

By FRANK JENKINS

After a meeting lasting an hour and a quarter, the governor of Oregon, the chief justice of the Oregon supreme court, the attorney general of Oregon and the president of the Oregon state bar association...

At the conclusion of their meeting they issue a statement the general gist of which is that as of now there is no legal remedy for the situation that has arisen here.

I think everyone in Klamath county will be a little disappointed that something constructive could not have come out of the meeting. We had hoped that these top-most legal authorities of our state might go beyond the powers of their offices and give us helpful advice as to what we might do to resolve a situation that to say the least has been perplexing.

These are the questions that have been bothering us:

Is District Attorney Alderson incompetent to perform efficiently the duties of his office? Are the legal papers he prepares so faulty that they will not stand up in court?

Or is the whole business just a feud between two officials who are chiefly responsible for law enforcement in Klamath county? If so, who is in the right? Who is in the wrong?

We had hoped, I presume, for advice that might guide us in arriving at accurate and impartial answers to these questions.

No layman, I think, is competent to judge as to the technical excellence of legal proceedings any more than a mere layman is competent to pass upon the treatment prescribed by a physician for a patient.

I can understand why our governor, the chief justice of our supreme court, the attorney general of our state and the president of our state bar association might not care to go so far beyond the limits of their duties in a case involving officials whom we ourselves have elected, but you can't blame us for hoping.

Since we must go ahead on our own, this newspaper would like to appeal to Judge Vandenberg to indicate as far as possible within the limits of the duties of his office the apparent youthful ineptness on the part of the district attorney.

It appeals with equal urgency to District Attorney Alderson to carry out the duties of his office with all the ability and all the sincerity he is capable of. I'd like to suggest personally that in cases where he feels in need of assistance he call upon the Klamath county bar association. I'm sure its members—all of whom have been young and inexperienced in their profession when they started in—will be glad to give him all the help they can.

In conclusion, this newspaper appeals to the people of Klamath county to be as patient and as tolerant as they can be in these rather peculiar circumstances.

After all, you know, this is OUR community. We are all interested in maintaining its good name. And especially, we are all interested in its future. Let us all do our utmost to help it.

If we will all be patient and tolerant and if everyone will do his part to the best of his ability, we should be able to prevent any weakening of law enforcement in Klamath county in spite of the unfortunate situation that has arisen among us.

### French Vote Backs Truce

PARIS (AP)—The French National Assembly approved the Indochina cease-fire last night by a sweeping 471-4 vote.

An Assembly resolution, expressing satisfaction at the outcome of the Geneva conference, said the cessation of hostilities was "due, in a large measure, to the decisive action" of Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

During debate the Premier clashed with ex-Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, who attacked the Indochina settlement as another Munich of the 1938 agreement which split Czechoslovakia and paved the way for Nazi aggression.

Bidault had headed the French delegation at the three-month Geneva conference during the early unsuccessful stages of the negotiations. Mendes-France took over the premiership from Joseph Laniel with the pledge he would bring the Indochina war to an end by July 20 or resign.

### Heat Swelters Southern Plains

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pleasant summer weather prevailed over the northern two-thirds of the nation Saturday, but the far Southern plains still sweltered in plus 100-degree heat.

Most sections had high temperatures in the 90s and 80s Friday, although maximum readings were only in the 50s and 60s along the Pacific Coast from Central California to Canada.

The cooler air pressed southward into southern Kansas and the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. The mercury topped the 100-degree mark in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Northern Louisiana. Temperatures in the 90s prevailed in other sections of the south.

## Dulles Warns Red Cold War To Continue Despite Truce

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration has now reached two basic conclusions about the Indochina peace settlement at Geneva:

1. If the United States and its Allies act quickly and decisively they can take military, political and economic measures which should save the rest of Indochina from Communist conquest either by a new open aggression or by subversion.

2. Just because Russia and Red China agreed to an Indochina settlement, this does not provide any basis for believing the Communists will now agree to desirable Korean, German and Austrian settlements or to disarmament and atomic bomb control systems.

These points stood out in a news conference held by Secretary of State Dulles late yesterday near the end of a hectic week in international affairs. They demonstrated that the American government assumes the cold war is still a very active combat and that Russian talk of sweeping world settlements is simply propaganda designed to muddle the Western Allies.

Dulles said again that the Indochina settlement was one which the United States did not like, but that in effect it simply reflected the military reality of a situation in which French-led forces were losing and Communist troops were winning the Indochina war.

"The important thing from now on," he said, "is not to mourn the past but to seize the future opportunity to prevent the loss in Northern Viet Nam from leading to the extension of communism throughout Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific."

"If the free nations which have a stake in the area will now work together to avail our present opportunities in the light of past experience, then the loss of the present may lead to a gain for the future."

In the wake of this opening state-

ment, Dulles was asked what thought about a Russian declaration of Thursday that national conferences be held to settle issues as the year-old Korean and Austrian settlement and American government. Dulles said the American government was hopeful of Soviet cooperation, but he declared, this "has gone a long way in restoring faith in the good faith of the Soviet Union and so far the results have been entirely negative."

## Skin Diver Stays Down For 24 Hours

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Skin diver Ed Fisher holds the world endurance record for camping on the ocean floor 24 hours 24 minutes.

He was still a bit tired today from the unusual underwater experience, but apparently suffered no lasting ill effects.

The lanky 26-year-old, a native of New York, said he did not intend to repeat the experiment in the near future. But he and his surface associates were jubilant over the outcome.

Fisher popped to the surface at 3:10 p.m. EST yesterday after spending a trifle more than 24 hours on the floor of a coral reef canyon 30 feet below the sea off Key Largo.

WRINKLED SKIN

His skin was blue and wrinkled like a prune. His head and stomach ached and he drank lots of water. There was a time earlier in the day when he thought he wouldn't make it. During the night hours he wiped his body warm and he felt cold and sick.

"Don't think I can stay down more than another hour," he told companions in boats above him in a message written with a grease pencil on slate. But the sun soon warmed him up and he stuck it out.

Fisher began his free dive at 3:08 p.m. Thursday and had no direct connection with the airy world above him. He hung his camping equipment on coral pinacles and pushed friendly fish aside.

Once a shark, described by Fisher's companions as half as big as a submarine, swam slowly overhead, eyed the strange going on in his domain curiously, then went his way.

BREAKFAST

Fisher drank soup, ate candy, and for breakfast shot a fish with his water spear gun, sliced it and chewed it raw.

The endurance dive was to test a "Dive-Air," a newly designed underwater breathing apparatus similar to the French aqualung. A face mask covered Fisher's eyes and nose but left his mouth free.

Fisher breathed air from a tank on his back through a tube in his mouth. He removed the mouthpiece long enough to swallow a morsel of food or sip water or soup from a bottle. The food and fresh tanks of air were brought down to him by associates.

## Red Pilots' Pay Compared

WASHINGTON (AP)—Air Force Magazine said Saturday Russian pilots are far ahead of U. S. Air Force fliers in pay, benefits, privileges and comparative prestige.

John P. Loosbrock, managing editor of the official publication of the Air Force Assn., said the Soviet pilot's typical monthly pay is \$765, compared with \$655.80 for an American Air Force pilot.

Both figures, he said, are based on the pay and allowances of a married captain—a jet pilot and flight leader with 10 years of service.

In addition, the magazine said, the Russian flier enjoys a standard of living vastly higher than that of the mass of the Russian people. He gets free food, cigarettes and 50 per cent discounts at civilian stores and restaurants. And he pays no income tax.

"In contrast, the average USAP pilot is a second class citizen in our economy. He has lost most of his fringe benefits. He must buy his food from a usually inadequate subsistence allowance and is taxed to help foot the bill for his own services. Many USAP pilots are discovering they can earn more money 'outside.'"

"The American pilot has a great many reasons for wanting to leave the service, while the Red pilot has even more reasons for wanting to stay in."

BOMB

VERONA, Italy (AP)—A live 250-pound World War II bomb was found Saturday under the tracks at the railroad station here. The station manager said thousands of trains had passed over it.

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DUTY BOUND AT 9 A.M. were Mr. and Mrs. Macon S. Jack, 2228 Lindley Way. Mrs. Jack works at Anita Shops; her husband is employed with Montgomery Ward Co.



JOSEPH K. CARSON

## J. K. Carson To Visit KF

Joseph K. Carson, Democratic nominee for governor of Oregon, will visit Klamath county early next week.

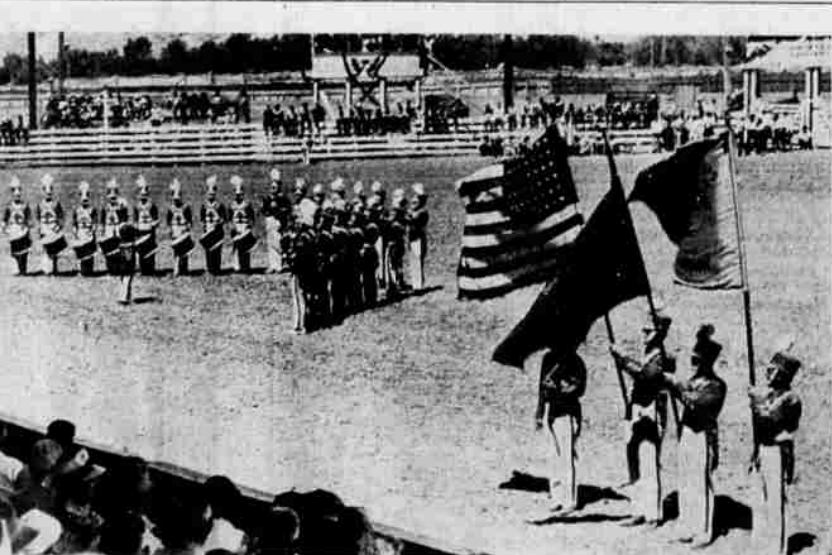
Local Democrats have planned a meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Monday, July 26, in the circuit court room of the courthouse. An invitation is extended to all persons interested in hearing Carson speak on the subject "Restore Oregon's Government to the People."

Doughnuts and coffee will be served after the meeting. Carson is a former Mayor of Portland, holding the position from 1933 to 1941. He is an overseas war veteran and held the position of inspector of general civil defense during the last war. He has been department commander of the American Legion and during the past few years has served as a member of the important U.S. Maritime Commission.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Sunday. High Sunday 88; low Saturday night 43-48.

Low last night 52 High yesterday 85



CHAMPIONS STILL — the Klamath Falls American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps who successfully defended its 1953 state championship title in competition during the Oregon State American Legion and Auxiliary convention which ended Friday at Coos Bay are shown at the Klamath Fairgrounds. Individual first place titles went to Bob Fredrickson, (director), bugle; Jerry Withers, snare drum; Sharon Schwartzmiller, drum majorette.

## Texas Man Confesses Killing Girl

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Victor Lively, 32-year-old Texan who admitted the "dresser-drawer" slaying of a teen-age girl in an Indianapolis hotel, will be returned to the scene of the crime today.

Lively, in a signed statement yesterday, admitted killing 18-year-old Dorothy Poore three hours after he was seized by two St. Louis County deputy sheriffs while walking on a highway.

Deputies said Lively told them he became enraged when the girl protested about his drinking and that he choked her "three or four minutes until she was dead."

The body of the Clinton, Ind., high school graduate was discovered in a dresser drawer at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis last Sunday, three days after she was slain. It was clad in bra, panties and slip.

Indianapolis Detective Sgt. Harold Goodman and Randolph Schubert arrived here late last night to return Lively there. He has waived extradition.

The two detectives brought Bruno Widman, 30-year-old Claypool Hotel bellhop with them and said he identified Lively as the man who registered at the hotel under the name of "Jack O'Shea."

Lively, they said, also said he recognized Widman as a bellhop who was on duty at the hotel when he registered there.

Lively, who has unusually muscular arms and is 5 foot 3 inches tall, said he picked up the Poore girl earlier on the day of her death, in a hamburger stand in downtown Indianapolis.

Lively said he had been drinking and continued to drink in the hotel room. While he and Miss Poore were in the room, Lively told officers, two maids came in to clean it up. He said another girl whom he knew only as "Ruth" was with him and Miss Poore for a time before the slaying.

Lively, who said he had been married six times and had one child, was carrying a loaded .32 caliber automatic when arrested. After the slaying, Lively told officers he sat in a chair and drank gin more than five hours before stuffing the body into the drawer.

He left Indianapolis immediately after the slaying for East St. Louis, Ill., where he worked several days as a solicitor for a home improvement firm. His employer said Lively became excited after reading an Indianapolis newspaper and left hurriedly after collecting his pay.

He came to St. Louis Thursday and slept in the open near the place where he was captured. Lively told officers he was hitch-hiking to Beaumont, Tex., where he was born, to visit his foster mother.

## Crash Kills Hitchhiker

A hitchhiker was killed instantly late Friday night when an automobile in which he was riding went out of control and plunged over an embankment on highway 97 near Diamond Lake Junction.

Dead is Ray Hoffstatter, address unknown. Injured in the crash were Alfred Weatherston, Alameda, California, the driver, and Margaret Grover, 22, another hitchhiker from Seattle.

Weatherston told state police his automobile went out of control after it was hit from the rear by another car. The driver of the second car has not been identified.

Weatherston and Miss Grover were treated at Klamath Valley Hospital for major cuts and bruises and released.

Hoffstatter's body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home. Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, is investigating the accident.

## 9th Traffic Fatality for 1954

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## New Homes For TL Planned

TULELAKE — Work is expected to start in the immediate future on construction of 20 new homes in the Second Addition to the townsite where voters this week approved extension of the city's sewer system. Contractors will be the Judy Investment Company, Alturas.

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## British Plane Crashes In China Sea After Attack

HONG KONG (AP)—Two fighter planes "with red circle markings" shot down a British airliner with 18 persons aboard Friday, sending it on a 9,000-foot flaming plunge into the sea near the Red Chinese island of Hainan.

Great Britain ordered a protest to Beijing over the attack. A London spokesman said the attackers must have come from Hainan.

Only eight persons were rescued—by a U. S. Air Force plane which moved within 100 yards of the Communist island while Navy fighter planes, presumably from carriers, flew protective cover.

The airliner's pilot, in a statement released by the U. S. Air Force in Tokyo, said the two fighters with the red circle markings "fired at will with what seemed to be incendiaries and conventional bullets, killing several passengers."

U. S. SURVIVOR

An American survivor told of the fighter planes following the crippled plane down, firing as it fell.

The two aircraft which attacked the plane could not have come from anywhere else than from Hainan, according to our information from Hong Kong," a London Foreign Office spokesman said.

The Hong Kong government announced earlier that there was "substantial evidence" that two unidentified fighters shot down the airliner.

In London, the foreign office spokesman said the British government acted on the basis of statements from the pilot and co-pilot of the Skymaster.

He said Charles d'Almeida Humphrey Trevelyan has been instructed to draft a formal protest and it presumably would be delivered to Red China later Saturday.

RED FIGHTERS

One of the American survivors, Peter Shaw Thatcher, 27, of Stoughton, Conn., said from his Hong Kong hospital bed that the attacking fighters were propeller-driven and made "half a dozen strafing runs, passengers were struck by bullets and he thought "many were dead before we hit the water."

Thatcher said he saw one fighter himself and the co-pilot told him he saw two.

The port engine caught fire after the first or second strafing run, Thatcher said in an interview. After that, the big airliner lost altitude rapidly. Thatcher said one of the fighters kept on strafing as it went down.

He believed the plane was well outside Communist waters at the outset but that it hit the water near Hainan Island.

Thatcher believed some of the shells were incendiaries because he got a "good smell" of cordite. Hainan, which lies about 200 miles southwest of here, is the site of several large Communist military air bases.

High government officials met today amid reports that airliners leaving this British colony would be given fighter escort. The report drew an official "no comment" and planes left at intervals with no fighters in evidence.

The pilot of the airliner reportedly said in a formal statement that he was attacked by two fighter planes whose markings he could not distinguish and whose pilots he could not see to ascertain nationality.

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hit. He said his wife doubted that others were able to escape before the four-engine airliner went to the bottom of the South China Sea.

EVIDENCE

An official Hong Kong government announcement said "there is now substantial evidence that two British Pacific Airways planes which ditched in the sea off Hainan Islands yesterday morning was shot down by two unidentified fighter planes while on its normal route from Singapore to Hong Kong. Enquiries are continuing."

The announcement was broadcast by Hong Kong Radio. It gave no source for the report, but presumably the information was supplied by three members of the crew who survived.

Newsmen were barred from talking with survivors, but an official at Kai Tak Airport quoted Pilot Philip Blown of Hong Kong as saying the airliner was shot down by fighter planes.

A report that Blown had identified the fighters as deadly sweeping MIG jets could not be confirmed.

## US Carrier Sent To Aid Crash Search

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department said Saturday "two Chinese Communist-based fighter aircraft" deliberately shot down a British airliner near Hainan, and two U. S. aircraft carriers have been dispatched to protect rescue and search operations.

A statement declared the United States takes "the gravest view of this act of further barbarity for which the Chinese Communist regime must be held responsible."

Three American citizens lost their lives in the crash of the airliner at sea south of Hainan Island and three Americans were among eight survivors. The State Department said that there had been 17 passengers and four crew members, a total of 21 aboard the big C-54 Skymaster operated by Cathay Pacific Airline.

That figure, from consul general Julian F. Harrington at Hong Kong, differs from earlier reports. The airline had said 18 were aboard. The Air Force at Tokyo said the plane carried 20 persons.

Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson, the statement disclosed, "has issued orders directing two United States aircraft carriers to proceed to the scene and to cover and protect further rescue and search operations by United States ships and aircraft in the vicinity of the spot."

In Tokyo, the Air Force disclosed that American fighters, presumably from aircraft carriers, had flown protective cover while a U. S. Airforce Amphibian plane rescued eight survivors.

The statement was issued by Secretary of State Dulles.

He said that "the action to be taken by the United States" in connection with what he called this "wanton attack on a civilian aircraft" will be announced later.

## Lake Trail Opening Set

The Lake Trail at Crater Lake National Park will be opened to the public Tuesday, July 27, according to word from Frank T. Johnston, park superintendent. At that time the launches and row boats will be in operation for lake trips.

He indicated that the park management was very pleased at being able to open these facilities a week earlier than had been anticipated.

A naturalist goes along on the trips to explain the various geological features of interest to visitors. Regular boat trips are approximately 12 miles in length.

There has been only one cloudy day so far in July, according to the rangers. Daytime temperatures are usually in the high 70's with what they term "perfect" weather.

Travel figures for July will not be computed until after the end of the month, but basing estimates on the unusually heavy travel over the Fourth of July weekend, this year's visitors to the park will greatly outnumber last year's. Nearly all of the accommodations at the lodge are assigned by mid-afternoon, which is another indication of increased travel.

## McKay Approves Soil Aid Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary the Interior McKay Friday announced approval of a 20-year program calling for expenditure of 250 million dollars for soil conservation work on 273 million acres of public and Indian lands.

The new program, subject to provision of funds in future years by Congress, has been placed under direct supervision of Orme Lewis, assistant secretary for public lands. No details of the program were announced. It would begin in 1955.

## Gas Dealers Meet Starts

The state board meeting of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Association, Inc. began its two-day session this morning.

Following registration at the Empire Room, Winema Hotel, the meeting got underway with introductions, welcome by Ray Reeves, president of the host chapter, who later turned over the meeting to State President Ernie Barker of Roseburg.

At noon today delegates were guests of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company at a luncheon at the Winema. Wives lunched at the Yacht Club.

The business session was called to order at 2 p.m. Rep. Ed Geary was scheduled to conduct a round table discussion later this afternoon on legislative matters of particular interest to gasoline dealers.

Dinner at the Winema this evening will be for delegates and their wives.

The meeting will resume at 8:30 Sunday; business is expected to be completed for adjournment at noon Sunday.

Officers of the local chapter are: Ray Reeves, president; P. O. (Red) Reynolds, vice president; P. J. Coleman, secretary-treasurer. Coleman is also second vice president of the state group.