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14 Per Cent Hike In Allowable Cut On O&C Land Told

New Forest Inventory Yields Higher Figures

Portland—UPI—An increase of nearly 14 per cent in the annual allowable cut of timber from revested Oregon and California railroad grant lands in Oregon was announced Friday by Elmer F. Bennett, undersecretary of the interior.

Bennett said the increase would be 104.9 million board feet, raising the allowable 1959 cut to 874.2 million board feet.

He said that through increasing its total timber sales program for 1960, the bureau of land management could provide the equivalent of 2,000 additional local jobs.

Edward Woozley, BLM director, said new forest inventories made possible the increase. The latest increase is the ninth since the base annual cut of 500 million board feet was established when the O & C sustained yield act was passed in 1937.

Woozley also said that an estimated additional 125.8 million board feet of salvage and other material not chargeable to the new allowable cut base could be offered for sale in 1960, bringing the total cut to about one billion board feet.

Additional funds necessary for an expanded timber sale program for O & C land for 1959 have been requested from Congress, he said.

(An additional volume of timber will be sold from public domain land in the Medford district, according to Bob Hostetter, assistant district manager in charge of plans. This should be computed before July, he said.)

(O and C public domain timber lands are reinventoried every 10 years according to a standard plan, Hostetter explained. The new inventory has been geared to the big change in timber utilization made by lumber companies since World War II, he said.)

(Much more accurate techniques have been developed in the last 10 or 15 years to make this inventory more precise than previous ones, Hostetter said. Use of aerial photos and permanent sample plots are two examples of the new and more accurate methods, he said.)

(Eight to 10 men have been working on this district's inventory continuously for the last four years.)

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Board Feet. Includes Salem District, Columbia River, Clackamas-Molalla, etc.

U.S. Says Its Planes To Fly at Any Height

Berlin—UPI—The United States told the Soviets yesterday that American military transports would fly through the corridors linking West Berlin and West Germany at whatever height they choose.

In a note, the United States rejected a Soviet attempt to put a ceiling on the Western corridors over Communist East Germany. The note was in reply to a Soviet protest against the "illegal" flight of a C-130 transport at 25,000 feet. The Russians said the flight created an air hazard.



ERA TO END - The end of the month will mark the discontinuance of the Applegate post office, which has been in existence since 1858. People in the area will be served by what is termed a rural station. As a memorial to the 101 years the post office has been in use, faculty members and students at Applegate school prepared a sign which reads "Applegate Post Office, established in August, 1858."

President Pledges Firm Berlin Course

Gettysburg, Pa.—UPI—President Eisenhower pledged the United States yesterday to follow a firm course in Berlin and prevent that divided city from becoming "another Munich."

"The course of appeasement is not only dishonorable, it is the most dangerous one we could pursue," he declared. "The world paid a high price for the lesson of Munich—but it learned it well."

The President spoke yesterday morning at Gettysburg College's spring convocation, attended by 4,000 invited guests. The affair was held in windy, topcoat weather in the college football stadium.

The President used the political crisis in Vietnam and the economic difficulties of Japan, along with the Berlin problem, as examples of the need for mutual free world security as a buffer against communism.

Berlin is a tension point just now, he said, "because the Kremlin hopes to eliminate it as a part of the free world."

"The communist leaders have chosen to exert pressure there at this moment," he added. "Naturally they always pick the most awkward position, the hard-to-defend position, as the place to test our strength and resolution."

"There will never be an easy place for us to make a stand, but there is a best one."

As the President spoke, the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty organization council, meeting in Washington, warned Russia again of its determination to defend allied treaty rights in West Berlin.

In a renewed defense of his foreign policy, which is under continuing attack in Congress, Eisenhower said the situations in Berlin, Vietnam and Japan show the need for firm answers to Soviet political challenges. U. S. foreign aid to keep the spirit of freedom alive in divided countries, and foreign trade to keep nations of the free world in economic good health.

"We have learned, too," he said, "that the costs of defending freedom—of defending America—may be paid in many forms. They are assessed against us in all parts of the world—in Berlin, in Vietnam, in the Middle East, and here

Consolidation Districts Would Be Merged Into One

Patrons of Jacksonville, Ruch, Griffin Creek, Lone Pine, Howard and Medford school districts will vote tomorrow on a proposal to consolidate into one administrative school unit.

Polls will be open between 2 and 8 p.m. in seven locations. They are Jacksonville High school music room, Griffin Creek school gymnasium, Ruch school cafeteria, Howard school multi-purpose room, Lone Pine school cafeteria, Hedrick Junior High school cafeteria, and McLoughlin Junior High girls gymnasium.

Elections in the districts were called by the Jackson county board of education after school district patrons submitted petitions to the board requesting the vote.

The proposal to consolidate was motivated by the county school reorganization law passed by the 1957 legislature. It has been recommended by the Jackson County Reorganization committee as part of the overall school district reorganization plan for the county.

Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent, pointed out that consolidation is being proposed on a voluntary basis under an old law, thus eliminating the compulsory feature of the new law.

Search Futile For Hunt Suspect

Law enforcement authorities here conducted an intense but fruitless search Friday for a person reportedly answering the description of Richard Allen Hunt, water gunman.

Medford police received a call that a person believed to be Hunt had been observed shortly before noon at Grandview Market, 2330 Crater Lake ave. A clerk reported the person purchased a box of 22 calibre ammunition and a candy bar, then drove off rapidly eastbound on Roberts rd. in a 1959 Chevrolet Tudor.

City, county, state and federal officers and agents covered the area by car and airplane until 2:30 p.m. Hunt, an ex-convict, has been sought for nearly two weeks in connection with shooting one police chief and kidnaping another in the Willamette valley.

Big Game Hunting



NATO Body Backs Big Three's Stand On German Situation

Washington—UPI—The NATO Council yesterday firmly endorsed the Western Big Three's German policy and warned the Communists to keep their hands off the Free Allied sector of Berlin.

The 15-nation council expressed "full agreement on the broad lines of policy to be pursued" by Britain, France and the United States in their forthcoming show-down talks on the German crisis with the Soviet Union at Geneva.

The council said in a communique issued at the close of its three-day spring session that it wanted to see "outstanding problems solved by negotiation" but would consent to no appeasement on Berlin.

"The council confirmed its unanimous determination to maintain the freedom of the people of West Berlin and obligations of the Allied Powers."

The council endorsed anew the Western Big Three's "basic principles" on Berlin and Germany. These are: 1. Britain, France and the United States will keep their forces in Berlin and maintain "freedom of access" to that city until there is an acceptable all-German settlement.

2. They reject any effort by Russia to repudiate the Soviet Union's obligations to the other three victorious powers in regard to Berlin.

3. They will refuse to recognize as valid any Soviet action turning over to the German Communists control of the Russian sector of East Berlin, or control over the Allied access routes to West Berlin.

Inspiring Example The U. S. delegation, headed by acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, hailed the meeting as an inspiring example of western solidarity.

Assistant Secretary of State Andrews J. Berding said on behalf of the delegation that "we are encouraged by the unwavering firmness of the position of the other members of NATO on Berlin and Germany."

Berding added that the U. S. delegation also was "impressed by the general confidence and support evinced by the other NATO countries for the four powers most directly concerned"—Britain, France, The United States and West Germany.

After the communique was released, NATO Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak pleaded with newsmen to place emphasis on the broad field of agreement among the NATO members, rather than on some differences he described as being of minor importance.

Meeting April 13 The council's recommendations and observations will be taken up at a Western Big Four meeting in London April 13, during which a working group will rough out an Allied bargaining position.

Communist China Reported to Seek To Smash Revolt

Air Force to Order New ALBM Missile

Washington—UPI—The Air Force soon will order production of a new ballistic missile to be launched from bombers. It also is weighing the possibility of doubling orders for Atlas Intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Informed sources who disclosed yesterday said the Air Force was ready to name one of about two dozen competing contractors to produce the air-launched ballistic missile (ALBM).

The missile, on which experiments have been under way for months at Cape Canaveral, Fla., is expected to have a 1,000-mile range. Its development would extend the usefulness of the Strategic Air Command's big bomber fleet. The first bombers may receive the missiles in about 18 months.

Armed with them, bombers will be able to destroy targets without coming near enemy defenses, in much the same way as Polaris missile submarines can operate at sea.

The Air Force has now ordered nine squadrons of Atlas missiles. The squadrons, with 650 to 700 men each, will be stationed at nine bases and will have a total of 80 missile launchers. The first squadron will have three launchers, the next three squadrons will have nine launchers each, and the last five will have 10 each, according to well informed authorities.

This is what is now under study at the Pentagon and in the House Appropriations committee.

Orders would be placed for eight more Atlas squadrons with a total of 80 launchers or double the presently planned number. That would give the Air Force 17 squadrons. If adopted, the eight new squadrons would have underground launching sites and the final three squadrons of the nine already ordered would be redesigned and installed underground.

Estimates of the cost of the program under study indicate the Air Force would need between \$500 and \$700 million in the fiscal year starting July 1. Whether appropriate appropriations will be made is not known.

Spaak did not discuss a Canadian proposal made yesterday that the United Nations place some sort of watchdog unit on the road to Berlin. Diplomatic informants have said there is strong opposition inside the council to any scheme for bringing the United Nations on the scene.

Washington—UPI—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) asserted yesterday the Democratic leadership in congress has allowed itself to serve as a ventriloquist's dummy for views of the Eisenhower administration.

Agents Close Plaza Cafe On Non-Payment of Taxes

Ashland—The Plaza Cafe, well-known Ashland restaurant, was closed by internal revenue agents Thursday afternoon for failure to pay taxes withheld from employees wages and social security taxes.

Tax liens totalling approximately \$4,000 have been filed in Jackson county circuit court against the Plaza cafe. Erle M. Gray, Medford, revenue officer, said the closure was made for taxes due in 1958.

Gray and Revenue Officer John Koeppen, Medford, who closed the cafe, are now in charge of the establishment's assets. Revenue agents said the

Border Sources Say 100,000 Men Are Sent to Tibet

New Delhi, India—UPI—Communist China has sent 100,000 fresh troops to smash the Tibetan rebellion before the stunning escape of the Dalai Lama inflames all of Tibet, reports from the border said yesterday.

The reports said the Peiping regime, stung by the successful flight of the Tibetan God-King into India apparently intended to overwhelm Tibetan anti-Communists by sheer numbers as they tried to do with United Nations forces in Korea.

The rebels, led by the fierce Khamba tribesmen, have used their superior knowledge of the mountainous country to ambush Chinese columns, raid their arsenals and harass them out of strategic locations.

Reports from the Indo-Tibetan border said shooting still was continuing on the outskirts of Lhasa, but not in the capital.

Information from Shillong, capital of India's Assam state, said the 25-year-old Dalai Lama had made it through the 14,000-foot Sela Pass and may have arrived at Towang last night, 24 hours ahead of schedule.

The Dalai Lama, who crossed the border from Tibet last Tuesday, is traveling with 80 of his followers. They are being escorted by an Indian political officer and Indian troops. The only method of transportation in the mountainous area is horse or mule-back.

United Press International Correspondent Patrick J. Killen reported from the border town of Kalimpong that officials there estimated it would take the Dalai Lama and his party about a week to reach the nearest railroad at Tezpur.

As the young temporal and spiritual leader of Tibet drew closer to safer grounds, the Indian government began to worry about repercussions from giant, neighboring Communist China.

Newspaper and government leaders continued to insist that the Dalai Lama would do or say nothing to compromise India with Peiping while he is on Indian soil.

Domestically, the Tibetan affair appeared to be a blessing in disguise to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's ruling Congress party.

The Communists, who had been gaining popularity among the masses at the expense of the Congress party, suddenly found themselves looked upon with increasing suspicion for supporting Peiping's version of the Tibetan rebellion and for making the charges that India was letting Kalimpong be used as an anti-China spy base.

When Nehru announced in Parliament Friday that the Dalai Lama had been granted haven in India, every member of Parliament cheered but the Communists. They sat glumly silent.

Man Jailed Here On Check Charge

Fred Owen Gidley, 23, of Hoquiam, Wash., is being held by Medford police on a charge of issuing a bad check to the Grocceria market here.

Three States Agree To Undertake Study Of Joint Power Use

Sacramento, Calif.—UPI—Representatives of California, Oregon and Washington have agreed to the principle of a power link which would bring surplus Pacific Northwest electricity to power-hungry California.

Spokesmen for the three states attended a closed-door session Friday in the office of California Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Brown's special water counsel, Ralph Brody, said the three states agreed to hire a private firm to study the proposal. Shortly before Brody made the announcement, California State Sen. Stephen Teale (D-West Point) introduced a bill to appropriate \$70,000 to pay California's share of the cost of the study.

Brown has estimated that 3,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of power from the Northwest's Bonneville system goes to waste each year because it has no market. He said if California bought some of the surplus power it would help keep electricity prices down in all three states.

Two in Custody For Bad Checks

Two Rogue River men are scheduled to appear in district court at 10 a.m. Monday on charges of paying off on pinball machines, sheriff's deputies said Saturday.

Shade Combs, 62, owner of the Homestead Tavern in Rogue River, and Paul Sherod Bailey, tavern bartender, each posted \$125 bail and were released pending their court appearance.

Sheriff's deputies said Saturday they had received many complaints that the pinball machine was being played on a pay-off basis. They investigated Friday night and made the arrests in the tavern.

The machine has been confiscated and is now in the custody of the sheriff's office, deputies said.

Total Snowfall Sets Record Low

The lowest total seasonal snowfall on record was recorded March 31 at Crater Lake National park, Superintendent Tom Williams has announced.

A total of 329 inches of snow has fallen since winter started last October, he said, compared to average snowfall to March 31 of 548 inches. The total snowfall at the end of February also established a new low record, Williams noted.

WEATHER FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness today with occasional light showers likely by this afternoon and continuing through Monday. Much cooler Monday. High today 55. Low tonight 35. High Monday 55.

SUNRISE: 6:41 a.m. SUNSET: 5:47 p.m. MOONRISE: 5:05 a.m. MOONSET: 3:59 p.m. PROMINENT STARS: Regulus, high in south-east. Sirius, in the south-west. Procyon, high above. Arcturus, in the east. Capella, low in north-west.

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