



INSPECT PEARS—J. G. Cameron, 2946 Roberts rd., left and Floyd A. Dominy, reclamation commissioner, Washington, D.C., inspect pears in the Hillcrest orchards. About 112 persons, bureau of reclamation personnel and irrigation district operators and board members, viewed the pear industry develop-



VIEW FOREBAY—Ted Flury, Eagle Point Irrigation district manager, led a tour through the district's power plant forebay near Nichol's gap yesterday afternoon during the annual conference of irrigation oper-

McNeil to Attend Advance Seminar

Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, will leave this week end for Lansing, Mich., where he will attend the second session of an advance seminar study course for selected chamber of commerce managers.

The week course will include marketing, human relations in industry, communications and group dynamics. All courses, McNeil said, pertain to organization management with the teachers retained from the business school of Michigan State university.

The local manager, who attended the first session last September, was one of 30 managers selected for the three-year course on the basis of a competitive examination given managers throughout the country. Managers who attend must have completed institute work in this field. McNeil has attended the West Coast Institute at Stanford university.

The local man is one of 20 from the west coast who are attending this session from Sept. 20 through 26.

McNeil added that between sessions, background reading assignments are required in books supplied by the S. Chamber of Commerce. Following the third session prior to graduating each manager must complete a report, he said.

Reclamation Head Tours Irrigation Districts in Area

Congressional support for bureau of reclamation bills depends strongly on how efficiently the irrigation districts managers operate in the Western states, Reclamation Commissioner Floyd A. Dominy, Washington, D. C., indicated last night.

"On your shoulders rests the responsibility of how bureau of reclamation projects work," Dominy told about 150 persons attending the ninth annual irrigation operators' conference banquet at the Rogue Valley Country club.

"The operator must know his business," Dominy said. "I rely on my personal visits with the operators in the field to strengthen my position when appearing before congressional committees."

Aid Districts

The Rehabilitation and Betterment act is designed to aid districts in financing improvements of an unusual nature which annual irrigation district budgets cannot cover, the reclamation commissioner said. Districts should use such funds only for that purpose, he emphasized.

The act was passed following a period of depression and war. The war brought a shortage of manpower. The depression brought a shortage of irrigation funds. Both put districts behind on their repairs and improvements.

Operators are attending the conference here chiefly to learn how to better maintain their district's irrigation works, Dominy pointed out.

"A number of powerful groups are declaring a moratorium on reclamation development," Dominy stated. "The oft-repeated question is why should the bureau of reclamation bring new land into production when another government agency is taking land out of production?"

But he pointed out that most reclamation projects do not produce the crops which are now surplus; rather they produce crops which the nation needs and utilizes.

A resolution was adopted by the Washington State Grange in Vancouver last June asking that the bureau of reclamation continue to develop and reclaim more land for agricultural purposes, but requesting that those lands not be made available for settlement until such times as no burdensome surpluses of agricultural products exist, Dominy noted.

"I know the Grange officials to be responsible people, and I do not think that organization would wish to interfere with the department of interior's resources development activities to a halt while agricultural surpluses of wheat, corn, tobacco, cotton, grain, sorghums, and miscellaneous crops are disposed of," the commissioner remarked.

A check on crop reports for the Rogue river project in 1958 showed that of 23,800 irrigable acres, only 56 acres were planted to corn and 57 to wheat—an acreage which would have been inadequate to meet local consumption requirements, Dominy pointed out.

Agriculture Opposed to Oregon Seashore Park

Flax Lane farmers association, to oppose making the Oregon Seashore National Park, said today the Agriculture Department has voiced opposition to the proposal.

The acreage in Florence, March, Neuberg, and the True Dunes, said that the proposed area included a "substantial area of National Forest land."

"We in the department," the letter continued, "strongly believe it should remain under the administration of the Forest Service."

Hearings Scheduled

Senate hearings conducted by Neuberger are scheduled in Reedsport Oct. 5 and in Eugene Oct. 7.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has announced that a House subcommittee will visit Florence Oct. 31 for a field hearing on the Oregon Dunes National Seashore proposal.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Chicago	1 4 1
New York	3 8 0
Wynn, Latman (8)	
Lollar; Coates and Berz.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Pittsburgh	3 8 1
Chicago	2 9 1
Law and Burgess; Anderson, Elston (8) and S. Taylor.	

War Would Be Madness, Nikita Asserts

UN Committee Shelves Proposal To Seat Red China

India-Soviet Move Rejected, 12 to 7

United Nations, N. Y. — (UPI) — The U. N. Steering Committee today shelved for the duration of the current General Assembly session an Indian-Soviet move to oust Nationalist China in favor of the Chinese Communists.

It rejected by a 12-7 vote, with 1 abstention, an Indian request for a full debate on the question of China's representation.

U. S. Proposal Approved

By an 11-7 vote, with two abstentions, it approved a U. S. proposal that the Assembly decide not to consider for the duration of its 14th session any proposal to exclude the representatives of Nationalist China or to seat representatives of the Chinese Communists.

The Assembly was certain to approve the Steering Committee's recommendation.

Indian Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon had asked the Steering Committee to put the Chinese representation issue on the world parliament's agenda for full debate.

Supported by Soviet

U. S. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth immediately countered with a proposal to reject India's request and, as in past years, moved that the Assembly decide not to consider at its current session any proposal to exclude Nationalist China or to seat the Chinese Reds.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov supported India's proposal.

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Apartment House Collapses; Many Killed in Italy

16 Bodies Found; 80 Still Missing

Barietta, Italy — (UPI) — A new five-story apartment house, containing 24 families totaling 106 persons, collapsed without warning today. Many residents were trapped and killed, and police estimated the death toll would be high.

Police said they had recovered 16 bodies so far and taken 13 injured from the twisted mass of steel and stone. An estimated 80 still were missing.

Signs of Asphyxia

A doctor at Barietta's only hospital told United Press International by telephone that most of the dead showed signs of asphyxia, meaning that they were choked to death under the rubble.

The dead included men, women and children.

Police, firemen and volunteers worked desperately in the rubble trying to pull out any possible survivors. But the doctor at the hospital expressed serious doubt that many could be dug out alive.

Authorities threw an army cordon around the hospital to control a crowd of anxious friends and relatives.

Mothers Pushed Back

Soldiers gently but firmly pushed back crying mothers who tried to force their way into the hospital to search for their children among the bodies in the morgue.

City officials said the house was built some six months ago over a previously existing garage. They said they understood no new foundations were laid and the five floors of the apartment building merely were added on top of the garage.

Not one of the cement pillars supporting the building was left standing.

Residents Tuesday noted cracks in the building. They called city authorities who began an investigation into the construction.

Training Course Held by Agencies

The second in a series of nine in-service training courses being conducted here by the Jackson County sheriff's office and the federal bureau of investigation was held Tuesday.

The session concerned officers' responsibility as witnesses and a hypothetical trial was conducted. Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell served as prosecuting attorney with Paul Haviland defense attorney.

Sheriff Joe Walsh stated that the majority of the deputies in the criminal division attend the sessions. He said that the courses are also being given for the 30 reserve deputies.

The first session was conducted by an FBI agent, who explained the organization of that bureau and told of its services that are available to local law enforcement groups.

Damage Estimates Of Fire Delayed

The extent of insurance coverage on the White City Box company, destroyed by fire Monday night, cannot be ascertained for several days, according to Joe Dix, president of the White City firm.

The amount of insurance payable will depend on damage estimates, which will be delayed by the destruction of some of his records, he said.

Cause of the blaze is still uncertain, Dix emphasized. Although quoted yesterday as saying it was caused by a welding tank, he stated today that this was only a possible cause, and that the definite reason for the fire is still unknown.

BLM Resource Receipts Largest in History

Portland — (UPI) — The largest collection of resource receipts from federal lands in the history of the Bureau of Land Management this week were shared by 27 states, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Alaska. Oregon's share was \$92,833.

Election Today On Consolidation

The Phoenix-Talent school district consolidation election was "on" today despite what was taken in some quarters to be a last-minute attempt to scuttle it.

Patrons of the two districts are to cast their ballots from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Phoenix and Talent grade schools.

"Our concern is not to tell people which way to vote," a spokesman for Jackson County's boundary board and school district reorganization committee stated yesterday. "Our concern is that a legal election be held, and then let the people make their decisions for themselves."

County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold made these and other statements yesterday afternoon in response to a suit filed in circuit court late Monday by Bertha W. Gammill, Phoenix realtor and school district patron.

Asks Nullification

Mrs. Gammill's suit asks among other things that action by the defendants — the boundary board and reorganization committee — in calling today's election be nullified.

Summons for an appearance within 10 days were served yesterday morning on Mekvold.

There was some immediate concern that the actual holding of today's election was jeopardized. However, since the summonses allowed 10 days for responding no court action yesterday was required.

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly observed that as a general rule a court would not decide against holding an election in any case on such short notice.

Non-Commitment

Mrs. Gammill, asked last night whether she had intended to block the holding of the election, was non-committal.

"I'm not at liberty to give an answer," she said. "I think it's pretty well stated in the complaint."

Aside from asking that the order for today's election be nullified, Mrs. Gammill's suit asks the court to declare:

1. That the boundary board's action in transferring an area near Barnett rd. from the Phoenix school district to the Medford district be nullified;

2. That the defendants be directed to comply with the law in pursuing studies and holding hearings before calling another election affecting the Phoenix district's independence;

3. That the May 20 election be "final and binding until there has been a change of conditions and the necessary legal findings have been made."

Following Serving

Following the serving of summonses yesterday morning, Mekvold called representatives of the boundary board and reorganization committee into his office with District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder.

Afterward, speaking for the two groups of which he is a member-Mekvold emphasized that their actions were all "strictly according to law."

In one allegation, Mrs. Gammill asserts that the Barnett rd. area boundary change and the election are "part of a common plan, scheme and design to thwart the expressed majority vote" of the Phoenix district voters May 20.

Petitioners in District

Mekvold replied yesterday that the initiative was with petitioners within the district, and that the boundary board and committee were required by law to follow a specific procedure in response to petitions.

"These are the results of legal action that we're re-

Crackdown on Opponents Hinted By Chinese Boss

Reformed Prisoners May Receive Pardons

Tokyo — (UPI) — Peiping Radio hinted today that Chinese Communist boss Mao Tse-Tung may be preparing a drastic new purge of "rightist" opponents of the Red regime.

The Communist New China News Agency reported that Mao held a top-level meeting in Peiping Tuesday at which measures were discussed to "counter rightward tendencies" on the Red-held mainland.

Means Cracking Down

In Communist terminology, this means cracking down on elements who do not toe the line laid down by Mao.

"Comrade Mao Tse-Tung made an important statement at the meeting," the New China News Agency said in a brief report on the huddle. It did not disclose what Mao said.

The Communist agency said at the same time Mao and the others discussed granting pardons to criminals and former "rightist" opponents who have seen the errors of their ways.

Pardons for Behavior

"Views were exchanged... on the question of countering rightward tendencies and of going all out and persisting in the general line for building socialism (Communism) — and on the question of granting pardons on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, to various criminals who have really changed over and behaved well, and of removing the label of rightist from those who have really behaved well," the agency said.

It was an obvious reference to the many thousands of Chinese who were trapped when Mao, in an apparent loosening of control, invited criticisms of the Red regime under his "let a thousand flowers bloom" program. He cracked down when the criticisms became too strong.

Copies of Proposed Ordinance Available

Copies of the proposed Jackson County interim zoning ordinance affecting in general the Rogue valley floor are now available to the public, according to Jack Eaton, county planning technician.

A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled next Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the courthouse.

Copies of the ordinance are available in the county planning office on the top floor of the courthouse annex.

Jupiter Missile Explodes in Flight

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — A wobbling intermediate range Jupiter missile exploded in flight about 1,000 feet over the missile Test Center here early today. Scientists and technicians dashed safely to cover from the flying debris.

Premier Answers Questions

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No Discrimination in Russia

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New Proposals For Disarmament To Be Presented

Details To Be Told In UN Address

Washington — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today that "it would be sheer madness to allow a new world war to come to a head."

He announced he is ready to present new Russian proposals for worldwide disarmament when he appears before the United Nations in New York Friday. He gave no advance details but indicated the proposals will be sweeping.

Unless the United States and Russia work together for peace, he said, "the earth will be covered with ashes and graves."

Choice for Peace

Speaking before a National Press club luncheon, he declared that "the Soviet people have long made their choice for peace."

"We are convinced that the American people also are for peace," he said.

Stressing the urgency of disarmament, he said: "Now that people have learned to control the energy of the atom, and rockets have been developed capable of covering thousands of kilometers in a matter of minutes, the most advanced planes, warships and tanks used in World War II look like toys compared with the latest means of warfare. Under these circumstances it would be sheer madness to allow a new world war to come to a head."

Prosperity vs. Destruction

Later, he firmly said: "The Soviet Union and the United States are faced with this alternative: Either the latest achievements of scientific and technical thought — the discovery of the secret of the atom, the development of rockets and the penetration of outer space — will be placed in the service of a peaceful future and prosperity of mankind, or they will be used for the purpose of destruction and annihilation and, as a result, the earth will be covered with ashes and graves."

Areas of Omission

There were two notable areas of omission in Khrushchev's address.

—He did not, at any point, bring up his previously expressed belief in the confidence of the Soviet Union to catch up and surpass the United States in industrial production. There was nothing that approached his previously reported statements concerning Communism's ability to defeat capitalism on the economic front.

—He did not refer to the Far East, with its pressing problems such as Laos and the Formosa dispute. Not once in his address did he refer to Russia's major partner, Communist China.

The speech was concentrated on disarmament, Germany and the subject of improving the international climate by increasing trade and eliminating some of the major frictions between Russia and the United States.

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