

Eisenhower, Herter Discuss Laos

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Officials Hope
SEATO Meeting
Will Deter Reds

President Keeps
In Close Touch

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower today called in Secretary of State Christian A. Herter to discuss developments in Laos.

Herter returned to Washington Sunday from a Christmas-New Year vacation. White House Press Secretary James Hagerty said Eisenhower has kept in close touch with the situation in Laos during the New Year week end.

Talked by Phone
He said the President talked by phone to Herter both Sunday evening and this morning.

Hagerty recalled Saturday's State department statement on Laos which said the United States would take a "grave" view of intervention in Laos by outside forces.

Hagerty said that this is "the viewpoint and the policy of the United States government."

U. S. officials were hoping that the call for an urgent meeting of the eight-nation SEATO council would deter the Communists from pressing any large scale invasion of Laos.

Another Korea Seen
The officials were hopeful that Red China and Communist North Viet Nam would realize that if SEATO were forced to intervene in the Laos strife, the tiny Asian kingdom could turn into another Korea.

The State Department announced late Sunday afternoon that the U. S. representative on the SEATO council, Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson in Bangkok, Thailand, had been instructed to ask for a meeting "as early as possible."

Carriers on Patrol
If the United States decides to send military forces to repel a reported invasion of Laos by North Vietnamese troops, a task force of two aircraft carriers, 1,400 Marines and several destroyers is on patrol nearby in the South China Sea.

The United States, which has been supplying military and economic aid to the royal Laotian forces at the rate of \$45 million per year, was reported to have stepped up assistance to Prince Boun Oum's army.

Fires Reported
To Fire Department

Central Point — The small residence of Dora Doreich on Hanley rd. burned about 6:45 p.m. yesterday, Central Point rural firemen reported.

They described the house as a total loss and said that the cause of the blaze was not yet determined.

Rural firemen were summoned to another house fire on Saturday afternoon at 1001 Gibbon rd. They said the fire apparently started from the fire and burned into one wall and extended to the attic.

Firemen reported slight fire damage to the trailer of Eldon Holmes at Millon Item Trading post on Table Rock rd. Saturday when water pipes were being thawed by use of a blow torch.

"They Went Thataway"



Oregon Traffic Accidents Kill Seven Persons

By United Press International
Traffic accidents claimed seven lives in Oregon Sunday and five persons were killed in other accidents over the Holiday week end. In addition, two Oregon residents died as a result of car crashes in California.

Four persons died in a plane crash Saturday in the Mt.

Hood National forest. They were David L. Enger, 28, Troutdale, his wife, Sharon, 23; Everett W. Boyd, 26, Portland, and his wife, Dianne, 25; Lloyd Donald Vandersen, 58, Tigard, was killed Sunday when he fell from a hayloft near Tigard.

Prospect Youth Killed
Airman Third Class Curtis Allen Morse, 19, Prospect, was killed Sunday when his car struck an underpass girder on U. S. 99E near Olivehurst, Calif. He was alone at the time.

Rosemary Gunnerson, 20, Lebanon, died today of injuries suffered Friday in a car crash about five miles south of Chico, Calif. She was a passenger in a car driven by Robert Sabin, 25, Lebanon. Sabin, another passenger, Sue Billings, 22, also of Lebanon, were reported in fair condition in a hospital.

Seven persons died in Oregon highway accidents Sunday.

The victims have been identified as Ed Yarbrough, Cave Junction, Shelby Anderson, 19, Gary Peirson, 17, Gary Spangler, 17, all of Roseburg, Viola Thomas, 44, Vernonia, J. B. Payne, 43, Yachats, and Leota Barbara Lewis, 54, Portland.

Failed To Make Turn
The Roseburg youths were killed sometime between midnight and 8 a.m. when the car apparently failed to negotiate a turn on Highway 99, one mile west of Glendale, and plunged down a 60 foot embankment. They were found Sunday.

The top of the car had been sheared off.

Yarbrough died at Medford Sunday night in a one-vehicle accident on Highway 99 near Grants Pass. Yarbrough was transferred from Grants Pass to Medford after the accident.

Mrs. Thomas was killed in a one-car accident on State Highway 47 two miles south of Vernonia. She was dead on arrival at a Hillsboro hospital.

Mrs. Lewis died at Portland Sanitarium Sunday morning from injuries received when struck by a car in Portland.

Payne, a paraplegic, was killed early Sunday when his car left rain-slicked Highway 101 near Yachats on a straightaway section and plunged into a drainage ditch.

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Three Injured in Accidents During Long Week End

Three persons were injured in automobile accidents during the week end, according to Oregon state police.

Two persons were reported in fair condition today at Sacred Heart hospital following an automobile accident Saturday night on Highway 99 at Miller's Gulch.

Vernon Leon Cotter, 28, of 1832 North Riverside ave., is being treated for bruises and Robert Harold Koger, 31, of 124 South Columbus ave., for head and chest injuries.

State police said the car in which the two men were riding was apparently travelling at a high rate of speed when it left the highway, struck a roadside ditch by the Corona motel, and traveled 297 feet before stopping.

Park Accident
Barbara Elizabeth Balch, 28, of 331 West Second st., is being treated at Rogue Valley hospital for bruises received in an accident Sunday in Crater Lake National park, three miles west of Annie Springs. She was reported in fair condition.

State police said she was a passenger in a car driven by David Thomas Balch, 28, also of 331 West Second st., which was travelling down hill when the driver lost control of it on a curve. It skidded into a car operated by Scott Randolph Wickersham, 49, of 8587 Bolshers rd.

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CHILDREN ENTERTAINED — Medford high school drum major Mary Milne, right, talks to a patient at the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children at San Francisco during a performance by the band at the hospital Saturday. Theme for the annual skit by the band was "March of the Toys" and Miss Milne is dressed as a marionette. The band later performed at the East-West Shrine football game in Kesar Stadium in San Francisco. (UPI Telephoto)

City of Burbank Orchid Float Wins Top Pasadena Award

Pasadena, Calif. — (UPI) — The city of Burbank with its theme of "orchids in the moonlight" won the sweepstakes award today for the "most beautiful entry in the 72nd Tournament of Roses."

The sweepstakes award was announced as the flower-drenched floats moved majestically toward the parade route in clear crisp weather to be seen by more than a million viewers.

Moonbeams' Featured
Burbank's entry featured moonbeams made up of more than 40,000 orchids in addition to 100,000 chrysanthemums and other flowers, with three beauties riding the 50-foot float.

"The green-eyed dragon" entered by Helms Bakeries was awarded the grand prize. Its spectacular beauty showed a fire-breathing monster in gorgeous orchids, chrysanthemums and poinsettias.

The theme prize was awarded to America's Legion Post 707 for "Sweet Lullaby." The float salutes the 50th state in carrying out the tournament's theme, "Ballads in Blossoms."

Maidens Paddle Canoes
It featured three live waterfalls in a lush tropical setting with two lovely maidens paddling outrigger canoes at each side of the entry. Thousands of orchids and other tropical plants made up the float.

The president's trophy went to Florists Telegraph Delivery association for "hearts and flowers." It presented a design of hearts and featured a large heart fashioned from

pink camellias and festoons of red roses. Riding the float were Tab Hunter, John Provost, Angela Cartwright and Judy Mellin.

Queen's Trophy Winner
Santa Monica, with "poor butterfly," took the queen's trophy. Its float showed an exquisite pagoda ornately decorated with strung carnations and a picturesque bridge of typical oriental design spanning a stream. Roses, chrysanthemums and orchids provided the vivid hues of the garden setting.

The Republic of Mexico presented "rayondo el sol (sunrise)" to capture the international trophy with a huge flowered Spanish guitar and a flower motif of the country.

Cities outside California that won first prizes for classifications in their population bracket were St. Louis, San Antonio, Tex., and Portland.

Nikita Calls for Laos Conference
Moscow — (UPI) — Premier Nikita Khrushchev today called for an international conference to settle the Laos question and said the work of the International Commission there "must be renewed."

Khrushchev speaking at a Cuban National Day reception at the Cuban Embassy, was quoted by the Soviet news agency Tass as saying:

"The dangerous hotbed of the fire which has started in Laos must be extinguished in time, and a conference of states must be convened urgently on the same lines as the conference which took place in Geneva in 1954, and the work of the International Commission in Laos must be renewed."

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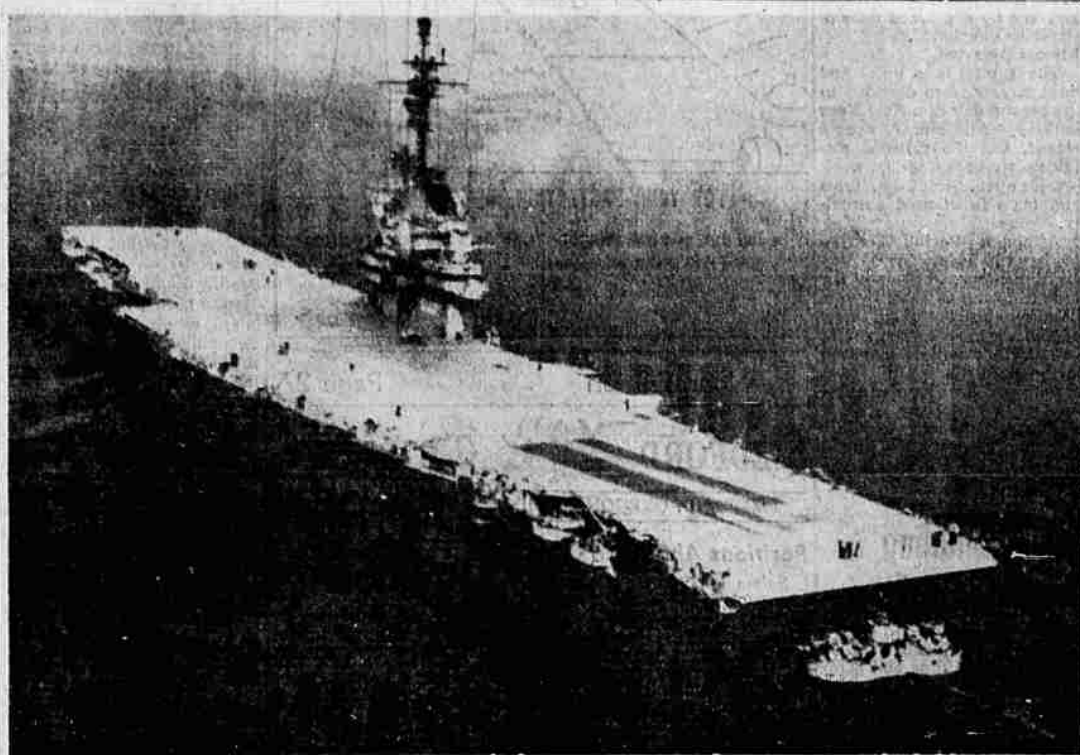
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WEATHER
FORECAST: Variable high clouds with night and morning valley fog tonight and Tuesday. Continued cold. Low tonight 15. High Tuesday 32-34.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 32
Lowest This Morning 15

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:50 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 5:54 p.m.
Last Quarter Jan. 9
The Earth is 91,337,000 miles from the Sun today, the nearest it will be this year. Average distance from the Sun is 92,937,416 miles.



BODIES SOUGHT — Rescue workers dig through the wreckage of a Reno-bound Piper Tri-Pacer airplane in an effort to recover the bodies of four persons. The craft left the Troutdale, Ore., airport for Reno, Nev., Saturday and crashed and burned in the Mt. Hood National Forest, 20 miles from Mollala. The dead were identified as David L. Enger, 28; his wife Sharon, 23; Everett W. Boyd, 26; and his wife Dianne, 25. (UPI Telephoto)



TRAINING EXERCISE — A special aircraft carrier task force of the United States Far East Seventh Fleet has been conducting "training exercises" in the South China Sea since early December when fighting broke out between pro-Communist and pro-Western factions in Laos. The task force consists of aircraft carriers Lexington, above, and Bennington, 1,400 Marines and several destroyers. Reliable sources report the Navy and Marine units have returned to the South China Sea after spending Christmas and New Year's in port. (UPI Telephoto)

Laotian Troops Lose Strongholds To Rebel Forces

Vientiane, Laos — (UPI) — Laotian government troops lost two important strongholds to Communist-supported Pathet Lao rebels in strategic provinces bordering North Viet Nam, it was announced today.

The pro-Western government which quoted military reports which indicated that Phong Saly, the provincial capital, was captured by Pathet Lao guerrillas "with the aid of Chinese and North Viet Nam m.e.s. Communists." Xiang Khouang was abandoned "to avoid artillery fire," a government spokesman said.

Premier Prince Boun Oum was reported considering a general mobilization to cope with the latest Communist aggression.

The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, facing one of its most serious crises, met today in special emergency session to discuss the Laotian crisis.

The U. S. Air Force Sunday night "repositioned" several C130 turbo-prop transport planes from Seward Air Force base, Tenn., but would not say whether the action was related to the crisis in Laos.

Boy Is First 1961 Baby Born Locally
An eight-pound, eight-ounce son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Ricketts, 143 South Keeneway dr., Medford, is apparently the first baby born locally in 1961.

The baby, delivered at the Rogue Valley hospital, was born at 8:40 yesterday morning. It wasn't until 2:36 that afternoon that 1961's second baby arrived.

Mrs. and Mrs. Roy L. Lyon, 28 Jeanette ave., Medford, are the parents of a 9½-pound girl born Sunday, also at Rogue Valley hospital.

Spokesmen at the Crater Osteopathic hospital in Central Point, and the Ashland General hospital report that no babies were born under their care Jan. 1.

West Slope Pharmacy Safe Robbed of \$330
West Slope — (UPI) — The Washington county sheriff's office reported Sunday that one man took \$330 from a safe at the West Slope Pharmacy Saturday night while a woman and another man were talking to the store manager.

Plans for a 500-ton pulp mill at Gold Beach on the Rogue river, if legislative approval can be obtained, were reviewed in an article in The World, Coos Bay newspaper.

According to the article, the U. S. Plywood Corporation is ready to construct the mill once approval is obtained for taking 25-second feed of water from the Rogue river for industrial purposes. It stated that the legislature will be asked for the authorization when it meets this month.

Rogue river water for industrial purposes is now prohibited by state law.

Industry sources told The World that the water would be taken from the river near the mouth, but above tideline. Mill waste would be pumped through a pipeline into the ocean, it was stated.

Court Rules City Ordinance Requiring Basement Sprinkler Systems Invalid
A Medford city ordinance requiring the installation of "an approved sprinkler system" in the basement of buildings in the city's business section has been ruled invalid by Circuit Judge James M. Main.

Judge Main Friday issued a permanent injunction restraining the city from enforcing the ordinance (Number 6668).

The opinion was handed down in reference to eight suits involving eight buildings in the Medford business district filed against the city in 1959.

The suits involved Fluhrer Building Inc., Margaret Ames Fluhrer, First National Bank of Oregon, Constance and Eleanor Ames, Ronald A. Lois A., Chester A.,

and Mary L. Hubbard, Robert J. and Hazel D. Crossman, E. A. Littrell, Scott V. Davis Building Inc. and Raymond Reiter.

Earlier the court had restrained the city from enforcing the ordinance while the suits were pending.

Judge Main stated in his opinion that the property owners are not furnished a guide, rule or information in the ordinance as to what they must do in order to comply.

He added that the ordinance does not meet the tests of reasonableness as it affects the properties involved.

The judge ruled that in order for standards, set forth in a pamphlet by the National

Board of Fire Underwriters, to be included in the ordinance, the pamphlet number should have been specified.

He added that the public has a right to the safest method of protection and that municipalities have the power to compel the adoption of new methods for the protection of the public.

The judge mentioned other cases where the court upheld the right of a city to enact ordinances affecting existing buildings, but in each the court ruled that the ordinances must be reasonable.

Roberts, Kellington, Branchfield and Heffernan were attorneys for the plaintiffs with Joel B. Reeder representing the city of Medford.



MARGUERITE W. WRIGHT
New Salem Correspondent

Legislature Will Be Mail Tribune Column Subject

"Statehouse Special," a column concerned with state government and the 1961 session of the legislature, appears for the first time in the Mail Tribune today.

It will continue, on a once-a-week basis, during the 1961 session.

Mrs. Marguerite W. Wright is the author. She has wide experience, both in newspaper writing, and as an observer and participant in state government. Her husband, Tom, is statehouse reporter for the Oregon Statesman of Salem.

Reporting in Depth
Mrs. Wright will not limit her reporting to any single phase of state government and legislative problems, but will be able to provide reporting in depth, and background information, on many legislative problems. Her coverage will supplement that of the United Press International from Salem for readers of the Mail Tribune.

In addition, each of the members of the Jackson county delegation in the legislature — State Sen. Lyndel Newberry, and Representatives Robert Duncan and John Dellenback — have been invited to use the columns of the Mail Tribune from time to time during the legislature to communicate with their constituents.

Mrs. Wright's first column appears on Page 10B of today's Mail Tribune.

Portland Coliseum Dedication Sunday
Portland — (UPI) — Formal dedication of Portland's \$8.5 million Memorial Coliseum will be held next Sunday, according to Chairman Gale Livingston of the Exposition-Recreation Commission.

The Coliseum opened in November.

Leopoldville, The Congo — (UPI) — Troops of Col. Joseph Mobutu were reported today to have failed in an attempt to wrest control of the capital of Kivu Province from supporters of ousted Premier Patrice Lumumba.