

Ike Concedes Russian Rights in Pacific



IKE CONCEDES RIGHT — This was the scene at President Eisenhower's news conference today, his first since Dec. 2. The President conceded the right of the Soviet Union to use an area of the Central Pacific as a missile target range. He said it would be most unusual for the United States to protest against the Russian plan when this government has been doing precisely the same thing. Seated at the right of the President is Press Secretary James Hagerty. —(UPI Telephoto)

Public Hearings Scheduled in Two School Districts

Public hearings on reorganization proposed for Rogue River-Evans Valley and Ashland-Pinehurst school districts will be held Feb. 2 and 3, respectively, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent and secretary to the Jackson county reorganization committee.

The hearings are to be held by the state board of education and will be attended by Mrs. Moore Hamilton, Medford board member, and D. W. Patch, state director of school district reorganization.

The hearing on Rogue River and Evans Valley school districts will be held Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Evans Valley elementary school gymnasium. The public hearing for Ashland and Pinehurst school districts will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. in the Ashland city school administration building.

Following the public hearings, a proposed reorganization plan for the districts will be presented to the state board of education. If approved, the plan will be returned to the county reorganization committee and a public election called in each of the districts is required to pass the reorganizational proposal. If the proposal fails another election may be called later.

The reorganization committee has postponed decision on reorganization of Eagle Point and Butte Falls. Whether Applegate school district joins with Medford or is made part of the Josephine county unit is yet undetermined.

Other districts under the reorganization plan are already consolidated.

Allowable Cut on National Forest May Be Increased

The total allowable cut on the Rogue River National Forest will probably be revised upward for the next fiscal year, according to a preliminary report presented by Carroll Brown, forest supervisor, to the timber committee of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

Brown pointed out that this was an "educated guess," based on the preliminary tabulation of the timber inventory. The figure will not be known exactly until a utilization study now under way is completed this summer. Also needed, he said, are growth studies for the Applegate and West Ashland areas.

Howard Hopkins, forest timber management officer, said the overall volume on commercial forest land of the forest is 17,047,000 board feet. This does not include areas in which cutting is not now permitted such as the Mountain Lakes wild area.

The 17 billion figure compares with the 1956 interim adjustment figure of 12,638,000,000 board feet and represents an increase of 36 percent in volume. This was the basis for anticipating an increase in the allowable cut, Brown noted.

Brown said allowable cuts are based on a five-year period, and that 1959 marked the end of a particular five-year cycle.

A total of 180 million board feet was sold or is planned for sale in the period July 1, 1955, to July 1, 1960, Brown said. There also is a budget allowance to prepare another 37 million board feet for sale, he added.

Based on Cut

The figures were based on 141 million board feet allowable cut, plus a backlog of undercut from the earlier part of the five-year period.

The renewable nature of the timber crop in southern Oregon was pointed up by the gross growth figures tabulated in the Prospect-Union Creek area during the inventory, Brown said.

The studies indicated a 48 million board feet gross annual growth factor, and approximately 10 million board feet dying timber loss. The net growth gain in that area alone is 38 million board feet, Brown noted.

Indicate Interest

Lumbermen at the meeting indicated an interest in the continuation and expansion of the forest service salvage sale program and thinning operation. Hopkins pointed out that the lumber salvaged in this manner is not chargeable against the allowable cut since it does not diminish the volume of timber available for harvest in the future.

Hopkins said that adequate financing is necessary in order to extract maximum use of the forest and to maintain thinning and salvage work.

He said that on the average, one tax dollar designated for administration and preparation of timber sales alone will net at least \$25 in receipts from the sale of that timber. It was pointed out that this figure was close to \$40 return-for-dollar-earned during the past fiscal year.

Neuberger Named To Foundation

Ashland—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has been appointed to the board of directors of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation, Dr. Frank Haines, Ashland, president, has announced.

Dr. Haines said he received notice of acceptance this week. Senator Neuberger has written many articles on Oregon's history.

Other new directors are Robert J. Keeney and Thomas J. Hight, both of Medford.

The foundation was incorporated in 1957, and has been active in marking significant historic sites in the county.

Federal Foresters Review Fire Season

Bend—(UPI)—A meeting of federal foresters reviewing the 1959 fire season was held here today.

The foresters said the Aspen Flat fire in the Fort Rock country last July was possibly the largest fire in federal timber in the country in 1959. The blaze burned 19,208 acres of timber and did some \$300,000 damage. Cost of controlling the fire was estimated at \$135,000.

Rep. Porter Introduces Railway Act Legislation

Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.), introduced legislation today which he said was designed to remove existing restrictions in the Railroad Retirement act preventing persons married to railroad employees from receiving Social Security benefits.

The bill would amend the 1937 act by eliminating the requirement that a spouse's annuity be reduced if the spouse is eligible to receive Social Security benefits. Identical legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), and in the House by Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.).

Porter said that under the present law a retired railroad employee receives his or her pension. However, he said, even though the spouse has earned certain Social Security retirement benefits during the period of employment the spouse may not receive them while the husband or wife draws railroad retirement money.

Vandals Damage School Classrooms

Edmonds, Wash.—(UPI)—Vandals Tuesday night caused thousands of dollars damage to the Martha Lake and Beverly Park elementary schools in the Edmonds school district.

Every room in both the 20-classroom schools was damaged.

Desks were tipped over, clocks torn off walls, closets pried open and books and papers strewn all over both schools.

Several musical instruments at the Beverly Park school were ruined. Windows in both schools were broken.

Pinay Resigns In Dispute Over French Policies

Governor of Bank To Be Replacement

Paris—(UPI)—Finance Minister Antoine Pinay quit the government today in a dispute over economic and NATO policies. President Charles de Gaulle picked Wilfrid Baumgartner, governor of the Bank of France, to replace him.

The move climaxed a crisis brought on by Pinay's open disagreement with Premier Michel Debre's projects for increased nationalization of industry and Pinay's opposition to de Gaulle's lukewarm attitude toward NATO.

Opposition Seen

It was likely to touch off the first major large-scale opposition to de Gaulle's plans since he formed the Fifth Republic a year and a half ago. Pinay first saw de Gaulle and then announced he was out.

"I am quitting the government and I am retiring from all political life, at least temporarily," Pinay announced.

Speculation Squelched

This squelched speculation that de Gaulle might persuade Pinay to accept a lesser cabinet post and avert a grave political crisis.

The meeting today was Pinay's second with de Gaulle in 24 hours.

Pinay had directed France's economic recovery during the past 19 months.

Directors Change Name of Library

The Medford Public Library will be called Public Library of Medford and Jackson County in the future, the library board decided during yesterday's meeting.

Members of the board felt that this would prevent some confusion, since the library is located in Medford but has had a contract since 1920 to serve the county. This does not include Ashland and includes only the rental service in the Rogue River library, now operating independently. Librarian Omar Bacon said. The Cincinnati public library operates under a similar name.

Mrs. Leland Mentzer, Medford, was reelected president of the library board for a second year and Eugene Thomas, Medford, was reelected treasurer. Bacon is secretary.

Pay scale for all branch librarians has been equalized at \$1.15 an hour, Bacon said. Mrs. June Dick, Medford, is the new extension clerk to service the branch libraries, he reported.

The board voted also to alter a room in the basement to serve as a public meeting room in the library building.

Richard Travis, newly-appointed member, attended for the first time. He succeeds Dewey Wilson, whose term on the board expired Dec. 31.

New State Health Officer Takes Oath

Salem—(UPI)—Dr. Richard H. Wilcox was sworn in Tuesday as state health officer to succeed Dr. Harold M. Erickson, who is taking over as California deputy health director.

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Stiff Terms Given Apalachin Delegates

Judge in Tough Crackdown on Interstate Crime

Rehabilitation Chances Said Poor

New York—(UPI)—A federal judge ordered stiff prison terms today for delegates to the 1957 Apalachin gangland convention "to segregate them as a protection to society."

In the toughest crackdown on organized interstate crime since the Capone era, U. S. District Judge Irving R. Kaufman decreed sentences ranging from three years to the maximum penalty of five years for 19 alleged syndicate leaders who refused to tell why they came from across the country to meet in Upstate New York.

Sentencing of a 20th was delayed because of travel delay. All were convicted last month of a conspiracy of silence to obstruct justice.

Remain Free on Bail

"They all hid behind their cloak of respectability which acted on a facade shielding their underworld connections," Kaufman said.

"They show a propensity for a career of crime. It is my duty as a judge to segregate them as a protection to society. Their chances of rehabilitation are extremely poor and I feel that segregation is essential."

Kaufman continued all the defendants free in bail pending an appeal.

Chosen 'Man of Year'

One of the defendants, John C. Montana, Buffalo, N. Y., had been chosen "man of the year" in his home city. Kaufman charged he led "a double life offered for a convenient facade to his community and... had been under suspicion by authorities for a number of years." Montana drew four years' imprisonment and the maximum fine allowed—\$10,000.

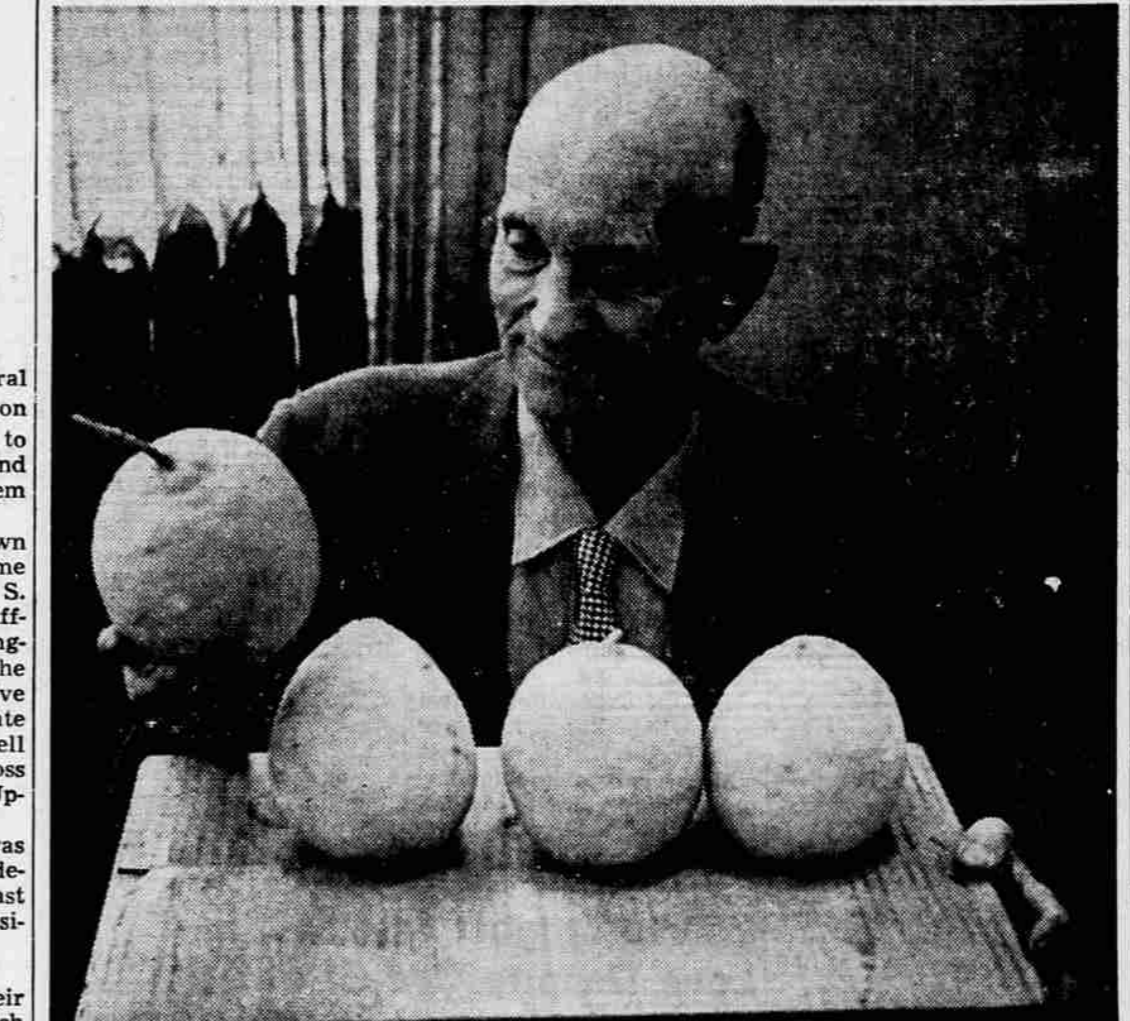
The only defendant in court today from the Far West was Frank A. De Simone, Downey, Calif., lawyer, who was sentenced to serve four years.

Ten of the 20 convicted delegates got the maximum conspiracy penalty allowed by federal law—five years' imprisonment and the \$10,000 fine.

Humphrey To Speak In Baker Feb. 7

Portland—(UPI)—Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is scheduled to speak in Baker Feb. 7, his headquarters here said today.

Humphrey will speak Feb. 8 to Eastern Oregon College students in La Grande and later appear in Pendleton. He is scheduled to be here Feb. 9.



REAL JUICERS—John Samuels, 517 Albert st., Medford, displays some of the giant ponderosa lemons he picked up in Mesa, Ariz., recently. He said each one of the huge citrus fruits would make two lemon pies or a gallon or so of lemonade. The one he is holding weighs 1 3/4 pounds, but he had one that weighed 5 pounds. Samuels said they may look like a grapefruit, but if anyone tried to eat one with a spoon he would get a real bad case of the puckers.

Second Floor of Ashland Home Is Damaged by Fire

Ashland—Fire caused by a defective flue in a wood stove virtually destroyed the second floor of a two story frame house here this morning.

The home, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, is located at 855 East Main st.

The blaze was reported to the Ashland fire department at 9:10 a.m. by James Burr, who saw flames coming through the roof of the home as he was driving past it.

Thirteen regular and volunteer firemen went to the scene in two trucks. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, apparently having just discovered the blaze, were running out the front door as the firemen arrived.

Water Damage

Firemen saved the first floor, although it received some water damage. Damage to the second floor was termed "extensive" but no monetary estimate was available.

The wood stove is located on the first floor of the Brown home, firemen said, but the fire actually broke out in a second floor flue and spread rapidly through a bedroom and a storage room.

The fire was brought under control shortly before 10:30 o'clock.

Pollution Group to Request Park Sites Along Bear Creek

The Bear creek pollution committee will meet with Chester Armstrong, park superintendent for the state highway commission, during his next visit to this area, the committee decided yesterday afternoon.

The committee plans to present requests for park sites along Bear creek and the new Highway 99 freeway right-of-way, Paul Rynning, committee chairman said.

Meanwhile, city and county planning technicians will work with the county engineer's office and Medford, Talent and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts to develop an overall map to show desired park sites.

Talks With Engineers

Rynning said he recently went to Salem where he talked to assistant highway engineers. The state highway department cannot go outside the highway right-of-way to build parks, Rynning said he learned, if federal money is involved. Federal funds can be used to do some beautifying along the highway.

Robert Haworth, Medford parks and recreation director, said his commission and the city planning commission are working on a comprehensive plan for parks development along Bear creek.

He and Ned Langford, city planning technician, recently took aerial photographs of possible Bear creek park sites, Haworth said. One such site would be north of Barnett rd. between the freeway right-of-way and Bear creek. The city already owns a large area east of Bear creek. The two proposed sites would provide parks on both sides of the creek, Langford said.

Salem—(UPI)—Brig. Gen. Alfred E. Hintz, adjutant general of Oregon, has been promoted to major general.

Gov. Hatfield's Committee on Natural Resources Comes Up With Bill for Dunes National Seashore

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield's Committee on Natural Resources threw some phases of the Oregon Dunes National Seashore bill out the window Tuesday and came up with a bill of its own.

The bill follows the pattern of legislation drawn up by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Rep. Charles Porter (D-Ore.) but encompasses "features which the state wants to see incorporated into any federal legislation," according to Dan P. Allen, committee secretary.

Hatfield said "we feel this bill is not the final word on the matter, but rather a set of minimum standards. We still have an open mind about the proposal."

Neuberger sent a telegram to the governor asking for the committee's suggestions because the senator intends to introduce a revised dunes national park bill in the senate "very soon."

Creation of a national park in the Dunes area of the Oregon Coast has caused considerable controversy in the Florence area and among a number of state agencies involved.

The committee objected to Neuberger's original bill contending that it was not broad enough. After a series of hearings, the senator came out with a revised bill.

Porter sent Hatfield a letter asking the state for suggestions to make the Oregon dunes legislation non-objectable as far as the state is concerned.

"This bill is our answer to that," Allen said.

The committee's biggest objection to the Neuberger bill is its "lack of definition of boundaries."

The committee asks, among other things, that:

- Boundaries of the proposed park be specified.
- The state retain authority for water exploration and use of both surface and ground water.
- Standards for waste disposal be set by the state.
- Authority over fish and game be retained by the state.
- That a definition of cost is written into the bill.

President Says Protest Would Be Unusual

News Conference Hears Opinions

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower today conceded the right of the Soviet Union to use an area of the Central Pacific as a missile target range.

Eisenhower, at his first press conference since Dec. 2, said it would be most unusual for the United States to protest against the Russian plan when this government had been doing precisely the same thing—firing missiles into preannounced oceanic target areas.

Russia announced last week that it will test a powerful new space rocket in the Central Pacific west of Hawaii. It cautioned ships and planes to stay clear of the area from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15.

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana led demands that the U.S. lodge a protest over the tests.

Defends Defense Program

Eisenhower, at his news conference, also:

- Rejected a suggestion that he might be a little bit frightened in future talks with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev because the U.S. is trailing Russia in the missile field. Speaking strongly, Eisenhower said he believed in U.S. power and that it was a power not to be used but kept strong in case the other fellow uses his power.
- Stoutly defended his defense program, saying that anyone who approached the defense plans of his administration on a partisan basis was doing a disservice to the U.S.
- Predicted that the new steel contract would not lead to price increases if the labor-management cooperation evidenced in settlement of the strike is pursued vigorously.
- Expressed a willingness to take Democrats, particularly members of the Senate, to summit conferences or similar international meetings if these meetings concern themselves with special treaties which must be ratified by the Senate.
- Wants Civil Rights Law
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WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional snow or rain and snow mixed tonight and Thursday. Gusty southeasterly winds tonight. Some periods of partial clearing Thursday. Low tonight 28-30. High Thursday near 40.

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Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a.m.
Moonrise today 3:16 p.m.
Full Moon today 3:51 p.m.
At midnight tonight the Twins will be seen above the Moon. Procyon will be below the Moon; and the 3 bright stars in a line that form the Belt of Orion will be in the southwest.