

U.S. Hurdlers Finish 1-2-3



TIED BUT TRIUMPHANT — U.S. track stars get together after finishing one-two-three in the Olympic 400-meter hurdles final in Rome today. Center is Ohio State star Glen Davis, of Columbus, Ohio, who won the event in the new Olympic time of 49.3 seconds. Left is Cliff Cushman, of Grand Forks, N.D., who was second, and at right is Dick Howard, of Albuquerque, N.M., who was third. (UPI Radioteletype)

'Through' Streets Designated By Medford Council

Portions of three streets in east Medford were made "through" streets by the city council last night at the request of the city's traffic engineering department.

The through streets approved were Willamette ave. south from Main st. to Siskiyou ave., Siskiyou ave. east from Willamette ave. to Highland ave. and 10th st. east from Riverside ave. to Willamette ave.

The establishment of the new through streets in this area is part of a major street development project that has been under way in this part of the city throughout the summer.

Nearly Complete

One portion of this project, the extension of Siskiyou ave. along the south boundary of the IOOF cemetery, is nearly completed. Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe said today that only some shoulder work remains to be done and the street should be open to traffic early next week.

The extension of 10th st. from Riverside ave. to Willamette ave. is proceeding according to schedule, as is construction of the new four-lane 10th st. bridge across Bear creek.

Thorpe said 10th st. will cross Cottage st., just east of the new bridge and stop signs will be erected on Cottage st. at this location.

Candidates Plan New Petitions

Ashland — Five candidates for mayor of Ashland will be able to place their names on the November ballot, due to an oversight of the Ashland city council.

Yesterday it was found that candidate Russell Osborn and Norman Lindahl had only 24 of the needed 25 legal signatures on their petitions.

It was even reported that an all-day conference with County Clerk Marvin Madden had turned up no way to place the names on the ballot.

But today it was discovered that the Ashland city council had passed the resolution setting the filing date. This resolution, which has not been passed during the past three years, usually sets the date 70 days before the election.

However, without this resolution, the filing date automatically reverts to the date set by state statute, 65 days before the election.

According to City Recorder W. E. Bartlett, the filing will be Sept. 6. Both candidates are planning to circulate new petitions, Bartlett said, and should be able to get their names on the ballot.

High Bid Accepted For Radio Equipment

The highest of two bids to supply the city with mobile radio equipment was accepted by the Medford city council last night on a close 4-3 vote after a motion to call for new bids was defeated.

The council accepted a Motorola bid of \$3,937 for one radio base station and four mobile radio units. General Electric, the other bidder, had submitted a low bid of \$3,684 — \$273 less than Motorola's bid. In recommending acceptance of the higher bid the city administration said maintenance costs on Motorola equipment would probably be much less than that on General Electric equipment which would make up for the difference in bids.

Motorola Equipment

The city at present has 33 radio units and one base station, all of which are Motorola equipment. It was noted that GE units would not be interchangeable with Motorola radios and this could create a problem in event of sudden failure of a radio unit in one of the city's emergency vehicles (police cars and fire trucks).

In addition, it was pointed out, Motorola has a complete line of replacement parts in Medford where GE does not. Phil Dellwo, representing GE, was at the meeting last night and said replacement parts would be supplied promptly from the company's parts division in Redwood City, Calif. The purchase of a new base station and radio units had been required by the federal communications commission. To date all of the city's radio equipment in fire trucks, police cars, public works vehicles and water department vehicles have been on one radio frequency, KOB 312. The FCC has ruled that police and fire radios must be on one frequency by themselves and all other city radios on another frequency.

Smaller Frequency

The FCC has further ruled that all city radios must operate on a smaller radio frequency than they have been. All but nine of the city's radios have been converted to the smaller frequency but these nine were not convertible.

The four radios purchased last night will serve to replace the nine non-convertible units. Cost of the radio equipment shared by the state and federal Civil Defense agency.

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While the two areas were being annexed, residents of a third area proposed for annexation presented the council with six petitions opposing annexation. These 16 petitions, containing 244 names, were from the area commonly referred to as the southwest district. This district has been having acute sewage problems in recent months and one possible solution to these problems is annexation to the city.

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Curtailment of Plywood Output Discussed Here

Curtailment of plywood production in the Medford area was discussed by representatives of the industry here last night.

The discussion stemmed from announcements previously by some major plywood producers to cut production in an attempt to help stabilize the price of plywood.

Some Oregon firms have already curtailed production. But the only firm in this area to go on a four-day work week is the White City Plywood company. The curtailment became effective this month, although the company did curtail some production during August, company officials said.

A four-day work week is planned by other plywood mills in the area, but when, and if, they start has not yet been determined.

Vacations, Holidays
Other area companies are taking advantage of holidays and vacations to curtail production, not only in the plywood industry, but also in other lumber product firms.

Plywood production curtailments are being made in an attempt to equalize supply and demand and stabilize the price. Reduced production is resulting from a decline in housing starts, which are down about 19 per cent from last year, and increased plywood output, which is up about 15 per cent.

Just when a desirable balance between supply and demand occurs is not immediately forthcoming, area lumbermen indicated. This is the time of the year when new construction starts stop for the winter months, and present inventories will have to be reduced before a price stabilizing trend is noticeable.

Cost of Production
Part of the problem in the plywood industry, according to the current issue of "Business Week," is the cost of production. Firms started expending to better utilize the saw log when plywood prices were about \$80 per 1,000 square feet and when small companies could make money in the business, the magazine said.

However, fewer building starts and increased production brought the price of plywood down to between \$64 and \$60. "Business Week" said the plywood manufacturers "can't make money at \$60, while at \$64, says one, 'we can operate but we can't pay our bills.'"

One area lumberman said he believed the price was about as low as it would go. Any curtailment in production would not mean a substantial increase in unemployment in this area, but its effect would be felt in reduced purchasing power.

John Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment service, said employment is not as good as it was last year at this time, but that there have been no "big layoffs." Some firms have closed for a week or so at a time, he said, so inventories could be moved before production is resumed.

He added that lumber industry curtailments would be felt since the payroll in the industry in the county nears the \$25 million mark annually.

The lumber industry as a whole, lumbermen indicated, is feeling the cutback in housing starts, and one Ashland mill-Lithia Lumber company—closed recently because of the "squeeze."

The "squeeze" is increased stumpage costs with reduced prices for finished products.

One solution to the problem, area lumbermen indicated, is better utilization of the saw log, but they pointed out that small operators in many cases cannot finance installation of expensive equipment used in full utilization. "Business Week" said this condition may be solved by mergers by small firms with other small companies or absorption by large companies.

Herter Blames Russians For Congo Trouble

USSR Said Seeking 'Collapse Of Order'

Washington — (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter has accused Russia of seeking a "collapse of order" in the Congo and of trying to complicate rather than help United Nations efforts there.

Herter, who addressed the American Bar association Thursday night, challenged the Soviet Union to work with the West toward "a rule of law" to maintain peace in the world.

"In this age," he said, "there must be created a world order in which the will of individual nations, expressed in force, gives way to the will of the international community, expressed in laws."

Red 'Technicians'

Herter's charge coincided with authoritative reports that more than a hundred "technicians" from Russia and other Iron Curtain countries were advising the troubled Congolese government of Premier Patrice Lumumba.

The secretary pulled no punches in accusing Russia of trying "to complicate rather than assist U.N. efforts to aid the Congo Republic to get on its feet."

"The collapse of order is the purpose of Soviet policy," he said, "a collapse which is a condition precedent to their hoped-for new order of Communist control."

'Court Of Last Resort'

Herter said Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev tried to set himself up in the Congo as "a court of last resort, beyond, above, and outside the U.N."

"We seek," he said "to move toward a world of law—not as a remote and abstract goal, but as something that we are beginning to accomplish now through tangible and specific steps."

Flags Displayed For V-J Day Anniversary

American flags were displayed today in observance of "V-J" day, Sept. 2, 1945.

It was 15 years ago today that the Japanese signed the peace treaty that ended World War II. Formal surrender took place aboard the battleship, USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo bay.

15 GIs Killed By Errant Shell

Heidelberg, Germany — (UPI) — A shell from a giant 8-inch howitzer overshoot its target because of a too-heavy powder charge and exploded in a tent camp area today, killing 15 American soldiers and wounding 27 others during maneuvers near the Czech border.

The mishap was the worst ground training accident to happen to U.S. forces in Germany since World War II.

The dead and injured were all members of the 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron, 12th Cavalry, 3rd Armored division, part of a 10,000-man force on a training exercise at the vast Grafenwoehr maneuver area in Bavaria.

From there, six helicopters flew them to the 20th Station Hospital in Nuernberg, 90 miles away.

The Army said two of the injured remained on the critical list tonight, while three others returned to duty.

Caused By Overfire

Maj. Gen. Frederick J. Brown, commanding general of the 3rd Armored division, said in a statement that the accident was caused by an overfire by Battery A of the 18th Artillery, under control of V Corps, stationed at Darmstadt.

"The direct cause of the accident was the firing of one eight-inch round with a powder charge of seven when the correct charge should have been five," he said.

The shell struck just after breakfast on a rainy morning while the men were lined up before their tents for roll call.

Tonight's final presentation of "The Tempest" will be "The Tempest."

After the Saturday night show, the cast and company will participate in traditional last night ceremonies, always marked by a little sadness on the part of the young people who have come here from all over the country to participate in the western hemisphere's first, and still most authentic, Shakespearean festival.

Most of them will leave for their homes, or campuses, on Sunday or Monday.

The Elizabethan theater will be closed, the booths and props and scenery will be stored away, and preliminary preparations will begin for the 21st season, to begin July 24 or 25, 1961.

Next year's plays will include "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Hamlet," "King Henry IV, Part I," and "All's Well That Ends Well." The "extra" play next year will be Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist."

Congolese Troops Murder Africans Who Took Refuge

Kasai Fighting Said Increasingly Heavy

Leopoldville, The Congo — (UPI) — Congolese army troops massacred 70 African natives who took refuge in a Christian mission Wednesday during increasingly heavy fighting in the city of Bakwanga, reliable reports said today.

The massacre report came from Bakwanga, capital of the so-called "mining state" in Kasai Province, where Congolese national army troops of Premier Patrice Lumumba and the forces of secessionist Premier Albert Kalonji are fighting increasingly heavy battles with weapons ranging from knives to mortars.

U.N. Concerned

The United Nations was reported seriously concerned about the situation there.

An estimated 200 to 270 Africans have been killed elsewhere in the Congo fighting.

The mining state is located in the southern portion of Kasai Province and adjacent to the frontier of Katanga Province, which has been declared independent of the rest of The Congo since early July.

The Congolese troops battling the Baluba tribe warriors loyal to Kalonji around Bakwanga are part of a force sent in a week ago by Lumumba to put down resistance to the central government.

Bolkango Arrested

Lumumba's office here announced that one of the premier's political adversaries, Jean Bolkango, and a number of his followers had been arrested on charges of trying to establish an independent state in The Congo's equatorial province.

Bolkango was an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of The Congo.

Earlier, it was reported from Elisabethville, capital of the secessionist Katanga Province, that a trainload of Belgian-armed "volunteers" had been sent racing to the provincial border to repel an expected invasion by troops of the central Congolese government.

The make-shift army, mobilized by Katanga President Moise Tshombe to defend his claimed right of secession, was commanded by officers commissioned arbitrarily only moments before departure.

It was not immediately known whether there were any Europeans among the "volunteers." The units, though short on training, will join veteran Katanga jungle fighters already on guard at the northwest frontier.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with a chance of showers over mountains. Low temperatures tonight 45. High Saturday near 80.	
Highest Yesterday	65
Lowest This Morning	54
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today	.02
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	6:44 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:28 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	3:19 a.m.
Full Moon	Sept. 5
PROMINENT STARS	
Capella, low in north	11:28 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Venus, low in west	7:10 p.m.
Saturn, due south	8:18 p.m.
Jupiter, low in south	10:12 p.m.
Mars, due east	2:27 a.m.



WHOOPEE!—House pages, led by House Doorkeeper William "Fishball" Miller (center), run down the steps of the House of Representatives Thursday after it adjourned sine die and waited for the Senate to follow suit. The Senate adjourned late last night after quibbling over minor measures and trying to scratch up a quorum. (UPI Telephoto)