

Rival Factions Greet Ike in Puerto Rico

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Bodies of Americans Drift Into Soviet Territory; Help Sought



GROUND BREAKING — Edward Jones (second from right) gets ready to turn the first shovel of dirt Sunday afternoon during ground breaking ceremonies for the new Central Point city hall. Jones has been Central Point city treasurer for 35 years. About 50 persons attended the event and heard Mayor Freeman Mason (right) explain that the new building will bring under one roof the Central Point city offices, including the fire and police departments, and the city library. He said he hopes the

building of the new structure will open the way for other new construction in the city. At left is Mrs. Wava Cummings, widow of J. M. Cummings, Central Point marshal for a number of years, and Don Faber. The city hall will be built at the site of the old fire hall and former city hall. Contractor for the \$14,444 structure is the R and M Construction company. The building will be occupied within 90 days.

—(Knackstedt photo)

Children Among 16 To Lose Lives In Home Blazes

By United Press International
Residential fires took a heavy toll of life today in areas where householders were heating their homes against the late winter chill. Twelve children were among the 16 victims of major tragedies in three states. At Oberlin, Ohio, fire took only 15 minutes to spread through a frame home, apparently from the explosion of a defective oil heater. Seven children died in the smoke and flames, one of them Sheila Isom, 8, who led two children to safety and perished trying to rescue six more trapped by a wall of flame in a rear room. **Five Die in Virginia**

At Harrisonburg, Va., a pre-dawn fire took the lives of five persons, including two children, and injured nine other persons. Three children were dropped to safety by an unidentified man who leaped to safety after the rescue. The dead were trapped on the second floor of the old building.

At Bluff Springs, Fla., a gas explosion blasted a small frame home, killing Mrs. Little Mae Merchant, 66, and three of her grandchildren. (See Story on Page 2)

About 750 Expected At Salem 'Aircade'

Salem—UPI—About 750 businessmen and others from Oregon, Washington and northern California are expected here March 1 for the fourth annual National Chamber of Commerce "aircade" for congressional action.

Speechmakers Join Bargain Hunters For Fling on Washington's Birthday

Washington — UPI — Speechmakers and bargain hunters had their annual George Washington's birthday fling today with 99-cent autos and a speech the first president never delivered heading the list. **Farewell Address Read**
Patriotic organizations laid wreaths at Washington's tomb at nearby Mt. Vernon, Va. The Senate and House followed their annual custom of listening to readings of Washington's 7,641-word Farewell Address, which he issued for publication but never delivered publicly. The bargain hunters faced an obstacle this year. A snow

Monroe Sweetland May Seek Office of Secretary of State

Salem—UPI—State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) said today he will announce in two weeks whether he will be a candidate for Oregon secretary of state. He is expected to run and oppose the incumbent appointee, Republican Howell Appling Jr. Sweetland said he will have "some discussions" next week about his candidacy "which will be decisive."

Tempted To Run
"I am certainly tempted to run by all the circumstances, including the lack of a record of the incumbent," he said, "and I'm anxious to see the breakdown on the claims of economy."

Bloodmobile to Visit In Medford Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its quarterly visit to Medford tomorrow from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave.

Officials reported today that only 50 appointments had been made so far for the visit. The quota is 350 donors for 290 pints. Red Cross officials reminded valley residents that the quota has not been met since the fall visit of the Bloodmobile in 1958.

Appointments may be made by contacting the Red Cross office or donors may stop by the building Tuesday afternoon.

Appling said several weeks ago that his department has saved about \$235,000 during his one year in office. He announced last week that he will be a candidate to succeed himself this year.

Sweetland was an unsuccessful candidate for secretary of state in 1956 against now Gov. Mark Hatfield, losing by 18,643 votes. Appling succeeded Hatfield as secretary.

Of the savings, Sweetland said "He's talking about improvements on Hatfield's policy (when Hatfield was secretary)."

Explanation 'Interesting'
"It will be interesting," he declared, "to see the governor's explanation of his own extravagance while secretary."

Alturas Plane Crash Kills Bieber Man

Alturas, Calif. — UPI — Hospital attendants said today two men injured in the crash of a light plane here Friday in which one man was killed had a good chance to recover. Hospitalized here were B. M. Buckley, 44, Klamath Falls, and Drace Fountain, 44, Alturas. Buckley suffered burns over 52 per cent of his body.

Killed in the crash was Dolan Southard, 43, Bieber, Calif. The plane crashed Friday afternoon on takeoff from Alturas Municipal airport.

1953 Detroit-made auto for 99 cents and claimed "it runs good." Other dealers tagged cars for half price, and teased the public with hiked discounts and one-cent auto accessories. **TV sets and typewriters** were advertised at 99 cents apiece, refrigerators for \$2, fur coats for \$9, white fox collars for \$4, and even a few milk stools for as low as \$29. **Prices Slashed**
Prices were slashed on new refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, stoves, washers and dryers, television sets, radios, beds, mattresses and box springs, and every conceivable kind of wearing apparel.

Bear Hunters Killed in Crash; Float on Ice

Appeal Made to State Department

Anchorage — UPI — A dramatic appeal was made today for help in recovering the bodies of two men who drifted on a hunk of ice into Russian waters.

The two men, Ward Carroll, 43, and G. S. Gordon, 45, were on a polar bear hunting expedition when their plane crashed Friday, killing both instantly. **Floated on Ice**

The bodies floated on a chunk of ice from U. S. territory in the Arctic Ocean to the Russian-held Chukchi Sea.

John A. Carroll, Fairbanks, brother of Ward, appealed to the State Department and Sen. E. L. Bartlett (D-Alaska) for help.

In a 100-word telegram he asked to either allow an Air Force or Civil Air Patrol plane to cross the International Dateline to recover the bodies or urge the Russian government to help. **Attempts Halted**

Attempts to recover the bodies were halted when the Air Force and Navy advised Civil Air Patrol officials they were not able to cross into Russian territory.

A CAP official today told United Press International "our hands are tied unless the State Department gives us some help."

Members Urged To Oppose Bills

A memorandum issued by Dale C. Prentice, secretary-manager of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, urged all members of the association's two-way mobile radio network to actively oppose Senate Bill 2-1737 and House Bill 6748.

Both bills actually make major offenses out of comparative minor ones, he said. For instance, the bills make it a federal offense for misuse of distress channels which can only be done by marine operators. Another offense specified is use of profanity over the airways, an abuse already strictly policed by such forest industries networks as Romy Anne operated by SOCTFA.

The fine specified is \$100 to \$500. Apparently these large fines are to help the Federal Communications Commission enforce current regulations which the commission states it cannot do due to budgetary problems. Prentice said. The problem then should be approached from the standpoint of budget not stricter regulation and higher fines, he pointed out.

"... You Never Say You Love Me Anymore ..."



Porter Introduces Bill To Increase Postal Receipts

Second Class Mail Would Cost More

Washington — UPI — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has introduced legislation which would increase yearly Post Office Department receipts by \$37,500,000 by Jan. 1, 1965.

The bill would increase through graduated steps certain postal rates for newspapers and magazines. He said "these mail users have lived too high on the hog too long."

Called 'Moderate'

Porter called the proposed bill "moderate." He said the slightly higher rates would find the second class mail users meeting only slightly more than 40 per cent of their actual postal costs when the proposed increases are fully effective.

He said legislation to bring the cost coverage of second class mail users up to 100 per cent could not be considered at this time. "The impact on the business involved has to be considered," he said. Porter said he believed newspapers and magazines which might deserve a permanent or temporary subsidy in any amount ought to be required to come before the House Post Office and Civil Service committee to prove their case.

Against Budget Request
The postal deficit in fiscal years 1959 and 1960 was nearly \$550 million each year, Porter said. He said he was against the budget request for a first class mail increase from four cents to five cents "because the figures just released by the Postmaster General show first class mail now pays 111 per cent of cost."

Road Crews Work On Major Projects

County road crews are working on two major projects this week, according to County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen.

Approximately three-fourths of a mile near the Applegate junction is being rebuilt. Construction is starting on the North River rd. between Rogue River and the Josephine county line. Work on the North River rd. includes straightening and realignment, Carstensen said. A rock base will be spread and a mat coat applied this summer, he said.

Other work includes clearing Crowfoot rd. from Butte Falls to the McLeod bridge, further work on the bridge approaches on Rogue River drive between Sams Valley and Shady Cove; and continued work on a box culvert on Stewart ave. in Medford.

Most of the work done by county road crews during the winter consists of right of way clearing, the engineer explained. The rock crusher at Military bridge in the Camp White area is in full operation, he added.

Miscellaneous patching work is being done also in the county and includes Butte Falls rd., Elk Creek rd. and the Butte Falls-Prospect rd.

An arch culvert has been installed recently on the West Evans creek rd., just out of Rogue River, Carstensen said.

Portland — UPI — Ford Montgomery, 41, manager of Hilton Inn in San Francisco, has been named general manager of the Portland Hilton hotel which is now under construction here.



IKE IN SAN JUAN—President Eisenhower is shown addressing the crowd at Isla Verde Airport when he arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today. At his side is governor Luis Munoz Marin.

Accidents Fatal To Five Persons During Week End

By United Press International
At least five persons met accidental death in Oregon during the week end, three in traffic, one in a fire and one by drowning.

A car plunged over a 500-foot cliff near Boiler Bay on the Oregon coast early Saturday, carrying two young men to their deaths. The victims were Gerald Kettner and James R. Nash, both 22, from Toledo.

Police said their car missed a curve, went down a bank into a road and then hurtled end-over-end, coming to rest near the edge of the surf.

Joseph Huber, 38, Hood River, was killed Saturday night when struck by a car while crossing Highway 99W near Six Corners.

Fire Kills Youth
Frank Gunn, 16, died in an apartment house fire in Coos Bay Saturday. Firemen said the blaze apparently broke out in the room where the youth was sleeping. Firemen kept the blaze confined to the top story of the three-story apartment building. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

Paul Miller, 15, Troutdale, drowned Sunday while skin diving in the lake at Benson state park near Multnomah Falls. He was about 50 feet from shore when he lost his mouthpiece.

Medford Students Win Seven Firsts

Seven first place awards were received by Medford High school and Hedrick Junior High school students last week end at the annual invitational high school speech tournament held at Linfield college, McMinnville, Ore.

High school students who received first place awards were Carolyn Mencke, visual aid, senior women; JoAnn Johnson, interview, junior women; Fred Lorch, salesmanship, senior men; Marsha Watson and JoAnn Johnson, debate, senior women. Louis Hunt, Hedrick, was first for salesmanship, junior men; and Sue Jahn, topped the category of oratory, junior women.

Medford students earned 11 second place and seven third place awards in addition to the first places.

Salem — UPI — The huge new First Presbyterian church of Salem was dedicated Sunday with rites and services attended by more than 2,000 persons. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, New York minister.

Most Oregon Offices Honor Washington

Portland — UPI — Most federal, state and city offices were closed in Oregon today because of Washington's birthday. However, schools and most businesses including banks remained open.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight 26-28. High Tuesday 32-35.
TEMPERATURE
Highest Yesterday 37
Lowest This Morning 29

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:51 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:38 a.m.
The Moon rises 4:36 a.m.
tomorrow and is in Perigee.
New Moon Feb. 26
The four planets in the morning sky listed in the order they are now rising are: Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Venus. Saturn is the one nearest the Moon; Venus is the brightest.

President Cites Benefits Gained By Cooperation

Demonstrators Kept at Distance

San Juan, Puerto Rico—UPI—Rival factions shouting "We like Ike" and others demanding Puerto Rican independence greeted President Eisenhower today on the completion of the first leg of his 15,000-mile Latin American tour.

A strong police guard separated the rival demonstrators and kept them four to five hundred feet distant from the landing strip at San Juan's ultramodern airport where the presidential 707 jet put down.

Refreshed by Nap
The President arrived in perfect weather and he was refreshed by a nap of an hour and a half en route.

Eisenhower spent 49 minutes at International airport and then took off for Ramey Air Force base on the other side of the island to spend the night.

In his remarks here, the President cited Puerto Rico as an outstanding example of the benefits to be gained in cooperation with the United States. He praised the island commonwealth in the Caribbean as having blended the best of two economic and cultural systems which makes it a symbol for other peoples seeking to raise their status.

In reply, Gov. Luis Munoz-Marin told the President that while Puerto Rico has the right to change its commonwealth relationship with the United States, the great majority of its people do not want to change the present status.

Greeted by Officials
When he arrived at the Ramey base, the President was greeted by Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Preston, commander; Walter J. Donnelly, U.S. ambassador to Venezuela and various military officials.

After the usual honors, the President was driven from the field to his quarters in the VIP guest house. The President had lunch aboard his plane before he arrived in San Juan. After a brief rest at the guest house, he planned to get out on the base's golf course for a few shots.

Fast Trip in Jet
The Boeing 707 jet plane brought Eisenhower here from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., in three hours and four minutes.

About 10 minutes before the President landed, representatives of opposing political factions shouted at each other across the road leading to the airport — where they had been kept at a safe distance.

Eisenhower, smiling and relaxed, appeared to be unaware of the demonstrations as he told the crowd in his arrival remarks that he brought Puerto Rico "greetings from your fellow citizens of the 50 states of the republic."

Part of the crowd burst into a chant of "We Like Ike" after he had inspected the guard of honor and received formal greetings from Gov. Munoz-Marin.

But there was no applause for the simple reason that the during the President's speech crowd could not hear him. There was no public address system installed.

BUDGET MEETING
The Jackson county rural school district budget committee will start making decisions on the new budget tonight at 8 o'clock when it meets in the county school superintendent's office. Sections of the budget to be included in the detailed study are the county school office administration, curriculum materials center and special education.

Ike Says Defense Tailored To Meet Needs of Future

Washington — UPI — President Eisenhower has told the nation that the United States has "indestructible, incalculable" military power ample for the present and tailored to meet the needs of the future.

The President replied to Democratic critics of his defense program in a nationwide radio-TV speech Sunday night on his two-week tour of South America. He left today on the 15,010-mile trip.

Reaction to the address was divided. A leading Democratic critic, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (Wash.), said the President had failed to come to grips with the real defense policy issues. He said Eisenhower failed to mention Soviet progress on missiles.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) said he agreed that the United States has a powerful defense force. But he said he would press Senate missile investigations because the real issue is "whether our plans are adequate for our needs in the foreseeable future."

Chairman Overton Brooks (D-La.) of the House Space Committee said he was disappointed that the President did not mention U. S. defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles or compare U.S. Soviet missile strength.

Eisenhower got Republican support. State GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) said the Chief Executive had "stated the whole case in a nutshell." He said the speech would go far to "dispel the confusion" over the defense program.

Missile Supply Increasing
"We have forged a trustworthy shield of peace — an indestructible force in incalculable power, ample for today and constantly developing to meet the needs of tomorrow," he said.

"Today, in the presence of continuous threats, all of us can stand resolute and unafraid, confident in America's might as an anchor of free world security."

Eisenhower said the United States maintains hundreds of bombers throughout the world and they are far superior to the air fleet of any other country. He also cited U. S. aircraft carriers and what he called the steadily increasing supply of U. S. missiles.

Medford Man Fined In Code Violation

A Medford man was fined \$100 and given a suspended 10 day jail sentence in Grants Pass justice court Friday after he pleaded guilty to a charge of engaging in sewage cesspool work without first having secured a certificate of registration.

Fined was Dale Onie Franks, 28, of 201 Taft st. In addition to the formal charge, in which he violated the state health code, Franks admitted defrauding an elderly couple by overcharging them for pumping out a septic tank. Franks told the court that he "needed the money" so charged the couple who are pensioners, \$100 for the job instead of the usual \$30 to \$40.

Franks was arrested by Josephine county sheriff's deputies Feb. 18. He was lodged in jail on lieu of the fine payment.

Covered Wagon Trek Wins Honor Medal For Empire Builder's 4-H Club Here

The Empire Builders' 4-H club, Medford, was among those honored today by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

The club received an honor medal award in the community program category for its Covered Wagon Trek last summer. The 13-day trip covered 225 miles and carried 50 4-H club members to the state meeting at Corvallis. The trek, in observance of Oregon's Centennial birthday, served the members as a "step back in history."

Receiving a Valley Forge Freedom Library of books and other teaching aids, together with a George Washington Honor medal, was Grants Pass High school, Grants Pass.

Other Oregon schools and individuals who were honored included Englewood, Judson Junior High, Keizer Elementary and Richmond Elementary schools, all Salem, which received principal awards, and Edith Gayle Brown, Salem, received an honor medal award for a youth public address, "The Constitution—The Instrument of Our Destiny."

The Foundation Awards program honors citizens for outstanding efforts to improve public understanding and appreciation of the basic constitutional rights and freedoms inherent in the American way of life.

The \$5,000 annual George Washington award was presented to Sen. John L. McClellan, (D-Ark.). Director of the foundation residing in Oregon is the Hon. George Rossman, associate justice of the Oregon supreme court.