

# 16 KILLED IN HOLY LAND BOMBING

## Herald and News

WEATHER	
Max. (Feb. 28) 55	Min. 34
Precipitation last 24 hours . . . . . 0.06	
Stream year to date . . . . . 2.56	
Normal . . . . . 4.81	Last year . . . . . 18.18
Forecast: Occasional showers.	

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# US Sues For Local Hospital Site

## Soong Quits As Chinese Premier

NANKING, March 1 (AP)—T. V. Soong resigned today as premier of China and was succeeded by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as this country moved steadily towards a war to the finish between the government and communists.

Accepting the dramatic resignation of his brother-in-law, who was under fire for China's economic difficulties, Chiang had himself voted into the position of acting premier of the executive yuan (premier), while retaining his presidency of the government.

Thus Chiang assumed complete economic and political as well as military powers at a time when it appeared likely that the nation's future was at stake.

Soong, criticized by political foes for his handling of China's financial crisis, made his announcement before a critical legislative yuan (council) which had summoned him to defend his fiscal policies.

Before stepping aside, Soong, who is the generalissimo's brother-in-law, declared the communists, by destroying communications, were responsible for the chaotic state of China's economy.

Soong gave no reason for his resignation, but it came at a time when criticism of his economic policies was rising both in the press and in the legislative yuan, which is headed by Sun.

The recent dizzy drop of the Chinese dollar was blamed on Soong's export subsidy plan, which he was forced to junk as unworkable.

Some sources said he might be given a diplomatic appointment or a special mission to Washington. His resignation strengthened a general impression that even more fateful days were ahead for China.

## Girl Scouts Aid In Red Cross Campaign



Girl Scouts of troops 8, 11 and 19, were up early Saturday morning delivering posters around town for the Red Cross campaign which gets under way Monday morning in its drive for funds. Mrs. Dean Osborn, troop leader, passes out the placards to Scouts (right to left) Bonita Hunter, Sara Stewart, Cora Lee Logsdon, Julia Harnden, Elise Nitschelm, Carol Michels, Patricia Lehto, Shirley Mattoon, Joan Elliott, Linda Franklin and Virginia Thurlman.

## Offer Of \$10,600 Held Not Enough

Condemnation proceedings have been started by the federal government to gain possession of the 16.81-acre Beaumont tract in the upper Hot Springs area as a location for a proposed \$1 million dollar veterans hospital.

The property is owned by Howard R. Perrin and Dr. E. D. Johnson, and was the site selected by the government for the hospital. Perrin and Dr. Johnson have owned the plot for about 20 years, and were holding it for future use as a restricted residential district.

**Government Appraisal**

The government's appraisal of the acreage is \$10,600, and that amount has been posted in federal court. The owners of the property can either settle for that amount or can go to court in the condemnation suit and try to obtain a higher judgment from a federal jury.

Perrin said today that they would go to court. He said that he and Dr. Johnson considered the property to be worth much more than the amount the government has offered.

Perrin said that the particular bit of property had not been offered by him and Dr. Johnson to the government for the hospital, but according to E. A. (Taxi) Thomas the Beaumont site was on a list of proposed locations which were submitted to the government, and it was the one chosen.

The property, Perrin said, had been tentatively laid out in 66 building lots for future development, and that plans for it as a residential area would have brought the owners considerably more money than the government's \$10,600, but that the government has a right to take the property for a reasonable price by exercising its right of eminent domain.

## Held



Police Capt. R. E. Pratt of Pueblo, Colo., said Henry Suhre, 68, (above) signed a statement that he bludgeoned his wife, Rose, 61, to death with a hot cake griddle. Pratt said Suhre still had his wife's blood on his hands when questioned. —AP wirephoto.

## Officer's Club Target Of Blast

JERUSALEM, March 1 (AP)—A terrific explosion wrecked a British officers' club in the heart of modern Jerusalem today, and an official announcement said 16 persons were killed, 17 were injured and 24 were missing.

Three of the dead—two policemen and a civilian—were killed in bursts of gunfire between attackers and police.

While rescue parties clawed frantically through blackened debris, police and helmeted troops searched the Jewish

## Area Closed

The area was cordoned, and traffic throughout Jerusalem was at a standstill.

Eye-witnesses said a number of armed men surrounded the club, on fashionable King George avenue, a few moments before the blast, and exchanged gunfire with guards.

It was not immediately learned whether the bomb was hurled from a passing automobile.

**Explosives Thrown**

An unofficial report said a group of men drove alongside the building under cover of the fire laid down by their companions, and threw explosives through a window into the hall.

Three attackers were believed to have been wounded and captured.

A truck was found parked about 50 yards from the building, and officers said it might have been used by the attackers in hurling the bombs.

The death toll was greater than in any other one incident in turbulent Holy Land since last

## Independent Men Sign

All independent meat operators in this area today had signed the butchers agreement for the new wage scale, \$1.57 1/2 per hour, 48-hour week, effective Monday, March 3, it was announced by George Murphy, business agent for the butchers local 366, AFL.

Under this agreement, independents will pay an increase of 37 1/2 cents per hour over the existing scale of \$1.20 per hour, Murphy said.

Negotiations were still under way today between the negotiating committee of the local and the representative of Safeway Stores, Joe McMenamin of Seattle. McMenamin arrived here Friday.

Murphy advised The Herald and News that in August the local negotiated a new contract for the Portland wage scale of \$57.50 per a 48-hour week.

"We were told when we accepted the Portland scale that when Portland butchers received more money following the October negotiation, the same scale would go into effect here. This promise was made by McMenamin of Safeway which controls five Safeway markets and three of Emil's foodstores in this area.

"No further increase followed the October meeting and the demand for higher wages was made here last January when the October promise failed to materialize," Murphy said.

"We are doing everything in our power to settle this matter peacefully and, without calling a strike," the business agent continued. "The whole thing now hinges on the negotiations between McMenamin of Safeway and our committee. We hope that it will be accomplished without further difficulty."

Murphy said that he did not know of any specific meeting between his committee and the Safeway representative at this time. Louis Ziemann, US conciliator from Eugene, remained here this week-end.

## Storm Breaks Warm Weather

After weeks of springlike weather with the mercury reaching 65 degrees on February 23, the highest of the year, March came in today like a surly lion showering mingled snow and rain on the basin.

The sudden drop in temperature and the unexpected precipitation caught a great many people Saturday morning without warm coats and galoshes, tricked as they were by the weatherman into thinking that spring had come to stay.

Farmers, too, were caught with discs and harrows in the fields, having started spring cultivation during the recent warm spell.

Only a little over half the rainfall of the same time last year has dampened the countryside the first two months of 1947, and almost three inches less than normal moisture has fallen.

If the old almanac prediction can be relied upon however, March will go out like a lamb, with sunshine and mild weather, farmers will get back to work in the fields and gay hats will be brought out from closets and boxes again.

## UN To Talk Europe Aid

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 1 (AP)—The United Nations prepared today to go to the economic aid of the war-ravaged nations of Europe.

Before the UN economic and social council was a British appeal to give top priority to the creation of a permanent economic commission which would help Europe get back on its feet.

Hector McNeill, British minister of state, told the council as it opened its fourth session yesterday that in his opinion this was the most important issue before the 18-member body.

It appeared likely that the council would begin debate on the question of creating the commission next week.

Delegates were generally agreed that such a commission should be created, but Russia and the western powers were expected to clash over the exact duties of the proposed agency.

Meanwhile, Great Britain—under prodding from the American state department to clarify its immediate intentions in Palestine—expressed willingness to accept any obligations laid down by the United Nations for liquidation of the Holy Land mandate.

## Soviets Suffer Coal Shortage

MOSCOW, March 1 (AP)—The Russian council of ministers (cabinet), blaming a lag in coal production for delaying the nation's whole economic development, today called for a 16 per cent increase in coal output as it sets goals for 1947 under the five-year plan.

The council, listing "shortcomings" of 1946, said: "The coal industry . . . experiencing the greatest difficulties as a result of the consequences of the war, is lagging behind, thus holding up the development of other branches of heavy industry, railway transport and the whole national economy."

The announcement said "a number of hardships" had been created by consequences of the war, crop failures and "backwardness of individual branches of the people's economy." It added:

"The council of ministers draws the attention of ministers of the union republics to the fact that the task of fulfilling and overfulfilling the five-year plan requires radical improvement in leadership in industry and production planning."

## Murray Regains Building As Long Litigation Ends

A final decree entered by Circuit Judge R. S. Hamilton last night brought an end to the protracted litigation over the Main street structure which houses the Woolworth store and Matt Finnigan's, a case that has made legal history here.

After E. J. Murray, builder of the structure and plaintiff in the case, tendered \$10,640.31 in court, Judge Hamilton made an order declaring Murray the true and legal owner of the building and he took possession last night. For nine years, the building had been in possession of T. B. Watters, M. S. West, C. J. Martin, their spouses, and Mary L. Moore, held by the supreme court to be mortgagees in possession.

The case came back into court for its final phase yesterday when the defendants, pursuant to a mandate by the supreme court, entered a final accounting showing a balance in their favor of \$10,640.31.

Murray built the structure in 1929. Against it was a mortgage held by the Pacific Savings and Loan association. In March, 1936, the defendants redeemed it and received what, they told the court, they assumed to be a warranty deed from Wilson S. Wiley and G. Q. D'Albini, local attorneys, who in turn had received the property from Murray. But the latter asserted that he had not surrendered his interest to Wiley and D'Albini, and sought re-possession of the building.

The defendants won the first round in circuit court here, receiving a decree from Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview, now on the supreme bench. But on appeal to the supreme court, Judge Hay was reversed. The court held the deed to be a trust deed instead of a warranty deed, and held Watters, and others, to be mortgagees in possession. An accounting was ordered to settle between the parties.

The defendants reported they paid \$65,000 in the original transaction and paid off income tax liens of about \$3500. In their nine years of occupancy, they spent \$26,000 on improvements and taxes. They had a total of \$147,000 in the property. They reported rents in the amount of \$103,000, together with interest at 6 per cent. The balance held due them before turning the structure over was \$10,640.31.

Hugh L. Biggs, of Portland represented Murray, and the defendants were represented by Kuykendall and Kuykendall and Arthur Schaupp of Klamath Falls.

## City, County Jail Plan OK

Blueprints of the proposed county-city jail building were approved by the jail commission during a meeting yesterday afternoon, and go now to the county court and city council for approval.

The jail building, to be located on Klamath between 2nd and 3rd streets, was originally planned to cost about \$150,000 to \$175,000, with the county putting up two-thirds of the money and the city one-third.

However, the cost of construction being what it is today, none of the members of the commission entertains great hopes of building the jail within the monetary limitations now set.

Architect Sheldon Brumbaugh drew the plans for the building, which would house the offices of city police, sheriff, juvenile office and county and city lockups. Building priorities have already been granted by the civilian production administration.

There have been several proposed changes in the plans, including rearrangement of the front entrance to the building and a change in the boiler room, but the commission okayed the plans as drawn.

Approval of the city council and county court is necessary before the jail commission can ask for bids on the project.

## Storm Threatens At Crater Lake

Skies were overcast at Crater Lake national park this Saturday morning and a storm was threatening, the weather report from park authorities advised.

Fair skiing conditions were expected to improve if the impending storm breaks with a new snowfall. Snow depth now is measured at 97 inches.

Temperature at 8:30 a.m. Saturday was 25 degrees; maximum Friday was 41 degrees and minimum 22 degrees.

Roads are reported in good shape but motorists are cautioned to carry chains.

## Weyerhaeuser President Dies

LONGVIEW, March 1 (AP)—J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr., vice president of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, today said he has been notified of the death in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday of H. H. Irvine, president of the timber concern. He was elected president at a meeting last May and was the oldest director in point of service of anyone on the board. Irvine was a director in several affiliated Weyerhaeuser concerns and a vital "cog" in the company's operations, Weyerhaeuser said. The funeral will be held Monday at St. Paul.

## 53 Killed In Greek Ambush

ATHENS, March 1 (AP)—Press dispatches said today that a leftist guerrilla band killed 53 Greek gendarmes yesterday in a bloody ambush near the village of Domoko, between Trikkala and Lamia.

The dispatches said a contingent of 66 gendarmes left Lamia yesterday morning for Domoko, to the north, and was surprised at a bend in the road by a band which opened deadly machine gun and rifle fire on the gendarmes' two trucks.

Survivors who escaped, the dispatches said, declared the guerrillas killed gendarmes who were wounded in the first onslaught after stripping them naked.

## Teachers Firm In Pay Demand

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 1 (AP)—The president of the city board of education, Bernard J. Dowd, called today for an immediate conference of officials of the city, school department and Buffalo Teachers federation in an effort to reach a settlement of the six-day-old strike of 2400 teachers.

Meanwhile, the city's 2400 striking teachers stood pat on their demand for an immediate salary increase in the face of the state administration's "back to work" call.

## 8-Year-Old Aids FBI In Tracing Missing Jewelry

SPOKANE, Wash., March 1 (AP)—An eight-year-old boy who agreed to "go to work" on the case after demanding that an FBI agent produce his credentials was credited today with helping locate \$13,450 worth of lost jewelry which youngsters had used as playthings for two weeks.

H. G. Maynor, special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office, related the tale of a boy who found the jewelry and gave away a \$700 sapphire ring and a \$12,750 pearl necklace because she "decided my \$5 string looked better."

Rodney Peterson, the eight-year-old FBI "assistant," was questioned by an agent tracing the route of a delivery truck which lost the jewels en route to the home of Mrs. George F. Jewett, Maynor said.

"If you are an FBI man, show me your credentials," Maynor said the youngster demanded. The agent complied, Rodney in-

## Department Says No New Spud Grade

The state department of agriculture announced today it had decided against establishing a new commercial grade of potatoes in Oregon.

At the request of the Klamath Potato Growers association, the department held hearings at several Oregon points on the proposed grade. It is reported today that sentiment for establishing the grade was strong only at Klamath Falls, while at the other hearings, strong opposition was expressed.

In view of the lack of unanimity among growers, the department decided to deny the Klamath request.

## Tickets Go On Sale At 6:30

Expecting a terrific demand for basketball tickets to the Klamath-Medford series Tuesday and Wednesday, Klamath Union high school officials have announced that the gymnasium doors will not open until 6:30 p. m. on those days for general admission seat sales.

The games will not start until 8:15. This two-game series will determine the district 4 basketball championship.

## Foresters Await Experiment Result

SEASIDE, March 1 (AP)—Foresters are waiting to see whether trees come up through the ferns west of Saddle mountain. If they do, aerial seeding works.

Some 800 acres of burned-over land were seeded by plane this week in a half day. If the seed reaches the ground through the heavy fern cover and sprouts trees, the method probably will be widely adopted.

## DARING BUSH PILOTS RESCUE CRASH VICTIMS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 1 (AP)—Fourteen army fliers, whose blazing B-29 crashed with an "explosion like Bikini" after they had parachuted to safety, were rescued by four daring civilian pilots yesterday from the snow-covered tundra wastelands of the Alaska peninsula over which the Superfortress crew had been flying in search of 13 lost comrades.

Four of the airmen were hospitalized with undisclosed injuries at the small settlement of Kanakanak; six others were taken to the fishing village of Naknek on Bristol bay near where the plane went down, and the remainder were flown to their base at Elmendorf field near Anchorage.

The Alaskan air command, which has lost three B-29's in a week, said an engine of the giant bomber burst into flames during the hunt for another Super-

fortress which disappeared in the Mt. Katmai region Monday.

An abandon ship order was given by the commander, Lt. B. M. Johnson, Rt. 4, Mason City, Ia., when it became apparent the big craft could not be saved.

The hazardous, dramatic rescue of the stranded B-29 airmen was the second this week from the bleak wastes of the Arctic. Eleven other fliers were snatched from the northwestern Greenland ice cap Monday by an air transport command pilot who risked his life and the lives of his crew to bring the men to safety.

Veteran bush pilots who flew out the 14 fliers from the Alaska peninsula were Orville Tosch of the Ray Petersen Flying Service, Anchorage; Dennis Fenno, owner of the Dillingham Air Service; Myron Moran of Dillingham, and Bill Smith of the Pacific Northern Airlines.

Tosch, who was en route to Anchorage from Dillingham, and Fenno, who was

## HOUSES OKAYED

PORTLAND, March 1 (AP)—The federal housing authority today authorized construction of 10 houses in Klamath Falls by David C. Gregg.