



EXULTANT WINNER—Ten-year-old Martha Brunner, of Pittsburgh, Pa., shrieks with joy as she is declared the winner in the 1959 "Little Miss Muffin" contest in Washington, D.C. She won over 11 other finalists from different parts of the country, in the contest sponsored by the Associated Retail Bakers of America.

Britain Continues To Be 'Unhappy' Over High Flying

London — (UPI) — Britain was reported still "unhappy" today about U.S. high-level flights to Berlin over Soviet opposition but anxious to avoid an open break with Washington. The United States insisted the flights would continue.

Moscow Radio said U.S. defiance of Russian efforts to impose a 10,000-foot altitude limit on flights to Communist-encircled Berlin is merely a sample of America's "deliberate policy of provocations."

Moscow Line Echoed

The Berlin Communist organ-Neues Deutschland today echoed the Moscow line, describing the high-altitude flights as "American provocations in the air corridors" linking the former German capital with the West.

It said Wednesday's Soviet-harassed U.S. flight of 10,000 feet was a "provocative violation of safety regulations."

The West Berlin newspaper Der Tag expressed concern over Britain's apparent unwillingness to stand up for Allied rights in Berlin.

Der Tag said the dangerous methods Russia is using to block the exercise of legal rights, rather than U.S. steadfastness, creates the chief threat to the East-West negotiations that begin in Geneva May 11.

"It is deeply disturbing that Britain does not realize this," the newspaper said.

An English-language broadcast by Moscow Radio heard here Thursday night blamed "U.S. brass hats" for the American refusal to give in to Russia's demands.

The British press and radio also charged that America's high-altitude flights to Berlin

Lumber Price Index Up 54 Cents in Two Weeks

Portland — Crow's Lumber Price Index has edged up 54 cents in the last two weeks. Green Douglas fir provided the biggest upward push, due in part to increased demand from California, for both boards and dimension. Eastern buying has not been spectacular, but it has been steady. Today's prices still meet resistance among these buyers. Prices on dimension for water shipment have been strong.

Civil Defense Training Exercise Kicked Off by Wailing of Sirens

Washington — (UPI) — The wail of sirens in hundreds of communities across the nation today signaled the start of a civil defense training exercise designed to cope with a mock "nuclear attack" on the United States.

Stations Off Air

Millions of Americans paused in the normal routine of their day to participate in the sixth annual "Operation Alert."

The exercise got under way at 8:30 (PST) when all regular radio and television stations went off the air for 30 minutes. During that half-hour, the only broadcasting was on two radio frequencies assigned to about 1,200 Conel-

rad stations at 640 and 1240 on the radio dial.

Public warning signals sounding in most of the nation's bigger cities sparked evacuation and shelter tests. The New York stock market shut down for 20 minutes during a city-wide "take cover" warning.

City Evacuated

At Memphis, Tenn., 400 post office employees evacuated the city by Mississippi river boat.

State legislatures in Florida and Nebraska suspended business.

Kodiak Island, Alaska, residents took cover in caves.

Toll houses on Connecticut

Hostage Freed by Montana Prison

Bill To Abolish State Welfare Board Gets O.K.

Salem — (UPI) — A bill putting the State Welfare Commission under the direct control of the governor received approval of the House Rules Committee and was ready for introduction today.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) and others, would abolish the present State Welfare Commission and empower the governor to appoint his own Director of Welfare responsible only to himself.

Provides Advisory Board

Barton said the bill provides for establishment of a state Advisory Board on welfare which, he said, "could very well consist of the present Welfare Commission."

Barton said he had no doubts as to the sincerity or dedication of the present Welfare Commission, but that they were a part-time body similar to the Legislature.

"Our problem is one of pin-pointing authority," Barton said, "and this could be done much more effectively if the governor was made responsible for welfare with a full time director."

He said the present commission just couldn't keep up with the state's big and continuing welfare problems.

Public Meeting Minutes To Be Studied by Court

A study will be made of the minutes of last night's public hearing before the county court decides whether to hold an election on the proposed county subdivision ordinance, County Judge Earl Miller said this morning.

A count of raised hands last night showed that 43 persons of the 59 who attended the meeting favored putting the issue on the ballot.

Twenty-nine were opposed to any form of a subdivision ordinance, 30 were opposed to this proposed subdivision ordinance, and 9 persons who opposed it declared they intend to subdivide their land in the future. However, of the nine subdividers, one person would be subdividing his land into more than five-acre parcels so would not come under the regulations of the ordinance. Twenty-eight said they had read and understood the ordinance and 14 of these favored it.

Address Survey

A survey of the addresses of those who testified last night on the ordinance and a brief check over the audience indicated that the majority were from the Gold Hill-Rogue River area.

Most of the objections expressed at last night's meeting were against the sanitation provisions of the proposed subdivision regulations. People seemed to think that existing state law covered sanitation facilities and water supply facilities sufficiently. Others felt that enforcement of such proposed regulations would place too much power in the hands of a few people—the public health department. Still others thought it would work a hardship on those with lots of land and limited incomparatively smaller sections.

Pendleton — (UPI) — Eastern Oregon dentists are on record as opposed to public advertising.

Two Officers Tie For Course Top Honors

Detective Lt. Lyle C. Perkins of the Medford police department and Jackson county Deputy Sheriff Glenn Wright tied for top honors in the practical pistol course held this week. Each had a score of 96.4.

Other high scores were received by Lt. Orlo McGee, 95.6; Patrolmen Berle Stephens, 94.8; Glen S. Bundy, 94; Jack Sanders, 93.8; and Lt. Jack McMillan, 93.2, all Medford police department.

More than 50 valley law enforcement officers participated in the course Wednesday and Thursday sponsored by the Medford police department. Instructor for the annual event was an agent with the Portland office of the federal bureau of investigation.

Salem — (UPI) — Senate Bill 219 requiring installation of traffic signals at dangerous railroad crossings has been passed by the senate and sent to the house.

The State Department of Finance and Administration would be available to aid the welfare director under the bill.

Cigarette Tax Seen

Barton also had comment on some other major legislation — a cigarette tax which was thought dead this session.

"It is extremely likely that the Legislature will pass a cigarette tax," he said, adding that he thought it would run about three cents a pack.

Possible uses of the tax would be to finance state institution or higher education buildings or to increase basic school support.

President Talks With Dulles on Successor Choice

Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower conferred again today by telephone with Ailing Secretary of State John Foster Dulles about appointment of a successor to the cancer-stricken diplomat.

Eisenhower, at the Augusta National Golf club, talked with Dulles who is fighting his third serious bout with malignancy at Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington.

Public Discussion

Primarily out of deference to Dulles, the temporary White House here would entertain no public discussion whatever on the widely held assumption in Washington that the Cabinet post will go to Acting Secretary Christian A. Herter.

Press Secretary James C. Haggerty was obviously nettled by a series of questions concerning Herter, and when asked whether the acting secretary might visit the President in Georgia, the press secretary replied, "How would I know?"

Acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, his health newly approved by doctors, rested today at a South Carolina plantation, apparently assured of the nomination to succeed John Foster Dulles.

High administration officials said they considered it certain that President Eisenhower would name the 64-year-old Massachusetts politician-diplomat to the post. A physical checkup Wednesday showed no condition which would interfere with his carrying out the duties.

To Return Monday

Herter planned to be back in Washington about noon Monday and officials said they expected announcement of his appointment at that time. However, there was some speculation the President might make the decision known earlier.

Herter's most recent physical examination reportedly revealed no ailments other than the arthritis of the hips which has afflicted him the past 15 years. Doctors have said Herter's arthritis is not "progressive" and causes him no pain unless he stands for extended periods.

The acting secretary walks slightly bent and uses arm crutches to get about.

School Bus Upsets; Children Uninjured

Vancouver, Wash. — (UPI) — A school bus went over a nine-foot embankment and overturned here Thursday afternoon but 16 children aboard and the bus driver escaped injury. The Battle Ground School district vehicle tumbled into a ditch and came to rest in six inches of water.

The driver, Richard L. Jagelski, 19, said he swerved to avoid a car and went into a soft shoulder. The youngsters were helped out the rear emergency exit of the bus by the driver.

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City and County Officials Speak of Smoke Problem

Joint Consideration Might Find Solution

County Judge Earl Miller said today he believes the county court would be willing to meet with Medford officials and others to discuss means of reducing smudge smoke from orchard heating.

He agreed that such a joint consideration of the subject

Orchard heating last night was light and scattered in the Rogue valley as the temperatures hit a low of 23 degrees in the coldest spots, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Some light firing is predicted for tonight.

might lead to a solution agreeable to all concerned.

Medford City Councilman Robert Van Sickle, Ward III, recommended last night that council members and City Manager Robert A. Duff meet with the county court in an effort to work out some program by which "all might benefit."

Write Letters

"Our citizenry may rise in arms if we don't do something soon," he said. Van Sickle urged citizens to write letters to the county court expressing their opinions.

"The county court," Judge Miller said today, "is always willing to sit down with any group to remove anything detrimental to health or causing costly repairs or cleaning."

"But we have to remember," he added, "that the pear industry is a major factor in the valley's economy." He said that orchardists should not be subjected to undue hardships by any smudge-control measures.

The Medford council referred the subject to its executive committee, which is expected to meet between now and the next regular meeting, May 7.

The City of Medford and the state air pollution authority are currently conducting a joint study of local air conditions both within and around the city. The state authority, it is understood, could draw up pollution-control regulations for this area should the study indicate their advisability.

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Variety of Issues Considered During City Council Meet

The Medford city council may convene at a special meeting soon to consider appointing swimming pool engineers and a landscape architect for the West Jackson st. park site.

City Manager Robert A. Duff told the council last night that he had no specific recommendations as yet but was investigating the matter and hoped to have a report ready "maybe next week."

He said the time element is "becoming critical" and the council might be well advised to call a special meeting when his report is ready.

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Nixon's Planned Trip To Russia Said Well-Timed

Reaction Abroad Said Counteracted

Washington — (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon's announced July trip to Moscow was viewed in Washington today as both a personal political bonus and a well-timed diplomatic maneuver.

Informed sources said Nixon probably will be accompanied by his wife, Pat, when he flies to Moscow for the July 25 opening of the American National Exhibition.

Three aspects of President Eisenhower's announcement that the vice president will go to Russia were underscored in official quarters:

—The assignment thrusts Nixon, who already has visited some 40 countries, more forcefully into the foreign policy arena in advance of the 1960 presidential conventions. It gives him another leg up over any other GOP contender, including Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

—Timing of the announcement served to counteract any letdown abroad from the resignation of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

—Like Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan's visit to the United States in January, Nixon's Moscow trip will enable the vice president to weigh the real intentions of Russian leaders in negotiating at a summit conference.

During the recent Eisenhower-Macmillan talks in Washington, there was reported discussion that Nixon might be called upon to sit in for the President or his representative duties or illness require him to leave a summit conference. Nixon, it was reported, also could be used at a later high-level conference — should one be held — to implement summit decisions.

Medfordites With Group in Missouri

Earl H. Adams, city editor of the Mail Tribune, William Dawkins of Dawkins associates, and Medford Mayor John Snider are among the large contingent of Oregonians who traveled to Independence, Mo., for Oregon Centennial activities this week end.

The three were among Oregon's representatives who left by plane from Portland this morning to attend the festivities and send-off of seven covered wagons which will leave Independence Sunday.

The local delegation is expected to return to Oregon Sunday.

Mayor Snider is a member of the state Centennial commission.

Dalles Generator No. 8 Goes on Line

The Dalles — (UPI) — Main generating unit No. 8 at The Dalles dam began putting power on the line of the Pacific Northwest Power Pool Thursday. This boosted the installed capacity of The Dalles dam to 651,000 kilowatts.

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