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Laos Showdown Predicted

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...ASHINGTON (AP) — President ...ehower's statement that his ...inistration sees no way to bal- ...e the budget for the next fiscal ...appeared likely today to de- ...indefinitely any fresh tax cuts.

...ehower told a White House ...conference yesterday it will ...impossible to bring expendi- ...completely in line with reve- ...Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) said Con- ...may have to approve new ...ductions without any final ...ting estimates for the fiscal ...beginning July 1.

...Sen. George (D-Ga), an old ...t fiscal matters, this spelled ...and possibly no tax reduc- ...at all beyond the already ...duled death of the excess profi- ...levy on July 1 and a 10 per ...decline in individual income ...set for next Jan. 1.

...mmenting on the president's ...ment, George said: "I don't ...how it leaves any leeway for ...tax reduction."

...House leaders, however, ...to a hope they will pass a ...this year, although they ...with the President that ...reductions should not be con- ...until a balanced budget is ...ght.

...publican leader Halleck (Ind.) ...in an interview, "I still ...don't rule out any chance of ...reduction. I don't think there ...be any big fight with the ...inistration but we may cut ...ations even below the ...inistration requests."

...House Speaker Joseph Mar- ...(R-Mass) said: ...m still hopeful we can make ...appropriation cuts that will ...by a tax reduction."

...ehower declined to speculate ...ssible additional tax reduc- ...and Taft, the Senate Repub- ...leader, significantly withheld ...predictions on this score.

...the Ohio Senator said in an ...view he doubts that any firm ...ates will be given Congress ...the present session on federal ...ding, which he said "will de- ...ize tax policy and whether ...is a deficit."

...F Singer ...ins Praise

...ena Lampropulos, music maj- ...the University of Washing- ...was given special newspaper ...sion for her outstanding per- ...ance in the second annual ...Hop," featuring University ...Washington drama students.

...e was rated as star of the ...show for her "amazing voice ...had complete control over such ...gent musical selections as ...owsh' and 'Deep River'."

...e talented young co-ed is the ...ter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust ...propulos, 207 East Main.

...tchcock, Geary ...Speak Here

...ate Sen. Phil Hitchcock and ...Ed Geary are here tonight to ...in to city employes the chan- ...the Legislature this year made ...e Public Employes' Retirement ...em. The meeting is set for ...Hall (council chambers) at ...

...proximately 80 city employes ...voted to quit the state-spon- ...d retirement system effective ...31 and go on federal Social ...rity. Only about a dozen em- ...es elected to remain under the ...e system.

ON EAGLE RIDGE, Clarence Ward (left) and Sheriff Murray Britton (center) carry the body of 10-year-old Victor Sykes away from Upper Klamath Lake, where the body was recovered yesterday. Right background is Johnny Stewart, another member of the recovery party.

Search For Body Pressed

A search party today continued dragging in Upper Klamath Lake for the body of Nels Nelson, about 70, missing since the April 5 boating tragedy in which three persons lost their lives.

The body of Victor Sykes, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sykes, Harriman Lodge, was recovered by the search party yesterday. Sheriff Murray Britton, Deputy Dale Mattoon and a County Jail trusty, Richard Biss, recovered the boy's body in about 45 feet of water some 55 yards off the tip of Eagle Ridge.

Body of the other victim of the lake tragedy, that of 4-year-old Connie Rae Sykes, was found floating in a life jacket about 12 hours after the Sykes' small cruiser was swamped in a lake storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Sykes and two other children, Mavon, 12, and Raymond Jr., 11, managed to make shore when the boat turned turtle.

Musicians Gather Here

Where there wasn't music, there was bedlam at Klamath Union High School today as musicians from 17 junior and senior high schools, accompanied by an unexpectedly large crowd of visitors converged on the school.

Something over 1,000 persons were expected here for the competitive music event sponsored by Southern Oregon Music Educators today and tomorrow. By noon today, the registrations were nudging 1,800 and were still coming in.

To get all the various vocal and instrumental combines on the program, a split-minute schedule is arranged. Performers were scheduled on stage from 8:30 this morning until 9:30 tonight and tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Among schools represented are Ashland, Crater, Medford, Phoenix, Prospect, Illinois Valley, Etna, Lakeview, Talent, Myrtle Creek, Henley, Central Point, Josephine County, Kerby, Dillard and several Klamath schools.

Missing Merrill Soldier Said Prisoner of Reds

By RUTH KING

An Associated Press release, received last night and relayed to the family of Pvt. Lowell E. Snapp, Merrill, through the Herald and News' radio station KFLW and announcer Floyd Wynne, was the first word the Snapp family has heard of their son, missing in action since June 14, 1952.

The official army telegram stated only, that the 23-year-old army man was missing following fighting near Pusan. That was about two months after he reached the combat zone in April of that year. No letters or other information has ever reached his parents or brothers since then.

The AP story was to the effect that two unidentified Canadians, released by the Communists from a North Korean prison camp, had taken down names of companions in the camp, among them that of Lowell Snapp, PO Box 75, Merrill, Oregon and Larry McIntosh, Tacoma. Number of the mailing address was verified in the conversation with the family.

Lowell's older brother, Wilbur, received the telephone message about 9:30 last night in stunned silence.

Questions put to the ex-army brother, who fought in World War II, revealed that Lowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Snapp were spending some time in Lamont, Okla., where Mrs. Snapp is caring for her aged and ill mother, Mrs. Grant Grubb.

Wynne, immediately called Mrs. Snapp at her parent's home, shortly before midnight to advise her of the good news.

Her first words were "Thank God." Members of Lowell's family, according to his mother, had never given up hope that he would return.

Lowell has four brothers, Wilbur and Harold of Merrill, Ursal Snapp, ex-Northwest middleweight champion now teaching school at Cloverdale, Calif., and Chester Snapp of San Andreas, Calif. A fifth brother, Charles was killed in the crash of a B-24 near Boise, Idaho, during World War II.

A special service is planned at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1735 Main Street, in Thanksgiving for the word of the safety of Snapp who is affiliated with the church. Prayers will be offered for his safe return by the membership and the pastor, the Rev. Raymond Cales.

Red May Day Speech Made

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet defense minister, Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin, said in a May Day speech in Red Square Friday there are no signs that the West is letting up in the arms race or abandoning "war bases" near Soviet territory. He called on Western statesmen to back up their peaceful words with deeds.

The Soviet government, he said, believes that "given good will and an intelligent approach all international problems could be solved peacefully." But, he added, inasmuch as there are no signs of a reduction in arms production by Western governments nor abandonment of military bases on the territory of European and Asian countries bounding the Soviet Union "our government calls for the strengthening of our armed forces."

Bulganin spoke from the marble tomb of Lenin and Stalin in the presence of Premier Georgi Malenkov and all 10 members of the Presidium of the Communist Party's central committee. U. S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen and other members of the diplomatic corps were in the stand.

LAST RITES

ABERDEEN (AP) — Funeral services were being held here Friday for Charles W. Buckner, who pioneered in the promotion of plywood for exterior uses. He died Wednesday night at age 78. The Harbor Plywood Corp. official had been with the firm since 1925.

Beseiged Garrison Waits Drive

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—The battle deciding the fate of the ancient mountain kingdom of Laos—besieged by the Vietminh legions of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh—may be underway within 48 hours.

By then the bare-footed invaders from neighboring Viet Nam, who have engulfed over a third of the interior Indochinese state in less than three weeks, are expected to attack King Sisavang Vong's royal seat of Luangprabang.

If the Vietminh win there, it may be only a short time until they reach the borders of Burma and Thailand, each of which has a sizable Communist element. The Vietminh now are only 80 miles from Thailand and 160 miles from Burma.

Four to five Vietminh divisions have poured into Laos since the first Red attack there April 12.

Today the invaders were reported within 12 miles of Luangprabang, on the north and east. The French have promised a last-ditch defense of the sun-baked, palm-lined little town of 6,000 Laotians. A desperate-paced airlift has poured French Union troops and American-supplied war materials into the town.

The belief was widespread that the Vietminh assault from the north and east may come early Sunday morning. The sabbath is a favorite day for Vietminh attacks.

The French and Laotians are confident they can defeat the invaders. To date, however, the French-Laotian posts in the Vietminh's path have fallen, one by one.

TED PAILLETTE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paillette, Radcliffe Street announced as missing in action has been identified as a prisoner of the Reds in Korea. He was captured in Oct. of 1952 and no word has been received since. His parents are currently visiting in California, but word was relayed to them by his sister, Mrs. Ralph Fuller, who received a wire from the Armed Forces last night. Ted is a hospitalman with the US Navy.

Education Slash Hit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) said Friday he was "dismayed and shocked" at a requested 68 per cent reduction in funds for the Office of Education. He accused Secretary of Welfare Hobby of "drastic crippling of the vocational educational program."

Humphrey said Mrs. Hobby, secretary of the new Department of Health, Education and Welfare, apparently is "intent" to build a record of economy at the expense of school children of this country."

The Office of Education was given $279,613,261 for the 12 months ending June 30, Humphrey said in a letter to Mrs. Hobby which he made public, and he added:

"In your estimates, you provide for only $85,976,370—an amazing reduction of 68 per cent."

Earl J. McGrath recently resigned as commissioner of education, saying he could not defend the proposed new budget for his agency, which is in Mrs. Hobby's department.

Webber Rites Set Saturday

Funeral services for Earl Louis Webber, 62, resident of Klamath County for the last 45 years will be held Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m., from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. Rev. Keith P. Fields of the Bible Baptist Church will officiate.

Graveside services will be in Bedfield Cemetery, Poe Valley in charge of Bonanza Lodge No. 143, IOOF.

Mr. Webber was identified with the newspaper business in his early life, soon after going to Santa Cruz with his parents. Later, after coming to Klamath County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Webber, he farmed in Poe Valley and also owned and operated grocery stores at Dairy and Bonanza.

He was active in grange work and was Master of Poe Valley grange at one time, was a member of Bonanza Lodge, No. 143, IOOF, Rebekah Lodge, No. 106, Ewauna Encampment, No. 46 and Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 99, Knights of Pythias.

Survivors include the widow, Gertrude, Poe Valley; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Hall, Ashland and Mrs. Viola Roberts, Swan Lake; and son Merle and a brother, Clarence Webber, Poe Valley.

Fifteen Killed By High Winds; Property Damage In Millions

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. (AP) — A shattering tornado dealt trip-hammer blows at this mid-Georgia community at twilight Thursday, killed 15 persons and caused property damage estimated in the millions.

Between 200 and 300 persons were injured by the devastating blow that churned down from warm spring skies and left a trail of misery, wreckage and death.

Eleven bodies were found amid the litter of blasted homes in the town of Warner Robins, 15 miles southeast of Macon.

Two persons—a four-year-old child and the wife of an Air Force colonel—died when the storm wrecked the motor car in which they were riding.

Another victim, a boy of five, died of storm injuries aboard an Air Force plane taking him to an Atlanta hospital.

All of the dead were identified.

More bodies may be found under the rubble in this town itself and in the splintered wreckage littering the Robins Air Force Base, a supply and maintenance depot and the service headquarters for the 14th Air Force.

One hundred and one persons remained in the base hospital early today. About 50 others were in Macon Hospitals.

Only three members of the Air Force personnel on the base were known to have been injured and they were dismissed after treatment. Property damage to the installation was unofficially estimated at more than a million dollars.

Several large structures on the base were flattened.

The swelling black funnel appeared shortly after 6 p. m. when most of the 9,000 residents of Warner Robins were preparing for dinner.

After smashing 30 two - unit apartments in a housing project near the base, the storm entered the base and whirled giddily over the area. Some structures were leveled, some unroofed, and others were left untouched.

Brick buildings in the town and on the base were torn apart as if made of plywood.

Heavy damage was reported in the industrial area of the military installation where supplies are stored and maintenance work is done, Maj. D. de S. Trenholm Jr. reported. The area was closely guarded and newsmen were not permitted to enter that section.

M. Sgt. H. F. Roth, reserve information officer of the 14th Air Force, said the storm hit like blockbusters that laid waste to London.

Roth said debris was tossed at least 200 feet into the air.

Wind gusts in the Warner Robins area were estimated at 100 miles an hour. Heavy rain and hailstones —some as large as golf balls—fell in the Macon area. The normally placid Ocmulgee River became a raging torrent within hours and was dangerously near flood stage, posing another threat to the stricken area.

Two highways leading from Macon were closed by the state patrol. Water covered the Walnut Creek bridge on the outskirts of the city.

Scores of civilians joined airmen from the Robins Base in helping dig the dead and injured from the ruins.

Charles Barrentine, 4, of the Dry Branch community in Twiggs County, died when his father's car was hurled nearly 75 yards from the highway. The twister had torn the roof from the Barrentine home and demolished a church next door when Barrentine herded his family of four into the family car to flee. The other members of the family were hospitalized in Macon.

City Pool Work Slated For July

Construction of the new municipal swimming pool is tentatively scheduled to get under way by July 1. This was announced today by Mayor Paul Landry, chairman of a special Swimming Pool Committee activated last night. Landry said the pool would not be ready for use before next spring.

At a joint meeting of the City Council and Recreation Committee, it was agreed work toward realization of the pool could be speeded by turning the job over to a committee somewhat smaller in numbers than the total membership of the council and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Landry, who is also chairman of the Recreation Committee, was instructed by motion to appoint a committee consisting of three committeemen, with the mayor as chairman.

The committee Landry named: from the council—Jimmy Barnes, Don Kenyon and Frank Tarr; from the Recreation Committee—Russ Marshall, Mrs. Howard Barnhisel and Martin Bronner.

The $130,000 municipal bond issue approved by voters April 21 for construction of the pool is to be sold as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. Landry said today it was hoped the bonds could be advertised for sale by the end of the week.

Once the bonds are sold, the pool construction job is to be advertised in two construction phases. Separate bids will be sought for the pool proper and the bath house and auxiliary facilities such as office, concession, etc.

It was decided last night to offer two architectural firms 6 per cent for their work. Howard Perrin is to handle the pool, Morrison and Howard the bath house. Perrin had originally agreed to handle the pool for a 4 per cent fee. But it was explained last night that he made the 4 per cent fee with the mistaken understanding that much of the engineering work would already be done. When this belief was found false, Perrin agreed to go ahead on the 4 per cent basis but the committee last night decided to offer him 6 per cent in view of the mistake.

Lookout Dam Pool Lowered

EUGENE (AP) — The pool below Lookout Point Dam was being lowered Friday in quest of the body of a missing engineer on the project.

Workmen Thursday saw a body in the stilling basin below the dam, then it vanished in the 40-foot depth. A check of personnel at the partly completed dam on the Willamette's Middle Fork showed Stener M. Rosenberg, 28, of Seattle missing.

Rosenberg had gone down a scaffolding to check a gauge on the upstream side Thursday morning. It was thought he toppled into the river and was swept through a regulating outlet into the stilling basin.

An immediate effort was made to lower logs into place to hold back water rushing over the spillway in an effort to lower the level of the stilling basin. This failed, but a renewed effort was made Friday.

Rosenberg, an employe of Morrison - Knudsen Co., one of the dam's builders, was not married, according to records of the Army Engineers.

Ore. Author Honored

PORTLAND (AP) — Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism fraternity, honored Portland author Stewart Holbrook at its annual Matrix Table dinner Thursday night.

He received the Edith Knight Hill memorial award for his "worthy and enduring contribution to the history, culture and color of Oregon."

Holbrook, who frequently speaks of his dislike of civic progress and growth, said his chief contribution had been toward "a smaller and more backward Portland."

Five women were named by the group for achievements in various fields. They were: Joan Patterson, Corvallis, for industrial textile designs; Maude Irvine Kerne, Eugene, art; Mrs. Owen S. Cowling (Freda Mowrey) Portland, journalism; Elizabeth Moorad, Portland, police protection; and Ethel Romig Fuller, Portland, poetry.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy Friday; fair Saturday. High Saturday 58; low Friday night 25.

High yesterday	44
Low last night	21
Precip last 24 hours	.02
Since Oct. 1	12.25
Normal for period	10.26
Same period last year	14.31

Fish Count Tops Record

PORTLAND (AP) — More salmon went over Bonneville Dam last month than in any April since the count was started, the Army Engineers reported Friday.

The count was 126,449 chinook, including 3,490 jack or small chinook.

The old April record was 83,530, set in 1947.

This was believed by fishermen to mean that the spring season this year would be a disappointing one since the bulk of the spring run went up river before the commercial season opened Thursday noon.

In the seven miles between Multnomah Falls and Beacon Rock, below Bonneville Dam, 124 fishing boats were counted by the engineers as the season opened.

The Thursday count at the dam showed the tapering off of the run: 788 chinook, 85 jacks, 51 steelhead.

Tom Gates Dies Thursday

Tom Gates, about 62, native of Argos Greece, and longtime resident of Klamath Falls, died at Hillside Hospital early today following a brief illness. He came to America about 42 years ago.

Mr. Gates was a gardener and was identified with care of many Klamath Falls gardens. Prior to coming here about 1930 he was in charge of the city park as caretaker at Bend.

He is survived by a brother James, Powers, Ore., a nephew in the East and other relatives in Greece.

He was a member of Hellenic Mutual Benevolent Society Enosis and of Ahepa Greek Lodge.

O'Hair's Memorial Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements to be announced later.

KUHS Elections Wound Up

The run-off for the offices of 2nd vice president and business manager of the KUHS student body Thursday that followed Wednesday's election resulted in the election of Louis Zarosinski for 2nd vice president and Wally Sweek for business manager.

Zarosinski tied Guy Munsell and Sweek tied Bill Davenport.

Other officers elected this week included George Knight, unopposed for president; Don Wells, 1st vice president, Don Taucher, 3rd vice president; Pat Taylor, secretary and Sue Ramsby, yell queen.

The student body constitution provides for election by majority.

RUGS OCCUPIED these two employes of Calhoun's, 357 E. Main, this morning. The two men are (l to r): Orland Dixon, 2111 Halley, and Dick Adreon, 2406 Wiard.

Allies Demand 375 Captured POWs

By ROBERT TUCKMAN

...MUNJOM (AP) — The Allies ...d the Reds bluntly today ...failure to hand over 375 more ...lled Allied soldiers "we know ...are holding" leaves "no choice ...to question your sincerity" in ...truce talks.

...Liaison officers accused the ...munists of a holdout in the ...and wounded exchange, truce ...iators got nowhere in trying ...hoose a neutral nation as care- ...r for some 48,000 able bodied ...captives who refuse to go ...e.

...e U. N. Command today sug- ...ed Sweden. The Reds again ...ed to name any country, de- ...e Allied prodding. The Commu- ...already had rejected Switzer- ...e, previously nominated by the ...N.

In the liaison meeting, the Reds denied the holdout accusation, calling it "groundlesss" and "wilful slander" not worth refuting. They admit holding some sick and wounded Allies, but said these are too ill to send home.

Many of the 684 Allied captives released last week told of disabled comrades still in stockades of North Korea.

The U. N. Command used these figures to pinpoint at least 234 non-Koreans—many of them undoubtedly Americans — and 141 Koreans left behind in "only a part of your announced . . . camps."

The Allies obviously were convinced the Reds hold even more than the 375.

After returning 684 Allied disabled, including 149 Americans, the Reds said April 26 that was all. They originally promised 605.

Rear Adm. John C. Daniel, chief liaison officer, told the Reds the Allies are returning all eligible Communists, and the Allies expect the Communists to do the same.

Saturday's return of 500 North Koreans will make a total of about 6,500 disabled Reds sent back since the exchange began April. The U. N. Command originally pledged 5,800.

Although it was not announced whether this would be the last shipment, the Allies indicated there are only a few Reds left for return.

After a 37-minute session, the liaison officers recessed until another meeting is requested by either side.