

City Manager Plan Faces Local Voters

Residents of Klamath Falls will be asked to vote on Friday, May 16, on whether or not they want to switch to the city manager-council form of government.

The city council adopted two resolutions at its regular Monday night session in city hall, one proposing the charter amendment to pave the way for instituting the manager-council form of city government, and the other to put the charter change before the voters of the city at the primary election in May.

A special committee, headed by Murdo Morrison, has been studying the city manager form of government for a number of months. It has worked in close consultation with the council in the drawing up of the charter change, and presented its final draft in resolution form for council action Monday night.

City Attorney Henry Perkins pointed out that the request to put the city manager plan on the ballot could have been either initiated by the council, or by a petition of the people.

A more complete discussion of the entire proposed charter amendment will be made public between the present and election time, Mayor Lawrence Slater indicated.

Coupled with the city manager plan on the May ballot will be a

Truck Firms Fight Action

PORTLAND (U) — Two truck rental firms were in federal court Tuesday seeking to keep in effect an injunction against state interference with their operations.

Nineteen Oregon and Washington companies lined up against them Monday, being permitted by Dist. Judge William G. East to enter as intervenors in support of Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan.

The two rental firms, Pioneer Truck Rentals Co. of Klamath Falls, and Pacific Diesel Rentals Co. of Portland, contend that Morgan is wrongfully attempting to require state permits for trucks they lease to shippers in Oregon.

Before Judge East Tuesday was the question of whether an injunction halting Morgan's efforts should be made permanent.

The 19 intervening firms, including major ones such as Consolidated Freightways and the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express, say the two rental companies are operating illegally and are cutting into their business.

The Klamath Falls rental company also is engaged in a legal fight with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which calls the rental operation "sham and subterfuge" to avoid certification. The ICC recently lost an injunction proceeding against the company, but has pending a motion to reopen the case. This is scheduled to be heard March 17 by Judge Gus Solomon.

The state's position is that the rental companies, even though leasing the equipment to shippers, must get state PUC licenses. The ICC similarly claims jurisdiction, a position Alexander Vincze, president of Pioneer Truck Rentals, denies.

Cold Weather Covers East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Winter's worst and longest spell of cold and stormy weather in the Eastern half of the nation showed little indication of a general breakup today.

The arctic air which has kept temperatures near zero for almost a week in some Northern sections remained stationary. The huge mass of cold air also held fast across the country's Eastern half except in southern parts of Texas and most of Florida.

Newport, Vt., was the nation's coldest spot with an overnight low of -27. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., had -14; Duluth, Minn., -13 and Bismarck, N.D., -12.

More snow and ice hit many sections. A near blizzard pounded western New York yesterday as other upstate areas battled to dig out from snowdrifts which measured up to 15 feet.

More snow fell in the Great Lakes region and was expected to continue during the day. An additional 4 inches fell at Traverse City, Mich., atop the 11 inches which was on the ground.

Snow and sleet pelted areas as far south as west central Mississippi.

The violent weather since the weekend was blamed for at least 48 deaths, including 18 in New York state. Other states reporting deaths attributed to the stormy, cold weather were: Massachusetts, 8; Pennsylvania 6; Oklahoma, 5; Texas, Iowa and Illinois, 3 each; and Indiana and Mississippi, 1 each.

ATOMIC DAMAGE LAW SEEN
LONDON (U) — The government said today it will enact legislation holding private owners of nuclear reactors financially responsible for accidental atomic disasters up to 14 million dollars in personal or property damage.

Sir Ian Horobin, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Power, said "All owners of such reactors will be subject to the same duty as the Atomic Energy Authority of preventing damage to property or personal injury from radioactive contamination."

provision which will change the present charter to permit a different method of handling the reading of city ordinances. Under the present procedure the ordinance must be read at least three times, with one of those being a reading by title only. The provision proposed would simplify the laborious method presently used and considerably expedite future council sessions.

The council, however, declined to put the request of the Park and Recreation Commission for an additional mill levy for each department on the May ballot. Instead, in turning down the request, the council stated it would permit the measure to be placed on the November ballot.

A group of visitors to the council chambers was led by Reuben Larson, 5013 South Elm, who addressed the council on behalf of the newly established Gospel Mission at 823 Walnut, site of the former Swedish Covenant Church.

In outlining the plans of the new group to care for the needs of people, Larson said, "This is a real opportunity to serve unfortunate people, to take care of physical and spiritual needs. If a man's heart is right, the man will be right, too."

Larson introduced John Peterson, superintendent and chief administrator of the new mission, who has had eight years former experience with the Fresno, California, Rescue Mission. Officers of the new mission group include Larson as president, Gene Baile as treasurer and Leonard Burkart as secretary. They, too, were in the audience. The group drew high commendation from the members of the council for their efforts.

Francis Landrum, chairman of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce's Roads and Highway Committee, presented the council with a proposed plan to make Washburn Way from South Sixth on across the canal to a link-up with Alameda, a federal secondary system road in order that the county might be able to complete the paving necessary from Darrow to the canal, and build the bridge across the canal to complete the hook-up with Alameda and the East Side bypass.

Landrum pointed out that the county has \$227,000 in FAS funds which must be earmarked by June 30, 1958. In addition to this project, he pointed out, the county is considering two others, completing the section of the bypass on Shasta Way to South Sixth Street, and extending Hope Street southwesterly across the canal bridge to join up with Ward.

The council indicated the project had its blessing, and Mayor Slater declared he would contact the county court and ask if it would attend a joint city-county council session to further explore the project.

Stop signs will be erected at the intersection of Tenth Street and High on Tenth. The council took immediate action to erect the stop signs in view of the fact there have been three wrecks at this corner in the past week.

Action was also taken to complete the condemnation of a burned out building at 44 Fleishaker Street. Building Inspector Verne Shorten was instructed to take steps immediately to tear the building down as it represented a dangerous hazard. The council also asked for a resolution next Monday night condemning the burned building at 527 Upham.

Shorten was also granted permission to further investigate the uniform building code ordinance on condemning buildings. He stated he felt this code was considerably stiffer than the present city ordinance on condemnation.

Councilman Ladd Hoy triggered action when he wondered aloud why it took seven to eight months to get a building condemned when it represented a hazard and might either cause a serious injury to some child or person in the meantime.

Other matters were described as routine.

Trial Opens For Sergeant Accused Of Being Red Spy

WASHINGTON (U) — Army Maj. Sgt. Roy A. Rhodes, 40, went on trial today on charges of conspiring with Russian spies to peddle American secrets for vodka, money and sex.

His defense attorneys immediately asked the court martial to throw out the main charge. They argued that the two-year statute of limitations since the alleged acts has expired, and also that the military court does not have jurisdiction.

The court's law officer, Lt. Col. James P. Healey Jr., rejected the statute of limitations argument. But he called a recess to consider the jurisdiction challenge.

The defense said the sergeant can't be court-martialed for acts committed during a previous Army enlistment. He was technically discharged Nov. 17, 1955, and re-enlisted the next day.

He is accused of working with Soviet spies in Moscow in 1951 and 1952 and of "failing to disclose" this association when he filed an official statement May 8, 1956.

The espionage conspiracy charge carries a possible life sentence, the falsification charge one year's imprisonment and dishonorable discharge.

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Red Envoy, President Hold Talks

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower told Russia's new ambassador Tuesday the United States will try "through patient negotiation" to settle urgent world problems "on a basis which will promise a just and enduring peace."

The ambassador, Mikhail A. Menshikov, reported after a 30-minute talk with Eisenhower that they exchanged expressions of hope a summit conference will be arranged.

Eisenhower received Menshikov and exchanged formal remarks with him in the first face-to-face meeting of the two. Menshikov came here last Thursday.

The State Department released the texts of their remarks. The Russian made a plea for better Soviet-American relations, a line he has emphasized repeatedly since reaching this country.

Menshikov, smiling broadly, told newsmen that both he and Eisenhower "expressed the same view—that relations between our countries should be improved, and they will be improved."

In their prepared remarks, both men referred to a recently concluded agreement under which the Soviet and U.S. governments promised to step up exchanges of visitors and of information.

"It is the hope of my government," Eisenhower said, "that the spirit of cooperation which led to this agreement will contribute much to the development of mutual understanding between our peoples and the improvement of relations between our countries."

"In its foreign policy this government will continue to strive through patient negotiation to achieve a settlement of pressing world problems on a basis which will promise a just and enduring peace."

Talking with newsmen later, Menshikov was asked whether he and Eisenhower discussed the prospects of a summit conference including United States and Soviet leaders.

The ambassador replied the matter was discussed in a general way. Then he added: "We both expressed hope that the meeting (a summit conference) will be organized."

The Eisenhower-Menshikov conference was unusual in that it lasted for about a half hour. Ordinarily ambassadors presenting credentials are with the President for only five to 10 minutes.

Army Starts War Games

STUTTGART, Germany (U) — More than 100,000 troops of the U.S. 7th Army swung into Operation Sabre Hawk Tuesday. It is the largest winter maneuvers ever held by American forces in Germany.

The men rolled across the provinces of South and Central Germany to test their readiness to help protect West Europe from an armed attack.

The troops will maneuver along a 115-mile front that skirts at points to within 10 miles of the Iron Curtain frontier.

Troops of the 11th Airborne and 8th Infantry Divisions will be airlifted during the week and a half maneuver. Two forces of equal strength will launch attacks and counterattacks with armored units.

Details of the government's espionage case against him, Rhodes' story of getting involved with the Russians after a wild drinking party in December, 1951, with his two Russian mechanics and two Russian girls came out during the spy trial last year of Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, Rhodes was a government witness.

He testified the Russians paid him the equivalent of \$2,500 to \$3,000 in rubles for information on the habits of embassy personnel and his own training as a code clerk.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Oldenburg, who lost their lives February 8 during a fire in their home, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church where they were members. The Rev. Galen Onstad, former rector, will return from Redding, California to officiate at the service. Final rites and interment will be in Klamath Memorial Park.

Fired Investigator Agrees To Turn Over Probe Files

WASHINGTON (U) — The ousted chief investigator of a House subcommittee promised Tuesday he would not obstruct any continued investigation of federal regulatory agencies the group might make under new leadership.

Dr. Bernard Schwartz, fired Monday night as subcommittee counsel, told reporters he will turn all his files over to the subcommittee. He had been served with a post-midnight subpoena for the files.

The special House Commerce subcommittee met for two hours behind closed doors to discuss its figure in the wake of the firing of Schwartz and the resignation of Rep. Moulder (D-Mo.) as its chairman.

One of Schwartz's attorneys, Herbert Watchell, said Schwartz has "no intention of obstructing the subcommittee in any way whatsoever."

Moulder told newsmen his resignation as chairman was accepted and that Rep. Harris (D-Ark.), chairman of the full Commerce Committee, is acting as subcommittee chairman.

Harris, asked what had been done about the chairmanship, told reporters "I'm the only chairman left."

Schwartz spoke in bitter tones as he entered the closed meeting, burdened down with an armload of documents. He told newsmen: "Compared to this kangaroo committee, the star chamber itself was the very paragon of justice."

"I have been denied basic procedural rights which would be accorded to the most blatant criminal."

The subcommittee's vote Monday night to fire Schwartz, a New York University law professor, from his \$14,000 a year job had left an explosive atmosphere.

The subcommittee voted 7-4 to get rid of Schwartz after a majority of the group complained of tactics used by the 34-year-old former law school professor in his investigation of the Federal Communications Commission.

Schwartz, quizzed by the subcommittee for three hours, contended most of the members wanted a "whitewash" of the probe. He said his investigation involved intervention in agency affairs by Sherman Adams, chief White House aide, and other top administration officials.

But Harris said Schwartz "has shown lack of cooperation with the committee . . . and has made some very serious charges against the committee."

Harris said the investigation will proceed.

Moulder commented that "I favor a good hard-hitting investigation."

He said he "definitely" believed the group should pursue an investigation into whether Adams had any connection with FCC cases.

He disagreed with Schwartz's contention that a whitewash was in the works.

Schwartz told reporters: "I charged directly to their face that a majority of the members of the subcommittee . . . were interested only in a whitewash . . . interested only in squelching the investigation."

"If the committee wouldn't constantly shoot me in the back I could carry on," he added.

Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss), a subcommittee member, said anyone making charges that the committee was out for a whitewash "is a deliberate liar."

Williams said a member of the group had indicated he wished that any information withheld from the public or that any phase of the investigation should not proceed.

Harris said Schwartz had acknowledged that, in the presence of several people in Schwartz's office last week, he had said, "They could convict me for contempt of Congress for I have nothing but contempt for most of the members of this committee."

U.S. Jobless List Shows Big Advance

WASHINGTON (U) — Unemployment jumped by 1,120,000 last month to a total of 4,494,000. It was the biggest monthly rise since World War II.

Reporting this Tuesday, the Commerce and Labor Department said the increase was about twice the normal seasonal rise which occurs in the post-holiday lull. The jump reflected a further large drop in factory employment.

Total employment fell by 2,158,000, also a steeper-than-usual decline.

The monthly report disclosed also that the average work week declined to 38.7 hours last month, an hour and a half shorter than a year ago.

Because of this cut in the hours of work, the average weekly earnings of factory workers dropped by \$1.47 from December to January. At \$81.27, earnings were \$1.14 lower than a year ago.

A Census Bureau official at first said the spurt in unemployment may have been the largest on record. He added, however, that he was unable immediately to locate comparable figures for the early years of the big depression which started in 1929. In any event, he said, the jump was the biggest for any month since World War II.

The census spokesman said the present system of reporting unemployment has existed only since 1940. No month-by-month tabulation is available for the period of the great depression, he said.

It compares with a drop of nearly one million from December to January in the 1953-54 business recession and a sag of about 900,000 in the same months of the 1949-50 recession.

The report seemed certain to bring renewed demands in Congress for faster action to stimulate the economy.

Dulles Urges Fighting Halt

WASHINGTON (U) — Secretary of State Dulles appealed to France and Tunisia Tuesday to settle their differences and restore their traditionally close friendly relations.

The appeal came at a news conference at which Dulles also said that a foreign ministers conference is not an essential preliminary to holding an east-west summit conference. Dulles said evidence that agreement could be achieved by a summit conference is essential.

On the Tunisian issue which arose Saturday over French aerial attack on a Tunisian border village, Dulles refused to commit the United States to a precise line of action.

He disclosed that Tunisian Ambassador Mongi Slim has asked the United States to support an appeal to the U.N. Security Council but Dulles made no commitment pending word on what precise action would be sought.

Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) predicted in advance of the report's release that it would show 4 million jobless, and called it too short a count.

GOING TOO FAR

ATLANTA (U) — Joseph Crampton Waters obediently handed to three hold-up men his watch, a ring, \$15 in cash and a small check they demanded he make out for "cash." He rebelled when the thieves suggested he also cash the check. He yelled. The robbers fled.

Chou En-lai Vacates Post; New Minister Appointed

HONG KONG (U) — Peiping radio announced today that Chou En-lai has been "relieved" as Communist China's foreign minister on his own recommendation. The broadcast said he retained his post as premier.

Vice Premier Chen Yi was appointed to succeed Chou as foreign minister.

The actions were taken at a plenary session of the National People's Congress, which began meeting in the Red Chinese capital yesterday.

The Red radio said Chen Yi would continue to hold his post as a vice premier. He also is a marshal in the Chinese army.

The broadcast said: "The National People's Congress in a decision at its plenary session this afternoon appointed Vice Premier Chen Yi concurrently foreign minister on the recommendation of Premier Chou En-lai."

"The premier was relieved of his concurrent post as minister of foreign affairs."

Chen Yi has been a rising star in the Peiping hierarchy since 1955.

His 3rd Field Army was first over the Yangtze River and first into Shanghai during the Red conquest which drove Chiang Kai-shek to Formosa. For awhile he was shunted into relative obscurity as military mayor of Shanghai, then in 1955 was named a vice premier under Chou.

In April 1956 he was named head of a new national anti-litter-

French Chief Okays Debate On Bombing

PARIS (U) — Premier Felix Gaillard agreed to immediate parliamentary debate Tuesday on the French bombing of a Tunisian frontier village.

The bombing on Saturday set off a diplomatic crisis for France which threatened relations with Tunisia and sparked worldwide criticism of French policy.

Norway announced it has taken steps to bring the bombing incident before the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council — a move which France wants to avoid. Norway's permanent NATO council representative, Jens Boyesen, has been given instructions to present the question to the council which meets in Paris, the Norwegian foreign office disclosed.

Tunisia said 68 persons were killed, 10 were missing and 84 wounded in the raid.

Tension mounted in Tunisia, where French troops have been confined to their bases by order of President Habib Bourguiba. The Tunisian president was reported determined that French troops must be evacuated from his country as a result of the bombing.

The French National Assembly was packed and the diplomatic galleries full as Gaillard strode to the speakers rostrum and announced he would meet his critics head-on. The assembly suspended

North Lights Put On Display

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Northern lights glowed over Oregon for about an hour, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Monday.

Over Portland the aurora borealis appeared as a great sheet of glowing fire with white streamers through it in the northern sky.

Albany residents reported it as a glow similar to that made by a forest fire over the horizon or behind a hill.

The phenomenon was also seen on the Oregon Coast and east of the Cascades at Redmond.

Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights, put on a brilliant display over North America last night.

The skies glowed with bright red and pink hues and in some areas green and yellow colors. Radio and TV transmissions and news teletype wires were affected in the United States and Canada.

Observers in northwestern California saw bright red lights streaming over the top of a low cloud bank. The lights later were reported turned to white.

In Ohio a smoky red band was reported in the skies. It looked like a forest fire over Washington, D.C., and brightly colored red, blue and green flames were seen over Minneapolis, Minn.

The Northern Lights are caused by streams of particles shot out from the sun. Striking the earth's high atmosphere, they excite atoms of air and cause them to glow.

A wide red band that extended above the city of Klamath Falls and Hog Back Mountain in the early evening Monday was widely seen by local residents who kept telephones and radio and television stations and the Herald and News jangling until the color faded into the night sky. Many observers here credited the glow with originating from various causes, principally fire, until announcements were made over the air. Color seen here differed from other parts of the United States where the phenomenon was viewed.

House Delays Action On C-R

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The measure would appropriate \$14,800,000, mostly to finance the executive office of the President during the fiscal year beginning July 1. House civil rights advocates had hoped to restore \$750,000 which President Eisenhower requested for the commission.

The vote to postpone action halted their plan. It also averted a possible civil rights fight that could have caught many civil rights champions off guard. A number of Republicans who usually support civil rights legislation were out of town for Lincoln Day speaking engagements. And several Northern and Eastern Democrats had left believing nothing controversial would arise this week.

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The premier has been deeply disturbed by the unfavorable foreign reaction—particularly in the United States and among France's western allies.

He has been in almost continual meetings with his ministers, deputies in the assembly, diplomats and others. He conferred Monday with U.S. Ambassador Amory Houghton.

In Tunis, western sources were openly worried at the turn of events there. Five French consulates were ordered closed.

Cabinet ministers leaving a three-hour special meeting early Tuesday gave no indication what Gaillard might say in reply to his critics which might justify the bombing attack.

Porkie Threat To Trees Told

WASHINGTON (U) — The porcupine is fast becoming the "gangster" of the forests.

In giving the animal this title, the American Forest Products Industries Inc., a trade association, reports that he has become a major destructive influence in the nation's forests, particularly in the West.

"No friend to tree farmers and foresters, he will eat almost anything: Air hoses, fan belts, ignition wires, seat cushions, tractors, even dynamite if you leave it lying around," the association says.

The porcupine's chief food is healthy young trees. The U. S. Forest Service estimates the animal causes more than 1½ million dollars worth of damage to trees annually in the Pacific Northwest alone. Some forest experts say a single animal will cause \$6,000 damage in his lifetime.

Super Fuel Claim Issued

BRUSSELS, Belgium (U) — A Belgian chemist says he has found a new fuel which may help boost rockets toward outer space.

Louis Lacroix, who specializes in preparing varnishes, thinks the process he discovered to manufacture this new fuel may increase the yield from heavily asphaltic crude oil, such as is produced in Venezuela.

At present this type of oil yields a comparatively small proportion of volatile fuels, Lacroix said. He said his experiments with Venezuelan crude had produced "astounding results" in high-octane fuel yield.

"So far, to obtain the high thrust power necessary to put rockets on their way," Lacroix said, "compounds of fluorine and boron were added to the fuel in use."

One property Lacroix claims for his fuel is the ready acceptance of fluorine-boron compounds without usual dangers.

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