

# Syria Plans To Greet New Leader

DAMASCUS, Syria (U-P)—Syria's capital prepared a triumphal welcome today for new chief of state Hachem Bey el Attassi as rival factions of army rebels joined forces behind him to avert a threat of civil war.

Attassi was due here today from Homs, 90 miles to the north, where military and political leaders in a truce meeting Saturday night healed the split which divided them after their revolt Thursday sent dictator Adib Shisheki fleeing into exile in Saudi Arabia.

The agreement to install Attassi gained urgency from rioting Saturday night in Damascus when pro-Shisheki troops fired on mobs who were demanding the resignation of the dictator's Cabinet and Kuzbari, one person was killed and 20 others seriously hurt.

It was the only outbreak of violence reported during the three-day revolution.

Shisheki said Attassi already had begun consultations to form a cabinet.

The chief of staff said the army was returning to its barracks. He appealed to the public to help preserve Syria's security.

Kuzbari's resignation message said that since Shisheki's departure, he and the Cabinet had been conferring with Shisheki to find some way of restoring authority to legitimate hands. He said he was glad a solution had been found.

The much-revered Attassi has been a leading political figure since 1919, when he entered the Arab government the French set up at Damascus. He was a member of the first Syrian Constituent Assembly in 1928.

Attassi became president first in January 1936 but was ousted by the French three years later when they suspended the Syrian government. He was returned to office after adoption of a new constitution in September 1950. Shisheki forced him out in December 1951, when he took control of the country.

Process cheese has the advantage of melting without becoming stringy. It will give a smooth texture when used in casserole dishes and sauces.

# Gilchrist Hi Newsnotes

Principal Vern Roehke presented the county basketball sportsmanship trophy, won by Gilchrist High, to students at a studentbody meeting Monday, commending them and the patrons of the school on the fine spirit they showed throughout the season.

With the completion of the tournament and the end of the basketball season, attention has been turned to the local and county speech festivals. The local speech festival, March 2, will determine who will represent GIB at the county festival March 11. Miss Houston announced Wednesday that 10 judges chosen from the community and the faculty will name the winners.

Those competing for different fields are: humorous, Jerry Bliss, Sharon Krueger, Charles Roland, Sylvester Traw, Wesley Traw and Barbara Baker; extempore, Fred Page, Charles Roland and Wesley Traw; oratory, Michael Harris, Tom Larson, Larry Larson and Jerry Garrick.

Special speeches, Tom Larson, Robert Toomey and Judy Wyse; after dinner, Jane Brader, Jerry Bliss, Keith Russell and Erlene Ware; poetry, Jerry Bliss, Lois Burger, Margie Evans, Pat Hickey, Louie Jordan, Bill Richardson, Walter Enchard, Betty Barber, Mike Hickey, David Fogelquist and Carolyn Weber.

Story telling, Margie Evans, Don Gooch, June James, Sharon Krueger, Keith Russell, Carolyn Weber, Ella Bonner, Jerry Garrick and Bill Hoesy; radio speaking, Lee Fletcher, David Fogelquist, Maxine Fletcher and Dick Aenis; serious interpretation, Keith Russell, Judy Wyse and Dick Aenis; impromptu, Wally Cory and Mike Willingham; panel discussion, Wally Cory.

Student speakers at the Garden Club meeting February 17 were complimented by faculty and club members for a job well done. A panel on "Problems of Forest Conservation" was presented by Wally Cory, Judy Wyse, June James, Jane Brader and Dick Aenis. A speech on what Gilchrist did this year in conservation was given by Larry Larson. Dick Aenis explained the county program and showed the progress made at Gilchrist in conservation study since the program was begun five years ago.

An excellent puppet play on Smokey the Bear was presented by Mrs. Roehke's fifth grade students. Student players were introduced by Linda Wyse and included Gerald Warren, Jimmy Larson, Wanda Hight, Jimmy Sample, Eric Erickson, Leroy Pulliam, Pamela Anderson, Bee James, Mary Helen Edgar, Eileen Jordan, Sharon Hitt and Alia Wilkinson.

Individual and group pictures were taken here Tuesday by the Andy Morgan Studio.

# Driver Eye Tests Urged

"Every automobile driver should be required to pass a vision test upon renewal of his driver license every two years," Dr. Carol Pratt, president of the Oregon Optometric Association, declared today as the 27th annual Save Your Vision Week got under way.

"It is preposterous to assume that a driver's vision never changes, or that it is the same at 40 or 50 as it was when he got his first license," Doctor Pratt said. "Everybody knows that it is not, yet driving licenses are repeatedly renewed on the basis of the first examination.

"This archaic practice is probably costing hundreds of lives in highway accidents every year."

Doctor Pratt said that recent improvements in vision testing by the Drivers License Division of the Department of State has resulted in a definite upgrading of driver vision, but that there is need to provide for periodic retesting because vision changes slowly, often without notice to the individual.



DR. ROBERT A. WOOD, local chiropractor, was elected to head the "Dad's" organization at SOC, Ashland, Saturday. Many Klamath Falls people motored to the valley for the Dad's Day program.

# Radio Quiz Nuisance To Canadian

OTTAWA (U-P)—Money-hungry Canadian radio fans think Acting Prime Minister C. D. Howe is the pot of gold at the end of a quiz show rainbow, and they're making his life miserable with what his wife indignantly describes as "outrageously impertinent personal" telephone questions.

The program over an Ottawa station offers the pot to the lucky listener who identifies a mystery man from clues given out each week. Until a winner comes up, the pot goes up \$50 a week. It's up to \$2,500 now.

For the past month a lot of listeners have decided Howe is their man. He's Canada's trade minister and sitting in for world-touring Prime Minister Louis St-Laurent.

Each program touches off a new bedlam of clue-checking calls to the Howes.

"The Mrs. calls the whole thing 'a nightmare.'"

"We can't sit down to a meal. I can't start a letter. It's impossible to read the paper without the phone ringing," she told an interviewer.

The callers have asked whether Howe wears a hearing aid, a wig, false teeth. Does he own a gold mine, or a million dollars? Is he partial to sauerkraut and pretzels? Where does he buy his clothes and for how much?

"Two weeks ago I called the

station and told them that unless they could bring the contest program to an end quickly, I would sue for the prize money," Mrs. Howe continued.

"The callers have pulled the minister out of the House of Commons chamber and pestered him at his several offices, but he finally instructed his staff to intercept them."

What the sometimes sharp-tongued Howe tells the information

hunters, Mrs. Howe did not say when she takes the calls. "I tell them we answer no personal questions." But that doesn't always work.

"Women have called and when I refuse to answer their questions, they have pleaded that their husbands are jobless, their children starving, the rent unpaid, and that winning the prize money is simply life or death to them."

"They make it sound like soap opera—bad soap opera."



# Runaway Train Kills Nine

TOULOUSE, France (U-P)—A cog railway train streaking down a mountain in the French Pyrenees with holiday skiers jumped the tracks and plunged into a 1,500-foot ravine yesterday. Nine persons were killed and 14 injured.

The train was on its way from a ski run to Luchon when it derailed. It was believed the brakes failed.

As the train shot off the track and skidded over rocks to the ravine's brink, some passengers jumped. They were flung under the wheels and crushed between the rocks and the sides of the train.

The train was the three-rail type for steep grades. The rail's center track is notched to mesh with a cog wheel on the engine.

# Henley Grange To Give Awards

Henley Grange will hold 4-H achievement night Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Henley Grange hall. Awards will be made to 4-H boys and girls.

Mrs. Winetta Brannon and Mrs. Dorothea Mack are in charge of arrangements for the evening.

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