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Red Threat Over Asia Told Today

LONDON (AP)—The United States and Britain warned Tuesday that Communist aggression threatens the peace of all of Southeast Asia and called for the organization of a military alliance of many nations to safeguard the region from further Red penetration.

The decision to press for the formation of a new Southeast Asia defense system was announced in a joint British-American communique after a two-day conference between U.S. Secretary of State Dulles and British leaders on a "united action" program.

A top ranking American official said Dulles was "very satisfied" with the meeting and felt the talks "went far towards establishing the unity of purpose which he sought on Southeast Asia defense."

Dulles was leaving by plane for Paris to line up France in what the official said might become a "Southeast NATO."

BEST YET

Dulles told airport newsmen: "I have had the best series of talks in 48 hours that I have ever had. I think few countries have spoken to each other with greater intimacy and friendliness than has been characteristic of these talks we have had here."

The communique said: "We deplore the fact that on the eve of the Geneva conference the Communist forces in Indochina are increasingly developing their activities into a large-scale war against the forces of the French Union."

"They seek to overthrow the lawful and friendly government of Viet Nam, which we recognize, and they have invaded Laos and Cambodia."

"We realize that these activities not only threaten those involved, but also endanger the peace and security of the entire area of Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific, where our two nations and other friendly and allied nations have vital interests."

"Accordingly, we are ready to take part with the other countries principally concerned in an examination of the possibility of establishing a collective defense within the framework of the charter of the United Nations to assure the peace, security and freedom of Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific."

BODIES FOUND IN WRECKAGE

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SIXTH GRADERS at Fairview, Vivian Wilbanks, Joe Pynes, Jolynn Zimmerman, were discussing the relative merits of a tennis ball this morning when the nine o'clock photographer dropped around.

Beginning Swim Classes Slated to Open April 26

The schedule for beginning swimming classes at the Klamath Union High School natatorium was announced today by Bob Bonney, city park and recreation director.

Beginning classes, which will start Monday, April 26, are only for pre-school age children who are at least three feet, eight inches tall, able to dress and undress themselves and are willing to accept supervision in the absence of their parents, and elementary school children in the first, second and third grades.

According to Bonney, the course is designed to prepare non-swimmers for beginning classes at the new Municipal Swimming Pool when it opens this summer. Classes for all non-swimmers and beginners will be carried on throughout the summer at the new pool beginning in June 14.

The schedule for the KUHNS natatorium includes three sessions for children each evening, and a fourth session for parents—mothers on the evenings specified for girls; fathers on the evenings specified for boys.

Girls' classes will be held on each Monday and Wednesday, beginning April 26 and continuing on the following dates: April 28, May 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26.

Boys' classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday, April 27 and 29 and May 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and June 1.

The sessions are specified as follows:

Session I, 6:45 to 7:30; Session II, 7:15 to 8 p.m.; Session III, 7:45 to 8:30; Session IV, 8:15 to 9 p.m.

The 15 minute lee-way allows for swimmers to undress and be ready to enter the pool as soon as preceding class leaves.

The fee is \$1.00 for ten classes, payable in advance at the Recreation Department office at the city hall. Classes are limited to 30 registrations per session.

Instructor for the courses will be supervised by Ella Redkey for the girls; Martin Lougee and Charlie Santo for the boys, and will include instructors who have recently been certified.

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KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
35 cars	11 cars
Total for Season	
10,167 cars	10,863 cars
1953-54	1952-53

Firemen Kept On High Lope

The city fire ladders were busy for a short time Monday afternoon when they were called to extinguish three fires in one hour's time. No damage was reported.

Two of the calls were to grass fires, one in the 1500 block on Nimitz Street and the other on Kil Carson Way.

California Oregon Power Company crews had the other blaze under control when the fire truck arrived. It was reported a trash fire at the company's plant on south Riverside had spread and was burning a pile of creosoted poles when discovered.

ROW

BALTIMORE (AP)—Accused of biting off a woman's finger, 38-year-old Benjamin Bell was held in \$1,000 bail for grand jury action yesterday.

He pleaded innocent but admitted he and a neighbor, Elizabeth Robinson, fought after she got angry when he stuck his finger into a pot of fish on her stove.

Cross Town Traffic Plan Presented to Merchants; Truck Route "Necessary"

A report on plans for improvements to the state highway system within Klamath Falls — to give the town a new four-lane Sixth Street viaduct and one-way traffic couplets for Main and Klamath and Sixth and Seventh Streets — and on the proposed local bond issue to provide for a new truck route through town, was given to the Klamath Merchants Association Monday noon by members of the city's Cross-Town Traffic Committee.

"After a year and a half work we arrived at a program which is satisfactory both to the city and to the State Highway Department," it was stated by Greer Drew for the committee. He added that, had such an agreement been reached 10 years ago, the viaduct would have been built then.

This agreement is on a problem of many years. Incorporated in the plan are findings from both city and state surveys, he explained.

Of first importance to the state are the one-way traffic couplets for Highways 97 and 66; of

first importance to the city is breaking the Sixth Street viaduct bottleneck with a modern four-lane structure for the route that handles 60 per cent of the town's incoming traffic, the committee stated.

A further part of the city-state agreement is that of definitely establishing the West-side bypass, which is being surveyed now, although this major job may not be done by the state for several years. The viaduct and couplets will be built in the next fiscal year. The combined job will come to approximately one million dollars. This will be financed entirely from state highway funds, with the exception of approximately \$36,000 which the city will pay as half of the cost of additional traffic signals.

The cross-town traffic committee also has recommended that the city construct a truck route, through the commercial district, and a bond levy proposal will be on the May ballot.

The reasons for suggesting that the city construct the truck route, to supplement the state highway routes were reported by Drew as being:

1. Klamath Falls is the fourth largest distributing center in the Northwest, and is in 122nd position in the entire United States, and so needs the separate truck route.
2. It is necessary to provide adequate routes to get big trucks into the industrial area to further build up this distributive business which is so important to our economy.
3. The truck route would provide a bypass for the heavy late afternoon traffic of millworkers from the south through town to the south suburban residential areas.

The proposed bond issue is for \$180,000 to be paid off over a 10 year period. It would build the truck route part of the truck route from the corner of Second and Klamath diagonally to Plum and down Plum to Oak Street.

It is believed that state gas tax money, now being spent on the present Klamath Avenue truck route, would largely take care of improvements on Oak and Spring Streets.

Timing of construction of the city's truck route to coincide with construction work by the state could provide economies in costs, it was pointed out.

Cost of the Klamath Falls taxpayer on the truck proposal would not exceed \$1.45 for each \$100.00 in taxes now being paid, and that amount would be reduced in proportion to any decrease in property evaluation within the city, the committee stated.

Mayor Paul Landry, also in attendance at the merchants meeting, complimented the members of the committee and strongly urged that the truck route be considered to supplement the new state improvements.

"Klamath Falls has a rendezvous with destiny," Landry said. He mentioned the proposal by the armed forces for the jet air squadron for Klamath Falls, which would bring an additional monthly payroll of \$240,000.

Cross-Town Traffic Committee members present were Drew, Al Hattan, chairman; Jim Kerns and Rudy Jacobs. Other members are Casper Moly, A. H. Bussman, Vern Moore, Harry Bolvin and Bill Meade.

Airport Move Gaining

A long distance call to the Herald and News this morning from Walter Norblad, first district representative from Oregon, informed us that the House Armed Services Committee has approved \$4,133,000 for the proposed expansion of the Klamath Falls Airport.

Under current plans the big wartime field would be used as a base for a jet interceptor squadron, and would be a permanent installation.

The amount authorized covers all expenses from extending runways to providing for housing, lights, hospitals, and other items of maintenance.

Approval of this nature is generally conceded to be final except for minor items. Final approval will come on the budget meetings of Congress in July.

Surplus Spud Purchases For Oregon: 11 Cars

PORTLAND (AP)—Only 11 carloads of surplus potatoes will be bought in Oregon, a federal Agriculture Department official reported Monday.

Arnold N. Bodker, the official, said that Oregon growers already had offered more than 50 times that amount. The offers were made before the size of the government purchase was known.

Paying \$1.90 a hundredweight, the government will buy six carloads from the Klamath Falls area, three from Jefferson County and two from Deschutes County.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy Tuesday night and Wednesday. High Wednesday 64. Low tonight 55. High yesterday 68. Low last night 47. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Same period last year 11.68. Normal for period 9.88.

Georgescu Family Together After Long Years Apart

NEW YORK (AP)—Away from prying eyes, Mrs. Lygia Georgescu was tenderly reunited Tuesday with her two sons who were hostages in Romania for seven years.

Government officials and crew, together with other passengers, understandingly first left the big Pan American plane that carried Constantin, 19, and Peter, 15, from London to Idlewild Airport.

Then a public health official signalled to Mrs. Georgescu who had waited in an office. She walked toward the plane, then broke into a run. As she neared the craft's doorway, the older youth emerged from the cabin and embraced his mother.

Then they stepped within the plane and the little family group met privately for a few minutes. Also present was the boys' father, Valeriu Georgescu, 50-year-old oil company executive who met them in Munich Monday.

After the reunion, the youths stepped from the plane and told reporters they were "proud" that

KILLED

DATCHET, England (AP)—Exiled 26-year-old Prince Nicholas of Yugoslavia was killed in an automobile accident as he drove through this Buckinghamshire village Monday.

The prince was a cousin of ex-king Peter and the younger son of Prince Paul, regent for the young king before World War II. He also was a nephew of the Duchess of Kent, the former Princess Marina of Greece.



WYNN HESCOCK, 14-year-old member of Fort Klamath Boy Scout Troop No. 34, received the first eagle scout award in the history of that group. Presentation of the award, the highest in scout work, was made at a recent meeting of the group in Fort Klamath. Jack Smith, Klamath Falls, scout field executive, officiated. The eagle scout badge was pinned on young Hescocock by his father, Cubmaster Wilbur B. Hescocock. To qualify, the youth earned 21 merit badges representing skills in 21 separate fields of achievement, and proved that he had learned to care for himself and others. Mrs. Hescocock was presented a miniature eagle scout badge for her assistance to her son in his scout work.

Harry Orchard, Bomb-Plot Slayer, Dies In Prison

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Harry Orchard, 58, who blasted a trail of violence through the West which ended in the 1905 bomb-slaying of a former Idaho governor, died quietly Tuesday in the state penitentiary.

Orchard outlived the other principals of one of the nation's great courtroom dramas — William D. (Big Bill) Hayward, William E. Borah and Clarence Darrow.

When he confessed that he planted the bomb which killed Frank Steunenberg, Orchard implicated officers of the militant Western Federation of Miners.

Haywood and an associate were tried for murder and acquitted. A similar charge against a third federal official was dropped.

Orchard was sentenced to the gallows, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

He suffered a stroke last spring and was confined to bed for the last three months of his life. He lapsed into a coma last Thursday.

Steunenberg was a prosperous sheepman who had twice been elected governor on the Democratic ticket. During labor violence in the Rich Coeur d'Alene mining region of North Idaho in 1899, he angered the Mine Federation by asking for federal troops.

Orchard was working in the Coeur d'Alene mines at the time, but escaped the "bull pens" into which the recalcitrant miners were herded. He hiked over the hills into Montana.

When he planted the makeshift bomb which Steunenberg touched off by opening his gate on Dec. 30, 1905, Orchard was posing as Thomas Hogan, a sheep buyer.

Actually, his name was Albert E. Horley. He was born and reared in Ontario, Canada, but left his wife and child and came west under the name of Orchard.

He confessed to the Steunenberg murder and a host of other killings, attempted killings and explosions in Idaho, California and Colorado.

He said he was paid for all of them by the federation in its vendetta against mine owners, non-union workmen and public officials who opposed its views.

Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the federation, was arrested in Denver. Arrested at the same time were Charles H. Moyer, president, and G.A. Pettibone, director, of the mine union.

Darrow, later to be America's most famous defense lawyer, came from Chicago to assist in their defense.

The trial drew worldwide attention as a spectacular crisis in the struggle between capital and labor.

Haywood and Pettibone were acquitted. The charge against Moyer was dismissed.

After his imprisonment, Orchard became associated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The church published a book by the prisoner in 1952 which it claims has converted other convicts to Christianity.

Orchard raised bees and poultry during much of his prison career.

Dog Lover Can't Stoop to Aid in Mailman Trouble

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—When the postman constantly failed to stop by the mailbox of a Galveston woman, she called the post office to find the reason why.

She was told that her dog had driven the mailman away — but that he would deliver her mail if she lied up the dog.

She agreed to the dog. And so yesterday the postman stopped at her house.

But he wasn't too happy about the situation.

The dog was tied to the mail box.

Boat Blast Victim Sought

FLORENCE, Ore. (AP)—Search continued here Tuesday for Bob Willis, 55, who was blown through the roof of a fishing boat when it exploded at the Siuslaw River mouth.

Victor Watkins and Ernest Tatum, also of Florence, were seriously burned in the blast. They clung for more than an hour to the side of the shattered boat before being rescued.

Tatum suffered burns on the head, face and hands. Watkins was badly burned on the legs.

They said the blast occurred shortly after the boat had been tied to a buoy so engine trouble could be repaired.

The explosion was seen by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Raymond of Florence who were on shore. They notified police, who in turn notified the Coast Guard and other rescue agencies.

Another fishing boat, the Otter, manned by Walt and Ernest Fosick, rescued Watkins and Tatum. They were brought here for medical treatment.

The damaged boat was towed to the Florence harbor.

AEC Aide Held Threat To Security

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer has been suspended as a government adviser on atomic matters for security reasons — including accusations that he sought to block development of the hydrogen bomb. He declared he will fight the suspension.

The noted physicist, sometimes called the man who built the atom bomb, disclosed the charges himself Tuesday by making public an exchange of letters with Maj. Gen. K.D. Nichols, general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission. Stories about the charges had been published by New York morning newspapers.

There was no immediate comment from the AEC.

Nichols' letter said it is specific allegations of subversive activities that have been leveled against Oppenheimer. One was that he battled against construction of the H-bomb, even after former President Truman approved it.

The letter, dated last Dec. 23, advised Oppenheimer: "It was reported further that you were instrumental in persuading other scientists not to work on the hydrogen bomb project and that the opposition to the hydrogen bomb, of which you are the most experienced, most powerful and most effective member, was definitely slowed down its development."

"The commission has no other recourse, in the discharge of its obligations to protect the common defense and security, but to suspend your clearance (to have atomic information) until the matter has been resolved."

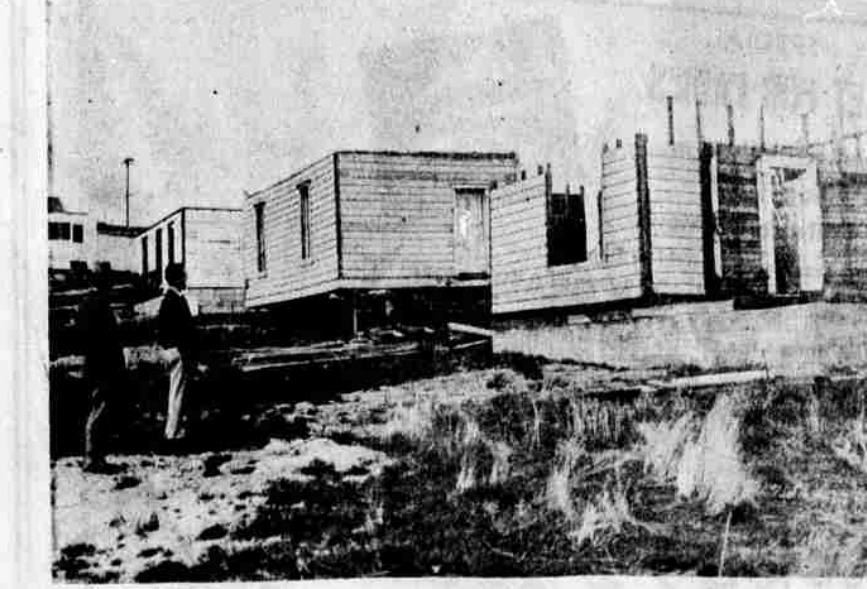
"Accordingly, your employment on Atomic Energy Commission work and your eligibility for access to restricted data are hereby suspended."

In reply, Oppenheimer wrote a 43-page letter on March 4 which he called "a summary account of relevant aspects of my life."

In the letter, the scientist took up each of the allegations raised in Nichols' letter including the statement that he had argued against development of the hydrogen bomb in 1949.

Oppenheimer said he as well as the entire general advisory committee on atomic matters, made up of leading scientists, argued against the rapid buildup of H-weapons, which the scientist referred to as a "crash program."

He said the committee submitted a report to the AEC stating that "such a program might weaken rather than strengthen the position of the United States."



ON WENDLING STREET, Building Inspector Vern Schortgen (left) and Councilman Wendell Smith look over some of the buildings proposed for condemnation by petitions to City Council. The buildings have been described as "dangerous" and "fire hazards" by Fire Chief Roy Rowe and the building inspector. (See story page 7)



DIAMOND CROSS LENA posed yesterday for the cameraman along with her last litter of 11 Weimaraner puppies. Owned by A. L. Boldt and Robert Bay, this is Lena's third litter, her first comprising 16 puppies and the second 11. The picture was taken at 2136 Darrow.