

Mrs. Stanley L. Kidder, Roseburg Matron, Chosen Oregon Mother of 1948

Mrs. Stanley L. (Maude Rast) Kidder, 69, mother of three sons, a native of Roseburg, a former war prisoner of the Japanese, and a woman whose fortitude and courage won praise from fellow internees, has been elected Oregon Mother of 1948.

The committee conferred the high honor after considering her record of birth as a native Oregonian, one of six children in a pioneer family; her civic activities over a long period of years, her religious work, and achievements as a mother, as well as her heroism in time of war.

She was born in Roseburg July 30, 1878, the daughter of John G. East, who crossed the plains by ox team in 1852, settling on a donation land claim near Roseburg.

Educated in the Roseburg public schools, she took an active part in civic and fraternal affairs at an early age. In 1906 she became Worthy Matron of Roseburg Chapter, No. 8, Order of Eastern Star.

In 1908 she crossed the Pacific to become the bride of Stanley L. Kidder, then serving in Manila as postal inspector in the Philippines. She returned to Roseburg for the birth of her first son, Stanley Rast Kidder, born April 26, 1910. Her second son, Robert Philip Kidder, was born in Manila, Sept. 1, 1915. The family then returned to Roseburg where her third son, James Donald Kidder, was born March 7, 1919.

While her sons were attending school, Mrs. Kidder became interested in educational affairs and continued work with Parent-Teacher Associations over a long period of years, serving as president of the Benson and Junior High parent-teacher groups. In this work she assumed leadership in landscaping school grounds.

She also took a prominent part in the community's civic and social and religious affairs. Her husband, who had operated a retail shoe store in Roseburg for several years, returned to

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS AS its final windup of a campaign, our side (Britain, the U. S. and France) make a THIRD demand on Russia for a yes-or-no answer on the question of returning Trieste to Italy.

We're obviously pleased with our Trieste campaign strategy. We think it put Russia on the spot. Besides, we THOUGHT OF IT FIRST.

Dispatches indicated that our State Department thought the Italian election was in the bag and there isn't much doubt that Washington thought the Trieste stratagem helped tremendously.

TRIESTE has unquestionably been "smart" politics. But that is about all that can be said for it. We need to go much farther than smart politics if we're going to be the leader of the world.

Smart politics won the Italian election in the present pinch, but in the long pull it will be the sincerity and the genuineness of America, as reflected in her for-

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All-Out Government Service In Wartime Recommended By Military Research Leader

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Legislation to put every man in the country into government service in wartime was recommended today by Dr. Vannevar Bush.

In a letter to the House Armed Service Committee, he said a future war would require the united effort of the nation's entire manpower according to each individual's ability.

"This would mean universal service to be put into effect without delay," he wrote. "Legislation for this purpose should, therefore, be ready in case of need."

Dr. Bush is chairman of the Army-Navy-Air Force Research and Development Board. He was asked by chairman Andrews to comment on draft proposals before the committee.

After the Bush letter was read, the committee heard Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, assistant chief of army personnel, estimate that the armed forces will need 950,000 men to reach a proposed strength of 1,842,000 by July 1, 1949.

Dahlquist said at least 730,000 of these would have to be drafted, or received as new volunteers. The rest would be provided by reenlistments.

He estimated that the National Guard and all reserve units could be brought up to maximum effective strength by taking in approximately 1,000,000 men during the same period.

Draft Fight Looms This testimony was heard as the outline of a hot draft fight in Congress began to take shape.

Labor Leader Walter P. Reuther Shot Auto Union's Chief Struck In Chest, Arm

ROSEBURG, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1948

Coal Strike Injunction Continued 80 Days Nation's Peace Still in Peril, Court Asserts

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Judge T. Alan Goldsborough today issued a ban against a soft-coal strike for about 80 days. This injunction replaces a temporary court order which John L. Lewis was found guilty of violating.

It was Lewis' disregard for the temporary order which brought him a \$20,000 fine personally and the United Mine Workers a \$1,400,000 one yesterday for criminal contempt.

Lewis still faces the possibility of further fines, or even jail, on a civil contempt count and has telegraphed the miners his wish that they get back to work.

Goldsborough approved the injunction on the plea of a government attorney that "the public interest remains in peril" and a strike still exists.

"National Safety Peril" Goldsborough said he thinks the government is right—that the "national peace and safety are still in peril" and said he had "no difficulty" in deciding to issue the injunction.

The injunction was issued under the Taft-Hartley law which permits an 80-day ban on a strike when a labor dispute threatens the national health and safety.

The starting date and closing date for the 80 days was not immediately determined. The injunction itself has no terminating date.

Government lawyers said the 80 days should start when the court orders have been complied with and the strike ends. They added this date is still uncertain because there still is a strike.

Lewis' lawyers fought against the injunction with the argument there is now no strike and that the injunction, issued under the Taft-Hartley Law, was unconstitutional.

Lewis faces New Rap Lewis is scheduled to appear in court Friday to face a charge of civil contempt.

It was pretty clear that what Goldsborough will do then will be to continue the injunction.

Three Organizations Vie For Telephone Workers SEATTLE, April 21.—(AP)—An all-out drive to organize the Pacific Coast's 55,000 telephone workers will be undertaken by the Communications Workers of America (CWA), officials said today.

Twenty thousand workers already are affiliated with the CWA. John Crull, director of the organization, told convention delegates yesterday that the union is battling the CIO's National Federation of Telephone Workers in Oregon and Northern California, and is engaged in a jurisdictional dispute with the AFL Electrical Workers to represent 600 employees of the Interstate Telephone Company.

Negotiations affecting 2,500 Washington-Idaho employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company will open Thursday.

Life Sentence Begun By Slayer of Woman AUBURN, Calif., April 21.—(AP)—The gates of San Quentin prison opened today for Charles Edwin Thomasson, 26, starting a life sentence for shooting Lulu Mae Easley of Stockton, his companion on a motor trip to Oregon.

Thomasson, one-time bartender, cook and bellhop, was sentenced to life yesterday when he appeared before Superior Judge Lowell L. Sparks and changed his plea of innocent to guilty.

Miss Easley disappeared early in November. Her trail was followed to Klamath Falls and later her body was found in a pasture near Roseville. Thomasson was picked up in December in Miami, Fla.

Earl K. Long Elected Governor of Louisiana NEW ORLEANS, April 21.—(AP)—Louisiana voters went through the formality yesterday of electing Earl K. Long as their governor in a statewide general election.

There was no opposition for the younger brother of the late Senator Huey P. Long, and the vote was light. The fight for the governorship was staged in the Democratic primaries in January and February.

In the primaries, Long defeated former Governor Sam Jones, who campaigned on a "reform government" platform.

Auto Blow Kills Boy In Sight of His Mother CAMAS, Wash., April 21.—(AP)—Four-year-old Donald E. Maxwell was struck by a car and killed in front of his home two miles east of here in Weir Park Addition last night.

His mother, Mrs. Eldon Maxwell, witnessed the accident. State Patrol Sgt. James Coshaw said Orville T. Smith, Camas, was driver of the car.

Crickets Begin Annual Threat to Wheat Crops PENDLETON, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Hordes of Mormon crickets are hatching out in the serebrush, and this area's wheat ranchers want to declare war before the insects invade the grain fields.

Officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were asked yesterday to eradicate the crickets, but the bureau said funds would permit only control measures.

Rural School Budget Loses in Sherman County MORO, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—A rural school county budget of \$245,904.88 was rejected yesterday by Sherman County voters.

The vote was 207 to 119. The election was held under the new law creating a county-wide school budget for all but Class I districts, the tax levy to be made on a county-wide basis.

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Drop Fight On ERP, Hint To Italian Reds

ROME, April 21.—(AP)—Italy's Communists, overwhelmed in the election, received a hint from their top labor leader today of an about-face on the Marshall plan.

The Communists opposed Marshall plan aid throughout the campaign. Smarting from their worst defeat in free voting, the Communists also faced the possibility of a serious rift with some of their left wing Socialist allies.

With nearly complete returns apparently assuring the American-backed Christian Democrats of control of both Houses of Parliament, Giuseppe Di Vittorio of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor indicated it wants to take a stand on American aid independent of Moscow.

Di Vittorio announced he intends to ask the executive of the World Federation of Trades Unions (WFTU) to let each country decide its position on the Marshall plan independently of Russia. This, he said, would let labor in each nation decide on the basis of the country's needs.

The move was believed calculated to avert a split in the 6,000,000-member confederation over American aid. It also indicated the powerful role American aid must have played in the elections.

Di Vittorio's announcement came after a popular front spokesman declared that "our opposition to the (Marshall) plan is unchanged." Jacinto Cardona, information director of the Front, placed a large part of the blame for the Communist defeat on the women of Italy, who voted in large numbers.

Official returns on all but 155 of the 41,647 precincts in the Chamber of Deputies election showed the Christian Democrats 48.7 per cent of the vote, a total of 2,681,327. The Communist-led Popular Front had 7,995,601, or 30.7 per cent. In third place were the anti-Communist Socialists, with 1,948,826, or 7.1 per cent.

Final official returns on the Senate vote gave the Christian Democrats 10,740,131, or 47.9 per cent of the vote, 6,955,229, or 31 per cent, and the anti-Communist Socialists, 1,580,722, or seven per cent.

Thus Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrats seemed assured of being able to form a government with the Independent Democrats, who are closely allied in the present government. The Christian Democrats apparently do not even need

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Mother Has to Choose Between Tots in Fire MANCHESTER, Me., April 21.—(AP)—A mother had to choose between two of her children and as a result one perished in a fire that razed their home yesterday.

Mrs. John L. Childs told firemen she reentered the burning house twice in an effort to reach her baby, Sadie Jean. Her son, Joseph, three, toddled after her.

Mrs. Childs was forced to turn back from the burning stairs each time to carry Joseph to safety. The third time the boy stayed outside. By then the stairs were cut off.

The blaze was so intense firemen were unable to enter a second floor window.

Oregon Cattle Theives To Draw More Police SALEM, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Additional state policemen would be sent to Eastern Oregon to stop cattle rustling.

He said the request for more officers came from D. R. Cook, secretary-treasurer of the Umatilla County Cattlemen's Association.

Governor Hall said cattle thefts are on the increase. It is made up of the fact that stolen cattle can be taken to Nevada, where their identity is lost because Nevada has no brand laws.

Hall said he would ask Governor Vall Pittman of Nevada to have his state enact brand laws.

Independent Loggers Association Formed An organization affiliated with the Western Forest Industries Association was recently formed by independent loggers and sawmill operators of Douglas County. Clyde Todd, Days Creek, was chosen chairman, and Dick Derig, Azalea, secretary.

The new organization will take action toward improvement of county roads and revision of the county timber sale policy and government sustained yield program. It was reported, consideration will also be given to the forthcoming elections. Future meetings of the group will be announced.

Weyerhaeusers Cancel Lumber Price Slash TACOMA, April 21.—(AP)—The general manager of the Weyerhaeuser Sales Company said today the concern has canceled its recent 10 per cent price reduction because of a declining timber market.

Harry T. Kendall said the 10 per cent reduction was made in January "to help keep down the cost of building."

"Today there is every evidence to show that the recent danger of an inflationary trend in lumber prices is subsiding," Kendall said. "We proposed to get our prices closer to the market and make price adjustments up or down on individual items as the need arises."

Child Under 6? Don't Take Him to Worship, Advice KANSAS CITY, April 21.—(AP)—A director of children's church work suggests that if your child is less than six years old, don't take him to the worship services.

Miss Atha Bowman, Richmond, Va., director of children's work for the Presbyterian Church, U. S., said the child is likely to develop a distasteful religion. Miss Bowman advocated a church-operated nursery which would prepare children for later attendance at worship services.

A child under six or seven, she said, finds it uncomfortable to sit still for an hour or more during services.

Russian, German Commies Launch Economic Program To Fight Marshall Aid Plan

BERLIN, April 21.—(AP)—Russians and German Communists launched today a campaign openly aimed at offsetting the moral value of the Marshall plan aid to Western Germany.

Eastern Germany has been kept out of the European recovery program by the Russians, but the moral effect is bound to be profound when the Eastern Germans see their western brethren get \$500,000,000 in economic aid.

As the western-licensed newspapers played up aid allocations for the American, British and French zones, the Russians took steps to raise morale in their zone.

The measures included: 1. An announcement by the Russian-controlled Berlin radio that steel production in the Russian zone will be increased.

2. A declaration in the Soviet Army's newspaper "Tageblitz Rundschau" that the end of confiscation of big industrial properties for socialization means that "all forces of private enterprises as well as socialized industries can now get to work with all their powers for reconstruction."

3. A proclamation that denazification has been concluded in the Soviet zone.

Meanwhile, the Russian-controlled press sought to explain the apparent communist defeat in Italy as a result of "American intervention and vote fraud."

German press dispatches told of new Russian attacks to seal off their zone against information from the west.

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—Russian disputes with the western powers over Germany and Austria were sharpened today with new threats and counter threats.

In London, a Tass dispatch said a Russian commission has found a British plane responsible for a fatal air crash over Berlin April 5.

In Vienna, the United States and Russia blamed each other for a crash Monday on the streets of the American zone, when three Russian officers attempted to arrest a displaced person in the U. S. sector. American military police wrested the woman from the Russians.

In Berlin, W. T. Babcock, American chief of command of the city, called his Russian counterparts the biggest spreader of falsehoods "since the time of Aannals."

In the British capital, the United States, Britain and France made plans which may further the split between western and eastern Germany. The three powers laid the groundwork for restoring the western section's financial stability and giving it wide self-governing powers.

The agenda which was adopted closely resembled the one which served as first three-power session last month. Russia was not invited to either session.

Two County Bridges May Receive Steel Decking Plans to deck with steel mesh the Brown Bridge, on the Garden Valley Road, and the county bridge at Dillard, are being considered by the County Court, it was reported by County Commissioner H. B. Roadman. The steel decking would be similar to that on the Oak Street Bridge in Roseburg.

Both the Brown Bridge and the Dillard Bridge are of steel. Roadman said that installation of steel decking would add considerably to the life of the two spans.

The Brown Bridge crosses the North Umpqua River near the Roseburg Country Club. The Dillard Bridge spans the South Umpqua River.

Ban on Pensions For Miners Asked WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Coal operators today asked for a court injunction to bar payment of miners' pensions under the recently arranged settlement plan.

Erza Van Horn, trustee representing the coal operators on the miners pension and welfare fund, said he filed suit to bar payments from the fund "until the court has had an opportunity to determine the validity" of the pension arrangements made by John L. Lewis and Senator Bridges (R-NH), the other two trustees.

Van Horn had dissented from the pension payment plan negotiated by Lewis and Bridges.

The plan calls for \$100 a month pensions for miners 62 years or older who have served 20 years in the coal industry. The plan would apply only to miners who reached 62 years on or after May 29, 1946.

The plan provides for payments to miners who worked in mines which do not contribute to the welfare fund. That fund comes from a 10-cent-a-ton "royalty" on each ton of coal mined from those mines coming into the plan.

Van Horn's plea for an injunction contends that pension payments to miners for whom no contribution had been made to the welfare fund is illegal.

Biggest Ride for Nickel Doomed in New York City NEW YORK, April 21.—(AP)—The world's biggest ride for a nickel is doomed.

Announcing a 10-cent fare for the city's subway system and a seven-cent tariff for bus and trolley lines, Mayor William O'Dwyer last night ended a tradition as old as the city's history of the Metropolitan Underground Railroad.

He said the higher fare would become effective July 1. The increase is expected to furnish \$81,010,000 for the city's 1948-49 budget.

Shotgun Blast Fired Through Home Window; Reported Out of Danger

DETROIT, April 21.—(AP)—The CIO's Walter P. Reuther escaped death at a gunman's hand last night.

A mysterious assailant, creeping to a lighted kitchen window of the auto unionist's home, fired a shotgun blast at Reuther, inflicting serious arm and chest wounds.

Early today, as doctors reported Reuther out of danger, a battery of Detroit's police and top detectives focused slim clues in a search for one or two men in a search for one or two men in the assault.

Simultaneously Reuther's highest associates in the UAW pledged their aid to police, calling a special meeting of the executive board for that purpose.

"We'll spend any amount of money to clear this up," said secretary-treasurer Emil Mazzy.

For a time it was feared that Reuther, fiery president of the CIO's United Auto Workers, might lose his right arm, shattered by several slugs.

"Communist or Screwball" Reuther himself, according to prosecutor James N. McNally, blamed "management, Communists or a screwball." However, the prosecutor said Reuther "wasn't hurt as badly as what happened."

The 40-year-old red-haired, aggressive UAW leader has long been an avowed foe of Communism.

Currently his big auto union, which speaks for nearly 1,000,000 workers of the car plants, is pressing its new spring wage increase demand on the industry.

Reuther was shot a few minutes after returning home from a meeting of the UAW International Executive board.

As he stood at a refrigerator in the breakfast nook of his home on the northwest side, a blast was fired through a window four or five feet from him.

The charge struck his right arm. One slug penetrated his chest cavity, stopping near the skin surface in the stomach area. Shooter Flees In Car Neighbors said they saw a man dash out of the Reuther yard and flee in a car a moment after the shot.

Reuther's wife, Mae, who had helped him prepare a snack before they were to retire, was out of the line of fire.

It was the second attack on Reuther since he became prominent in organized labor. In 1938, in the coal fields of a particularly stormy period of the UAW's history, he was beaten up by two men.

There have been no known threats against him recently, however.

GOP Rivals Gird For Oregon Vote

PORTLAND, April 21.—(AP)—Republican presidential aspirants Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota are getting set to make Oregon their April 23 primary a crucial battleground for their candidacies.

The state election will be the last major ballot clash between the two young Republican leaders before the national convention June 21.

Stassen is scheduled to speak here April 20, four days before the New York governor leaves on a western trip that will give him 10 days of campaigning in Oregon.

Dewey's secretary, Paul E. Lockwood, has been in the state since Sunday. Two other aides, Hamilton Hamilton and Jules Dulce, are to leave New York for Oregon later this week. The governor's first appearance here will be before the state convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce May 1. Other Oregon appearances have not yet been announced.

Robert Elliott, Stassen's Oregon chairman, announced last night the duration of the former Minnesota governor's Oregon tour has not been decided. He spent four days up-state earlier this year when he personally filed for the party's presidential preference race.

At Stake are 12 Oregon GOP convention delegates.

Crop Dusting Flier Dies in Plane Crash

WASCO, Wash., April 21.—(AP)—Crash of a crop dusting airplane in a field near here yesterday was fatal to Pilot Jack Nichols of Portland.

There was no immediate explanation for the crash, Nichols had been piloting the plane, owned by the Columbia Crop Dusting Service of Portland, for several weeks in this district. He is survived by a widow and small daughter of Portland, an Army pilot during the war.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein Judging from Russian reaction, the Allies' recent demand on Moscow to "quit stalling" must have been misunderstood thus: "Quit Stalin."