

Thousands Purged as Red Takeover of Iraq Nears Windup

Editor's note: UPI Middle East correspondent Larry Collins was expelled Thursday from Baghdad with two other American newsmen in a move that draws further an iron curtain around Iraq. In the following dispatch he describes the present conditions in Iraq. The Communist takeover appears almost complete.

By LARRY COLLINS
UPI Correspondent
Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Communists have seized control of much of the Iraq government and jailed thousands of persons in the greatest purge ever seen in the Middle East. The Communists appear ready to take over the oil-rich nation.

There is almost open anarchy among student groups who howl through the streets in violent demonstrations against the West and Arab nationalism. Workers demanding inordinate wages drop their tools and join any passing mob.
Iraqis live in a world totally isolated from their Arab neighbors and from any vestige of non-Communist thought. The press and radio are completely controlled by the Communists who publish

only what the Reds want the people to know.
Editorials are spoon-fed to the local press by Col. Outfi Taher, a one-time horse doctor who is now the Reds' chief of press. The four papers which occasionally dared to publish Nationalist sentiments were burned and ripped apart by organized mobs.
Baghdad radio blares an around-the-clock stream of Red propaganda and savage attacks against President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the U.A.R. and makes unceasing

efforts to defy the personage of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem.
The consensus of both western and neutral diplomats in the capital is that the purge of thousands of anti-Communists has broken the back of

any possible revolt and left the strings of power in the hands of Kassem's openly pro-Communist palace guard.
Those diplomats no longer ask themselves if Iraq going Communist but "has the nation already passed the point of no return?"
The purge started after the Mosul uprising, the unsuccessful rebellion in Northern Iraq early this month that was crushed by the leftist regime.
Reliable diplomatic sources

set the minimum number of arrests at five or six thousand. Other sources place the number as high as 15,000.
Those arrested are known to include at least 150 and probably more army officers, two and possibly three former ministers and four Iraqi employees of the U.S. Embassy.
The arrested persons are from all walks of life. One denominator common to all is their potential opposition to the increasingly Communist-dominated regime.
Foreigners, particularly

Americans, are subjected to a stream of continual harassments.
Most Egyptians already have left the country. Palestinians, suspected of pro-Nasser sympathies, are struggling to get out as best they can.
The nation's leaders have launched a systematic campaign to destroy the image of Nasser in the eyes of the populace.
The biggest riddle in Iraq is Premier Kassem himself. Publicly he takes a soothing,

moderate line. But he appears unwilling or unable to control those around him.
In another move to ring down the curtain around Iraq, this correspondent was expelled Thursday with Winston Burdett, Middle East and Rome correspondent of CBS, and William McHale, Mideast correspondent for Time-Life.
We were given no reason for expulsion. Inquiries only got us the curt explanation: "You have been here long enough."

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Deadline for Filing For School Board Posts is April 3

All nominating petitions for school board members in all districts must be filed with the district clerk by Friday, April 3, according to Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county school superintendent today.
"This also applies to those districts voting on consolidation on April 6 since insufficient time remains after April 6, the date of the consolidation election, to present these petitions in case the consolidation vote is unfavorable," the county school superintendent said.

The annual school meeting is May 4 and the law specifies that all candidates must have petitions filed 30 days before the election date.
Nominating Petitions
Nominating petitions must contain at least 3 per cent of the number of qualified electors voting for school director at the last annual election in the district and not less than 10, Mekvold said. Petition forms are available in each district clerk's office and in the county school superintendent's office.
Acceptance of nomination must be filed at least 30 days prior to the annual election.
Each district must publish notices of the annual election. First publication must be more than 25 days or less than 15 days prior to the meeting or election. The second notice must be published not more than 15 days or less than eight days prior to the meeting or election.
The annual school meeting and election will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Each school board provides the ballots, Mekvold said.
Two positions on the Ashland school board will be voted on, according to Stanley Jobe, Ashland school superintendent.
They are the five-year term of Howard Wiley and the four-year term of Dave Fortmiller. Both have been filed for reelection, Jobe said.
Other present members of the school board are Mrs. Mabel Stemple, vice chairman; Carol W. Smith and Archie C. Fries Jr.

Pinehurst Favors Remaining As Is

Ashland—No action can be started on bringing the Pinehurst school district into Ashland until after the election on the new junior high school bond issue, Ashland Superintendent Stanley Jobe said today.
Jobe, Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent, and R. E. Lawrence, of the county school office, attended a meeting in the Pinehurst school district Wednesday night. They learned that the majority of school patrons are against joining Ashland and favor the present boundaries.

However, Jobe said it may make some difference to the patrons if Pinehurst keeps grades 1 through 6, and only sends its junior high school and high school students to Ashland. He said this may be worked out.
Pinehurst residents said that, with the millage charged for their fire district, they are now paying a total of 58 mills which is almost equal to Ashland city residents' 58.9 mills.
The bond issue election is scheduled April 22 in Ashland. The \$1,275,000 issue would finance furnishings and equipping the new junior high, purchase of property, land development, architect's fees, and any contingencies involving non-contracted items, Jobe explained. Estimated construction costs of the new junior high school would be \$978,496. The new junior high would be completed by September, 1960, if the bond issue passes, Jobe said.

Atomic Submarine Skate Completes Second Journey Beneath North Pole

Washington—(UPI)—The Navy announced today that the atomic submarine Skate has made its second trip beneath the North Pole and broken all previous records for time and distance in polar operations under the ice.
The Skate's crew carried out the wishes of the late Polar explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins by scattering his ashes into the blowing snow during the 12 days the submarine spent in the ice area. The Skate completed its second voyage under the Arctic ice to the North Pole at 7:12 p.m. (p.s.t.) Thursday, the Navy said.
During its first polar cruise last year, the Skate was in the permanent ice area 10 days and 14 hours during which it surfaced nine times in ice "leads."
Logged 3,090 Miles
Skipped by Cmdr. James F. Calvert, the submarine logged 3,090 miles in 12 days in the permanent ice area.
It surfaced 10 times, "once exactly at the North Pole."
The Skate carried a crew of 196.
The Skate, which made its

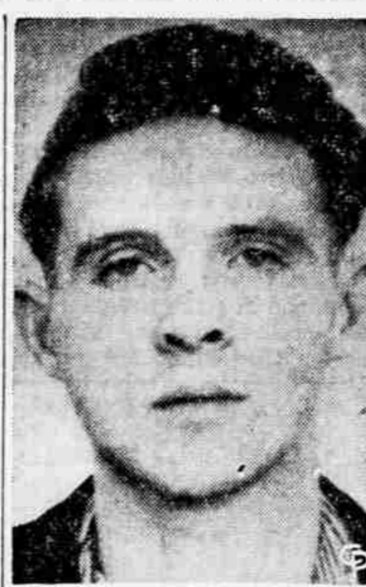
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first trip to the pole last August, left New London, Conn., March 4. It went under the ice March 14. It is due back at New London April 6.
The 1958 cruise put 2,405 miles under the ice in the Skate's log book.
Nautilus Was First
The first submarine to cross the North Pole was the nuclear-powered Nautilus, but it did not surface there. The Nautilus traversed the Arctic Ocean from the Pacific to the Atlantic last August and was at the pole under the ice on Aug. 3.
They plan to attend church again Easter Sunday.
Mrs. Everett Hughes of Washington, widow of an Air Force general and a personal friend, accompanied the Eisenhowers at the services. She is their house guest this week end.
White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen that the President planned "a very quiet week end" at his farm on the outskirts of town.

Quick OK on Foreign Ministers Meeting Seen

Fugitive's Father Asks for Surrender

Portland, Ore.—(UPI)—Relatives of Richard Hunt, 27, an ex-convict wanted here for shooting the police chief of a small Willamette valley town and kidnaping the police chief of another, have issued appeals for the young man to surrender.
"I'll forgive him, no matter what, if he'll just come in before this gets any worse," the fugitive's father, Clarence Hunt, 52, of Salem, said.
Uncle Adds Plea
Police Sergeant Roy Hunt, commander of the state police sub-district at Albany and an uncle of Hunt's, also pleaded for his nephew to give himself up.
"The boy is no cop hater," the officer said.
Hunt, wanted in four states for a variety of offenses, was last seen Wednesday when he was believed to have kidnaped a motorist at Amity, Ore., and forced the driver to bring him here. He escaped a cordon of officers in the downtown section of the city.
The widespread search began Tuesday when Hunt shot Brownsville Police Chief Robert Kennow in a gun battle with a posse. Earlier, he had kidnaped Harrisburg Police Chief E. G. McPhee after being stopped for questioning.



RICHARD HUNT
'Boy Is No Cop Hater'

"He hasn't had any use for her since she left us," he said.
The uncle said Hunt's chances of being taken alive by most policemen are "pretty slim" after the Kennow shooting.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Set Saturday

Approximately 10,000 candy eggs will be scattered at Hawthorne park for the annual Medford Kiwanis club Easter egg hunt.
The event is scheduled for Saturday morning with the starting gun to fire at 9 a.m.
The eggs will be in cellophane wrappers and a number will be marked for prizes. Youngsters will hunt in three sections of the park, according to their ages. The groups are 3 and 4 years, 5 and 6 and 7 to 9.
The Kiwanis Easter egg hunt for children of the Medford vicinity is a traditional event.

Rural School Fund Levy Estimated

Jackson county's rural school district fund for equalization this year is estimated at \$2,080,844.27 which will require an estimated 24.3 mill levy.
This is an increase from last year's \$1,977,421.73 total which required a 23.1 mill levy.
"The assessed valuation has not been figured yet," a county school official said. "The jump is caused by local district budgets being higher through increased costs and the school population gain."
The fund estimate is based on 50 per cent of the prior year's levy, excluding capital outlay, sites acquisition, buildings and bonded indebtedness, and figuring the school population increase or decrease.
The total is redistributed to school districts as a tax offset and based on an average daily attendance.
Medford school district will receive the most tax offset fund as it has contributed the largest sum.

Grants Pass Man Forfeits \$200 Bail

Donald C. Hood, 29, of Grants Pass, forfeited \$200 bail on two reckless driving charges by failing to appear in Medford municipal court this morning, city police reported.
The charges were filed in connection with his leading local police on a high-speed chase early in the morning of Feb. 8, in the course of which he drove through Medford twice. Prior to today's forfeitures, Hood served 30 days in Jackson county jail and paid \$250 in fines plus \$5 court costs following court action on the incident.

Capsule From Thor Missile Recovered

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—The Air Force announced today it recovered a data capsule from the nose cone of an intermediate range Thor missile which made a successful flight of about 1,600 miles Thursday night.
It was only the third time a capsule had been recovered in 26 flights of a standard Thor. The capsule contained a device to record the effects of the extremely high atmospheric friction encountered by the blunt nose cone on its 15,000-mile an hour plunge back to earth from space.
Officials said the stubby Thor, fired at 8 p.m. (PST) Thursday, "accomplished its reliability and accuracy test objectives."

Eisenhowers Attend Good Friday Rites

Gettysburg, Pa.—(UPI)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower attended Good Friday services today at a combined observance by Protestant churches.
They heard the story of the crucifixion told by the Rev. Edwin Elliott, pastor of the Marsh Creek Presbyterian church and one of eight ministers participating in the service at the First Methodist church.
They plan to attend church again Easter Sunday.
Mrs. Everett Hughes of Washington, widow of an Air Force general and a personal friend, accompanied the Eisenhowers at the services. She is their house guest this week end.
White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen that the President planned "a very quiet week end" at his farm on the outskirts of town.

U.S. Resumes Ties With Bulgarians

Washington—(UPI)—The United States announced today an agreement for resumption of diplomatic relations with Communist Bulgaria.
Relations were broken off in 1950 after Donald Heath, U. S. minister in Sofia, was charged with espionage and accused of being involved in a plot to overthrow the Red government. Bulgaria has withdrawn the charges as groundless.
The Bulgarian government made the first move for preliminary talks in December, 1957. Final negotiations were started March 4.

Bill To Set Up State Power Body Receives Hearing

Salem—(UPI)—A bill that would put Oregon in the power business received a two-hour hearing before the House Judiciary Committee Thursday.
The measure would establish a power development commission of three elected members to construct and operate hydro-electric projects and to buy, sell and transmit power.
Testifying in favor of the bill were representatives of the AFL-CIO, the Grange, the Farmers Union and the Oregon Electric Co-operative association.
In opposition were representatives of Portland General Electric Company, Pacific Power and Light, California-Pacific Utilities Company and the Portland Chamber of Commerce.
Rep. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg), a chief sponsor of the power commission bill, said private power companies would have to realize that times were changing.
James Marr, executive secretary of the AFL-CIO, said most of organized labor was "strongly behind" the bill. He said the chief interest of union labor in the bill was that it would enable Oregon to take advantage of the "preference clause" in the Bonneville power administration act.
This clause provides that public agencies receive preference in the allocation of federal power.
Norman Stoll, Portland attorney and former chief counsel for Bonneville, said the power development commission would qualify under the preference clause even though its power might be sold to private utilities and private industry.
O. E. Walsh, former North Pacific division engineer and a vice president of Portland General Electric Company, testified in opposition to the bill that there were no major power sites remaining in Oregon for development by a state commission except a few on coastal streams which would conflict with valued recreational interests.
Meanwhile the House Highway Committee tabled the 1-cent gallon gas tax increase bill with Flegel, chairman, commenting that the state had enough money to match federal highway funds without the increase. Action was delayed on a bond issue for the Astoria bridge across the Columbia, improvement of Highway 42 and the Winnemucca-to-the-Sea route in southern Oregon.

Former Mental Patient Suspect In Girl's Death

Sacramento, Calif.—(UPI)—A former mental patient jailed here on suspicion of kidnaping was "definitely" in the Spokane, Wash., area early this month, Sheriff's Sgt. Oren Baker said today.
William E. Beckwith, 26, Modesto, Calif., was held while officers completed their investigation into his joyride with Lois Marbut, 12, of Gardenland near Sacramento.
Baker said Beckwith was a "definite suspect" in the rape-murder of Candice (Candy) Rogers at Spokane, March 6.
"We have some information now that indicates he was in Washington before March 17," Baker said. "He has told a number of persons that he was in the area and he wrote a letter saying he was near Spokane."
Admits Farm Work
The former patient at the Stockton and Napa, Calif., state mental hospitals at first admitted and then denied he was near Spokane. But sheriff's officers said he admitted recently working on a farm.
Baker, the chief investigator on the case, said he worked on the Spokane angle of Beckwith's activities late Thursday night but had not conducted intensive questioning yet.
Meanwhile, Baker met with Sacramento county district attorney deputies to discuss what charges, if any, would be filed against Beckwith for his joyride with Lois.
Beckwith and the girl were found near Marysville, Calif., Thursday morning asleep in the suspect's car. Officers said the girl had not been sexually molested.



VAN ARRIVES—The Van of History, which has been touring the state since last September in connection with the Oregon Centennial arrived in Jacksonville this morning. Parked in the street beside the historic Jacksonville museum, classes of students as well as the general public had the opportunity to view displays of charts, relics and documents that played a part in Oregon's

development. Above, members of Jacksonville High school senior English class wait to enter. It will be in Jacksonville until 5 o'clock this afternoon. The Van will be in Medford Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, according to Sam Galloway, captain of the unit. The 100,000th person is expected to view the display while the Van is in Jackson county.

Closing Arguments Given in Trial of Mrs. Maxine Click

Closing arguments by the prosecution and defense were presented in circuit court this morning in the first degree murder trial of Mrs. Maxine Click, 46, Ashland.
One final argument by District Attorney Thomas Reeder remained following a lunch recess. Judge Edward Kelly held the court past the usual noon recess time to allow Defense Attorney Otto Frohmayer to complete his final argument.
Mrs. Click, mother of nine children, is charged with shooting her husband, Houston, Jan. 6 in the family home in Ashland.
Arguments today by Deputy District Attorney Gerald T. Scannell and Frohmayer centered chiefly around testimony by witnesses who described Click's allegedly unpleasant personality and by local physicians who declared that Mrs. Click suffers from psychomotor epilepsy and that her husband was neurotic.
Witnesses Called
Three witnesses were called by the prosecution in rebuttal arguments opening today's hearing, although one, Mrs. Patricia Elliott, police matron for the sheriff's office, was unable to testify after Judge Kelly ruled her evidence inadmissible.
The other two, Mrs. Marie Clark, welfare caseworker, and Miss Marion Ady, Southern Oregon college professor, testified that on the day before the Jan. 6 shooting they both were of the opinion that Mrs. Click was perfectly normal.
A deposition taken from Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, which declared she appeared sane following her arrest, was read by Reeder.
Scannell, in his rebuttal of the "long emotion-packed trial," said "the state is not looking for the death penalty." He declared, however, that that did not mean "we do not feel this is a cold-blooded killing."
Question Conditions
He questioned whether conditions in the home prior to the shooting were sufficient to produce an epileptic attack such as Dr. James C. Luce, local neuro-surgeon, said he induced in his electroencephalograph examination.
The wood fire, which Mrs. Click said she watched just before the crime, would be "pleasant to look at" and "restful," Scannell said.
He declared that it was the state's strong feeling that the defense rested its case on the testimony of Dr. Luce and the ruin of the dead man's character. The deputy followed with his "impressions"

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concerning testimony of the many witnesses.
While Mrs. Click sat sobbing for the first time noticeably during the week-long trial, Scannell repeated statements she made to investigators and which he declared indicated premeditation. He called the second shot she fired at her husband "insurance," adding that "if every jealous, drinking man in Jackson county were shot by his wife, we just wouldn't have much male population."
'Common Law'
Frohmayer's argument stressed to the jury the "common law" that "a person is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."
To substantiate the doubt, he referred to the confessions taken from Mrs. Click by investigating officers, which differed in detail, and which he said were made when she was without the aid of counsel.
"Put yourself in Mrs. Click's mind," he told the jury. "How, in that frame of mind, could she tell all the facts?"
Frohmayer said he knew that Houston Click was not on trial, that it was a "naive" question, but that it was necessary to know the "main character" of the case.
"Never have I had a civil or criminal case where people came so freely," he said, referring to acquaintances of the family who appeared as defense witnesses.
Recalls Statements
The attorney recounted the many times Mrs. Click said "I guess" in her statement to police, which he said indicated she was not sure of the confession.
Frohmayer also explained that the fact that she was beaten repeatedly a short time before she testified her shooting in self defense.
Concerning his defense arguments based on Mrs. Click's insanity, the attorney declared the brain-wave test made by Dr. Luce was "as positive as can be given" and definitely showed brain injury and psychomotor epilepsy.
The case was expected to go to the jury later this afternoon.
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Russia Expected To Snap Up Offer Of May 11 Session

Moscow—(UPI)—Western diplomatic circles predicted today the Soviet Union would quickly snap up the Western offer to hold a pre-summit foreign ministers conference in Geneva May 11.
The Russians apparently are far more eager than anyone to get out of the way what they regard as a rubber stamp conference and proceed to global problems at a meeting of heads of state.
Premier Nikita Khrushchev, for all practical purposes, agreed at his March 19 press conference on the time and place. He also made it clear he was not interested in an agenda covering more than the German problem.
Notes Were Brief
The Soviet note of March 2 did propose that the summit meeting take up the general problem of European security, disarmament and the "denuclearization" of Central Europe in addition to Germany.
Observers said the Western notes were so remarkably brief and free of diplomatic gobbledegook that they made Soviet acceptance almost inescapable.
The Soviet government also was not expected to quibble over either the agenda or the Western formula for inviting Polish and Czechoslovakian representatives at "certain stages" of the negotiations.
The Russians formerly insisted on mathematical parity with the Western Big Three, but in view of the almost certain summit meeting they will forego this principle.
Remain Poles Apart
Western observers here said the truth of the matter is that a foreign ministers conference has been downgraded to what one neutral diplomat called "a procedural subcommittee for a summit meeting." The same idea has been reflected in dispatches from Western capitals.
On basic matters of substance, East and West remained poles apart although the Soviet press in recent days has been reporting a "more realistic approach by Western governments including the United States."

No End Seen To Pile Driver Strike

Portland—(UPI)—There was no early end in sight today to a strike of Pile Drivers Union members which halted some construction work in Oregon and southwest Washington.
Leo Neal, negotiator for the union, said after a Thursday night meeting that "the situation hasn't changed." The Pile Drivers, who have about 600 members, were called out on strike Thursday morning after long negotiations in the governor's office failed to break a deadlock.
Work on the John Day dam, the old Interstate bridge between here and Vancouver, Wash., and a highway overpass here was affected.

Ashland Officer Has Bad Moment; Finds Lost Driver

Ashland—(UPI)—Policeman Gerry Randles had a bad moment here Thursday when called to the scene of a two-car collision.
He found one car lying on its side—no driver and no other vehicle.
It was disclosed that the driver of the overturned auto, James Harper, 20, of 435 Granite st., was speeding to obtain aid for his mother who was quite ill and in a state of shock.
Driver of the other car, Dale Walls, 18, Talent, left the scene of the accident to take Harper to call a doctor.
No citation was issued.

Vernon Thorpe Taken To Medford Hospital

Vernon Thorpe, Medford public works director, was "under observation" at Sacred Heart hospital today for an undisclosed condition, his physician reported.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness late tonight. Cloudy with a few light showers Saturday. Clearing, partially late Saturday. Low tonight 34. High Saturday 55. Outlook Sunday, no rain. Cloudy early Sunday, becoming partly cloudy during afternoon.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 51
Lowest this Morning 33
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today .10
Sunset today 6:30 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:02 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 10:23 p.m.
Last Quarter March 31
Appearing to follow the Moon through the sky tonight is Jupiter, the largest planet, moving at a speed of 8 miles per second, takes nearly 12 years to circle the Sun.