

Brazil Votes State Of Siege

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—A declaration of state of siege, approved by Congress, was expected to take effect today.

All that was needed to put Brazil under a modified form of martial law was publication of the declaration in the government's official bulletin.

The Senate voted final legislative approval last night 35-15. Earlier in the day the Chamber of Deputies had approved the measure, requested by Provisional President Nereu Ramos, 178-91.

Prime object of the declaration is to prevent the Supreme Court from reinstating Joao Cafe Filho in the presidency. He took a leave of absence Nov. 8 after a slight heart attack.

Powerful army leaders headed by the war minister, Gen. Henrique Teixeira Lott, opposed Cafe's resumption of power. They suspect him of participating in an alleged plot to block the inauguration next Jan. 31 of President-elect Juscelino Kubitschek, political heir of the late President Getulio Vargas.

Congress extended Cafe's "disability" from office indefinitely. He appealed to the Supreme Court, which has not ruled in the case. Cafe is now under virtual house arrest.

There were some indications party leaders in the violent political feud ranging around the presidency were seeking peace. They were observed in whispering huddles during the congressional debates. They declined to speak for publication, but they indicated they were trying to compromise their dispute.

Police Quell Football Riot

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Police fired a tear gas bomb into an unruly mob which staged a two-hour riot in the heart of Savannah last night after the annual Savannah High-Benedictine football game.

The bomb did the job—but not until six policemen had been injured and hundreds of dollars worth of fire-fighting equipment destroyed. Several persons were arrested for disorderly conduct.

Two of the officers were hospitalized briefly.

The disturbance centered around Savannah's main intersection, where victors in the annual cross-town football rivalry traditionally burn the "coffin" of the losers. Savannah won the game 9-0.

Police said between 6,000 and 7,000 students, adults and spectators jammed the area at Bull and Broughton streets.

Some members of the crowd said police had no right to interfere.

"It was just one of those things," said one police officer. "It happens every year—only this time the students worked up a little more enthusiasm than usual."



BEATTY ROPING CLUB members and their wives held their annual dinner at Lucca's Cafe in Klamath Falls recently. Officers of the club are Sylvan Crume, president; O. T. Anderson Jr., vice president, and Don Schonchin, secretary and treasurer. —Photo by Ferebee Studio

Britain Ready To Negotiate Peace Treaty In Mid-East

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Eden says his government still stands ready to help negotiate a Palestine peace settlement although his earlier offer has been rejected by Israel.

Eden told the House of Commons last night his recent declaration that Britain is willing to mediate in any peace talks was made without consulting either the Israeli or Arab governments.

"I took the opportunity of advising both sides that if they want peace they must take some compromise between the positions they have taken up," he said. "I did not attempt to lay down where and how that compromise should be found, nor do I propose to do so now."

Israel turned down the previous offer on grounds it would mean a contraction of the Jewish state.

Response from the Arab nations generally has been favorable.

Eden's broad proposal of Nov. 9 suggested settlement might be reached somewhere between the U.N. proposals of 1947 envisaging the creation of separate Jewish and Arab states in the territory that formerly comprised Palestine, and the 1949 armistice settlement allowing the Israelis to hold some war-won territory beyond those the U.N. proposed for her.

Response from Israeli leaders emphasized that all the Arab countries rejected the U.N. plan for a Palestine settlement in 1947 when the Jews were ready to accept it. Eden's approach was criticized by several Laborite lawmakers who backed Israel's contention that such a compromise would reduce the Jewish state's territory. "The only hope of a settlement

is an abandonment of the threat of force and some attempt to talk to each other," Eden replied. "These countries will not talk to each other direct and the only hope is for other countries to do some of that for them."

The Prime Minister said he did not want to bind the United States to every word of his previous offer but added: "The United States and ourselves are in very close agreement in this difficult business."

Informed quarters said Eden—at least at this time—does not have in mind a full-scale peace conference between Israel and the Arab countries with Britain serving as a mediator. They said he is thinking more of an exchange of views through the British and U.S. governments, the procedure used in settling the Italy-Yugoslavia dispute over Trieste.

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Oregon Railroads Detail Record Amount Of Travel

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's 23 railroads, with almost 5,000 miles of track, did 117 million dollars worth of business last year.

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel's annual railroad report also tells that their business was down eight millions from the preceding year, that they had net revenues before taxes of 24 millions, and that they paid 5½ millions in state and local taxes.

The Southern Pacific, with gross revenues of \$58,772,928, was the big one, followed by the Union Pacific with \$37,686,363.

Everybody knows the state has such big railroads as the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Oregon Electric, and Oregon Trunk.

But a lot of people would be surprised to know there are 23 railroads in the state. Only a few persons probably could name them. Most of these railroads are little fellows. Some of their history is

more colorful than that of the big ones.

Let's consider the smallest one. It's called the Union Railroad of Oregon, running only 2.3 miles from Union, in Union County, to its junction with the Union Pacific Railroad.

It has been called the shortest railroad in the United States, but it isn't. There are several shorter ones, but they can't be very much shorter.

Its entire rolling stock consists of one switch engine, powered by a Chevrolet truck engine.

In 1954, its total revenues totaled \$14,912. Its net income, after payment of taxes and miscellaneous deductions, was \$43.

It hauled 19,520 tons of freight during the year, including 1,258 tons of forest products, and 7,853 tons of farm products.

This little road is owned by G. I. Leland and Henry Hess, who are brothers. They bought it in 1951 to save it from extinction. They like little railroads.

A dispute over a depot site gave birth to the Union Railroad.

In 1883, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., later to become part of the Union Pacific system, was building its line through Eastern Oregon.

George T. Cochran, La Grande lawyer who was general manager of the railroad for many years, says the O. R. & N. planned to run its line through Union. He says a right-of-way agent for the railroad asked the town for \$20,000 to pay for a depot site.

The town refused, believing the railroad would have to go through Union. But Union was bypassed.

In those days, it was a near calamity for a town not to have railroad service. So, in 1891, the citizens of Union formed the Union Railroad of Oregon, building to connect with the Union Pacific.

It carried passengers until the early 1920's, when 10 residents took it over and reorganized it.

It doesn't pay any fancy salaries. It's quite an achievement for it to pay any salaries at all.

Its \$43 profit in 1954 was \$5,810 less than that of 1953.

The other Oregon railroads, including the big ones, have colorful histories, too, but none is so short in miles as that which serves the town of Union.

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