

Cuba Said To Still Pose 'Difficult Problems'; Russia Cancels Military Readiness Steps

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Red Chinese Drive Indian Troops Back

New Delhi—(UPI)—Communist Chinese forces drove Indian defenders back to within a few miles of the teagrowing Plains of Assam in the hours before a ceasefire the Reds had set for today.

But as the deadline passed, there was no word from the mountain front on whether the fighting had stopped.

Communist China claimed in a Peking Radio broadcast heard in London that it had cleared Indian forces out of all strong points they held "in Chinese territory" in western sectors near the Sino-Indian border.

The Defense Ministry disclosed that the Chinese attackers had broken through Indian defense lines to within a few miles of the Assam Plains on the northeast frontier.

Indians Cleared Out

There was an exchange of fire in the Chusul area of Ladakh in the northwest, but Indian forces there held firm to their positions.

A defense spokesman said Indian troops had fallen back 80 miles along the Lohit river southwest from the town of Walong near the Burma border, a route that led to the Digboi oilfields in eastern Assam. This was a withdrawal of 64 miles since Tuesday.

Admits Chinese Gains

The spokesman said that in the western sector of the North East Frontier Agency, the Chinese Communists had made "some breakthrough toward the foothills," indicating the attackers were nearing the Assam Plains in this area, too. He reinforced this view by saying that "sporadic fighting is in progress in the mountains some miles south of Bomdila," the vital pass in the Himalayas that gives access to the main road to Tezpur, headquarters of Indian army forces in the northeast.

Only a few hours before the deadline for the ceasefire which the Chinese Reds said they would put into effect, an official spokesman here refused to say whether the Indians would end hostilities.

He pointed out that no formal communication had been received in New Delhi from Peking up to that time about the cease fire.

But he pointed out that Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament later in the day that "he would consider the question of the cease fire" as soon as he was handed the Chinese proposal. Nehru indicated he might reject Red China's cease fire bid.



BIRTHDAY — John Nance Garner, former vice president of the United States, will celebrate his 94th birthday on Thanksgiving day with a quiet day at his home in Uvalde, Tex., where a few friends will visit briefly. (UPI)

Kremlin Orders Reveal Missiles Ready for Action

Warsaw Pact Orders Rescinded

Moscow—(UPI)—The Soviet Union today canceled the military preparedness measures it took last month at the height of the Cuban crisis. It said President Kennedy's lifting the Cuban blockade made the relaxation possible.

The orders to the Soviet armed forces disclosed for the first time that intercontinental ballistic missiles had been in a state of "combat readiness" and indicated that some submarines had been sent to battle stations.

Told of Decision

The announcement came shortly after Moscow Radio told the Soviet people of the President's decision to end the blockade. But the broadcast did not mention the fact that U.S. aerial surveillance of the island will continue.

Later, Moscow Radio broke its silence on the Chinese Communist cease fire in the Indian border war. It broadcast a four-minute summary of the Chinese decision, without comment.

The military measures included a holdover of rocket forces and other key forces scheduled for discharge and an increase in the general state of combat readiness of all the armed forces.

Other Orders Rescinded

The official announcement, broadcast by Moscow Radio, said that similar readiness orders given to the Warsaw Pact forces of Russia's East European allies also were being rescinded.

It said the decision was made "in connection with the orders issued by President Kennedy on the lifting of the quarantine (to lock a d e) of Cuba."

The orders were given to the forces, it said, "in connection with the possibility that has appeared for liquidating the aftermath of the dangerous crisis that has taken place in the Caribbean Sea."



JOHNSON CREEK FLOODS—Heavy rainfall in the Portland area forced Johnson creek to go over its banks and flood southwest Portland. Some traffic tie-ups occurred as drains plugged leaving streets inundated. (UPI)

Kennedy Orders Cuban Blockade Force Removed

Russia Agrees To Remove Bombers

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy Tuesday lifted the voluntary censorship placed on military information during the Cuban crisis. He said his recent information policies might have prevented a disaster.

Much of the President's news conference Tuesday night was devoted to the government's handling of information during the Cuban crisis, and new information policies in the state and defense departments.

Kennedy said it would have been "possibly disastrous" if news of the Russian buildup in Cuba had "dribbled out" prematurely.

And during the days following the announcement of the missile threat, he said, restraints on information were necessary to have the government "speak with one voice."

Lifts Press Order

He said the 12 points "that we made to the press in regard to voluntary restraints on the movement of troops and so on" would be lifted immediately.

Kennedy also said "there will be a change, I think, in the State Department policy directive" requiring all officials to make reports on their conversations with newsmen.

He indicated no change in a similar directive at the Defense Department. "The need" at the State Department, he said, "is somewhat different from what it is in the Defense Department."

The Defense Department, he said, deals with "very sensitive intelligence and the methods by which that intelligence is received."

He said his only interest in establishing such policies was to prevent release of military information "extremely inimical" to the national interest. He indicated he was mainly concerned with the possible leakage of intelligence information.

Biddle Rd. Zone Change Is Granted By Medford Council

The Medford city council last night granted a zone change on Biddle rd., denied a request for a sign variance, and approved a change in the parking ratio for commercial zones in the city.

A request by Standard Oil company to erect a 50-foot sign advertising its Biddle rd. freeway interchange service station was turned down by a 5 to 3 vote of the council.

The oil company had argued the unusual height for the sign was necessary so it would be visible over the International Harvester company building to north-bound traffic on the Interstate 5 freeway.

The council voted to change the location of the property, he couldn't "visualize any use but commercial." The planning commission had recommended the zone change.

Vote Breaks Tie

The council was divided evenly on the zone change request, and it took Mayor John W. Snider's affirmative vote to break a 4 to 4 tie.

Councilman Robert Bacaus warned that approval of the request would create an "intrusion into a residential area." Councilman Stan Stark countered that in view of the location of the property, he couldn't "visualize any use but commercial."

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Flood Danger Eases; Dam Breaks in Oregon

Several Dozen Families Flee in Tillamook County

Oregon Reclamation Congress to Meet In City This Month

Reclamation and Recreation will be the theme of the 52nd annual meeting of the Oregon Reclamation Congress in Medford Nov. 28 to 30, according to John Stewart, Klamath Falls, president.

Although the Congress is primarily an association of irrigation districts in the state, the meetings are open to anyone interested in the field of water resource, according to Marvin Shearer, Oregon State university extension irrigation specialist and Congress secretary.

Meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Jackson county extension office.

Registration at the auditorium will open at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 28. Committee meetings will fill the rest of the first day's schedule. Those attending also may register Nov. 29 at 8:30.

Engineer to Speak

A symposium on "Oregon's Water Resources Situation" will open the program Nov. 29. Chris Wheeler, Salem, Oregon, state engineer, will speak on the watermaster situation in Oregon. The status of ground water in the state will be discussed by Jack Seva, Salem, state ground water geologist, and the activities of the State Water Resource Board will be described by Don Lane, executive secretary of the board.

Luncheon speaker will be Harold Nelson, Boise, director of region one, bureau of reclamation, whose topic will be "Recreation on Reclamation Projects."

That afternoon, Tom Helseth, Portland, state conservationist with Soil Conservation Service, will report on the status of Oregon projects being planned under the small watersheds act. Gill Stamm, bureau of reclamation in Washington, D. C., will speak at the banquet.

Annual Business Meeting

Congress members will hold their annual business meeting Friday morning, Nov. 30. Robert L. Sweeney, general manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will be the luncheon speaker.

Friday afternoon a second symposium is scheduled, this one to be held around the theme of the conference. Participants will be Andy Landforce, OSU extension wildlife management specialist.

Freeway Section Opens to Traffic To North Medford

The section of Interstate 5 between Seven Oaks interchange to Crater Lake highway interchange opened this morning.

Barriers were removed for northbound traffic at 8 a.m. and for southbound traffic at 8:30 a.m.

Local state highway department officials reported that department cars lead the first vehicles through to direct them to the proper exit ramps.

Tentative plans call for the opening of the section between Crater Lake highway and Barnett rd. the afternoon of Dec. 20.

Turning Lane

Construction started this week on a turning lane for northbound traffic on South Riverside ave. at Stewart ave. The lane will handle the increased amount of traffic turning onto Stewart ave. en route to the Barnett rd. interchange once that section is opened.

Approximately one-quarter of an acre of Medford's Albu park is being used for the construction. A right of entry was given the state by the Medford city council last month. It was stressed that no trees will be removed.

The widening necessitated the extension of a concrete box now under Stewart ave. Widening will be only on the curve, it was noted, since the present turn is difficult to maneuver.

The triangular piece of park property needed for the project is approximately 75 feet on Riverside ave. and 68 feet on Stewart ave.

Highway department officials said that no change will be necessary to handle the southbound traffic.

Union Services Slated in Area

Union Thanksgiving services are scheduled in the Rogue valley tonight and Thursday morning.

In Medford, the service will be held at Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave., at 10 a.m. Speaker will be the Rev. W. E. Martin, First Church of God.

In Ashland, the service also will be at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian church. Edwin Hamon, pastor of Ashland Friends church, will speak.

In Talent, the service will be at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Talent Friends church with Mrs. Violet Bolliger, minister of the Methodist church, speaking.

Also at 7:30 o'clock tonight will be the service in Phoenix at the Presbyterian church.

Individual churches which have scheduled services include: Apostolic Faith, 10:30 a.m.; Ascension Lutheran, 10 a.m.; First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10 a.m.; Sacred Heart Catholic church, 8 and 9 a.m. masses; St. Mark's Episcopal, 11 a.m.; St. Peter's Lutheran, 10 a.m.; Unity Church of Medford, 10 a.m.; and Ashland Grace Lutheran church, 10:30 a.m., all Thursday.

All of the services are open to the public.

Chlorine May Be Added All Winter

There is a possibility that chlorine will be added to the Medford water supply throughout the winter months, Robert L. Lee, water superintendent, said today.

Chlorine was first added to the water Nov. 15 as a precautionary measure to maintain the water purity since the heavy rains in October.

Lee explained that the department may be able to reduce the amount of chlorine added later this year, but this will depend entirely on tests. He noted that the department found during the past two years that after heavy rains the water would not measure up to its usual high standards.

The amount of chlorine being added is one pound per 10,000,000 pounds of water. The chlorine is added as a gas at a point below Big Butte Springs and is generally dissipated before the water gets to the users, Lee noted.

He said the amount of chlorine being used here is approximately one-third of the amount used in other Oregon cities.

Offices, Stores To Be Closed Thanksgiving

City, county, state and federal offices will be closed Thanksgiving day and county school students will not return to classes until Monday, Nov. 26.

The Mail Tribune will publish a noon edition. It will include Christmas shopper sections.

Among state offices closed tomorrow will be the Oregon Liquor commission store on North Grape st.

Grants Pass Man Killed in Accident

Grants Pass — A Grants Pass man was killed yesterday afternoon when the car in which he was working rolled off two bumper jacks, pinning him underneath the car.

According to Grants Pass city police, John Robert Noble, 54, of 1100 Southwest L st., was installing overload springs on the car when the accident occurred.

He was discovered by a neighbor, Leon P. Kellogg, who arrived home about 1 p.m. Kellogg jacked up the car and with his wife freed Noble, but efforts to revive him by police and firemen failed.

Noble is survived by his wife, Inez Noble, Grants Pass. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the L. B. Hall chapel, Grants Pass. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial park.

Makeup Clinic Set For Sabin Vaccine

A makeup session for all people who failed to receive the Type II Sabin oral vaccine will be held in the Jackson county courthouse Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health officer.

The makeup clinic is designed primarily for students away to school when the earlier sessions were held, and for other individuals who missed the earlier clinics for some reason.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

AIR FORCE TO RELEASE RESERVISTS
Washington—(UPI)—The Air Force soon will release more than 14,000 reservists called to active duty in the Cuban crisis, it was reported today.

CUBANS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY
Washington—(UPI)—Three Cubans arrested last week end in New York were indicted today on charges of conspiring to sabotage American defense installations as agents of the Fidel Castro Government.

U.S. SENDING CARGO PLANES TO INDIA
Washington—(UPI)—The United States announced today it will send 12 jet-prop cargo planes with American crews to India in response to India's urgent plea for fresh military supplies to counter Chinese Communist border assaults.

\$289,001 Paid to County by Company

Pacific Northwest Bell joined other businesses and residents of Jackson county in paying 1962-63 property taxes last Thursday.

J. H. Creager, manager for the company, said a check for \$289,001.97 had been sent to the courthouse. The net amount after discount was one of the largest payments in the county this year.

"We certainly recognize that it is actually our customers who foot the tax bill," Creager said. "Even though the company sends in the tax check, only people pay taxes."

Throughout the state, Pacific Northwest Bell paid taxes totaling \$5.4 million, an increase of some 7.8 per cent over last year.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with a few sprinkles tonight. High tonight 48-51. High Thursday 58.

Highest Yesterday 52
Lowest This Morning 42
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:11 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 7:12 a.m.
New Moon Nov. 24

PROMINENT STAR
Regulus, stars 11:31 p.m.
VIRILE PLANETS
Mars, above Regulus, Saturn, low in south-west, 7:30 p.m.
Jupiter, in southwest 9:17 p.m.
Venus, rises 6:21 a.m.

SCHOOL MAN HURT

Albany—(UPI)—Paul Muno, vice principal of the Milwaukie, Ore., high school was seriously hurt today when his car left the freeway south of Albany and crashed into a sign, state police reported.

Pope John Intervenes To Support Liberals

Vatican City—(UPI)—Pope John XXIII intervened today to support "liberals" at the Ecumenical Council and halt debate on a subject that could limit the prospects of Christian unity.

ORDER REVERSED

Salem—(UPI)—An order issued by Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill which denied a water rate increase to Depece Bay Development Co. in Lincoln county has been reversed by the Marion County Circuit Court here.

Salem Man Named Deputy State Highway Engineer

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon Highway Commission Tuesday appointed Roderick L. Porter, 56, Salem, as deputy state highway engineer, effective Dec. 1.

He will be the Oregon Highway Department's number two man, just under State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper.

Porter, who has been an assistant highway engineer for the past year, succeeds G. S. Paxson, 69, who is retiring.

Porter's job as assistant will be filled by Lloyd P. Shaw, metropolitan engineer for the State Highway Department in Portland.

Fred B. Klabe, Salem, an assistant construction engineer, was promoted to Shaw's job in Portland.

Still another part of the shakeup caused by Paxson's retirement is the appointment of Gilmore L. Decker, Salem, a field construction engineer, who will take Klabe's old job.

The shakeup in personnel also resulted in the promotion of two department employees in Roseburg. J. F. Putnam, assistant division engineer for southwest Oregon, moves to Salem to take Decker's job as field construction engineer. John H. Quiner, resident bridge engineer for southwest Oregon, will take over Putnam's post in Roseburg.