

COAL MINE OPERATORS OBEY PARLEY ORDER

Street Work Requested Of City Council

Petitions Seek Repairs, Widening; Street Title Issue Blocks Sewer Plan

Requests for street improvements were made by two delegations which appeared before the City Council last night. The council's regular meeting was largely devoted to routine matters.

Archie Elliott, 1022 W. 2nd St., told the council he had circulated a petition among neighbors for the improvement of his street, but three affected property owners had not signed it.

"Our street is almost impassable today," Elliott declared. He said that he did not own or represent enough property on the street himself to force the requested improvement.

Council President H. T. Carstens, who presided in place of Mayor Albert G. Flegel, told Elliott "the only thing to hope for is that there will be money in the budget (next year) to repair the streets."

Arthur C. Mentzer, Hamilton widening of his street (opposite the Rose School) to 36 feet. He told the council that he and his neighbors only desire the installation of a sidewalk.

Last year, Hamilton St. residents petitioned for the installation of sidewalks, but were advised by the council that the expense would be great unless individual property owners put in their own walks.

Objection Voiced
County Surveyor Ben B. Irving was employed by the residents to establish a sidewalk grade. Following a recommendation of the City Planning Commission that all residential streets be at least 36 feet wide between the curbs he established a grade for the street on that basis. The street is only 20 feet wide now.

Mentzer said that "the sidewalk will be right under by bed-room window" if it is installed on the basis of a 36-foot street. He asserted that a street that wide would only provide parking space for swimming pool users.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT Truman vetoes the new tax reduction bill. Congress promptly passes it over his veto.

POLITICIANS on both sides, first making sure that reporters are present, speak for the record. Those committed to Truman said his veto message was a great state document, showing courage in time of stress. Republicans and anti-Truman Democrats branded it as bull-headed opposition to progress.

Pay little attention to what they say. It's just political shadow-boxing.

SPEAKER of the House Martin, upon whose neck RESPONSIBILITY rests, was milder. He said: "We believe we can meet defense needs, give this tax cut, and still have some money left to pay on the national debt."

Put that way, the tax cut becomes at least a realistic attempt to DO SOMETHING. If you don't try it, how can you know whether or not it will work?

ALL business men have to make a gamble like that. They figure it out from all the angles.

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Red Cross Drive in Douglas Will Continue Indefinitely; National Reserve Exhausted

Although the annual American Red Cross roll call was officially scheduled to end March 31, the Douglas County campaign will be continued, it was announced today. Josephine McNamara, field representative from San Francisco headquarters, is here to spend a few days this week to aid in completing the campaign.

Only 62 per cent of the county quota, set at \$12,000, has been attained. It is reported by Allen Clute, chapter chairman, and all workers are being urged to remain in the field until the goal has been reached.

Sutherland is the only community so far to surpass its quota, having reached 123 per cent, under the leadership of Mrs. R. Foster. Azalea is next in line with 80 per cent.

Roseburg's residential canvass has been completed, but only about one half of the business and industrial section has been solicited to date. A considerable boost to the business division was reported today following arrival of checks for \$979.50 from the Youngs Bay Lumber Co. and

The Weather

Occasional showers this evening; partly cloudy Wednesday with widely scattered showers.

Established 1873

Russia Apologizes For British Plane Disaster

Soviet Pilot's "Frolicking" Acknowledged

Sequel Will be Dinner By Red Commander For Lord Montgomery

BERLIN, April 6.—(AP)—Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, chief of the British Imperial general staff, conferred with the three western commanders in Germany here today on the Berlin crisis.

Tension eased somewhat after the Russians publicly had expressed official apology for the crash of a Soviet fighter with a British transport plane yesterday which cost 15 lives.

Montgomery will dine tonight with Marshal Sokolovsky, the Soviet commander in Germany. Montgomery said he had every intention of keeping the date, arrived before the plane incident. He said Sokolovsky "is an old friend of mine — a very old friend."

Montgomery went to British

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U. S. Official Aid To Reds Charged

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Chairman Thomas said today House Un-American Activities Committee investigators have found 30 cases of "pressure by government officials" to admit Communists into this country.

Thomas announced that his committee will hold hearings soon on what he called political influence exerted on immigration authorities during the past few years.

The 30 immigration cases, Thomas told reporters, "follow the pattern of the Hanns Eisler case."

Committee hearings last fall brought testimony that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and George E. Messersmith, former assistant secretary of state, intervened in Eisler's behalf when he was seeking to enter the country in 1939.

Eisler, a Hollywood composer, left for Austria voluntarily last week.

Thomas said other pending hearings will include the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith, Communist infiltration into Negro groups, Communist activities in Miami, Fla., labor unions, and the case of Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the Bureau of Standards.

Finland Not to Grant Russia New Bases

(By the Associated Press)
Finland will retain her political independence and will grant no new bases to Russia on Finnish soil under the terms of a proposed new treaty negotiated in Moscow, informed sources in Helsinki reported today.

The Finnish foreign office announced that Finland's delegation to Moscow had agreed with the Soviet Union's negotiations on contents of the Russian-proposed treaty of friendship and mutual assistance. Finland's parliament, whose majority opposes military ties with Russia, must ratify the pact if it is to be effective.

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\$435 from the Roseburg Lumber Co.

Reserve Funds Exhausted

A critical need for funds in the Red Cross Disaster relief division is reported by Miss McNamara. During the past year the Red Cross has furnished relief in more disasters than ever before in its history.

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Officer Nabs Thief In Store Second Time

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—(AP)—You might say that Raymond Bobbitt is in a rut, except that he's in jail, instead, awaiting another trial.

Eighteen months ago he went to San Quentin prison because a woman detective in a drugstore caught him stealing a box of candy.

Bobbitt served his sentence and came back to Los Angeles. He returned to the same drugstore. The same detective, Mrs. Elva Bartlett, arrested him again. She says Bobbitt was making off with a \$4 box of chocolates.



SCANDINAVIA GETS THE 'WAR OF NERVES'—Are we next?

is the question agitating Scandinavia as Russia puts the heat on it with denunciations such as usually have preceded Moscow's demands for concessions. Washington authorities see mounting Russian pressure on Scandinavian nations as attempt to scare them off the Marshall Plan and from any possible anti-Soviet alliances.

U. S. Acts to Bolster Arctic Defenses, Strengthen Hold Of Norway on Strategic Islands

By MORGAN REYNOLDS

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The United States moved directly today to bolster this country's arctic defenses—and indirectly to strengthen Norway's hold on strategic Polar Islands.

The direct action was signaled by Joint Army, Navy and Air Force plans to restrict for all but military use a string of Aleutian Islands. These stretch out in a fog-shrouded line toward Russian-held Kamchatka and the Kuriles. They also cover the approaches to Dutch Harbor, which the Japanese attacked along with Pearl Harbor.

Action on the other front came in the Navy's announcement that a U. S. carrier task force will visit the Norwegian port of Bergen, April 29 to May 2, on a

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Wage Boost Given Plywood Workers

EUGENE, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—Wage negotiations between the plywood industry and both the AFL and CIO workers' groups were settled yesterday at \$1.45 an hour minimum, also agreed upon between the fir lumber industry and the IWA-CIO Lumber and Sawmill unions.

While negotiations were continuing this week on a regional and local basis on several other contract provisions, all CIO unions and the lumber industry had resolved their wage issue effective April 1 with a 12½-cent hourly wage raise in the lumber operations and a 5-cent boost in plywood. Plywood workers had previously received a 7½-cent boost.

Meanwhile, AFL plywood workers also received a 5-cent wage increase offer in negotiations in Eugene over the weekend. This increase, if accepted, will bring all plywood operations in line with the \$1.45 minimum wage pattern reached in negotiations with the CIO.

The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers are not covered in the plywood negotiations and had not been negotiating since receiving a 7½-cent wage increase in January. Industry and union sources here said that it was likely that wage talks would reopen this week between operators' groups and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill councils.

Security Exemption Measure Again Vetted

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—President Truman vetoed yesterday for the second time a bill to exempt certain vendors of newspapers and magazines from the Social Security Act.

The bill (H. R. 5052) was similar to one he rejected last August. He said the legislation "raises the fundamental question of whether or not we shall maintain the integrity of our social security system."

"H. R. 5052 would remove social security protection from news vendors who make a full-time job of selling papers and who are dependent on their job for their livelihood," Mr. Truman explained in his veto message to the House.

He said it would make social security rights of these employees "depend almost completely upon the form in which their employers might choose to cast their employment contracts."

Council Votes \$500 For Airport Site Survey

To carry out a survey of the Roseburg airport, the City Council last night voted an expenditure of \$500 from the emergency fund to match a like amount granted recently by the State Board of Aeronautics, with approval of the field for commercial service in view.

The money will be used to employ local engineers to prepare a profile map of the airport runway and its approaches. Feasibility of realigning the runway will be studied, so that the local airport may be approved for commercial feeder line service.

M'Arthur's Ban On Books Protested By Authors League

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—The Authors League of America took Gen. Douglas MacArthur to task today for allegedly banning books written by John Hershey and Edgar Snow.

In a terse cablegram, the league "vigorously protested" the alleged ban throughout Japan of Hershey's "Hiroshima" and four books by Snow.

The league intimated the ban was imposed more than four months ago, but said that it had learned of it only recently.

Oscar Hammerstein, II, president of the league, sent the cablegram to Gen. MacArthur in Tokyo, a spokesman said and asked "clarification of your policy of censorship."

There was no reason given for MacArthur's reported action, the league said.

The four Snow books are "Red Star Over China," "The Battle of Asia," "People on Our Side," and "The Pattern of Soviet Power."

Paul G. Hoffman Likely ERP Head

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—President Truman awaited today the formal acceptance of Paul G. Hoffman before naming the Studebaker Corporation head to direct the European recovery program.

Hoffman returned to Washington today from Japan, where he went with Undersecretary William H. Draper, Jr., to make a survey for the Army.

White House sources said privately that Hoffman is Mr. Truman's choice to head the multi-billion dollar program to stop Communism in Europe.

Without waiting for this last step, the President last night directed the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to turn over at once the \$105,000,000 advance which Congress authorized.

This includes \$105,000,000 to start new aid for Greece, Turkey, China and Trieste, in addition to \$1,000,000,000 for the 16 Western European nations taking part in the joint, long range recovery effort.

The funds will be transferred to the executive office of the President for use until Congress vetoes regular appropriations.

Owen J. Irving, Oakland Resident, Passes Away

Owen J. Irving, 68, died at the County Hospital last Saturday after a long illness. He was born in England and was a resident of Oakland for several years. As far as is known, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Has-kins of Idaho Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending word from relatives. The remains are at Stearns Mortuary, Oakland.

Grant Clayton, Native Of Douglas County, Dies

Grant W. Clayton, 78, of Dilard, and life-long resident of Douglas County, died last night following a short illness. He was born at Coles Valley August 1, 1889, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashford Clayton, pioneer settlers of Douglas County.

The body has been removed to the Long & Orr Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Wisconsin's G. O. P. Voting On 3 Aspirants

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 6.—(AP)—Wisconsin voters punch the ticket today on three Republican presidential aspirants.

Some politicians think it may be a transfer to oblivion for one of three candidates—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota.

As a result of polls in Milwaukee, Dewey was given more chance than previously to pull up among the contenders, despite stories coming out of his headquarters here indicating that he might be the third man in the critical race.

Practically all of the politicians were agreed that MacArthur will go over big or won't be a factor at all. A scattering of delegates, placing him in third position, almost certainly would put him out of the Republican presidential race.

On the other hand, he could sweep the state's 27 GOP convention delegates and thus make himself the man to be reckoned with in the Nebraska popularity primary one week from today.

A new spokesman, Judge Stephen J. McMahon, fresh out of MacArthur's civil administration setup in Japan, voiced that

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Vancouver Island Coal Miners End 84-Day Strike

NANAIMO, B. C., April 6.—(AP)—Vancouver Island miners were to return to work today, ending an 84-day-old coal strike.

An agreement between the United Mineworkers of America (U. M. W. A.) and Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. was signed yesterday.

It called for a \$1.79 daily wage increase, adjustment of pay conditions for holidays, and an increase of from three to five cents a ton in welfare fund assessments.

Maintenance men on duty since the 14 work stoppage will be paid the wage boost retroactively.

The district's miners, who had sought a \$2 boost, voted 649 to 301 in favor of accepting the lesser sum.

Mayor of Kelso After Scalp of Police Chief

KELSO, Wash., April 6.—(AP)—Mayor Harry Kling of Kelso today said that Police Chief Art Clark will be given a hearing by the council's police committee tonight on the mayor's demands for his resignation.

Clark returned Sunday from a trip to Tucson, Ariz., and expressed surprise at the mayor's demand, claiming he had not heard of any charges against him. Clark is the focal point of a department upheaval precipitated by the mayor's demands for his resignation or suspension on grounds of lack of training and lack of supervision of department personnel.

While Clark was away, Patrolman Frank Konen was shot and killed by bullets from his own gun. Konen's funeral was Saturday.

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GOOD CITIZEN — Frank Harrison, 14, of Valdosta, Ga., is the winner of the Boys' Clubs' 1948 Junior Citizenship award.

Frank won a free trip to New York for his record in community service, loyalty and service to his Boys' Club, and his athletic ability.

Vacation of Alley Sought by Copco

Plans entailing a "considerable expenditure of money" by the California-Oregon Power Co., for the improvement of property on E. 2nd Ave. S., await City Council action on a request for vacation of a portion of Railroad Alley.

H. C. Wells, local manager of the power company, appeared before the council last night to seek assurance that action favorable to the company would be taken on the alley vacation. He was advised that no commitments could be made until after a public hearing.

Wells explained that the power company now owns a major portion of property lying between the Interstate Tractor Co. and the Union Oil Co. storage tanks. An option for the purchase of additional property is held. Before exercising the option, Copco desires to acquire the alley.

The alley in question is parallel to E. 2nd Ave. S. and to the Southern Pacific Railroad spur.

Wells said the expenditures contemplated for the property are "something on the order of \$100-\$120,000." The property is used for storage of construction materials for the Toketee dam project. A new warehouse will probably be erected.

School Boundaries Change to be Muddled

Discussion of a change of boundaries between Rose School District No. 4 and Deer Creek School District No. 6 will be discussed in a hearing set for 10 o'clock, April 19, it was reported by Mrs. Lida C. Correll, county school superintendent.

The proposed change of boundaries would embrace Smick School District No. 75, which is adjacent to Roseburg. The district transports its pupils to the Roseburg schools. In the change, the Smick district would be divided between the Roseburg and Deer Creek districts.

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Public hearing for zone changes recommended by the City Planning Commission was set for April 19 by the City Council last night. The proposed changes at First Winchester St., which would become a commercial zone, and a small area near the California-Pacific Utilities Co. gas storage tanks, which would become an industrial zone. A hearing was held by the City Planning Commission last week.

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Lewis Silent On Whether He Will Comply

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Obeying a court order, soft coal operators offered today to meet with John L. Lewis on the mine pension dispute.

The operators proposed a conference at 1 p. m., just three hours after the offer was made. There was no immediate indication whether Lewis would accept or reject.

A court order issued Saturday by Federal Judge Matthew McGuire under the Taft-Hartley act required the operators to act.

The court also directed Lewis and his United Mine Workers to end the 23-day-old soft coal strike and negotiate the dispute over pension for retired miners.

Lewis Given Extra Day
Meanwhile the government allowed John L. Lewis more legal rope today before cracking down on him and the striking coal miners for defying a court back-to-work order.

While government attorneys declined to reveal the time-table for proceeding against Lewis and the United Mine Workers Union, they hinted that the deadline for compliance will fall tomorrow.

If so, Lewis or his attorneys would have to do one of these things today to avert that crack-down:

1. Send the nearly 400,000 soft coal miners back to work, ending the strike over pensions which started March 15.
2. Fight the temporary restraining order itself by challenging its constitutionality or asking the court to dissolve it on other grounds.

If Lewis elected to do nothing the next move appeared likely to be a contempt of court citation. Justice T. Alan Goldsborough.

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Shades on Street Lights Lessen Crossing Hazard

Installation of shades on street lights at North Jackson and Winchester Street railroad spur crossings has been completed. The lights now throw a cone of illumination upon the railroad tracks, thus increasing visibility for motorists approaching the crossings. Several collisions have occurred in the past due to the fact that motorists were partially blinded by the street lights until they were too near the tracks to make a safe stop. If the spur was occupied, shading the lights makes it possible to see freight cars occupying the crossing at a block's distance.

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