

BYRNES DEMANDS DECISION FROM RUSSIA

Roseburg News-Review

Policy Committee Named to Shape City Manager Plan for Roseburg Vote Next November

Appointment of a policy committee to lay the groundwork for submitting the city manager proposal to a vote of the people in November was announced at the city council meeting last night by Mayor Charles W. Wharton.

The mayor named Councilmen Henry Carstens and Walter Fisher to the committee representing the council, and Attorneys R. L. Whipple and Spencer W. Yates, the legal profession, who, with City Attorney Ira B. Riddle, will study the necessary changes to be made in the city charter and ordinances.

Wharton said he expected the Chamber of Commerce to name two additional members to the committee. Councilman Fisher served as chairman of the Joint Council-Chamber committee which investigated feasibility of the manager plan earlier in the year.

Election Law Cited

Riddle pointed out last night that no special election may be called by the city four months prior to the general election in November, according to provisions of a state law which allows municipalities to govern, by ordinance, special elections for initiative and referendum measures. Such an ordinance was passed by the city in 1923, he said.

The policy committee will consider for the council the various forms of city manager government, and if the measure submitted for popular vote in November is patterned after the wishes of the council, the city's present governmental structure will be retained and basically unchanged. The city manager will be an "executive officer" carrying out the wishes of the council.

Craft Opposes Plan

Council President Percy Croft voiced his opposition to a city manager plan, and asked, "How can the city manager spread the money any thinner than we have?"

Croft pointed out that advocates of a city manager plan favor the "economies" they feel would result in municipal operation. "How can there be savings," he asked.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is good news, mixed in with the bad. This, for example, which leads off a crop news dispatch from Washington:

"This country is well on the way toward its SIXTH consecutive BUMPER harvest. In fact, the department of agriculture, in its latest monthly crop report, says the current outlook for total farm production has seldom been surpassed."

THE report referred to says conditions prevailing on July 1 indicated a RECORD corn crop, near-record crops of wheat, oats, potatoes and rice, and large crops of vegetables and most fruits.

It adds that if the grain crops turn out as now indicated the nation will be in a position to carry out its commitment to send 250,000,000 bushels of wheat to shortage areas during the next 12 months and still maintain production of livestock products—meat, milk, eggs and poultry—at levels near those of the past year.

THERE is an ancient superstition (which, oddly enough, is faintly supported by statistics) to the effect that in war time more boy babies are born. Six consecutive bumper crops in the United States at a time when the world is ravaged by war and its after-effects is at least an equal coincidence—if you refuse to regard it

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U.S. Army Officer and Wife Freed by Russians; Yankees Release Soviet Spy Suspects

BERLIN, July 16.—(AP)—The Russians handed over a missing American warrant officer and his wife to U. S. Army authorities early today, and soon afterward the Americans announced they were releasing three Russian espionage suspects to the Red Army.

The civilian-clad Russians, two of whom claimed to be Red Army officers, had been arrested in the U. S. zone two weeks ago, it was announced.

The Americans, Warrant Officer and Mrs. Samuel L. Harrison of San Antonio, Tex., disappeared 15 days ago when they ventured 500 yards into the Russian occupation zone to see a pet shop dog kennel. Harrison said he was held two days in virtually a dungeon; his wife said she was questioned repeatedly.

Two other Americans still were missing somewhere in the Russian zone. Gen. Dratvin, Russian deputy military governor, advised U. S. Army authorities the Red Army still was "collecting data" on the men in the neighborhood of Oranienburg, a Russian army district headquarters.

The missing men were Capt. Harold Cobin, of Newark, N. J., and Lt. George Wyatt, of Oklahoma City, who were last seen

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43 Nazis to Die for Slaughter of 900 GIs

Sentences at Dachau Call For Hanging

Prison Terms Imposed On 30 Others; 'Daredevil' Peiper Laughs at Doom

DACHAU, Germany, July 16.—(AP)—An American military court sentenced 43 veteran German SS troops to death today for the slaughter of 900 American soldiers and Belgian civilians during the winter Battle of the Ardennes Bulge.

The crimes were committed during Germany's last offensive against the Christmas season of 1944.

Lisbon sentences ranging up to life were given the other 30 of the 73 officers and men convicted last Thursday.

Col. Joachim Peiper, who gave the fateful order that the SS troops were to take no prisoners, was one of those doomed. Testimony was that he ordered frozen, exhausted and disarmed American prisoners shot during the battle and that the Germans sang songs of massacre on the eve of the offensive.

Col. Gen. Josef (Sepp) Dietrich, veteran of Adolf Hitler's abortive beer hall putsch in 1923 in nearby Munich and commander of the German Sixth Panzer Army, was sentenced to life imprisonment. His troops spearheaded the December-January battle.

Lt. Gen. Hermann Priess, commander of the First SS Panzer Corps, was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Brig. Gen. Fritz Kraemer, chief

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Death Penalty In Redin's Case Out

SEATTLE, July 16.—(AP)—Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black's closing instructions, with the death penalty ruled out, will send the Lieut. Nicolai G. Redin to a espionage-conspiracy trial to the jury today.

In a surprise announcement after the jury left the courtroom yesterday, Judge Black said the evidence was not convincing that a conspiracy, one of the five counts with which the 30-year-old Russian naval officer is charged, existed before last V-J Day. Redin is charged with buying naval secrets about the destroyer tender U.S.S. Yellowstone from Herbert G. Kennedy, shipyard engineer, for \$250.

Judge Black said he believed only a "shooting war" was meant in the statute, and added:

"I recognize that legally we are at war, but I doubt that, if the defendant is convicted on Count 5 (conspiracy), that the court would have to impose more than a 20-year sentence."

The law calls for a maximum of 30 years punishment for an offense in time of peace, or death in time of war and the other four espionage counts carry maximums of 10 years and \$10,000 penalty each. Maximum penalties are supposed to be appropriate only for maximum offenses, Judge Black commented, without explaining further.

Salem Council Moves Toward Rent Control

SALEM, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—The Salem city council last night took a first step toward establishing city rent control, introducing a measure to set up a five-man fair rent committee with a full-time executive secretary.

Council members said they might enact the bill August 5. The measure was introduced under a city charter provision permitting the city to regulate and license trades and businesses.

The city had rent control during the war.

The bill would permit appeals to municipal court from decisions of the board.

House Passes Bill to Up Total of Army Officers

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The House today passed a bill authorizing the Army to increase the number of commissioned officers in the regular army from 25,000 to 30,000.

Gen. Eisenhower, chief of staff, testified at committee hearings on the legislation that approximately half the contemplated increase would be allocated to the air forces. The remainder will be split between the ground and service forces.

A bill similar to that passed by the House bears approval of a Senate Military Subcommittee. The full committee has not acted on it.

GI's Evidence Hits Heirens In Degnan Case

CHICAGO, July 16.—(AP)—State's Attorney William J. Tuohy said today that George Subrowski, a soldier, had identified William Heirens as a man he saw carrying a paper bag a block from the Degnan home shortly after Suzanne Degnan was kidnapped from her bed and her body cut to pieces.

Tuohy said the soldier told him he saw Heirens about 1 A. M. Police said the girl was taken from her bed around midnight.

The prosecutor said the soldier questioned extensively by Assistant State's Attorney Richard X. Austin and insisted he recognized Heirens.

Earlier the prosecutor said that Frank Van Aelst, a janitor in a building two doors north of the Degnan home, had identified Heirens as the youth he had "seen around" his building on

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One Lift to Roseburg Was Sufficient for Her

With reports of hitch-hikers being notorious for robberies, a local Roseburg merchant (name withheld at his own request) decided his latest encounter evidently had the tables turned.

A lone woman, walking with a slight limp and with clothes and makeup completely messed up, caught the eye and sympathy of the driver on the highway near Dillard. He pulled over and asked her if she cared for a lift into Roseburg. She replied, in a sharp curt tone, "Thanks, Bud, I just had one," and continued hobnobbing down the highway on foot.

Assessors Criticized By Oregon Tax Board

SALEM, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—County assessors are not increasing the assessed value of county property in proportion to the rise in real estate values, the state tax commission said today in disclosing the 1946 ratios of assessed valuation to true value.

Truman Approves 19-29 Draft Recommendation

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—President Truman today approved a Selective Service recommendation that men from 19 through 29 be deemed "acceptable" for drafting.

The minimum of 19 is in line with recently enacted legislation which forbade the drafting of 18-year-olds.

The top of 29, however, is several years higher than the age beyond which the armed services have been desirous of going. Few, if any, men over 28 have been drafted since V-J Day.

Animal Deaths in Bomb Test Up to Expectation

ABOARD U.S.S. MT. McKinley, July 16.—(AP)—The atomic bomb which burst over Bikini lagoon July 1 has taken the lives so far of only 153 per cent of the animals exposed to its blast and radioactivity, Vice Adm. William H. P. Blandy, atom test commander, said today.

Ten per cent of the animals, he said, were killed outright. He added that other deaths from radiation were expected to occur during the next three months and commented that mortality so far was at the "expected rate."

Tacoma Forbids Showing Of 'The Outlaw' Movie

TACOMA, July 16.—(AP)—The Tacoma city council yesterday voted unanimously to ban the motion picture "The Outlaw." The action overruled the city's censor board, which had voted three to two to permit a local showing.

The picture was scheduled for its opening appearance Wednesday night. Local representatives of the theater owners who had booked the picture indicated further legal action would be taken.



ENVOY TO CHINA—President Truman's nomination of J. Leighton Stuart, pictured above when he was a missionary educator at Yenching University, China, to be ambassador to China is viewed as another step in U. S. attempts to settle China's tangled internal affairs. He is expected to work closely with Gen. George Marshall in seeking domestic peace.

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Vet Killed After Wounding Doctor

WEST LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 16.—(AP)—A war veteran was killed by a fusillade of police bullets at the Veterans Facility Administration grounds yesterday shortly after an Army doctor had been seriously wounded.

The war veteran was identified as Hansel E. Thomas, 25, of Whittier, Calif.

The wounded physician, Col. Irving H. Willett, 54, Los Angeles told officers he was shot three times before Thomas was cornered by police and slain near a nurses' home. Willett said he never saw Thomas before.

Four policemen who were summoned, yelled at Thomas to give up as he was walking across a lawn. They said that Thomas began firing. The officers said they then fired, hitting Thomas with eight bullets. He died 15 minutes later.

Sword Dislodged by Bull Strikes Child, Kills Her

JULY 16.—(AP)—A child, Hector Cortes, was killed at a bullfight here when a bull shook off a sword that the Matador had just thrust into its back.

Samples of Uranium, Used in Making A-Bombs, Obtained In Canada by Russian Spies

OTTAWA, July 16.—(AP)—Two high members of the Russian embassy staff accused of directing undercover espionage operations in Canada left Ottawa hurriedly following publication of the government report on the Soviet espionage network, it was learned today.

The two were understood to be heading back to Moscow, presumably by way of the United States. They are Boris G. Pavlov, second secretary of the embassy who was accused of directing an NKVD (Soviet secret police) espionage network, and Ivan I. Krotov, commercial counselor.

OTTAWA, July 16.—(AP)—Indications that the three nations which hold the atom bomb secret may confer on Russian spy activities were seen today following publication of an official Canadian report that Soviet agents, who "may still" be operating in Canada, had flown samples of uranium 235 to Russia.

The report, issued by a royal commission composed of two of Canada's seven supreme court justices, asserted that many top secret military developments already had been compromised because of Russian spies, and that Moscow was seeking information on postwar defenses of the three countries—the United States, Britain and Canada.

After repeating previous charges that the Soviet spy operations had ramifications in the United States and Britain, the commission recommended that Canada consider whether to communicate her findings "to the proper authorities in the United Kingdom and the United States."

The 250,000-word report said that Dr. Alan Nunn May, British scientist who worked on atomic research in Montreal, had given samples of uranium 235 enriched and uranium 233, essential ele-

Compromise Try on OPA Bill Probable

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The vote was a victory for the President in this round of the weeks-long struggle over OPA, but administration leaders conceded that nobody could guess what OPA will look like, if indeed it survives at all, when it finally runs the gamut of the legislative processes.

Coos Bay Union Dispute Spreads to Puget Sound

SEATTLE, July 16.—(AP)—The Coos Bay, Ore., controversy between three CIO unions and the American Pacific Steamship Co. spread into Puget Sound today with announcement by the northwest branch of the committee of maritime unity that American Pacific vessels would be tied up here until the dispute is settled in favor of the unions.

S. F. Voting on Plan to Recall Mayor Lapham

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(AP)—The \$100,000-a-year job of Mayor Lapham, who gave up a \$30,000-a-year steamship company executive post to become mayor for a single term, was in the hands of the voters today at a special recall election.

The recall was backed by Henry F. Bude, publisher of a group of neighborhood weekly newspapers. Recent raising of streetcar and bus fares was a major issue. Labor organizations generally steered clear of the controversy.

Snell Names 3 More in Study of Zoning Areas

SALEM, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Governor Snell today made three additional appointments to his committee which is studying zoning in areas adjacent to cities. The committee will report to the governor so he can make recommendations to the next legislature.

Senate Kills Plan to Merge Housing Agencies

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The Senate yesterday killed President Truman's plan to centralize all government housing agencies in a single agency.

By a 45 to 31 vote it disapproved reorganization plan No. 1, of which the housing consolidation was the major point of controversy.

Mercy Appeal Lost by Mihailovic, Ten Others

BELGRADE, July 16.—(AP)—Gen. Draza Mihailovic and his 10 co-defendants sentenced to death on charges of treason have lost an appeal to the president of the Yugoslav parliament for mercy.

It was officially announced today that the president had turned down the requests.

Hogs From Midwest Up To \$19.50 at Salem

SALEM, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Top hogs here were quoted today at \$19.50, the highest price since 1920 when they reached \$25 a hundred. G. F. Chambers, president of Valley Packing Co., said. All hogs received here now are from the middle west.

Split Risked In Effort To Gain Accord

Cooperate on Control of Germany or Face Chaos, Choice Put Up to Soviet

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The United States risked an open split with Russia today in an attempt to force economic unification of Germany.

Secretary of State Byrnes declared last night that orders "give Russia choice between cooperation or 'economic paralysis' in Germany will go forward 'this week' to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, American military commander at Frankfurt."

The orders will be to cooperate with any or all of the other occupying powers—Britain, France and Russia—on finance, transportation, communication, trade and industry.

In a radio report to the American people on successes and failures of the four-power council of foreign ministers at Paris, Byrnes asserted:

"We will either secure economic cooperation between the zones or place the responsibility for the violation of the Potsdam agreement."

President Truman listened in and telephoned congratulations to the secretary immediately after the broadcast.

Russia Blocks Progress

Russia declined at the Paris meeting to go alone either on economic measures, guarantees for keeping Germany disarmed for a quarter of a century, or the writing of a peace treaty for Austria.

On those points, Byrnes observed, the conference made no progress at all. He planned the blame squarely on Russia.

"I do not believe," he declared, "that the Soviets realize the doubts and suspicions which they have raised in the minds of those in other countries who want to be their friends by the aloofness, coolness and hostility which they have received America's offer to guarantee jointly the continued disarmament of Germany."

But on the success side of the ledger Byrnes listed the calling of a peace conference for July 29 to consider treaties, drafted in tentative form at the Paris council, for Italy and the former Axis satellites.

Prospects are bright, he said, for treaties that will let the people of five occupied states "live and breathe as free people." He added:

"We are on the road back to peace."

But the four powers had a "great struggle and tremendous

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Security Tax Rate May Not Be Unped

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—House passage appeared near today for a bill freezing the social security old age insurance tax at one percent for another year.

The rules committee, passing the measure alone, decreed that amendments will be barred when it reaches the floor.

The wave and means committee, reversing a previous stand for an increase in the tax, has voted to hold it at one percent on employees' pay and employers' payroll. The committee earlier had voted to put the levy at 1.5 percent against each.

1. Special surveys, increases protection for families of world war two veterans, without cost, for three years.

2. Blanketing of 200,000 maritime workers under the unemployment compensation provisions of social security.

3. An increase from \$20 a month to \$25 in the amount the federal government will put up for matching state funds for needy aged, blind persons and dependent children. This will raise the maximum per needy person, under the \$50.50 matching system, from \$50 monthly to \$55.

Searched Pressed for 7 Kidnaped U. S. Marines

PEIPING, July 16.—(AP)—More than 1,000 Chinese and seven aircraft pressed the search today for seven U. S. Marines kidnaped Saturday by a band of 80 Chinese.

Marine Corps headquarters here said no trace had been found of the missing men, who were taken prisoners in a village near Chinwan.

An eighth marine escaped capture.

Chinese papers said the kidnapers were communists, but there was no confirmation. Numerous bandit gangs operate in the area.

Meantime, Chinese press dispatches said a force of 80,000 communists was attacking strategic Tating in Shansi Province, a weakly defended city.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Uncle Sam's letter of credit to Britain spells foreign trade. The Russians injected a letter of their own—"I"—to make it spell "trade."