

Government Falls In Jordan; King Rumored Fleeing

Demonstrators Back Unity With UAR

Amman, Jordan - (UPI) - The government of Premier Samir Rifai fell Saturday night after a day in which Jordanian troops opened fire on pro-Nasser rioters in Jerusalem and Israel moved troops up to the frontier.

(In Cairo the Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted a Lebanese newspaper as saying King Hussein was preparing to flee Jordan in the wake of the demonstrations calling for unity with the new United Arab Republic. There was no confirmation of the report.)

(The MENA report said Hussein had told his advisers he wanted "to avoid the fate" of King Faisal of Iraq who was killed in the 1958 Baghdad coup. It said he already was sending some of his family abroad, including his brother Prince Mohammed, before fleeing himself.)

An informed source here quoted Rifai as telling parliament of the reported Israeli troop movements during the lengthy debate.

(Sources in Beirut, Lebanon, said Jordanian troops were moved to the border with Israel to counter the reported buildup of Israeli forces.)

(Israeli sources denied any troop movements had taken place.)

Rifai announced he would hand his resignation to King Hussein Saturday night after he lost a vote of confidence in parliament on Jordan's approach to the newly formed United Arab Republic of Egypt, Iraq and Syria.

End Applauded

Informed sources said deputies applauded the announcement of the government's fall at end of a nine-hour debate on government policies.

Rifai took office on March 27 following the resignation of Prime Minister Wasfi Tal. Small demonstration broke out in Amman Saturday in favor of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and spread to the rest of the country.

The army was sent into the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem after violent demonstrations there in favor of the new U.A.R. The army imposed a curfew. Rifai said the government did so only after agitators appeared carrying arms among the demonstrating students.

Mail Tribune Staff Members Win Prizes

Eugene - Two women staff members of the Medford Mail Tribune won awards Saturday night at the spring Oregon Presswomen's conference here.

Olive Starcher, Mail Tribune women's editor, received first prize for a woman's section in a Sunday edition. She was awarded third prize for a column appearing in a daily newspaper.

Peggyann Hutchinson, Mail Tribune church editor, won second prize for a new story in a daily paper with a circulation over 10,000. Miss Hutchinson's prize-winning story concerned the floods in the Medford area last fall.

The awards were presented at a banquet Saturday night. The conference will conclude today.



WINNING FLOAT - A \$50 prize for best theme portrayal was awarded to the float shown above, the entry of the Latter Day Saints church, at the Pear Blossom Festival parade in downtown Medford Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of area residents braved chilly weather and lined Central ave. to watch the annual parade.

Heaters Fired As Temperature Drops To 24

Fairly general orchard heating was expected to take place again last night, with temperatures scheduled to drop to as low as 26 degrees.

The heating was expected to be almost as intensive last night as it was Friday night, when the temperatures dropped to as low as 24 in some areas.

On Friday night, heating efforts were hampered by the fact that a poor ceiling caused the heat to go straight up. Orchardists had "real trouble" holding temperatures at 31 degrees to protect fruit buds now in their more tender stage.

Fourth Night

Friday represented the fourth night of heavy heating since the start of this season.

Observers said there undoubtedly was bud damage Friday night. Damage is considered still much too early to determine pear crop damage.

County Agent Don Berry said Saturday morning the local peach and apricot crop will be short this year due to frost damage in the Ashland area during last Tuesday's heavy heating.

Friday night was the toughest orchard heating night so far, with many heaters burning dry. Heating started at 11 p.m. It was general about midnight and orchardists burned their heaters wide open about 3 a.m. Saturday as they struggled to hold the temperature.

Rises to 32

The mercury rose to 32 degrees shortly after 8 a.m. when the heaters were extinguished. There were seven hours of solid heating. County Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy said.

About 375 people were busy Saturday filling orchard heaters up to midnight. Well over 800,000 gallons of oil were burned Friday night, Cordy said.

LDS Church Wins Best Theme Prize In Festival Parade

Chilly temperatures and overcast skies failed to dampen spirits Saturday afternoon as hundreds of area residents thronged downtown Medford streets to watch the 1963 Pear Blossom Festival parade.

Grand marshal of the parade was Peter Graves, star of the television series "Fury." Jacksonville's Marty Wyatt, Miss Oregon for this year, served as the parade's honorary grand marshal.

Marching school bands from Medford High, Hedrick Junior High, Eagle Point High, Talent Junior High school, Phoenix High and McLoughlin Junior High school participated in the parade.

Prizes Listed

Ashland's Elks Kilty band

Portsmouth, N. H. - (UPI) - A chemist told a Naval Court of Inquiry Saturday that debris, apparently from the sunken submarine Thresher's nuclear reactor shield, was charred in "a rush of flame."

Fred L. Downs, a chemist employed at the Portsmouth Naval shipyard where the Thresher was built, testified about tests he made on new debris recovered from the Atlantic where the submarine sank April 10 with a loss of 129 men.

The debris included a chunk of charred plastic about one foot square and one inch thick which Downs said was from the nuclear reactor shield of a submarine of the Thresher class.

Downs said he tested the plastic for impact, tear effect and compression but was unable to determine how the edges were torn, broken or burned.

"There was a rush of flame against it, causing a charring effect," Downs said. He offered no theory as to the origin or extent of the flame.

Stargazer Balloon Launched by Mistake

Alamogordo, N. M. - (UPI) - A huge balloon scheduled to carry two men to the fringes of space floated east Saturday at high altitudes - minus its passengers.

Another effort to launch the often postponed "Project Stargazer" balloon from Holloman Air Force base ended in disaster at dawn when static electricity inadvertently tripped a release and freed the balloon from the gondola.

New Building Tenants May Get No Mail

Washington - (UPI) - Tenants moving into new buildings in 50 major cities were faced with the possibility of no mail service after Monday because of a House slash in post office department funds.

Many Fishermen Brave Weather As Season Opens

Between 1,300 and 1,500 persons were at Howard Prairie lake Saturday morning as fishing season opened throughout the state. Anglers were reporting moderate success.

An estimated nine inches of snow failed to keep between 350 and 400 boats off the lake.

About 200 fishermen were on hand for the opening of the season at Hiatt lake, where fishing was reported as good.

Largest fish caught was a western rainbow trout measuring 20 inches. About seven acres of the lake was reported covered with one-inch thick ice.

Some 100 anglers were reported fishing at Fish lake. The lake was bordered with about 1 1/2 feet of snow.

Funfair Viewed By Crowd of 3,000

An estimated 3,000 persons attended the Crater Lions Funfair Friday and Saturday night.

Crater Lions spokesman said that Bozo the Clown will be on hand today to entertain the youngsters.

Especially popular with children has been the trout fishing pond, where catches up to 10 inches have been reported.

All exhibits at the Funfair are under cover, eliminating weather conditions as a problem. Rides have been set up on blacktop so patrons will not have to walk over wet grounds.

Ice, Snow Reported On Mountain Roads

Road conditions were reported icy in spots on highways into and out of the valley this week end.

The South Pacific highway through the Siskiyou mountains Saturday night was reported icy, but well sanded. Extreme caution was advised by state police.

The Green Springs highway was icy in spots and had three inches of new snow.

The Crater Lake highway in the Prospect area had icy conditions with chains advised.

Oregon Mountain had spots of ice and some fog with mostly bare pavement.

Howard Prairie reported traffic going through all right with spots of ice on the road. The road to Fish lake was reported all right, also.

The road to Willow lake from Butte Falls was reported muddy with chains needed.

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SCENE OF FIGHTING - Communist troops have driven neutralist forces from their strategic airfield stronghold on the Plaines des Jarres (top arrow) in Laos, it was reported Saturday. Skirmishes were also reported at Vang Vieng (bottom arrow), an important town on the highway between Vientiane and Luang Prabang, the royal capital. (UPI)

Fires Blacken Eastern States

Baltimore, Md., and Richmond, Va.

The fire burned thousands of acres of woodlands. Maryland forest rangers called Saturday the worst fire day in the state's history.

Gusts of wind up to 50 miles an hour sent fire raging through an entire city street of Bliddeford, Me. The blaze caused an estimated \$2 million damage, including leveling a factory and 15 tenement houses.

Some 250 persons were left homeless as flames leaped from building to building. Residents fled carrying household possessions in their arms or in wheelbarrows.

Firemen Hurt

A dozen firemen, including Fire Chief Arthur H. King, were hospitalized for smoke inhalation and other injuries. One fireman was struck by falling debris.

A 60 foot derrick over a gas well at Gray, Okla., collapsed and hindered fire fighting efforts. The \$250,000 well shot flames 50 feet into the sky and burned three men, two critically.

Four square blocks in Brooklyn, N. Y., were hit by a fire which swept through a lumber yard, oxygen plant and coal yard. It was punctured by periodic explosions from the plant and four firemen were hospitalized.

Rocket Launched

Wallops Island, Va. - (UPI) - The space agency last night launched a shotput sounding rocket as part of a joint U.S.-Italian project assigned to climax with the first launching of a satellite into an orbit around the equator.

Collins sent Jackson a telegram stating that he was "still concerned that only one route was presented to the people."

He stated that "no evidence had been given to show that this single route had been studied or discussed with groups or individuals interested in the historical preservation of Jacksonville."

Collins suggested that an advisory research group be given 30 days in which to prepare a report, to be studied both by the highway commission and the people of Jacksonville. Meanwhile, he asked that no further commission action be taken on the highway matter.

Collins recommended Ross as committee chairman, with others to be the director of state parks; the commission's chief engineer; Charles S. Pope, historical architect for the U. S. National Park Service, San Francisco; Mrs. Wes Hartman, Jacksonville; and Raymond Retter, Medford pear shipper, and director of the Southern Oregon Historical Society.

A group of "concerned Jacksonville citizens" would guarantee their expenses, Collins said.

Commission Explains Reasons For Jacksonville Highway Route; UO Professor Criticizes Plans

Jacksonville - The State Highway commission yesterday assured the people of Jacksonville that it is interested in the restoration of the Medford-Provident highway in connection with the proposed relocation of the Medford-Provident highway.

A memorandum from the office of Glenn L. Jackson, Medford, highway commission chairman, said, "There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding relative to the State Highway commission's plans for diverting the Medford - Provident highway around the city of Jacksonville. This project was undertaken at the request of the people of Jacksonville in order to remove logging trucks from the main street."

"At the present time, loaded trucks traveling to Medford must use the main street and negotiate a sharp, left-hand turn in order to proceed northward. A large timber sale in the Applegate area was completed not long ago and that will increase the volume of logging trucks using this road during the coming summer."

"The new road will take off from the Jackson Creek bridge at the mouth of the canyon and will run north and east (along the south side of Jackson creek) rejoining the Medford-Provident highway at the northern city limits of Jacksonville. Only two small houses will be affected."

"The Oregon State Highway commission, through its parks and recreation division, has had a great interest in the restoration of Jacksonville as a tourist attraction and is very conscious of any project which would affect the future of the area."

Ross is Critical

Meanwhile, the highway commission's proposed route came under fire Saturday from Marion D. Ross, acting dean of the University of Oregon school of architecture.

"I don't see why they have to ruin the town," he commented, adding, "but it's not up to me to tell the State Highway commission what to do."

Ross made his remarks after touring the proposed new route for the highway. He did not recommend another route, but suggested it cut farther

to north and bypass the city completely.

"People don't realize that they set a barrier when a highway is constructed. They also don't realize how wide a strip such a highway takes," Ross commented. "When you put a highway through a town you divide it."

Ross said he thought it would be cheaper to keep the highway out of town than to tear down buildings.

The highway commission's statement that only two small buildings would be affected by the highway relocation differed from statements by highway department personnel who said during recent hearings here that between 14 and 16 buildings would have to be taken out.

Planners Meet

Ross repeated his statements during a Jacksonville Planning commission meeting Saturday afternoon. He also strongly recommended a public movement to have Jacksonville made a state park or historical monument.

Historical groups may put on a fund-raising drive to restore an historical building, but too often do not have the

necessary funds to maintain it, he said. The state would, he added.

The Jacksonville cemetery should be considered part of the town, he said. The proposed highway diversion would separate it from town. The town should be considered as a unit. The highway would tend to break up the unit, he added.

Ross said he did not know whether any of the alternative routes suggested by various people would be better. Highway engineers would have to decide this, he said. Alternatives suggested are north of the cemetery or north of Jacksonville creek.

Richard Hein, Jacksonville, protested that the suggested route north of the cemetery would cut his ranch in two.

Ross said separating the creek from the town with the highway might bar its use for further tourist attractions such as gold-panning.

Collins Suggests

In still another development, Robinson Collins, Jackson county civic leader, recommended that the highway commission organize an advisory research group to study the highway plans.

Neutralist Forces Are Driven Out Of Stronghold

Reds In Position To Crush Kong Le

Vientiane, Laos - (UPI) - Communist Pathet Lao troops have driven neutralist Gen. Kong Le from his airport stronghold on the Plain of Jars and are in position to crush him completely, military sources reported Saturday.

The sources said Kong Le's men withdrew to the village of Man Phanh, about six miles northwest of the airport, and began digging in for a possible new attack by the Pathet Lao. However, the Pathet Lao did not immediately follow up their advantage, the reports said.

Fighting also was reported to have flared at Vang Vieng, an important road junction only 50 miles north of Vientiane. The village, on the main road from Vientiane to the royal capital of Luang Prabang, has been held jointly by Neutralist and Pathet Lao forces.

Military observers said Communist artillery had turned Kong Le's airfield into a rubble-strewn no-man's land. Neutralists had held out there against overwhelming odds after retreating from nearby Phong Savang, one of Kong Le's last major strongholds.

The observers said Kong Le still held a "sizeable" area of the plain but that the Communists had overwhelming superiority in manpower and artillery and could sweep his forces from the plain at any time. This would give the Pathet Lao control of two-thirds of Laos.

Neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma announced plans Saturday for another peace-making visit to the Plain of Jars - if he receives permission from his half-brother, Red Prince Souphanouvong, leader of the Pathet Lao.

His telegram was sent to the leftist stronghold of Khang Khay where Souphanouvong has been for the past several days.

A communique issued by Souvanna's office said the decision to go to the plain was taken Friday night in a meeting between Souvanna, the British and Soviet ambassadors and officials of the International Control Commission. No date was set.

Washington - (UPI) - Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon Saturday advocated a "fundamental change" in U.S. policy toward Cuba to provide open support for refugee forces trying to overthrow the Communist regime.

NEWS BRIEFS

CANADIAN PRISONERS RIOT
New Westminster, B. C. - (UPI) - Some 350 prisoners rioted at the federal prison here Saturday, overpowering a guard who was held with a knife at his throat for 14 hours before he was released unharmed.

SPAIN EXECUTES COMMUNIST LEADER
Madrid - (UPI) - Spanish Communist leader Julian Garcia Grimau was executed at dawn Saturday by a firing squad for torturing and killing police prisoners 25 years ago during the Spanish Civil War.

U.S.S.R., CHINA SIGN TRADE PACT
Moscow - (UPI) - The Soviet Union and Communist China Saturday signed a trade agreement for 1963 and an accord by which China is to repay some credits received from Moscow before the 1965 deadline.

CASTRO MAKES NEW ACCUSATION
Havana - (UPI) - The United States has abandoned plans for a second invasion of Cuba in favor of a plot to assassinate Cuban leaders, Premier Fidel Castro said in a speech Saturday.