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Gov. Warren Wins Double Nomination

Californian Defeats Kenny, PAC Choice

Knowland Gets GOP Bid For U. S. Senator, Rogers Ahead on Demo Ticket

(By the Associated Press) The political action committee, which the CIO hopes to make a powerful factor in choosing the nation's leaders, found sharply varying results to study today in five-state primaries.

The PAC-backed candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Alabama was an easy winner.

It was a different story in California. There Republican Gov. Earl Warren outdistanced the PAC's choice in even the Democratic primary.

Warren, who turned down appeals at Chicago in 1944 that he run for vice president on the ticket headed by Thomas E. Dewey, was well out in front for both the Republican and Democratic nominations for another term as governor. His nomination on both tickets was conceded by the Democratic opponent, Robert W. Kenny, present attorney general.

By becoming the choice of both major parties—tantamount to election next November—Warren would be the first governor to be re-elected to a second term since Hiram Johnson performed that feat in 1914, and he would be the first in history to be the nominee of both parties under California's system of cross-filing.

Warren was backed in the main by the American Federation of Labor and running on a non-partisan business administration platform. The CIO-PAC backed the candidacy of Kenny.

Senator William K. Knowland, another California Republican who hoped to be selected by both political organizations, ran far ahead in his own party's senatorial primary but trailed former

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, speaking the other evening at Washington college, in Maryland, where he was receiving an honorary degree, described himself as a small-town boy, who prefers small business to big business and small colleges to big colleges.

"One of the things I like about Washington college," he said, "is that it is a small college in a rural community."

"I WOULD rather see a hundred steel companies than one United States Steel," he told his hearers. "I would rather see a thousand small banks than one National City Bank, and a thousand insurance companies with four billion dollars worth of assets rather than only one with four billion dollars."

"Small banks," he added, "give more men a chance to be big shots. In a large bank, you'll find one big shot and a hundred vice-presidents."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN undoubtedly describes himself accurately. He is a small town

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Wife of Convict Hitch-Hikes To Oregon To Live Near Him

SALEM, June 5.—(AP)—The wife of an Oregon convict serving a life term for murder has arrived here from Illinois to make her home and "be as near as possible" to her husband.

Marie Ogelvie, 30-year-old wife of Lawrence R. Ogelvie, convicted of the gun slaying of Multnomah county Deputy Sheriff Al. Bove last October, said she hitch-hiked to Salem after getting out of a hospital where she first received news of her husband's trial.

"He wrote me and told me that I had better forget him," she said. "I was just to consider him dead, get a divorce and maybe marry again," she said her husband wrote.

"After I got out of the hospital

Staff at Veterans Hospital Increased by Two Members



JOHANNES TIMMERMAN



ERNEST JOHNSON

Appointment of two additional members, Johannes Timmerman, New York City, and Ernest Johnson, Tucson, Ariz., to the staff of the Veterans hospital at Roseburg, was announced today by Dr. George Melvin, manager.

Feed Promise to Oregon Not Kept

SALEM, June 5.—(AP)—State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson charged today that federal officials have acted in bad faith in not fulfilling their promise to provide hominy feed and other grains to save Oregon's poultry industry from destruction.

Peterson said he investigated through feed dealers and the U. S. Department of Agriculture and found that the grain does not exist.

He said he tried all day yesterday to phone N. E. Dodd, U. S. Undersecretary of Agriculture, but that Dodd would not answer the phone in his Washington office.

Peterson said that despite promises by President Truman, Agriculture Secretary Anderson and Dodd, the situation is just the same as it was a month ago, with the poultry slaughter continuing even more rapidly.

Peterson sent a telegram yesterday to Senator Guy Cordon, asking him to try to see Dodd. Peterson told Cordon that more than 1,000,000 chickens have been killed, an unknown number of turkeys plus other losses.

He said the government caused the Northwest's feed shortage, and now refuses to do anything about it.

Romania's Reply Fails To Satisfy Washington

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—The state department reported today the Romanian government had sent an unsatisfactory reply to the American demand that Romania fix a date for early free elections.

Michael J. McDermott, department spokesman, told a news conference that the reply is unsatisfactory because it presents a distorted picture and is inaccurate.

Contents of the reply were not immediately disclosed. The U. S. note expressed dissatisfaction with political conditions in Romania and called for fixing an election date, an end to censorship, protection for opposition political parties and other measures to advance political freedom.

(In Peoria, Ill.) I hitch-hiked out here. I didn't have any money, but that was just about the fastest way anyway," she said.

Mrs. Ogelvie reported she and her husband "broke up" last June after an argument over whether they were to live in Illinois or the west. She said she wanted to remain in Illinois.

They were married in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27, 1941. "I'm going to stay here now, and do what I can, if it's any comfort to him at all."

Other officers nominated are Fred Peterson, Klamath Falls, vice president; Florence Beardslev, state education department, secretary-treasurer, and D. Lynn Gubser, Yamhill county, historian.

New Offer to Ban Maritime Strike Made

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—West Coast ship operators today offered a new compromise proposal to the Marine Firemen's Union in a fresh attempt to head off the threatened mid-June maritime strike on all coasts.

As this move brightened the prospects of settlement, conciliation director, Edgar L. Warren, said he believed it "too early" for the government to step in with its own settlement proposal.

"But maybe we will later," Warren told reporters during a break in the day-long negotiations between the country's shiplines and the seven-union, CIO-dominated committee for maritime unity.

Terms of the offer were not disclosed. President John B. Bryan of the Pacific American Shipowners Association said it "dealt with everything." In other words, the entire four-point demand levied on employers by the independent firemen's union.

The union itself was to have made an offer today, but it apparently was side-tracked by the employer move. The firemen's president, V. J. Malone, negotiated directly with Bryan on the offer, but reserved his answer, an employer spokesman said.

"This is the first time we've carried the ball," Bryan commented. "Up until now we have been defending, right on the one-foot line."

The firemen have demanded wage increases ranging from 22 to 35 cents hourly; a 40-hour week, subsequently raised to 42; higher overtime pay; and retroactivity of the new wage scale to last October 1.

Coast Guard Readies
The Coast Guard as well as the

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Larger Runway Is Needed at Airport

Before a feeder air line service, which was recently given a franchise by the Civil Aeronautics Board, can use the Roseburg airport, an extra 500 feet must be added to the runway to make it a "Class 2" field, members of the Roseburg Flying Club were told last night by George Felt, airport manager.

An Oregon feeder line service, the West Coast Airlines, was recently authorized to operate between Portland and Medford with stops at Grants Pass, Roseburg, North Bend, Eugene, Albany, and McMinnville.

The airport is now placed in the "Class 3" category, and landings by a commercial airline following regular schedules would not be permitted by the CAB, club members were told.

In order to extend the runway, a tract of land south of the field would have to be acquired by purchase in the next few weeks, in order to have the new service make landings here, it was stated.

West Coast Airlines is one of two recently given permits to operate in Oregon and Washington. It is headed and financed by Nick Bez, Seattle capitalist, with Art Whitaker, Portland, as operations manager.

Home Food Raider Gets 15-Year Prison Term

SEATTLE, June 5.—(AP)—Miss Joan Ellen Baker, 20, who lived in the woods south of the city more than three weeks in April living on food stolen from nearby homes, was sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary yesterday.

She pleaded guilty to two counts of second degree burglary filed against her after large caches of stolen goods were found near her hideout.

Air Patrol Activities Suspended for Summer

All Civil Air Patrol activities in Roseburg have been suspended for the summer, it was announced by Lt. E. E. Willener, commander of the Roseburg flight. The CAP expects to continue in the fall when schools reopen, he said. All regular members who were active during the war, however, will receive their regular discharges.

Russia Sows Seeds Of New World War, Churchill Declares

LONDON, June 5.—(AP)—War-time Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the Commons today that "the seeds of a new world war are being sown in the Soviet-influenced areas of eastern Europe."

"Not only has a curtain descended from the Baltic to the Adriatic, but behind it is a broad band of territory containing nearly one-third of the population of Europe apart from Russia," Churchill said.

"It is here that the seeds of a new world war are being sown," he added. "Behind this curtain efforts are being made to Sovietize all the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany."

"We have to face the fact that two Germanies are coming into being."

He warned that "it cannot be in the interest of Russia to go on irritating the United States."

"The American eagle is a large, strong bird with formidable beak and claws," he said, pulling laughter from the members with the remark that the eagle "sits motionless and Mr. Gromyko is sent day after day to prod him."

Mediator Answers IWA's Complaint

VICTORIA, B. C., June 5.—(CP)—Belief that striking woodworkers misunderstood his recommendations for a voluntary revocable check-off of union dues was expressed by Chief Justice Gordon Sloan in a statement issued today.

The jurist recommended 15-cent-an-hour wage boost, 44-hour week and voluntary check-off of dues for the settlement of the 22-day strike of 35,000 loggers and millworkers. The union had demanded 25-cent-an-hour pay increase, 40-hour week and union security.

The chief justice's statement said the check-off clause in his proposal was "exactly and precisely" what was requested by Harold Pritchett, district president of the International Woodworkers of America (C. C. L.).

The statement followed a wire sent to Justice Sloan yesterday saying: "We can no longer accept you as an ambassador of goodwill, interested in bringing about a fair and just settlement of this dispute."

Boy, 11, Kills Sister, 10, For Not 'Playing Fair'

WEST WARWICK, R. I., June 5.—(AP)—Police Chief William Mailloux said today that Lucille Pelletier, 10, was killed by her 11-year-old brother, Norman, in a fit of rage.

Mailloux said Norman struck his sister while they were playing tag, contending "she didn't play fair."

A psychiatrist, was named to make an examination of the boy and to report back to the Circuit Court.

New Prices for Dairy Products Still Delayed

PORTLAND, June 5.—(AP)—Dairy producers and retailers were warned today new dairy products prices have not yet become effective and it is unlawful to charge the higher prices approved by the Office of Economic Stabilizer.

Andrew Trice, Oregon OPA price executive, said the OPA has only received the announcement but not the directive necessary to put the price orders in effect.

With Roseburg's March of Progress



—Photo by Paul Jenkins

OIL STATION ENLARGES BUSINESS—Pictured above is the Associated Oil station rising on Harvard avenue, owned by Bill Anderson and being constructed by Merwin Rosson, construction engineer. Mr. Anderson will operate the station in conjunction with his adjacent grocery.

Bread Lines Forming In Most Cities

CHICAGO, June 5.—(AP)—Bread lines were forming in most of the nation's stores and bakeries as the country experienced its worst wheat shortage, but the Millers National Federation predicted relief in two or three weeks.

However, Herman Steen, executive secretary of the federation, said yesterday "this is the worst week the millers will have" and added that from 80 to 90 per cent of the nation's flour mills will shut down for lack of wheat to grind into flour.

Scarcely any city escaped the pinch.

However, two factors pointed to an upturn. They were the new winter wheat crop, running 25 per cent above expectations, coming in in Texas and Oklahoma, and a plan by the Department of Agriculture to divert some foreign relief wheat stocks to the most acute domestic bread shortage areas.

Steen predicted the shortage would be considerably relieved by mid-to-late July as more of the new winter crop reaches the

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Atomic Plant Will Turn Out Peacetime Devices

RICHLAND, Wash., June 5.—(AP)—The Hanford engineering works, a cog in the vast machine which brought forth history's most destructive weapon, prepared today to divert its work with atomic energy from production for war to the development of new products and new jobs for a peaceful world.

General Electric, which disclosed it was "engaged in atomic research for peacetime application before the war," will take over operation of the project from E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company.

The War Department announced the change in contractors yesterday in Washington, at the same time reporting that G. E. would operate under the same financial arrangement as did du Pont, receiving \$1 for all work. The government will retain control of the plant.

Execution Stay Granted Condemned Negro Youth

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court yesterday ordered a stay of execution for Willie Francis, 18-year-old Negro who survived one trip to Louisiana's electric chair.

Francis went to that portable electric chair a month ago, but a mechanical failure prevented his execution. He was convicted of killing a St. Martinville, La., druggist during robbery. The Louisiana pardon board refused to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Counsel for Francis then filed a petition with the Supreme Court asking that it intervene in the case.

Flag Week Designated

SALEM, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—Governor Snell today designated the week beginning next Sunday as National Flag Week, urging that the flag be displayed all week and that observances be held to honor the flag.

Guests in Chicago's 22-Story LaSalle Hotel Trapped Asleep; At Least 200 Reported Injured

CHICAGO, June 5.—(AP)—At least 57 persons were killed—many suffocated in their beds without being awakened—today in an early morning fire that swept through the 22-story La Salle Hotel in the heart of Chicago's loop district.

Fire department sources estimated about 200 persons were injured.

The first alarm was turned in at 12:35 A. M., when most of the 1100 guests had retired for the night. Within 10 minutes the first three floors were engulfed in flames and both of the main street exits from the 37-year-old hostelry were impassable.

Five extra alarms were sounded and more than 300 firemen battled the blaze bringing it under control about 3:30 A. M.

Most of those who were burned had been housed on the third, fourth, and sixth floors. About the sixth floor, smoke and panic claimed their victims. At least 10 persons died as they leaped from their rooms and fell to the street or in a courtyard.

Of the 57 bodies which overflowed the county morgue—27 were listed as unidentified. On many of the bodies there were only a few fragments of burned clothing, which crumbled when touched. Most were clad only in negligees or robes.

Fire Marshal Michael Corrigan, calling the fire the worst in his 35 years of experience and "one of the hardest to explain," said firemen had heard three explosions, spaced about a minute and a half apart, were heard preceding discovery of the fire.

John Flanagan, chief house detective at the La Salle, said the fire started in the No. 5 elevator shaft. He quoted Detective Edward McNamara as saying that the operator of the No. 5 elevator rushed into the lobby and said there was fire in his pit.

Coroner A. L. Broderick called an inquest this morning, and said he would use prominent hotel managers and engineers for members of the jury.

Bodies Unrecognizable
Firemen and volunteers rushed into the hotel, to control the blaze, and assist the guests from the building. Smoke and heat rushed to the upper floors through the elevator shafts, permeating all the halls and filling the rooms. On the fourth floor, seven bodies were found in a crawling position. The victims had been headed toward a fire escape, and had been overcome on the way.

On a glass canopy were found the bodies of a mother and her child, arms banding one another. Both were burned beyond recognition.

The figures of many persons appeared in windows, as if they

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Columbia Valley Plan Backed by State Grange

BAKER, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—Members of the Oregon State Grange went on record here last night as endorsing the Columbia Valley Authority.

Pointing out that the Pacific Northwest is today America's industrial frontier and that the area has an abundance of natural resources which should be developed, the grange resolution called for passage of Senate Bill 1716 which, the resolution said, will promote such development as will be beneficial not only to the farmers but to all people of the Northwest.

Poisoning of Three Dogs Believed Work of Thieves

PORTLAND, June 5.—(AP)—Deaths of two dogs from poison in a neighborhood where burglars last night broke into a family garage led police today to believe the animals were fed poisoned meat to silence them.

The water at the home of William M. Patten was found dead inside the garage where thieves had pried open a door and stolen machinery valued at \$735. Shortly afterwards, neighbors reported another dog dead and a third which had been ill but recovered.

Man, Wife Hurt as Auto, Greyhound Bus Collide

ALBANY, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weavill, Jefferson, were injured slightly last night when their car collided head-on with a Pacific Greyhound bus a mile south of Jefferson on the Pacific highway.

The couple was taken to a Salem hospital for treatment. Passengers on the southbound bus were shaken but not hurt and were transferred to another bus because a broken air line stalled the vehicle.

Marshall Obtains 15-Day Truce in Chinese War

NANKING, June 5.—(AP)—General Marshall's committee of three tomorrow will sign an agreement imposing a 15-day truce in Manchuria.

The truce is preliminary to negotiations for permanent peace between the Chinese government and the communists, who for 18 years have waged civil war, primarily in Manchuria.

Women Faces Opposition

EUGENE, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—A proposal that all Oregon Republican women's organizations be joined in one federation was referred by one of the groups, Pro America, to its state board for study and to individual units for recommendations at its convention here yesterday.

Multnomah and Marion county units opposed the federation plan, suggesting that other organizations join Pro America.

Killed by Hit-Runner

OREGON CITY, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—A hit-run driver fatally injured Frank Starr, 55, Oregon City, last night. Starr was walking across the superhighway when hit.

Lowly Fact Rant

By L. P. Reinhardt

F. D. R. said "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." How about interfere? Less by U. S.—less of a mess.