

Gates Orders Defense Alert

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Secretary Says

Test Will Last

'Several Days'

Defense Chief Stands Behind U2 Spy Flights

Washington - (UPI) - Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates disclosed today that another defense alert in the pattern of that which marked the Paris summit collapse began Wednesday night. He said it will be "going for several days."

Gates, defending both his May 15 alert order and the value of the now discontinued U2 spy plane flights over Russia, told Senate Foreign Relations Committee investigators:

"As of midnight last night we are having another communications exercise, starting at 11 o'clock last night, and it is going for several days."

He said the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as a result of the summit alert experience, "have recommended to me that we have these alerts on a no-notice basis frequently."

The defense chief earlier disclosed that the U2 spy plane flights provided the United States with secret data about Soviet atomic weapons, missiles, submarines, planes and airfields. He said the information brought back by the planes was "vital information" which was used by the defense department.

Gates testified for three hours and Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) declared the hearings ended. Fulbright said the committee will begin considering its report next week.

Gates also testified that: "He thinks it is 'extremely doubtful' Russia will make any agreement on disarmament. He added, however, that hope for a nuclear test suspension agreement seems more likely."

"Different Means" - He does not think the Russians will change the location of their strategic bases because of the U2 spy plane disclosures. He said they are more likely to use "different means of building new bases" or of dispersing them.

"The United States has 'other means' of getting military information but could have developed defense plans 'by no means as well' without the U2 operation."

Vital Information - Gates testified that the espionage flights, directed by the Central Intelligence Agency, produced "information on airfields, aircraft, missiles, missile testing and training, special weapons storage, submarine production, atomic production and aircraft developments" and similar secrets.

"These were all types of vital information," he said. "These results were considered in formulating our military programs. We obviously were the prime customer and ours is the major interest."

Roller Skating Rink Is Planned

Construction is expected to start next week on a roller skating rink about three miles south of Medford off Highway 99, representatives of the local organization building it said today.

When completed, the structure is expected to cost in excess of \$75,000. It is expected to be in operation by the time school starts next fall, the representative said.

Ray Reter of Reter Fruit company, who is now in Europe on business, is chairman of the board of directors of the corporation, which is made up of local residents.

Test holes for construction already have been drilled on the site.

The rink has not yet been named, corporation officials said, and will be named through a contest in which children of the area are expected to participate.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Continued fair and warm through Friday. Low tonight 50. High Friday 55.

Highest Yesterday 53
Lowest this Morning 50

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:15 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:03 a.m.
First Quarter moon 5:02 a.m.
The Planet, Saturn, rises at 2:34 a.m. and is about 153 million miles away. The combination of the movements of Mars and Saturn on their orbits around the sun will bring these two planets 11 million miles nearer to each other this month.

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Medford Budget Gets Approval By Committee

At its third and final meeting last night the Medford citizen's budget committee approved the city's 1960-61 budget.

The committee made several minor changes in the preliminary budget and approved a final budget total of \$3,123,080. The general fund total is \$903,686, an increase of \$5,185 over the preliminary budget.

A public hearing on the budget was called for July 14. It was decided to allocate \$500 for a city manager (both for present and future officials) retirement program, after it became known there would be \$2,344 in unallocated funds. The rest was placed in the emergency fund.

Councilman Al Bradford

Congressmen Asked to Account For Expenses

Washington - (UPI) - The chairman of a House watchdog committee proposed today that junketing congressmen be required to account publicly for their government-paid expenses so taxpayers can be sure their money doesn't go for whiskey, nightclubs, and other high living.

Rep. Omar Burleson (D-Tex.), who heads the Committee on House Administration, said he believed prompt reporting on outlays for official travel in and out of the country would safeguard the Treasury against most abuses.

He said he doubted that abuses were common anyway. "No immediate rush among his fellow lawmakers to get behind Burleson's proposal. Many members felt they had been treated unfairly in published charges of legislative hijinks on investigative missions in the U.S. and abroad."

In similar copyrighted accounts by a team of two reporters, the Knight newspaper and Life magazine said a look at 25,329 vouchers filed by House members prior to last June 30 revealed some "shocking" abuses of the congressional expense account.

Burleson, one of the targets of the charges, was directed immediately by his committee to "reiterate in the strongest terms" to other House members the ground rules on what they may and may not charge off to the taxpayers for official travels.

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Porter Warns Congress on Housing Future

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington - (Special) - Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) warned Congress Wednesday that "stormy weather is ahead for housing" in the nation "unless corrective action is taken at once."

Congressman Porter noted that more than 5,000 lumber workers have been laid off in Oregon recently, which he said "is an accurate barometer as to the condition of housing throughout the nation."

Porter urged swift passage of the emergency home ownership act, which was approved April 28 by the House and is now awaiting Senate action. A Senate hearing is scheduled for June 7.

"This bill would add \$1 billion in funds for Fannie Mae (the federal national mortgage association) and the whole point is it would help the mortgage market," Porter said.

He said he agreed with the analysis that housing and the lumber market have slumped because mortgage credit is tight. He noted that housing starts in April were 22 per cent below April of last year.

"The barometer readings are unmistakable," Porter told the House in a speech. "For the sake of the unemployed in my district and elsewhere and for the sake of families who want an opportunity to own their own homes, I hope positive action on this legislation will proceed on an emergency basis."

Washington - (UPI) - Congress late Wednesday gave final approval to a measure which grants the Boardman bombing range in north-central Oregon to that state in exchange for equal land located in Lake County.

Oregon wants the land to develop an industrial park. The Boardman range measure was contained in the military construction authorization act.

Sen. Hall S. Lusk (D-Ore.) said presidential approval is expected within the next 10 days.

The Navy has been using the Boardman range for bombing practice. It would use the land in Lake County instead.

Administrative Assistant Gil Gutjahr pointed out to the committee that the two annexations recently approved by the voters have added \$68,630 to Medford's assessed valuation. This will give the city an increase of \$844 in property tax revenue, he said.

Most of the general fund changes were the result of a recommitment of fringe benefits. It was noted that the state industrial accident commission raised its rates since the preliminary budget was prepared. In the case of the fire department the rates increased from \$1,300 to \$2,300.

The fire department also asked for, and received, a \$512 additional appropriation for two new gas masks.

Increase Engineers - The committee increased the number of civil engineers in the engineering division from 3 to 3 1/2. City Manager Robert Durr said the additional half-man would be needed to negotiate for right of way and serve as a liaison between the city hall and courthouse engineering departments. The appropriation for this department is now \$102,262, an increase of \$3,328 over the preliminary budget.

An \$800 increase in the general fund transfer to the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county also received committee approval. Total general fund transfer to the library is now \$27,327. It was noted that the state has increased its grant to the library during the next year from \$20,000 to \$22,000.

The budget will now be advertised prior to the public hearing on July 14.

Halfield Wants to Change Salary Law

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield plans to ask the 1961 Legislature to take off the books laws which establish salaries for state officials.

Practically all of the state salaries now are set by law. A move to wipe out set salary figures of heads of state institutions died in the 1959 Legislature.

Hatfield said salaries of officials who are appointed should be flexible and "commensurate with their duties."



BROTHERS KILLED—Two runaway brothers, Thomas and James McDonald, aged 12 and 14, respectively, and their pet dog were killed in Pomona, Calif. today when a single-engine plane they stole smashed full-throttle into the ground at Emerson Junior High school. The school is in the heart of a thickly-populated residential area in Pomona, a Los Angeles suburb. —(UPI Telephoto)

MHS Graduation Scheduled June 7

Some 440 Medford High school seniors are scheduled to participate in the annual baccalaureate and commencement services June 5 and 7, respectively.

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Hedrick Junior High school auditorium with all students, parents, and friends and relatives invited.

Guest speaker for the service will be the Rev. John D. Reynolds of Westminster Presbyterian church, Medford.

The following Tuesday, June 7, commencement exercises will be held in the high school stadium. A special platform and seating arrangements have been provided.

School officials said that in the event of bad weather an auxiliary plan for having the presentation under the roof of the new grandstand will be put in operation.

Dr. Paul Jacobson, University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address, and the Rev. Clayton Crisman will be the presiding minister.

William Barker, Medford school board chairman, will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Seniors will be given four tickets to the commencement exercises, which will allow admission to the reserved section. Spectators will be seated on the east side of the field and will enter on that side.

Gates will open at 7 p.m. Only class members will be admitted through gates at the end of the old grandstand; persons without tickets may sit anywhere except in the reserved section.

Also featured in the baccalaureate and commencement services are the Medford High instrumental and vocal music departments.

Water Pump at Phoenix To Be Off

Phoenix - Mayor Arthur MacKintosh asked Phoenix residents not to irrigate tomorrow because power for the city's water pumping system will be turned off.

MacKintosh said the California Oregon Power company plans to install a new transformer to handle the city's two new wells, and there will be no power to pump water to the reservoir for six to eight hours.

He said there will be a sufficient supply of water for domestic use and for emergency purposes.

Irrigation of lawns and gardens in the city of Phoenix will be allowed on alternate days, MacKintosh said.

Residents living north of Third st. may irrigate Saturday, and those living south of Third st. may irrigate Sunday, June 5. Thereafter, irrigation will be allowed on alternate days on that schedule, he said.

Fire Reported by Forestry Department

Southwest district office of the state department of forestry reported a small fire two miles northwest of Dead Indian rd. and just over the summit yesterday afternoon.

A log was burning from hot ashes which had been dumped on it. Patrolmen said that two women, who were hunting mushrooms, discovered the fire, did not that they could keep it from spreading then reported it. A warden was sent to the scene.

Tunnel Ceremony Cosponsored by Medford Chamber

The board of directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce this morning agreed to cosponsor ceremonies at which ground will be broken for the Highway 199 Oregon mountain tunnel.

The ceremonies for the \$3 1/2 million tunnel, which is expected to be completed by 1962, will be held at the tunnel site July 8. They will include an outdoor dinner.

Total cost of the highway relocation and tunnel project is estimated at more than \$20 million. The California legislature has approved more than \$20 million for the project, Don McNeil, chamber manager, noted.

The realignment project will shorten the present highway between Gasquet and the Oregon line by 4.1 miles and eliminate 272 curves, including those over Oregon mountain.

The Medford chamber was invited to co-sponsor the ceremonies by the Crescent City Chamber of Commerce.

Review Proposal

Moore Hamilton, Medford postmaster, reviewed a proposal to build a new federal building in Medford for the chamber directors, the new federal building, for which the General Services Administration is seeking a building site, would house the post office, providing space for expansion.

Hamilton noted the increased use of the present post office, pointing out that in 10 years stamp sales have increased from \$268,000 to the 1959 total of \$759,000. The number of employees have increased from 52 to 77.

He said GSA representatives from the Seattle office are expected to visit Medford in the near future, and to consult with community leaders and city officials concerning the proposed building.

The proposed building, which would have about 81,700 square feet of gross floor area, will cost an estimated \$2,365,000. The proposal is now being considered by a House subcommittee of the committee on appropriations.

Bail Forfeited in Gambling Case Here

Emegene Winneferd Morgan, 1182 Court st., Medford, forfeited \$150 bail on charges of possessing and operating a game of chance, district court officials said yesterday.

The charge was unlawfully possessing, displaying and operating a pinball machine in the Northside tavern at 1701 North Riverside ave. on May 17.

Harold Dean Wise, Nampa, Idaho, was bound over to the grand jury on charges of burglary not in a dwelling following his arraignment yesterday in district court. He is being held in the Jackson county jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

Wise was charged with breaking into the Grandview market, 2330 Crater Lake ave., Nov. 18, 1959.



Majority of West Side Residents Opposed to Zoning

A majority of the residents in the West Side area are against any type of zoning, and most of those favoring zoning do not like the proposed interim zoning ordinance.

This was apparent after a count of hands at a public hearing last night on proposed interim zoning for the West Side area for single family dwellings and agriculture. Of those who filled the West Side school gymnasium, 109 persons indicated they opposed any zoning in the area, and 28 favored it. Of the 28, only two were in favor of the interim zoning ordinance as proposed.

Nobody seemed to favor zoning even a portion of the area, as suggested by the meeting chairman and Jackson county planning commission president, Ron James.

On Agenda

James said the matter will be on the agenda of the planning commission meeting Wednesday, June 8. James said he will ask for a motion to recommend or not to recommend zoning for the West Side area. The next step, he said, would be to make recommendations, and refer the matter to the county court.

Medford lawyer Melville Heisel presented petitions containing what he said were 300 signatures of area residents who asked "that no further consideration be given to a zoning ordinance for the area."

James explained that a vote could be petitioned for after the interim zoning ordinance is established. Then the ordinance could be voted out. People would not have to wait three years, he said.

Petitions calling for such an election must be signed by 15 per cent of the registered voters of the area while 10 per cent can petition for a zoning ordinance. The percentages were established by the state legislature, it was explained.

Speak for Group

Heisel, speaking for a group of the area's residents, said they object to zoning in the area. The current proposed form of the interim zoning ordinance is "something like the ordinance which will be adopted," he said.

"Zoning for three years does not fit into the basic overall plan. And the basic plan has not yet been worked out by the planning commission," he said. "Area residents should know that each year the county court must approve licenses for wrecking yards, taverns, night clubs and similar business."

The planning commission head explained that the commission members have agreed tentatively to exclude the granite pits operated by the Lulls. However, the hearing is being held on the area as outlined in the original petition, he added.

Other public hearings are on the proposed construction of a six-inch water main on 10th st., from Cottage st. to Portland ave., and for a request to name a street in the Medford Heights Addition. The street is the one leading to Sacred Heart hospital and would be named Medford Heights lane.

Other business to be considered at tonight's meeting includes the approval of plans for partial paving of Summit ave., from Mary place to Clark st., and a call for a public hearing for a 10-inch water main on Juanperero way from Mira Mar ave., to Murphy rd.

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