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# Sen. Morse Stalls Senate's Business

Washington—UPI—The Senate, thwarted in an unusual Saturday session by a one-man legislative war waged by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) managed early today to pass one of seven major bills which are the key to adjournment.

Harassed by Morse's delaying tactics, the Senate finally wound up its business at 12:10 a.m., shortly after passing a House-approved bill which would hike the federal gasoline tax by a penny a gallon to keep the government-subsidized highway program going.

An ill-tempered Senate then adjourned until 9 a.m. Monday when it will meet in an extraordinary Labor day holiday session. A farm surplus disposal bill is scheduled for further consideration. But an obdurate Morse who has openly declared "parliamentary war" against Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson has threatened to continue his tactics which have thrown a monkey wrench into the adjournment machinery.

**Disrupts Operations**  
Morse, by a series of objections, disrupted operations of the chamber throughout the day. Both the House and Senate had met in unusual Saturday sessions as part of a drive to wind up their business by next week end in advance of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit.

Seven hours after the Senate met at 11 a.m., Morse had succeeded in blocking any significant floor action. By using Senate rules and objecting to unanimous consent requests, he had forced Johnson to call recesses of varying lengths.

Also at Morse's insistence, the Senate sat idle for nearly two hours while the dry-as-dust Senate Journal was read in toto.

**Vendetta Flared**  
Morse's legislative vendetta with Johnson flared into the open Friday. By his tactics, he kept the Senate working only in fits and starts.

Johnson, obviously nettled, told the Senate that because of Morse's maneuvers "it is rather obvious that adjournment is not in sight."

Leaders on both sides were conceding that Congress may well still be in session by the time Khrushchev arrives Sept. 15. Adjournment would eliminate the need for deciding whether the Soviet leader should be invited to address a joint session of Congress.

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# Senators Endorse Gas Tax Increase; Reject Other Ideas

Washington—UPI—The Senate last night followed the lead of the House and voted to increase the federal tax on gasoline by a penny-a-gallon.

The bill will pump new money into the depleted federal highway program.

Approval came after the Senate rejected various alternative plans—including two which would have repealed the credit given to taxpayers on 4 per cent of their income from stock dividends.

The vote was 70 to 11.

The action gave something of a victory to President Eisenhower who had asked for a 1½ cent tax increase. Administration spokesmen said Friday that they would go along with the House-passed bill.

**Back To House**  
The Senate-passed bill now goes back to the House, which approved a similar measure Friday by a 243-162 vote.

In debate on the bill Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) argued that the bill, as approved by the House, would slow construction of the interstate highway network and still leave the highway fund short of money this year. The government would have to default, he said.

Supporters of the bill argued against any alternative plan which would divert funds from the general funds of the treasury and thus further increase the government's deficit.

**About \$1 Billion**  
As approved by the Senate, the tax hike would be effective for 21 months after Oct. 1. It would produce about \$1 billion in additional funds for the nearly exhausted highway fund.

In three years after 1961 the measure would divert about \$2½ billion of revenues from auto excise taxes into the highway funds. This feature was opposed by administration spokesmen who indicated they will try to correct it before it becomes effective.

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# War-Ready Atlas' First Firing Set At California Pad

Miami Beach—UPI—The first firing of a war-ready Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile by a strategic air command crew is scheduled for Wednesday at Vandenberg Air Force base, Calif., it was learned here Saturday.

Sources at the annual Air Force Association convention said the first west coast launching of the missile if successful, will be formal notice that from now on the mighty weapons are ready to be fired "in anger" whenever needed. They have a range of more than 6,300 statute miles and can carry hydrogen warheads.

The event will mark the start of a five-year era of transition in which the strategic air command will sharply reduce its force of 2,000 bombers and rapidly build up its force of missiles. Some Air Force planners envision a day when approximately 1,000 intercontinental ballistic missiles—Atlas, Titan and Minuteman—will be kept at the ready across the country.

Disclosure of the Vandenberg firing plan followed official confirmation at the AFA convention that the first Atlas missile unit had been turned over to the Strategic Air Command by the Air Research and Development Command.

The scheduled launching Sept. 9 comes just six days before Russian Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev arrives in Washington for talks with President Eisenhower. It is probably a coincidence, however, for the SAC launching has been delayed two months while bugs were worked out of the Atlas in test shots at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

# 1959's State Fair May Be Largest Event in History

Salem—UPI—The Oregon State Fair opened an eight-day run Saturday and officials said it might be the biggest in the state's history.

They looked for 350,000 persons to pass through the gates of the Fairgrounds at the north edge of Salem before the fair closes.

Judging of the many exhibits was already under way as the first visitors passed through the gates. Highlighting the events were the livestock show, the poultry show, and exhibits of the kitchen arts, including baking and preparation of meals.

Also on the slate of activities were horse racing at Lone Oak race track yesterday afternoon, a rodeo and horse show, a band concert and the Bob Crosby stage revue. Horse racing will be a daily feature except Sunday, when the nags and the pari-mutuel players will rest.

Guests from various events throughout the state were guests of honor yesterday and were presented at a special ceremony at 2 p.m.

As the gates swung open to admit the first visitors, gay strains of music were already pervading the fairgrounds, and the Gayway rides and other concessions were in full action.

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**Rocket Plane To Get New Test**  
Edwards AFB, Calif.—UPI—Test pilot Scott Crossfield says the first powered flight of the X-15 experimental rocket plane might be tried again this week.

The needle-nosed supersonic plane was borne aloft Friday morning for 88 minutes by a huge B-52 jet bomber. It was four minutes away from attempting its first powered flight when the test was called off.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy tonight and morning. Partly cloudy during the afternoon today and chance of a few scattered showers occurring mostly tonight or Monday morning. High today 75, low tonight 55. High Monday 75.  
TEMP.  
Highest Saturday 76  
Lowest Saturday 59  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 6:38 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:42 a.m.  
Moonset tonight 8:52 p.m.  
At moonset tonight the Square of Pegasus will be seen in the east. Alpheratz, the brightest of the 4 stars that make up the square, is 99 light years from the Earth.

# Local Employment Hits Peak Levels; Jobless at Lowest

**Winter Pears Could Bring Acute Shortage**

Unemployment in Jackson county dropped to the lowest level in four years last month, John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the Oregon employment service, has announced.

With the start of the fruit harvest last month, he said, local employment was boosted to peak levels. Business of all kinds was active and the demand for applicants, with any degree of skill, was strong.

Patton said that during the first 10 days of the pear harvest, which started about Aug. 10, there was a surplus of labor available in the area. However, the surplus was quickly used up as the harvest got into full swing.

By the third week of the season, a severe shortage had developed, Patton noted. Large crop estimates indicated that with the start of the winter pears the shortage would become acute.

**'Continuous Effort'**  
"A continuous recruitment effort was made through all the state employment service offices in Oregon and Washington," Patton said. "This failed to produce sufficient help to do the picking job which must be completed within a limited time. We have the highest labor demand ahead and the supply of pickers declining, the federal government authorized the importation of 308 Mexican National workers to help complete the harvest."

The Mexicans are employed under contract provisions specified by agreement between the governments of this country and Mexico, Patton said. Their wages are fixed at the local "going rate" for the work they are doing, he added.

"All phases of the use of Mexican National workers is under the direct inspection of the federal government," he added.

At the end of the month, the total fruit employment in the county had reached a total of about 5,000 persons. Even with the few Mexican Nationals employed, it will still be difficult to maintain the required total of more than 2,000 domestic workers in the orchards during September because of the competition from other fruit areas, Patton said.

**Construction at Fast Pace**  
Construction in the county continued to set a fast pace as it has done for several months, Patton pointed out, and retail merchants report good business.

"The opening of the first stores in the new shopping center along with the 'Park and Shop' program in downtown Medford has stimulated fall retail trade. This always has a considerable beneficial effect on the local job situation," he said.

Patton said skilled labor of any kind is scarce and will remain so for some time to come. The same is true of well-qualified office workers. Employment will continue at a high level until October, when a seasonal decline will start, he added. "This decline, barring bad weather, should not be severe until after the Christmas holidays."

In another field, Hagerly

# U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL CALLED IN LAOS THREAT

**"But There's One Place I Still Want to Visit"**



# France's De Gaulle Informs Ike of Hope To Visit Washington

Ayr, Scotland—UPI—French President Charles de Gaulle notified President Eisenhower in a special message received here last night that he hoped to make a trip to Washington soon.

"I very much hope to be able to go and see you in Washington," De Gaulle told Eisenhower, who is resting at Culzean castle here from his arduous peace mission to Europe.

The message from Gen. de Gaulle spoke warmly of "a meeting of the minds" resulting from his talks with Eisenhower during the President's visit to France that ended Friday.

De Gaulle, acting on an invitation extended by Eisenhower, said he hoped to go to Washington "as soon as I can."

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, meanwhile, declared that Eisenhower was concerned over the Communist threat to Laos and was "keeping in close touch" with the crisis in that southeast Asian nation.

**Gravity Underscored**  
The fact that Hagerty volunteered the news of the President's concern yesterday underscored the gravity of the situation in the tiny Indochinese kingdom where loyal troops are seeking to repel Communist rebel forces.

"The President is keeping in close touch with the situation in Laos and it is a matter of concern to him," Hagerty said.

It was disclosed that Eisenhower began to receive dispatches of Laotian efforts to turn back Red invaders shortly after he awoke Saturday morning. He was filled in during the day as new reports came in.

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# Toll on Highways 'Alarming' High

By United Press International  
The death toll on the nation's highways crowded toward the 150 mark Saturday night and National Safety Council officials warned again the figures for this Labor day holiday were "alarmingly" ahead of last year's.

A United Press International count at 9 p.m. (PST) showed at least 143 dead in traffic accidents throughout the nation since the beginning of the three-day Labor day weekend at 6 p.m. Friday. In addition, 5 persons died in plane crashes, 13 in drownings and 17 in miscellaneous mishaps for an overall holiday toll of 178.

Ohio led the late-summer highway death count with 13 fatalities. California followed with 12 deaths and Texas and Iowa reported 10 victims each. New York tallied 8 highway deaths and Pennsylvania, Virginia and Missouri had 10.

"If a catastrophe such as fire or flood were sweeping the country and taking this toll, everyone would go all out to halt it," a safety council spokesman said.

"We appeal for such united action by drivers and enforcement agencies. Patience, courtesy and common sense are desperately needed."

One of the worst highway tragedies occurred on a straight stretch of highway near Winthrop, Iowa, where

# Session Planned Monday to Ponder Troops' Dispatch

**American Officials Scrutinize Situation**

United Nations, N. Y.—UPI—The United Nations last night called an emergency session of the Security Council to consider dispatching U.N. troops to the aid of Communist-threatened Laos. The Council will meet at 3 p.m. Monday.

Washington—UPI—The United States accused Russia and her Communist allies yesterday of directing the Red rebellion in Laos and threatened free world counter-action.

Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortona, president of the Security Council, made the announcement after two conferences with U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

He said he was sending cables to the 11 members of the council notifying them of Monday's meeting.

President Eisenhower was watching the situation closely from his Scottish golfing retreat. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to the U.N., met to discuss the subject. U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld rushed back from South America to deal with the crisis.

The president of the U.N. Security Council polled members on when to call an emergency session to consider Laos' appeal for military aid from the West in its battle against Communists.

**Herter Meets Lodge**  
Within an hour after he had returned from Europe, Herter was in conference with Lodge at Manchester, Mass., where they both have summer homes.

Lodge said he would rush to the U.N. as soon as he and Herter had finished their talks.

Hammarskjöld cut short a South American tour to head back to the U.N. to consider the crisis created by Laos' charge that Red forces had invaded the country to aid Laotian communists in what had been a civil war.

In Washington, high American officials studied the situation carefully, in an effort to make certain that outside communist forces actually had invaded Laos. They wanted to make sure there had been an invasion before they committed the U.S. to military action in which American troops would carry most of the load.

**To Assess Claims**  
There were indications the U.S. would press for a quick, on-the-spot fact-finding investigation by a U.N. mission to assess the Laotian claims that forces from communist north Viet Nam have entered the fighting.

President Eisenhower expressed deep concern over the crisis from his weekend golfing retreat at Turnberry, Scotland, where he was winding up his European trip before returning to Washington.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President was "keeping in close touch with the situation in Laos and it is a matter of concern to him."

Washington officials pointed out that the United States is more specifically committed to the defense of Laos than it ever was to South Korea before Red forces attacked South Korea in 1950, launching a three-year war.

**Early Action Unlikely**  
The possibility of early U.N. action was remote. If most of the security council members favored action, the Soviet Union probably would veto it.

Then the matter could go before the 82-member general assembly, which can override such a veto and authorize intervention.

# Royal Government Of Laos Imposes Military Control

Vientiane—UPI—The royal government today declared martial law throughout Laos "in order to maintain order" while waiting for a United Nations decision on the government's request for direct military intervention.

Prime Minister Phou Sannikone signed the order putting tiny rebel threatened Laos under military control.

General Southonne Patham Avong was given the responsibility for carrying out the cabinet proclamation.

The order came as the Laotian government sent a plea to the United Nations asking for military assistance.

# Only One Mishap In Local Traffic, State Police Say

State police reported only one accident as of late Saturday night as tourists crowded the county's highways for the Labor Day holiday.

The non-injury accident occurred Friday night just south of Ashland on the South Pacific highway. Quick thinking by two drivers averted what might have been a serious head-on collision, according to the police report.

Apparently, a large truck and trailer belonging to the Los Angeles Motor Freight Lines, driven by Edward Conway Ankrum, 43, of Grants Pass, was northbound and passing a car. As the truck approached two southbound cars driven by Eugene Jay Jr., 43, of Eugene, and Billmore Chandler Hagen, 44, of Gerbauer apartments, North Oakland ave., Medford, both drivers slammed on their brakes and swung onto the highway shoulder. As the huge Los Angeles-Seattle truck passed it struck the rear end of the Jay car.

No injuries were reported, state police said.

Two non-traffic injuries put two local men in hospital beds for the holiday. Dale L. Smith, 23, of 504 Pennsylvania st., Medford, was reported in fair condition in Sacred Heart hospital Saturday night following an accident at Hawkinson's Tire shop, 1112 Court st., Medford. Smith apparently backed into a paint scraping machine while it was running Saturday, it was reported.

O. O. Hull, 79, of 1255 Hull rd., Medford, was reported in fair condition in Rogue Valley hospital Saturday night with a hip injury. He reportedly fell from a ladder in the 2800 block on Stewart ave. Saturday.

Both men were taken to the hospitals by Medford Ambulance Service.

# County Bridges Bid Opening Set

Bids on two Jackson county bridge projects will be received by the Oregon state highway commission Sept. 10 in Salem.

One project is an 88-foot long, 3-span reinforced concrete slab bridge over Long Branch creek on Rogue River rd. about 4½ miles south of Trail.

The other is a three-span structure over Kane creek on South Stage rd. about 2 miles southeast of Gold Hill. The bridge will be 51 feet long and will provide a 26-foot clear roadway.

The Rogue River rd. bridge will be a 26-foot clear roadway on a greatly improved alignment, the commission said.

Although bids will be opened by the commission, the contract will be awarded by Jackson county, which also will administer the project, including field engineering.

# NEW APPROACH PLANNED

New York—UPI—Steel industry and union leaders Saturday began planning the make-up of 12 additional bargaining committees in a new approach to ending the eight-week strike.

# Red Chinese Hold Territory in India, Reports Indicate

New Delhi, India—UPI—Communist Chinese forces are holding on to two sections of India territory along the southern Tibetan border, reports reaching here said Saturday.

The reports said the Chinese still have not left their positions in the Ladakh area of eastern Kashmir or the Logju area of the Northeastern Frontier Agency despite repeated Indian protests.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament Friday that Peiping has claimed the areas as Chinese territory and accused India of aggression in border clashes, exactly reversing Indian claims and charges.

India is particularly concerned about the Ladakh area since the Tibetan border there never has been demarcated.

It is a strategically important section for Indian communications and government officials in New Delhi fear that once the Chinese take hold it will be impossible to oust them.

People in the Ladakh area were reported getting panicky about a large Communist troop buildup on the Tibetan side of the border and the Indian army has sent troop reinforcements in an attempt to reassure them.

The Times of India reported Saturday that Tibetan guerrillas still were battling Chinese Communist troops in Western Tibet.

It said 30 Chinese soldiers and about 60 Khampa tribesmen have been killed in several skirmishes in the past month.

# West Yellowstone, Mont. Aftershock Jars Yellowstone

West Yellowstone, Mont.—UPI—A sharp aftershock of the Aug. 17 killer earthquake jarred central Yellowstone National park early Saturday, alarming vacationers but causing no serious damage.

Sleeping campers were awakened at 5:10 a.m. at Canyon, a resort in the center of the park. Cafeteria dishes there were broken, but no other damage was reported.

"It was possibly the strongest one they felt at Canyon," Ranger Jim Valder said. "But as far as the rest of the park is concerned no one paid any attention to it because we've had so many that were similar in nature."

In Pasadena, Calif., Dr. Charles F. Richter at the Caltech Seismographic laboratory reported the quake had a magnitude of about 5.0 on the Richter scale. It was not as strong as about a dozen aftershocks which followed in the first few days after the big shock, he said.

Park officials said there was no report of new landslides such as the ones that crashed down on campers west of the park Aug. 17, killing at least nine. Another 20 persons are believed buried under rock and debris. Saturday's tremor was felt mainly in the canyon area. It was not reported at Old Faithful geyser where the Aug. 17 quake damaged the nearby inn. Nor was it felt in West Yellowstone.

Meanwhile, army engineers worked around the clock to clear a mile-long spillway channel through a huge slide that blocked the Madison river in southwest Montana.

# Klamath Newsman Dies After Seizure

Klamath Falls—Sept. 5—UPI—Otto Ellis, 56, Klamath Falls newspaper photographer and one-time United Press telegrapher, died early last evening in Hillsdale hospital here following a bear attack.

He had been with the Klamath Falls Herald and News as a photographer for the past six years.

Ellis suffered the seizure at home after playing an afternoon round of golf. He was rushed to the hospital, but died about 30 minutes after being admitted.

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