

Alternate School District Plans Discussed By Board

NEWELL. — Dr. Drayton B. Nuttall, chief of the bureau of school organization, California State Department of Education, Sacramento, presented three alternate plans for future administration of the Tulelake High School at a meeting of local residents and school officials at the Newell Elementary School Tuesday, November 23. About 75 persons were present.

The meeting, first of a series of three, was called by a five-man Modoc County committee named by the school board for a full study of possible administrative changes. The board was named after a petition bearing 11 names of Modoc residents indicated some interest in a change of policy to local control. The petition was circulated by Paul E. Christy.

Tulelake High School policies are now administered by a joint county board for nine Siskiyou County high schools. W. H. Weitkamp, Tulelake rancher, is currently a member of the board but for many years there was no local representation on the panel.

Members of the five-man committee on school organization from

Modoc County, all present for the meeting, are Pete McGarva, Likeby Earl Parsons, Newell, F. L. Perry, New Pine Creek; John Burgoyne, Cedarville, and O. P. Smelcer, Adin.

Present also were Mrs. Hallie Tierney, Alturas, Modoc County school superintendent; Dr. J. E. Hurley, Yreka, Siskiyou County High School superintendent; W. E. Roberts, Yreka, Siskiyou County elementary superintendent; W. H. Weitkamp, Tulelake, member of the Siskiyou County Joint High School Board; E. L. Coyner, principal of the Tulelake High School; Robert Fries, principal of the Tulelake Elementary School and Craig Lester, principal of the Newell Elementary School.

Parsons served as temporary chairman of the committee.

The three alternate methods presented by Dr. Nuttall were: (1) continuation under the present joint high school administration, (2) a unified school district with local control over both elementary and high school policies and (3) withdrawal from the Siskiyou Joint Union High School authority followed by creation of a union high school district in the Tulelake Basin.

Dr. Nuttall indicated that formation of a union high school district here was practically out of the question both legally and financially but recommended further study of a unified district if public opinion favored withdrawal from the Siskiyou Joint Union High School control.

Both Dr. Nuttall and Dr. Hurley agreed that if the people of the Tulelake basin decided on the unified course the proposal would receive the blessing of not only the state department of education but of the joint union high school board of education also.

However, divorce from the joint board at this time would mean a delay in the plans for immediate building of a new high school in Tulelake. These plans have already reached the point where construction will start in the near future on a new building on land which has just been deeded to school authorities by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

More than \$200,000 is available for the start of a six-unit building. If voters of Siskiyou County approve the \$2 million school bond issue, to be presented early next year and to be prorated among the county high schools, funds would then be available for building a complete 13-14 classroom school.

High school students from all of the Newell area attend classes in Tulelake.

Qualifications for organization of a new district include an assessed property valuation of \$20 million within the boundaries of the proposed district and the residence of 1,000 or more pupils ninth through the 12th grades.

Qualifications fall short in assessed valuation and pupil registration.

Recommendations made by the county court could circumvent the lack of students and it was suggested by Paul Christy that legislation could be introduced in the state legislature to reduce the financial qualification.

Dr. Nuttall will make a detailed study of all questions brought up which he was unable to answer. A date for the next meeting is to be announced.



NATIVE GREENS AND COMES will be fashioned into Christmas wreaths, door sprays, mantel and table decorations by members of the Klamath Art Association to be sold during the holiday season. The first workshop was held this week at the former location of the Art Center, 1227 Main Street. (l to r) are Mrs. B. W. Pence, Gordon Kensler and Don Kelly.

Western Berlin Freedom Planned

BERLIN (AP)—The Western occupation powers say ratification of the recent Paris accords on German rearmament will bring West Berlin the widest self-government compatible with the security of the Soviet-surrounded city.

In a "declaration of intent," the American, British and French commandants last night announced plans to amend the occupation statute to increase the authority of the West Berlin government.

Although the city has a completely organized administration, it still is classed as occupied territory. American officials said specific acts to implement the declaration have not yet been decided.

Soviets Restore Ukraine Church

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Union, which recently has soft-pedaled its long campaign against religion, today announced the restoration of a noted Catholic church in the Ukrainian city of Lvov which was damaged by a World War II German bomb.

A Moscow radio broadcast identified the structure as the Church of Mary Magdalene, "a monument of 17th century architecture." The broadcast said:

"This restoration work was done by the parishioners with the assistance of the city architectural board. Religious services have been resumed."

BALTIMORE (AP)—Robert Reid's first day as owner of a liquor store was something less than a rousing success. He reported to police yesterday that two armed bandits held him up and escaped with \$87.

Unions Patch Up Troubles

DETROIT (AP)—Two APL locals reached a truce last night after a smoldering jurisdictional dispute flared into a bloody Thanksgiving Day brawl at the McLouth Steel Corp. plant in the industrial suburb of Trenton.

Fifty construction workers slugged each other with heavy wrenches and pipes in the melee. Six of the men required hospital attention after police broke up the fight by firing four warning shots into the air.

Police Lt. Fred Treka said the fight was between Riggers Local 575 and Millwrights Local 1102.

The men are all employed by the Elchley Corp., of Pittsburgh, which has a contract to replace an old rolling mill at the McLouth plant.

W. E. Short, Elchley superintendent, said the two unions have reached "a nearly perfect agreement" on the dispute, involving bolting-down machinery.

Yesterday's brawl reportedly was touched off when 15 riggers barged into the millwrights construction shack and accused them of slugging one of their men Thursday night.

Tim Bies, general foreman for

the millwrights, said: "They spotted the man who slugged the rigger and four or five jumped him. We came to his aid and the battle started."

U.S., British Condemn Red China For Holding Airmen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington officials were hopeful today that Red China's imprisonment of 13 Americans as "spies" would boomerang against Peiping in the diplomatic struggles of the cold war.

Authorities here looked for two likely results:

1. Communist China will lose support for its drive to win general diplomatic recognition and a seat in the United Nations. 2. British efforts for a compromise between Washington and Peiping on Chinese Nationalist-held Formosa will be dropped at least for the present. British officials indicated they shared this view.

The 13 Americans—11 airmen and two civilians—were captured during the Korean War and this week, according to Peiping radio, got sentences ranging from four years to life.

Of particular interest in Washington was the British government's sharp condemnation yesterday of the imprisonments as an "outrageous" violation of international law. In much the same vein as earlier U.S. protests, London accused the Chinese Reds of bad faith in deliberately concealing the detention of the 13 men for more than a year after the Korean armistice.

A personal Thanksgiving Day message was sent by President Eisenhower to the wives and mothers of the 13.

Eisenhower pledged again that every "feasible" effort would be made to free the 13 and any other Americans in Communist hands.

In New York, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., top American delegate to the U.N., issued a statement denouncing the Communist sentences as "a new act of barbarism."

and still another reason why Red China should not be seated in the U.N.

The U.S. government has already laid the groundwork for delivering a stiff protest to Peiping through its representatives in Geneva, Switzerland—the only point affording direct diplomatic contact between the two governments.

Should efforts at Geneva fail, State Department officials were scanning other avenues through which they might exert pressure on Red China short of military action. (Eisenhower has talked only in terms of "peaceful" means.)

One alternative under study was to seek the good offices of some government which recognizes Red China, such as Britain or perhaps even Russia. Another was to bring the case before the U.N.

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Cold Weather Hits Big Area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More cold and wet weather hit broad areas in the Eastern half of the country Friday with chilly breezes drifting southward to the Gulf.

Heavy fog blanketed most of Southern California again, paralyzing land, air and sea navigation. Generally fair weather, however, prevailed in most of the Western half of the nation.

It was below freezing in parts of the South. Birmingham, Ala., reported a low of 30. It was a cool 34 in Atlanta as the cold air from the North pushed southward into Southern Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana.

Light rain and snow, mixed with some sleet, spread from the Great Lakes region and the Ohio Valley into New England. Another wet belt from the far Northwest extended into the Northern Plains and headed for North Central areas. Sleet and snow fell in some northern Midwest sections.

The fog in Southern California closed most airports, including the busy International at Los Angeles. Fog also was reported in parts of Oregon.

Morse Blasts FPC Ruling

WASHINGTON (AP)—The recommendation of the Federal Power Commission's staff counsel that the Idaho Power Co. be authorized to build three dams in the Hells Canyon area of the Snake River was criticized Thursday by Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore).

FPC attorney John C. Mason Wednesday recommended the agency license the private company to build dams in an area public power advocates say should be set aside for a proposed federally constructed single dam.

In a statement to newsmen, Morse declared:

"It should be remembered that the attorneys for the Federal Power Commission do not have the last say, neither will the Federal Power Commission, nor will the Eisenhower administration.

"The people of our country, I am convinced, are going to stop the Eisenhower administration raid on our natural resources. The recent election made very clear how our people felt about the Hells Canyon issue."

Mason, in recommending for the Idaho company, said the proposal would provide nearly as many public benefits as the federal project.

Three Jailed In Attempted Theft

DETROIT (AP)—Two friends bailed L. G. Johns, 29, out of jail yesterday so he'd have something to be thankful for.

But as the three left, Johns picked up a jacket hanging in the police station hallway.

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