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## Pro-Nasser Military Forces Seize Power in Syria by Coup

### Coup Bloodless, But Said Threat To Peace in Area

Beirut, Lebanon - (UPI) - A pro-Nasser military junta seized control of Syria today in a swift and bloodless coup that threatened the peace of the entire Middle East.

There were no confirmed reports of fighting, and no reports of casualties. The only information about events inside the neighboring country came from broadcasts by the Damascus and Aleppo radio stations.

#### Claimed Success

But a group calling itself "the National Council of the Revolutionary Military Command" claimed initial success and increasing pledges of support.

It imposed a curfew throughout the country and ordered all air and seaports closed.

The junta, apparently led by Brigadier Abdallah Jabrini, promptly expressed its friendship for President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic, as well as for the Arab revolutionary regimes of Iraq, Yemen and Algeria.

Syria was a part of the U.A.R. until a revolt by another group of Syrian army officers took the nation out of the union Sept. 28, 1961. Ruled Syria

Jabrini is strongly pro-Nasser and was right-hand man to Egyptian Col. Abdel Hamid Serraj who ruled Syria during the Egypto-Syrian union.

Last month Jabrini was appointed chief of the Syrian Military Intelligence and Counter-espionage agency. Arab sources said he is a strong nationalist and anti-Communist.

But there was no immediate indication he would take Syria back into the U.A.R. More likely, there is more trouble ahead elsewhere in the Mideast.

## Light Quake Shakes Northwest Oregon

Portland - (UPI) - A light earthquake shook Northwest Oregon Thursday. No serious damage was reported.

The quake, the latest of several tremors to hit the area in recent weeks, also was felt in parts of Southwest Washington.

Dr. Peter Dehlinger, seismologist at Oregon State University, said the earthquake registered an intensity of five on the Mercalli scale of 12.

He said it was centered about 15 miles south of Salem and occurred at 3:53 p.m.

#### ACCUSED BY SOVIETS

Geneva - (UPI) - The Soviet Union accused the United States today of using faked scientific data for four years to block agreement on a nuclear test ban while conducting its own underground nuclear tests.

## NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

#### DIPLOMATS CAUTIONED ON U.S. POSITION

Geneva - (UPI) - American sources today cautioned diplomats at the 17-nation disarmament conference against reading too much flexibility into the U.S. position on a nuclear test ban treaty.

#### FRENCH WORKERS STAGE TWO-HOUR STRIKE

Paris - (UPI) - French gas and electricity workers staged a two-hour strike today protesting what they called inadequate wage increases offered by the government, already plagued by a week-old walkout by 200,000 coal miners also demanding pay hikes.

#### RUSK SAID RED TROOPS LEAVING CUBA

Washington - (UPI) - Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today that some Russian troops are being removed from Cuba and that more Soviet ships are on the way to the island.

But Rusk said he would make no "assessment" now of whether the Kremlin is meeting its promise to remove "several thousand" forces from Cuba by next Friday.



REVOLT IN SYRIA—Pro-Nasser army officers revolted in Syria today and announced they were taking control of the country. The governments of the United Arab Republic and Iraq immediately hailed the coup and pledged their armed support for the rebels. Syria formerly was merged with the U.A.R. (UPI)

## District Attorney Asks for Special Non-Support Deputy

District Attorney Alan Holmes yesterday afternoon asked the Jackson county budget committee for a special investigator for non-support cases. The budget committee took no action on the proposal.

Holmes said such an investigator would reduce welfare costs, but would not reduce the caseload in his office since population increase brings greater activity in his office.

Such an investigator would have to be a "special type of person," Holmes said. Clackamas county requires such a man to have two years law enforcement experience and two years college.

Holmes predicted he would have to hire a third deputy district attorney.

#### Represents An Increase

The district attorney's proposed budget is \$38,000, representing a \$10,924 increase over the current allocation of \$26,991.

Holmes asked a county allocation of \$3,000 to supplement the state's contribution to his salary, or an increase of \$1,000. He also requested \$4,600, an increase of \$1,000, for one deputy district attorney, and \$7,700, an increase of \$1,000, for the second deputy. The state contributes

\$4,000 to the salary of the first deputy.

Holmes also is asking for increases of \$390, \$371 and \$353 for three legal secretaries.

#### Request New Salaries

Rucker and his wife, who is supervising nurse, requested new salaries of \$4,680. This means an increase of \$1,280 each. County Judge Earl M. Miller pointed out the Ruckers also receive their rent and utilities free.

The budget committee tentatively agreed that five or six of the 33 county farm home employees should receive two step merit pay increases.

#### County Commissioner Donal

Faber urged that the farm home expenditures be brought within 10 per cent of its operating costs. The proposed budget of \$157,314 leaves a big gap between the estimated income of \$100,000, he pointed out.

#### Ashland School Budget Approved

Ashland - The Ashland District 3 school board has approved a budget of \$1,452,486 for the 1963-64 school year, an increase of \$77,219 over the current year's budget.

Action to approve the budget was taken Wednesday night. Superintendent Stanley Jobe indicated that the increased budget might increase the tax rate from about 68 mills. Three factors could keep the millage rate from going that high, however, he said.

Proposed state legislation to raise basic school support funds by \$10 per census child is one of the possible factors, he said. The others are receipt of O and C funds and a possible increase in assessed valuation of property within the district.

A public hearing on the budget will be held in April, and an election May 6.

## One of Warmest Februaries of Record Is Noted

Southwest Oregon experienced one of the warmest Februaries of record last month, the Medford station of the U.S. weather bureau noted today in releasing its water supply forecast for the irrigation season.

Precipitation for February was slightly above normal throughout Oregon. Rains during the month combined with the warm temperatures, erased much of the scanty Cascade mountain snow pack. Rains eradicated all snow cover at low elevation snow courses. Robert Church, meteorologist at the weather station, said.

Extremely low streamflow also is forecast for the Rogue-Umpqua watersheds by T. P. Helseth, state conservationist for the U.S. department of agriculture. Many irrigators will have little or no water after the middle of the summer, he predicted. Only lands served from reservoirs will have satisfactory water supplies, the conservationist, pointed out.

Snow depth at Crater Lake at the close of February was 38 inches. The previous low snow depth for the same date was 72 inches.

Water content of the mountain snowpack is only 19 per cent of the March 1 average and is at an all time low for this date.

Stored water supplies for the Talent Irrigation district now total 92,000 acre feet. Last year at this date the total was 55,000. This is an adequate supply for all uses.

The Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts also have more stored water in their reservoirs, 11,200 acre feet compared to 8,100 last year.

Due to heavy February streamflow, which resulted from rainfall and depletion of the snowpack, residual flow forecasts have been reduced from 4 to 14 per cent from those issued last month and now indicated that about 65 per cent of the average March through September flow can be expected.

The residual forecasts, March through September, for the Rogue river below South Fork shows 630,000 acre feet, 71 per cent of average. Klamath, at upper Klamath lake, net inflow is 467,000 acre feet or 57 per cent of average.

#### Parks Commission, League to Meet

The Jackson county parks and recreation commission will meet with the Izaak Walton League at 8 p.m. Monday night in the Jackson county extension service auditorium to discuss Bear creek.

Panel talks on development of recreation areas along Bear creek will be given by Laurence Espey, parks commission chairman, George Brenner, planning consultant, bureau of municipal research, and by Neil J. Ledward, county parks commission director.

In his director's report to the commission, Ledward said there is \$2,500 in the Bear Creek development fund which should be used for comprehensive planning study. This, plus \$1,500 estimated for professional time, would make a \$4,000 county contribution to which the federal government would contribute \$8,000 for a total of \$12,000, he said.

#### Tax Exempt Property Bill Gains Support

Salem - (UPI) - Unexpected support for a bill to have tax-exempt properties go back on the tax rolls at a reduced rate was voiced at a House Tax committee hearing Thursday night.

The Greater Portland Council of Churches and the Scottish Rite Masons said they favored putting their buildings back on the tax rolls if other exempt groups also were included.

#### Ice Warning Signs Placed on Viaduct

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When the temperature reaches 35 degrees, signs reading ice will automatically light.

Highway department officials said that a sign controlled by temperature was the only solution to the problem of warning motorists of icing conditions.



LET OUT CHEER—Striking printers and steryotypers picketing the New York Daily News early today let out a cheer on receiving word that publishers and printers had agreed to terms of a proposal which will end New York's 91-day old newspaper blackout. (UPI)

## Jobless Rate Rise May Bring Action On Tax Cut Bill

Washington - (UPI) - An unexpected rise in unemployment put pressure on Congress today to hasten action on the tax cut which President Kennedy says is needed to avert a future recession.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of jobless Americans rose 250,000 to 4.9 million in February. This boosted the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 6.1 per cent from the 5.8 January rate. It was the first time since December, 1961, that the rate had been as high as 6 per cent.

The new figures were promptly seized upon by Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz and by AFL-CIO President George Meany as proof of the need for cutting income taxes.

"The time for debate has passed and the time for action is long overdue," Meany said.

Congress in recent years has used the 6 per cent unemployment rate as a sort of benchmark to justify economy-bolstering measures.

## Sewer System Is Possible by 1964

Talent - Residents of the recently created South Talent Sanitary district may be able to have a sewer system installed by the summer of 1964, the district's board of directors has indicated.

"We feel if we can get the survey completed and the bond voted this summer we can probably begin construction at this time next year," board member Don Grimes said.

Between 35 and 40 persons present at the district's monthly meeting here last night were informed that the board has interviewed several engineering firms but has not yet selected one to do the district survey.

After a survey of a proposed sewer system has been made and estimated cost has been established, a bond issue can be put before the district residents for a vote, it was pointed out.

An aerial map of the district was displayed at the meeting. It will be placed on display for the next week at the Richfield service station on Highway 99 near its intersection with Creel rd.

The board also announced that Jeannette Thatcher Marshall, Medford attorney, has been retained by the district.

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## Immediate Action On Air Pollution Sought by Council

A request for immediate action to formulate a city ordinance on air pollution, a public hearing on a zone change request was continued, and a request for Medford water commission meetings to be held in a public building were considered by the Medford city council last night.

Councilman William A. Singler noted that air pollution is becoming more of a problem in the city and requested immediate action.

He suggested a joint meeting between city and county officials to coordinate action.

## Bill Favors Bid By Portland for Olympic Games

Salem - (UPI) - The Senate today suspended rules and gave immediate passage to a House memorial promoting Portland as the site of the 1968 Olympic Summer Games.

It was the third major action this week to boost Portland as the Olympic Games site.

Final passage was given earlier to a bill which would allow Portland to build an Olympic stadium outside its city limits.

And on Wednesday Gov. Mark Hatfield flew to New York to explain Portland's advantages to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who will make America's pitch for the games.

Legislative leaders have publicly indicated they would support Portland's bid in every possible way.

#### Recall Bill

In another action, the Senate recalled a bill passed Thursday. Sen. John Inskip (R-Ore.) moved for recall of SB301 so a technical error could be corrected. After the bill was approved it was discovered the wording of the bill posed a threat to all of the state's water laws.

The Senate also voted to change the speed limit on passenger buses from 55 to 65 miles per hour. The increased speed limit does not apply to school buses. The bill was introduced at the request of the AFL-CIO and had approval of the state police.

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## Congress Asked to Set Up System for Public Defenders

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy asked Congress today to set up a system for appointment of public defenders to represent people who can't afford lawyers to defend them in federal criminal cases.

"Whenever the lack of money prevents a defendant from securing an experienced lawyer, trained investigator or technical expert, an unjust conviction may follow," the President said.

Kennedy sent the House and Senate a draft of legislation which he said would "diminish the role which poverty plays in our federal system of criminal justice."

## Gold Hill Chamber Supports Request

Gold Hill - The Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce yesterday sent telegrams to the Oregon congressional delegation urging them to support the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association request for a supplemental \$50,000 appropriation.

The chamber voted to take the action after hearing a report by Norman Matteson, chamber delegate to the association's annual meeting in Grants Pass earlier this week.

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At that point, Persons said, one of the American pilots (unidentified) suggested that two or three planes already painted with Cuban markings fly to Guantanamo and strafe runways or other sections of the base. "By a fast rearrangement" with Guantanamo, persons said, base personnel would be removed to safety before the staged attack.

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## Publishers, Union Agree to Terms Stated by Wagner

### Publication May Resume Next Week

New York - (UPI) - Publishers and the striking printers union agreed today on terms put forth by Mayor Robert F. Wagner for settlement of the 91-day-old New York newspaper strike.

The settlement, reached three months to the day after the strike and shutdown started, must be ratified by the membership of the International Typographical Union, expected to be only a formality.

#### Resume Publication

Also to be resolved were several other issues, including strikes by the stereotype and mailers unions. Thus, it was not believed the papers could resume publication before next midweek at the earliest.

Meanwhile the newspaper strike in Cleveland entered its 14th week today with the key printers union and the Cleveland Press and Cleveland Plain Dealer still locked in a stalemate. Money remains the chief point of contention in that dispute and almost no progress was reported after negotiations Thursday.

The New York settlement, providing a two-year contract effective with a return to work, brought a variety of changes involving money and automation:

#### Wage Increase

-A \$12.27 money package with \$6.81 the first year and \$5.76 the second, including a \$4 wage increase each year.

-A common expiration date for all of the newspapers' union contracts, providing all unions agree. This would be about the second week in March and avert threats of strikes during the ad-heavy Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

-A 35-hour work week in the second year of the contract, compared to the present 36 1/4 hours.

-Introduction of outside tape automated operation of linecting machines in the union to get a share in increased productivity.

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