

Russia Asked for Proof Against Cheating

Truman Believes President Should Continue To Lead

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In less than four months the Democratic and Republican conventions will nominate their candidates for President, one of whom will be the next President of the United States. And we may as well accept the fact that the world from now on will tend to look more in the direction of the eventual successor and less to the outgoing leadership in the White House. In the minds of statesmen everywhere, as a matter of international realism, the question is certain to be raised: what can the President of the United States do in the final months of his term?

Place in Anomalous Position

This places the country and the free world in an anomalous position and makes it more than ever necessary that the voice of the President be clear, resolute and unmistakable in expressing the fundamental foreign policy of the United States.

Whenever the President of the United States expresses the true position of this country as a leader of the free world, he can count on the support of all of us.

Personal popularity of a President, especially when he is on foreign soil, is something all of our people are glad to see. But it is no substitute for action.

We cannot help but be disturbed when we see the Communist world speaking in one voice through one dominant leader, seeking to take advantage of some of the discords among the Allied leaders. This is where the role of the President is especially important as a unifying leader of the free world.

Purpose of Visit Not Doubted

I do not think there is much doubt about the purpose of Khrushchev's visit to Paris. It certainly is not intended as a test of personal popularity but is conceived mainly for the more determined business of seeking to divide the Allies. Anything that serves to weaken the allied position, serves the Communists, and Khrushchev would like nothing better than to widen the wedge between France and the Allies over NATO. Ever since NATO was set up the Communists have been trying to break it. If he succeeds, Khrushchev could destroy an effective deterrent against Communist designs in Western Europe. I hope there is no justification for some of the uneasiness in the West over President DeGaulle with respect to NATO, and I would remind all the Allies that they have provided too many opportunities for Khrushchev to exploit their differences.

In the state of the world today this is no time for the President of the United States to falter, or to hesitate. He must leave no room for doubt as to what our position is on all the critical issues affecting the peace of the world. He must be especially vigilant not to let it appear that he is marking time until the next President takes over, thus leaving the Communists with the impression that we are drifting and might be open to compromise on such issues as West Berlin or that we might yield to the unremitting pressure of the Communists on any of the other vital issues that divide us.

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Convicts Give Up 25-Hour Siege in Tennessee Prison

Agreement Made With Officials

Nashville, Tenn. — (UPI) — The tall, young convict with cropped hair walked out of the prison factory at dusk Thursday, flipped away his cigarette and spat on the ground. Then he stuck out his hands to be handcuffed.

That defiant action by Charles Raymond Farra, 25-year-old West Virginia kidnaper and robber, ended a 25-hour war of nerves in which he and a fellow convict gambled the lives of 18 hostages against the hope that 200 police would let them flee from the Tennessee state prison here.

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CONVICTS SURRENDER—Convicts Robert Rivera, left, and Charles Farra are shown after their surrender at Tennessee State Prison. They had held 18 hostages at gunpoint for 25 hours while dickering with prison officials for their freedom. (UPI Telephoto)

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Candidates Night Set at Grange Hall

Central Point — The Central Point Grange will sponsor a "candidates night" starting at 8 o'clock tonight at the Grange hall here.

Each candidate will be given five minutes in which to review his qualifications and abilities, Grange officials said. Following candidates' presentations, a question and answer period is scheduled.

Entertainment has been planned, and refreshments will be served following the program.

Mrs. Gaston Floux, the Grange's recreation chairman, is in charge of the event, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John Niedermeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gebhardt. The meeting is open to the public.

Canned Food Sales May Set New Record

Gearhart — (UPI) — Sales of canned foods in the U. S. this year are expected to reach an all-time high, it was reported here at the annual membership conference of the Northwest Cannery and Freezers Association.

Detroit, Ore. — (UPI) — An early season forest fire Thursday wiped out one acre of new timber east of here. Forestry officials said it was man-caused.

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Chamber Plans Bids For New Structure

Bids for demolition of a structure at the southwest corner of Central Ave. and Tenth st., Medford, are expected to be called soon to make way for construction of a new home for the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

Gerald Latham, president, told board members Thursday the chamber now owns the property, and occupants have been given notice. The property is just north of the D'Anjou building in which the chamber offices are now located.

John Graff, accountant for the chamber, reported that new members will be introduced, and short talks will be given by Latham and Don McNeil, chamber manager. About 25 new members are expected to attend the roundtable.

The board approved awards for several businesses suggested by Clarence Young, chairman of the chamber's awards committee, and Gene Orr, board member, reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., where he conferred with Representative Charles O. Porter.

McNeil reported on his assignment as an Oregon chamber representative at the International sports and vacation fair in Los Angeles. He said attendance reached 150,000, and many people were interested in Oregon as a vacation possibility in 1960. Fishing and camping were their main interest, he said.

Timber Sale Plan Will Be Discussed

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5, to give interested persons an opportunity to discuss tentative timber sale, access road, and related programs of the Medford district, bureau of land management, Ross A. Youngblood, district manager, has announced.

The tentative timber sale plan for fiscal year 1961 will be the principal subject for discussion, he said.

The meeting will start at 1 p.m. in the BLM timber sale hall, a few blocks southeast of the district office on Barnett rd.

Bureau personnel from both the Medford office and the state office in Portland will participate. Youngblood said the meeting will be conducted on an informal basis to allow the maximum exchange of information and ideas between the public and bureau.

No Great Price Drop in Lumber

Portland (UPI) — Despite an extremely slow market there was no price decline in lumber for the week ending today, Crow's Lumber Market News Service reported.

Random loadings of green fir, standard and better grade, held at the \$67 and \$69 level, after dropping slightly the previous week. Poor weather in consuming regions was given as the main reason for slow buying.

Douglas fir plywood prices remained at the low of \$64 for sanded stock. Sheathing plywood firmed at the \$90 level for 5-8 inch stock.

Pine area trading also continued slow, Crow's said.

Lithia Hotel At Ashland Sold

Ashland — (UPI) — The Lithia hotel here has been sold to a Sacramento firm by Emma Cooley, executrix of the estate of the late Charles Cooley.

The price of the transaction was not disclosed for the nine-story building, the tallest in southern Oregon.

Jack D. Pumphrey, of the firm of Sutton and Pumphrey, said the 100-room hotel would be completely re-decorated and modernized.

The hotel was opened for business July 1, 1925.

Cost of Living Rises To Equal All-Time Record

Index Reverses Downward Trend

Washington — (UPI) — The nation's living costs, spurred by higher interest rates and medical bills, edged up last month to equal the all-time high set last November.

The Labor Department's consumer price index reversed a two-month downward trend by climbing two-tenths of 1 per cent. It was 125.6 per cent of average 1947-49 prices, 1.5 per cent above a year ago.

Gasoline Prices Dip

A sharp reduction in gasoline prices and the fifth consecutive monthly decline in food prices prevented the index from rising to new record levels.

Mortgage interest rates, which have risen steadily since mid-1958, brought a rise in housing costs, the Labor Department said.

Insurance Premiums Up

Medical care costs went up eight-tenths of 1 per cent last month—largest increase in 18 months. Substantially higher premiums for health insurance in Chicago, Seattle, Portland, Ore., Youngstown, Ohio, and Charleston, W. Va. were blamed.

The outlook is for further increases in living costs this spring, according to Robert J. Myers, deputy commissioner of labor statistics.

Charge Reduced, Trial Averted

The city of Medford today reduced a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages to reckless driving thereby averting the second jury trial in Medford's municipal court history.

A six member jury (three men and three women) had been selected last March 14 for today's trial of Allen Stanley Fenner, 60, Grants Pass, who had earlier entered a plea of innocent.

Medford city police arrested Fenner last Jan. 28, on a downtown street. He had been free on \$100 bail.

Before the trial could get under way this morning, City Attorney Joel Reeder moved for postponement and Municipal Pro-Tem Judge Ron Ricketts dismissed the jury.

Reeder then moved for a reduced charge of reckless driving, and Fenner's attorney, Norman Gates entered a plea of guilty for his client and Judge Ricketts fined Fenner \$25.

The first municipal court jury trial under a recent city ordinance providing for juries, was held last December and was also a driving under the influence trial. At that time the six-man jury acquitted the defendant.

Health Department Budget Considered

The Jackson county budget committee spent most of this morning considering the county health department's budget requests.

The office budget is approximately the same as the previous year with the request totaling \$103,380.

A major budget item is Dr. C. I. Drummond's salary of \$15,000, the same as set last year. (Dr. Drummond worked part time as public health officer for part of the 1959-60 fiscal year.)

Salaries for the public health nurses are \$440 a month, for public health nurse IV, up \$20 a month, yearly salary \$5,280; public health nurse II, \$390 a month, the same, annual salary \$4,680; public health nurse III, \$390, a month, no increase, \$4,680; public health nurse I, \$370, no increase, \$4,440; public health nurse trainee, \$350 a month, down \$40 a month, annual salary \$4,200; public health nurse I, \$370 a month, down \$20 a month, \$4,440, and clinic nurse, \$260 a month, no increase, \$3,120.

Receive Raises

All the sanitarians received raises ranging from \$15 to \$25 a month. Sanitarian I, \$460 a month, up \$20, annual salary \$5,520; sanitarian I, \$400, up \$25, \$4,800; sanitarian I, \$375, up \$15, \$4,500.

Clerical salaries are: clerk steno III, \$375 a month, up \$25 a month, \$4,500; clerk typist II, \$275 a month, up \$10 a month, \$3,300; clerk typist I, \$265 a month, no increase, \$3,180. The bacteriologist's salary is \$390 a month, no increase, \$4,680.

Considerable discussion centered on the \$2,000 requested allocation to the child guidance clinic connected with the county health department.

Dr. Drummond said he would also request a county contribution of \$2,000 toward a family counseling service to work with the child guidance clinic. However, there was not time to bring this request up.

Dr. John Waterman, of the state board of health, appeared with Harold Snodgrass, Medford a member of the clinic's board of directors, to help present the child guidance clinic proposal.

Estimated Receipts

Total estimated receipts for the clinic are \$9,600, including United Medford Crusade receipts, \$4,000; \$1,800 from school districts; \$550 from the Ashland - Talent United Fund drive; \$400 from membership fees, \$850 from membership fees, \$850 from clinic fees and \$2,000 from the county court.

Estimated clinic expenditures are \$15,653.90 and include \$6,600 for the psychiatric social worker; \$900 for travel and meetings; \$3,600 for clerical help, \$600 for office expenditures, \$2,332 for psychiatrist, \$1,021.90 for psychologist and \$600 for education and publicity. The state board of health pays the psychiatrist's salary of \$2,332.

Dr. Waterman said official statistics show that in a community 6 per cent of the families use 50 per cent of public funds for law enforcement, welfare, medical aid and other public expenditures.

One of the most effective ways to reduce this 6 per cent is through proper counseling and guidance to turn youngsters into useful, productive citizens, he indicated. It costs \$113 a month for each patient in a state institution, he pointed out. Results of proper counseling are hidden values which do not show, he added.

Mosquito Control

Requested mosquito control budget for 1960-61, which also comes under the general category of public health expenditures, totals \$9,500 for 1960-61 compared to \$8,500 for 1959-60.

The budget committee will also consider purchase of new spraying equipment costing an estimated \$3,800. This could be mounted in the back of a pickup truck. No action was taken on this or any of the other requested public health expenditures.

The committee was scheduled to meet with representatives of the Jackson county planning commission about noon today to consider that department's budget more in detail. The assistant county planning technician's position is not a new one and the salary is the same as for the current year, the county judge noted. He added that the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association is asking for \$1,500.

Meetings Called To Discuss Bonds

William A. (Bill) Barker, chairman of the Medford school board, announced today that two public meetings relating to the \$750,000 bond issue election for proposed classroom building and additions and renovations have been scheduled.

District patrons will vote on the bond issue Thursday, March 31.

The first meeting will be held in the cafeteria at McLaughlin Junior High school at 8 p.m. Monday, March 28, and the second will be held in the speech room at Hedrick Junior High school Tuesday, March 29.

Barker said all interested persons are invited to attend the meetings, which are being scheduled to acquaint district patrons with the purposes of the bond issue.

A series of articles discussing aspects of the bond issue, including district classroom needs, long-range plans, and financing such a construction program will appear in the Mail Tribune starting Sunday.

Record-Breaking Cold Settles Over Midwest

Record-breaking cold settled over the Great Lakes region today in the wake of a spring blizzard that dumped 10-inch snows and drifts up to 10 feet deep on northern Michigan.

The blinding snowstorms, powered by 45-mile-an-hour winds, blitzed western Pennsylvania with three inches of new snow early today and then dwindled to flurries in the northern Appalachians.

20 Below Zero

The mercury tumbled to 20 below zero at Pellston, a traditional "ice box" city of Michigan. It hit 15 below at Alpena, Mich., and 11 below at Ishpeming, Mich.

The Arctic cold wave smashed a 20-year record at Lansing, Mich., when the temperature hit zero. Milwaukee also registered zero, the coldest temperature ever recorded there so late in the season.

New Legal Move For Chessman Planned

San Francisco — (UPI) — Caryl Chessman's attorney, George T. Davis, will make a new legal move in Marin County Superior Court Monday in an effort to avert the convict-author's scheduled May 2 execution.

'K' Says West Germany Has Aggression Hopes

Paris — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev accused West Germany today of harboring hopes of aggression, adding that since it was blocked to the east it would try to expand to the west.

Khrushchev made his statement in remarks to members of the Franco-Soviet Parliamentary Committee on the third day of his 11-day French visit in which he consistently has stressed that West Germany remains a grave danger for the entire European continent.

He told the parliamentarians that West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, whom he once accused of being "worse than Hitler," still wanted to change the results of World War II.

He added that if his trip could help prevent German aggression it will have been worthwhile.

State Files Suit To Condemn Land

The state highway commission has filed suit in circuit court here to condemn two parcels of land near Rogue River owned by Harry L. and Elizabeth White.

One parcel of 42.1 acres will be used for right of way purposes for the relocation, construction, improvement and maintenance of the Grants Pass-Rock Point section of the Highway 99 freeway. Another parcel owned by the Whites contains 140.2 acres, which the highway commission declares is necessary for public park and recreational purposes. The commission declares the true value of the property is \$103,810.

The highway commission asks that an assessment be made by a jury and that the property be condemned.

The complaint further stipulates that there shall be no rights of access for the property to be used for the highway right of way.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair tonight. Partly cloudy and a little cooler Saturday. Low tonight 37. High Saturday 72-75.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	39

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:29 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:05 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 5:09 a.m.
New Moon March 26
Jupiter, the largest planet, rises 2:02 a.m. and will be in the south at sunrise. Jupiter's distance from the Earth is now about 478 million miles.

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PIPELINE READY—Crews are shown working on a gas pipeline which will be pulled across the Columbia river in the next few days to form the underwater portion of the 125-mile line being constructed from Canas, Eugene. The line is to be finished by July 31. (UPI Telephoto)