

PRO-RED MOB STORMS BERLIN CITY HALL



NEVER TOO OLD—John Henry Winfree, 80, kisses his 24-year-old bride, the former Miss Lillian Springfield, following their wedding in Houston, Texas. Winfree's first wife died last year after 55 years of wedded bliss. (Acme Telephoto)

Airfield Being Cleared At Big Camas Station

Clearing of a new airfield near Big Camas Ranger Station on the Umpqua National Forest is almost completed. The field is expected to be in use in the fall and winter by the California-Oregon Power Co., the Briggs Logging Co., and the Forest Service.

The cleared strip is 4,000 feet long, Nelson said. The runway will be 3,000 feet. The field will serve Copco's Toketee power project. Work of clearing the runway has been directed by the company, with the Forest Service cooperating in slash disposal.

It is expected that the field will be available to the Forest Service for use in supplying lookouts and fire suppression crews by air. Smokejumpers would also be based there during the summer fire season, Nelson explained. Other flyers would also be permitted to use the field.

Murderer Freed After 63 Years Imprisonment

ROME, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Santo Giglio, 85, is back at home today after spending 63 years in jail. Giglio, who lives at Afragola, near Naples, was given a life sentence for murder in 1883.

When he arrived at the station in Naples he commented: "The world is different now. When I was sentenced street cars were drawn by horses."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUR people (American, British, French) talk for four hours and 40 minutes in the Kremlin with Stalin and Molotov.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith emerges at 1:40 a.m. in a "buoyant" mood and says: "We're going to have more meetings." He added later: "We're always optimistic. We expect the best and prepare for the worst."

WHITEHALL "sources" (Whitehall is the heavy governmental area of London) loosen up a little. They say Stalin introduced certain "new ideas." Introduction of these unexplained new thoughts, they add, "dispelled fears that the diplomatic exchanges would break down." They go on in their naive diplomatic jargon: "Prolongation of the Moscow negotiations averted a potentially explosive international situation, at least TEMPORARILY."

THE Whitehall boys, the dispatches say, "stress that despite the length of the talks, the

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Labor Support of Democrats Won't Prevent Republicans From Winning, Bricker Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Democrats jubilantly forecast to-day top-heavy labor backing for the Truman-Barkley ticket in November. But Republicans disputed Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) predicted to a reporter that the CIO board meeting here next Monday will join AFL leaders in backing the president's bid for a full term in the White House.

But Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) contended that even if this occurs, it won't keep the country from electing Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the GOP nominee.

The 31-member CIO board will have before it the question of endorsing Mr. Truman's candidacy. There is not much doubt in any politician's mind that it will do so, but not by a unanimous vote. Some CIO leaders are backing Henry A. Wallace's Progressive Party.

The AFL leadership acted at a meeting in Chicago yesterday to back Mr. Truman. While the la-

The Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler to-day with increasing cloudiness Friday.

Sunset today 8:05 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:27 a.m.

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Croft Files For Another Council Term

Persuasion of Friends Prevails; Buckley Bell, Bill Evans Also File

Yielding to the persuasion of friends, Percy Croft filed his candidacy for reelection to the City Council yesterday afternoon at the City Hall. Two new candidates also entered the field of contestants for municipal office.

Both seeking seats in Ward 4, petitions were filed in behalf of Bill Evans, erstwhile candidate for county commissioner, and Buckley Bell, manager of a concrete products company, said City Recorder William Bollman.

With Croft deciding to run again for the City Council seat he has held for 14 years and with yesterday's additional filings, it appeared that a "fight" would develop in two city wards in the November election.

Croft will vie with Thomas H. Parzinger and Frank Ashley for the two council positions in Ward 1, while Bell and Evans will try for the two council positions from Ward 4. Councilman George E. West of Ward 4 is seeking reelection, but Councilman Harrison Winston has not yet filed.

When Croft announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection, he said he had served

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Prisoner at Vale Faces 1st Degree Murder Charge

VALE, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— William George Walker, 34, San Bernardino, Calif., is in jail here under indictment for the slaying of James Crawford Pirkle.

Sheriff Charles Glenn said Walker told him he shot Pirkle in self defense the morning of July 25, then threw the body into the Owyhee irrigation canal. Pirkle's skull was shattered by a .30-30 rifle bullet.

Police are still looking for the woman companion who was with Pirkle when he was last seen alive the night of July 24 in a tavern here. They were accompanied by Walker.

The sheriff said Walker told of driving the victim's coupe to the city dump here the night of the slaying and setting it afire after saturating the car with gasoline.

Pirkle's body was discovered by a ditch rider.

Walker was taken into custody at San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 16 and returned here. He is married and the father of four small children. They are in California. Walker had worked here for about two years.

Walker will be arraigned today on the first degree murder indictment.

War Veteran Confesses Slaying of Two Men

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 26. —(AP)— A 36-year-old war veteran, who Sheriff Glen Jones says twice has been in a mental hospital, was held today in the slaying of two service station operators—one here and one in California.

Jones said Clayton O. Fouquette, Redlands, Calif., had signed statements in which he said he killed Sidney A. Young in Redlands Monday and Donald O. Brown, 22, who was kidnapped from a station at Boulder City, Nev., Aug. 19.

Brown's body was found on the desert near Henderson, Nev., Sunday. The sum of \$91 had been taken from his service station. Young had been robbed of \$200 and a watch and had been fatally shot.

The sheriff said Fouquette, detained yesterday for investigation of license plate irregularities, had Young's watch in his possession.

Boxcar Shortage to Be Less Serious This Year

PORTLAND, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Western Oregon's lumber industry will again be confronted with a boxcar shortage this fall but it will be less serious than a year ago.

That is what J. Monroe Johnson, head of the office of Defense Transportation, told industry representatives yesterday.

Last year mills closed briefly until storage yards were cleared. Johnson said there would be a serious shortage of flats and gondolas but there would be a slightly better supply of boxcars.

22 Jap Children Drown When Bridge Collapses

TOKYO, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Kyodo news agency reported today that 20 school children were believed drowned when water swept away a bridge they were crossing on their way to school near Matsuyama on Shikoku island.

Escaped Douglas County Convict Gives Himself Up

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Tired and hungry, a man who escaped from the state prison 16 days ago gave himself up today to prison authorities, Deputy Warden Gene Halley said.

The man, Cecil Arnold Wolf, 54, said he had been wandering in the woods near Salem ever since he escaped.

He said Bert Blythe, 65, who escaped with him, still is in the woods.

Wolf was serving 10 years for rape in Douglas county. Blythe was sentenced to five years in Polk county for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Both walked away from the prison farm.

Justice Belt Goes With Majority in Decision on Tax

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— The Supreme Court decision holding that income tax surpluses can be used only to reduce property taxes was listed officially today as a 5-to-2 decision, instead of 4-to-2, as previously announced.

The reason for the change is that Justice Harry H. Belt, who was in northern British Columbia when the case was rearranged, has been allowed to enter his name along with the four majority justices.

When Justice Belt was on vacation, he telegraphed and telephoned a request that he be allowed to vote. The court denied his request.

But when he arrived back in Salem this week, he protested to Chief Justice George Rossman, and was allowed to have his vote recorded.

"When Justice Belt came back to Salem, he read over the decision and requested that his vote be marked along with the majority. It has been so marked," the chief justice said.

Blazing Parcel Panics Subway Passengers

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Scores of subway riders were thrown into near panic today when a mysterious package, carried by an unidentified man, exploded and burst into flames in a Brooklyn train.

Police theorized that the paper-wrapped package may have contained a bomb or other explosive. The police bomb squad collected remnants for examination. None of about 200 passengers in the BMT subway car was seriously injured.

One passenger played a fire extinguisher on the burning package, putting out the flames. When the train reached the next station, the man who carried the package disappeared in the crowd of passengers.

Polio Strikes Grandson Of President Roosevelt

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26. —(AP)— The late President Roosevelt's grandson, Curtis (Buzzy) Boettiger, is in a hospital suffering from poliomyelitis.

The 8-year-old son of Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall Boettiger by her first husband, Curtis Dall, was stricken last night and taken to the county hospital's communicable disease ward in West Hollywood.

The lad's physician said his condition is "not serious but definitely a mild case of polio."

Buzzy's grandfather was stricken with polio in the 1920's and, although he recovered, was crippled and walked with a cane. In his latter years Mr. Roosevelt frequently used an invalid's chair.

J. W. Pentney Now With PUD as an Auditor

J. W. (Will) Pentney, a former resident of Roseburg, has been appointed auditor of the Clark County, Washington, public utility district, according to word received at Roseburg today. He succeeds Ken Durgan, who was dismissed as result of a dispute between PUD commissioners and department heads.

Pentney, who was graduated from the Roseburg schools, served six years as assistant chief accountant with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission and for the past five years has been an auditor in the rates and statistics office of the Bonneville Power Administration at Portland.

Seaside Makes Profit On Buying New Auto

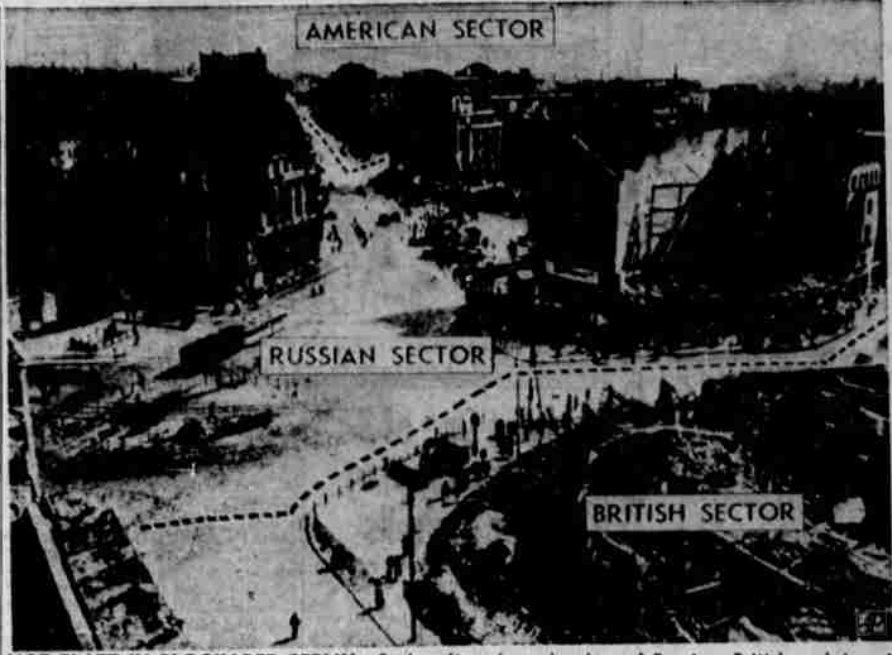
SEASIDE, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Buying automobiles is a profitable business for this town's police force.

On opening bids, the city council learned it could trade in the present police car together with a check for \$13.80 and receive a new 1948 automobile. Further, the council said, it would be able to get a return from the government on the excise tax so that the city would actually make money on the deal.

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HOT PLATZ IN BLOCKADED BERLIN—Broken line shows borders of Russian, British and American sectors of Berlin at Potsdamer Platz, current international hot spot in the former German capital. Picture of war damaged crossroads, once the principal intersection of Berlin, was made from building in British sector. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London)

Jumped Out of Russian Consulate to Escape Persecution, Mrs. Kasenkina Tells Newsmen

Lumber Mill Strike Settlement Indicated

TOLEDO, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Tentative agreement pointing to settlement of a work stoppage at the C. D. Johnson lumber mill here was indicated today by AFL Lumber and Sawmill Union representatives.

Ray Boone, business agent for local 2720, said the agreement was reached last night after a 10-hour meeting of Union and management representatives. He said the proposal will go before Union members at a Saturday meeting.

Some 600 employees are involved. The mill contract expired last April and negotiations had stalled over payment of overtime.

Financier Faces Charge of Killing Business Partner

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Police Chief John Gleason announced today that Mercer County, N.J., Prosecutor Mario H. Volpe has asked him to arrest Henry Morgan Brooks, New York City financier, for the slaying of Joseph R. Watkins, 53, his business partner.

Watkins was found shot to death last night outside the Princeton Inn at Princeton, N.J. Gleason said Volpe told him to hold Brooks on a charge of murder.

Brooks, about 61 years old, could not be found on his estate here today, Gleason said.

He lives here with his wife and one daughter.

The police chief said he understood Brooks and Watkins were partners in the Standard Foundation, an investment corporation in New York City and were connected with several interlocking enterprises.

Watkins, a member of the Watkins Pharmaceutical Co. family, was shot with a pistol, Volpe said. He was a graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law school.

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Hiss, Chambers Brand Each Other Liars at Spy Inquiry; Old Ford Car Rides Into Case

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Congressional spy probes gave chase to a 1929 jalopy today in a renewed attempt to prove whether Alger Hiss or Whittaker Chambers lied about a pre-war Communist underground.

They also started writing a report on what they have found out so far.

In a dramapacked encounter before the House Un-American Activities Committee yesterday, Hiss and Chambers told widely different stories about a Model A Ford and about nearly everything else.

They traded charges of "liar" at a hearing that ran all day and into the night. Each stuck firmly to his main points. In the face of warnings that one or the other is sure to face a perjury trial.

Chambers, 47-year-old senior editor of Time Magazine, insisted that Hiss was a member of a Red underground in Washington a dozen years ago. He said he knew because he used to be a Communist himself and served in the underground.

Hiss insisted it wasn't so, that he doesn't even have any friends who are Communists that he knows of.

Formerly a policy-making official in the State Department, Hiss, 43, now is president of the

Life 'Destroyed' By Russians, She Says at Hospital

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina says she was jumped from a third-floor window of the Soviet Consulate to escape Soviet persecution which had "destroyed" her life.

From her hospital bed, the 52-year-old Russian teacher told newsmen yesterday that she had made up her mind long before she came to the United States that she was going to quit her homeland for good.

A few hours after the interview—in which Mrs. Kasenkina spoke directly to newsmen for the first time since her jump on Aug. 12—Soviet Vice Consul Zolt I. Chepurnykh sailed aboard a freighter for Russia.

"I am going home," said Chepurnykh, "and there is no country in the world like home."

His superior, Consul General Jacob M. Lomakin, stripped of his credentials yesterday by President Truman, has booked passage to leave Saturday.

The consulate itself has been ordered closed by Moscow because of the U. S. action against Lomakin.

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City-owned Car Stolen, Police Auto Looted

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Things are getting tough in the larceny line as far as city property is concerned.

Yesterday a post-war model automobile, owned by the city and used by the city building inspector, was stolen.

The day before that, thieves broke into the police chief's car and stole some tools.

Umpqua Forest Men to Assist In Chelan Repair Job

Mechanical equipment and men of the Umpqua National Forest have been assigned to temporary duty on the Chelan National Forest in Washington State, to aid in restoring roads and trails damaged as result of the recent Columbia River floods, reported M. M. Nelson, Umpqua Forest supervisor.

Gordon Holbrook, of the Bonanza District of the Umpqua Forest, and Bernel Germond, tractor operator on the North Umpqua District, have been sent to Twisp, Wash., to operate the mechanical equipment loaned from this forest, including tractors and trucks.

Sending the equipment to the Chelan Forest accounts for delays in making fills at the new Dry Creek Bridge on the North Umpqua Road, said Nelson. When Germond returns from the Chelan Forest with a caterpillar tractor loaned to that forest, maintenance work on the North Umpqua Road will continue.

Seven Youths Jailed In Series of Burglaries

SEATTLE, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Seven youths were held in the county jail here after county detectives reported their confessions to a series of burglaries on the east side of Lake Washington.

Four were charged with second degree burglary and held in lieu of \$3,000 bond.

Three others, one a juvenile, were held without charge.

Officers said loot in the admitted burglaries ranged from a \$1,500 cash register to candy bars.

The detectives said two of the youths held without charge recently received suspended sentences at Pendleton, Oregon for burglary.

Governor's Aide Quits For Newspaper Job

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Eric Allen Jr., secretary to Governor John H. Hall, said today he is resigning effective September 4. Allen said he would become city editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune.

Allen has held the secretary's job for three years, first serving under the late Governor Earl Snell.

It's considered doubtful whether Hall will get a new secretary to serve for the remaining four months of his term.

TWO LOGGERS KILLED

TAFT, Ore., Aug. 26. —(AP)— Two loggers were crushed fatally yesterday while snaking a log down a hill at the Schooner Creek operation of the W. W. Bones Logging Company.

Clifford Andrews, 25, Neotsu, died under the log and Warren W. McKinley, 23, Taft, succumbed later. They were caught when the log snagged and the opposite end swung in their direction.

Propaganda Barrage Hits Government

Anti-Reds Make Counter Demonstration, Saying Foes 'Putsch' Failed

By RICHARD KASICHKE

BERLIN, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Backed by a howling crowd, pro-Communists forced their way into Berlin's city hall today and took over the assembly chamber for a propaganda barrage against the anti-Communist city government.

While 10,000 or more persons shouted and surged outside, some 500 pushed through police lines into the building and took seats in the third floor assembly hall. They remained there long enough to hear tirades against the city government and then left to join the huge crowd outside.

U. S. Gen. Lucius D. Clay declared in Frankfurt such demonstrations against the Berlin government are doomed to fail.

"No action committees," he told newsmen, "are going to take over the government of the millions of people we are responsible for."

Three hours later, 5,000 anti-Communists, in a counter-demonstration, denounced the Red action as "the putsch that failed."

Then Socialists, Conservative Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats gathered. They applauded speakers who denounced the Communist demonstration.

Members of the anti-Communist parties, who make up the great majority of the Berlin assembly, urged that city council quarters be moved from the Soviet sector to a "neutral" area, and that the council be given more support from the western powers.

During the wild demonstration, Communist leaders shouted demands for "an end to this bankrupt city government." They called for formation of an administration in Berlin "which will work hand in hand with the great Soviet Union and countries of eastern Europe."

Berlin's city parliament (council), predominantly anti-Communist, has been scheduled to vote today on a resolution to send a Berlin delegation to western Germany's constitutional assembly at Bonn Sept. 1. They called off the session when it became known that the Socialist Unity Party (SED), sponsored by the Russians and dominated by the Com-

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Two promotions on the staff of the Umpqua National Forest were announced today by M. M. Nelson, supervisor. Don E. Allen, timber management assistant for the Diamond Lake District, will become assistant ranger for the South Umpqua District with headquarters at Tiller, and Sherwood C. Trotter, scaler, will succeed Allen as timber management assistant at Big Camas Ranger Station.

Allen has been with the Forest Service three years, Nelson said. Trotter, serving his second season on the Umpqua Forest, is a recent graduate in Forestry of Oregon State College. Allen is a graduate in forestry of Washington State College at Pullman, Wash.

Nelson also announced the appointment of Theodore Richardson, recent graduate of Yale University where he earned a master's degree in forestry, as a timber scaler on the Diamond Lake District. Richardson will be in charge of scaling logs sold to the Klamath Lake Molding Co. He will be stationed near Chemult, Oregon.

Promotion Given Two in Umpqua National Forest

LYMPIA, Aug. 26. —(AP)— Backers of initiative 167, said today they will decide in a day or two whether to support a superior court decision declining to review an order which banned the proposal from the general election ballot.

Judge D. F. Wright held yesterday that the law does not allow him to review Secretary of State Earl Coo's refusal to certify the liquor-by-the-drink measure to the ballot. Coo ruled the measure had only 45,406 signatures. Fifty thousand are required.

Judge Wright said no evidence of fraud in the check of signatures had been presented. He said he felt the authority of his court in the case was "extremely limited."

Liquor-by-the-Drink Plan Hits Ballot Barrier

Beginning Oct. 1, old-age assistance payments in Oregon will be increased on an average of \$3.50 a month. This represents a lavish increase of better than 30 cents a day and should enable the recipients to ease their worries over the current high costs of existence.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenblatt