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**SPRING THAWS AT CRATER LAKE** expose the impressive rock formations which bound the lake. Clear blue water reflects the rugged bluff on Rim Drive and Wizard Island to the left. The scene is viewed from the lodge, looking across the lake. Warm sun is rapidly melting the 15 or so feet of snow which all but hid the lodge during the winter.

### PIRC Adopts Resolution Rejecting Wage Demands

Commendation of the negotiating committees of Pine Industrial Relations Committee, Inc., for their refusal to recommend, in whole or in part, the granting of any union demands which would result in cost increases to employers was the subject matter of a resolution adopted unanimously by PIRC members who met at the Winema Hotel Tuesday afternoon.

According to Chet Irving, secretary-manager of PIRC, the resolution further stated:

"(Resolved) That said committees be advised that it is the sense of this meeting that, on the basis of all presently known facts and forecasts for the year 1954, no such demands should be granted by any employer during the present year, and

### Sec. Wilson Backs Army Aide Action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Wilson said Wednesday he believes H. Struve Hensel is a "competent, honest man" and doesn't believe Hensel masterminded Army charges against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) as the senator contends.

If he didn't believe in Hensel, Wilson told a news conference, Hensel would not have his present post of assistant secretary of defense.

Speaking generally, Wilson said the Army-McCarthy row has "done no good" to military morale or helped to meet the problems confronting the nation.

Personally, he said, he feels "in these critical times men of good will ought to get together to solve these problems."

McCarthy brought Hensel's name into the row Tuesday when he filed a "bill of particulars" with the Senate investigations subcommittee outlining the things he will seek to prove in the televised public hearing set to open at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

McCarthy contended that concern that he was about to expose "misconduct" and "possibly law violations" by Hensel led Army officials to attempt to discredit him.

The Army officials chiefly involved in the long row with the senator are Secretary Stevens and Army Counselor John G. Adams.

Hensel retorted "barefaced lies" to McCarthy's charges and challenged the senator to repeat them under circumstances permitting a libel suit.

A reporter asked whether Wilson "agreed" with McCarthy that Hensel was "guilty of possible law violations."

Wilson chuckled, paused, then answered "no."

A reporter asked Wilson whether Hensel "masterminded" preparation of the Army charges against McCarthy as the senator contends.

"Of course not," Wilson replied.

"If your opponent calls you a liar, don't deny it, accuse him of being a horse thief."

He said the whole situation is one over which "I don't enthuse."

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Sid Jack will display copper craft tooling; Eva Burkhalter, a collection of bells worth \$75; Mrs. O. W. Anderson, a weaving exhibit and loom, valued at \$100.

In addition there will be several stamp exhibits and art exhibits by members of the Klamath Art Association.

Entry blanks and exhibits will be accepted up to 4 p.m. Thursday. Entry fee is 10 cents, and entitles the entrant to an exhibitor's pass. Admission for adults is 25 cents; for students, 10 cents.

The classification list includes the following:

Collections: natural history, philately, collections of coins, war relics, Indian relics, buttons, match covers, post cards, mottos, autographs, place cards and favors, dolls, airplane pictures, railroad pictures, ship pictures.

Fine arts: handicraft, photography, color transparencies, motion pictures, 8 and 16 mm.

Practical Arts: Weaving, textiles, paper, rope work, belts, kites, ship models, aeronautics, industrial craft, household arts, manual training, archery, micro railroads, garden section for domestic flowers, potted plants, wildflowers, cactus and miscellaneous.

The show will be open Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., and Saturday afternoon from 1 until 4 p.m.

### Ashland Turns Down Proposal

ASHLAND (AP) — Ashland's City Council decided last night to reject any negotiations aimed at raising the price of electricity bought from California-Oregon Power Co.

The city has a municipal system but most of the current is bought from Copco. In January Copco won rate increases in Oregon and then asked the Ashland council to tear up its contract and write a new one with higher rates.

Mayor Richard Neill said the present contract has eight years to run and a quarter of a million dollars is involved in the increase proposal.

The council directed that Copco be advised that its request for a new rate was turned down on "moral as well as legal" grounds.

Neill said the state public utilities commissioner's office had advised that the new rate authorized did not supersede the Ashland-Copco contract.



**HURRYING TO SCHOOL** this morning was this group of young students of the Riverside School.

### 4-H Talent Night Slated

Dr. Joe T. Riker will emcee the 4-H Club third annual Talent Night, to be presented this Friday evening in conjunction with the 4-H Club Spring Fair April 22, 23 and 24. The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the exhibit building at the fairgrounds, and is open to the public at no charge.

Talent from 4-H clubs all over the county will be presented in musical numbers, readings, even an Irish dance.

There will be no voting or award of prizes.

Entries so far include a piano solo, Shavvy Meyers; accordion solo, Kathleen Radspinner; ballet solo, Kathryn Fenning; vocal sextet, Nancy Atterberry, Jean Howard, Alice Turner, Betty Atterberry, Harlyne Eaken and Buelah Eaken; accompanist, Ida Sohrakoff.

Piano solo, Judy Esgate, humorous reading, "How to Build a Fireplace," Terry Beyer; piano solo, Carmen Peebler, accordion solo, Charles Dehlinger; piano solo, Cora Euman; vocal solo, Vernon Lambert.

Piano solo, Marlee Breithaupt; accordion solo, Jim Hickman; vocal duet, Jeanne Martin and Laura Estrada; Irish dance, Breda O'Keefe, Sara and Diane West; vocal duet, Grace Estrada and Stephanie Bonotto.

Talent Night Committee members are Nancy Pruitt, chairman; Mrs. Charles Thurman, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Riker, Bryant Williams and Mrs. William Tubach.

KIAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
25 cars	16 cars
Total for Season	
10,401 cars	10,946 cars
1953-54	1952-53

### Court Order Faces Firm

PORTLAND (AP) — An order was issued Tuesday temporarily enjoining Weisfelds Inc. and its retail outlets in Portland, Roseburg, Eugene and Klamath Falls from advertising or selling Elgin watches below fair trade prices set by the manufacturer.

Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorff also restrained Weisfelds from inducing other firms from breaching fair trade contracts with Elgin.

The company asked for the injunction on the ground that Weisfelds violated the Oregon fair trade act by conducting a sale of Elgin watches at a one-third reduction of the retail price fixed in fair trade contracts with other dealers.

Judge Mundorff set April 26 for a hearing to determine whether the injunction should be made permanent.

### Accusations Hurlled During Dickenson Court Martial

WASHINGTON (AP) — An ex-prisoner-of-war said Wednesday Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson pushed a sick POW down some stairs after the ailing man had asked Dickenson for food.

This incident was described by Staff Sgt. John A. Davis of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who stared at Dickenson with unmasked hate during his appearance in the witness chair. It was the third day of Dickenson's court martial on charges of collaborating with the Chinese Communists while a POW in Korea.

Davis said Dickenson, 33, and from Cracker's Neck, Va., worked at the sick compound as a cook at the Red POW camp at Pyok long along the Yalu River and "I saw him trade off chow for tobacco and candy."

At one point, Davis said he saw a sick POW go up to Dickenson "and ask for chow. Dickenson said there was no more. I, personally, saw some chow in the chow pot."

The witness said there was "a little argument" and he saw Dickenson push the man down three stairs. "The man's legs were paralyzed for a day," Davis said.

Guy Emery, counsel for the de-

### Paratroops Ferried To Indochina

PARIS (AP) — The U.S. Air Force is ferrying French paratroops to Indochina for later dropping into Dien Bien Phu.

This was confirmed Wednesday here and in Washington. Charles Wilson, U.S. secretary of defense, said the 8,500-mile operation "is in line with present United States policy and in conformity with our existing military assistance program." He added it was undertaken at the request of the French government.

The paratroop troops are being flown from France to Indochina in C134 Globemasters. The Douglas planes belong to the Air Force tactical command. They will return to home bases in the United States, the Air Force said.

The troops are to be landed in non-combat areas. Planes piloted by French airmen or American civilians will shuttle them to the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu in northwest Indochina. Helms were updating air operations there Wednesday.

The troops—number unspecified but believed to number at least 1,000—were flown from Paris' big Orly Airfield Saturday. At least word, they had not yet reached Indochina.

It was learned that the U.S. Air Force also will ferry French troops through American sources here considered the France-to-Indochina operation a "one-shot" affair.

The departure point from North Africa meanwhile was kept secret.

French Army Secretary Pierre de Chevigne addressed the 7th Battalion of French commando paratroops at Quimper Sunday and told them they were leaving immediately for Indochina without the month's leave usually granted before overseas duty.

"You leave in exceptional circumstances," Chevigne told the troops after a parade, "which have forced us to call on you for sacrifices."

"I bid our comrades at Dien Bien Phu we are putting into the battle all our forces."

The United States already is supplying the French with fighters, attack bombers and transport planes for their fight against the Vietnam. Some 200 American Air Force ground personnel have been stationed in Indochina to help maintain these planes.

Twenty-five American aviators under private contract also are piloting some of the transport planes carrying supplies to Dien Bien Phu, but no American Air Force personnel have taken part in the flying operations in the combat zone.

On Sunday 25 speedy U.S. Navy Corsair fighter-bombers were transferred from the American carrier Saipan to a French air base on the Viet Nam coast to bolster the battle against the Red-commanded rebels. Their American pilots returned immediately to the carrier.

### Builders Dispute Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Assn. of Home Builders today disputed charges that the government is millions of dollars out of pocket or that too high rents have resulted from alleged widespread abuses under the government's loan-insurance program.

The association's views were expressed by its president, R. G. Hughes, as the Senate Banking Committee turned to hear what industry spokesmen have to say about allegations that some apartment builders raked in huge and "unconscionable" profits by obtaining oversized government-backed loans either through the dishonesty or inefficiency of Federal Housing Administration (FHA) officials.

"The impression that the government has lost millions of dollars and that tenants have been charged excessive rents is, in my opinion, erroneous," Hughes said in prepared testimony.

Yesterday, Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews of the Internal Revenue Service told the Senate-House Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures that builders of 1,149 apartment projects under a now-defunct "middle income" housing program piled up \$5 million dollars in excessive profits by the inflated loan guarantee device. Andrews said his agents so far have found no evidence of tax fraud.

### Injury Avoided In Air Crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP) — Forty-nine persons escaped unharmed Wednesday when a Trans World Airline Constellation airplane slammed into the side of an Air Force barracks building on landing.

The big plane veered off the runway on landing at 4:55 a.m. (PST) District TWA Manager Robert Riordan said. He blamed failure of the hydraulic system on the four-engine plane.

The 44 passengers and five crew members were not injured. A hole a foot in diameter was punched in the right side of the plane. The Air Force said the barracks building sustained little damage. One airman reportedly was asleep in the barracks at the time.

### Dulles Arrives In Paris For Pre-Geneva Meeting

PARIS (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Dulles arrived here Wednesday to attend the meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to consult with Western Allies on strategy for the Geneva conference.

He was greeted at the airport by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault who will be his guest at a private dinner Wednesday evening when they will review the Indochinese question and other problems coming up at Geneva.

Dulles' old newsmen Friday's NATO meeting is of "special significance for one of its purposes is to take notice of the fact that five years ago this month the North Atlantic Treaty was signed. That was an historic event."

"In the past five years," Dulles said, "we have made impressive progress in translating the symbolic act of banding together in the midst of a common danger into the reality of an effective common defense. Of equal importance is the habit of consultation—I could truthfully say—daily consultation in the council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

Dulles said Friday's meeting would be a continuation of that process of consultation. In such fashion, he added, the 14 member countries would be able to perfect

### Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Thursday. High Thursday 55 Low Wednesday night 36.

High yesterday 69

Low last night 37

Precip. last 24 hours 0.0

Since Oct. 1 12.57

Same period last year 11.85

Normal for period 10.01

### Van Fleet Named By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has named Gen. James Van Fleet, former 8th Army commander in Korea and now retired, to survey the military assistance program in the Far East, especially in Korea and Formosa.

This announcement was made Wednesday by Secretary of Defense Wilson at his weekly news conference.

Wilson said Van Fleet, Asst. Secretary of Defense W. J. McNell and a small staff of civilians and military personnel will leave Washington about May 1.

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**BANDS OF SHEEP ON THEIR WAY** to summer pastures is a sure sign that winter is over, with all the inconveniences of feeding. As grass greens on summer pastures, sheep are moved



from the home feed lots to graze. Crossing above the north entrance to Klamath Falls is a band of 400 John D. O'Connor sheep is John Drislane, herder.