



UNCOOPERATIVE RESIDENCE—The sign on the house says "House Moving" but the house was uncooperative. When movers attempted to take the residence at 620 Stephens St. from its foundations, the building slipped off the cribbing and virtually buried the lowboy truck on which it was mounted in black mud, as pictured in the top photo above. By use of trucks, winches, wreckers, etc., enough power was obtained to eventually drag the house and its supporting trailer from the mud and transfer it to a new location at the corner of Thompson and Roberts streets. A commercial building will rise on the Stephens street site.

3rd Party Group Opposes Gov. Hall

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—Oregon's Progressive Citizens of America Chapter will oppose Governor Hall's bid for election and has endorsed the third party bid of Henry Wallace.

Delegates at the weekend convention left to the board of directors any decision to sponsor petitions to put the Wallace-Taylor ticket on the state November ballot, or merge with other political groups in the elections.

Opposition to Governor Hall's gubernatorial candidacy came after Irvin Goodman, Portland attorney and a PCA director, criticized Hall's failure to commute the death sentence of Wardell Henderson. The Negro recently was executed.

The convention also denounced the arrest of Gerhart Eisler, an alien once termed America's No. 1 Communist by the House un-American activities committee. Eisler was released on bail Saturday from Ellis Island.

Boy Kills Himself To Avoid Trip To Dentist

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., March 8.—(AP)—A 14-year-old farm boy, David Hereford, shot himself to death near here with a .22 calibre rifle at his home Saturday, state patrol officers reported, leaving a note to the effect he did not want to go to the dentist.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
GENERAL WEDEMAYER (author of the suppressed Wedemeyer report on what we ought to do in China) tells the house foreign relations committee in Washington that the United States must back up economic aid abroad with MILITARY SUPPORT if communism is to be stopped in China and elsewhere.

CHECK this thought over in your mind:
If we sent a policeman out to do a tough job on hard-boiled guys and armed him with nothing more effective than a billy club, how far would he get in a pinch?

GENERAL MACARTHUR backs up Wedemeyer.
In a cablegram from Tokyo to the house foreign relations committee (timed obviously to arrive while Wedemeyer is testifying) he says:

"Underlying ALL issues in China is now the MILITARY

California Power Slashed In Drought That Hits Livestock, Menaces Fruit, Nut Orchards

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—A 20 per cent slash in the use of electrical power by drought-stricken Northern California farms, industries and commercial establishments went into effect today.

The curtailment was watched over by a 500-man patrol force established by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. to spy out violations. The PG&E is empowered to halt service to violators. Cattlemen said breeding stock was being butchered or shipped out of the state and gloomily declared it would take years to build up the herds again.

Fruit and nut growers said whole orchards may be destroyed by lack of water so that not only this year's crop will be lost but future ones as well.

A trace of rain in the valleys and light snow in the mountains was forecast for late today but was not expected to help materially.

Dewey, Stassen Facing First Primary

Roseburg News-Review

The Weather

Showers tonight and Tuesday; slightly cooler Tuesday.

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Street Work Plans for Ten Years Slated

Spokesmen For Douglas Cities Discuss Needs With Legislative Group

A street improvement plan for the next 10 years must be prepared by Roseburg and other Douglas County cities for presentation to the legislative interim highway committee. City Manager M. W. Slankard said. The 10-year plan will serve as a basis for projected street and highway improvements in urban areas.

At a meeting here last Friday, representatives of the legislative interim highway committee met with officials of Oakland, Drain, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Glendale and Roseburg to discuss the plan in which all potential street improvements should be listed for the engineering study to be made for the committee by the Automotive Safety Foundation.

Roseburg is in a "tough" situation, in that it must consider the growth in the suburban areas in its 10-year plan, and list streets which should be improved. In the event that these areas will have been annexed to the city, Slankard explained.

The plans must also include a master plan showing the classification of city streets, according to present use, tabulation of street mileage and surface types, and designation of streets that are now critically deficient or which will become deficient with the next 10-year period.

Purpose of the legislative interim committee's study is for more equitable distribution of state highway funds between cities, counties, and the state. A number of hearings have been held since the first of the year, including those at Coquille and Eugene, at which this city and the county were represented.

Finns Decide To Talk With Stalin

HELSINKI, March 8.—(AP)—Finland's cabinet decided today to begin negotiations on a treaty of cooperation with Soviet Russia, a member of the government reported.

The cabinet member who gave this information said he could not disclose whether Finland is advising Joseph Stalin she is ready to negotiate toward a military pact as well as a friendship agreement.

This reserve likely was due to the desire not to reveal the contents of President Paasikivi's letter to Stalin before the Russian leader receives it.

Stalin's proposal for a mutual assistance pact like those Russia now has with Hungary and Romania has caused much concern. Most Finns oppose any far-reaching military alliance with the U.S.S.R.

Yesterday, strong-arm men broke up a mass meeting protesting the proposed treaty. Four or five men, described by authorities as Communists, suddenly appeared and pushed the speaker aside. They grabbed the microphone and announced that the meeting was organized by fascists.

Russians were observed snapping pictures of the incident from the windows of a hotel which the Russians have taken over.

Gas Overcomes Couple Preparing For Church

NEW YORK, March 8.—(AP)—William Carl, 62, and his wife, Hattie, 61, were found overcome by gas in their apartment above the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Brooklyn yesterday shortly before the morning services.

While emergency crews worked over the unconscious couple, the congregation of 30 prayed steadily for an hour and a half that they might survive.

Curl never revived, but his wife responded to treatment. She was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Again last night, the congregation met to pray for her recovery. Police said a pan of soup had boiled over in their apartment.

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Superfortress, One of Ten On Spokane-Honolulu Hop, Unreported Over Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—An airforce superfortress with 14 or 15 men aboard has been unreported over the Pacific since 1:34 a. m., PST. An intensive search was under way. The big plane was one of 10 flying from Spokane to Honolulu. The army air-rescue arm at Hamilton Field and the Coast Guard sent out search planes.

Youth Loses Leg In Crash of Motorcycle When Tire Blows Out

VERLYN Carl Hasbargen, 19, suffered a leg amputation and other severe injuries and shock as result of a motorcycle crash at 2:30 yesterday afternoon on the Pacific Highway, 11 miles south of Roseburg. State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

According to a witness, Sgt. Harrell said, the rear tire of Hasbargen's motorcycle blew out as he was traveling south on the highway. The motorcycle then sideswiped an automobile proceeding in an opposite direction, and careened into a guard rail on the east side of the highway.

Then, with the throttle wide open, Sgt. Harrell said, Hasbargen's motorcycle veered across the highway and crashed into the guard rail on the opposite side.

Hasbargen, who resides at Rt. 1, Box 266, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hasbargen, was taken to Mercy Hospital, where his right leg was amputated. He also suffered a fractured skull and chest injuries. His condition was described this morning as "critical."

Marshall Urges Speed on Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall personally urged Speaker Harrell today to expedite House action on European aid.

Accompanied by Undersecretary Lovett and Lewis Douglas, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, the secretary visited Martin in the speaker's office.

Later, Martin said he told Marshall he believes the House will be able to act by April 10 or soon after.

While the subject of including military and other aid to China was discussed, Martin said, the main purpose of the meeting was to consider a timetable for the European recovery plan.

The House Foreign Affairs committee has voted to include China in the European aid bill. But a source close to the committee said that Marshall left the capital "with an understanding that the House leadership would try to persuade the committee to change its mind" and deal first with the European phase.

Hugh Astor Wounded By Sniper in Holy Land

HAIFA, Palestine, March 8.—(AP)—A sniper today wounded Hugh Astor, son of Col. J. J. Astor, chairman of the London Times.

A bullet fractured his left thigh bone. Astor, correspondent for the Times, was entering Haifa with another reporter for the paper.

Astor is a nephew of the American-born Lady Astor.

He came to Palestine 10 days ago. The attack was in the same area in which Robert Hecox of Detroit, a Paramount news cameraman, was wounded Saturday.

Kidnapping Charged To Prisoner at Corvallis

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 8.—(AP)—Robert C. Richardson, Portland, charged here with second degree kidnapping on a warrant issued by Prosecuting Attorney Albert Bradford, was apprehended Sunday night in Corvallis, Ore., according to Sheriff A. A. Shick.

Richardson had with him the 2-year-old son of Beatrice Portier, allegedly kidnapped from the family home here Sunday morning. Officials said the child was ill because of the long trip from Walla Walla to Corvallis but his condition was not serious.

An officer left today to return Richardson to Walla Walla.

Devlin denied the charges. He said the industry is determined to continue its successful, lawful promotion activities.

The managing director said that the complaint named 35 plywood firms, mostly Oregon and Washington manufacturers, and various officials of the companies and the association.

The Federal Trade Commission will hold a hearing on the complaint April 9 at Washington, D. C.

Devlin asserted that the complaint accused the association of having "restrained trade and production."

He characterized the complaint as a civil proceeding to determine whether there have been any technical violations of the Federal Trade Commission act.

Repeal Of Tax On Oleo Urged By Treasury

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—The Treasury recommended today repeal of federal taxes on oleomargarine.

Undersecretary A. Lee Wiggins told the House committee on agriculture that the present oleo taxes:

1. "Distort the competitive position of two domestic industries," penalizing oleomargarine to aid butter.

2. Interfere with best use of national resources.

3. "Unnecessarily burden consumers' pay in excess of the amount paid in taxes."

Wiggins said the taxes are unimportant from a federal revenue standpoint. Collections for this and next fiscal year are estimated at about \$7,000,000, he said.

But he said, "The burden of these taxes on consumers is not adequately measured by the treasury's tax collections."

"The taxes increase the cost of the product; they interfere with the consumer's freedom of choice in satisfying personal wants; and they increase his living cost by interfering with the consumption of less expensive foods."

Meantime dairy state congressmen threatened to move a cow, her calf, and a farmer's daughter into the House office building.

These lawmakers from the cow country hit the roof when an exhibit proclaiming the virtues of oleomargarine was installed in the building on Capitol Hill. Rep. Andersen (R-Minn.), who threatened the counter-exhibit, called the oleo show "jobbing of the most supreme order."

IWA Permit For Strike Vote Asked

OLYMPIA, March 8.—(AP)—The International Woodworkers of America (IWA) regional negotiating committee had a request today that it authorize a strike vote among the 40,000 CIO timber workers in Oregon and Washington.

The request was made by the executive board of the Boonmen and Rafter District Council No. 11. It represents 600 men in Southwest Washington.

The board conditioned its request to be effective "unless there is a satisfactory offer made" by employers' representatives that they intend to "enter into sincere and honest negotiations" when they meet with union representatives in Portland this Wednesday and Thursday.

The union seeks a general wage increase of 32 cents an hour, paid holidays, and a 74 cent a man hour payment into a health and welfare fund.

Charitable Organizations Free of Excise Tax, Ruling

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—A circuit court has ruled here that charitable corporations are not subject to an Oregon State excise tax on their earnings.

Judge Walter L. Tooe ordered the State Tax Commission not to collect the tax from a Methodist publishing house. The church firm uses the profits for pensions to disabled or retired ministers and dependents.

Crewmen Rescued From Stranded Motorship

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., March 8.—(AP)—Coast Guardsmen today pulled 21 crewmen along a breeches buoy to safety from the stranded motorship Norfolk.

The seamen had spent a sleepless night aboard the stricken vessel. All rescued men were reported in good condition.

Seas were still heavy a mile and a half from nearby Beaufort Inlet, where the Norfolk was aground and leaking.

Plywood Assn. Manager Calls Anti-Trust Charge Ludicrous

TACOMA, March 8.—(AP)—Charles E. Devlin, managing director of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, said today that he has been served with a Federal Trade Commission complaint, charging the association with violation of anti-trust laws.

Devlin denied the charges. He said the industry is determined to continue its successful, lawful promotion activities.

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Supporters Of New Yorker Forecast Win

Stassen's Backers Also Sure of Getting G. O. P. Nod in New Hampshire

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Politicians agree that unless New Hampshire's pre-season primary brings an upset tomorrow in the Dewey-Stassen contest it probably won't scratch the surface of the GOP presidential race.

Forces of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York are contending that he will get at least seven of the state's eight delegates.

Backers of former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota claim their candidate will get up to five.

Yet an outsider or two might edge in to take the play entirely away from both of them.

Charles Tobey Jr., son of the senator, is running as a backer of Senator Arthur Vandenberg (Mich.). Also a couple of delegates still are hoisting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower despite his claim of no contest.

A clean sweep for Dewey would be touted by his forces as the beginning of a drive that will land him a first ballot nomination—just as he got in 1944.

Any number between two and five delegates apparently will be called a victory by the Stassen forces.

Wisconsin Test Also Slated

Whatever happens, the governor and the former governor will do it all over again in Wisconsin on April 6. But in that race Dewey and Stassen will come face to face with a "dark horse" candidate for the first time in this year's campaign.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur hasn't said in so many words whether he will seek or accept the nomination, but his name has been entered in the Wisconsin contest.

MacArthur's backers are confident they have in Wisconsin the makings of a boom that will

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Parents Slain By Discontented Girl

EMINENCE, Mo., March 8.—(AP)—A 17-year-old girl held today on a charge of murder in the fatal shootings of her mother and father.

Betty Jane Kroeger signed a statement yesterday saying she shot her mother to death in their home Tuesday and killed her father in his store the following day. Highway Patrol Captain J. A. Tandy reported.

The bodies of Fred Kroeger, 50, and his wife, Minnie, 48, were found Saturday night.

The girl said her outlook on life changed when she left East St. Louis, where the family lived until 1944, and moved to the Ozarks. She said the change from gay city life to Ozark country life made her unhappy.

The girl told a newspaper reporter who interviewed her in jail that she shot her mother accidentally following an argument over the family's dress.

Tandy quoted her as saying she then killed her father because she knew he would find out about the first slaying. She said she shot her father while he was asleep in his store. Tandy reported.

Two Bulgarian Envoys Quit to Oppose Reds

LONDON, March 8.—Bulgaria's minister to Britain has quit his job, in order, he says, "to work for the restoration of liberty and democracy in my country."

The minister, Nikola Dolapchiev, told Vassil Youroukoff, Bulgarian minister to Belgium, who announced last Friday that he had resigned. The Bulgarian government said the next day Youroukoff has been dismissed.

In Sofia, Bulgarian newspapers announced today that Dolapchiev had been dismissed because of "his treacherous attitude toward Bulgaria."

Aged Widow Winner Of \$22,500 Radio Contest

CHICAGO, March 8.—(AP)—The 68-year-old widow who won the rich "walking man" radio contest Saturday night described her exciting weekend simply today as "such fun."

"I think the best part of it has been hearing from a number of friends I haven't seen in 15 years," she said.

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