if there is an all-out use of Soviet ground forces. But I never accept that the ultimate case neces-

Allies Ready Note to Moscow Paving Way to Summit Parley

Irrigation District Officials Disclose Plan for Reservoir

Plans for a new irrigation reservoir in Jackson county were revealed Saturday by officials of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District.

The project, for a dam, diversion weir and reservoir in the south part of the Agate desert area, has been studied for more than two years by the bureau of reclamation. Preliminary plans have been completed by the bureau, and copies have been sent to the secretary of the interior for circulation at the Washington level.

The project was developed in cooperation with the RRVID, and would provide irrigation water for more than 1,500 acres of "new" irri-

gable land, and supplemental water for more than 4,000 acres of land in the district now under irrigation.

The proposed dam would be across Dry creek, and water would also be drawn from Antelope creek, where a diversion weir-type dam would be used.

Preliminary Estimate

Preliminary cost estimates on the project total \$1,802,000, of which \$1,754,000 would be reimbursable from irrigation payments and power revenues from the Green Springs power site of the Talent project, and \$47,100 would be non-reimbursable, for recreation facilities and fish facilities.

Harold Sexton, manager of the RRVID, said he is convinced that the project will receive full support from people of this area, for at least four reasons:

1. The benefit-cost ratio is extremely high, 2.56 on a 50-year basis and 3.27 on a 100-year basis — ratios which are far more favorable than those on many other successful projects.

2. The dam and reservoir would have considerable recreational attractions, particularly for fishing, boating and other outdoor enthusiasts.

3. It would threaten no existing fishery, and would improve fish and wildlife environment in the area.

4. It would enable the RRVID to broaden its irrigation base, bring new lands under irrigation, provide supplemental and steady supplies of water to now-irrigated land, and thus benefit the basic economy of the entire area.

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Band, Chorus Part Of Wilson Program

The Wilson school band and chorus will make their first public appearances at dedication ceremonies and an open house for the school Tuesday evening.

The ceremonies will start at 7:30 p.m., followed by a coffee hour and open house during which parents may visit classrooms.

The school, part of Medford's two-year school building program, is located on a seven-acre tract at the corner of Corona and Grand ave.

While it is designed for 500 students, additions can be made to the structure without altering the existing facilities.

"—And In The Next Performance, I Will Negotiate While Drinking A Glass Of Water"



Nasser's Charges May Provoke Reds

Cairo —UPI— United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser's charges of a Communist plot to create a giant red state in the midst of the strategic area, western diplomats said yesterday.

So far the Russians have not commented on Nasser's bitter accusation that Communists and their "stooges"

in Iraq are bent on destroying Arab unity and nationalism and replacing it with Communism.

The Russians could react where it would hurt Nasser most — in the pocketbook, the diplomats said. His anti-Communist charges were made at a time when Russian experts were in Cairo to study plans for the first stage of the Aswan high dam construction on the Nile.

The Russians have promised a \$100 million loan and Soviet equipment and engineers — but they may withdraw the offer, the western diplomats said.

The Communist bloc also has supplied modern tanks and Mig jets to the UAR armed forces, which could also be choked off on a signal from Moscow.

Nasser's three angry speeches against Communists and Iraq followed Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem's suppression of a nationalist revolt at Mosul last week and an Iraqi government claim that the UAR provoked and aided it.

Western diplomats said that the Russians, silent until now despite Iraqi accusations of Nasser's role in the revolt, might have to take sides. The Moscow line so far has been that — "colonial imperialists" — the West — were behind the Iraqi revolt.

The Russians were not expected to appreciate Nasser's charge that the Communists in Iraq were working "according to inspiration from abroad" and were "stooges of the foreigners."

(The prestige of both the Western world and Nasser have plunged in Iraq, UPI foreign editor Phil Newsom reported in a dispatch from Baghdad yesterday. A violent anti-Nasser campaign is underway there, the dispatch said, and Nasser is being pictured as an ally of "western imperialists.")

(Although the bulk of the venom is aimed at Nasser, Newsom said, the cause of the West has taken a nosedive in Iraq and Soviet prestige has increased.)

Fir Tree Thiefs Fined \$900 Each

Gordon C. McKay, 35, and Stel Deloss Loney, 37, both formerly of Klamath Falls, were fined \$900 each in federal court in Portland Thursday by U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon.

The men had previously pleaded guilty to charges of stealing Christmas trees from land owned by the federal government.

They admitted selling for \$1,200 600 Shasta fir trees they had removed from the Rogue River National forest between Lake of the Woods and Four Mile lake during December. The men stated they had received \$300 profit each from the sale. The fine represented triple damages.

The men were placed on probation for three years during which time the fines must be paid. It was reported that the probationary period might be reduced once the fines are paid.

Worthwhile Talks By Ministers Held Necessary First

President Prepares For Address Monday

Washington —UPI— U. S. officials said yesterday the Allies have virtually completed a note to Russia opening the way for a big-four summit conference if a worthwhile foreign ministers' meeting on German problems takes place in mid-May.

They said they expected that a "minor disagreement" with the British over wording of the note could be ironed out early this week. They predicted the note would go to Moscow later in the week.

Meanwhile, President Eisenhower's foreign policy advisers have prepared a number of suggestions for his nationwide Monday night radio and television address on Berlin. He is expected to stress the fundamental rights of the Allies in West Berlin and their determination to resist Soviet pressures there.

Meet Next Weekend

Foreign policy officials also are preparing for the President's meeting next weekend with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. They will discuss allied strategy on dealing with the Russians.

Officials said the British are inclined to hold a summit meeting even if the foreign ministers' session produces no substantial progress towards solving major German problems.

They said this reflects Macmillan's view, communicated to Washington after his Moscow trip, that it is vital to have some sort of negotiations with Russia and the form is definitely of secondary importance.

Should Depend

The United States and France, with the support of West Germany, have insisted that summit conference should depend upon some progress being made at the foreign ministers' meeting.

Officials said the British now appear willing to go along with this position if the wording of the note does not appear to rule out the holding of a top-level conference.

The allied note, officials said, will insist that the foreign ministers' conference consider all German problems. It will oppose Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's position in the Russian note of March 2 that such a meeting be confined to a discussion of Soviet proposals on Berlin.

Red Proposals

These proposals are that the Western Allies leave West Berlin and permit it to become a free city while the Russians turn over their sector in the eastern part of Berlin to the German communists.

The Allies have rejected this, as well as the Soviet proposal that a foreign ministers' conference considering Germany discuss only Moscow's proposal for a peace conference to write a treaty which could neutralize, isolate and probably permanently divide Germany.

Officials said they are certain the note can be sent to Russia before Macmillan's conference with Eisenhower next weekend unless Macmillan wants to delay it.

Eisenhower and Macmillan will discuss what the Allies can do to induce Khrushchev to agree to unification of Germany and settlement of related problems on terms which will quiet the fears on both sides.

Girl Struck by Car Still 'Fairly Good'

Jana Sue McCall, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle G. McCall, 523 Haven st., remains in "fairly good" condition at Sacred Heart hospital, officials reported late Saturday.

The girl was injured Thursday afternoon when she rode her bicycle into the path of a Medford police car on Summit ave. between Haven and Fairmont sts.

Spring Vacations Starting Tomorrow

A full week of spring vacation starts tomorrow for eight local schools, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county superintendent.

Vacations will extend from March 16 through March 20 for Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley, Lone Pine and Howard schools, Mekvold said.

Vacations start Wednesday and run through Friday for Ruch, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Elk Trail, Shady Cove, Talent, Applegate and Pinehurst schools.

Two-day vacations start Thursday for Medford, Prospect, Rogue River, Evans Valley and Butte Falls schools.