

# Sprague Presents New Apportionment Plan



**NATO MINISTERS MEET** - In this overhead general view, ministers and delegates are shown seated at a huge oval table during the first session of the NATO spring ministerial conference in Ottawa, Canada. Secretary General Dirk Stikker is seated at the head of the table at top center. The talks are to continue through Friday. (UPI)

## Proposal Strikes Middle Ground In Discussion

Yturri Approves Of Latest Scheme

Salem—(UPI)—A new legislative apportionment plan was presented Wednesday to the committee that is trying to make a new constitution acceptable to two-thirds of the Senate.

Former Gov. Charles Sprague offered the plan to the Senate Committee on Constitutional Revision. The committee got the constitution back Wednesday after the Senate revived it from Tuesday's defeat on the floor.

The document could have passed if eight senators had not opposed the apportionment plan of Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario). They said it would favor the least populous counties.

Both sides expressed willingness to seek a compromise. "Moderate" Preference Sprague said his plan would give "very moderate" preference to counties unable to qualify by themselves for a first legislature.

But, he said, his plan would strike a middle ground between Yturri and his opponents by leaving it up to subsequent legislatures to group these counties into districts.

Yturri said he liked the Sprague plan. Sen. Don Willner (D-Portland), leader of the opposition, said he would study it.

The Sprague plan first would have the legislature make districts out of each county with the population requirement for one legislator, and out of more than one contiguous counties where they did not qualify singly.

Then it would use membership of the legislature at that time to determine the population unit entitling a district to each legislator.

It would make sizes of the Senate and House flexible up to 65 and 35.

It would give each district one member for each full unit of population. Then it would give seats to districts with only a major fraction (more than half the unit). Finally, it would give remaining seats up to 65 and 35 to counties with leftover major fractions.

## Grading of Shops Area Being Done

Grading and leveling of approximately five acres of former Jackson county shops property behind the county fairgrounds is being completed this week, according to County Commissioner Don Faber.

Faber has suggested a circular drive two miles long from Barnett rd. and Stewart ave. through to adjacent city property. This would provide a total of 90 acres of property to be added to the existing fairgrounds, he explained.

Drains have been installed in the fairgrounds and will be finished off with granite. The expanded grounds will be ready for the 4-H and FFA spring lamb show June 21-22.

No further building is planned for the fairgrounds other than the public health center, Faber emphasized. The county juvenile department's request to expand the detention home grounds earlier was denied by the county court. City and county are working out joint plans for the fairgrounds area development, he said.

## No Hazards Found in 97 Medford Homes

Medford firemen found no hazards in 97 of 123 dwellings checked yesterday during the home inspection campaign.

Thirty-six recommendations were made for correction of fire hazards.

Firemen encountered 36 refusals of their offer to inspect. They stopped at 307 residences and found no one home at 148.

## Natural Resources Plan Suffers Setback

Salem—(UPI)—Creation of a department of natural resources got a setback in the House today that probably is final for this session.

The House voted 36-24 to send the bill back to the Committee on Natural Resources.

The measure would have grouped the state's multitude of natural resource agencies into one department with six divisions:

Forestry, agriculture, mineral resources, fish and game, water resources, and small boats and harbors.

## A Crisis Threatened

# 'KEEP HANDS OFF CUBA,' KHRUSHCHEV SAYS

Moscow—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told the United States today to keep hands off Cuba or face a worse crisis than the Cuban confrontation of last October.

Speaking at a mammoth open air farewell rally for Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, Khrushchev said there were "hot heads" in the United States calling for a tougher Cuban policy, including a blockade and even military invasion.

Castro, addressing Khrushchev as "dear comrade," replied that the "timely and energetic warning" issued by the Soviet Union had "acted as a wet blanket on the hot heads of the bellicose elements."

He said the Cuban revolution could hold out "under the very noses of American imperialism" because of the support of Communist nations.

"The Cuban revolution has again borne out the Marxist-Leninist teaching that in the modern world the balance of forces is in

favor of the socialist (Communist) camp," he said.

Khrushchev also referred in his speech to the ideological dispute with Communist China and pledged "all out efforts" to remove the differences when the two nations begin talks here July 5.

But the main theme of the Soviet premier's speech was his support for Cuba and denunciation of Castro's foes in the United States.

"Maybe these people hope to create another crisis like

the one last year," he said.

"I must say to them most seriously that if the American government will not be sober enough and won't understand the situation, then a situation in the world might arise that would be more serious than last year."

"It is clear that if the American government does not follow the promises it has made to Cuba the world may find itself in a more dangerous situation than last year. In such a case we will have to fulfill our in-

ternational duties and obligations to Cuba and come to its aid."

Castro's departure plans were not made public, but it was believed he would leave Moscow soon for a few days' rest on the Black Sea before flying toward home around May 27. He originally had planned to stop over in Algeria to return the visit of Premier Ahmed Ben Bella but reports from Algiers Wednesday night said the stop had been cancelled because of Castro's "fatigue."

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## Orchard Heating Season Said One Of Coldest Here

"This has been one of the coldest, wettest and most miserable orchard heating seasons I have seen," Bill Rogers, meteorologist with the U. S. Fruit Frost Warning Service, commented today.

Rogers is working on his annual report summarizing the heating season's activities. This will be completed the end of this month. He plans to leave June 1.

Firing of orchard heaters the nights of April 2, 16 and 20 was as heavy as the Rogue valley orchards ever saw, Rogers said. Every heater was going on April 16 and 20. Safe temperatures were hard to hold April 16 and harder to hold April 20, he said. Dense fog forming about 4 a.m. on April 20 complicating the situation.

"In spite of the heavy heating the smoke was by no means as bad as it was in previous years," the meteorologist commented. "The growers have converted to the less smoke producing heaters far in advance of their five-year program. Not too many flat pots are left. However, many orchardists are using flat pots for oil storage so crews can merely dump the oil into the approved type heaters during long nights of firing," he noted.

Rogers commented the voluntary orchard heater conversion program is unique among major fruit producing areas covered by the fruit frost warning service such as Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Arizona. Growers in the Yakima area have been fighting the public for years over the heavy smoke during the heating season, Rogers noted.

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After the capture, the gunman gave his age as 22 but refused to give his name or explain why he wanted to kill the policeman.

## Oregon Climbers Scale Mt. Everest

Katmandu, Nepal—(UPI)—Two American climbing teams conquered Mt. Everest over separate routes within three hours of each other in an unprecedented twin assault on the world's highest mountain. It was disclosed today.

Word from the base camp of the American expedition said the four victorious climbers are in "good health" and on their way back down to gether.

Radio reports said one assault team of Barry C. Bishop, 30, Washington, and Luther G. Jerstad, 26, Eugene,

## No Federal Money Available To Help Move Boat Docks

Federal agencies were sympathetic but have no money in their budget for financing a shift of boating facilities at Howard Prairie to avoid further storm damage, county officials said this morning.

Representatives of the county court, parks and recreation commission, California Oregon Recreation Development association and local offices of the bureau of land management and bureau of reclamation conferred with headquarters officials of national park service, BLM and bureau of reclamation yesterday afternoon.

"Nothing really concrete came of the discussions, but we did reach a better understanding," County Parks and Recreation Director Neil Ledward commented this morning.

## Cooper Heads for Welcome in Texas

Newark, N. J.—(UPI)—L. Gordon Cooper, flushed with emotion following a gala ticker tape parade and a night on the town in New York, left by plane today for Houston and a hometown celebration, Texas-style.

Gov. Richard J. Hughes and other New Jersey dignitaries were on hand at the airport to cheer the astronaut who arrived with his family by motorcade from New York where millions showered him with confetti Wednesday in his ride up Broadway.

## Hood River Man Heads Pear Bureau

Portland—(UPI)—James E. Klahre, general manager of the Apple Growers association of Hood River, today was elected president of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau.

David B. Lowry, Medford, was named first vice president. Richard A. Patterson, Portland, was reelected secretary-treasurer and general manager.

## SUPPORT SOUGHT

Portland—(UPI)—National support of a program to help the mentally retarded was called for Wednesday by Dr. Stafford L. Warren, special assistant to President Kennedy.



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## Pope Appears at Window of Study

Vatican City—(UPI)—Pope John XXIII, suffering from recurring gastric trouble complicated by a "bleeding lesion," appeared briefly at his study window today to bless a cheering, horn-honking Ascension Day crowd of about 15,000 persons in St. Peter's Square.

The 81-year-old pontiff looked tired and drawn. He confirmed himself to reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer and giving his apostolic blessing before turning back inside.

The Pope was at the window about three minutes and made no speech or remarks. He did not even wish the crowd a happy holiday, as he usually does on such occasions.

The Pope's illness forced him to cancel a general audience for 25,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Basilica Wednesday. He announced he was starting a nine-day "spiritual retreat" Friday.

## Closed Fire Season Effective in Area

Closed fire season in the southwest district of the state forestry department and in the Rogue River National forest goes into effect at midnight tonight.

A joint reminder from Curtis Nesheim, the state's southwest district warden, and Douglas Finch, the Rogue forest fire control officer, pointed out that burning permits will be required and that loggers will have to carry fire fighting equipment required by law.

## WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair; warmer daytime temperatures. Low tonight near 43. High Friday near 63.

Highest Yesterday 76  
Lowest This Morning 55

## Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 8:33 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:41 a.m.  
Moonset tonight 8:23 p.m.  
First Quarter May 25  
Prominent Star Antares, low in south-east, 10:05 p.m.  
Visible Planets Mars, in the west 11:48 p.m.  
Saturn, in southeast 1:54 a.m.  
Jupiter, low in east 4:05 a.m.  
Venus, rise 4:58 a.m.

## Tax Conferees Request Adoption Of Hatfield Bill

Salem—(UPI)—House tax conferees called for adoption of Gov. Mark Hatfield's original net receipts income tax bill Wednesday night as the second Senate-House tax conference committee began searching for a compromise income program.

The House also asked for a cigarette tax, and a one-shot speedup of withholding tax collections.

The net receipts proposal was voiced by Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola), only holdover conferee from the committee which disbanded Tuesday night because the Senate would not accept the cigarette tax and net receipts proposals.

House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) is the other House conferee.

## Stadler on Committee

The Senate team includes Donald Husband (R-Eugene) and Glen Stadler (D-Eugene). Stadler was named after Senate President Ben Musa's plan to name an all-Republican panel was dropped when Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said he did not want to serve on the committee.

The net receipts bill proposed by Eymann is the Hatfield bill that was tabled by the House Tax committee on May 3.

The income measure approved by the House and rejected by the Senate was a modified net receipts plan—much less extreme than the governor's proposal.

A similar net receipts bill cleared the House in 1959 and 1961, but each time was killed by the Senate Tax committee before it had a chance to get to the Senate floor.

## 'Thru-Street' Plan For City Revised; Changes Are Noted

A revised "Thru-Street Program" for the city of Medford, projecting improvements through 1967, has been prepared and released by the city administration. The last such report was issued in 1956.

The program contemplates street improvements totaling \$177,006 during 1963, \$138,440 during 1964, \$148,185 during 1965, \$140,210 during 1966, and \$233,042 during 1967.

According to the program, work is slated this year at 11th st. and Oakdale ave., at Riverside ave. and Genesee

st., at Prune and 10th sts., on Hillcrest dr. from Valley View to Black Oak dr., at 10th and Willamette sts., at Eastwood and Highland drs., at Siskiyou blvd. and Greenwood ave., at Greenwood ave. and Barnett rd., at Holly st. and Riverside ave., and at Riverside ave. and Interstate 5 freeway.

Number of Changes A foreword to the program indicates that a number of changes in the city since 1956, including the development of the Medford Shopping Center, and the location of the Interstate 5 freeway through the city, have caused some alterations in the traffic patterns in Medford.

The foreword states that the revised program, however, is almost entirely within the same area as the 1956 program, although the area of the city was approximately 2,500 acres then, compared with a present area of about 6,300 acres.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

**BANDLEADER EDDIE HOWARD DIES**  
Palm Desert, Calif.—(UPI)—Bandleader Eddie Howard, 48, whose recording of "To Each His Own" sold 15 million copies and became his theme song, was found dead today in his Eldorado Country Club home.

**COMMITTEE VOTES HIKE IN DEBT CEILING**  
Washington—(UPI)—The Senate Finance committee today quickly approved stop-gap legislation to boost the national debt ceiling to a record high of \$309 billion.

**EARTHQUAKE SHAKES IMPERIAL VALLEY**  
El Centro, Calif.—(UPI)—A series of earthquakes shook Imperial Valley and San Diego county late Wednesday night and this morning.