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In The Day's News

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Foreign affairs:
Lebanon has a new president today. On the second ballot, the Lebanese parliament elected General Fuad Chehab by a landslide (the vote was 48 to seven). Government and OPPOSITION forces rallied behind the 66-year-old army chief of staff. The news of Chehab's election was greeted with joy by the strife-torn nation. The tense armed men surrounding the parliamentary building—rebels and government forces alike—emptied their guns into the air in celebration. The choice of a new president by the opposing factions could mean the end of the 13-week-old political crisis—AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF 10 THOUSAND AMERICAN TROOPS FROM LEBANON.

Wonderful!
Let's now GET OUR TROOPS OUT and quit acting like imperialists.

More on the Lebanon affair:
Chehab's landslide election is considered a triumph for American trouble shooter Robert Murphy, who was sent to Lebanon to find a way to end the crisis. He is credited with lining up Chehab as the only candidate who would be supported by both sides.

A thought:
Here in the State of Jefferson—where we haven't too much respect for striped pants and official cocktail parties but hold COMMON SENSE in high esteem—let's start a movement to have Murphy named secretary of state.

In the conduct of our foreign affairs, we need more horse sense and less protocol.

Back to the home front:
The Institute of Life Insurance reports this morning that thriffling Americans have made life insurance the nation's No. 1 savings medium. It says the number of policy holders in legal reserve life insurance companies rose to a record 109 million at the end of 1957, or 63 per cent of the nation's entire population.

Hmmmmmm.
No political stuff. No gunning for votes in election years. Just plain private, free-enterprise SAVING.

A prediction:
Over the long pull, this kind of saving will beat the political cradle-to-the-grave stuff all hollow.

In conclusion:
Nebraska state employees are smiling these days. Their paychecks are beginning to arrive. They have been badly delayed here lately and the state's job holders have been having to stare off their creditors until they could get their checks.

It seems the state treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Hill, has been forced to sign the checks BY HAND. It was a slow process, and she was getting FAR behind. But the problem has been solved. A signature plate for a payroll check signing machine arrived yesterday and the checks are rolling out fast.

That's the modern world for you. In these days government spends money so fast it has to buy fancy machines to sign the checks speedily enough to keep up.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. High Friday 84-89. Low Thursday night 60-55.
High yesterday 82
Low last night 57
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 19.47
Same period last year 15.18
Normal for period 12.65

Fire Danger Today

HIGH
Fires start readily from spread or glowing cinders, tend to grow rapidly and tend to crown in young growth.

Northern California — Fair through Friday except fog on the coast. Little change in temperature. Winds near the coast mostly northwest 8-18 miles an hour.

Congress May Probe Steel Price Hikes

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Increases in prices by four steel firms has started talk of price hikes for products made of steel and may result in a congressional inquiry into steel prices.

Following action taken by the Arco Steel Corp. Tuesday, steel price increases of about \$4.50 a ton were announced yesterday by the Republic Steel Corp., Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. and the National Steel Corp.

In Washington, Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), chairman of the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee, responded by saying he is thinking about proposing an inquiry into the price increases and the possibility of a rollback to old prices.

He told the Senate "it is time for the President to speak out firmly and use the great power of his office" to keep steel prices stable. He also called a subcommittee meeting for Friday to consider "what we can effectively do to discourage" price hikes by more steel producers.

The price hikes apply mostly to sheet and strip steel, which is used mainly by automobile and appliance manufacturers. But there is speculation among consumers that the price hikes may soon spread to other types of steel.

There seemed little likelihood that increased steel prices would result in an immediate increase in the prices of cars and appliances such as stoves and refrigerators. Manufacturers of these items have steel on hand that was purchased under current prices, and they hesitate raising prices when sales are slow.

Some typical comments on steel prices were:

Walter M. Schwartz Jr., president of Procter Electric Co. — "Naturally, any increase in steel would have a tendency to push prices up."

Carl L. Hecker, executive vice president of the Oliver Corp., a farm equipment producer — "Any increases in labor or material prices such as the steel increase must be reflected in early increases in farm machinery prices."

J. U. Teague, president of the American Assn. of Oil Well Drilling Contractors — "We certainly hate to see any steel price increase at this time. . . . It will mean putting more pressure on the petroleum industry."

U.S. Steel Corp. and Bethlehem Steel Corp., first and second largest producers, said they are still studying the price situation.

Duck Disease Hits Refuges

TULELAKE — An early outbreak of duck botulism on both Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Lake bird refuges is reported to have started with present indications that it may become severe. The disease has previously appeared in other parts of the West Coast region.

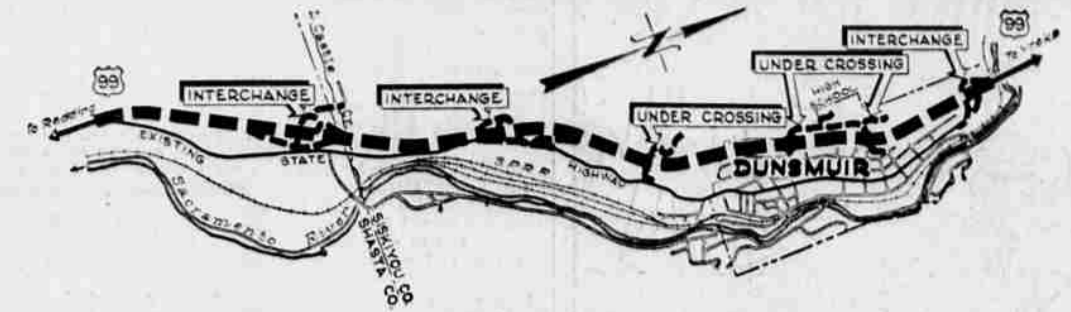
Jean Branson, assistant refuge manager at the Tule Lake Refuge, said today in reviewing the situation that the annual north to south migration of waterfowl, due to begin any day will add to the present bird population and thus increase the trouble.

The last serious outbreak of botulism was in the late 1940s. The refuge staff is fighting the outbreak with water management practices. Sick birds are being picked up daily and placed in the newly improved duck hospital and pond facilities. Every possible means of prevention will be undertaken, Branson said.

Climatic conditions are partly responsible for the trouble.

WRONG NAME

NAMPA, Idaho (AP) — A 13-year-old boy handed assistant store manager K.R. Isbell a \$50 check to be cashed. Isbell was somewhat surprised because the check was signed with his name. The boy, awaiting probable action on charges of forgery, told police he just picked the name from a 500 in the telephone directory.



BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION of the new four-lane divided freeway through the Dunsmuir area of US Route 99 were opened in Redding Wednesday afternoon. Shown here is a map of the route of the new freeway designating the interchanges and the under-crossings involved in the construction. It is estimated that completion of the new route will be sometime late in 1960.

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UMW Moves To Disqualify Judge Foster

LAKEVIEW—A surprise move on the part of local members of the United Mine Workers of America, District 50, postponed a hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Circuit Judge Charles Foster's court.

At 8:45 a.m., the union members, defendants in action brought last week by Lakeview Mining Company, filed a motion in circuit court, seeking to disqualify Judge Foster in the case.

Judge Foster stated he had no prejudice in the matter but, on the other hand, had no choice except to notify the Oregon Supreme Court so that a substitute judge can be appointed.

The Wednesday morning hearing was a postponement of a hearing set for Monday morning at which time the union was to show cause why it should not desist from picketing the White King uranium mine owned by Lakeview Mining Company. A change of venue move on the part of the defendants on Monday morning was forestalled by the filing of an amended complaint eliminating the name of the United Mine Workers of America field representative so that the matter could be tried as a local issue.

When the defendants' attorney, Robert Welch, asked for time, Judge Foster set the Wednesday morning hearing date and granted the plaintiffs a temporary injunction forbidding the union members from picketing the White King mine until the issue is resolved.

The Oregon Supreme Court is expected to act in naming a judge to take Judge Foster's place, but until another judge is named and a hearing held, the temporary injunction against picketing remains in force until it is set aside.

The dispute arose after the miners union voted to strike on July 20 and established a picket line at the mine on Monday, July 21. Shortly thereafter, threats of violence against miners who continued working were reported to the management of the White King and three men were arrested upon complaint of the Lakeview Mining Company. These men, Davey Graham, Lawrence Bays and Arnold Holmes, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace O. C. Gibbs on July 23 on charges of vagrancy and threatening bodily injury to employees of the company.

Jury trial for these men was slated for today in Lake County Circuit Court.

Grace, Rainier To Attend Ball

NEW YORK (UPI) — Prince Rainier III of Monaco and Princess Grace have accepted an invitation to be guests of honor at the fourth annual Imperial Ball at the Hotel Astor Dec. 4, it was announced Wednesday.

It will mark the first time the royal couple has returned to the United States since their marriage in 1956.

New Dunsmuir Freeway Bids Opened In Redding

The Division of Highways opened bids in Sacramento on July 30 for the construction of a new four-lane divided freeway on U.S. Highway 99 between 1.0 mile south of the Shasta-Siskiyou County line and the Sacramento River Bridge in Dunsmuir. Five bids were received. The low bid of \$4,140,558 was submitted by McCannan-Wunderlich Company and Wunderlich Contracting Company of Palo Alto, California.

H. S. Miles stated that this is the first full freeway to be built in northeastern California. This type of facility differs from previously

constructed freeways in this area in that none of the adjacent properties will have direct access to the highway nor will there be an intersection at grade. The typical roadway will consist of two 12-foot lanes for each direction of traffic, with the northbound lanes separated from the southbound lanes by a median strip varying from 10 feet to 16 feet in width. Ten-foot wide shoulders will be built on each side of the traffic lanes on the outside. Another feature is the contrasting types of pavements to be used. The traffic lanes will be constructed of portland cement concrete pavement, while the shoulders and the ramps of the interchanges will be of an asphaltic type pavement. The difference in color will both aid in safer driving and give a pleasing appearance.

Six bridges will carry the freeway over local streets and at three of these, interchanges will be just south of Little Castle Creek at Castle Crags Drive, another will be slightly south of the Dunsmuir city limits, and the third will be just south of the Sacramento River Bridge in Dunsmuir.

An interesting feature of this construction will be an extensive installation for underground drainage. After ground exploration, a plan was developed to control anticipated ground water under roadway fills. In the area to be occupied by roadway fills between Oak Street and the Sacramento River Bridge, over 300 vertical wells will be drilled. These wells will be 24 inches in diameter and up to 40 feet in depth. They will be filled with gravel surrounding a perforated metal pipe core. The wells will serve as collector basins and escape hatches for surplus ground water which might otherwise produce unstable foundation conditions. The wells and surrounding area will be tapped by 2-inch diameter horizontal pipe drains drilled in laterally from positions along the lower edge of roadway fill.

Horizontal drains will also be drilled into the face of roadway slides to minimize the possibility of slides which sometimes develop because of excess water. All told there will be approximately 13 miles of horizontal drains.

In order to relieve the presently overloaded storm drain systems in Dunsmuir, all precipitation falling on the freeway roadbed within the city will be carried in a storm drain along the center line of freeway, a small portion flowing to Yew Tree Creek and the remainder to the Sacramento River.

Ellis C. Engle has been named as resident engineer for this project. It is estimated that it will take two years to build, with the completion date late in 1960.

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The city of Klamath Falls stepped into a new era late Wednesday night when Mayor Lawrence Slater announced that Gerard S. Vergeer Sr., 52, Port Angeles, Washington, had been hired as city manager.

Vergeer had visited with the mayor and city council in Klamath Falls Monday afternoon and attended the council meeting Monday evening. His acceptance of the post came in a telegram to Mayor Slater.

He resigned as city manager of Port Angeles a few weeks ago after serving in that post for six years. Prior to that had served for a year in Baker, Oregon, and at Milton-Freewater for six years. In his 13 years in city management and administration Vergeer has installed the city manager system in two places, Baker and Port Angeles.

Klamath Falls adopted the council-manager plan of government at the primary elections this year, and since then the mayor and council have been processing applications for the post. Earlier, Vergeer reportedly had been hired by North Bend as city manager from a file of 47 applications. However, Vergeer informed the Klamath Falls City Council that he had never officially accepted the North Bend offer. He said he had submitted an application for the position there, but had been on a trip to Ketchikan, Alaska, for the past several weeks and that he had not given North Bend officials an answer despite their announcement that he had been hired for the post. Vergeer informed North Bend by

State Meet To Sidestep Work Law

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's Republican chairman predicted today the GOP state convention this weekend will sidestep any position on the flammable "right-to-work" issue.

In fact, Alphonzo E. Bell, Jr. of Beverly Hills said he looked for a "productive and harmonious" session at the state capital.

"We will demonstrate on Saturday and Sunday that there are many more issues which unite the Republican Party than divide it," the outgoing chairman said in a statement.

The "right-to-work" neutrality has been proposed as a compromise between the disparate views of Sen. William F. Knowland, Republican candidate for governor, and the rest of the GOP ticket.

The Republicans' 1956 state platform endorsed the right of organized labor to negotiate union shop contracts. The initiative on the November ballot would outlaw the union shop in California.

Knowland has made the "right-to-work" measure a key plank in his campaign. Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, GOP nominee for the U.S. Senate, and other party candidates for statewide office oppose the legislation.

Knowland hasn't indicated whether he'll actively seek to bring the open shop issue before the convention Saturday. He has said only that his support for the "right-to-work" law will continue whether the party writes it into its state platform.

Knight, on the other hand, intends to file a minority report if the convention comes out in favor of the union shop ban.

The do-nothing course was suggested several days ago by Republican Lt. Gov. Harold Powers. He said "right-to-work" should be kept out of the state platform because it's up to the voters to decide in November.

Bell offered the same reason for steering clear of the controversial matter, adding "Republicans will concentrate on those matters which will unify the party this year."

Most Republican candidates are fearful of alienating the considerable majority vote, and support from among major Democrats, with any party stand in favor of "right-to-work." Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown, Democratic candidate for governor, is strongly opposed to any such law.

More than 700 delegates are expected for the convention. On Sunday, the Republican State Central Committee will elect officers for the next two years and draft plans for the campaign.

Reds Try To Keep Mideast Tension High

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials said today the Soviet Union is trying to keep tensions over the Middle East crisis at a high pitch, probably to maintain pressure for a summit meeting.

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Lebanon General Named President

BEIRUT (AP) — Gen. Fuad Shehab was elected president Thursday by a resounding vote of rebel and government deputies in Parliament who see in him a hope for peace in Lebanon.

As Beirut celebrated with a wild flurry of gunfire, Saeb Salam, rebel leader in the capital, voiced a sobering note. He told the Associated Press "we will continue to fight on until our demands are met."

Two major demands are the withdrawal of U.S. troops and the immediate resignation of pro-Western President Camille Chamoun.

Chamoun issued a prompt reply to one of these demands, telling newsmen he intends to stay in office until his term expires Sept. 23. He made the statement after talking with Shehab.

Shehab was elected with the strong backing of the opposition National Front, of which Salam is a member, and over the bitter protests of Premier Sami Solh.

A compromise choice to end the long rebellion against pro-Western president Camille Chamoun, the 56-year-old army commander in chief was elected on Parliament's second ballot.

Shehab got a whopping 48 votes to 7 for his only rival, middle-roader Raymond Edde. One ballot was blank.

Rebel leaders applauded Shehab's election while Solh boycotted the meeting in Parliament. Solh denounced the election as unconstitutional and declared it was held in "an atmosphere of terror and pressure."

Just before Parliament met, National Front Deputy Nessum Majdalani told newsmen his group had met with Shehab Wednesday and the general had agreed to their conditions.

These conditions include the immediate resignation of Chamoun.

Money Bill Moves Back Into House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record peace-time money bill to give the nation's defense forces a stronger space age punch moved back to the House today with unanimous Senate endorsement.

Winding up an overtime session, the Senate voted 71-0 last night to give the Pentagon \$40,042,181,000 for the armed forces during the fiscal year that began July 1.

The House earlier voted about \$3 1/2 billion. Unless it unexpectedly approves the more than 1 1/2 billion added by the Senate, the bill will go to a joint conference committee. That group's compromise version will, in turn, require approval of both houses.

Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-NM), floor manager for the bill, said it would assure the nation enough power to deliver a knockout punch in a big war or "to handle not one but several brush wars at a single time."

He said the extra money added by the Senate would permit a step-up in missiles, aircraft, nuclear submarines and other major categories of military hardware.

As cleared by the Senate, the bill earmarks more than 18 billion dollars for the Air Force, about 11 1/2 billion for the Navy and Marines, about 9 billion for the Army and the balance for interservice activities.

The Senate total is \$1,300,000,000 more than President Eisenhower originally asked, but includes money for some items he has requested since then.

immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops, and sweeping civil service reforms.

Earlier Thursday rebel leader Salam had said he hoped Shehab's election would "open the way for cooperation of all the Lebanese people."

Shehab's election will not automatically solve the strife which in 83 days has brought this Riviera of the Middle East to the brink of economic ruin and resulted in the landing of 10,000 U. S. troops in Beirut.

But observers felt the general's taking control could provide a breathing spell during which peace and order might be restored. There was an atmosphere of hope and expectancy among the Lebanese people, who have lived amid intermittent bombing and shooting for almost three months.

British Head Slates Date For Meeting

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Macmillan asked Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev Thursday to attend a summit meeting on the Middle East Aug. 12 — in New York or elsewhere. He proposed discussions both informally and under United Nations auspices.

He said he would personally attend the Aug. 12 meeting and added:

"I have no reason to suppose that the President of the United States would not be willing to go either to Geneva or New York."

The prime minister led to the House of Commons the text of a letter which he had arranged to have delivered to the Soviet premier in Moscow only a short time before. He suggested that permanent representatives on the Security Council — which would include Nationalist China — should decide on the meeting place.

"If this meeting is agreed I shall be there on Aug. 12," he added. "I hope you will be there too. So far as I am concerned New York, Geneva or any other place generally agreeable will do."

Both Conservatives and Laborites in the commons cheered Macmillan's announcement.

In Washington, the White House indicated President Eisenhower agreed fully with Macmillan. The U.S. reply to Khrushchev, the White House said, is not expected Thursday. At the United Nations, it was announced that U.S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge was going to Washington for conferences Friday on the summit question.

The British leader told Khrushchev the conference he had in mind certainly would allow "less formal meetings of heads of government" to be arranged, in addition to the sessions of the whole 11-nation Council.

Whipping Urged By County Judge

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A county judge urges the use of a whipping post for wife beaters, juvenile delinquents and nonsupport offenders.

"A public whipping at the door of the courthouse would have the greatest deterrent effect on these offenders," Judge L.A. Grayson says. The judge said wives should be given a chance to use the whip on husbands convicted of nonsupport and wife beating.



NEWLY APPOINTED city manager Gerard S. Vergeer Sr. is shown here as he visited with Mayor Lawrence Slater and councilmen Monday afternoon in Klamath Falls. Left to right, Councilmen Oliver Spiker, Walter Fleet, Mayor Slater, City Manager Vergeer, and Councilmen Ladd Hoyt, Floyd Wynne and James Barnes. Vergeer accepted the city manager post effective October 1. He just recently resigned after holding a similar post in Port Angeles for the past six years.



G. S. VERGEER SR.

Klamath Falls Names City Manager

Port Angeles to interrogate people of the community on Vergeer's capabilities.

"We assured ourselves that he was a man well qualified for the post, and a man who was thoroughly familiar with the many problems that arise when a city changes from one form of government to another."

"Initially, we had not budgeted or planned to be in a position to hire a city manager before October 1, but Vergeer appeared to fit our needs so well that we were able to make the commitment earlier. However, because of budget limitations this year he will not officially begin work before October 1."

Mayor Slater indicated that Vergeer would start at a salary of \$10,000 a year. "This," he said, "is in accordance with our informal promise to the city manager committee and the people that we would make every attempt to get a thoroughly qualified man for that figure."

Port Angeles, Vergeer was recently installed as president of the Rotary Club. His activities also include president of the Northwest City Manager's Association, past commander of the Port Angeles Coast Guard Auxiliary, and chairman of the Industrial Committee, Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Vergeer is familiar with Klamath Falls, having visited here before. A married daughter, Mrs. David Egge, now of Seattle was formerly employed at the First National Bank here. Another son, Gerard Jr. is manager of a grocery store in Everett, Washington.

Advertisement for U.S. Post Office issues, featuring a postage stamp and the text: "THESE POST OFFICE ISSUES will become familiar to everyone beginning tomorrow, August 1, when the new postal rates go into effect. At top is the new three cent stamped postal card with Statue of Liberty design in purple. Below it is the new five cent air mail stamped post card with red eagle in flight design. Lower left, the regular lavender four cent Lincoln portrait stamp for use on first class letters. Lower right, new seven cent air mail stamp with white silhouette of a jet airliner on a blue background for use on air mail letters."