

Ex-Secy. Of War Patterson Or Senator O'Mahoney May Succeed Justice Murphy

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP) The death of Justice Frank Murphy opens the way for President Truman to name his third appointee to the Supreme Court. But the choice may not be an easy one.

By tradition, the post would go to a Roman Catholic since Murphy was the only member of that faith on the tribunal.

However, there has been widespread speculation for months that Robert P. Patterson, New York lawyer and former secretary of war, would get the nod when the next vacancy occurred on the high court bench.

The religious angle dampened but did not stifle this talk. But it did bring at least one other name into the speculation—that of Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) O'Mahoney is a Catholic and an ardent supporter of what Mr. Truman has labeled his "fair deal" administration. It was taken for granted that Mr. Truman will make every effort to pick a successor who will carry on Murphy's general philosophy as a champion of the poor and friendless and of racial and religious minorities.

Murphy's own description of his philosophy was this: To try to make democracy work so well that it would be safe from attacks from either the extreme left or the extreme right.

Toward that end he was passionate in pronouncements on the basic human rights of little men, stern and sharp-tongued in defense of religious minorities under attack for the practice of their beliefs.

The two Truman appointees now on the high court are Chief Justice Vinson and Justice Burton. Burton went on Oct. 1, 1945. The chief justice took over on June 24, 1946.

Murphy was the third former Michigan governor to die this year.

Death came to Chase S. Osborn—who served from 1911 to 1915—last April 11. William A. Comstock, governor from 1933 to 1935, died June 16.

Battle Between Communism And Religion In Europe Increasing

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Newspaper headlines about foreign affairs which impress me most on returning to my desk after a two weeks' vacation are those emphasizing the swelling of the battle between Communism and religion.

Developments strengthen the view ventured in this column just before I went away: "The world-wide ideological conflict between communism and democracy, involving a life and death struggle between religion and the red ism, is intensifying. We have reached a crucial period."

Since then the situation has grown more critical, especially in Europe. It has reached a point where we are justified in saying that the outcome of the war of the isms may turn in large degree on this question of religion or no religion—of God or no God.

At the moment the fiercest phase of the Moscow-directed offensive is aimed at the Vatican in Rome and the highly organized Catholic church of Europe. However, not only Catholicism but all other forms of faith come under the Red edict that religion must be exterminated as the dope of the masses.

Bitter Struggle Presaged

Only last Sunday the leading communist newspaper of Soviet occupied Germany, the Neues Deutschland, denounced Lutheran bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin as a war monger and an instrument of American aggression. This is taken as presaging a bitter struggle in that zone between communist and church officials.

I have before me a friendly letter from a Red in the state of Washington suggesting that I write a column telling "the truth about religion." He presumably doesn't find religion without faults. Well, from time to time we shall discuss the subject within the limits of our capabilities. But I'm an old cow-hand and don't intend to rope anything I can't handle. And while was born and reared in a Methodist parsonage, I don't claim to be a theologian.

However, whatever weaknesses the various religions may possess, it doesn't take a theologian to understand that since the dawn of history mankind has believed in a god, or gods, and a hereafter. Most of the peoples of the earth, civilized or uncivilized, profess some sort of religion. Maybe they can't all be right in their beliefs, but the big point is that they have 'em, and those beliefs are the most cherished things in their lives.

That's why we are entitled to say that bolshevism may break itself wide open in its determination to destroy all religions. Strong evidence of this possibility is to be seen in the terrific fight being made by Czechoslovakian Catholics to defend their faith.

Pope Plus, viewing this situation from the actual battlefield, also has declared that no government which denies God can survive.

If muffin batter does not fill all the pans put cold water in the empty ones.

Profanity Charge Faced By Actress Joan Blondell

PRINCETON, N. J. July 20.—The producer of the high-brow Princeton drama festival says he has asked Actors Equity to suspend Joan Blondell as a result of a "violent backstage brawl" growing out of the actress' alleged use of "vile and abusive" language.

But Joan says all she did was throw some face tissue at the producer, Harold J. Kennedy.

Miss Blondell's husband, Broadway producer Mike Todd, also got into the act, Kennedy charged, and was ejected by Princeton police from McCarter theater here after an altercation.

Kennedy said the whole thing happened last Wednesday, but he kept quiet about it until Miss Blondell's show, "Happy Birthday," closed over the weekend. Now he says he wants Actors Equity to suspend the Hollywood star.

Kennedy described events leading up to the free-for-all this way in a statement issued through his attorney, Hugh D. Wise.

"Miss Blondell was vicious and so constant in her use of profanity and so brutally insulting to the rest of the cast that she was jeopardizing our production."

J. D. Wright Of Days Creek Dies

Joseph David Wright, 75, well-known resident of Days Creek, died at his home July 20. Born in Tennessee May 26, 1874, he was married to Gertrude Higgins at Pawnee, Neb., on April 21, 1898. He came to Douglas county in 1901, making his home near Days Creek, where he engaged in ranching. Mr. and Mrs. Wright celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 21, 1948. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Wright, and two sons, Ray Wright and Fred Wright, all of Days Creek. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Jessie and Edna. He is also survived by two brothers, J. W. Wright, Milo, and J. L. Wright, Darby, Mont.; a sister, Mrs. Angeline Smith, Scio; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements in charge of the Long & Orr Mortuary will be announced later upon receipt of word from relatives.

Society Item Leads To Alleged Forger's Arrest

ASTORIA, Ore., July 21.—(AP) A bridegroom was held in jail here today on a charge of forgery—all because an Astoria policeman decided to read the society page.

The Astorian Budget's society item mentioned that Robert Bruck McCready and his bride were honeymooning in Kelso, Wash.

McCready was promptly arrested in Kelso, and returned here on a charge of passing \$100 in forged checks.

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses
MARSTERS - SCHELL — La Verne Eugene Marsters and Barbara Jean Schell, both of Roseburg.

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Doolittle Raid Recalled In Trial Of Tokyo Rose

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—(AP) — Memories of the famed Doolittle air raid in 1942 on Japan were recalled yesterday in the Tokyo Rose treason trial.

Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, 33, Los Angeles-born, is charged with eight acts of treason in broadcasting from Tokyo during the war.

Another American-born Japanese, Kenkichi Oki, 36, was on the stand as a prosecution witness.

In his relentless determination to show that Mrs. Aquino broadcast under compulsion, Defense Attorney Wayne Collins hammered hard at Oki's testimony.

Collins asked if it wasn't true that after the Doolittle raid on April 18, 1942, Japanese newspapers declared that if another bomb dropped on the Japanese mainland, every prisoner of war would be executed. Judge Michael J. Roche sustained a prosecution objection.

Later Oki testified that there was an official Japanese announcement that Doolittle fliers had strafed schoolhouses and children; that if there was a repetition, all Americans shot down would be executed.

Oki had testified that he heard Mrs. D'Aquino broadcast to allied troops "This is Orphan Ann, your favorite enemy."

Collins asked "did she say this laughingly, or sorrowfully?" Oki replied, "I think in her usual conversational style. After Collins repeated the question Oki said "I think it was more or less gayful."

Oki was born in Sacramento, played football for New York university in 1938, went to Japan the next year, and in 1940 signed a Japanese police registration asking to be considered a Japanese national.

Roseburg Boys Win Trophies At Model Airplane Contest



MODEL PLANE WINNERS—These two winners represented Roseburg at the Plymouth-sponsored state model plane contest at Eugene last weekend. On the left, Gene E. Foley, 16, displays trophies won in speed and stunt events to Bill W. Moats, 15, who was a winner in junior cabin competition.

Three trophies were won by two Roseburg boys Saturday and Sunday in the third annual Plymouth model plane contest for Oregon, held in Eugene, according to word received here by Bert S. Corkrum and Ben Wallace, Roseburg Plymouth dealers.

Bill W. Moats, 15, 314 North Jackson, won third place in the junior cabin-free flight event Sunday, and Gene E. Foley, 16, 927 Garden Valley road, won fourth place, class B, junior speed event and fifth place in the junior stunt event, both control-line, Saturday.

The boys competed against 149 entries for scholarships of \$750, \$500 and \$250 and four expense-paid trips to Detroit next month to compete in the third international Plymouth model plane contest with \$8750 in U.S. savings bonds awards and numerous trophies.

Plymouth dealers of Oregon sponsored the Oregon contest.

Teacher's Neatness Instruction Pays Off

BILLINGS, Montana.—(AP)—During her 32-year teaching career, Miss Cora McCormick always stressed neatness to her pupils.

That was one reason it distressed her so much when the weeds in her back yard took over and she was unable to cope with them. A neighbor—and former pupil—noticed Miss McCormick's plight. She called other former pupils of the now retired teacher.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock sharp, former McCormick students began arriving at their one-time teacher's home. The menfolk cleared off the weeds, spaded up the grounds, sowed grass seed and had the new lawn all watered down by noon.

The women cooked food for "lawn party" guests at the house next door.

Society Burglar Draws 18 Years In Prison

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 21.—(AP)—Handsome society burglar Gerard Dennis was sentenced Tuesday to 18 years to life in prison.

The 29-year-old Canadian-born Dennis, accused of a \$600,000 chain of burglaries reaching from New York to Hollywood, had pleaded guilty to seven counts.

Westchester county judge Elbert T. Gallagher gave him 18 years to life on each count but specified that the sentences run concurrently.

Atomic Energy Project Official Discharged

SANTA FE, N. M., July 20.—(AP) The Los Alamos atomic energy project disclosed Tuesday that H. Tracy Snelling, missing director of public relations, has been suspended.

Rodney Southwick, who was sent from AEC Washington headquarters to take over Snelling's post on a temporary basis, said the suspension was effective as of Monday morning.

Southwick said there is nothing new in the search for Snelling who left the atomic project northwest of here Wednesday.

He has been traced as far as El Paso, Tex. His disappearance touched off a widespread search covering the entire southwest.

He was to have led a group of newsmen to the central New Mexico desert Saturday, to inspect the site of the first atom bomb explosion.

Hepner Fire Diverts Wheat To Lexington

HEPPNER, July 21.—(AP)—Wheat ranchers will truck their grain to Lexington from where it will be shipped to Portland under emergency arrangements reported today following Monday night's disastrous grain elevator fire here.

Directors of the Morrow County Grain Growers cooperative have begun to discuss rebuilding plans. Their destroyed structure was the largest elevator in Morrow county.

At Portland, Balfour Guthrie Co., owner of an elevator and warehouse, reported that rebuilding plans had not yet been made. An official of the company is to inspect the ruins tomorrow.

Federal Budget Deficit Starts Fresh Increase

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP) The government's budget deficit rose above the billion dollar mark in just 15 days after this fiscal year started July 1, Treasury data showed yesterday.

By July 15, the government had overspent its income exactly \$1,019,848,248.70. It took in \$956,127,729.90 in the 15 days, and spent \$1,975,975,978.60.

This was a better standing than the \$1,214,178,371.58 deficit at the same point in the previous fiscal year. That period ended last June 30 in a deficit of \$1,811,000,000.

Most observers are now guessing on a deficit of \$2,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 for the current fiscal year as a whole.

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