

# BITTER COLD ADDS TO WOES IN MONTANA

## Castro Says United States Harboring 'War Criminals'

### Economic, Press Attacks Against Nation Alleged

#### Expected Reply To Protests Not Given

Havana — (UPI) — Premier Fidel Castro today accused the United States of harboring "war criminals" and carrying on economic and press attacks against his nation. But he appeared tired and the speech lacked the usual fire of past orations.

Castro, in a three-hour, 10-minute television appearance that lasted well past midnight, did not make his expected reply to American protests that his anti-American statements are malicious and are hurting Cuban-American relations. Pamphlet inoffensive

He said he considers inoffensive a pamphlet that the United States has found to be objectionable. The pamphlet shows victims of last month's air battle over Cuba. Castro has charged the United States with permitting the raid from its airfields.

He conceded that the United States has taken some steps to halt such raids, but counter-balanced this admission with a long series of accusations.

They included these charges: —The United States is following a "policy of open arms to war criminals exiled from Cuba."

—The United States is carrying on "a purposeful campaign of economic aggression" as part of conspiracy against his regime.

—The American press is not giving his regime fair reporting. He singled out the Miami News, the New York Journal American, the Mutual Broadcasting System, Life Magazine, and the two American wire services for criticism.

During Castro's speech, both United Press International and the Associated Press received about 20 threatening telephone calls at their Havana offices. In abusive language, the callers condemned "inaccurate reporting" and threatened to wreck the offices.

### WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair through Saturday with variable high clouds. Low tonight 13. High Saturday 53.

Highest Yesterday 61. Lowest this Morning 20.

### Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:52 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:00 a.m. The moon rises 4:19 p.m. today and sets 6:10 a.m. tomorrow. Now nearly full. It is moving among the stars of the constellation Aries, and is giving off about 4 times as much light as it did at First Quarter.

## Opposition to Wrecking Yard Voiced At Public Hearing Held by County Court

Opposition to a proposed wrecking yard on the Crater Lake highway was voiced by residents of the area at a public hearing held by the Jackson county court Thursday afternoon.

Forty-five persons attended. Thirty-five of the group said they live within a mile of the possible site for the Crater Lake Wrecking yard, which is under consideration by Wylie, Nelson and Lewis Baker.

The Baker brothers earlier had informed the court that they had an option to buy land on Highway 62 between Four Corners and the Desert Service station. They said the land would be used for a wrecking yard if the court indicated approval of their license application with the state department of motor vehicles.

Chief objection voiced by the property owners at the hearing was that the site would be in the midst of a residential area. Another argument was that the presence of one wrecking yard in the area, the Speedway Auto Parts south of the proposed site, would result in a "con-

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MM-MM, GOOD CRANBERRIES! — W. R. Furtick, assistant professor of farm crops from their salads served last night at the eighth annual Oregon weed conference here.

## Cranberries Are on Conference Agenda

Spraying cranberries with aminotriazole will be discussed this afternoon and a resolution regarding its use and the current halt on cranberry sales is expected, a spokesman for the Oregon Weed Conference said this morning.

This is the second day of the conference being held in the Medford YMCA. There has been considerable informal discussion among the 153 members attending the conference but this afternoon is the first formal discussion of the problem. At least half of the weed spray recommendations have included the use of aminotriazole.

Yesterday afternoon Theodore Sidor, of La Grande, Union county extension agent, was presented a gift by Raymond Crabtree, Maupin, newly elected conference vice president. The award was presented for Sidor's outstanding program in eradicating barberry bushes which host stem rust fungus.

Rex Warren, Oregon State college farm crops specialist, and conference secretary, told of Sidor's unique program of organizing various groups and service clubs of his area in digging up the weed and applying further controls. Through complete elimination of the bush, the fungus will

no longer be a problem in the area, Warren noted.

Special mention was given also to four other county extension agents: Thomas W. Thompson, Moro, for controlling wild morning glory through plot demonstrations and field work; John Frizzell, The Dalles, for an educational program to control sagebrush by spraying; Amos Bierly, Madras, for contributing to the county's annual "weed holiday"; and William K. Farrell, Canyon City, for his "outstanding job" in controlling puncture vine along county and state highways.

Officers elected yesterday were Phil Beilke, Brooks, president; Raymond Crabtree, Maupin, vice president; Earl Meekers, The Dalles, director for eastern Oregon; and Kent Peterson, Junction City, director for western Oregon. The secretary and treasurer will be named this afternoon.

Local men on the program yesterday were Don Berry, county agent, speaking on "Herbicide Use in Tree Fruit Farming"; and Otto Bohmert, Central Point farmer, speaking on "How I Control Weeds on My Farm." Ray Hubbell, Medford, Jackson county weed control supervisor, and ex-president of the conference, was chairman for yesterday morning's program. John W. Snider, Medford mayor, welcomed conference members.

## Klamath Man Is Bound Over to Grand Jury

Donald M. Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls, was bound over to the grand jury this morning in district court on a charge of armed robbery.

District Judge Roy Bashaw continued bail at \$15,000. John Franklin Barger, one of the managers at the Safeway store in the Medford Shopping Center, was the only witness called this morning during Thompson's preliminary hearing.

Barger identified Thompson as the man who entered the Safeway store Sept. 7 and escaped with money he had ordered Barger to get from the store safe.

The witness explained how Thompson had asked him about some wine, then dog food at the store, before showing him a newspaper clipping telling of a holdup.

Barger retold how the man showed him a revolver tucked in his trousers and told Barger to put money in a brown paper sack.

The defense made no statement following the conclusion of the state's case.

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he has turned the problem of whether or not to hold hearings on the current cranberry hassle over to State Agriculture Director Frank McKennon.

## Vaccine Clinics Slated Tomorrow By Area Jaycees

Eight Locations Set for Shots

Salk polio vaccine clinics will be held in Jackson county tomorrow under the sponsorship of Junior Chambers of Commerce in this area.

It will be the first in a series of clinics at eight locations in an effort to help prevent a polio epidemic in the state, according to Larry Allen, Medford Jaycee president, and general chairman.

The Jackson county clinics are part of a state-wide Jaycee program, in which the full series of four vaccinations are being offered.

Clinics are scheduled at health department office in the county courthouse, at the American Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford, and at Crater High school cafeteria, Central Point, between 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday.

Clinics scheduled between 3 and 5 p.m. will be at the music building, Jacksonville school; Talent city hall; the kindergarten building, Rogue River; Shady Cove grade school gym and Eagle Point grade school gym.

Jaycee groups cooperating are Medford, Eagle Point and Central Point. The Jackson County Medical society will provide a physician at each clinic to administer shots, and two nurses will be available at each location, Allen said.

All age groups have been urged to take advantage of the clinic, and children attending without their parents or guardian must have a signed consent slip.

Follow-up clinics will be scheduled, the first one Dec. 12 at which the second in the series of shots will be administered.

Individual shots will cost \$1, and shots for the entire family will cost \$3, Allen said. He noted that no person will be turned away for lack of funds.

## Embassy Denies Porter Challenged To Debate

Congressman Sticks To Story Despite Statement Challenge Said To Follow Dispute

Tokyo — (UPI) — Sources close to the U.S. embassy denied Thursday that Ambassador Douglas A. MacArthur II had challenged Rep. Charles Porter (D-Ore.) to an unprecedented public debate on U.S. policies toward Communist China.

"The ambassador did not issue a challenge on this thing," a source told United Press International.

"He told Representative Porter that he would be willing to debate the merits of American policy on Communist China with him at any time. But he meant privately, not publicly."

Porter stuck by his story that MacArthur had angrily challenged him to an open, public debate on the China issue. Porter advocates U.S. recognition of the Communist government in Peiping.

Dispute at Lunch "Why, he even offered to come into Oregon and debate me in my home district," he said. "I told him I was not sure I would be in Oregon in January but that I knew I could arrange a nationally televised debate. I feel I could show him up badly."

The dispute between the ambassador and the congressman developed Wednesday at the embassy. MacArthur and his wife, daughter of the late vice president Alben D. Barkley, had invited Porter there for lunch.

Porter said a disagreement developed over the issue of recognition of Red China.

Porter is in the Far East to conduct a survey of U.S. government civilian employees abroad.

## Aging Conference Scheduled Saturday

Representatives from Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties are expected to participate in the Southern Oregon Regional Conference on Aging at the Medford First Methodist church tomorrow.

The conference, the second being held in the state, is one of a series during which problems of older citizens are discussed and recommendations made for a state conference.

At the state conference, which will be held in 1960, suggestions will be compiled for a White House Conference on Aging in 1961.

The local conference will start at 9:30 a.m. with Frank J. Glonning, conference chairman, presiding. Miss Jeanne Jewett, administrator of the Oregon public welfare commission, Portland, will give the keynote address on "Current Trends and Major Needs in the Fields of Aging."

The Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, Eugene, chairman of the state conference on aging, Eugene, will preside at the luncheon with greeting extended by Jackson County Judge Earl M. Miller.

A panel discussion on whether the health needs of older citizens are being met will be held following the luncheon, and the closing session will start at 3:30 p.m. with talks on "what can the community do?" in preparation for the state conference on aging by Mrs. Zollinger, and "The community and the White House conference" by Donald C. Sutcliffe, White House conference regional representative, department of health, education and welfare, San Francisco.

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## Temperature Dips To Record Low

Temperature at the Medford station of the U. S. weather bureau dipped to 20 degrees this morning, the coldest since Jan. 30, 1957, when the reading was 13 degrees.

The 20 degrees was also the coldest on record for Nov. 13 at the local station. Previous minimum for the date was 22 degrees in 1916.

The mercury at the airport station is expected to drop still farther tonight. A minimum of 18 is forecast.

## Crust on Snow Prevents Cattle From Forage

Rescuers Seek Trapped Hunters

Helena, Mont. — (UPI) — A bitter cold wave hit Montana today on the heels of a blizzard and temperatures plummeted as low as 34 degrees below zero.

The numbing cold froze a hard crust on the two foot layer of snow, threatening starvation for 10,000 to 15,000 head of cattle and sheep unable to break the crust to forage.

A rescue party set out at dawn into the cold and waist-deep snow drifts in search of two Montana State University students trapped high in the Rocky Mountains while elk hunting.

The sheriff's office at Missoula said chances were "very slim" they would find Bob Amick Jr., of Billings, and Richard Maxwell, of Warm Spring, alive unless the youths had found a mountain cabin with a stove.

"We'll find them, but we don't know in what direction," a deputy sheriff said grimly.

Amick and Maxwell were the only two hunters still unaccounted for. Other hunters stumbled down from the mountains last night after a frightening battle through the worst blizzard in Montana history.

The cold wave dropped Montana temperatures to 34 degrees below zero at Drummond, 33 below at Butte and 30 below at West Yellowstone. The state's high temperature at dawn was a frigid six above at Glasgow.

Montana ranchers, caught with a 15 per cent surplus in livestock due to slow markets, began a desperate battle to reach their trapped herds and flocks.

The ranchers said the "fatality rate for strays would probably be severe," but said past experience had taught them to be prepared by laying in plenty of feed.

## Planners Air Problem of New Mortuary Here

Plans were clearly indicative of its use as a mortuary.

He also contended that as the building was inspected from time to time during its construction by city inspectors and approved by them in its phases of development that it was further assured by the builders that the city knew what it was going to be and approved of it.

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Joe Hosick told the Mail Tribune today that Miles and he proceeded in good faith under the authority of the city of Medford and pursuant to all ordinances of the city in the construction of the mortuary.

"I sincerely feel that this is progress in the funeral service industry for Medford," Hosick said, "due to the fact that it relieves the city of traffic problems involved in funeral processions and also the parking problem."

McNeel, who gave his consent to the plans as originally filed, later denied the use of the mortuary on the grounds that the original plans had made no mention of the word "mortuary" but had instead been titled "chapel." The plans were reported to give no indication that the building would be used as a mortuary.

Under an ordinance to establish a variance passed in 1957, it ruled that all future construction on the cemetery grounds must be in accordance with the business of running a cemetery.

Manville H. Heisel, attorney for the Siskiyou Memorial park, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hosick, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Miles, and Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, contended that the original granting of a permit by the city building supervisor was still valid and could not be revoked.

McNeel, who was ill, could not attend the meeting.

Some 20 or more residences of the area, most of them property owners adjacent to the Siskiyou park, were at the meeting protesting the inclusion of the mortuary in the park.

They objected to it on the grounds that it would lower property values, cause traffic problems, create an undesirable psychological effect, and change the zoning of the area from residential to commercial.

In commenting on the plans filed with the building department, Heisel stressed that there had been no intent to mislead or deceive the city. He pointed out that some of the features of the original

## Meetings on Planning Problems Suggested

Two meetings on mutual planning problems may be sponsored by the Jackson county planning commission in the near future, according to discussions at the commission meeting last night at the courthouse.

Commissioner Robert Boyer, Medford lawyer, said he had spoken recently before the Ashland planning commission and learned they would be willing to send representatives to meet with Jack Eaton, planning technician, to discuss mutual planning problems.

Eaton said he has learned that a southern Oregon planning conference could be held to discuss mutual problems. This, he said, might include Josephine, Jackson and Douglas counties. This way each county in the area would know what the other is doing, Eaton explained.

Commissioner Gerald Latham said he attended a meeting in Medford Monday night with members of the county court to discuss planning coordination.

A professional planning firm from Portland presented a preliminary talk on the subject. Latham suggested coordinate planning meetings be held with school officials and officials of Rogue Valley towns so planning of each would be coordinated.

The county planning commission subcommittee, chaired by Dave Lowry, met with state highway department officials last week to discuss the problem of excavating for fill dirt along the new Pacific highway freeway.

The subcommittee said the planning commission has more time to come up with a comprehensive plan toward solution of the problem. Highway construction program has been delayed due to lack of financing, the subcommittee reported.

Eaton said Lloyd Anderson, of the bureau of municipal research, University of Oregon, Eugene, will meet with Medford city officials soon on planning problems. It was suggested the county court and county planning commission meet with Anderson to discuss the possibility of a regular county-wide zoning regulation compared to interim zoning.



BLACK HILLS COVERED — Most motorists and residents of Rapid City, S.D., preferred to remain indoors during the snow-blanketed area. Here two men prepare to dig a car out of the snow. Over six inches of snow blanketed the area. — (UPI Telephoto)