

Vital Question Raised by Visit To Soviet Union

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles prepared by Medford's superintendent of schools following his recent three-week trip to Russia. The series deals with Russia's "Seven Year Plan." The articles are based on Soviet books, magazine articles, and personal interviews with the ministers of education of the Russian and Ukrainian republics, the deputy mayor of Moscow and the mayor of Tbilisi.)

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The previous statements, while not officially documented (this is difficult to do), are taken from reliable sources and from first hand observations and interviews. They are significant enough to raise a serious question; are we not now at the crossroads of making the following decision? Isn't it time, through our democratic processes, to call together our "best minds" in America and decide how we should face the issues being forced upon us by the rapid development and political philosophy of the U.S.S.R.?

The group of school administrators and higher education staff members who recently visited Russia are unanimous in believing we must take

Atlas-Able Moon Rocket Fails To Go in Orbit

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—An Atlas-Able moon rocket, America's largest space vehicle, failed today to put a 372-pound satellite in orbit around the moon.

It was the United States' sixth straight failure to launch a moon rocket.

Dr. A. K. Thiel of Space Technology Laboratories said "something went wrong in the upper stage, and the satellite, including that beautiful payload, fell into the ocean."

Flaming Piece Falls

What at first appeared to scientists as an apparent successful launching to match Russia's space probes ended in dismal failure when a piece of the rocket fell flaming minutes after launching.

Even the giant Atlas booster, the first of the four stages of the 98-foot rocket, apparently failed to expend its 360,000 pound thrust fully before the missile conked out.

Booster Functioned Well

"We did not get a full flight of the Atlas booster because something apparently happened in the upper stages," Thiel said. An Air Force spokesman in Washington said the Atlas booster appeared to "function well," however.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington announced at 12:30 a.m. (p.s.t.) "There is no record of the second stage having fired, and we must presume that it did not fire."

30 County Prisoners Have Holiday Dinner

Approximately 30 county jail prisoners had a Thanksgiving dinner today with "all the fixings," according to Sheriff Joe Walsh.

The menu consisted of celery and sweet pickles, turkey, giblet gravy, whipped potatoes, creamed pearl onions, mashed turnips, candied sweet potatoes, home-made pumpkin pie, apples, oranges, coffee, hot bread, and sage sausage dressing stuffed in the turkey.

Water Resources Board Approves Concept of PGE's Round Butte Dam

Salem—UPI—With certain provisions, the Oregon Water Resources Board late Wednesday approved the concept of Portland General Electric Company's proposed Round Butte dam on the Deschutes river.

The main provision is that "adequate" safeguards are established for recreation facilities and fish life.

West of Madras

The decision followed a six-day hearing in Portland last month on the matter of referral of the application of the Portland firm for a preliminary permit.

Round Butte dam is planned eight miles west of Madras, seven miles upstream from the Pelton dam of PGE.

Thomas Delzell, PGE board chairman, said the company was "gratified" by the board decision. "No one should find cause to quarrel with their decision," he said.

Would Start Soon

Delzell said that if the Federal Power Commission hands down a similar decision, construction of the \$71 million dam "will start as soon thereafter as detailed plans can be prepared and job contracts awarded."

Delzell promised that conservation, recreation and the protection of anadromous fish would be "guiding factors in the development of this immense project."



HARRUMPH—"Now gentlemen, remember, the way you look is very important. Shoulders back, head up, lots of poise. It isn't every day we get invited out to dinner."

Assessors Group To Meet in City Early Next Week

Clarence Barton, state representative and chairman of the legislative interim tax committee, will speak at the annual meeting of the Western Oregon Assessors' association here Dec. 1 and 2.

Barton will give a progress report in Medford hotel at a no-host luncheon Dec. 1 on the legislative interim tax committee's study.

Approximately 50 persons from 18 western Oregon counties are expected to attend the two-day session in Medford, according to Ray Schumacher, Jackson county assessor and association president.

Following the meeting here, Schumacher will attend the convention of the Eastern Oregon Assessors' association in Klamath Falls Dec. 3 and 4. Both groups are separate organizations and are coordinated with the Oregon State Assessors' association, Schumacher explained.

Business Meeting

A business meeting will follow an address by County Judge Earl Miller.

At 2 p.m. Dec. 1, testimony of livestock representatives on livestock values will be given in the courthouse auditorium. Charles Mack, state tax commissioner, will report on log values in the afternoon session.

Following a hospitality hour in Medford hotel that night from 6 to 7 o'clock, the state tax commissioner will speak at a banquet. A sound film on making appraisals will be previewed.

Starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, reports will be given on livestock values. A business meeting will follow at 11 a.m. when officers will be elected.

Juveniles Arrested For Theft of Beer From Firm's Truck

Three juvenile boys are in the Jackson county juvenile home today for taking 18 cases of beer last night, according to Medford police. The boys, ages 16 and 17, are all from Medford.

Two of the boys were arrested in their car by city police, after taking the beer from a truck at the Rogue Valley Beverage company, 5 West 11th st.

A third was brought to the Jackson county sheriff's office by a merchant patrolman at the Tex Nash gravel pit, 2075 South Pacific highway, where the boy was caught siphoning gas from equipment at the pit.

A passerby noticed three boys loitering around a beer truck at the Rogue Valley Beverage company, got the license number of the boy's car and telephoned the information to city police, officers said.

Check With Manager

Police checked with the manager of the company who informed them 18 cases of beer were missing from one of the trucks. Patrol cars were notified to be on the lookout for the juveniles.

The car was spotted at Riverside and South Central avenues, by police. In searching the car, police found five cases of beer along with two of the three juveniles, officers said. They were taken into custody.

Snider in Denver To Attend Meeting

Medford Mayor John W. Snider left Tuesday for Denver where he will attend the annual American Municipal Congress Nov. 29 through Dec. 2.

More than 1,000 mayors, councilmen and other top municipal officials from all parts of the nation plan to attend the meeting. Topic for the conference is "Better Transportation for Your City."

Keynote speaker at the Monday morning session will be A. E. Johnson, Washington, D.C., executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials. Monday luncheon speaker will be Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, will speak at a Tuesday luncheon meeting.

Mrs. Snider accompanied the mayor to the meeting.

Gladstone Shop Damaged by Flames

Gladstone—UPI—Fire caused about \$1,500 damage to the Gladstone Upholstery Shop Wednesday night.

Police said Gladstone firemen had the blaze under control in about 10 minutes.

Ashlander Arrested On Court Warrant

Jay Burton Watrus, 23, of 216 Mead st., Ashland, was arrested early this morning by Ashland city police and sheriff's deputies on a district court warrant charging him with obtaining property by false pretenses.

According to Ashland police, Watrus was noticed by a patrolman driving on Mountain ave. early this morning and gave chase. Watrus lost control of his car near the Monte Crest dairy, wrecking it, police reported. The operator escaped from police and was later seen limping in the downtown area.

Police notified sheriff's deputies that the man was in an apartment on Siskiyou blvd. where officers later arrested him.

Watus, who police said suffered cuts in the accident, was lodged in the county jail on the misdemeanor charge with bail set at \$1,000.

King County, Wash. Major Disaster Area

Olympia—UPI—Gov. Albert D. Rosellini Wednesday declared King county a major disaster area as a result of flooding.

Rosellini asked the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to move into the area with heavy equipment in an attempt to control flood waters.

Charles Ralls, state Civil Defense director, said waters of the Green river were receding in the Auburn and Kent areas but that the flood crest caused considerable damage in the Renton Junction area late Wednesday.

Rosellini's action was requested by the King County Board of Commissioners after Edward Connor, Seattle-King county Civil Defense director, advised that local government was unable to cope with the flood situation.

Washington—UPI—Charles E. Bohlen, State Department special adviser on Soviet affairs, was reported in good condition today following an operation for hernia.

Midwest Buried By Snow Blanket; Rivers Receding

By United Press International

A Thanksgiving Day storm swept out of the Rockies into the Midwest today, burying states from Montana to Indiana under two to eight inches of snow.

The snow spread from the Dakotas, Southern Minnesota and Iowa through the southern Great Lakes and into Central Illinois and Indiana during the night and was expected to move into Northern Missouri and Northern Ohio today.

Meanwhile, Florida recovered from a series of violent thunder squalls that caused thousands of dollars damage and Western Washington officials watched their rivers recede toward their banks and predicted the state's worst flood in 27 years "might be over."

Strong Winds

The snows, pushed by strong winds, dumped eight inches on Montana, three to five inches on North Dakota, and two to three inches in Colorado through Central Illinois. Lander, Wyo., reported an isolated two-inch fall.

South of the snow area sleet put a hard glaze on highways from Arkansas into Kentucky and Tennessee. Four inches of snow fell on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, causing driving hazards.

Revised Plans for Cars Submitted

Revised plans and specifications for five patrol cars for the sheriff's department have been submitted to the Jackson county court for consideration, Sheriff Joe Walsh has announced.

County Commissioners Chester Wendt and Ralph James said a call for bids on the vehicles would be delayed until after the steel strike is settled and cars are more plentiful.

Bids for five cars were opened in June, but had to be disregarded because legal requirements had not been met. At that time the patrol car purchase question caused differences among county court members because specifications called for more than one horsepower and wheelbase.

The specifications allowed more than one type car, and different bid prices were submitted. One court member said the lowest bid was all the court was allowed to award.

The revised specifications provide for a minimum of 250 horsepower with a standard wheelbase.

Traffic Deaths Mar Thanksgiving Holiday

16-Hour Period Records Total Of 37 Fatalities

No Estimate Made By Safety Council

By United Press International

In city slums, in stately mansions, in isolated farm houses, Americans today paused for Thanksgiving.

The traditional Thanksgiving Day feast crowded tables from coast to coast and for many it was turkey with all the trimmings, including cranberries.

For some, however, there was death. United Press International counted 34 traffic fatalities since the holiday began at 6 p.m. Wednesday. In the 16-hour period there were two fire deaths and one miscellaneous fatality for a total of 37.

No Estimate Made

The National Safety Council did not estimate a national traffic death toll for the 30-hour holiday, from 6 p.m. local time, Wednesday to midnight tonight. But the council said the average traffic toll for a 30-hour period at this time of year is 90 and predicted the Thanksgiving casualty count would go little higher than that, since the holiday is not a time for drinking parties and "one for the road" drivers.

Weather Crimps Plans

The weather put a crimp in many holiday plans by sending a blizzard howling out of Montana through Iowa and laying a snow-ice mixture on Tennessee highways.

The storm brought eight inches of snow to Montana, four inches to parts of Iowa and Tennessee and three inches to Colorado. The snow, accompanied by freezing temperatures and driving winds, turned highways to ice and raised official fears of a traffic slaughter.

Plaza Blaze Cause Not Determined

Ashland—Cause of the blaze which damaged the Plaza cafe, 23 North Main st., Ashland, Wednesday, has not been determined, Ashland fire department officials reported today.

The fire, which broke out in the basement of the cafe early Wednesday, caused considerable smoke damage to the remainder of the building and to buildings on either side.

No estimate on total damage has been compiled, it was reported today. City firemen checked the burned structure several times throughout Wednesday.

"Brother, You're Gonna Get Us All In The Garbage Can"



Soviet Reaction To ROK Plan Awaited in UN

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—The United Nations prepared for Russian reaction today to the Republic of South Korea's challenge that Korea is the best testing ground for the Soviet Union's publicized desire to reduce world tension.

Business As Usual

Both Russia and the United States were scheduled to speak today as the 82-nation main political committee met for business as usual, despite the American Thanksgiving Day holiday.

A vote on a 14-power resolution renewing the perennial call to Russia — and through it to Red China and North Korea — to cooperate in the reunification of the Korean peninsula and of the country of Korea by holding free and democratic, U. N.-supervised elections throughout the area was expected to come Friday.

Dr. Chung W. Cho, ROK foreign minister, told the committee Wednesday:

"If there is to be a resolution of global tension and conflict, what better place to start than in Korea?"

"If the Soviet Union were to cooperate with the United Nations on the principles already enunciated by this organization for a unified Korea, the division of the peninsula could be quickly healed."

Safety Talks Are Given in Schools

So far 3,916 school children in nine public schools and St. Mary's have heard talks on safety given annually by the Medford city police.

Capt. Clyde Fichtner announced this week that it is the largest number of school children to hear the talks in any one year since the program started.

All of the Medford schools except the junior high schools have heard the talks so far. Fichtner said that these two schools hear the talks in a general assembly. Patrolman Gerle Stephens will speak at both junior high schools as he has done in previous years.

The talks given at the elementary schools to the individual classrooms included bicycle and pedestrian safety and stressed that children should not accept rides, candy or money from strangers.

Participating officers give their own time to the program, Fichtner said. They include Sgt. Larry Tusow and Patrolmen Milton Hanson, Gene Dupuy, Tom Furnas, Robert Allen, Dennis Perkins, Gerold Lucas, Robert Wright, Jack Sanders, Frank Elson, Duane Franklin, Roy Erickson, Glenn Schneider, Starling Reese, and Stephens.

Banned Cranberries Sold To Consumers

Kansas City, Mo.—UPI—The Food and Drug Administration disclosure that more than 2,000 packages of contaminated cranberries had been sold in Kansas City caused a brief flurry of excitement Wednesday night but failed to keep the traditional Thanksgiving dish off most tables today.

The chief of the FDA office, Sam Fine, announced late Wednesday that the first contaminated berries to be found in the area had been sold before government agents could seize them.

Fine said samples of fresh cranberries known by the brand name of "Cranbest" were examined and found to contain some residue of a weed killer which has produced cancer in laboratory rats.

WEATHER	
FORECAST:	Partly cloudy this afternoon. Fog or low clouds again tonight and Friday.
Above 3,000 feet clear this afternoon and tonight. Increasing high cloudiness Friday.	
East or southeasterly winds at high elevations. High today 50. Low tonight 35. High Friday 45.	
Highest Yesterday	47
Lowest this Morning	37
Prev. to 10 a.m. Today	Trace.
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	4:42 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:16 a.m.
The Moon rises	3:50 a.m. tomorrow. The star on its right is Spica in the constellation, Virgo; the brilliant planet above Spica is Venus, now about 14,500,000 miles from the Earth.
New Moon	Nov. 30