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Arms for Force To Attack Castro Seized in Florida

U.S. Customs Agents Round Up 14 Suspects

Miami (UPI) — Cuban exiles confirmed yesterday that a plane-load of arms seized by customs agents was destined for an expeditionary force training in the Dominican Republic for an assault against the Cuban government of Fidel Castro.

The raid Friday resulted in the arrest of 14 persons and may have upset the timetable of a Cuban counter-revolution.

The roundup of suspects included the Dominican Republic's Consul in Miami, Augusto Ferrando, a Miami policeman who once served as bodyguard for Dominican strongman Rafael Trujillo's playboy son, and a shapely woman cop.

All 14, released on bonds ranging from \$25,000 to \$500, face hearings June 8 on charges of plotting to export arms illegally. Ferrando, who surrendered after spending six hours in the diplomatic security of his consulate, policeman Joseph Liquori, 31, and Leonard Trenton, 35, Trenton, N.J., businessman, also were charged with offering \$1,400 in bribes to two customs agents.

Force Being Assembled

Federal officers told newsmen they understood the arms were destined for a Cuban counter-revolutionary force being assembled in the Dominican Republic.

Cuban sources in Miami confirmed this yesterday. Two exiles reported the attack against Castro's revolutionary government had been set for two weeks hence, but now has been set back to one month.

The Cubans said, however, that the arms seizure amounted to only a small fraction of the weapons and ammunition already put into the hands of the expeditionary force in Santo Domingo.

Million Dollars

Joseph A. Fortier, chief customs agent, said the two agents that were offered bribes were told that plans called for shipping a million dollars worth of arms thru Miami. The agents went along with the plot and set the trap that resulted in the raid.

The raid netted 200,000 rounds of ammunition, 17 machine guns, 38 Garand rifles and parts for 20 carbines and the transport plane, officers said. It was staged as the plane was being loaded.

Florida Unions Back Carpenters

Cape Canaveral, Fla. (UPI) — AFL-CIO union leaders in the Cape Canaveral-Cocoa Beach-Patrick AFB area voted "solid support" yesterday to a strike by carpenters at the Air Force missile test center.

Some 500 carpenters are on strike in a wage and contract dispute. About 1,000 other union workers have refused to cross their picket lines, and it was not known what effect yesterday's action would have on other union workers. There are about 5,300 union workers at the test base and at Patrick.

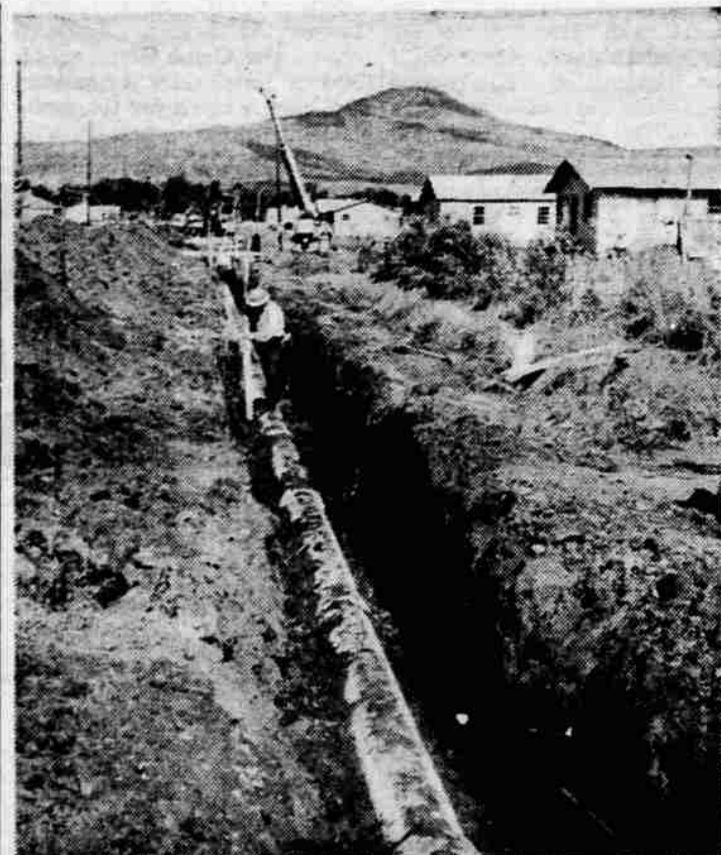
A statement by the union leaders called for a "mass rally" of all union workers at Cape Canaveral and Patrick AFB early this week.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Generally fair to day. Variable cloudiness tonight and Monday. Cooler Monday.

Highest Saturday 73. Lowest Saturday 41.

Our Skies Tonight: Sunset today 7:34 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:42 a.m. Moonrise tonight 9:39 p.m.



BERRYDALE SEWER — Work began last week on the Berrydale sanitary sewer system. Here, a pressure line is laid along Lawnsdale rd. to carry sewage from a pumping station near Bear creek east to the Camp White trunk sewer line.

Committee Approves Budget for Medford

The Medford budget committee Friday night approved a preliminary 1959-60 city budget setting general fund expenditures at \$934,361 and keeping the total property tax levy \$80 below the 6 per cent limitation.

The committee adopted a suggestion by City Councilman Don Hansen, Ward II, that it meet periodically during the year to consider policy matters. City Manager Robert A. Duff recommended that such a meeting be held early in October.

The 1959-60 water department budget was also approved by the committee. This budget sets water fund expenditures at \$488,849.49, a considerable decrease from the estimated 1958-59 total of \$555,633.06.

Under the 6 per cent limitation, fixed by the state constitution, a city's property tax levy for a given year cannot exceed that for any of three preceding years by more than 6 per cent without approval at the polls. Had the general fund expenditure figure been more than \$80 higher, it would have pushed the property tax levy over this limit.

In the budget as Duff originally submitted it, the sum for general fund expenditures was \$882,065. The major increase is a \$50,000 item representing two-thirds of the West Jackson st. swimming pool outlay. This item, off-set by part of the proposed \$75,000 gift from the Jackson County Housing authority, has been carried over from the 1958-59 budget.

Twelve of the thirteen committee members present voted for the budget's approval. The thirteenth, Councilman Ed Hall, Ward I, asked that action be postponed another week. Three members did not attend.

Approval of the water department budget was unanimous. The discontinuance of a contract with Jackson county for health services, suggested previously as a possible economy move, was reported unfeasible by Councilman Stan Stark, Ward IV, spokesman for a special subcommittee that investigated the matter.

Stark said that if the city did not utilize medical and sanitation services provided by the county health department it would incur a far greater expense in seeking these services independently. He noted that the proposed increase in the contract figure from \$4,000 in this year's budget to \$5,000 in 1959-60 represents salary increases.

Stark's subcommittee did recommend, and the committee approved, cutting \$500 from this outlay and transferring it to the water department budget. This sum represents payment for water testing.

Providing meter maids for the police department was again discussed. The committee generally, with the exception of Councilman Fred Robinson, Ward I, favored the idea. But budget restrictions prevailed, and the committee settled for a recommendation

Gas Dealers Plan Station Closures As Price Protest

One-Third to Act Memorial Week End

Portland (UPI) — More than 1,000 Oregon gasoline dealers plan to close their service stations during the Memorial Day weekend to protest pricing policies of the major oil companies, J. S. Baker, business manager of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers association, said yesterday.

Baker said the scheduled closure was "voluntary" by both association and non-association dealers. There are about 3,000 stations in Oregon, he said, and one out of three plan to close in the protest move from Friday midnight to Sunday midnight.

The action was touched off by the closing two weeks ago of some 60 stations in protest while the distributors called inequities of suppliers' prices to retailers. Baker said the sentiment for shutting down was "spreading" and he had had calls from Washington and California dealers.

He said that the association has merely asked the major oil companies to "adopt a wholesale price, and stick with it."

He said the price-cutting among dealers was started because the oil companies "gave rebates, kickbacks, subsidies, free rent, and discounts" to various retail outlets.

Fair Profit: Baker said a fair profit would require a margin of 6 cents a gallon with regular gas priced at 33.9 cents a gallon.

Rabbit Book Burning Urged

Montgomery, Ala. (UPI) — A segregationist has called for the burning of a pre-school children's book because it is about a white girl rabbit marrying a black boy rabbit.

The book is "The Rabbit's Wedding" by Carl Williams. "This book should be taken off the shelves and burned," State Sen. E. O. Eddins said Friday.

"There are many other books of the same nature and others that are communistic which should be burned as well."

The book was taken from open shelves in Alabama public libraries after the Montgomery Home News, a weekly newspaper expressing the sentiment of the Alabama Citizens Council and the Ku Klux Klan, objected to it.

The White Defense League and the National Labor Party (no relation to the labor party in Parliament) Friday night plastered the Notting Hill area with pamphlets that said the nation was being "mongrelized" by the immigration of colored people.

To add to the tension in the area, many colored people demanded formation of "vigilante" committees to protect blacks from the whites who live side by side with them. But officials of African organizations and the West Indian commissioner's office Friday night came out against formation of such committees on grounds they would "only lead to further trouble."

No End in Sight To Oregon Strike

Portland (UPI) — The strike of Portland Pile Drivers yesterday was affecting work in far eastern and far western Oregon.

There was no end in sight to the dispute. A picket appeared Friday at the site of twin bridges being constructed across the Snake river at Ontario, halting work there.

At issue is not only a public attack on a congressional committee on which the defense department must rely heavily, but the department's control over a subordinate department — the Army — and the handling of a public pronouncement.

'Nah, I Didn't Say Nothin' About Startin' No Rumble'



School Budget Vote For Medford Called

The Medford school board Friday afternoon approved a budget totaling \$3,771,866.29, and called for an election Tuesday, June 9, on the amount outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The total is more than proposed in the original preliminary budget. But because of revenue increases which were not known when the preliminary budget was drawn up, the amount to be raised by property taxes is \$107,669.23 less than what was proposed originally, according to Frank Bash, chairman of the board.

The school board added \$32,700 to the proposed budget. Most items added were those which school officials had deleted from the earlier budget.

The \$3,771,866.29 budget includes the general fund, \$3,428,070.60, and the sinking fund and bond interest, \$343,795.69.

Estimated total receipts have increased \$134,500 to \$1,326,766 for the general fund, leaving \$2,445,100.29 necessary to balance the budget.

To the latter total is added an estimated \$142,658.93 which will not be collected, including both taxes and rebates on taxes. This leaves a total of \$2,587,759.22 to be raised by tax levies next fiscal year.

Because of increased revenues, the \$2,587,759.22 is \$107,669.23 less than the original estimated tax levy of \$2,691,849.71, Bash noted.

This reduces the anticipated millage for next fiscal year by 2.3 mills, from 59.8 to 57.5 based on an assessed valuation of \$45 million.

The millage represents an increase of 10.7 mills in the Medford district, instead of a 13-mil increase as previously indicated. Compared with the consolidated district millage, which was figured at 49.5 for the 1958-59 year, the increase instead of the original 20.8 per cent increase.

District patrons will vote on 6 per cent limitation instead of the \$1,803,141.56 as outlined in the original preliminary budget.

The election will be held between 2 and 8 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High, McLoughlin Junior High, Jacksonville High school, Griffin Creek school, Ruch, Lone Pine and Howard schools.

The largest increase in revenue is \$103,500 from the county school funds. The county budget committee recently authorized increasing the amount per census child from \$10 to \$20 to help relieve local property taxes.

Another \$1,000 in additional revenue is expected from the state reimbursement for the driver training program, and \$30,000 was added to the next cash balance from outlying districts. The latter figure was not available from districts which recently consolidated with Medford when the preliminary budget was drawn up.

Additional expenditures in the budget approved by the board total \$32,700, compared to added revenue amounting to \$134,500, Bash noted.

Largest increase in outlays was \$6,000 for renovation, repair and maintenance of district buildings. Some of the money will be used in districts which recently consolidated with Medford, since some of the work on those buildings had been planned by that district.

Another major expenditure added to the budget was \$5,700 for an additional high school teacher and teacher facilities, Bash said. Other additions were for items which were deleted from the original budget, most of them from non-academic subjects.

Western Powers' Summit Decision Up to Eisenhower

Aid Boost Support By Ike Held Crucial

Washington (UPI) — Sen. J. William Fulbright said yesterday the fate of his proposal to expand the development loan fund for economic aid to under-developed countries "depends entirely on the president."

The Arkansas Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, in effect has challenged President Eisenhower to get behind the proposal in light of what Fulbright regards as at least a partial endorsement of the plan at a recent White House press conference.

However, Fulbright told a reporter he did not know what stand Eisenhower would take officially.

Fulbright Friday asked the State Department to present the President's views to the committee Monday, when Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon will testify on the economic aid program.

Eisenhower asked for \$700 million to continue the loan fund for another year as part of his \$3.9 billion overall foreign aid request.

Fulbright's plan, co-sponsored by Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), calls for \$1.5 billion a year for five years and corresponding de-emphasis on military aid. It also would remove the loan fund from year-to-year appropriations control by congress by authorizing the long-range operation.

Although they have supported the president's one-year request in testifying on the aid program, State Department and foreign aid officials have made it clear they wanted a bigger, longer-range loan fund but were, in effect, overruled by the budget bureau.

The Fulbright-Humphrey-Kennedy proposal has picked up considerable support from private organizations. But Fulbright conceded its chances for getting through congress are not too good unless the president throws his weight behind it.

Durno Named To Tax Group

Salem (UPI) — Senate President Walter Pearson (D-Portland) yesterday announced appointments to nine legislative interim committees.

Pearson also created a 10th committee to re-evaluate the program for the new correctional institution near here. He had called the institution a "glorified jail" at a board of control meeting.

House Speaker Robert Durno (D-Medford) said he would announce his appointments within a few days. Gov. Mark Hatfield must appoint public members on the committees.

The major taxation committee will have as Senate members Harry Boivin (D-Klamath Falls), Ward Cook (D-Portland), Ben Musa (D-The Dalles), Dr. Edwin Durno (D-Medford) and Donald Husband, (R-Eugene). All these men advocate a sales tax to decrease the burden on property taxpayers.

The new correctional institution committee is composed of Sens. Robert White (R-Salem), Jean Lewis (D-Portland) and Pearson.

Child Killed By Dog Pack

St. Louis (UPI) — A savage pack of stray dogs viciously attacked and killed a 2½-year-old boy yesterday in suburban Hazelwood, dragging him into a field about 75 yards behind his home.

Hours after the attack, police reported a search party of 100 to 150 persons, armed with shot guns, riot guns, pistols and clubs, had killed 15 dogs, and wounded and captured three.

The torn body of Mark D. Draper was found after the attack by a neighbor, Melvern Jones, who fought off the snarling, blood-thirsty pack.

The dog hunt also extended into nearby Lambert-St. Louis airport, from where four helicopters were pressed into service to aid in the hunt. Two dogs were killed at the airport as they ran with a pack wildly about the runways, forcing a halt in air traffic for about 15 minutes.

Police Chief Albert J. Talley vowed death for unleashed dogs found running in the area. "From here on, I'm declaring death on any dogs running loose," Talley said in reminding residents of the community's leash law. "This will never happen again while I'm here."

Flu-Like Illness Decline Reported

The figure for influenza-like illness in Jackson county declined considerably last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

A total of 333 cases were reported for the week ending May 22, he said, compared to 735 the week before. Three weeks ago, a total of 588 cases of flu-like illnesses were reported.

Of last week's total, 114 were reported in Medford, 61 in Central Point, and 53 in Ashland. Phoenix reported 23 cases, Shady Cove 20, Rogue River 17, Jacksonville 14, Camp White 11, Ruch, 8, and Applegate and Butte Falls 6 each.

Sports Bulletins

Los Angeles (UPI) — Sad Sam Jones, tightening up in the clutches with the skill of a veteran Saturday pitcher, led the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-2 triumph over the Los Angeles Angels. A paid crowd of 37,168 watched the Giants tie their series with the Dodgers.

Portland, Ore. (UPI) — Vancouver clipped Portland 7-1 in the second game of a Pacific Coast league series here Saturday night when Mountie Catcher Jim Pagnione blasted a 2nd inning three-run homer.

Geneva Progress, Atmosphere Seen Bases for Verdict

Geneva (UPI) — President Eisenhower decides for the west whether sufficient progress has been made at the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference to justify a summit meeting, authoritative conference sources disclosed yesterday.

They said the final decision would be based on a twin yardstick:

1. The actual material progress achieved by the Big Four Foreign Ministers;

2. The "atmosphere" at the wind-up of the current talks.

The second factor may be the more decisive, it was said. If the Geneva negotiations erupt into a bout of East-West charges and counter-charges, a summit meeting would be highly unlikely. If they remain friendly, chances of a summit get-together would be far greater.

Meanwhile, the West already obviously was weary of Russian stalling tactics and there were rumors the U.S. might even move to break off the talks if no progress is shown by the end of this week.

Asked about the rumors, U. S. Assistant Secretary of State Andrew H. Berding, the official U. S. spokesman, refused to confirm them but said: Let's wait until the end of next week."

As the Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko conferred for an hour and a half with West German Foreign Minister Heinrich Von Brentano at the latter's villa. The meeting was at Gromyko's request, and a communique issued by the West Germans later said they had a "frank" discussion of "problems which form the basis of the conference."

Other Developments: U. S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter met for two hours at his villa beside Lake Geneva with U. S. Defense Secretary Neil McElroy. Importance was lent to the Herter-McElroy meeting by the fact that they were accompanied by two top aides — Assistant Secretary of State Gerald O. Smith, an expert on policy planning and Assistant Defense Secretary John N. Irwin, whose specialty is internal security.

The Soviet government delivered a new protest note against the nuclear arming of the NATO countries, particularly West Germany, to the United States. A similar note went to the West German government. The Soviets charged that such actions were hardly compatible with the efforts of the Foreign Ministers to resolve the "thorniest" international problems.

The official Soviet News Agency Tass said that Russia would demand "in the very next days" that the Foreign Ministers of Poland and Czechoslovakia be admitted to the conference as full participants. It was a new stalling tactic by the Russian on a demand already rejected by the West.

The Berlin Communist organ Neues Deutschland said the German Communists would oppose secret sessions at Geneva from which their representatives were excluded.

The French and West Germans, who all along have been less enthusiastic and more skeptical than the U.S. and Britain about whether a summit meeting is worthwhile at all, were said to be willing to follow the U.S. lead on the strength of U.S. and British assurances there would be no sell-out to the Russian on Berlin.

Havana (UPI) — The official revolutionary newspaper Revolution yesterday quoted premier Fidel Castro as warning organized workers to stop agitating for wage increases.