

RUSSIA WARNS ON WORLD WAR III

Withycombe Scandal Detailed at Hearing

Attack on Cuba Would Result in War in America

Annihilation of Countries Promised

Moscow—UPI—The Soviet Union warned the United States today that any attack on Cuba would start World War III.

Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Rodion Malinovsky also said that Russia and its allies would regard a war against Cuba as a war against all of them.

"This war will be waged not only in Cuban territory but on the territory of the United States too," Malinovsky said in a major speech at ceremonies marking the 45th anniversary of the Soviet armed forces.

Malinovsky issued his warning at a time when Soviet ships were reported en route to Cuba to remove several thousand of the estimated 17,000 Russian troops stationed there. It also came shortly after the United States sent a sharp note to Cuba demanding an explanation of the attack by MIG fighters on an unarmed American shrimp boat in the Florida Straits.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, appearing in his army uniform for the first time in 18 months, listened attentively as Malinovsky spoke.

"We want to admonish the aggressive circles," Malinovsky said "that an attack on the Cuban republic would mark the beginning of a third world war."

He said that in the event of any such attack, the Soviet Union would be in the forefront of those to help Cuba. "It is impossible to intimidate us," he said. "We have the power to burn up the aggressors in the first hour of attack."

He also charged that American submarines were menacing Soviet ships in the Caribbean.

Malinovsky added that the Soviet Union "will wipe out civil and military objects of the United States and annihilate countries which have U.S. weapons" in the event of an attack on Russia.

The defense minister claimed in a major address that Russia would reply with a salvo of three times as many rockets as those the United States might launch against the Soviet Union.

Malinovsky repeated Soviet claims that it possessed a "global rocket" that could pierce any enemy defenses and said ever-increasing numbers of these were being supplied to the Soviet armed forces.

These rockets, he said, would "irretrievably reach their targets and deliver their lethal cargo."

The defense minister claimed that Soviet might had been a consistent factor in holding back alleged imperialist aggression, particularly in Cuba.

His main theme was to boast of Soviet might, including the claim of an intercontinental missile with a 100-megaton thermo-nuclear warhead "capable of fully destroying all military and industrial targets in an area of several thousand square kilometers."

Snider Replaced on Aeronautics Board

Salem—UPI—Mayor Robert Veatch of Klamath Falls today was named by Gov. Mark Hatfield to the Board of Aeronautics.

Veatch, a C-47 pilot in World War II, replaced former Medford Mayor John W. Snider, who resigned.

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Appling, Kliever Key Witnesses Of Subcommittee

Question To Be Left To Courts

Salem—UPI—Discovery of a military scandal and names of officers who signed orders relating to it were detailed here Thursday by the head of the Oregon National Guard and the secretary of state.

The testimony came at a tense meeting of a Ways and Means Subcommittee, which also heard one officer admit he had questioned activities of his superiors but taken no action.

The key witnesses were Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., and Adjutant General Paul L. Kliever, who became head of the Oregon National Guard when the late Alfred E. Hintz died last May. Irregularities Revealed

Shortly after the death of Hintz, irregularities at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas county were made public.

Continuing investigation, Appling said, revealed the existence of a special cash fund, irregular disposal of surplus goods, and diversion of money to unauthorized projects, including improvements to Hintz's home. The secretary of state gave the committee audit reports and documents bearing names to back up his statement.

Kliever said the irregularities first came to his attention the night after Hintz's funeral, when he expressed concern that Hintz's widow would have to complete payment for improvements to the Hintz home.

Kliever said he was told by Lt. Col. James J. Anderson that "we didn't have to worry, that the general had reimbursed himself."

Kliever said Anderson then "related the sale of these logs and various equipment." The reference was to logs and equipment from the abandoned Tongue Point Naval Station.

Kliever said he reported at once to the governor's office. The investigation followed.

Left To Courts Appling, whose auditors spearheaded the investigation, stressed he would "leave to the courts the question of whether there was or was not criminal or illegal action on the part of any national guard personnel involved in these matters."

He said he was bringing his findings before the committee because he was concerned over the standard of conduct they reflected.

"Whether the degree of participation be one of investigation of irregular procedures, actions which serve to make it possible, or simply silence on the part of those who are aware of these occurrences, the result seems to me to contribute to the same end," he said.

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Ashland Elementary Schools Are Entered

Ashland—Walker and Briscoe elementary schools were broken into last night, Ashland police reported this morning.

Entry was gained at each school by prying open a rear door and then prying open the doors to the respective principal's offices.

Between \$25 and \$30 in change was taken from Walker school. Nothing was found missing from Briscoe, police said.

NEWS BRIEFS

MEDICARE PROGRAM PIGEON-HOLED

Washington—UPI—Congress today consigned to a quiet pigeonhole President Kennedy's new medicare program which would boost Social Security taxes above \$200 a year for every worker earning \$100 a week or more. The controversial plan will not be pulled out for many months.

SPEEDY EXPLANATION DEMANDED

Washington—UPI—The United States has demanded a speedy explanation from Cuban Premier Fidel Castro of the attack by MIG fighters on an unarmed American shrimp boat in the Florida Straits.

BIG THREE TEST BAN TALKS REJECTED

Geneva—UPI—The Soviet Union today rejected any Big Three nuclear test ban talks and said the issue must be hammered out by the entire 17-nation Disarmament Conference.



STATUE DETERIORATES

George Washington stands quietly alone in Lafayette Park in St. Louis, Mo., to observe his 231st birthday. The statue, having withstood 94 years of St. Louis weather, is showing the effects of exposure and neglect, the face and body marked with spots of erosion. The statue is one of five bronze castings made by a sculptor done in 1788 by the great French artist, Jean Antoine Houdon, who was a contemporary of Washington. The St. Louis park board is considering ways and means of restoration of the statue.

American Exchange Student Accused By Russian Paper

Moscow—UPI—A Russian newspaper has charged Chicago exchange student Joel Pichney with the major Soviet crime of speculation and suggested he be kicked out of the country.

The Leningrad youth newspaper Smyena (The Shift) said the 25-year-old student also was guilty of "anti-Communist ravings" and whispering to strangers in the streets of Leningrad about "discrimination against Jews" in Russia.

"Isn't that just about

Flu Vaccine Shots Are Recommended

Adults and children, unless they are suffering from chronic disease such as heart trouble, should receive flu vaccine, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer, said yesterday.

Dr. Merkel said his office has received a number of telephone calls from people inquiring as to whether they should give their family the vaccine.

Pre-school and school age children especially should receive the vaccine, the public health officer said. However, the family physician must give the vaccine and advisability of taking the shots in each individual case must be decided by the physician.

The U.S. public health service is recommending the vaccine, Dr. Merkel said.

DO PASS' URGED

Salem—UPI—The first of six bills aimed at sex offenders was forwarded to the house floor today with a "do pass" recommendation.

Regional Edition

Plan To Outlaw Speed Traps in State Proposed

Measure Proposes Maximum Speed

Salem—UPI—Proposals that would outlaw radar speed traps, set maximum speed limits, and make attempted suicide a crime punishable by fine or imprisonment, were introduced in the house today, which would establish zoning of land used exclusively for farming, and a measure which would give juvenile courts jurisdiction over a child whose parent or guardian had failed to provide for him.

Bans Evidence

The bill by Rep. Philip Lang (D-Portland) would ban radar evidence in prosecution for speeding violations. The House Committee on Highways introduced the bill which would repeal the present prima facie speed law. The bill would set a maximum speed of 70 miles per hour on state highways, and would increase present 20, 25, and 55 mile zones to 25, 30 and 65.

Lang also introduced a bill providing that anyone trying or threatening to commit suicide be punished by county jail imprisonment of one year, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

The Senate Agriculture Committee submitted the farm zoning proposal. It calls for farm land to be assessed at its true cash value for farm use and not at the true cash value it would have if applied to other uses.

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) submitted the juvenile court measure. It would give the court jurisdiction when a child was allowed to become dependent on a public or private child caring agency that needs services of the court in planning for the child's best interests.

Lakes Purchase Is Waiting Clearance

Final agreement on purchase of Hoover lakes in the White City area for the state game commission is pending clearance of a technically with the General Services Administration, it was reported today.

White City Realty is purchasing four of the lakes and the surrounding approximately 300 acre area for the game commission in exchange for other White City area land now under control of the state game commission, a spokesman for the realty company said.

The General Services Administration has some control over transfer of state game commission property because it formerly was federal property, it was explained.

The state game commission would use the chain of lagoons fed by Rogue River Valley Irrigation district runoff water for a game refuge.

The C. C. Hoover family created the lakes about 15 years ago as a recreation area. Since they are now subdividing their former farm land and find it difficult to police the lakes, the Hoovers have sought for some time to place them under state game commission administration.

Salem—UPI—A cigarette tax and a broader based personal income tax should be approved to raise new revenues for Oregon, Associated Oregon Industries said Thursday night.

Students in Custody For Theft at Home

Two Hedrick Junior High school students were taken into custody by Medford police Thursday in connection with the theft of some coins from a Medford residence Feb. 8.

The youngsters, one 14 and the other 15 years old, gave statements to officers admitting they broke into the home of Gerald Walter Hobbs, 311 Ashland ave., and took a variety of small coins, some of them antique.

The boys were released to the custody of their parents after questioning, on the advice of juvenile authorities, officers said.

TO OPPOSE BILL

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Republican Action league will oppose a Sunday closing bill now before the state legislature, chairman Roger Van Winkle said Thursday.



ROAD BLOCKED — Devil's Slide, the perennial Coast Highway 1 headache of state engineers and highway patrolmen, was closed near Pacifica, Calif., by slides Thursday.

One mass of mud closed one lane and a rock slide finished closing the road. Above, heavy equipment starts removal of the obstruction. (UPI)

Mann's Request Is Discussed by Medford Council

A request by Mann's Department store to vacate the west 100 feet of the alley between its store and Western Thrift store, 30 North Central ave., was discussed by the Medford city council last night.

A public hearing on the request will be scheduled.

In making the presentation, John Moffat, Mann's president, explained that with the alley vacated the store could increase its size from 25,000 square feet to approximately 43,000 square feet.

An offer of \$1,000 per linear foot was made for the alley, and Moffat asked that the city pay the cost for moving utility distribution lines in the area.

Cost Not Determined

City Manager Robert A. Duff stressed that the cost for moving the utilities in the alley is not known and this will be checked for presentation at the public hearing. The city also scheduled an appraisal of the property to be vacated.

It was mentioned that Fred Robinson is negotiating to purchase the building which housed the Medford Furniture store on the southwest corner of Sixth and Bartlett sts. for a parking lot.

Moffat said that while he had had a truck turn-around in the alley that would remain following the vacation of the west end, the parking lot in the area would open up that corner of the block.

The store official said that even with the final approval of the request and the completion of engineering plans, actual construction on the expansion could not get underway for at least a year.

Swallows Return to Grants Pass Home

Grants Pass—Spring may not be busting out all over, but Marvin Clark, Grants Pass, has a sure sign that it has arrived in southern Oregon—the swallows have returned.

Clark, who each year has been noting the arrival of the harbingers of spring, said it is the second time in 20 years that the swallows have returned here this early. Ordinarily, he said, they put in their first appearance about the middle of March.

Ordinance Prohibits Billboards Along Freeway in Medford

An ordinance to prohibit billboards along Interstate 5 inside the city limits was approved by the Medford city council last night.

In other business regarding signs, Mayor James Dunlevy voted to override a planning commission recommendation, when the council vote tied.

The ordinance, to prohibit billboards within 270 feet of the center line of Interstate 5, was described as a "stop-gap" measure until city council and planning commission members with members of the sign industry can work out an overall plan.

The ordinance allows signs within this area only if they identify the business on which they are placed and are less than 100 square feet.

Appeal Is Approved

Also approved was an appeal from a planning commission recommendation by Standard Oil Company regarding a 50-foot high sign on property east of Biddle rd. at the Interstate 5 interchange.

The planning commission had recommended a 35-foot sign. In defending the commission's action, Elwood Hedberg, president, explained that the group did not feel that several such high signs would be desirable in that area. He said that the 35-foot height was decided upon so that the sign would be visible above neighboring buildings.

Company officials stressed that the requested height was necessary so it could be seen far enough along the freeway for safe turn-off.

Voting for the higher structure were Councilmen William Singler, Robert Cunningham, Al Bradford, and Joe Hostek. Opposing it were Robert Van Sickle, R. L. Baccus, Richard Travis and Terry D. Green.

Prior to his tie-breaking vote, Mayor Dunlevy explained that he felt that if a 50-foot-high sign was not needed at the location, the company's engineering firm would not have requested it. He added that in other areas where similar signs have been placed by the company where there are no regulations, the firm did not install signs higher than what they thought necessary.

Interested in Ordinance

Most of the more than 50 persons who attended the council meeting were interested in the proposed sign ordinance amendment.

Estimated 500 Persons Killed In Libya Quake

Benghazi, Libya—UPI—A devastating earthquake that "practically leveled" the resort town of Barce was reported today to have killed up to 500 persons and injured 1,000 others.

The quake hit Barce, 55 miles northeast of Benghazi, Thursday night, wrecking communications and virtually reducing it to rubble.

American and British military rescue workers dug through the ruins in a frantic search for survivors among the town's 3,000 population.

Barce, once an Italian fortress and a World War II battlefield of the Axis and Allied desert forces, apparently was at the epicenter of the quake. The temblor did not affect Benghazi, one of the two capitals of Libya, or other cities.

Supplies Rushed

The British, who maintain a military headquarters at Benghazi, rushed troops, doctors and medical supplies into the disaster area.

Planes from the U.S. Air Force base at Wheelus Field outside Tripoli, the second capital 400 miles to the west, dropped paramedic teams over Barce and flew an entire mobile hospital and other equipment to Benghazi for overland transport to Barce.

The British set up a vital radio link with the outside world, replacing the shattered landline communications. Traffic on the link between Barce and Benghazi was confined to requests for medical aid, food and blankets.

Eugene Man Claims \$10,000 Stolen, Minor Stab Wound Inflicted by Woman

Portland—UPI—Lindley A. (Dick) Warren of Eugene reported to police early today he was robbed of \$10,000 and stabbed by a woman.

Warren, 53, owns Top's Restaurant and Warren Enterprises in Albany. He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital with what was described as a non-serious stab wound. He told police he met the woman in a Eugene bar after converting some stocks to cash to buy a new house trailer in Portland. He identified her only as "Ann."

Warren told police his losses included \$8,500 he received for stock from his broker Thursday morning, and about \$1,500 in cash he already had.

er hiring another woman to drive the two of them to Portland, but revived to find his companion trying to stab him. He said the driver then left and a man he believed to be his companion's husband took him to Portland. He discovered his money was missing when he reached the hospital.

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He said he invited "Ann" to accompany him to Portland but that she objected that he was in "no condition" to drive. He said he agreed and that the woman told him she knew a woman cab driver who would operate his car. He said he hired the woman and that he "passed out" some time during the trip. He revived to find "Ann" attacking him with a knife he kept in his glove compartment.

She was able to inflict only a minor wound. It was at this point that the woman driver left the car and Warren found later that a man had taken over the wheel.