

Iraq Government Toppled in Coup

Figurehead President Leads Army in Revolt

Nasser Calls For Arab Unity

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Iraq's figurehead president, Abdul Salam Aref, today led his country's army and air force in a dawn coup that Baghdad Radio said toppled the Baathist party regime.

Fighting between the regular army and the Baathist national guard accompanied the takeover but at 4 p. m. Baghdad Radio announced the army had established "control."

Aref, who although president had been virtually powerless under the old regime, announced over Baghdad Radio his forces had taken control of the capital and had named him junta chairman with "exceptional powers."

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic immediately offered support for Aref, and in turn, called for Arab unity among Iraq, Syria and the U.A.R. The ousted Baathist regime that was headed by Premier Ahmed Hassan Bakr had been at odds with Nasser.

Reports from Cairo said several thousand Cairo University students staged a jubilant demonstration on the campus in support of the coup, cheering and shouting, "long live Aref" and "long live Nasser."

Aref, who ordered the army and air forces to take control, is not a member of Baath, the Arab Socialist movement that has swept to influence in the Middle East during recent years and gained control of the governments of both Iraq and Syria.

Housing Needs for Elderly Surveyed

A survey to determine the housing needs of elderly persons in Medford is under way by members of Altrusa Club of Medford, a classified service club of executive and professional women, at the request of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

Plans for this community project were completed recently at a joint meeting of the club and officers of the council.

Gary Kahn, San Francisco, economist for the Public Housing Administration, met with Altrusa volunteers who will make the survey, in order that the results would be accepted by the Public Housing Administration, which usually makes its own surveys for proposed public low rent housing projects.

For the survey the city has been zoned into four sections with the dividing lines the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks and Main Street.

Russ Jamison, council president, explained that the need, as learned by the council from past studies, was for housing for persons with incomes less than \$100 per month.

National Grange Re-Elects Master

PORTLAND (UPI) — The national Grange re-elected Master Herschel Newsom and two other top officers today at its convention here.

Newsom, a Columbus, Ind., native, will be serving his seventh term.

Others re-elected were overseer A. Lars Nelson of Seattle, and lecturer William Brake, Lansing, Mich. Nelson also is master of the Washington State Grange.

NEWS BRIEFS

LATIN AMERICAN VOTE BRINGS DILEMMA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI) — Communist countries were reported in a dilemma today about how to vote on a 10-power resolution aimed at making Latin America a nuclear free zone.

DOCUMENT TOUCHES OFF COUNCIL DEBATE

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — A document calling for warmer Roman Catholic relations with Protestants and Jews touched off sharp debate in the Ecumenical Council today.

REBELS JOINING VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

SAIGON (UPI) — More than 700 guerrillas who had been allied with the Communist Viet Cong rebel forces have come over to the Vietnamese government side in the past two days, reliable military sources said today.



TO RETIRE — Rep. Carl Vinson, D-Ga., above, one of the most powerful and colorful figures in Congress, has announced that he will not run for re-election. He said 25 terms in the House are enough. Rep. Vinson, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, will retire at the end of 1964 after serving one month more than 50 years in Congress. The story is on page 2A. (UPI)

School Chiefs Hear Opposition To Federal Aid

PORTLAND (UPI) — Ray Page, state superintendent of public instruction for Illinois, said today he basically was opposed to the concept of federal support to education and its possible long term effects.

Page's remarks were prepared for a panel discussion on federal and state education at the annual meeting of the Council of Chief State School Officers here.

He said his views probably would not coincide with the majority of the superintendents attending.

Page added that although he could not document it, he felt that in this state "despite careful administration of federal funds available for state or local district use...there exists, to a degree, a lack of appreciation of these dollars and the use to which they are put."

In outlining his thoughts, Page said:

—1. If properly approached and secured, state self-support will tend to establish pride and improve the sense of responsibility "which is needed as never before in this nation."

—2. Illinois, as well as most of the other states, can support and finance its own system of public education.

—3. He would support limited equalization to the more deprived states if it is dispensed under well defined regulations. For needy states, a proof of wise and fruitful use of public funds should be demanded and demonstrated. This proof, in a sense, will involve some federal control. "I do not care for federal aid to education is provided."

Page said he felt people spent federal funds more freely than state funds "without compulsion for justification."

TALKS TO RESUME

MOSCOW (UPI) — The release of Yale Prof. Frederick C. Barghoorn today opened the way for suspended U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange talks to get started, but his case as expected to dampen the spirit of the negotiations.

Ike Urges Return Of Six Divisions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower says Europe is now able to carry its own defense burden and five of the six U.S. divisions stationed there should be brought home.

A reinforced division of ground troops totaling 40,000 to 50,000 men would be sufficient to "keep our flag there and assure these people that we will be there at the right time," Eisenhower said Sunday.

President Kennedy said recently that while the United States will withdraw some logistic troops from Europe, it intends to keep its six combat divisions in Germany as long as they were needed.

Kennedy Credits Administration For Top Profits

Business Declared Benefited Greatly

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — President Kennedy claimed part of the credit for record-high corporation profits today and said business has benefited greatly from measures adopted by his administration.

Kennedy made the assertion in a speech prepared for the Florida Chamber of Commerce as he began a politically tinged swing through the Sunshine State at a campaign pace.

The President obviously hoped to impress enough voters to move Florida into the Democratic column in 1964 after three consecutive Republican victories in presidential election years.

He began a busy day by flying from his Palm Beach, Fla. winter retreat to MacDill Air Force Base for a briefing on the Army-Navy-Air Force strike command, a mobile military unit with a combat-ready punch.

The whirlwind windup to his weekend visit also includes a major Latin American policy address tonight and a total of five speaking appearances in less than eight hours.

In another prepared talk, Kennedy predicted that air transports eventually will carry passengers through space at more than 15,000 miles an hour.

Kennedy appealed to businessmen to work with the federal government "in harmony instead of hostility" and promote prosperity for all.

He said that passage of his \$11 billion tax cut proposal was "indispensable" to continue economic expansion next year.

Defends Policies
The President defended his taxation and spending policies and denied that federal budget deficits or the mounting national debt would lead to bankruptcy or inflation in the United States.

Kennedy painted a rosy picture of the economy that contrasted with his statement to the AFL-CIO convention Friday that the need to provide more jobs and reduce unemployment was the top domestic issue of the day.

Engineers Study Jacksonville Area

JACKSONVILLE — Two engineers from the U. S. Urban Renewal Administration were scheduled to arrive here today to make a week-long study of the city's proposed restoration project.

One of the men is Norman Walter, engineer for urban renewal for the entire west coast. The other is an engineer from another division of the same office as Walter. Both are based at the San Francisco office of the Housing and Home Finance Administration.

Jacksonville's application for a \$41,086 federal grant to study the feasibility and cost of restoring the central area of the city has already received partial approval. U. S. Housing Administrator Robert C. Weaver has determined that the city's workable program for community improvement meets federal requirements.

The engineers are visiting the proposed restoration area to get a first hand look at the project. After they report back, federal officials will make a final decision on whether or not to authorize the grant.

Traffic Death Toll Ties All-Time High

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's traffic death toll today tied the all-time state high of 492 recorded in 1959, and traffic safety officials fear the toll this year could top 550.

If the toll follows its normal pattern for the balance of this year, 18 more people will die this month, and another 44 will be killed in December.

But so far this year the toll has been above average every month.

The Traffic Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles keeps the traffic death record. Only persons killed as the result of accidents on public roads or highways are included.

Persons killed in farm vehicle accidents, or crashes on private logging roads, for example, are not counted by the division.

African Ministers Appoint Commission

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UPI) — An emergency meeting of African foreign ministers appointed a seven-nation arbitration commission today to attempt a settlement of the Algerian-Moroccan border dispute.

Governor Lacks Power for Cuts, Thornton Rules

Guidelines Must Be Established

SALEM (UPI) — Hopes for Tuesday adjournment of the legislature were dashed today by Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton who said the governor "has no power to make selective reductions in expenditures."

Thornton's decision means the legislature will have to set rigid guidelines to authorize cuts, and set down a list of priorities for possible budget restorations.

While the ruling is a victory for legislators who have wanted guidelines established, it is another major setback for Gov. Mark Hatfield who had asked virtually unlimited control to make reductions and restorations based on changes in the state's fiscal position.

Rep. Kessler Cannon, R-Bend, had asked Thornton if the governor had the authority to eliminate the community college building program, and other capital construction projects.

Thornton said the governor did not have that authority.

Uniform Percentage
Then the attorney general went on to say the governor "has no power to make selective reductions in expenditures...allotments to all affected state agencies must be reduced by a uniform percentage."

"There is no indication that the allotment of one agency is entitled to a higher priority or greater dignity than that of another," Thornton said.

After voters rejected the tax increase Oct. 15, Hatfield eliminated capital construction programs, trimmed general fund agencies, and called the legislature into special session to give him authority to cut basic school appropriations, and to enact a one-shot speedup of withholding tax collections.

Specific Guidelines
Thornton said the legislature would have to enact specific guidelines to make selective cuts legal.

House Speaker Clarence Barton said, "The problem can't be taken care of by setting down guidelines."

Thornton said, "The legislature will have to set guides, but it may not be easy to do."

Thornton said some legislators have questioned the constitutionality of the allotment control law, but added "I did not go into that."

Duncan To Speak At Demo Convention

Congressman Robert B. Duncan, M-dford, will speak at the Jackson County Democratic Platform Convention in February, Ralph Poston, convention general chairman announced today.

The event has been rescheduled so Duncan will be able to attend. New dates are Feb. 1 and 2 instead of the following week, Poston said. Duncan will speak at a dinner scheduled the evening of Feb. 2 at the Medford Armory. Sen. Wayne Morse and other state and county officials are expected to attend.

Poston said that committee meetings are scheduled to begin within a few days and all interested Democrats may contact him at 773-4760.

Shot While Hunting

Richard Clark, 61, Portland was accidentally shot and killed while hunting elk in the Desolation Creek area of Grant County. His was the ninth accidental shooting death of the hunting season.

Irene Wells, 29, of employ of Lippman Wolfe & Co. in Corvallis, died from smoke inhalation as she was trapped in an elevator in the store. She and two men had gone to investigate a smoldering fire when the elevator failed to operate.

John Roadhouse, 70, Portland, died as he fled a burning apartment. Firemen said he tumbled down a flight of stairs and apparently suffered a heart attack.

The weekend traffic toll brought to 28 the number of persons to die on Oregon highways so far this month, compared with 22 for a similar period a year ago. So far this year there have been 492 highway fatalities. For a similar period a year ago there were 418.

Captain Appointed Acting Police Chief

Medford Police Capt. Clyde C. Fichtner, has been appointed acting chief during the absence of Charles P. Champlin, City Manager Robert Duff announced today.

Chief Champlin underwent an exploratory operation in Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland this morning.

The chief is expected to remain in Portland for several weeks.

Capt. Fichtner's duty hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

HOTEL FIRE KILLS 23



BOARDWALK HOTELS BURN — Firemen wage a heroic battle from the street and rooftops to fight a roaring general alarm fire which swept through a string of Boardwalk hotels in Atlantic City, N.J. early today. (UPI)

Eight Boardwalk Hotels Damaged In Atlantic City

At Least 12 Persons Injured

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI) — A pre-dawn fire turned a hotel-convalescent home into a funeral pyre for at least 23 elderly persons today and spread to eight other Boardwalk hotels.

Fire Marshal Michael Bloomberg said indications were that only seven of the 30 guests registered at the 120-unit Surfside Hotel had escaped.

By noon EST, firemen had removed three charred bodies from the smoldering rubble.

The blaze also destroyed the six-story Stratmore, the Leonard, and the Imperial hotels and the Breyer guest home. It also damaged the Nixon Hotel, the Hollywood, Palm Hall and Virginia. With the exception of the Surfside, the hotels had no guests and contained only token maintenance crews.

At least 12 persons were injured, including a woman guest who was reported in critical condition. One policeman and two firemen also were among the injured taken to Atlantic City hospital.

The fire's early start and its extreme heat and smoke forced firemen to stand by helplessly as the Surfside burned to the ground.

Screams and walls of the persons trapped inside could be heard above the noise of the fire-fighting equipment.

The fire was discovered shortly after 4:30 a.m. EST and 30 minutes later the general alarm was sounded, bringing out fire apparatus from a half-dozen shore resorts. Police Capt. Ted Frolow said the fire was contained at about 8 a.m., although some of the buildings were still burning.

The Surfside was on Maryland Avenue, about 300 feet off the famed Boardwalk. It is a summer season hotel and becomes a residence for the ill and aged in the off-season.

The blaze sent flames roaring 200 feet into the air. Officials declined to make damage estimate, but observers said it would be well over \$1 million.

Man Sought in Armed Robbery

Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies today are looking for a man in his late 30's, in a brown or black leather jacket, who robbed the Starlight Drive-In Theater south of Medford Sunday night.

The man made off with \$65 in currency after holding up Cashier Christina Grace Burgess, 22, of 3553 S. Pacific Highway, the sheriff's office said. He left, walking toward an open field, from which he apparently had approached the theater, deputies said.

The cashier described the pistol as small caliber, chrome or nickel-plated. She said the man appeared intoxicated.

PICKETS PLANNED
SPOKANE (UPI) — The Northern Idaho-Eastern Washington building and construction trades council will post "informational" pickets at nine Atlas missile sites and the main gate of Fairchild Air Force Base Tuesday.

Barghoorn had been silent on details of his arrest Oct. 31 in Moscow while on sabbatical leave to research a book and "investigate methods of political indoctrination."

Seven Oregonians Die in Accidents During Weekend

By United Press International
At least seven Oregonians met violent death during the weekend, four of them in traffic accidents.

Dr. Malcolm M. Severy, 43, Portland, was killed Sunday in a two-car collision.

Fritz Trachsel, 73, Boring, was struck and killed Saturday night at Sandy by a car which police said did not stop.

Robert K. Walters, 29, entertainment editor of The Oregonian, was killed Saturday morning when his car struck a power pole and then slammed into a boxcar.

In Idaho, Mrs. Beth Bates, 31, Nyssa, died as a result of a three-car collision six miles east of Caldwell.

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Search Continued For Downed Pilot

SPOKANE (UPI) — A third ground party was en route to rugged north central Washington and 15 planes were flying over an area of more than 500 square miles today in the search for a Washington Air National Guard pilot.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Robert J. Boucher, 25, Spokane, has been missing since his F8J fighter plane crashed Thursday night west of Oroville, Wash.

The radar observer, 1st Lt. Rollin J. Deschane, 27, Spokane, was found uninjured after he parachuted to safety.

Bill To Untangle Boardman Goes Before Subcommittee

SALEM (UPI) — The emergency bill to clear legal entanglements threatening development of the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park in northeastern Oregon was turned over to a Ways and Means subcommittee today.

Named to the subcommittee were Sens. Alfred Corbett, L.W. Newbury, Ward Cook, and Reps. Ross Morgan and John Mosser.

House Speaker Clarence Barton, and Senate President Ben Mussey were asked to sit in on the subcommittee session.

The subcommittee planned an afternoon meeting to go through an emergency measure proposed by the governor to clear a legal cloud on 1,111 acres of some of the land which must be eliminated before the Boeing Co. will honor its lease of the 100,000-acre development.

Before the subcommittee was named, State Treasurer Howard Belton said he felt the project had "great potential," but added "I don't approve of everything we have been forced to do," and said "the project would not be of such benefit to the state without Boeing."

Boeing has announced plans to establish a space age test facility at the site.

Rep. Jake Bennett, D-Portland, suggested a committee of the legislature be named to "make a 30 or 60 or 90 day study then the governor can call another special session when we have the facts."

"I am not prepared to vote for this emergency bill with the information now available to me," he commented.

Critical lawmakers, obviously not happy they have been called upon once again to pull the Boardman chestnuts out of the fire, wanted assurance the project was in the best interests of the state.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. told the committee he had reservations about the project from the start, but that it was too late now for the state to back out.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Rain tonight and Tuesday morning, becoming showery with a few periods of partial clearing Tuesday afternoon and evening. Low tonight 46. High Tuesday 48.

High Yesterday 46
Lowest This Morning 35
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .06

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:17 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:07 a.m.
Moonset tonight 6:41 p.m.
First Quarter Nov. 23

Prominent Stars
The Twin, rise 8:27 p.m.
Visible Planets
Venus, between the Moon and the Sun.
Jupiter, high in southeast 6:31 p.m.
Saturn, in southwest 8:49 p.m.

Alaskan Volcanoes Erupt; Shock Flips Distant Plane

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — At least two volcanoes erupted Sunday, and the shock wave from one reportedly almost blew a light plane, flying about 50 miles away, out of the air.

Eruptions were reported on uninhabited Augustine Island, about 160 miles southwest of here, and in the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, about 275 miles southwest of here on the Alaska Peninsula.

Bill Harvey, owner of Harvey's Flying Service on Kodiak Island, said he received a radio report from a light plane pilot flying about 50 miles from the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes.

"The concussion flipped us over on our side and almost blew us out of the air," Harvey quoted the pilot as saying.

A Navy pilot on a routine patrol flight said he thought the eruption of the 3,970-foot volcano on Augustine Island was a nuclear explosion.