

FLAOUR REDUCTION OF 25 PERCENT ORDERED

Easter Glory Acclaimed by City Pageant

Queen Jacqueline, Royal
Court Lead First Parade
Of Its Kind in Roseburg

Holiday crowds acclaimed Jacqueline Goodwyn, blonde, petite queen, as ruler of Roseburg's first annual Easter parade this morning, after she had been crowned with a floral tiara on the Army steps. Queen Jacqueline I and her royal court led a gala procession through downtown streets mounted on a greenery-bedecked float with its white throne.

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, floats and cars, children and bicycles and pets, and other parade units began to gather in the streets near the Army. The ceremonies were scheduled to begin at 11, with a radio broadcast over KRNR of the coronation and presentation of gifts to the queen.

The queen and her four princesses donned their festive, coronation robes within the Army and were escorted out by local veterans of the world's battlefronts. On the front steps they paused. On either side were Oregon State Guardsmen standing at rigid attention. The soldiers presented arms as the queen came out with Orle Kennerly, Jr., president of the Roseburg Veterans Club of World War II.

The princesses—Jean Mowery, Shirley Woods, Marge Fowler, and Phyllis Buell—each had an escort from the Roseburg Veterans Club which sponsored today's festival.

Gifts are presented
Presentation of gifts from Roseburg merchants followed immediately.

Another Oregon Convict Gets Away

SALEM, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—A desperate criminal escaped from his solitary confinement cell in the state prison last night by picking the lock of his cell and going over the wall by using a rope made of his bedding. Prison Warden Alexander said today.

The prisoner, Ivan Leeper, 22, was sentenced from Klamath County to 10 years for assault and robbery. He entered the prison two years ago, and has spent much of the time in solitary confinement for making trouble.

Alexander said "he's a bad boy and a habitual trouble maker. He threatened many times to stab other convicts, refused to work, and got in many other kinds of trouble, too."

Alexander said Leeper picked the lock of his cell, took a bar off the top of the door, and then went over the wall by using a rope he had made out of his bedding.

Leeper is the eighth man to escape from the prison within the past month.

Defeat Looms for Soviet Urge to Drop Iran Case

NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP)—The United Nations Security Council begins its second month of deliberations next week with the prospect that Russia's demand for dismissal of the Iranian case will be rebuffed and that Franco Spain may be investigated by a council subcommittee.

The Iranian issue comes up first when the council meets Tuesday to review a report from its committee of experts on procedure, who told the council they were split, 8 to 3, over the Iranian case on lines identical with those around the council table. An Australian proposal for appointment of a five-member subcommittee to conduct a four-week investigation of the Franco regime inside Spain gained strength, meanwhile, with Poland, author of the charges against Spain, reported ready to back such an inquiry.

Vacant Stares Replace Fetes On Hitler Birth Anniversary

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
BERLIN, April 20.—(AP)—All morning I accosted German residents of this battered capital, asking them what today stood for, and invariably I got a vacant stare.

I told them it was the 57th anniversary of the birth of Adolf Hitler. Most Berliners dismissed the information with a shrug. "We ceased observing the day a year ago," a chauffeur said. "The battle of Berlin was then in full swing and only four days later the Russians marched in. I didn't see a single flag displayed a year ago in honor of the birthday. Everybody was too much occupied with the Russian advance to think about it."

In Hitler's heyday, April 20 was a holiday. All Nazis wore their uniforms. Conspicuous libations were drunk to the fuhrer's health. Delegation after delegation, from the reich cabinet down, poured into the chancellery to offer congratulations and costly gifts. There were great military parades.

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OPA Granted Life Chance on 'Iffy' Basis

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Senator LaFollette (D-Mont., Wis.) today gave OPA a fighting chance for its life in the Senate, but only if the price agency speedily corrects what he termed its mistakes.

Pointing out that OPA has a two-week breathing spell for this purpose before the Senate takes up the legislation, LaFollette declared that the agency's past tardiness in instituting reforms was responsible for its present uncertain plight.

The Wisconsin senator, who said he wants to see OPA continued with some "reasonable" amendments, told a reporter he is convinced that the House vote ripped the lid off the agency's controls bespoken pent up anger at OPA slowness in adjusting individual errors.

"When OPA was first set up," he said, "it established what was called a 'defense in depth.' It pushed its first lines far out ahead of the area where final decisions can be made."

"As a result, when an in-

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Negro Maid Admits She Clubbed Woman to Death

TOLEDO, O., April 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Nat Shulman, 47, wife of a Toledo business man, died today after being clubbed in a neighbor's yard last night.

Ethel Burks, 16-year-old Negro maid in the neighbor's home, surrendered to police two hours after Mrs. Shulman was found.

Captain Ralph Murphy, head of the homicide squad, said the girl told him she clubbed Mrs. Shulman with a lead pipe because "she hadn't liked her from the moment she saw her."

Portland Thief Gets \$20,000 in Uncut Gems

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—Loss of uncut diamonds valued at more than \$20,000 was reported yesterday to police by Harry S. Reingold, jewelry store proprietor.

He said the diamonds were in a wallet which had been placed in a drawer behind the counter rather than in the safe, following sale of one of the stones.

A clerk reported seeing a man walk from behind the counter but thought little of it because she was unaware the diamonds had been placed there.

Mayor of San Francisco Target of Recall Move

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—(AP)—Call of Mayor Roger D. Lapham, 47, for recall because he advocated an increased fare on the municipal railway, were filed with the registrar of voters yesterday.

The sponsors, known as the "Recall Lapham Committee," said the petitions contained about 39,000 signatures.

The recall movement leader was Henry F. Budds, Sr., publisher of a tabloid weekly newspaper with 18 neighborhood editions.

Evicted Woman Sets Fire to Her Apartment

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—(AP)—Augusta Finch, 73, was held for trial on a charge of arson today after Fire Inspector Charles Crosby testified at her preliminary hearing.

"She told me that she was being evicted and could find no place to go. So she set fire to her apartment."



KISS GOES WITH FIRST POPPY SALE—Four-year-old Betty Lou Hall shyly kisses President Truman after selling him the first Buddy Poppy of the 1946 VFW Buddy Poppy sale. Betty Lou came to Washington from Eaton Rapids, Mich., where she and her three sisters and a brother are living at the VFW Home for Widows and Orphans. Her father, the late Arthur Alvin Hall, was killed in action in the ETO during 1944.

Symbolic Open-Air, Church Ceremonies to Mark Easter Observance in United States

(By The Associated Press)
Christians throughout the United States will celebrate tomorrow their first peace-time Easter since 1941 in symbolic open-air and church ceremonies.

At the nation's capital, 16 states are expected to be represented at a program in the amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery, while other sunrise services will be held at Fort Lincoln Heights, at Walter Reed Hospital and on the steps of the George Washington Memorial.

Worshippers will gather on a seavall at Corpus Christi, Texas, and speakers and choruses will arrive by boat.

The embarkment of the huge Denison dam will be the scene of services in that Texas city, while Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will speak at Texas A. and M. College at College Station.

Pageants Scheduled
Fifteen miles northwest of Lawton, Okla., in the holy city of the Wichita mountains, 150,000 persons are expected to watch a sunrise pageant in which a cast of more than 1,000 will depict the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, while another observance will be held at the rim of the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona—at Bright Angel Point.

About 50,000 persons are expected to climb Mount Davidson, San Francisco's highest park, to observe the sunrise.

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Truman, Lewis Confer on Coal Strike Situation

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach took John L. Lewis, head of the striking coal miners, to the White House today to confer with President Truman.

Schwellenbach has been trying for 10 days to get Lewis and the operators to resume joint negotiations. The bituminous mines have been shut since April 1 with a loss to the reversion effort.

Lewis broke up the joint conferences by walking out in a huff 10 days ago because he said they were not getting anywhere.

The UMW president insists on consideration of his safety and welfare proposals. The operators want to settle first wage and hour provisions of a new contract. Neither side has budged from this impasse.

Visitor Uses Two Purses To Outwit Slugger-Thief

DETROIT, April 20.—(AP)—It took a visitor from a little Georgia town to outwit a notorious Detroit hand.

Court-Martial System Hit in House Report

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Court-martial sentences sent 142 soldiers to their deaths during the war years and ensuing months, a House Military Subcommittee disclosed today in recommending an extensive overhaul for the Army's system of justice.

The group reported that in the period between Dec. 7, 1941, and Feb. 22, 1946, 72 men were executed for murder, 51 for rape, 18 for murder and rape, and one for desertion.

The findings were set forth in a document sharply critical of what the subcommittee called the "injustice and the extreme severity of sentences resulting from the existing court-martial system."

The full military committee, it was learned today, has temporarily tabled the subcommittee's report at the War Department's request, but will consider it next month. Army witnesses probably will be heard before the full committee takes any formal action.

"Clash for Justice"

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Carl Durham (D-N. C.), made the following criticisms, comments and recommendations in the course of its report:

"The court-martial system is

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Walter Winchell Freed Of Charge of Libel

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—(AP)—Walter Winchell, newspaper columnist and radio commentator, was acquitted of libel and defamation of character Thursday by a Federal Court jury.

Winchell and Triangle Publications, Inc., publishers of the Philadelphia Inquirer, were sued for \$500,000 damages by Dr. George W. Hartmann, professor of education psychology at Columbia University.

Hartmann, once chairman of the defunct "peace now" movement and former teacher at Harvard University and Pennsylvania State College, charged Winchell libeled him in a column published in the Inquirer in 1944.

More Pacific Areas Open To Families of GIs

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The Navy announced yesterday that effective May 1 the areas of Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines would be opened to families of officers and enlisted men now stationed there.

Requests for permission for their families to join them have to be filed with their base commanders by the Navy men.

Families now may go to North Africa, Argentina in Newfoundland, Greenland, the United Kingdom, Europe, the Caribbean area, South America, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Alaska, the Aleutians, the Carolines, Marshalls, Palau and Marianas islands, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa and Midway.

Fight Referee Donovan Accused of Manslaughter

NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP)—David S. Corcoran, 58-year-old importer, died yesterday from injuries received, police said, during a street fight on Fifth Avenue with Arthur Donovan, 54, nationally known prize fight referee.

Assistant District Attorney Karl Grebow said a manslaughter charge would be preferred.

Alaskan Strike Settled

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, April 20.—(AP)—Gov. Ernest Gruening announced shortly before midnight last night settlement of the 19-day-old longshore tie-up in Alaska and promised that the freighter Taku would be unloaded here today.

With Roseburg's March of Progress

—Photo by Paul Jenkins

Bequest for 'Joke' Definition Launches Contest in Court

HURON, S. D., April 20.—(AP)—A will bequeathing between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to the person who can best define the word "joke" is the subject of a court action here.

C. C. Richardson, 55, business machines salesman who died after spending his last five years in the South Dakota Tuberculosis Sanatorium, left all but a small fraction of his estate to the person who could best answer this question:

"Why does and did the four-letter word 'joke' define and answer the all and total meaning of the Holy Bible, and all the sociological meaning of man and the earth?"

His son, Clarence Richardson of Long Beach, Calif., who was left \$50, appeared in court to contest the will on the ground it is incapable of performance.

Hearing is set for May 20.

Chinese Reds Plan Seizure of Harbin

(By The Associated Press)
Chinese Communists announced today they would occupy the northern Manchurian city of Harbin when the Russians withdraw next Wednesday "if a state of civil war still prevails" then.

The Communists determination to follow up the success in occupying Changchun, Manchuria's capital, was announced in Chungking by a party spokesman.

Possession of Changchun gave the Chinese Communists a firm grip on central Manchuria, and a government spokesman admitted that the situation there was "very grave."

Reports reaching Peking said Chinese government officials in Harbin had fled to government-held Mukden in south Manchuria by plane, fearing capture by Communist troops ransacking the city. The government has no troops there.

Meantime at Chungking, Gen. Marshall's headquarters sought the removal of seven Americans from Changchun, whose fall to Chinese Communist forces after five days of fighting was acknowledged by the central government.

The group was comprised of two Army men and five news correspondents, including one woman.

An official dispatch published in Peking said 50 government officials had been taken "captive" in Szeching by the Communists.

Postal Pay Hike Receives Senate Committee O.K.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The Senate Post Office Committee unanimously approved today a flat \$400-a-year pay raise for most postal employees. The bill already has passed the House.

Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan said in a report on the measure: "It will provide temporarily for postal employees approximately the same take-home pay for a 40-hour work week prior to the enactment of Public Law 134, approved July 6, 1945," which also provided an increase.

The bill also provides for a 20 percent raise for postal employees on an hourly or part-time basis. They do not get the flat \$400.

Twins Born 67 Hours Apart; One doesn't Survive

PORT ANGELES, Wash., April 20.—(AP)—Twins were born 67 hours apart to a Russian woman, Dr. J. L. McFadden reported yesterday, one arriving Tuesday aboard a tanker racing the storm to port and the other yesterday in the Port Angeles General Hospital.

Early today hospital attendants said the second-born, a four-pound, 14-ounce girl, had an excellent chance to survive. Dr. McFadden was told by the ship's captain that the first baby, weighing about three pounds, the sex of which was not reported, died shortly after birth.

High Food Costs, Plaints Shut Geisha Houses, Cafes

TOKYO, April 20.—(AP)—Soaring food costs and public criticism of lavish spending caused 25 geisha houses and five high-class restaurants to close today.

The proprietress of one of the largest geisha houses said she was giving her girls "a holiday" during which they will devote themselves to improving their talents.

Ex-Army Heads Of Japan Plot To Regain Rule

TOKYO, April 20.—(AP)—Many former Japanese army officers are forming groups, some on government-subsidized farms, and secreting supplies in the obnoxious house of one day regaining power.

This was learned from reliable sources—Japanese, allied nationals and American occupation officials—during a careful investigation of more than two months.

American officials, rather than looking upon it with undue alarm, see in the situation a naturally expected one. In many instances, the identities and locations of the groups are known. They are being watched.

"To date there has been no evidence of any subversion on an extensive scale," said an authoritative source at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

Former Major Robert D. Kirk, of Houston, Tex., a public safety officer since deactivated and back in civilian life in the United States as an attorney, gave the information and the contacts which started the survey.

Much of the evidence cannot be divulged now for obvious reasons.

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Effort to End Motor Stages Tie-Up Fizzles

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP)—First negotiations in the two-week Oregon Motor Stages tie-up apparently fizzled out last night, when the meeting adjourned with no indication that it would be resumed.

Union and company officials held conferences yesterday with Mayors McNitt of Eugene and Doughton of Salem, State Utilities Commissioner Plag and other officials.

City transportation in Salem and Eugene as well as intercity routes is tied up in the wage dispute, aimed at an increase from \$1.05 and \$1.15 to \$1.40 an hour for drivers, \$1.20 to \$1.50 for mechanics.

Crash Into Parked Bus Kills Auto Passenger

SALEM, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—A recently discharged sailor, Lester Eugene Marvnee, Salem, was killed in West Salem early today when the car in which he was riding crashed into a parked bus.

State police said the car was traveling at high speed. The bus was empty. Two other occupants of the car, Ann Kennedy of Detroit and Douglas Brown of Salem, were cut and bruised.

In an accident in Salem, Clarence A. Hunt, 29, was injured critically when he rode his bicycle into the side of a moving Southern Pacific freight train.

Car Blow Kills 2 Aged Women as They Quit Bus

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP)—Two elderly women were struck by a car after they alighted from a bus last night—the first dying almost instantly, the second succumbing early today in a hospital here.

Mrs. Ida May Watson, 72, was killed on the Bertha Beaverton Highway. Eva Curran, 78, who lived with Mrs. Watson on the highway, died here several hours later.

Sheriff's deputies said the two aged women failed to wait until the bus drove away, but started across the highway behind it in the path of another car.

Auto Dealer Accused of Using Vets in Racket

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—(AP)—Glenn O. Smallcomb, 51, one of the Pacific coast's largest automobile dealers, surrendered to the U. S. marshal yesterday and posted \$1,000 bond. With three employees, he was indicted on charges of using veterans as dupes in buying up surplus Army trucks.

Must Tag Imported Fish

SALEM, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—Fish shipped to Oregon from other states between January 1 and May 1 of any year must be tagged even though they have been cut up or frozen, Attorney General Neuner ruled today.

Truman Acts To Send More Food Abroad

Bonuses for Wheat, Corn
Offered Farmers; Buying
Of Oatmeal on Program

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The United States opened an intensive new attack on the global food crisis today, ordering a 25 percent slash in domestic flour consumption and calling for even more vigorous self-rationing of food in American homes.

The emergency, President Truman revealed, has become so acute that this country's already low wheat reserves are being to be cut even further to furnish famine relief.

Mr. Truman solemnly told the nation it confronted "the greatest threat of mass starvation in the history of mankind."

"Millions will surely die unless we eat less," he said in a plea to "the warm heart of America" for greater voluntary food conservation by the people.

The flour conservation cut was a direct step toward belting the country supply furnished overseas areas with a million tons of wheat monthly—the target set by the President for the next three months. The reduction order is effective at midnight tomorrow and will continue in effect until June 30.

Hoover Joins in Plea
Agriculture Department officials estimate that the flour cut will yield the equivalent of 25,000,000 bushels of wheat in the period.

Mr. Truman summoned the nation to redoubled famine relief efforts in a nationwide all-network radio broadcast last night. He was joined on the program by former President Herbert Hoover, sneaking from Egypt, UNRRA Director General Florentino La Guardia and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

La Guardia appealed "desperately" to farmers to supply the needed wheat fast for shipment to lands where "people are dying."

Hoover, recommending an export target of 1,100,000 tons of wheat monthly, suggested that the government resort to wartime measures providing for mandatory set-asides of food.

Bonuses to Farmers
It was Secretary Anderson who announced the flour reduction order as part of a six-point administration program to provide more food for export. Other points:

1. Government bonus to farm-

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Wheat Scarcity Closes Mill at The Dalles

THE DALLES, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—The United Mills Company plant here was closed today because of a wheat scarcity, and officials blamed heavy overseas relief shipments.

During the shutdown, workers will stay on the payroll by renovating and improving the plant. Manager Gordon Acker reported. He said flour production might start again Tuesday if grain is available by then.

A recent survey reported 100,000 bushels of wheat at the plant compared with a normal 250,000-bushel supply.

AFL Beats Independents In Phone Workers' Vote

EVERETT, Wash., April 20.—(AP)—The AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers last night won an election over the Independent Communications Employees' union to become bargaining agent for employees of the West Coast Telephone Company, Della E. McIntyre, international representative of the AFL union announced.

She said the vote was 189 to 168. The company operates in Washington and Oregon and as far south as Culver City, Calif.

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