

Supreme Soviet Approves Khrushchev's Armed Forces Cut

Second French Cabinet Officer Quits in Upheaval

Resignation Follows Pinay Departure

Paris - (UPI) - Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Max Flecht followed Finance Minister Antoine Pinay out of the Gaullist cabinet today, increasing the threat of a complete withdrawal of conservatives from the government.

The resignation of Flecht followed Pinay's departure from Premier Michel Debre's cabinet by a scant 48 hours. Both men are conservatives, members of the Independent party.

Major Crisis Threatened

The resignations pose a growing threat of a major political crisis which could force President Charles de Gaulle to take extreme action. The move by Flecht had been expected, since he had backed Pinay to the hilt in fighting for continuance of the economic policy which had put France back on its feet in the past year.

Third to Quit

Flecht was the third member of the Gaullist Debre cabinet to quit in less than a month. At the end of December, Education Minister Andre Bouloche walked out in an argument over the government's plan to give more financial aid to Roman Catholic private schools.

De Gaulle himself was pushing aside the simmering political crisis and the problem of a falling stock market to give full attention to a new drive for peace in Algeria, where rightist groups are seething against his "soft" approach.

Budget Members Named in District

Mrs. Tom Eaton, 967 Beall lane, and Louis Straube, Ruch, have been appointed to the budget committee of the Medford school district. They succeed Dr. D. Kirkland West and Mrs. Sara Faye Puhl, whose terms have expired.

Mrs. Eaton has served on the budget committee and the school board at Howard school. Straube has been clerk of the former Ruch school district.

Three persons were named to the Medford district's advisory budget committee. They are Robert Minear, South Stage rd., representing the Griffin Creek area; Russell McIntyre, Jacksonville; and William Edwards, 3251 Lone Pine rd., representing the Lone Pine area.

Mrs. Eaton and Straube will serve on the regular budget committee which includes P. G. Humphries of West Side, and Otto Frohnmayer and H. D. Christensen, both of Medford.

The school board appointed budget and advisory committee members from areas whose school districts joined with Medford last year so that the entire district would be represented when the budget is considered.

The first meeting of the committee probably will be held later this month or early next month, school officials indicated.

BLM Supervisor Says 1959 Was Good Year

Portland - (UPI) - Russell E. Getty, state supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon, said that 1959 was a good year for the bureau. Getty said that 910,131,000 board feet of O&C and Coos Bay Wagon Road timber in the O&C districts of western Oregon were offered for sale.

Of the offered volume, 888,230,000 board feet were sold for \$29,296,444. The average was \$35.54 per 1,000 board feet. The average for the calendar year of 1958 was \$26.78 per 1,000 board feet.

Ike Flies To Georgia For Week End of Hunting

Albany, Ga. - (UPI) - President Eisenhower flew to Georgia today for a week end of quail shooting.

The President landed in his jet plane after a 1 hour, 45-minute flight from Washington.

He was greeted in bright sunshine at Turner Air Force base, near Albany, by Mr. and Mrs. W. Alton (Pete) Jones, his hosts for the week end.



MEREDITH WILSON To Be Chancellor

Meredith Wilson Quits University of Oregon Post

President Takes Job at Minnesota

Eugene - (UPI) - The University of Oregon was looking for a new president today.

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the school for six years, Thursday accepted a position as chancellor and president ex officio of the University of Minnesota.

Education leaders and Gov. Mark Hatfield expressed regret at Wilson leaving Oregon and praised him as a leader of outstanding ability. Wilson takes over the \$27,500 yearly job July 1.

Meeting This Month

Dr. John Richards, chancellor of the State Board of Higher Education, said consideration of a successor would get under way soon. The board next meets in Portland Jan. 25 and 26 and it was indicated procedures for naming a new president would be set up then.

Wilson, who was in Minneapolis to accept the job, said he had been happy at Oregon and "I leave it with considerable sorrow."

At Oregon Wilson received a salary of \$20,000 a year.

Hawk Carrying Bird Enters EP Home

Eagle Point - Mrs. Elbert Hefley and her daughter, Cheryl, 10, were startled Wednesday morning at their home on North C st., when a hawk carrying a small bird in its beak crashed through the kitchen window.

Mrs. Hefley, who did not want to battle a frightened hawk, called City Marshal Oran Chastain, and Dave Hanaford, who netted the bird in the dining room.

The bird, which seemed to suffer no ill effects from the incident, may be taken to the Ashland city zoo.

Mrs. Hefley said she thought something had exploded when the window broke. Glass was thrown over a three room area.

Scientists Study Data From Thor

Cape Canaveral, Fla. - (UPI) - Scientists began taking apart a data capsule from the nose of a new "hot rod" Thor missile today to find out if the space rocket booster did everything it should in flight.

The data capsule was contained in a new conical nose cone driven by a new propulsion system. It was recovered from the ocean northeast of Antigua Island two hours after the Thor roared 1,700 miles over the Atlantic Thursday.

The test flight was the first in a series of three for the "hot rod" Thor engine with which the Air Force hopes to increase the missile's use for civilian space experiments.

Portland Papers File Unfair Labor Practice Charges

Document Lists Six Charges

Portland - (UPI) - The Oregon Journal and the Oregonian today filed unfair labor practice charges against the striking Stereotypers Union. The union has been on strike against the two daily newspapers since Nov. 10.

The document, filed with the National Labor Relations board here, was signed by D. S. Haines for the Journal and W. R. Morrish for the Oregonian. Six charges were listed.

The newspapers said a major cause for continuation of the strike was union insistence that publishers discharge non-union employees and rehire union members. They said this was contrary to the labor management relations act.

Charges Listed

The six charges said: 1. The union has attempted by its strike to coerce employers into requiring by contract compulsory union membership and union control of foremen who process grievances.

2. The union failed to bargain in good faith, adamantly refusing to negotiate on numerous subjects.

3. The union attempted to coerce employers to agree to contract clauses in violation of the labor management relations act and to discriminatory hiring of union members, as against non-union workmen, contrary to law.

Law Said Violated

4. The union has violated the law by insisting publishers discharge non-union employees who have been hired as permanent replacements for ex-members and rehire union members only.

5. The union has violated the act, since the strike, by insisting that it will not negotiate a settlement and return to work unless and until all employees not working as a result of the dispute have returned to work.

6. The union has violated the act by making as a condition precedent to contract settlement, settlement of contracts with all other unions and establishment of a uniform expiration date. The charge set forth that the Stereotypers Union may not legally make a settlement affecting employees for which it has no right of representation.

Shaw Reelected to Oregon Council Post

Robert Shaw, secretary-manager of Medford Teamsters Local 962, has been re-elected trustee of the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters. He has served on the council for the past seven years.

Shaw has been affiliated with the Teamster movement for the past 25 years. He also serves on the general hauling division of the Western Conference of Teamsters, a position he has held since the group was organized.

He has been secretary-treasurer of the Medford local since April, 1951.

South Salem Youngster Dies of Gunshot Wound

Salem - (UPI) - A 14-year-old south Salem boy died in a hospital early today of a gunshot wound in the head. State police and the coroner's office were investigating the death.

The victim was Michael David McKillop, 501 N. and Mrs. Archie W. McKillop. The youth was found in a field by his father Thursday afternoon.

Hatfield Forced To Cancel Appointments

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield was forced to cancel all appointments today and remain at home because of a sore throat.

An aide said the condition is not considered serious. Hatfield is continuing some paper work at home.

Murder-Suicide at Roseburg Investigated

Roseburg - (UPI) - Police here were investigating an apparent murder-suicide of a mother and daughter today.

Police chief Vern Murdoch said Mrs. June Lee Thompson, 35, and her daughter, Cindy, 12, were the victims.

Unemployment Declines To 3,577,000

Number of Jobs Reaches Record For December

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

Washington - (UPI) - Unemployment declined by 93,000 in December to 3,577,000, the government reported today and the total number of jobs climbed by 59,000 to 65,699,000, a December record.

The monthly report also showed that average weekly earnings of factory workers rose to a new all-time peak of \$91.53 as the nation's economy bounced back because steel production resumed.

Counter to Trends

The Labor Department said the changes in employment and unemployment ran counter to seasonal trends, December employment usually falls by 700,000 because of cutbacks in outdoor work but last month was the first post-war December in which there was no decline.

Joblessness usually increased by 100,000 in December, the department said.

The changes mainly reflected the recall of about 150,000 auto workers to their jobs after steel production got going after a 116-day strike.

'Marked Improvement'

Over-all, the job picture showed a "marked improvement" last month, the department said.

The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment fell to 5.2 per cent of the labor force - lowest level in five months and nearly back to the pre-strike level of 4.9 per cent last spring.

Unemployment last month was a half million lower than a year ago.

Funds Received For Hotel Work

The Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation Thursday night received \$1,100 in funds to help restore the old U.S. Hotel in Jacksonville.

The money was raised by the Jacksonville Lions club during Jacksonville's Gold Rush Jubilee last summer.

Dr. Frank Haines, associate professor of social sciences at Southern Oregon college, was named chairman of a foundation committee which will supervise the restoration project. Other committeemen appointed are Everett Ravenor, P. E. Matherly, Art Davies, and Ernest McIntyre, all of Jacksonville.

The U.S. Hotel, built about 1880, has been condemned as unsafe. After restoration, the city of Jacksonville will decide whether to use it as a civic building or to reopen it as a hotel.

Plans and specifications for the project are being handled by Medford Architect Jeffrey Shute. The plans are expected to be completed sometime this summer.

The foundation already has received numerous donations of needed materials, according to Dr. Haines. If all materials are donated, he said, the estimated cost of restoring the hotel, including contract and labor costs, would be about \$8,000.

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Suspected Airplane Suicide Bomber Said Possibly Swindler



JULIAN A. FRANK Killed With 33 Others

Cost of Stadium Estimated About \$75,000-\$100,000

Cost of a wooden all-purpose stadium at the Jackson county fair grounds is estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000, county court members learned during an inspection of the Eugene ballpark yesterday.

The estimate was made by Jim Huser, second vice chairman of the class B professional ball club in Eugene. Huser inspected the proposed stadium site here and said an excavated stadium would not be practical, in his opinion, because of drainage problems. A local citizens' stadium committee had considered the excavated type of stadium with the possibility that fill dirt could be sold from the excavation.

No Decision Reached

"We have not reached any decision on the stadium proposal yet," County Judge Earl Miller emphasized.

Estimated cost of Eugene's stadium at Bethel park was \$35,000 to \$37,000 plus donations of material, the county court learned. This is a completely wooden structure. It is used only for baseball with a capacity of 4,800 people.

Some money and materials for the stadium construction were donated, club officials said. Profits from the stadium operation are given to the baseball program for youngsters. Officials doubted if a Jackson county stadium could be considered a profit making venture.

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Almost \$900,000 In Insurance Recently Taken

Activities Said Under Investigation

New York - (UPI) - Julian A. Frank, suspected of killing himself and 33 other airline passengers with a suicide bomb, was under investigation for a series of alleged swindles which may total more than \$1 million, it was revealed here today.

Frank, 32, New York attorney, had taken out almost \$900,000 worth of insurance in the nine months before his death last week and had boasted that his death in a plane crash would make his wife "the richest woman in the world."

Complaint Filed

It was reported today that St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., attorneys had complained to the New York district attorney against Frank last month in an alleged charity fund drive swindle.

The FBI is investigating complaints that a "phantom" firm set up by Frank had collected large fees for mortgage dealings and then failed to complete transactions.

Frank was under investigation by the New York Bar Association on charges of a client that the lawyer embezzled \$20,000 of his funds. The charge is part of a court suit filed in New York Supreme Court after Frank had sued to collect a \$13,000 legal fee.

Trips to Las Vegas

Attorney Archibald Palmer, involved in court action on behalf of one mortgage complaint, said Frank made frequent trips to Las Vegas. Palmer said he suspected the attorney had connections there with large gambling interests.

Local law enforcement agencies joined federal investigators today looking into the crash of the National Airlines DC6B airliner last Wednesday in which Frank and 33 other persons were killed. Testimony in Washington Thursday disclosed that the investigation is centered on the possibility that Frank exploded a bomb aboard the airliner.

Bids Opened for Two Fair Buildings

Two metal buildings at the Jackson county fairgrounds were sold by the fair board and the county court yesterday.

Two highest bidders of 10 who submitted bids were Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for building No. 1, \$260, and Dean Owens, Eagle Point, for building No. 2, \$206.

The two buildings, located near the Stewart ave. extension, are to be removed by Feb. 15.

Architect William H. Seibert, Medford, hopes to have plans and specifications ready by the first part of February for a new all-purpose building for the annual Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair. The building will include a partially enclosed livestock exhibit area and an enclosed kitchen and eating space.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight with valley fog early Saturday. Increasing cloudiness Saturday afternoon. Low tonight 25. High Saturday 34.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:28 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 7:19 p.m.
Last quarter Jan. 21
Venus circles the Sun every 225 days; Jupiter takes nearly 12 years. Next week Venus will pass to the east of Jupiter and again next Fall, in the evening sky, rapidly moving Venus will once more pass to the east of slower Jupiter.



LOOT, POLICEMEN SEIZED

Part of the four patrol wagon loads of stolen goods confiscated at homes of eight policemen is moved into the state's attorney's office at Chicago. Eight Chicago policemen were seized and held for investigation in what authorities said may turn into a major police force scandal. They were seized after a burglary suspect charged that they acted as fences. (UPI Telephoto)

8 Chicago Police Officers Nabbed in Burglary Scandal

Chicago - (UPI) - Flying squads of police rounded up eight fellow officers in swift, pre-dawn raids today and booked them on burglary charges in what authorities said may develop into a major police force scandal.

Police officials said the raids, staged in secrecy reminiscent of the quickie round-ups of Chicago's gang war years, turned up four patrol wagon loads of stolen goods - enough to fill two rooms at the state's attorney's office.

The round-up was launched on the tip of a burglary suspect who charged that the eight policemen acted as fences for a gang of thieves.

First Assistant State's Attorney Frank Ferlic said a "goody" number of other policemen were believed involved. Some reports said the number might go as high as 40. But only eight had been seized.

Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor immediately suspended the arrested policemen from the force and they were booked on burglary charges by Deputy Chief of Detectives Howard Pierson.

The investigation, one of the biggest scandals to hit the Chicago police force in recent years, started with a burglar awaiting trial on charges of theft.

Reter Named to Board Chairmanship

Raymond R. Reter, owner of Reter Fruit company, Medford, has been appointed chairman of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He has been a member of the board since Aug. 4, 1959.

The appointment was announced by F. B. Whitman, chairman of the board of directors of the San Francisco bank.

Other branches are located in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Seattle. The branch chairmanships are for one year.

City Police Are Called for Unusual Services Lately

City police have been called on to perform some unusual services lately. A car transporting an expectant mother to the hospital broke down about 4:30 o'clock this morning, and the husband called for police assistance.

Police took Mrs. Dwain Leroy Johnson, 814 East Jackson st., to Sacred Heart hospital where she gave birth to a girl at 6:37 a.m. The report added that she is doing fine.

Thursday afternoon, police received a call that there were some cows loose on Crater Lake ave. Sure enough, officers found three cows standing in the intersection of Crater Lake ave. and Delta Waters rd.

They herded them back to their pasture at 2226 Delta Waters rd., without incident, the report said.

Other Nations Asked To Follow Russia's Lead

Reduction Given Unanimous Vote

Moscow - (UPI) - The Supreme Soviet today unanimously approved Premier Nikita Khrushchev's proposal to cut Soviet armed forces by 1,200,000 men, thus putting it into effect.

Both houses of the Russian parliament approved the new law after Khrushchev again took the rostrum to note that "all people who spoke on my report and on the draft law expressed their approval."

Gratitude Expressed

"Allow me to express my gratitude," he added, voicing his thanks for the confidence given him by the Communist Party Central Committee and the government.

Khrushchev also asked the Supreme Soviet to approve a resolution calling on all the world's parliaments to follow Russia's lead in cutting their nations' armed strength.

Vote Unanimous

Both houses formally approved the resolution and then ended the first 1960 session of the Supreme Soviet.

The vote on the Khrushchev arms-cut law was made by a show of hands in both houses. There was no dissent.

The final day of the two-day session of the 1,400-member parliament saw speaker after speaker giving his approval of the troop slash which Khrushchev proposed Thursday. During his speech making the proposal, Khrushchev said the Soviet Union would depend for its future defense on a nuclear rocket force and a "fantastic" new weapon now in development.

GOP Chairman to Speak in Medford

Republican State Central Committee Chairman Peter Gunnar will address Jackson county party leaders and members at three GOP events next week.

He is expected in Medford Wednesday, Jan. 20, on an official visit to southern Oregon.

A dinner in his honor is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Rogue Valley Country club. The dinner is being arranged by the Jackson County Central committee.

Gunnar expressed hope to meet as many local precinct committeemen and women as possible at the dinner to discuss individual problems. Interested Republicans are invited and are urged to make reservations no later than Monday, Jan. 18, by telephoning Mrs. James Ragland, Key-stone 5-2317; Mrs. Ralph Brindley, SPring 2-7643; or Mrs. Philip Lurvey, SPring 3-2622.

Other functions scheduled for the state chairman are a breakfast meeting with county finance committee members, candidates and office holders, and a luncheon conference with county central committee members, candidates and office holders.

Oregonians Urged To Get Flu Shots

Portland - (UPI) - The State Board of Health today urged Oregon residents to obtain Asian flu shots to ward off a possible epidemic in the state.

Asian flu has been reported on the rise in various parts of the country.

Salem - (UPI) - The PUC has suspended proposed adjustments in rates of Mt. Angel Telephone company which would mean increases to all exchange users.

Central Committee Commends Tom Reeder

The Jackson County Democratic Central committee this week commended Thomas J. Reeder "for faithful and conscientious service to his community in the office of district attorney."

The unanimous resolution was adopted at Wednesday night's meeting.

"Tom Reeder has conducted the office with quiet and dignified efficiency using it to serve the best interests of his community, rather than as a springboard for personal ambitions and journalistic publicity, taking over the office at a time when unfortunate practices had undermined the public confidence in this vital position, Tom Reeder restored confidence and morale

by undeviating devotion to the public interest untrammeled by personal consideration; and, by his consistent adherence to the finest traditions of the office, Tom Reeder has furthered the impartial and orderly administration of justice."

The resolution was signed by Frank Christian, Talent, committee chairman, and Mrs. Marvin Madden, secretary.

Reeder announced yesterday he would not seek reelection this year. He was elected district attorney four years ago.

Gerald J. Scannell Jr., now chief deputy district attorney, will be a candidate for district attorney, Reeder indicated in yesterday's announcement.



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