

# Creation Of Cabinet Dept. Of Welfare Asked By Truman

## 6 Other Plans Are Proposed By President

### Reorganization Bill On Hoover Board's Findings Basis Of New Program

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—President Truman today asked Congress to create a tenth cabinet-rank department—a department of Welfare—and to put the Commerce Department in charge of public works.

The plans—seven all told—were sent to Congress within a half hour after Mr. Truman signed the long-debated reorganization bill giving him broad powers to merge and streamline government agencies, subject to Congressional veto.

The Public Roads Administration now is in the Federal Works Agency. Welfare and social security matters are handled by the Federal Security Agency.

All the plans, if permitted to take effect, will carry out reform and economy proposals of the Commission on Government Organization headed by former President Herbert Hoover.

The other five would (A) give the Bureau of Employment Security (jobless pay and job placement) to the Labor Department, (B) reorganize the Postoffice Department, (C) enlarge the scope of the executive office of the president, (D) streamline the Civil Service Commission, and (E) strengthen the authority of the chairman of the Maritime Commission.

All seven plans were described by the White House as conforming "closely" to the Hoover Commission recommendations filed with Congress this week.

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## Four Children, Two Men Perish In Three Fires

BORING, Ore., June 20.—(AP) Two small children burned to death today in a fire that destroyed a bunkhouse on the Ezra Munson farm near here.

They were Beverly Ann Elliott, 5, and Frank Elliott, 4, part of a family of seven which had come here only yesterday to pick berries.

The fire burst out just after the mother, Mrs. Hazel Elliott, stoked the stove and left the bunkhouse for a minute to speak to a relative in a nearby trailer. Her children were still asleep.

Four older children ran to safety, but the smaller ones were caught by the rapidly-spreading flames.

The father of the victims is Lawrence H. Elliott, a section hand at Klamath Falls.

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va., June 20.—(AP)—A father climbed into the burning attic of his home early today after his three-year-old twin daughters and died along with them.

Norman Long, 38, was found near an attic window with one of the twins in his arms. Defective wiring apparently started the fire in the attic.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—(AP)—An unidentified man was killed and 40 other persons were routed last night by fire in a three-story hotel.

There was no immediate estimate of damage to the downtown, Mission Street structure.

## Housing Bill Substitute Planned By GOP Group

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP) A group of Republican lawmakers today polished up a substitute for the administration housing bill, for offer in the House later this week.

Its main feature is a provision for "a large program of direct loans for those with lower incomes ineligible for public housing and liberalization of federal housing administration mortgage insurance."

For the rest, it bears such a similarity to the administration measure—including public housing and slum clearance provisions—that few Republicans are expected to support it, aside from the 10 sponsoring it.

"Under our bill," the group said in a statement, "a beginning of over 350,000 units is practicable at rentals or prices fully within the capacity of the family income in the range of \$3,000 a year."

## Theater At Multnomah Razed By \$75,000 Fire

MULTNOMAH, June 20.—(AP)—The Multnomah theater in the downtown section of this community was destroyed by fire today, at an estimated loss of at least \$75,000.

The fire broke out in the pre-dawn hours, when no one was in the theater.

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Keizenstein  
Ultimate answer to the government's plans for Columbia River Basin development now looks like C. V. Aye.

# The News-Review

The Weather  
Cloudy today, scattered light showers. Fair and warmer Tuesday.  
Sunset today 7:56 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 4:33 a. m.

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## Tater Decker Tops Winners In Rodeo Bill

### New Mexico Cowboy Best Performer Among Seventy Contestants

Tater Decker, cowboy from Roswell, N. M., took top honors in the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Sunday, by winning the all-around championship, the Elks Club special \$500 purse, and more than \$1,150 in other cash awards.

Decker competed against more than 70 other cowboys from throughout the West—many of them champions in other famous rodeos. Decker also took lesser championships Sunday in saddle bronc riding and calf roping.

The three-day show this year had more entries than any previous show here, drawn principally by the large amount of cash awards posted by the Sheriff's Posse. There were so many entries that the program continued two extra hours Friday night in order that all calf riders and steer wrestlers could compete.

Cowboys were limited to only two appearances in an event during the three-day Rodeo. Of those who competed Friday, many skipped Saturday; others who competed Saturday skipped the Sunday show. Averages for each event were based on two appearances for each cowboy, regardless.

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## Lonely Hearts Husband Held In Double Murder

LAKEPORT, Calif., June 20.—(AP)—A lonely hearts club fan is in jail today accused of murdering his bride and her two-year-old daughter and burning their cabin to hide the crime.

The accused man, Stephen Brunshanan, 34, a mechanic, had a dossier of 31 women with whom he had corresponded, District Attorney Levett K. Fraser said.

Last on the list was Mrs. Virginia James Willgen Brunshanan, 26, former wife of a Chicago policeman, who died in the blaze last week. She and Policeman Charles Willgen were divorced, and Brunshanan married her in Hutchinson, Kan., last March 31.

The hefty mechanic was arrested Saturday after he had attended a double funeral for his wife and daughter, Ages.

The district attorney said Brunshanan made large purchases of fuel oil the week before the fire, and that unburned oil was on a rug near Mrs. Brunshanan's body.

The district attorney quoted neighbors as saying Brunshanan was reluctant to fight the fire with a hose.

## Bandit Kisses Grandma After Taking Car, Cash

KANSAS CITY, June 20.—(AP)—The bandits had a kiss for grandmother.

But grandmother—59-year-old Mrs. Sadie Crosner—would rather have her automobile back.

Her story, as told to police, was that a young man stopped into the car as she stopped for a traffic light while driving home late Saturday night.

He flourished a gun, forced her to drive to another intersection where another young man got into the car. She was then ordered to drive out into the country.

After the holdup, men rifled her purse of between \$10 and \$15, forced her to get out of the car and then drove away with the automobile.

Before leaving, however, she said one of them "gave me a motherly little kiss on the cheek and told me, 'You remind me of my mother.'"

## Bruce L. Yeager Heads Wildlife Federation

BEND, June 20.—(AP)—Bruce L. Yeager, Roseburg, is the new president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation.

He was elected after a surprise nomination from the floor at the quarterly meeting here Saturday. Ole Larson, The Dalles, was the regular committee nominee. Larson then was elected vice-president. Alway Day, Hood River, was re-elected treasurer. H. C. Tobin, Portland, will continue as secretary until Yeager names a successor.

A resolution passed unanimously asked Governor McKay to appoint an entire new Game Commission when the Game Department reorganization act goes into effect July 16.

## Motorcyclist Crashes Through Bridge To Death

ALBANY, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—Howard M. Miller, 28, crashed through a bridge guard rail on his motorcycle yesterday and dropped 120 feet to his death.

Dan Dougherty, taxicab driver, said Miller passed him on the bridge over the Willamette River here, but apparently lost control.

## 5,000,000 JOBLESS FORECAST

### Government Must Boost Business, Reduce Taxes, Provide Work, Assertion

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Two national surveys agree the nation soon may have 5,000,000 or more jobless, but they disagree for what happens next.

In reports published over the weekend: The Public Affairs Institute warned, "nothing in sight indicates a halt in unemployment trends."

The American Federation of Labor declared, "A serious business recession is almost inevitable."

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), also in a weekend statement, said the situation is confused and Congress will study it.

The Public Affairs Institute, which describes itself as a non-profit, non-partisan research organization, predicted that 8,000,000 workers will be out of jobs a year from now unless the federal government steps in to give business a boost.

Unemployment may hit 5,000,000 by the end of this year, the Institute added.

In a special report on employment, the Institute recommended tax cuts for the low and middle income brackets, emergency public works in hard-hit areas, revival of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and other federal actions to reassure and stimulate business.

"Unemployment has passed the 'spot' stage," the institute said. "It is not a local, but a national, problem."

The AFL looked over the economic outlook in its magazine, "Labor's Monthly Survey," and found the prospect good. It acknowledged there are some dangers, however, and said policies of unions, management and the government right now are "all important."

It said wages should keep moving upward to increase consumer (Continued on Page Two)

## Barker Gang Duo Slain After Theft

LINCOLN, Neb., June 20.—(AP)—Two members of the notorious Barker gang of more than a decade ago have been identified as the men shot to death in a gun duel with Nebraska officers following a \$75,000 jewel robbery last Friday.

Albert C. Gladson, 48, and Alton Crapp, 47, were identified through fingerprints last night as the men killed a little more than two hours after they had robbed a Lincoln salesman of a small fortune in diamonds.

Both had long criminal records, Crapp having spent a term in Alcatraz. Lt. Harold Smith, head of the criminal division of the Nebraska safety patrol, said.

The Barker gang, notorious for bank robberies and killings, broke up in the mid-30s after "Ma" Barker and Freddie Barker were killed by FBI agents in Florida.

Of her other sons, Arthur was killed in 1939 while trying to escape from Alcatraz. Lloyd, who served a 25-year term at Leavenworth, was killed at his Denver home March 18. Herman was killed in the early 1920s.

## COFFEE PRICE UPPED

NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—General Foods Corp. today raised its wholesale price of coffee packed in cans, jars and bags one cent a pound. The company said this includes Maxwell House and Bliss brands.

General Foods became the first large roaster with national distribution to raise coffee prices following a recent increase of one cent a pound on bag-packed coffee by several grocery chains.

## SOVIET NATION HIS FIRST LOVE

### Paul Robeson Declares Himself At Welcome To His Son And White Bride

NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—Paul Robeson, addressing a welcome-home rally shortly after seeing his son wed to a white girl, declared last night he loves the "Soviet people more than any other nation."

The Negro singer told a Harlem audience of 3,500 persons that he loves the Russians "because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future of the world."

Robeson, just returned from a tour of the Soviet Union and several countries of Europe, said he would "defy any part of an insolent, dominating America to challenge my Americanism."

The Harlem rally was sponsored by the Council of African Affairs, a group listed by Attorney General Tom Clark as subversive.

The baritone said he had experienced discrimination as a youth, and declared: "I never accepted an inferior role because of my race or color, and by God I never will."

Robeson told the crowd that in Paris he had said "it was unthinkable the Negro people of America or anywhere else in the world could be drawn into war with the Soviet Union."

## Senate Nears Showdown On Labor Law

### Taft Predicts Victory For Plan Providing For Injunctions, Seizures

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—The Senate labor law debate edged today toward a series of key test votes on how to deal with strikes imperiling the national welfare.

Senate leaders hoped for a showdown by nightfall on that issue. It is regarded generally as a key issue because the outcome is expected to point up pretty definitely for the first time the voting strength of:

(1) Those in the Senate who want to get rid of all or most of the Taft-Hartley law, and (2) those who want to preserve most of it.

As the third week of labor legislation debate began, nearly all Senators in that second group were backing a proposal by Senator Taft which would keep the Taft-Hartley provision for injunctions against critical strikes on.

Taft's plan also proposes government seizures of struck plants—something which is not authorized under the present law.

Senators in the other group—those opposed to the Taft-Hartley law—are far from being agreed on an alternative to the Taft-Hartley injunction, a provision the labor unions hate.

But the plan which appears to have the most support in that camp is one by Senators Douglas (D-Ill.) and Aiken (R-Vt.). It would let the government seize plants for up to 90 days.

## Heckling By Reds Prevents Sermon By Archbishop

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 20.—(AP)—The Communist government's security police apparently tightened their guard on Archbishop Josef Beran's palace today while Catholics weighed the meaning of organized Communist heckling at the prelate at Sunday's cathedral service.

The heckling drove him from his cathedral and prevented him from completing his sermon.

Attempts of many persons to talk to the archbishop today were foiled by security police supervising the palace reception desk and telephone switchboard.

Shrill Communist interruptions of the archbishop's Corpus Christi Day sermon in St. Vitus Cathedral yesterday brought the long battle between church and state to its highest tension. The archbishop, defiantly resisting Communist efforts to control the Church and break the spiritual rule of the Vatican over Czechoslovakia's 9,000,000 Catholics, had to leave the pulpit and return to his palace, already under the watchful eyes of the security police.

The whistling and jeering broke out from demonstrators bunched near the altar as the archbishop began a denunciation of the government's moves against the Church. The rest of the congregation, many in tears, burst into a hymn in an attempt to quell the disorder.

VATICAN CITY, June 20.—(AP)—The Roman Catholic Church today excommunicated members of the government-sponsored Catholic Action Society of Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia.

The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office issued a decree which condemned the group as a schismatic one fraudulently labeled.

## Cougar Takes Life Of Little Indian Boy

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 20.—(AP)—Wounded inflicted by a cougar took the life of a 7-year-old Indian boy last night at an Indian village 217 miles north of here.

A plane carrying a doctor and medical supplies failed to reach the village in time when it was delayed by bad weather.

The boy was identified in sketchy reports from the village as the son of Dominic Taylor, a fisherman.

## Benefit Bill For Short Term Reserves Signed

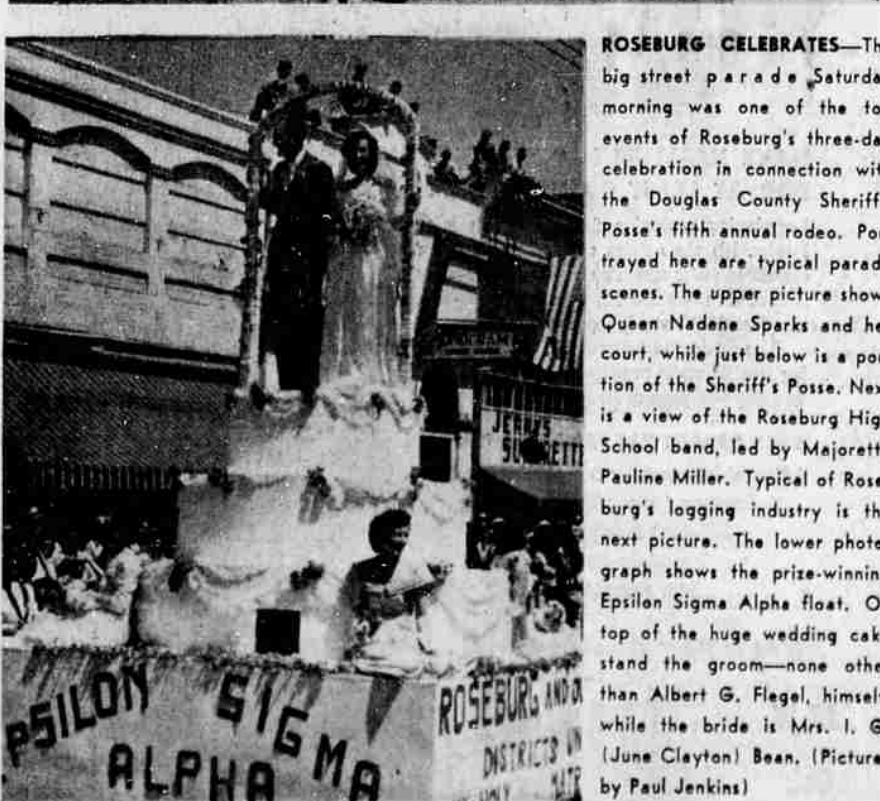
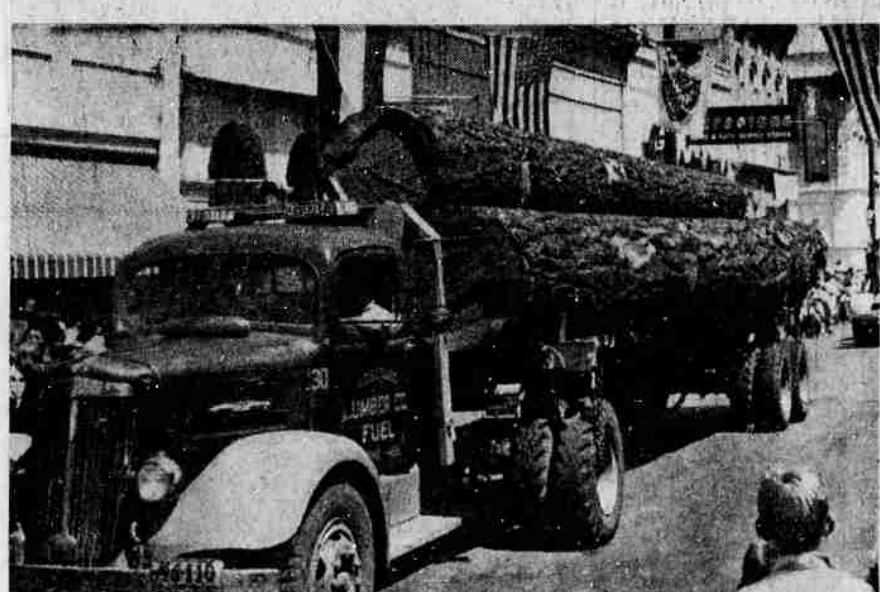
WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—President Truman today signed a bill to provide disability or death benefits for members of the armed services' reserves engaged in active duty training for periods of less than 30 days or in inactive duty training.

The President said in a statement the new law will eliminate a discrimination which has existed against Reservists and National Guardsmen.

## Girl Drowns In Siletz In Sight Of Parents

TAFT, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—While her parents stood on the river bank unable to help her, 14-year-old Barbara Joan Robertson, Logston, drowned Saturday in the Siletz River.

Police said the girl, not an experienced swimmer, stepped into water over her head and was carried off by the current. Her mother was on the bank but could not go to the rescue. The father hurried to the river's edge too late to grasp the girl before she sank and disappeared.



ROSEBURG CELEBRATES—The big street parade Saturday morning was one of the top events of Roseburg's three-day celebration in connection with the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse's fifth annual rodeo. Portrayed here are typical parade scenes. The upper picture shows Queen Nadene Sparks and her court, while just below is a portion of the Sheriff's Posse. Next is a view of the Roseburg High School band, led by Majorette Pauline Miller. Typical of Roseburg's logging industry is the next picture. The lower photograph shows the prize-winning Epsilon Sigma Alpha float. On top of the huge wedding cake stand the groom—none other than Albert G. Flegel, himself, while the bride is Mrs. I. G. (June Clayton) Bean. (Pictures by Paul Jenkins)