

Armed Exile Commando Force Lands on Cuba



BOLTS STREAK SKY—Lightning bolts streak across sky over Chicago's Loop during the height of a thunderstorm which struck late Wednesday. Thundershowers were gratefully accepted in place of tornadoes which the weather bureau warned were possible in a 4-state area including Chicago. (UPI)

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Statement Says War of Liberation Is Now Under Way

Relatively Few Men Said Involved

Miami — (AP) — Exile Commandos carrying "large quantities" of arms for anti-Castro rebels landed by boat early today in Cuba, the Cuban Revolutionary Council announced here in a special "war communique."

"The communique announces the war of liberation has begun and that its forces are prepared to carry the fight to the enemy," the communique said.

However, sources close to the council said "relatively few" men were involved. The basic objective was to reinforce the rebels in Cuba with arms, they said.

In New York, the council announcement caused a sharp break in stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. High-speed tickers fell six minutes behind.

No Confirmation
In Washington, the State Department said its check of the announcement produced "no confirmation" of reports that the commandos had begun a war of liberation. The Pentagon also said it had no knowledge of the landings.

The announcement did not say how many men landed or whether they arrived by plane or boat. The date of their landing also was not specified.

But the council said: "The first reports received by radio from our forces state that the landings were carried out without difficulty and had the cooperation of all people in the area."

The council announcement added: "These commandos are adequately armed. They have penetrated Cuban territory."

"Tomorrow, at 1 p.m. (est), the military command of this force will make a broadcast on the 40-meter band on 7015 kilocycles reporting to Cuban exiles."

School Support Check Received

A check for basic school support funds showing an increase of more than \$100,000 over last year was received yesterday by Jackson County Treasurer Karl Janouch and will be distributed to school districts specified after July 1.

The total amount received Wednesday is \$231,958.64. Last year the support fund totaled \$131,785.76.

The money will be used by the school districts to reduce taxes. The sum is much larger than last year, it is understood here, because of new legislation, repealing the creation of a reserve fund in the basic school support formula.

The amount to be distributed at the beginning of the fiscal year includes the reserve fund which had been maintained under the old law.

School districts and the amounts they will receive as tax offsets are Phoenix, \$20,085.71; Ashland, \$30,212.78; District 6 (Central Point), \$31,720.78; Eagle Point, \$8,600.08; Applegate, \$11,037.21; Prospect, \$1,339.73; Evans Valley, \$3,281.58; Butte Falls, \$801.47; Pinehurst, \$302.13, and Medford District 549C, \$126,597.17.

START OPERATIONS
Salem — (AP) — Seven new Oregon industries started operations last month, Gov. Mark Hatfield reported today.



BLACK SMOKE—Black smoke—signal chimney atop the tiled roof of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City today. Ballots are to elect a new Pope in the first round of balloting—comes from the little metal chimney atop the tiled roof of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City today. Ballots are to elect a new Pope in the first round of balloting—comes from the little metal chimney atop the tiled roof of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City today. Ballots are to elect a new Pope in the first round of balloting—comes from the little metal chimney atop the tiled roof of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City today.

Pay Increases for State Employees Okayed by Group

Some 12,000 May Get Salary Hike

Salem — (AP) — A five per cent pay increase totaling \$6.7 million for about 12,000 classified state employees has been approved by the State Civil Service commission.

The commission's recommendations go to the governor for approval, then will be submitted to the State Emergency Board on June 28.

The Emergency Board, made up of legislators, must approve allocation of the funds for the pay hikes.

Civil Service Commission Director Melvin H. Cleveland said about two-thirds of the state's classified employees will receive a five per cent pay hike.

Nurses Get More
About one-third of the classified employees will not get an increase in pay, and registered nurses will get a larger increase than originally planned because of recent increases in the private pay scale for nurses, Cleveland said.

The pay increases will go into effect July 1 if approved by the Emergency Board.

The commission's recommendations were approved in principle by the 1963 legislature, which set aside \$4.2 million with the Emergency Board for this purpose.

The increases, approved by the commission Wednesday, will take \$3.8 million from the general fund, and about \$2.9 million from dedicated funds.

Four-Hour Show Planned at Lake On Carnival Day

Ashland — Bill Williams, chairman of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce water carnival committee, has announced plans for a four-hour program of events at Emigrant lake on "Carnival Day" Sunday, June 23.

Leading the boat parade at 1 p.m. will be the queen, princess and runners-up. The Naval Reserve unit will compose the color guard, and the boats of all participants and contestants will form the line-up.

There will be exhibition skiing and a special event during which Lon Skinner, who holds the world record ski boat racing, will attach himself to a kite, take off from water skis, and "fly" over the lake pulled by Bill Wall in "Crazy Lady." Skinner used 100 feet of rope and reached a height of about 60 feet when practicing at the lake last week.

The Rogue Aqua Ski club, which has been organized for about eight years, and includes more than 40 families, will present the afternoon show. Scheduling plans have been made for ladies', men's and children's racing events.

Club members will demonstrate the slalom race during which the tow boat speeds through the middle of a double set of buoys, and skiers show their maneuvering skills.

There will be at least two heats of hot skiboat racing, Williams said. Entrants have registered from as far south as Yuba City, Calif., and from as far north as Portland.

Concession stands will be operated by the Rogue Aqua Ski club. No admission will be charged for spectators at the carnival.

Three trophies will be awarded for each competitive event.

Judges will be located on a big dock which will be stationed in the cove between the two parking areas. The dock will be stationed Saturday for practice work, Williams said.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness through Friday. Low tonight 52. High Friday 75.

Highest Yesterday 84
Lowest This Morning 53

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 8:32 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:31 a.m.
New Moon tomorrow 1:45 a.m.
At the next New Moon, on July 28, there will be an eclipse of the sun which will be total over parts of Alaska, Canada and Maine and visible as a partial eclipse over the entire continent of North America.

Sanitary Authority To Determine Use Of Federal Funds

The Oregon State Sanitary authority will determine priorities for allocating federal grant monies for construction of sewage treatment facilities in Oregon when it meets in Medford in the courthouse auditorium at 9 a.m. Friday, June 21, Harold F. Wendel, authority chairman, has announced.

Determination will be made on priorities for allocating approximately \$1.25 million in federal grants that will be available to assist Oregon in improving existing sewage treatment facilities or to build new ones.

It is necessary to establish these priorities because the authority has received applications for the funds totaling about \$2,500,000, Wendel said.

Meeting Open to Public
The meeting, open to the public, is being held in Medford to make it convenient for persons interested in air and water pollution control in the Rogue valley to participate in discussions of these problems, Wendel indicated.

Other items to be considered at the meeting include a report on the Harvey Aluminum Plant operation at The Dalles; establishment of hearing dates relating to industrial air pollution control problems; including the Chipman Chemical company, Portland; and consideration of proposals for air pollution control relating to expansion plans of the Western Kraft plant at Albany.

Sanitary authority members plan to spend the day prior to the meeting inspecting mining operations and sewage treatment facilities in the Rogue valley area, Wendel said.

Commerce Department Bill Signed by MOH
Salem — (AP) — Gov. Mark Hatfield Wednesday signed into law the measure allowing him to create a Department of Commerce — the first major reorganization measure asked by the governor that has been approved by the legislature.

Preliminary Plans For Hawthorne Park Presented to Group

Preliminary plans for the development of Hawthorne park were presented last night to the Medford parks and recreation commission by Asa Hanamoto, of Royston, Hanamoto, Mayes and Beck, San Francisco park planning consultants.

In addition to an overall plan of the park, Hanamoto showed two detailed drawings within the park — one of a bicycle underpass for a pedestrian walkway and the other a bridge entrance for a proposed series of pools for aesthetic value.

Another sketch was a rough study of Oregon state highway property south of McAndrews rd. and east of Bear creek.

Series of Pools
The plan called for a series of pools at the northwest corner of Hawthorne park which would use water pumped from Bear creek. The pools could be used for settling purposes and the water then used for irrigation.

The area would include separate pedestrian and bicycle paths. Grades on the bicycle concourse would vary from 10 to 4 per cent for underpasses to prevent interference with pedestrians. Bicycle paths would be asphalt, other paths would be of decomposed granite or similar "softer" material.

East of the pools would be a baseball field encircled to the west and east by a three-foot mound, and to the east of the mound would be the multi-use slab for court games.

Pedestrian Bridge
A pedestrian bridge across Bear creek in the pool area was recommended by Hanamoto to tie in the two business districts in Medford.

Benches will be placed throughout the park and the majority of the present trees will be retained, he said.

He recommended enlarging the deck space around the present swimming pool, explaining that three-fourths of

Clearing of Ski Runs Started at Mt. Ashland Site

Ashland — Clearing of the ski runs at the new Mt. Ashland winter sports and recreation area has started, and construction of the lodge facilities is expected to start by July 1, officials of the Mt. Ashland Corporation reported today.

Completion of the lodge is scheduled for late fall prior to the first snow.

Initial ski lifts will include a Constatm T-bar with a length of 2,800 feet and vertical rise of 930 feet. Three separate runs will emanate from the upper terminal of the lift, which will have a capacity of 1,000 skiers per hour.

A trainer lift of 600 feet long with a vertical rise of 150 feet will be built on the beginner's slope. Preparation of the slopes and installation of the lifts is being supervised by G. R. Martin, former director of the ski school at Mt. Shasta and head of winter sports at Yosemite. Martin is assistant manager of the Mt. Ashland development.

Marking ski trails was completed during the past six weeks by Martin and David Keiser and Clint Eckstein of Rogue River National forest of the U.S. forest service.

Late spring storms made possible the selection of ski runs under actual snow conditions, it was reported.

A. L. Harding, Inc., of Stayton, Ore., was apparent low bidder for construction of 7 1/2 miles of new road from Highway 99 at Siskiyou summit to the proposed Mt. Ashland ski area. Construction is expected to begin as soon as the contract is awarded by the forest service.

Lamb Show Set at Fairgrounds Friday

The first annual Jackson County 4-H and FFA lamb and wool show and sale gets under way Friday morning at the Jackson county fairgrounds, according to County Agent Jerry Brog.

More than 110 entries are expected, representing 110 4-H members since entries are restricted to one lamb per youngster. The Phoenix, Crater and Eagle Point FFA chapters are expected to contribute about a dozen entries.

Animals will start arriving on the grounds about 8 a.m. Friday. Judging of market classes will start at 1 p.m. Sorting and judging of wool also will start at 1 p.m. A sheep shearing contest will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and judging of market classes and selection of the grand champion of the show is scheduled at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday events include a livestock judging contest at 9 a.m., sheep showmanship at 10:30 a.m., lamb Bar-B-Q at 6 p.m., and lamb sale at 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth Meier, Marion county agent, will judge the show.

Hoover Said Making Good Improvement

New York — (AP) — Former President Herbert Hoover, waging a gallant struggle against serious illness is making an "almost miraculous" improvement, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The 88-year-old Hoover has been battling against anemia and an intestinal ailment complicated by internal bleeding.

However, Hoover's doctors said that "the loss of blood resulting from the gastrointestinal bleeding has been largely replaced by transfusions. There has been no bleeding for the past three days."

Jury Awards \$7,000 In Condemnation

Richard and Lorraine Lowry, Prospect, were awarded \$7,000 by a circuit court jury reporting on a verdict at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in a condemnation suit brought by the state highway department against the Lowrys for land sought for the new Crater Lake highway right of way.

The Lowrys had asked the highway department for \$12,000. The state offered the couple \$2,400 and then filed condemnation proceedings when the Lowrys refused the offer.

The case opened in Judge James M. Main's court Monday morning and continued through Tuesday and Wednesday.

Closure Rules Due At Howard Prairie
Salem — (AP) — Regulated closure regulations go into effect in the Howard Prairie area of Jackson county Saturday, the state forestry department announced today.

Under the edict, smoking is prohibited while traveling in timber, brush or grass, except in vehicles on roads.

Users of the area will be required to have as equipment when using camp fires one axe, one shovel, and a container with at least one gallon of water.

NEWS BRIEFS

STEEL UNION READY TO ACCEPT CONTRACT
Pittsburgh — (AP) — The executive board of the United States Steelworkers Union was reported ready today to recommend acceptance of a new basic steel contract which carries up to 13 weeks of "extended" vacation for half the union's 400,000 production workers.

REPORT BLAMES PIPING SYSTEM
Washington — (AP) — A Navy report containing grim details of the death throes of the nuclear submarine Thresher today blamed failure of a piping system for the April 10 sea tragedy that cost 129 lives.

SOVIET SPACE TEAM UNDERGOES TESTS
Moscow — (AP) — The Soviet Union's record-breaking space hero and heroine underwent intensive medical tests today. There was some Western speculation they had been forced to return to earth prematurely.

UNION MANAGEMENT TALKS CONTINUE
Portland — (AP) — Exploratory meetings between the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSU) and various lumber firms continued here today after an announcement that the union will resume meetings with the 196-member Timber Operators Council Monday.