

Legion Policies, Plans Topics At District Meeting

Plans and policies of the American Legion were discussed Sunday at a district conference in Roseburg. The meeting was attended by approximately 35 key officers of the State Department and of District 10 and various areas.

The conference centered around plans for stimulating membership and forwarding Legion activities such as rehabilitation, child welfare, junior baseball, gifts for "The Yanks Who Gave," and other matters. Plans also were made for the initiation ceremony to be conducted Tuesday night by Umpqua Post at the Roseburg Armory when a large class of veterans will receive the Legion obligation.

Among those in attendance at the dinner meeting, held at Del Rey, were Department Commander Kelly Owens, Salem; Department Vice-Commander Sam Bowe, Grants Pass; Department Adjutant Tom Collins, Portland; Area No. 2 Commander Harry Pinkerton, Medford; Area No. 1 Commander Jess Osburn, Portland; District No. 10 Commander Gene Springer, Roseburg; District No. 10 Vice-Commander Lyle Marcy, Coos Bay; Past Department Commander Jack Maris, Canyonville, and post officers from Drain, Oakland, Sutherlin, Canyonville and Roseburg.

Most of a horse's pulling power lies in its hind quarters.

West Berlin Swats Reds in City Election

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denounced the rule of the Soviet sector. The Socialist tide ran strong, apparently attracting some former Communist supporters. Its final percentage was a gain of 13 per cent from the first post-war election of 1946.

The press of the western sectors hailed the result as a gigantic "no" (no) to Moscow. The Russian sector press hollered "fraud." In 1946 the Communists had 13.5 per cent of the vote in the western sectors and about 8 per cent of the electorate stayed home. The fact that 86.2 per cent of all registered voters turned out yesterday was held to be direct evidence of a loss of half the Communist strength in two years.

The voters chose representatives in the city and borough assemblies. Each party receives seats in proportion to its share of the total vote. The assemblymen are named by party executive committees.

Allied Officers Elated

Western allied military government officers were openly elated at the election results.

Col. Frank L. Howley, American commandant in Berlin, said: "Through the election the people of Western Berlin have decided their destiny in a free Democratic way before all the world."

Maj. Gen. E. O. Herbert, British sector commandant, said Berliners had given their answer to "the ridiculous claim of the so-called 'opera government' to rule the city."

The Communist "rump" government was chosen at a mass

meeting last Tuesday in a former musical comedy theater.

Despite strongarm tactics and fist fights during the political campaign, the election itself took place with relative calm.

No mass invasions by Red gangs were made into the western sectors. Some 10,000 German police maintained almost complete order.

German staffs of the street car and subway systems held up traffic for several hours yesterday morning to give 100,000 Western Berliners time to vote before going to "voluntary work in the Russian sector."

PARIS, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The western powers yesterday made a bid for Russia to disown the "rump" Communist government set up by the Soviets in Berlin and resume cooperation in a four-power administration.

Otherwise, they said, the chances for an agreement to end the deadlock in the blockaded former German capital will be considerably dimmed.

The western powers said the existence of a Communist regime in the Soviet sector of Berlin will end all possibility of a legal unified administration functioning on a city-wide basis.

Turkeys Arriving For Show Opening Tomorrow

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will be sent to the National Turkey Show at Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6, 7 and 8.

The Northwestern Turkey Show will be concluded this week with the turkey banquet at Kennedy's Dutch Mill Thursday. The public is invited.

Mrs. E. A. Paulson Claimed by Death

Mrs. Ellen Antonia Paulson, 47, well-known resident of Roseburg, died Sunday at the Roseburg Sanitarium following a prolonged period of illness.

She was born at Wisafjorda, Sweden, Dec. 8, 1900, and came to this country in 1925. She was married to Frank Paulson in Roseburg on Aug. 15, 1925, and made her home here for about 12 years, before moving to Grants Pass, where she resided until 1943. Following the death of her husband in 1943 she returned to Roseburg, residing here until her death.

Mrs. Paulson was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Rose Sella Paulson, Roseburg; four sisters, Mrs. J. A. Joelson and Mrs. C. H. Joelson, both of Roseburg; Mrs. H. W. Burlow, Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Hugo Sandgren, Sweden, and a brother, O. A. Johnson, Cananea, Sonora, Mexico.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Vernon Klein of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Coles Valley cemetery.

White Found Guilty Of Murder, Gets Life Term

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In the county jail later in the morning.

Jury Out Eight Hours

The verdict in the case was returned at 8:30 Saturday night,

after eight hours' deliberation. As the jurors filed back into the jury box, Judge Wimberly asked A. H. Doerner, the foreman, if a verdict had been reached. He then read from the paper that Doerner handed him:

"We, the jury... find the defendant guilty as charged and recommend that he be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for the remainder of his natural life."

When the verdict was read, the defense attorneys, Robert C. Davis and Edward M. Murphy, asked to have the jury polled. Each juror replied "yes" to the guilty verdict. The attorneys indicated that no appeal would be made.

At the penitentiary, White will join his alleged accomplice, Elmer Jesse Moser, who pleaded guilty in the second degree to his part in fatal beating and robbery of 80-year-old Willis Moffitt last Aug. 13.

The aged pensioner, reputedly Roseburg's oldest native-born resident, died in a Eugene hospital Aug. 15. White was taken in custody shortly after Moffitt had been found unconscious in a Roseburg alley and Moser was arrested the day of Moffitt's death.

Although Moser confessed his part in the alleged crime, White maintained his innocence to the end. Both were indicted for first degree murder, but before the scheduled opening of his trial last month, Moser pleaded guilty to second degree murder. He was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary.

White is going to the penitentiary where he served a previous term on a non-support charge in 1941. Then he was sentenced in the Douglas County Circuit Court to serve one year, but later was released on parole.

Mrs. Mary E. Parr Dies in Roseburg

Mary E. Parr, 79, of Ball St., Roseburg, died this morning after a short illness. She was born in Unionville, Mo., July 12, 1869, and came to Roseburg 12 years ago to make her home. She was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of Roseburg.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters Elmer Parr, Seattle; Russell and Trafton Parr, Roseburg; Mrs. Winnie Lamb, Lemon, S. D.; Mrs. Radia Ward, Sunny Mead, Calif.

Also surviving are three sisters: Mrs. Lola Weed and Mrs. Maude Critton, both of Iowa, and Mrs. Dissie Sexton, Mo.; one brother, Claude Coppock, Ia., and 25 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

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"One committee member told a reporter there isn't any real 'army,' that that was just a descriptive way of putting it."

Four Schools Still Open

3. Communists run some schools of their own in this country. The committee lists 13 but it says only these four are open now.

School of Jewish studies and Jefferson School of Social Science, New York; California Labor School, San Francisco; and Seattle Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy with occasional rain showers today. Cloudy Tuesday with rain.

Highest temp. and Dec. 7 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5 45
Highest temp. yesterday 45
Lowest temp. last night 38
Precipitation yesterday 1.24
Precipitation from Dec. 1 2.64
Precipitation from Sept. 1 9.65
Excess from Dec. 1 1.75

Red Spy Ring Bared In Discovery of Microfilm

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time, Chambers had them cached in a hollow pumpkin on his Maryland farm.

Chambers has said these particular documents never reached the Russians because he got them while he was in the process of splitting with the Reds.

Inside Aide to be Exposed

Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator for the House committee, has said the hearings starting tomorrow will establish who fed the papers to Chambers from the State Department.

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The committee regards those hearings as so important that it enlisted the help of the Coast Guard and the Navy to bring one of its members, Rep. Nixon, back from a ship at sea.

Immediately after his arrival last night Nixon went into a huddle with Stripling to go over the documents. His first reaction was that they are "so damnably important" it may not be possible to make them public.

Grants Pass Grid Team In Bus Crash; Two Die

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hospital and waited outside for several hours while the state champions were brought in and treated. Others worked with firemen at the scene.

The Greyhound Bus Company identified the driver as A. F. Coale of Portland.

All of the team members lost their personal belongings and most of the team equipment went up in flames.

But the state championship silver trophy awarded to the champions at the Multnomah Stadium turf Saturday after defeating Jefferson of Portland, 6 to 0, was saved. Coach Loffer said one of the players grabbed the trophy — or was holding it at the time of the wreck — and took it along when he squeezed out a window.

Other members of the squad aboard the bus were Bob Roark, Keith Bertrand, Don Hedgepeth, Walter Johnson, Gerald Hudson, Ed Zottola, Sid Frank, Bob Davis, Ed Malone, Ed Greenwood, Jon Walker, Bill Wilcox, Les Jordan, Bob Flock, Dale Ferguson, Don Donovan, Clint Reese. The other two coaches aboard were Russ Warner and Keith Woodward.

Heater's Death Heroic

The bus had stopped at Roseburg for dinner about 4:30 p. m. and started the last leg home-ward. It had left Portland Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Stirling Heater's death in the crash was attributed by one of the injured players to Heater's refusal to escape while he could help his teammates.

Ray Heister, whose leg was fractured in the crash, said Heater could have clambered from the window, but remained to help Alper get out of the wreckage. Apparently after that the flames trapped Heater inside.

Loffer's Work Praised

Head Coach Mel Ingram said the survivors were unanimous in their praise of athletic director Jess Loffer's work in getting the boys out of the bus.

"I am too stunned yet to get my wits together," Ingram said. "But this I can say, from all reports, my boys kept their heads. That team work they displayed on the football field throughout the season was still in evidence. They were helping each other and following the instructions of their coaches. Terrible as the tragedy was, I am thankful it was not worse, as it might well have been."

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