

GEN. M'ARTHUR'S ASSASSINATION PLOTTED

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U.S. Proposes 25-Year Vigil Over Germany

Plan Offered Four Powers At Paris Meet

Eradication of All Nazi Remnants, Complete Ban On War Potentials Aims

By FLORA LEWIS
PARIS, April 30.—(AP)—The foreign ministers conference today received from U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes a proposal for a four-power mutual assistance pact to keep the peace in Germany for at least a quarter of a century.

Byrnes' proposals would pledge American military might to keep the peace in Germany for at least 25 years as part of a long-term United States foreign policy.

The hitherto secret United States proposal, which would combine the military forces of the United States, Russia, Britain and France to assure a permanent German disarmament, was made public by Byrnes last night.

The secretary of state also disclosed he had drafted a similar pact to keep United States and other allied forces on the alert against a revival of militarism in Germany.

Personal Plane of Gen. Mark W. Clark Buzzed by Russians

VIENNA, April 30.—(AP)—Two Russian fighters buzzed the personal plane of Gen. Mark W. Clark today as it was being flown from Vienna to Linz by Brig. Gen. Ralph A. Snavely, commander of the U. S. F. A., air division.

This was the third incident involving Soviet fighters and American planes in 10 days.

Clark was not aboard his plane, a B-17 Flying Fortress. He made his third protest against the Russian activities when he learned of today's attack.

The Russian fighters made speed runs toward the B-17 several times, but fired no shots, as marked the action involving two U. S. transport planes previously.

Budget Lists Pay Hikes for City Employees

Expenses of the police, fire, and street departments came under scrutiny of the city budget committee last night, as it met to consider requests for increased expenditures during the coming fiscal year, and to quiz the fire and police chiefs, and the superintendent of streets.

An increase of two additional policemen was recommended, following Chief of Police Erwin Short's plea for more adequate police protection for the city, and his statement that he needs someone at the desk telephone 24 hours a day. Short asked for four additional men to the four now serving as police and traffic officers.

Salaries for each of the six policemen recommended by the budget committee were tentatively set at \$180 a month, and Short's salary was recommended for an increase to \$2,400 a year.

Salaries for other department heads—Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor, Street Superintendent George Frew, and James H. Miller, sewage disposal plant superintendent—were also recommended.

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Healthiest 4-H Quartette Selected



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FOUR HEALTHY YOUNGSTERS: Left to right, Louella Everett, Wilbur, Jimmy Whipple, Drain; Pete Sabala, Wilbur, and Thelma Kennedy, Camas Valley Rt., Roseburg. Louella and Jimmy were judged Douglas county's healthiest boy and girl enrolled in 4-H health clubs in 1946. Thelma and Pete were second place winners.

Bids Solicited for Steel Mesh Decking On Oak Street Bridge

Bids for the removal of timber decking on the Oak Street bridge and installation of steel stringers and open grid steel decking, will be opened in Salem today by the State Highway Commission.

The State Highway Commission undertook to advertise for bids at the request of the Douglas County court, which maintains the structure. Use of the steel mesh decking has been considered for several months as better able to withstand the traffic load than a new wood deck.

Steel decking will last the life-time of the bridge, which may well be another 50 years, members of the county court have said.

Specifications will call for an H-15 bridge, which means the span will bear a vehicle with a load capacity of 15 tons on its rear axle.

CPA Permits For Buildings Sought

Dr. B. R. Shoemaker and S. J. Shoemaker, Roseburg, have submitted application to the Civil Production Administration for authority to construct a two-story store-apartment building, 80 by 102 feet, on property immediately south of the Rose hotel, where the lot was cleared recently by removal of a residence building.

Plans for the building, which is to be of concrete construction with frame floor and roof, were drawn by Architect Lee Thomas, Portland.

Other applications from Douglas county include a request from Dr. J. M. Boyles, Roseburg, for permission to build a two-story business store and office building, 40 by 100, two stories, at an estimated cost of \$15,000. The site is immediately north of the Stephens Auto Co., on North Main St.

The Sutherland Machine Works, Sutherlin, requests authority for construction of a building, 64 by 80 feet, with concrete footings for crane way, iron sheathing, etc., the building to be used for logging and sawmill equipment repair and maintenance. The cost is estimated at \$5,000.

No-Limit Special Session Favored

PORTLAND, April 30.—(AP)—Multnomah County legislators today were on record favoring a special session of the state legislature sought by Portland school district, but rejected a move to limit their endorsement to the one emergency issue.

The county's 18 legislators will meet again today.

County representatives and senators voted yesterday 12 to 6 favoring the session to amend a faulty 1937 law which the Supreme Court has ruled prevents a special tax election planned by the school district here. But the legislators tabled, 9 to 8, a motion that the governor confine the session business to the special tax issue.

Several Multnomah members and senators from Baker and Clatsop counties said they believed other emergency issues should be considered, citing need for housing for veterans at the state's colleges, veterans' aid and ways to speed the state's \$10,000,000 high education building program.

Portland school officials wanted the request for the special session to cover only the school issue. School Director S. Eugene Allen said, after a conference with Governor Snell, that it was "unlikely" the governor would call a special session if other matters were to come up.

The last special session was called in 1935 by Gov. Charles H. Martin to authorize building the new state capitol. The session lasted the full 20 days allowed by law.

Creditors Swindled of \$500,000 by Turf Plunger

NEW YORK, April 30.—(AP)—William B. Benjamin, 36-year-old factory owner, was under arrest today charged with forgery and grand larceny and District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said he admitted defrauding credit firms of more than \$500,000—most of which he lost at the races.

Hogan said Benjamin made \$200,000 legitimate profit during the war years, and used the reputation thus established to swindle his creditors.

The well-dressed Benjamin, wearing a blue tie upon which hand-painted red horses galloped symbolically, was held in \$50,000 bail.

Strike Vote Scheduled By IWA in Washington

SPOKANE, April 30.—(AP)—Results of an industry-wide strike vote by five thousand members of the CIO International Woodworkers of America will be tabulated probably by May 15.

Secretary Fred Sierken of the Union's Inland Empire District said yesterday the members will vote in the next 10 days on whether they should participate in a strike if one is called next month.

The union has charged that several companies have not observed an "hours of labor" clause in a 1945 West Coast Lumber Commission directive.

Sierken said the clause calls for an eight-hour day with overtime pay for Saturday and Sunday work.

Child Health Day Set

SALEM, Ore., April 30.—(AP)—Governor Snell today designated May 1 as Child Health Day, urging organizations to observe the day "as a fitting tribute to Oregon's efforts in improving the qualities necessary to a useful and successful life."

Deed Slated During May 1 Celebration

Plot Bared by Discarded, Poisoned Member of Jap Clique; Leaders Sought

TOKYO, April 30.—(AP)—General MacArthur was marked for assassination May Day—tomorrow—with hand grenades and pistols "some time during communist demonstrations" near his headquarters, his office announced today.

American authorities learned of the assassination plot through one of the participants, whom Hideo Tokuyama, the accused but unapprehended leader, attempted to poison, said Brig. Gen. Frayne Baker, MacArthur's public relations officer.

The Japanese government officially resented its apologies at MacArthur's office in reports of the plot—spreading like wildfire through Tokyo—stirred Japanese fears of harsher occupation policies.

Kyuchi Tokuda, general secretary of the communist party, quickly said the communists

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Fatal Beating of Child Holds Pair

NEW YORK, April 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Eve Erickson, 43, was arraigned today on a homicide charge in Stapleton, Staten Island, felony court in the death last night of her three-year-old adopted daughter, Susan, as a result of what Richmond County District Attorney F. A. Kane said was a beating.

Mrs. Erickson and her husband, Lief, 41, were arrested on charges of felonious assault after the child had been taken to a hospital by a physician.

The charge against Mrs. Erickson was changed to homicide, but Erickson was arraigned on a felonious assault charge and held in \$5,000 bail. Mrs. Erickson was held without bail.

The Ericksons, married nine years and childless, adopted Susan eight months ago from a foundling home, Kane said. The district attorney quoted the couple as saying they slapped the child Saturday when she refused to eat her cereal.

Nine Women Seek Seats in Legislature of Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, April 30.—(AP)—Nine women were seeking nomination to the territorial legislature—two for the Senate and seven for the Lower House—in today's primary election. All have lots of masculine competition.

E. L. Bartlett, territorial delegate in Congress, was unopposed for renomination on the Democratic ticket, as was territorial treasurer Oscar G. Olson. Walter P. Sharpe, incumbent labor commissioner, however, is opposed by K. C. Johnson.

In the Republican primary, George B. Gribbsy and Almer J. Peterson seek the nomination to oppose Delegate Bartlett in the general election. Cash Cole and Leonard Sohlt are candidates for treasurer; Henry A. Benson is unopposed for labor commissioner nomination.

Pupils Urged to Check On Wheat and Fat Savings

SALEM, Ore., April 30.—(AP)—Governor Snell to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Putnam today urged school administrators and teachers to have school children distribute check lists covering voluntary compliance in the homes to save wheat, fats and oils.

The action was taken at the request of U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

The lists are being sent to the schools by the Red Cross. The idea is to encourage parents to "give effective assistance in saving these vital food commodities so essential to the starving people in other countries," Snell and Putnam said in a joint statement.

Astoria Citizens Oppose Plan to Purchase Utility

ASTORIA, Ore., April 30.—(AP)—A citizens' committee opposing a May 17 ballot issue which would authorize the city to take over the electric utilities of Clatsop County was organized here today.

Capt. Clarence Ash, a Columbia River bar pilot, is chairman of the committee opposing the city's entering the power business.

The May 17 ballot question would authorize a \$2,000,000 bond issue for funds to purchase Clatsop County properties of the Pacific Power and Light Company.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
If U. S. agents attempt to ferret out atomic bomb researchers in Spain, here's hoping they have better success than in their efforts to smell out black marketers at home.



AWARD FOR SERVICE — Colonel Maurice Bowker, at right above, receives an award from the Roseburg Kiwanis Club for his service in the armed forces during World War II. Colonel Bowker was county judge when he resigned to enter the Army in 1943. He is in Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado, recovering from the effects of tuberculosis contracted while serving in the Philippines and Japan. The Kiwanis award was presented to him by William H. Water, left, and R. K. Michael of the Aurora, Colo., Kiwanis Club.

Income Tax Dodgers Special Targets as U. S. Turns Heat On Black Market Operators

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—The government turned more heat on the black market today with the double aim of improving the domestic food situation and halting the diversion of famine relief supplies for overseas.

The Justice Department announced the start of a "vigorous crackdown" on income tax evaders suspects of reaping huge black market profits.

"We're going after these fellows," Attorney General Tom Clark announced, promising that the drive "will be strengthened and accelerated."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JUST before the arrival of the Russian editors described in this column yesterday, the session was in recess, waiting for them. As is usual in such periods, the room was abuzz with conversation—mostly shop talk.

As they entered, there came a dramatic hush—and when, after introduction by the presiding officer, the first of them arose to speak you could have heard a pin drop in the deeply carpeted room.

It was a perfect example of the acute, almost strained, attention that throughout the world is focused upon everything Russian in these days when Russia holds the key to war or peace.

IN the opening minutes, this was dramatically evident:

They were SUSPICIOUS of us—even the roly-poly major general representing Pravda, the good will man of the party.

Suspicion lurked in their eyes, sharpened their voices, cut through even the unfamiliar cadences of the Russian tongue. It thrummed in the air of the quiet, impressive room like tom-toms in the jungle.

THE first speaker slowed to a stop. The interpreter translated. As he ceased rendering the Russian words into English, a burst of applause rocked the chandeliers.

It was so genuine, so sincere, so obviously straight from the hearts of the Americans down there beneath the visitors on the rostrum that it cut the veneer of suspicion as spilled alcohol cuts.

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Christianity Triumphs Over Hitlerism in Germany's Vote

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The smashing victory of Germany's new political party, the Christian Social Union, in the county council elections in the American zone, should be recognized for what it really is—a triumph of Christian principles over the evils of Hitlerism which still tear at the vitals of the Reich.

That's vastly important, for this plague can only be eradicated by moral rehabilitation. You can keep the malefactors quiet by armed might, and you may achieve the vital demilitarization of Germany through a four-power 25-year mutual assistance pact much as the United States proposes, but you can't reform the Nazis that way. Reform must come through a change of heart. This political development is doubly important because Germany isn't the only country in Europe which has lost its moral grip as a result of the war. The striking success of the Christian Social Union in Germany, which is the center of the plague, gives hope that there may be a resurgence of morality in the affected areas of the distressed continent.

Credos Join Hands
This politico-religious movement in Germany represents the combination which its name indi-

Junior Class Wins Waste Paper Drive

Saturday's waste paper collection resulted in shipment of 56,685 pounds with the team from the junior class of Roseburg High School winning the contest for the largest amount to be picked up by any of the three teams. Juniors collected 32,020 pounds, more than the seniors and sophomores combined.

Success of the juniors was credited to the fact that girl helpers joined the 20 boys assigned to the team and aided in loading trailers and trucks used in the pickup.

H. W. Gray, recreation supervisor and general chairman of the campaign, expressed appreciation to Kenneth Ford, Nick Nicholson, Page Lumber Company, Joelson's Lumber Company, Olympia Supply, who furnished trucks; Lloyd Reber, Walt Davis, Earl Reed, Frank Ashley, truck drivers, and to all committee members and others who assisted in the drive, as well as the general public for its cooperation.

A considerable poundage came in from neighboring districts, being voluntarily delivered to the Roseburg Armory.

Destroyer Escort Sunk By Blast; Several Injured

EARLE, N. J., April 30.—(AP)—Two explosions rocked the destroyer escort U.S.S. Solar today, injuring several persons, but a Third Naval District spokesman said most personnel got clear.

The ship sank at the pier of the Earle naval depot, where ammunition was being unloaded, when the first blast, a moderate explosion, occurred.

The naval headquarters in New York described the second explosion as of major violence and said it demolished a lighter across the pier which juts out 2 1/2 miles into lower New York Bay.

Beauty Shop to Be Opened By Mrs. Hazel Kenney

Mrs. Hazel Kenney will open a new beauty shop above Wally's Grocery, at the intersection of the Pacific highway and the Garden Valley road about May 8, she announced today. Mrs. Kenney has owned shops in Seattle and Eugene. She will feature permanent waves and latest hair styles. She has been a Roseburg resident for two years.

Franco Monument in Spain Blasted by Bomb

BARCELONA, Spain, April 30.—(AP)—The three-ton Franco Victory Monument was almost completely destroyed by a bomb explosion at dawn today. It had been erected when the victorious Franco forces entered the city in 1939.

Highway Worker Snatches Woman From Train Death

CHICAGO, April 30.—(AP)—An alert highway worker saved Mrs. Lillian Harper, 50, from possible death yesterday, seconds before a speeding Rock Island train smashed into her stalled automobile on the tracks in suburban Tinley Park.

The hero in the dramatic incident was George Gibson, who heard Mrs. Harper's call for help to push her car off the rails. Mrs. Harper apparently did not see the train's "locomotive" traveling at high speed toward her, the car hiding her view.

Gibson, however, saw the approaching train and rushed upon the tracks and carried Mrs. Harper to safety as the train struck the car and threw it into a row of parked cars.

Thanking Gibson for saving her life, Mrs. Harper bemoaned the loss of her car.

"It had a new tire," she said.

Butter Set-Aside for War Agencies Ordered

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today ordered producers to set aside 20 per cent of their May output of creamery butter for sale to the Army, Navy and other war agencies.

The set-aside program will be continued through June, but the percentage of the June output which producers will be required to reserve will be announced later.

No butter will be set aside for export to foreign countries, it was announced.

Flour Production in Seattle Near Full Halt

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The Washington Bakers Association said the outlook for more bread is black while bakers and millers alike said they were confused by the federal orders which cut production 25 per cent and limit mills to a 21-day supply of wheat.

One miller said that "if this 21-day supply is to last until the next crop, about July 15, there just won't be any bread."

Lumber Dealers Launch Drive on Black Market

PORTLAND, April 30.—(AP)—A campaign against the black market in lumber was announced today by the Oregon Retail Lumbermen's Association to funnel building materials through legitimate business channels.

Association President H. H. Johnson said "piles of shingle, lath and lumber can be seen in large quantities" in the district, while the retail lumber members' customers cannot obtain their needs from their own yards.

The Weather

Clear with light frost tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday.

With Roseburg's March of Progress

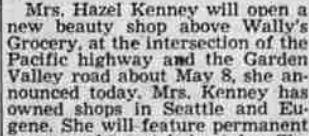


Photo by Paul Jenkins

Hunt Continues for Lost Skiers on Mount Rainier

LONGMIRE, Wash., April 30.—(AP)—A search party hunting some trace of two skiers who vanished on the storm-swept heights of Mount Rainier, last night held out a 50-50 chance of survival for the missing men.

The men, George Zipp and Don Cronin, both of Seattle, left the ski area in the Cayuse Pass district Sunday morning and have not been seen since.

Yesterday parties led by six-king forest rangers tracked a skiing two mile area in fruitless search. A fresh group was moving in late last night to relieve the searchers already there.

The region being searched is about 5,000 feet above sea level. Bad weather has prevented use of planes in the search, but they will be used today if clouds and intermittent snow flurries clear away.

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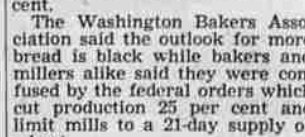


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NIGHT CLUB TO COST \$75,000

—Pictured above is the first unit of KENNEDY'S new night club, rising just south of Roseburg, on the Pacific highway near Shady Point. This unit is 160 feet long, contains a dance floor 70x112, an orchestra stage accommodating a 17-piece band, flanking dressing rooms.

The second unit, construction of which is to begin immediately, is a continuation of the first; will be L-shaped and 25x120 feet in dimension; will house the club proper. Also contemplated is the erection of a motor court.

E. S. Kennedy, owner, has conducted a large band in the "atomic" towns of eastern Washington. He states that he is investing \$75,000 in the Roseburg club.