

# Dalai Lama Enters India; Granted Asylum

## Election Monday On Consolidation Of Area Districts

Polls will be open between 2 and 8 p.m. Monday in seven locations for patrons of six Jackson county school districts to vote on a proposal to consolidate into one large administrative school district.

## \$3,000 Awarded To Allison by Circuit Jury

A Jackson county circuit court jury yesterday awarded damages of \$3,000 plus interest to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Rogue River, for property the state is acquiring in that area for a freeway.

The Allisons were seeking \$3,855 in damages for 1.4 acres of land on the north side of the Rogue river approximately a mile west of Rogue River. The state had offered \$1,250.

The condemnation action involved the smallest sum of any of three similar cases up for trial, but is the one in which the state highway commission and the land owner were the farthest apart, percentage-wise, on damages sought.

In the next case, the state is offering \$14,000 in damages and the owner wants \$17,000, and in the third and largest case the state has offered \$26,000 and the land owner wants \$32,000.

Called By Defense  
A total of five witnesses were called by the defense in the suit which started Tuesday in circuit court here. Judge James M. Main presided.

Witnesses called by the state include A. L. Chapman, resident department engineer at Grants Pass; Delbert Williams, state appraiser; and James Rodman, Eugene, a fee appraiser. Rodman was called Wednesday evening and his testimony continued into Thursday morning. Also testifying was B. M. Allen, a fee appraiser of Rogue River.

The testimony seemed to hinge on the effect of an adjacent freeway on property valuation.

Attorneys for the defense were Stanley C. Jones Jr. and Joel Reeder. William Mansfield was attorney for the state highway department.

## \$13,105 Collected On Dog Licenses

Since Jan. 1 a total of \$13,105.50 has been collected in dog license fees, according to figures received yesterday in the county clerk's office.

The license fees pay for the dog control officer's salary, upkeep of the dog pound, for the material in dog licenses and tags, for livestock and fowl destroyed by dogs and any other incidental expenses.

Anything more than \$1,000 of this money left at the end of the year is placed in the county's general fund, it was explained. The \$1,000 is budgeted for general operating expenses by the county dog control board.

The dog control board meets periodically to look over all the claims on livestock and fowl, agrees on the amount justified and gives its approval.

Salem—(UPI)—The House has passed a measure to bring log truck operators under regulation of the Public Utility Commission. The bill now goes to the Senate.

### WEATHER

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness through Saturday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 42. High Saturday 48. Outlook Sunday: Chance of showers.

Lowest this Morning	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	42

### Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	6:33 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:51 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	4:34 a.m.
New Moon	April 7

A combination of the movements of Mars and the Earth on their orbits around the Sun apart and Mars will grow noticeably dimmer this month. The gap between the two planets tonight is 150 million miles.

mitted petitions requesting the vote.

The proposal, which stemmed from the county reorganization law passed by the 1957 state legislature, has been recommended by the Jackson County Reorganization committee.

Polling places are Jacksonville High school music room, Griffin Creek school gymnasium, Ruch school cafeteria, Howard school multi-purpose room; Hedrick Junior High cafeteria, McLoughlin Junior High girls gymnasium, and Lone Pine school cafeteria.

**Notifies Districts**  
If all districts approve consolidation, the county boundary board, after canvassing the votes, notifies each district of the effective date. If approved, the consolidation probably would become effective as soon as possible, for budgetary reasons.

If a district votes against consolidation, it is automatically eliminated from the consolidation, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent and secretary of the county boundary board.

Should one or more districts vote against consolidation, the approving districts could then reconsider consolidation. Mekvold pointed out. In such a case, voters in districts approving consolidation would have 10 days in which to file a remonstrance petition with the boundary board, which must then call another election to determine if the districts which favored the proposal still were in favor of consolidation.

**Two Alternatives**  
If, in a second election, the districts which at first favored the proposal, vote against consolidation, there are two alternatives which may be followed to comply with the 1957 law. They are:

(1) Other consolidation attempts may be made, or (2) the responsibility for reorganization is left with the Jackson County Reorganization committee.

The reorganization committee must submit to the state board of education a plan for reorganizing school districts into more efficient administrative units by Oct. 7 this year.

## License to Sell Beer Approved

Mrs. Edna Mae Hamm will get a license to sell beer in her new restaurant at 42 North Front st. after all.

The Medford city council approved her application last night after turning it down a month ago. The reconsideration was asked by Councilman Donald Hansen, Ward II.

Mrs. Hamm burst into tears when her request was refused at the council's March 5 meeting. Her previous application for a license to dispense liquor had also been rejected.

A major factor in last night's about-face was a letter from Frank Van Dyke, Don Root and Don Herried. These men, who own property near 42 North Front st., had said last month they did not want another typical Front st. tavern to open.

Mrs. Hamm, who currently operates the Casino tavern, 17 South Front, had told the council she planned to establish "a honky-tonk" at the new address and would discontinue her Casino operation.

The objectors' letter states they have inspected the premises at 42 North Front, have noted substantial improvements, and withdraw their objection, (at least for the time being).

## Origin of Fire Traced To Two Young Boys

Origin of a fire in the open-front garage at the home of Mrs. Mildred Wilkins, 609 West 10th st., yesterday, was learned by the interrogation of two boys, ages 5 and 6, by City Fire Marshal Truman Nelson and city police, officers said today.

The blaze apparently was started by the youngsters playing with matches, according to the police report. Police said that Mrs. Wilkins had reported six small fires in the garage in the past few months. Fire men were summoned about 2:45 p.m. yesterday.



ROYALTY NAMED—Frank Allen Hunt and Margaret Stephen were chosen last night as king and queen of the Pear Blossom Festival, and will reign over activities during the Festival parade April 11. They were selected at ceremonies at Jackson school.

## King, Queen Named For Pear Festival

Frank Allen Hunt, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, Phoenix-Hillcrest rd., Medford, and Margaret Stephen, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Stephen, 2817 Beall lane, Central Point, were selected king and queen of the annual Pear Blossom Festival last night.

They were selected from 12 candidates at ceremonies at Jackson school.

The royal couple will lead the Festival parade April 11 accompanied by the princes and princesses. LaDonna Lull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lull, Medford, and Bob McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith McLean, Medford, last year's king and queen, crowned this year's royal couple.

## 'Pentomic' Guard To Drill Sunday

The newly formed "Pentomic" National Guard company here will hold its first drill Sunday, it was announced today.

The organization was formed from officers and men which made up the two companies formerly established here. The old companies were Headquarters and Headquarters company, and Company A, both parts of the first battalion of the 188th Infantry.

Combined into a new and larger rifle company, the unit now is known as Company E, 2nd battle group, Combat Arms Regiment (CAR). Its complement is 6 officers and 104 enlisted men. First Lt. Donald M. Ivie is commanding officer, and First Lt. Jack C. Phillips is executive officer.

Maj. Forrest D. Taft and M/Sgt. John J. Potter, both regular Army men, are here as advisors to the new company, and are assisting with the reorganization into the "Pentomic" concept of military organization.

The company will report to the Medford armory at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, and then will move to Camp White for rifle range drill and qualification shooting, it was reported.

## Grandview Zone Change Request Vetoed

Gottlieb J. Wolff's request for a zone change for a lot in the Grandview area was turned down by the Medford city council last night after a move to postpone action on it also failed.

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The council also called for a hearing April 16 on rezoning property owned by Harold Farr in Berrydale from residential and limited light industrial to light industrial.

With respect to Wolff's property, Councilman Donald Hansen, Ward II, asked that consideration be deferred until June. Councilman Al Bradford, Ward II, seconded him.

## No Appeasement With Russ, NATO Council Says

### Officers Voice Concern About 'Mock Holdups' State Statutes Violated by Act

"I'd rather be a kill-joy than to have someone get killed," Capt. Paul Morgan of the Oregon state police here said this week when questioned about the "mock holdups" held in the county recently.

Captain Morgan's concern was also voiced by Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin, Sheriff Joe Walsh, and District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder.

"I realize that the persons involved mean well," the state police officer continued, "but there is too much of a chance someone will get hurt."

Violations of Statute  
District Attorney Reeder mentioned that persons who stage such holdups, when a gun is involved, are actually in violation of a state statute and expose themselves to possible criminal and civil action.

ORS 163.320 prohibits the pointing of any loaded or empty gun, with or without malice, at another person.

"There seems to be better and more proper ways to have fun and promote the Centennial," Reeder continued, "than playing 'cops and robbers,' which certainly doesn't set a very good example for children."

Morgan stressed that not only could someone "in fun" slip a cartridge into an empty revolver, but persons in the crowd, unaware of the planned holdup, could hurt one of the "bandits."

Walsh said that several hundred permits have been issued by the sheriff's office to persons in the county to carry concealed weapons. He also mentioned that off-duty law enforcement officers carry guns.

May Use Guns  
"Any of these persons, in good faith, might use their gun to protect those at an event where a staged holdup is held," the sheriff said.

Such an affair could cause frightening consequences, it was pointed out by the officers, particularly for those with bad hearts.

The raids have not been discussed at official Jackson County Centennial meetings, Jack Creager, president of the county association, said today. He explained that they are therefore not an official act of the association.

However, Ernie Hood, county association coordinator, stated that in his opinion the one "holdup" held recently was used only as an experiment. He said that the primary purpose was not to obtain money, but to add "color" to Centennial activities.



## Council Votes to Keep Crossing Open

The Medford city council last night voted unanimously for allowing the Clark st. railroad crossing to remain open.

The decision following a public hearing at which several property owners in the area served by the crossing spoke strongly against its closure. Dr. William Thompson, representing the Medford safety council, was the lone spokesman for closing it.

The council, with an eye to future developments, also opposed the requested vacation of Mingsus st. a few blocks further west.

The city planning commission recommended previously that the Clark st. crossing not only remain open but be improved. The council's action last night was simply against closing it, however.

Protest Closure  
Among those protesting the closure from the audience during the hearing were D. W. Robertson and Veri G. Walker. They stressed that use of the crossing provides for both public convenience and public safety. A petition bearing 208 signatures of property owners opposed to the closure was filed while the matter was before the planning commission.

Dr. Thompson said the Clark st. crossing had the worst safety record of any crossing in Medford. He said it should be either improved or closed, and noted that its closure would make funds available for improvement of the safety of other crossings.

Dr. Thompson quoted a public utilities commission spokesman as saying there had been eight accidents at the crossing in the past 10 years resulting in one death and three injuries. Long-time residents challenged these figures.

Councilman James Dunley, Ward IV, stated he considered the crossing less dangerous now because of decreasing rail traffic. He said the increasing number of motorists and pedestrians crossing the tracks at Clark st. made it desirable to keep the crossing open.

The PUC had issued an order in 1957 regulating the speed of trains through Medford and providing for improvements in signal facilities at certain crossings. By the terms of this order, if the council had agreed to closing the Clark st. crossing it would have brought a saving to the city of \$10,000 in signal installation costs.

It was to this saving that Dr. Thompson referred. Signals Postponed  
The council's action last night gave the go-ahead to the Southern Pacific railroad for effecting signal circuit improvements, ordered by the PUC last year to provide the safest and most practical signal operation at Medford crossings, had been postponed pending a decision on Clark st.

City Manager Robert A. Duff, in a special report on the crossing, described an alternative plan for extending Edwards st. across the tracks a block to the north of Clark st. Robertson said this would be less convenient for residents near Clark. But it is possible that crossings at both locations will eventually be needed.

The council last night also decided to defer action for two weeks on the proposed ordinance regulating private detectives and merchant patrolmen.

## Big 3 Decisions Get Approval of Representatives

Washington—(UPI)—The NATO Council wound up its discussion of Berlin and Germany today with an endorsement of western Big Four efforts to seek an honorable settlement with Russia.

The foreign ministers and other top representatives of the 15-nation council were reported after a closed session to be unanimous in approving the decisions of Britain, France, United States and West Germany to stand firm in Berlin and make no deal which would smack of appeasement.

Spaak Report Due  
The council planned to turn this afternoon to consideration of Secretary General Paul-Henry Spaak's report and matters other than the Berlin and German problems.

Suggestions advanced by representatives of the other western powers at this morning's meeting will be sent along for consideration by a four power allied working group. The group meets April 13 in London to try to hammer out the final bargaining position which Britain, France and the U.S. will take into the Geneva foreign ministers meeting with Russia scheduled to begin May 11.

No Basic Disagreement  
German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano, the first speaker at this morning's session, began by denying there were any basic differences between his country and the western Big Three on how to approach a solution of the Berlin and German problems.

Meanwhile the western Big Three shaped up allied strategy for forthcoming negotiations with the Russians.

Representatives of the 15 nations have been assured by the U.S., Britain and France that there will be no recognition of Communist East Germany as part of any deal with the Soviets over Berlin.

The Big Three have also told the council at the 10th anniversary session they will spurn any security pact with the Soviet Union which would require withdrawal of American, British and Canadian troops from the European continent.

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## Police Say Hunt Observed in Market

A man answering the description of Richard Allen Hunt, 27-year-old object of an intensive manhunt, was observed at the Grandview Market shortly before noon, Medford police reported.

Police said all local law enforcement agencies were combing the area. The market is located at 2330 Crater Lake ave.

The ex-covict, believed to be armed, is sought in connection with kidnapping one police chief and shooting another in the Willamette valley last week.

## Colonel Cleared In Plane 'Bumping'

Tokyo—(UPI)—The Air Force today enlisted men on emergency leave were bumped from a military plane to make room for a vacationing officer and his family because of errors in arithmetic and administration.

Lt. Col. Charles P. Platt was cleared by the Air Force of charges that he was responsible for actually bumping the men from the plane that took off for California March 26 with eight empty seats.

## Escape Sure To Deal Heavy Blow To Red Prestige

80 Followers  
Accompany Leader  
New Delhi—(UPI)—India told Communist China and the world today that the 25-year-old Dalai Lama has crossed safely into India from revolt-torn Tibet and has been granted diplomatic asylum.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru electrified Parliament with the announcement. The deputies cheered wildly.

Advantage Notice  
Nehru said the Tibetan godking, the quarry of an intense hunt by Communist Chinese troops in Tibet, reached the Tibetan border Tuesday night with 80 followers.

He said an advance scout had given notice March 29 that the Dalai Lama was coming and would seek diplomatic asylum.

The young spiritual and temporal ruler of three million Tibetans crossed the border near the Towang subdivision of the Yameng frontier division in India's Assam State, Nehru said.

"When he crossed over into our territory he was received by our assistant political officer of the Towang subdivision," Nehru said.

Blow to Red Prestige  
"The total number who have come with him or after him is 80," Nehru said. "Yesterday we learned that his party in two groups is moving towards Towang which is the headquarters of that subdivision, and that he is expected to reach Towang today."

Although Towang is less than 20 miles from the border as the crow flies, the actual trip was much longer because it involved traveling over some of the roughest country in the world.

The escape, one of the most dramatic of modern times, was sure to deal a heavy blow at Communist Chinese prestige, particularly in Asia. Up to the start of the anti-Communist uprising in Tibet last month, and the Communist attempts to crush it, India had gone to great pains not to offend its huge Chinese neighbor in any way.

It was generally believed news of the Dalai Lama's escape would set off new and greater resistance to the Communists in Tibet.

Reports received at the Indian border town of Kalimpong said the Chinese Communists had launched a heavy artillery offensive in southeast Tibet, home of the fierce Khamba tribesmen who started the revolution.

## Parks Director Named for Medford

Robert L. Haworth, 37, of Spokane, Wash., has accepted the position of Medford parks and recreation director. He is expected to assume his duties here May 4.

Haworth is currently assistant superintendent of recreation for the city of Spokane. He was formerly superintendent of parks and recreation for Spokane county.

Haworth and two other top candidates for the Medford post were interviewed here recently. Russ Jamison, chairman of Medford's parks and recreation commission, said Haworth appeared to have "a better background in administration."

Haworth studied at the University of Idaho, holds a B.S. degree and has a background in engineering. His salary here is to be \$575 a month, Jamison reported.

## Plumbing Shops In County Closed

Most of the plumbing shops in Jackson and Josephine counties are closed today pending negotiations of a new contract with Local 418 of the United Association of Plumbers and Fitters, it was reported.

This is not an official strike since no strike vote has been taken, according to George Beltz, union business agent. A number of plumbing shop employers have refused to sign the contract as submitted, Beltz said. Emergency work is being carried out, he added.

Employers and union officials appear fairly close to agreement on the amount of wages but cannot agree when the new wages would take effect, the business agent said.