



BARKLEY KISSES A QUEEN—Vice President Alben Barkley kisses Lucy Dove Humphries after she was crowned Bicentennial Queen of the three-day 200th anniversary celebration at Culpeper, Va. The 71-year-old Barkley, a widower, told the crowd "while I am in the mood, I may crown one (a queen) of my own some of these days—and keep her." (AP Wirephoto)

Ex-Prison Warden To Join Court Of Last Resort

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Tom Smith, for four years superintendent of the Washington state prison, will join the staff of a group of nationally known magazines in conducting the court of last resort, he said here yesterday.

Smith ended his work at the penitentiary Tuesday and was succeeded by John R. Cranor of Chicago, recently appointed by Gov. Arthur B. Langlie.

The court of last resort, organized more than a year ago, is to

assist inmates of penal institutions who believe they have been unjustly convicted. The court gained national recognition this year in the Clarence Boggie case. Smith said he would work with Earle Stanley Gardner, well known writer.

The 45,000 square feet of faience clay tile wall surfacings in the network of subway concourses under Philadelphia's City Hall section is believed to constitute the largest faience tile installation in the world.

Accused Bulb Dealer Heard In His Own Defense

SALEM, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The State Agriculture department's two-day hearing about the Sherwood bulb gardens ended Tuesday night, and the department's order is expected in a few weeks.

The department charged the gardens—one of the Northwest's biggest bulb sellers—with fraud, deception and misrepresentation, and ordered the hearing so L. E. Marcus, owner of the gardens, could defend himself. The department wants to refuse to renew his nursery license.

Marcus testified that when the department ordered the hearing, his business shrank so much that it caused him serious financial difficulties.

But on cross-examination, he admitted he had been in financial deep water before the hearing was ordered.

Marcus said he had conferred with a referee in bankruptcy, but he denied he had been under pressure from his creditors.

He said he has proposed that a group of Portland businessmen pick a committee of five persons, including creditors, to run the business for him, and that he would confine his activities to promoting the business.

Marcus said that at the peak of last season, he hired 220 persons, but that now he has only 21 employees.

Marcus said his business grew from a \$60,000 annual volume in 1946 to \$1,000,000 last season.

He vigorously denied the state's charges that he has been selling bulbs which were dead or diseased, and that he sells products inferior to those which are advertised.

Marcus said his complaints amounted to only 1 percent of his orders, which he considers a good record.

He declared that when the department ordered the hearing, his credit was damaged greatly.

Proctor, V.L., calls itself the marble capital of the United States; about 70 percent of the nation's supply comes from Proctor quarries.



'IN SPITE OF' PAINTER—Arnulf Stegman, head of a publishing house in Munich, Germany, called "In spite of," which gives jobs only to disabled persons, works on a sketch with pencil in mouth. His arms have been paralyzed since childhood.



SAUER-PUSS—Joe Tabby starts in on a can of his favorite food—sauerkraut. To heck with fish and chips, milk or catnip. That's for sissies. The bitter cabbage, according to Joe, is good for his fur and besides it conditions him to take on any would-be cat challengers in his Yakima, Wash., territory.

Army Secretary To Be Quizzed In "5 Pct." Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A House armed service subcommittee voted Monday to ask army Secretary Gordon Gray for information on any five percenters who may have been connected with the military uniform business.

Rep. Hebert (D-La.) told reporters Gray will be heard today behind closed doors.

Stanley J. Cummings, executive secretary of the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers, Inc., was also due to testify. Hebert said the subcommittee has been unable to get in touch with him.

Cummings is on a vacation. Hebert said, and not expected back at his Brooklyn, N. Y., home until Aug. 15. The subcommittee will decide after talking to Gray whether it then wants to question Cummings.

Hebert said Cummings told him personally three weeks ago of having been approached by James V. Hunt, a former army quartermaster colonel, in connection with a pending army order relating to the manufacture of officers' uniforms.

Hebert said he was told that Hunt offered—for \$25,000—to try to get Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman, former quartermaster general, to rescind an army order relating to army plans for manufacturing uniforms.

Cummings turned the deal down because his association could not afford the fee, Hebert said.

Hebert's subcommittee, which has been studying policies of the armed forces on supplying officers' uniforms, jumped into the five percent investigation alongside the special Senate investigations subcommittee headed by Senator Hoey (D-N. C.). Hoey's group has been looking into Hunt's affairs, among others, for several weeks.

Senate investigators are covering the field of agents who help businessmen get government contracts—for a fee, usually five percent of the contract figure. The practice is legal, but the committee is interested in the possible extent of influence on public servants.

Accounting Of American Aid To China Brings Interesting Facts To Light

By PETER EDSON
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WASHINGTON.—Sentiment is piling up in the U. S. Senate to give Nationalist China some more military assistance.

This lends interest to an accounting for the last \$125,000,000 worth of military assistance given to Chiang Kai-shek's government in June, 1948, with which to fight the Communies.

The Chinese embassy in Washington reports that about \$50,000,000 of this sum went to buy arms and ammunition. The embassy further reports that all but \$17,000,000 worth of these goods have been delivered or are en route to China.

Some of the goods, like truck spare parts, radio and signal corps equipment which had to be made up special, won't be delivered for another six months.

Of the total amount, \$87,500,000 was allocated to buy ground force supplies, \$28,000,000 aviation supplies and \$9,500,000 aviation supplies.

As to how much good these supplies did, there is some difference of opinion. There have been some reports of U. S. supplies—particularly aviation gasoline—finding their way into the black market or being used by troops that in the end went over to the communist side, taking their equipment with them.

The two communist divisions that captured Nanking have now been identified as former National divisions turned commies.

How Money Was Spent
The law authorizing the last \$125,000,000 worth of military assistance at Nationalist China was passed in April, 1948. The appropriation was made on June 28, just a little over a year ago.

There was no provision in the law for the U. S. armed services to help procure the materials wanted by the Chinese. President Truman ordered them to do it anyway.

Here's what happened, according to trustworthy sources here:

About a third of the naval allocation went for fuel. The other two-thirds went for spare parts for the 131 surplus vessels and 50 landing craft previously given to the Chinese government without charge. Four destroyer escorts were given to the Chinese.

The U. S. air force bought \$7,750,000 worth of aviation equipment for the Chinese account. Four million dollars worth has been shipped. The rest is on order.

The Chinese government itself has bought in the open U. S. mar-

ket another \$20,250,000 worth of aviation supplies, plus \$23,500,000 worth of equipment for ground forces.

The story of the \$64,000,000 worth of supplies bought for the Chinese by the U. S. army is a tangled tale.

One source claims that at the outset, the Chinese lost a month in comparing army prices with open market prices. By Aug. 31 the U. S. army had determined that it could supply all requirements for 30-caliber rifles, carbines and small arms ammunition from current (not surplus) U. S. stocks. But the Chinese delayed placing any orders for another month.

Aid Proves Useless
In September the army reported it could supply signal, engineer and medical equipment wanted by the Chinese. In that same month the U. S. treasury, at Chinese government request, transferred \$25,000,000 to the army for purchase of metals and powder base materials for Chinese arsenals.

On Oct. 4 the Chinese asked the treasury to transfer to the army another \$37,000,000. Goods began to move at last.

The first boat was unloaded at Shanghai and Tsingtao late in November, as ordered. On Dec. 6, however, the Chinese notified the U. S. government that all future shipments should be made to the port of Keelung, on the island of Formosa.

This date may be important. Though Tientsin did not fall until mid-January and Shanghai until the end of May, as early as December the Nationalist government had apparently given up any hope of holding the mainland.

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"Miss America" Starts European Crusade For Mental Cleanliness

By DONALD B. SCHWIND

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—"Miss America," reigning queen of U. S. bathing beauties, Monday started a 33-day crusade through Europe for clean thinking and bona fide bosoms.

Bebe Shopp, 18-year-old Minnesota honey-blonde, arrived by plane on a European beach tour. She gave falsies short shift:

"I don't wear them and I never will," she said. "A girl must be her very own self."

Sleek in a gleaming nylon one-piece bathing suit held taut by her corn-fed curves (but 37 inches), Bebe told a news conference:

"If the world's women would concentrate on improving themselves physically and mentally, it would be a much better world." She added:

"Falsies aren't honest. Of course, if a girl feels she must wear a pair, that's her own affair—but as for me, give me plenty of milk and loads of good nourishing food."

Bebe is in Europe to round off her reign as "Miss America," the title she holds until Sept. 10. She is also going to leave her imprint (hips 38 inches) on some of the leading beaches. She will show herself at Deauville and Cannes in France and the Venice Lido.

"Miss America" confided she is a teetotaler and doesn't smoke. She was accompanied by her chaperone, Mrs. Virginia Safford of the Minneapolis Star and Sunday Tribune, who said:

"Bebe's never really been out with a man of the world."

Commenting on the silver blue mink wrap a fur firm gave the bathing beauty, Mrs. Safford added: "She gets her minks the hard way."

Bebe said her campaign for clean thinking will center on the bra-and-panties bathing suit, especially the French version which she described handily as "a dab here and here and a bit right down here and back there."

"It's a matter of morals," she

North Bend Boy Kills Brother In Play With Gun

NORTH BEND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Frank Alan Bolton, 3, was fatally shot Tuesday night by his 8-year-old brother, who thought the safety was on the gun.

The children were playing in their family trailer house, parked at the state gravel dump. They had come here from Veneta, Lane county, only two weeks ago, for the father, Frank M. Bolton, to work on a state highway paving job.

John Bolton, 8, said he picked up the gun and pointed it toward his brother, thinking the safety was on. His finger slipped on the trigger.

"I picked up my little brother and placed him on the bed," he told police. "He was bleeding a lot—then neighbors came and took him away. We were just playing; I did not want to shoot him."

Robert Isham, Grants Pass, also camped in the same area, rushed the boy to a hospital, but he died two hours later.

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explained, "So much unrestrained nudity has a bad moral effect on men as well as on people generally."

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