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GOV. HALL SPURNS 'VANPORT COMMITTEE'

The Weather
Partly cloudy today and Thursday with widely scattered showers.

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ELKS' NEW LEADER—George I. Hall (left), 52-year-old New York businessman, has his hand held aloft in victory sign following his election as grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Lafayette A. Lewis, retiring exalted ruler (right) of Anaheim, Calif., joins the festivities. The election took place at the 84th grand lodge session in Philadelphia. (AP Wirephoto)

Leave-Town Challenge Given By Boss E. H. Crump to Editor

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 7.—(AP)—Political Leader E. H. Crump today challenged Edward J. Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar, to accept an agreement by which one of them would leave town.

He called for "a showdown on this challenge". Meeman declined immediate comment.

Crump's statement was delivered by Mayor James J. Pleasants in a 30-minute radio transcription broadcast over 11 stations.

The challenge was an outgrowth of the campaign for Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate. Crump is supporting Judge John A. Mitchell. The Press-Scimitar has endorsed Rep. Estes Kefauver.

Crump asked that a Chamber of Commerce committee be named to investigate charges he has made against Kefauver. If they are proved false, he said, he will "pick up my hat" and leave town. Otherwise, he added, Meeman should leave.

Crump reiterated his charges against Kefauver—that he voted too often with Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-N. Y.), that he opposes the filibuster and that his voting record against Communism is bad.

Meeman, he added, "has used every trick to cover that shameful record." He attacked the editor for publishing a series of statements made in the House of Representatives praising Kefauver.

Four Lightning Fires Strike Forest Areas

Report of four lightning fires over the last weekend was made today by Ray B. Hampton, fire control officer for the Umpqua National Forest. One fire occurred near Cinnamon Butte in the Diamond Lake District July 4. Two other fires occurred the same day in the Beaver Creek Burn in the South Umpqua District.

A fourth lightning-set fire was that in the Bohemia District July 3, in a 25-acre logging show of the Associated Plywood Co., Hampton said. Since most of the trees had been felled and bucked, no fire break could be made. There was a 40 per cent loss in logs with destruction of a half-million feet of timber, he said.

The fire was reported from Fairview Lookout at midnight Friday. Within two hours 30 men from the company, a 10-man Forest Service crew, and four portable pumper trucks were at the scene of the fire. The fire was brought under control by noon Saturday and the fire fighting crew was reduced to 25 men, Hampton said.

Seasonal Farm Labor Registration Starts

Registration of seasonal farm labor has started at the Oregon State Employment Service office at 437 N. Jackson St., it was announced today by George T. Foster, manager.

The bean harvest is expected to begin the first week in August. It is expected to be heavy this year and many pickers are wanted. They will be needed most at Winston, Dillard, Camas Valley, Garden Valley and Oakland.

Persons who desire such seasonal farm employment are asked to contact the Oregon State Employment Service in Roseburg. Their registrations will be taken by B. R. Shoemaker, Jr., agricultural employment counsellor.

Also needed are hay hands for the current mowing of hay on Douglas County farms, Foster said.

New Revolution Faced By Dominican Government

NEW YORK, July 7. — (AP) — The Dominican information service said today it had received a cab from the secretary to President Trujillo declaring that revolutionary forces were assembling in Cuba to attempt to overthrow the Dominican government.

"Part of these forces took part in an earlier revolutionary attempt at Cayo Confite last August," the cable said. "Others are Spanish refugees and many citizens of various nationalities."

Traffic Law Enforcement Claimed Lax

Charges Draws Denial From Police; Fire Zone Enlarged by Council

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Heard complaint against alleged laxity in traffic law enforcement.

Turned over swimming pool funds.

Discussed new building code.

Accepted bids of new sewer and pickup truck.

Extended North Roseburg fire zone.

A complaint in the form of an open letter of the alleged laxity in traffic law enforcement in the city confronted the city council Tuesday night. The letter signed by Allen Cordon, complained of the police handling of "hot rod speedsters" in the city. The letter called special attention to the reckless driving on the city streets during the evening hours.

Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird replied to the letter, under questioning by the city council. Baird said that 's report of arrests and citations for the month of June and the first six days of July make the letter's charges unfounded.

The Chief said that the new city budget made possible the placing of two additional policemen on the force, thus relieving the burden on the other officers. According to Baird, six arrests

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Plant Blast Kills Two Men, Third Missing

SEATTLE, July 7. — (AP) — A $350,000 vitamin plant in Northwest Seattle looked like a stepped-on apple box today — ripped by an explosion and scorched by fire that killed two men, injured one critically and left another unaccounted for.

At 5:35 p.m. yesterday — half an hour after 40 to 50 workers had completed their shift — the Lyle Branchflower Company's fish processing plant blew up. Store windows were smashed in the nearby Ballard community and homes four miles away were shaken.

The charred, unrecognizable bodies of Rolland Stebbens, 27, and John Zenger, plant workmen, were found just outside the gates. Walker Lamphere, 56, was blown through a door. His arm was fractured and he was badly burned.

The missing man was identified as Ira Snyder, an engineer.

O. E. Ericksen, assistant manager, said the cause of the blast was not known.

Fugitive Convict Nabbed When He Runs Wrong Way

PORTLAND, July 7. — (AP) — Clifford E. Rhodes, 33, who escaped the Washington penitentiary at Walla Walla June 29, is in jail here today because he ran the wrong way.

Detective Prescott Hutchins said Rhodes left a tavern at high speed last night with patrons, who said he snatched a purse, in pursuit.

His mistake was in running past the East Side Police Precinct Headquarters just as Patrolman Harris A. Lyle came out. Seeing the running man and the pursuers, Lyle nabbed him.

Rhodes is held for the Walla Walla warden. Two others escaped prison with him. One was caught earlier and Thomas Ford is still at large.

Nomination of Truman on First Ballot At Democratic Convention Now Held Certain

By JACK BELL.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7—(AP) The drooping balloon of the Eisenhower boom hung low today over the forthcoming Democratic National Convention.

President Truman's representatives—highly encouraged by the General's couldn't-take-it statement—scurried back to Washington for fresh strategy orders.

The expectation was that they would come back to Philadelphia primed to put out the word on Mr. Truman's choice for second place on the ticket—a selection he has delayed while he awaited the latest word from the wartime European commander.

Although Democrats in such widely separated areas as California and New Jersey declined to take Eisenhower's "no" as final, the feeling in this convention city was that it is all over but the shouting.

The shouting may center on various ineffectual efforts to draft Eisenhower and to put Justice William O. Douglas in as a substitute. But party members who arrived early for next week's meeting of the faithful said that only his own action can prevent Mr. Truman from walking off with the nomination on the first ballot.

Draft Plan Still Alive

There was no giving up in the draft-Eisenhower ranks—at least publicly.

Despite the gaping hole their principal had torn in the draft movement, highly placed Democrats continued to speculate about the possibility that the man who says he isn't available couldn't turn down an actual nomination.

James Roosevelt, California state chairman, renewed his call for a Saturday meeting here to pick a candidate to oppose Mr. Truman.

Roosevelt, a son of the late president and one who has not always seen eye to eye with his father's successors, said the party ought to go ahead and nominate Eisenhower as a "national candidate."

Would Squelch Stampede

President Truman's aides moved today to cut off any gallery attempts to start a nomination stampede at the convention.

This maneuver obviously was aimed at preventing a spectator chant from reviving the collapsing boom for Gen. Eisenhower.

Leslie L. Biffle, convention sergeant-at-arms, announced 80 Philadelphia policemen and up to 50 private detectives will be on hand to keep galleryites from influencing delegates in their choice of a presidential nominee.

Most politicians still remember the 1940 Republican convention in the same hall where packed galleries yelling "we want Willkie" were credited with helping bring about the nomination of the late Wendell L. Willkie.

Biffle, a staunch supporter of Mr. Truman's bid for the nomination, told a reporter he has heard

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Woman Dies in Auto Crash

Yugoslavia's Red Congress Faces Snub From Russians, Defiance From Albanians

LONDON, July 7.—(AP)—Russian Communists refused today to participate in a Yugoslav Communist Congress because Premier Marshal Tito and his followers have placed themselves "outside the family of Communist parties."

The Soviet News Agency Tass and the Moscow radio announced the blunt Russian rejection of the Yugoslav invitation. The Congress is scheduled to open in Belgrade July 21.

The announcement seemed to underline the approval Russian Communists have given to the Cominform's condemnation of Tito and his Lieutenants. Apparently the appeal of Yugoslav Communists to Prime Minister Stalin, over the head of the Cominform, also has failed.

Nor was this the only jolt received by Tito's Communists. Tass said Albania has defied Belgrade's warnings that she must resume economic relations with Yugoslavia or face the consequences.

A Tass dispatch from Tirana, capitol of Albania, said the Albanians were taking "strong measures" to guard their frontiers adjoining Yugoslavia and Greece against "hostile elements."

Communist-governed Albania has sided with the nine-nation

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Woman Wins Big Prize Via Tongue Slip

NEW YORK, July 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret Hohl Shelley last night won $17,000 worth of merchandise—because of a slip of the tongue.

The prizes were awarded the 32-year-old bride of six months on a radio program, "hit the jackpot."

During the show, Mrs. Shelley, of Valley Stream, N. Y., answered two of four preliminary questions wrong.

But she got to stay in the running because none of the other contestants challenged her answers.

Then came the clues to a "secret sentence"—a man begging for a handout because he was "on the skids," a girl saying "oooh," two piano notes—the 23rd key from the top and from the bottom of the keyboard, and other hints.

Mrs. Shelley gave the correct answer that contestants on 10 previous broadcasts had missed: "Twenty-three skidoo."

That won the "jackpot," but it was the verbal slip that got Mrs. Shelley on the program in the first place.

When the announcer asked, "there anyone here from the west?", Mrs. Shelley called out "yes," and was chosen.

She said she was so excited that she didn't think of the fact that it was nine years ago that she lived in Oakland, Calif.

Her prizes included a new car, a trailer, a two-week trip to Bermuda for two, and a silver fox coat and furnishings for a living room and kitchen.

'Maniacal' Slayer Of Girl 'Cyclist Sought

BALTIMORE, July 7—(AP)—Every available Baltimore policeman was mobilized today to comb a wide area of the city's northern suburbs for trace of the "maniacal" killer of 11-year-old Marsha Brill.

Marsha was stabbed yesterday while bicycling with two playmates along a wooded section a few miles from the Pimlico Race Track.

Less than two hours later, a 30-year-old Negro laborer was taken into custody as he emerged from a woods in the area.

He was viewed in a lineup by Barbara Lee Sapperstein, 11, and her brother Alan, 8, who were with Marsha when she was killed. Afterwards, the man was docketed as "held for investigation."

Early today, a second man was picked up for questioning.

Strikers Re-Hired By Boeing Plane Concern

SEATTLE, July 7.—(AP)—The Boeing Airplane Company said today it "hired or re-hired" 530 persons yesterday. The company statement described the figure as nearly double the previous all-time single day hiring record of 295 set during the peak of wartime employment.

Approximately half of those hired were striking Aeronautical Mechanics Union members, it was claimed.

Union officials discounted the company report with the assertion that "very few union members are going back."

The independent union struck against the company April 22 in support o demands for 30 cent hourly wage increases, eight paid holidays and retention of plant-wide seniority contract clauses.

Two Drunken Drivers Fined, Sentenced to Jail

Ronald W. King, arrested July 4 at Winchester and charged with drunk driving, was fined $100, sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and his driver's license was revoked for one year, when he appeared in court Tuesday, Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfiel reported.

Glen Louis Horton, Coos Bay, arrested at Reedsport by state police on a charge of drunk driving, was sentenced Tuesday by Justice Fred M. Wright, Reedsport, to 60 days in the county jail and fined $150 plus $4.50 costs, the commitment, signed by Justice Wright, stated.

Pearson Sawmill Near Canyonville Again Runs

The H. F. Pearson and Son sawmill, four miles northeast of Canyonville, is resuming operations this week after a winter shutdown. Equipped with a stationary diesel motor, the mill cuts up to 8,000 feet of lumber per day and eventually will go up to 10,000 feet per day, it was reported.

The mill has a small pond, a lift for drawing the logs from the water into the mill, and an edger and trimsaw. The company also owns about one million feet of second growth timber.

Week's Bond Sales In County Exceed $40,000

Douglas County's Security Bond sales last week amounted to $41,094, and the county's relative standing of 18th place remained unchanged, H. O. Pargeter, county bond sales chairman reported today. Sales of E bonds amounted to $9,094, while $32,000 went into sales of F an G bonds. The county has sold a considerable amount of bonds since the holidays, Pargeter said, but an accurate check has not yet been obtained.

Truck Damaged When It Quits Road; Driver Hurt

A truck belonging to the Pre-Mix Concrete Inc., was badly damaged and the driver, Lee Marical, sustained minor bruises, when the truck left the highway about two and one half miles north of the Glendale Junction Tuesday. Owner Buckley Bell said today he was not certain what caused the accident and is making further investigation.

CYCLISTS TAKE OVER TOWN—As townspeople watch from the relative safety of the sidewalk, three motorcyclists, whose sweaters read "Boozefighters Motorcycle Club," stop for a beer on one of Riverside's main streets. More than 2,000 cyclists, in the California town for racing at a nearby track, took over and rode wildly about the streets. One person was killed, forty-eight were jailed and the sheriff beaten up during the first two days of the holiday spree (July 4-5). (AP Wirephoto)

Sarah L. Gray Of California Death Victim

Auto Strikes Tree Near Roseburg; Husband, Baby Daughter Hospitalized

Sarah Luken Gray, 24, Burbank, Calif., was killed and her husband, Liston George Gray, and baby daughter, Sherry, age 22 months, were hospitalized at Myrtle Creek, when their car left the highway and struck a tree at mile post 227 south of Roseburg Tuesday at 3:45 p.m., State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

Gray, who has chest injuries, not believed to be serious, told investigating officers that he was attempting to pass another car, driven by Dorsey Webb, Canyonville, Sgt. Harrell said. Gray said he apparently lost control of his car when it went off the shoulder at the side of the pavement on the left side. The car swerved across the highway to the right, and then across to the left, where it left the highway and struck a tree, the Sergeant reported.

The daughter, Sherry, sustained a fractured leg. Another daughter, Janna, age five months, was not injured. Mrs. Gray was believed to have died instantly.

The accident occurred near Ford's Cafe, north of Canyonville.

Mrs. Gray's body was removed to the Long and Orr Mortuary, Roseburg.

Mob Kills Slayer of Haitian Newspaperman

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, July 7. —(AP)— A Haitian publisher was slain yesterday in a downtown street. A short time later angry mobs wrested his alleged assassin from police and killed him.

A government communique said Jean Remy, director of the official government newspaper Le Moniteur and owner of the newspaper La Republique, was shot three times as he stepped from his car.

Police immediately arrested Gerard Viau, described as a young poet and member of a government family who nursed a grudge after losing a scholarship recently. The government charged him with the shooting.

Police took Viau to a government printing office for questioning. They said a mob forced its way into the office, overpowered them and shot Viau several times.

Boys Confess Setting Fire to School Building

HARRISON, N. Y., July 7.—(AP) — Two grade school boys have been ordered to appear in Westchester County Children's Court today on charges they tried to burn down the building where they go to school.

Detectives quoted the boys, aged 9 and 11, with saying they started the fire, which Sunday night caused $4,000 damage, because "we wanted to be sure we wouldn't have a school to go back to in the fall."

SLAIN — A holiday game of hide-and-seek ended in death in a park in Seattle July 4 for Ellen Jane Fulwiler, 9 (above), whose debris covered body was found after she failed to return from play. Chief County Detective Adam Lyskoski said he's "convinced it's murder." The child, gashed and bruised about the face, was a victim of suffocation. The slayer is believed to have suffocated her, fearing an outcry. A merchant seaman is held for questioning in the case.

Sympathy Spreads Coal Mine Strikes

PITTSBURGH, July 7 — (AP) — Sympathy strikes in commercial soft coal mines spread today in Western Pennsylvania while the nation's bituminous industry waited possible court action at Washington in the two-day shutdown in steel company-owned "captive" pits.

Three new walkouts were noted in the Pittsburgh district's commercial mines as diggers stopped work in sympathy. Over the nation, nearly one-fourth of the 400,000 soft coal miners were away from their jobs.

In West Virginia, the return to work move gained momentum with unofficial estimates of the total number working rising to 85,000 out of 120,00 commercial soft coal miners. About 15,000 remain idle in captive mines.

Some 1,500 miners stayed away from the pits in Indiana but no sympathy walkouts were reported. The situation in Illinois was described as normal.

About 40,000 of the idle were miners in the steel company owned "captive" pits. They declined to work without a contract.

The steel companies did not sign the new United Mine Workers wage agreement because of its union shop clause.

Numerous steel companies were affected by the shutdown.

U. S. Steel Corp., which is losing 35,00 tons of coal daily in Pennsylvania alone, announced the banking of eight blast furnaces and 28 open hearths. Its Bessemer output at Youngstown, O., was slashed 50 per cent.

Dairymen Face Trial Under Bang's Disease Act

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 7.—(AP) — Six dairymen indicted on a charge of violating the state Bang's disease control laws must face trial sometime later this year.

Circuit Court Judge R. Frank Peters yesterday overruled the argument of Defense Attorney George Winslow that refusal of the dairymen to slaughter their animals did not constitute a crime. The court ruled the indictments valid. Trial date is expected to be set in September.

The State Department of Agriculture asked for the indictments after the dairymen refused to slaughter 28 cattle the State Department said were diseased.

Federal Funds Asked By Oregon Welfare Board

PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)— The State Welfare Commission has appealed to the Federal Social Security Board for permission to use federal funds to send out Oregon's July welfare checks.

Payment of $1,250,000 to some 30,000 welfare recipients has been delayed because of inability of Multnomah County to make its July quarterly payment to the commission.

Federal funds already in the Oregon welfare treasury could allow payment until Multnomah County funds are available later this month.

Group Ruled By Communists, Executive Says

Hall Declares He'll Not Yield to 'Threats' Of Flood Refugees' 'Agents'

PORTLAND, July 7—(AP)—Governor John H. Hall has refused to see a committee claiming to represent Vanport flood refugees because he believes the group is dominated by Communists.

The Governor announced last night he would not meet the group due at the State capitol in Salem today from Portland. He explained that he reached the decision after talking to a chief of Portland detectives.

The announcement followed the resignation of four Vanport evacuees from the Vanport Citizens Disaster Committee. The four said they believed Communists were using the distress of the Vanport people for disruptive tactics and to embarrass government officials.

Later last night, Spencer Gill, Vanport Committee chairman who was to lead a motor caravan to Salem today, issued a statement in which he said the governor has "sidestepped the just demands of people of Vanport." The statement was signed by Gill, Vaughn S. Albertson, a housing subcommittee chairman; Nels Peterson, parliamentarian; and T. B. Moore, executive committee member. The statement added: "The governor has resorted to the moth-eaten device of declaring the Citizens Disaster Committee "Communist led."

Hall Spurns Threat

Hall said he had talked to William Browne, chief of Portland detectives. He explained

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Reds Issue Warning On Food Planes

(By the Associated Press)

U. S. planes loaded coal today for flight into besieged Berlin while the Kremlin masters read three notes from the western powers demanding an end to the blockade.

The Russians were reported to have issued a vague warning about the safety of U. S. planes flying food, and today coal, to Berlin. Their news agency in Berlin said Americans are violating air traffic control rules. Allied observers expressed doubt the Russians would try to interfere in the air corridor with fighter planes or barrage balloons.

Some 25 big C-54s were to carry in the first coal, seven tons each in sacks. Coal shortages had reduced industry in Western Berlin 40 percent since the Russians stopped rail, road and barge access to the city through their surrounding zone. Western Berlin, however, needs 2,000 tons of coal a day.

Diplomats said any doubt remaining in the Kremlin about the intentions of the western allies to stay in the beleaguered city must have been put at rest by the notes the U. S., Britain and France sent to Moscow yesterday. Though secret, the notes were understood to demand an end of the blockade and to have emphasized the right which the three western nations claim to continue their occupation of Berlin.

Portland Women Battle Thief, Peeping Tom

PORTLAND, July 7. — (AP) — One man was in jail today and another may have a shiner as a result of tangling with the weaker sex.

Mrs. Henry W. Cole saw someone taking a .22 caliber pistol and a rifle from the car in which she and her husband had just returned from a fishing trip. She ran from the house, took a .22 rifle from the car and gave chase, the rifle in position to fire from the hip. The man stopped. He gave his name as Ernest D. Miley, 21.

Mrs. Mickey Galloway saw a peeping tom. She dispatched one of her children for police and she tangled with the peeper. He slugged her and she went down, dragging him with her. Then she slugged him, breaking one of her fingers. He escaped before police arrived.

Canadian Police Make Rich Narcotics Haul

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 7.—(AP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police today disclosed seizure of Mexican narcotics valued on the black market at more than $400,000.

Two men, charged with possession of narcotics, were being held. They were identified as Ronald Douglas Dean, 24, of Toronto, and William Kushnik, 32, a Vancouver mechanic.

Officials said they believed the seizure was the largest of its kind ever made in Canada.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reisenstein

The varieties of Communists in the Balkans are becoming so confusing that one can hardly tell vich is vich.