

Committee Rejects Highway Cutback Plan



BRIDGE SITE—Construction of the new bridge across Bear creek, that will form the final link in Medford's one way Eighth st. couplet, is now well underway, with a concrete support and pilings already poured on the east side of the creek. Completion date is scheduled for Oct. 31. The picture

above shows the construction area in the foreground and the part of the Western Auto Co. building (dark roof) across the creek that is to be torn down to make room for the street. Demolition of the building was to start today.

Khrushchev Takes Vacation to Gain Strength for Trip

Moscow—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev flew to his hillside summer retreat overlooking the Black Sea today to "gain strength" for his trip to the United States next month.

His meeting with President Eisenhower the middle of September may be the number one diplomatic project of his career, and Khrushchev was believed to be preparing carefully for it.

At a Kremlin press conference Wednesday, attended by 300 Soviet and foreign correspondents, Khrushchev said the question of a peace treaty with Germany would be No. 1 on the list of questions the two leaders would cover.

East and West ended their Geneva talks on the German problem in failure Wednesday. Khrushchev made it plain he would stress the question with Eisenhower.

"We believe the principal and most important question is that of liquidating the consequences of World War II," he told newsmen.

Khrushchev went out of his way to sound peaceful. He spoke with a geniality that represented a marked change from the tone of his two earlier meetings with the press in the Kremlin.

One of them produced the six-month Berlin "ultimatum" which has since been extended but never entirely withdrawn.

Prospector Finds Decomposed Body

The decomposed body of a man identified as Charles Glenn Kincaid, 61, of route 2, box 220, was found in his Foots creek cabin Wednesday evening.

Carter Howell, Grants Pass prospector, reported to state police that he discovered the body about 5:30 p.m. when he investigated odors coming from the cabin, which is approximately 5.3 miles from Highway 99.

A calendar on the wall, which had days checked off through May 6, indicated Kincaid had been dead since that date.

An autopsy was to be performed today. Police found a .22 rifle belonging to Kincaid lying across his body.

Officers notified County Coroner Carlos Morris and the body is at Conger-Morris Funeral home awaiting location of relatives.

Salem—(UPI)—Three Oregon Supreme Court justices plan to attend the American Bar Association convention at Miami Beach Aug. 24-28. They are Chief Justice William McAllister, Justice William Perry and Justice George Rossman.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair and warmer through Friday. Low tonight 55. High Friday 95.
Highest Yesterday 91
Lowest this Morning 52

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:26 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:30 a.m.
Moonset tonight 8:31 p.m.
First Quarter Aug. 11
VISIBLE PLANETS
Venus, seen right below the Moon tonight, is now only about 35 million miles from the Earth.
Saturn, due south 9:16 p.m.
Jupiter, low in south-west 9:34 p.m.

Employment Rise Noted in Valley

The increase in employment which has been noted in the valley for several months appeared to level off somewhat in July, according to a report issued today by John J. Patton, Medford manager of the Oregon State Employment service.

Employment was at a high level last month, but there was less new hiring as most firms apparently had built up their work forces to maximum levels.

Oregon Wagons Approach River At Reduced Pace

Quinton—(UPI)—The Oregon Centennial Cavalcade, taking it slow in Oregon, creaked 18 miles from Arlington toward this Columbia river town of 20 persons today to set up camp at Phillipie's Rancho, a local landmark.

The seven covered wagons left Wednesday's camp site three miles east of Arlington on the George Shane ranch and paraded through Arlington. Afterward the wagoners were breakfast guests of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

The wagon train has slowed its pace since crossing into Oregon two weeks ago when it was determined it was ahead of schedule.

The Cavalcade is due at Independence, Ore., Aug. 15, completing its trip along the Old Oregon Trail from Independence, Mo. Before entering its home state, the wagon train made an average of about 20 miles per day.

The illness of Walter Hilliard of Myrtle Creek, Centennial wagon train member who was taken to a Pendleton hospital Tuesday, was diagnosed as the flu. Hilliard, who is ferrier for the train, was given a shot and returned to the wagons.

He said Wednesday he felt "a little but not much better." Reports from the train indicated many wagoners have colds or some type of flu now. Cause has been attributed to weather changes the train personnel have gone through recently.

Paving on Jackson Reported Complete

Paving of a two-block four-lane area of East Jackson st. by the new Medford Shopping center has been completed, City Engineer Vernon Thorpe reported today.

Tru-Mix Concrete company was the contractor. Completion of road work at the Biddle rd.-East Jackson intersection by the center has been postponed by the city awaiting construction of the state highway department's freeway through the area.

ON FIELD TRIP

Members of the Jackson county court and Howard Hopkins, Rogue River National forest timber management officer, were on a field trip today to inspect the new Innaha access road. They were to attend a meeting at Prospect at 3 p.m. today to discuss the community garbage dump.

Hiring was only to replace turnover, Patton said, a "situation not unusual here during this time of year and which will probably continue until the fruit harvest gets underway this month."

Unemployment in Jackson county at the end of July was estimated at 650, a decline of about 25 per cent from June, when students were entering the labor market, and 35 per cent below that one year ago.

Unemployment is expected to go "to a very low level" when the pear harvest gets into full swing, although not everyone will be able to work in the harvest. Ladder work is too heavy for most women and younger workers, leaving orchard labor mostly to older boys and men.

Availability of labor for the crop cannot be accurately judged until the harvest is underway, he explained.

Even with the slight drop in July hiring, most employers continue to be interested in interviewing applicants with good qualifications and most well qualified people with experience in skilled trades or office occupations have little difficulty in obtaining employment.

The number of people moving into this area from other parts of the country, or indicating a desire to come here, appears to be considerably larger than in recent years, Patton reported.

Most who write to inquire about employment are now employed, but are dissatisfied with the community in which they live. Some say they are tired of big city crowds and traffic and want "a little place in the country" and a job to keep the little place going.

In the course of a year migration brings many new residents with excellent work experience and skill qualifications. Those who lack such qualifications often find considerable difficulty in locating work of a permanent nature, he warned.

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Neuberger Would Ask Nikita to Dedication

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) told the Senate Wednesday that he is in favor of inviting Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to attend the dedication of The Dalles dam next month.

Dedication ceremonies for The Dalles dam are scheduled for Sept. 24.

Four New Patients Flown Yesterday Break 1,000 Mark for Mercy Flights

The number of patients carried by Medford's Mercy Flights, Inc., air ambulance service passed the 1,000 mark yesterday.

One of the planes flew to Bellingham, Wash., yesterday morning, picked up two seriously injured accident victims, and carried them to Portland, for treatment at the Good Samaritan hospital.

They were the 998th and 1,000th patients carried since Mercy Flights began its unique, non-profit service in January, 1950, nine years and seven months ago.

The patients were Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dallas, Portland,

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Eisenhower Talks To Nation Tonight On Reform Bill

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower appeals to the nation in a coast-to-coast radio and TV speech tonight to support tough labor reform legislation.

Republicans hoped the White House appeal would bring a flood of letters and telegrams that would persuade the House to pass a stiff, Eisenhower-backed substitute.

President Eisenhower's speech tonight will be seen on station KBEST-TV at 6:30 o'clock. It will be carried on all valley radio stations, KMED at 6:30 o'clock; KYJC at 7:15 o'clock; and KWIN, Ashland, at 7:30 o'clock.

instead of a middle-of-the-road cleanup bill approved by the House Labor committee.

But some Democrats felt that Eisenhower's intervention could boomerang and rally southerners behind the committee bill by injecting partisanship into the issue. Many southerners have favored the tougher substitute.

The Democrats were trying to decide who should answer Eisenhower's speech if the networks grant their request for equal time. They were confident that the broadcasters would give them time to plug the committee bill before the House takes up the issue next week.

All television and radio networks will carry the President's appeal live between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. (e.d.t.). Some of the radio networks will rebroadcast a recording of the speech later.

AFL-CIO President George Meany goes on NBC radio two hours after the President in an attempt to muster support for a bill even milder than the committee measure, or no legislation at all.

Key Republicans said Eisenhower would renew his endorsement of the tough substitute, offered by Reps. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.) and Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.). The President told his news conference last week that this measure was "a long ways closer" to his own ideas than any other proposal.

Public Hearing on Council's Agenda

A public hearing on paving Mary st. from East Jackson st. north to Saling ave., at an estimated cost to property owners of \$7 per front foot, heads the Medford city council's agenda for its meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight at city hall.

Other paving projects, sanitary and storm sewer projects and a water main project are subjects of ordinances and resolutions before the council tonight.

The councilmen are slated to award a contract for repainting the airport terminal building, and to grant California Oregon Power company an easement for two power poles atop Barneburg hill.

An agreement with Southern Pacific railroad for signals at the Fourth st. grade crossing, at a cost to the city estimated at \$6,110, is also to be considered.

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Herter Flies Home Today

Higher Education Commissioner to Speak Here Aug. 9

Homer D. Baddidge Jr., assistant commissioner for higher education of the office of education, Washington, D.C., will speak Sunday at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education meeting here.

He will speak on "Implications of the National Defense Education Act for the West." Approximately 80 persons, including 39 commissioners, are expected here for the three-day event which begins with a meeting of the executive committee Friday evening.

Three commissioners from the 13 Western states are expected to attend the sessions. All committee meetings and dinners will be held at the Rogue Valley Country club with the exception of a Sunday evening barbecue in Lithia park, Ashland.

WICHE was organized following World War II for the purpose of arranging for the exchange of studies in the professional fields to avoid the expense of unnecessary duplication. Since that time it has become a research and planning agency on a wider scale.

The Medford meeting is the first time that the commission has met in Oregon.

Business sessions are scheduled Saturday and Sunday and Monday mornings. Saturday noon speaker will be State Sen. Alfred H. Corbett, Portland, who will tell of the role of WICHE from the standpoint of state legislators.

Reserve Group On Active Duty

Approximately 70 officers and enlisted men of the Second Battalion, 14th Division, Medford, are at Yakima Firing Center, Wash., for two weeks of active duty training.

Lt. Col. Robert A. Elliott, Medford, is commanding officer of the local Army Reserve group.

Also undergoing training is another group of local men under the leadership of Capt. Robert D. Stephenson, commanding officer of the receiving company of 104th Division. Ten enlisted men and Captain Stephenson are at Ft. Ord, Calif.

All of the men will return to Medford Aug. 15, it was reported.

Men at the Yakima center are members of Headquarters, Headquarters company, and companies E, F, and G, Medford.

More than 2,500 officers and enlisted men of the North-West 104th Division are attending the annual summer encampment at Yakima.

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Nixon Reports to Security Council On Russian Tour

Washington—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon reported to the National Security Council today on his Russian tour and the importance of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's U.S. visit next month.

Nixon, who returned Wednesday from a two-week trip through Russia and Poland, brought back some up to the minute tips on dealing with the impetuous and hard-hitting Soviet leader.

He thus is expected to take a leading role in devising strategy for dealing with Khrushchev when he arrives next month for a visit with President Eisenhower and his first look at the United States.

Nixon, who gave the President a first hand report Wednesday immediately on his return from abroad, met with Eisenhower and members of the Security Council at its regular meeting today.

The session, as is usual, was held behind closed doors of the White House Cabinet Room.

The vice president spent an hour and 15 minutes with the President Wednesday.

The President was to get another report today on dealings with the Soviets from Secretary of State Christian A. Herter when he returns from the Geneva foreign ministers' meeting.

The importance that Nixon attaches to Khrushchev's forthcoming visit was apparent as soon as the vice president stepped from his plane at Washington National airport.

In a statement to the enthusiastic crowd of 3,500 official and unofficial greeters, he urged Americans "in the interest of peace and justice" to

show the Soviet premier "the same courtesy that the people of the Soviet Union showed me."

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Persons attending the fiesta will have an opportunity to visit many booths planned by Sacred Heart parish and view advance yuletide items at a Christmas stall.

Over 6,000 prizes will be awarded during the three-day celebration which begins with a talent show at 6 p.m. Friday. The old-fashioned concessions will open at that time.

Strollers and other facilities for toddlers will be available. Games for all ages, refreshments, rides, movies and contests will be held throughout Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

A free dance is scheduled for 9 p.m. Saturday with Taylor's Trio Plus Two.

Items dating to 1880 and earlier will be on sale at Mrs. Marie Shere's antique booth. Buttons the clown will appear Saturday afternoon.

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Secretary Says Conference Eased Threat to Berlin

Geneva—(UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter flew home today, convinced that the 10-week foreign ministers' conference here had eased the Communist threat to West Berlin.

Herter made no formal statement before his converted Boeing 707 jetliner took off for Washington, but he is known to feel that the Russians have tacitly withdrawn their Berlin ultimatum.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, whose turbotrip IL-18 left for Moscow 13 minutes before Herter's departure, read a parting speech which said the conference "performed useful and not inconsiderable work" and expressed hope that further negotiations might produce more tangible results.

Gromyko also said the coming exchange of visits between President Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev proves "the climate of international relations is getting markedly warmer and better."

Herter is scheduled to land in Washington with first-hand information about the tentative agreement on new disarmament talks which saved the foreign ministers' conference from total failure.

Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville leaves for home later today.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd returned to London Wednesday night.

A mildly-worded communiqué closing the conference said it had brought the foreign ministers closer together on "certain points" but did not say what they were.

The only concrete achievement of the talks appeared to be the "useful exchange of views" on disarmament negotiations, announced in a separate communique.

Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) said he will call his ways and means committee into session Monday to take another look at the revenue picture.

The threat of a sharp reduction in the road-building program has revived talk that Congress might reluctantly decide to approve some form of gasoline tax increase after all.

San Bernardino Fire Near Containment

San Bernardino, Calif.—(UPI)—Fire fighters today contained 80 per cent of the 35 mile perimeter of a giant forest fire in San Bernardino National forest.

Full containment of the 11,200-acre blaze by 1,800 fire fighters was hoped for by tonight.

The blaze broke out Sunday in a stable and arson investigators said it definitely had been set by a man.

An investigation was underway to determine whether it was set accidentally or on purpose.

Six firemen received injuries battling the fire and one fire fighter died when he suffered a heart attack while on fire lines.

State's Polio Incidence Said Worst Since 1955

Portland—(UPI)—The State Board of Health said Wednesday Oregon's polio incidence is the worst since 1955.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said Oregon has recorded more fatal cases of polio, more paralytic cases and more laboratory isolations of the dangerous type I polio virus during the last 17 weeks than during any comparable period during the past three years.

Six more cases of polio were reported in Oregon last week, bringing to 31 the number officially reported in the state so far this year.

Three of the six came from Portland and one each from Klamath, Marion and Multnomah counties. Two of the cases were 11-month old in-

fants, one 18 months, one three years, one six years and one 36 years.

Dr. Erickson said the situation was not likely to improve because too few Oregon residents have obtained Salk vaccinations. The state supply is now virtually exhausted and the federal government has asked drug manufacturers to restrict shipments to states listed as epidemic areas.

He said "there are indications suggesting that incidence could reach epidemic levels within the next few weeks." He has appealed to the U.S. surgeon general and to the regional medical director of the U.S. Public Health Service for vaccine to help prevent any possible epidemic.

House Group Has Stretch-Out Plan For Construction

No Suggestion Made To Raise Money

Washington—(UPI)—The House Public Works committee rejected today a plan calling for a drastic cutback in the construction schedule for the 41,000-mile network of interstate highways.

It came up instead with a plan for a more moderate stretch-out of the program to help meet the highway financing crisis.

The committee made no recommendations for raising extra money needed to beef up the highway trust fund even if the moderate stretch-out were put into effect.

Thus, it tossed the ball back to the house ways and means committee, which technically has the responsibility of finding revenue for the highway fund.

Plan Delays Program The ways and means committee last week rejected President Eisenhower's request for a 1 1/2 cent increase in federal gasoline taxes and recommended this two-part plan to solve the money muddle.

—Issuance of one billion dollars in new revenue bonds to get over the immediate financing "hump."

—Stretching out overall construction of the highways to meet the long range program of how to keep the program in the black.

The ways and means committee plan called for slashing appropriations to the state beginning next July 1. This would be cut to \$600 million, compared with the \$2,500,000,000 in present law.

There would be corresponding cutbacks in appropriations for future years.

But the public works committee recommended that next year's appropriation be scaled down to \$2,200,000,000 and appropriations for the following 11 years be fixed at the same amount.

If the ways and means committee accepts, a different financing proposal would be necessary to pull the program out of the red. The billion-dollar bond issue would not be enough.

Higher Tax Possible Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) said he will call his ways and means committee into session Monday to take another look at the revenue picture.