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## In The Day's News

More today about the town of Ponderosa—which appears to have been settled upon as the inhabited place nearest to the pin point on the map that is known as the "geographical center" of the United States.

What is a geographical center? It's just what it says. It's the center of a given geographical area. It is established by a complicated system of mathematical measurements and computations. What does it mean to the town nearest to this pin point? Not much. It is supposed to have some tourist possibilities, but I doubt it. How far out of your way would you go just to see a pin point that is the geographical center of the U.S.?

Not very far, I'd guess.

But—this is significant: Ever since it was established, the geographical center of the United States has been moving steadily WESTWARD. Nearly 300 years ago George Berkeley, an English churchman, Bishop of Cloyne, coined the magic phrase: "Westward the course of empire takes its way." About a century later, John Quincy Adams plagiarized Bishop Berkeley to this extent: "Westward the STAR of empire takes its way."

Keep your eye on the West. Great things are in store for the WEST.

Speaking of the West, my colleague of the Medford Mail Tribune, Eric Allen, takes a crack at our mythical State of Jefferson—"otherwise classified," he says, "as a State of Mind." He adds: "As for this newest 'state' proposal, it is a nebulous affair, designed, apparently, as a rallying point for those who oppose what are feared as encroachments on independence in thought and action of 'big government,' whether it be at the state or national level."

Go your ways, good people of the State of Jefferson. We choose to exert our independence by acknowledging that No Man is an Island—nor is a state, even a state of mind."

Tut! Tut! Eric. If Plato, 20-odd centuries ago, could dream of the perfect state, why can't we here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California dream of the perfect state?

In the greatest of his dialogues, The Republic, Plato outlined his plans for an ideal state. He believed that the purpose of the state is to train its citizens to be upright and virtuous so that they may be truly happy. He knew this ideal state could never be formed in an imperfect world, but he held it up as a goal toward which people should work.

And—His thinking has made an indelible impression throughout all the 20-odd centuries that have followed him.

If Plato could dream of a State of Mind, why can't WE dream of a State of Mind?

If man can't DREAM of perfection, how can man ACHIEVE perfection?

## ANOTHER LETTER COMING

PRINCETOWN, England (UPI)—Council Clerk Reginald Alp received a letter Tuesday which lacked sixpence postage. He paid it.

Inside the envelope was a six-penny stamp and a note from the writer apologizing for forgetting to put postage on an earlier letter.

## Rayburn To Request Vote On \$2 Billion House Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) said today he intends to get a House vote on a \$2,100,000,000 housing bill now resting in a Rules Committee pigeon hole.

The bill calls for heavier housing spending than President Eisenhower recommended, and a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats has kept the measure bottled up in the Rules Committee. The committee is in charge of steering legislation to the House for action.

Democratic leaders regard housing as an issue on which they might well win a test with Eisenhower and are eager to get the bill to a vote.

Rayburn told a news conference the leadership wants "to follow the usual course without bypassing the committee on rules."

"We are willing to wait a reasonable time," he went on, but added that if necessary there are at least three ways in which the House could get the legislation up for action despite the attitude of the Rules Committee.

Asked what he considered a reasonable time, Rayburn said, "pretty soon."

The three parliamentary devices he mentioned are:

1. A discharge petition, which would require the signatures of a

## Industrial Building Falls Trapping 20 In Wreckage

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP)—A large industrial building being erected by scores of workers collapsed with an ear-shattering roar shortly before 11 a.m. today. At least one man was killed, a number injured and an estimated 20 trapped in the wreckage.

Hundreds of rescue workers rushed to the scene and tore at the mounds of twisted steel girders and splintered planking with bare hands in an effort to free trapped laborers.

For a time shrieks and cries arose from the heap of rubble, lying on the floor of the one-story building.

Giant cranes also were sped to the site to hoist heavier segments and permit rescue teams to crawl underneath.

Ambulances roared away at frequent intervals with injured. Eight or more were known to be in hospitals.

Decline Seen Of Epidemic

PORTLAND (AP)—Respiratory ailments are on the decline in Oregon, but the state Board of Health said Wednesday there is no guarantee that the epidemic will not flare up again.

Last week 4,909 new cases were reported in the state. The state health officer, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, said this was a drop of 10 per cent from the previous week.

He added, however, that the situation is not particularly encouraging in view of widespread epidemics in surrounding states and a continuing rise in five Oregon border counties.

Reporting a high incidence of respiratory diseases last week were Jackson County 674 cases, Klamath 627, Lane 561, Marion 219, Crook and Douglas 179 each, Josephine 160, Umatilla 125, Washington 115, Baker 100, Wallowa 88, Curry 84 and Portland 142.

Crowd Gassed In Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Law enforcement officers fired tear gas shells today to disperse a crowd which gathered in the heart of Tallahassee's Negro section after a Negro moonshine suspect was shot by a Negro policeman.

The policeman, Freddy Golden, said he shot Walter Oliver Jr., when Oliver drew a gun on him after he arrested him with four gallons of moonshine whisky.

A large number of Negroes poured out of houses and stores adjacent to the area of the shooting to see what had happened.

City police, who have been in emergency alert since the mass rape of a Negro cop by four white men early last Saturday, put out a call to other law enforcement agencies.

An estimated 50 highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and city officers rushed to the scene. Sgt. H. L. Coleman said that the crowd dispersed with the firing of four tear gas shells.

Oliver was charged with possessing illegal whisky, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. He was reported in fair condition with a bullet wound through the temple.

Coleman said the arrest was made about 10 p.m., but the scene was not cleared until about 2 a.m.

majority of the members of the House to take the bill away from the committee.

2. A resolution declaring that the bill is in order for consideration. Such a resolution, Rayburn said, could be adopted on one of the days when the House normally suspends its rules to pass non-controversial legislation.

3. Use of the rarely employed "calendar Wednesday" procedure, under which committee chairmen may call up bills which have been approved by their committees.

The bill has been approved by the Banking Committee, headed by Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky.), and went from this group to the Rules Committee. On "calendar Wednesday" Spence could move to take the bill up.

Eisenhower asked Congress for housing legislation estimated to cost about \$1,600,000,000.

Democrats on the Banking Committee not only boosted his figure but put in an authorization for 140,000 units of low-rent public housing.

Eisenhower had not asked any subsidized public housing.

Republicans contend that eventual cost of the Democratic bill would be \$3,000,000,000 rather than the \$2,100,000,000 tag the Democrats have put on it.

## VFW Official Promises Row On Town Sale

YREKA (UPI)—A local official of the Veterans of Foreign Wars promised today to "raise a big row" over the proposed sale of the town of Tennant by the organization's national committee.

W.D. Houston, past 20th District commander of the VFW, said the International Paper Company had given the town to the veterans' organization with the idea that it would become a war pensioner's community.

The town lies at the foot of Mt. Shasta and contains 100 homes and other buildings including a school, store, library and church. It was given to the VFW in November, 1937.

Houston said the sale was an attempt "to cut a big fat hog." He promised to "raise a big row" at the next national convention of the VFW, providing the town was sold.

But Byron Gentry, Pasadena City prosecutor and legal representative for the VFW's 17th District—including California, Oregon and Nevada—said plans for the pensioners' community failed to materialize because of costs.

He added that the town had water problems and suffered severe winters.

Development of the community had been turned over to the national VFW, though the project was primarily for veterans from Northern California counties.

John Mantle, general manager of International Paper's Weed division, said the firm "didn't put any strings" on the gift of the town when it was turned over to the VFW.

"We were under the impression they would use it," he said. "We thought we were doing a good thing. We could have dismantled it and realized something."

Gentry said that at one point the town was practically sold to a Beverly Hills promoter, but disagreement on some details ended negotiations.

There also has been talk of using the town for a youth camp sponsored by five Northern California counties, but nothing has come of the idea.

Herter Plans Talk Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter plans a major bid for public support and understanding tonight on the eve of his trip to the East-West Geneva conference in Germany.

Indications are he will not spring any big surprises in American policy.

Herter is expected to stress what he regards as the reasonableness of U.S. plans for a peaceful solution to the German crisis.

He is prepared to say that proposals to be presented to the Soviets at the foreign ministers parley starting Monday will provide a sound framework—if the Reds sincerely want to negotiate.

At the same time, he is ready to renew assurances that the Allies will not abandon West Berlin to the Communists just because Moscow demands that the Western Powers get out.

It will be Herter's first major appearance before the public since he took over as secretary of state from John Foster Dulles, and he wants to win the public's confidence.

The secretary leaves Friday afternoon for the Geneva meeting with the foreign ministers of Britain, France and the Soviet Union. The conference may last a month.

Herter will stop off at Bonn for lunch with German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Saturday noon. He will go on to Geneva that evening.

AF Commander Given New Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Assignment of Lt. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell to be commander in chief of the Pacific air forces was announced today by the White House.

President Eisenhower also nominated O'Donnell—now Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel—for promotion to the rank of full general. The nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

World News In Brief

United Press International B-52—Washington—America's B-52G bomber completes 9,000-mile flight without refueling in record-setting performance.

EMMYS—Hollywood—Ageless Fred Astaire steals thunder from Western and detective shows by winning nine Emmys at TV awards show.

JUPITER—Cape Canaveral—Army announces Jupiter missile ready for operational Air Force use following successful new firing.

CHURCHILL—Washington—Historic era ends at White House when Churchill departs after probably his last visit.

## Weather

Northern California — Fair through Friday except fog and low cloudiness on the coast tonight and Friday morning. Little change in temperature. Variable coastal winds 8 to 15 miles an hour.

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Fair through Friday. Low tonight 37-44. High Friday 65-72. High yesterday 63. Low last night 50. Precip. last 24 hours .9. Since Oct. 1 4.94. Same period last year 14.35.

Iraq Frees Italy Plane

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—Iraqi authorities freed a big Italian airliner today after detaining it 27 hours for making a flight across Iraq that was not specifically authorized.

With 8 crew members and 17 or more passengers bound westward from Tehran, the DC6B plane took off for Beirut. Twenty-two passengers originally were reported aboard, but Alitalia Airline, the plane's owners, said there were 17.

Three were Americans. They were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rachwald of Glendale, Calif., and Arthur McLaren of Katonah, N.Y.

Alitalia's Baghdad representative, Joseph Thewy, Pilot Walter Gall and Iraqi airport authorities all denied an announcement in Rome that Iraqi fighters forced down the plane.

Thewy explained the incident thus:

Hero's Son Makes Point

MEDIA, Pa. (AP)—Corky Kelly, son of the first U.S. Air Hero of World War II, is going to West Point—pretty much under his own steam. His mother made the first announcement today.

He might have had the appointment by special dispensation. That would have fulfilled a request made by President Roosevelt to days after Pearl Harbor and seven days after the boy's father, Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr., was killed on a Pacific bombing mission.

But Corky chose to do it the hard way — by competitive examination.

For winning the coveted appointment in this manner President Eisenhower, in a congratulatory letter, praised him highly, adding that a splendid career of service to his country seemed in prospect.

At the time his father was killed, Corky—Colin III—was less than 2 years old.

In the letter, President Roosevelt asked whomever might be in the White House in 1956, he consider the boy for appointment to the academy. Roosevelt spoke of the boy as "a young American of goodly heritage."

The letter went to the national archives for safekeeping until 1956.

Chief Plans Academy Visit

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower plans to visit the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., some time before June 4.

Announcing this today, the White House said Eisenhower had hoped to be there June 4 for graduation of the first class, but that pressure of his schedule had ruled it out.

Press secretary James C. Hagerty said no specific date has been picked yet.

Hagerty was asked whether the President might combine the visit with a weekend stay in Denver, the home of Mrs. Eisenhower's ailing mother, Mrs. John S. Doud.

"He might, but I just don't know," Hagerty said.

Hagerty provided no elaboration as to the nature of official business which caused Eisenhower to change his mind about attending the commencement exercises. However, the foreign ministers' conference starting Monday in Geneva may be ending early in June. That could require Eisenhower's presence in Washington.

Bomber Flies 9,000 Miles; No Refueling

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A B-52G jet bomber, newest H-bomb and missile carrier of the Strategic Air Command, has made a record non-stop flight of more than 9,000 miles without refueling.

The spectacular performance took place last Dec. 15, but was disclosed only today. It is the longest flight known to have been made by a jet bomber without refueling.

Cross-crossing the United States at 500 miles an hour for 18 hours, the new giant of the skies gave a striking demonstration of its potential as an "airborne alert" aircraft.

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