

THREE POWERS AGREE ON BRITISH AID STEPS



MISS AMERICA OF 1949—Jacque Mercer, (Miss Arizona) of Phoenix, Ariz., on the runway of Convention hall, Atlantic City, a moment after she had been crowned Miss America of 1949. The 18-year-old brunette triumphed over 51 competitors from the United States, Canada, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.—(AP Wirephoto).

MISS AMERICA CHOSEN

Arizona Ranch Girl Gains Title In Finals; Challenge Is Issued By Mrs. America

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 12.—(P)—An Arizona ranch girl headed for the big city today to start her career as Miss America, 1949.

Dark-haired, brown-eyed Jacque Mercer of the X-Bar-X ranch, Litchfield Park, Ariz., who won the title Saturday night, starts on a round of personal appearances that will take her back across the continent.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE British government submits to the United States a four-point request for special action it believes this country must make if the world is ever to see again relatively normal international trade. The third of these points calls upon us to:

"Base American policy on the realization that, while American exports are much larger than American imports, overseas investments are essential. American investment policies should be liberalized and the investments should be spread as widely as possible."

THAT is to say:

Americans, who are about the only people of consequence in the world who have any saved-up capital left (after the terrible wastage of the last war) should

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Grounded Motorship Will Be Abandoned To Waves

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—(P)—The British motorship Pacific Enterprise will be left to the mercy of the wind and sea where it ran aground off Point Arena, 100 miles north of here.

All hope to salvage the abandoned vessel was given up yesterday. Her holds, containing one million dollars worth of Canadian wheat, were flooded. The vessel ran aground early Friday in a fog.

More U. S. Ships Go Into Mothballs With Pared Navy Budget For Coming Year

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—The navy, with an ear to predictions of broadscale reductions in military spending in the next fiscal year, already is getting ready to put more warships on the shelf.

Starting later this month, the navy will begin to take ships out of the active fleet and tie them up.

The program will continue throughout the rest of this year and in the first half of next. The idea is that by the time the navy starts operating with funds for the 1951 fiscal year (starting next July 1) it will be pared down to fit the present guess of navy officials about the budget's size.

To the laid-up fleet, along with several carriers, will go other ships that support modern day carrier task forces—including destroyers and probably some cruisers.

The defense department is scheduled to send the preliminary estimate of fiscal 1951's money needs to the budget bureau on September 15.

The Weather

Fair today and Tuesday; slightly warmer.

Sunset today 6:29 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:50 a. m.

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ROSEBURG, OREGON—MONDAY, SEPT. 12, 1949

Sutherlin Man Loses Life at Heceta Beach

Five Persons Drown In Sea Over Weekend

Pacific City Tragedy Causes Three Deaths; Fifth Is At Coos Bay

Harold Webster Curry, 29, Sutherlin truck driver, while fishing, was drowned in the surf at Heceta head near Florence Saturday at about 3 p. m., according to Douglas County Coroner Harry C. Stearns.

Stearns said Curry slipped off the rocks, striking his head as he fell.

Curry was a veteran of World War II, serving a staff sergeant in the 91st division.

Surviving besides the widow, Ellen, and one child, Jeanette, are his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Curry, Palmer, Ida; four brothers and a sister, Harry Earl Curry, Wooster, Ohio; Don Eugene Curry, Sutherlin; Kenneth Glenn Curry, Roseburg; Billie Edward and Betty Lou Curry, Palmer, Ida.

Services will be held in the Sutherlin Methodist church Monday at 2 p. m., with Rev. C. E. Brittain officiating and under the auspices of the Sutherlin American Legion post. Final services and interment will take place at Star, Ida.

Arrangements are in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

(By The Associated Press) Five persons drowned in the Pacific surf along the Oregon coast over the weekend, three of them at Pacific City where

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Warden Doubts Benson's Story Pinson Is Dead

SALEM, Sept. 12.—(P)—State Prison Warden George Alexander was skeptical today that escaped convict John Pinson was dead and buried near here.

William Benson, captured in Columbus, O., last week, told Columbus police Saturday night that Pinson died of the wounds received when the two men went over the prison wall on Memorial Day.

"Even if Pinson did die following his escape, I don't believe he was buried in or near Salem," the warden said. "I am more inclined to believe Benson's story, told immediately after his arrest in Ohio, that both he and Pinson were outside of Oregon within 24 hours after they scaled the prison wall."

State police here also doubted Benson's story. They questioned that the two men could have remained in the Salem area nearly a week and avoid the police dragnet around the sector.

Benson, who hadn't said anything about Pinson during the first days of his capture, told the death story to Detective William E. Bonner in Columbus Saturday night.

Sen. Wayne Morse Rests After Horse Throws Him

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 12.—(P)—Senator Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.) was confined to a hospital here today after being thrown from a racing buggy at the Oregon State fair horse show. He was not seriously hurt, but had been knocked unconscious.

The accident occurred Saturday night while the 48-year-old senator and horseman was driving a four-wheeled roadster pulled by his show horse, Sir Laurel Guy. The cart skidded on a turn and rolled over. He was carried unconscious from the arena but revived at the hospital.

Dr. E. S. Fortner reported X-ray pictures revealed no broken bones. He ordered the senator to rest for a few days in the hospital. The accident was the second of almost identical circumstances in three nights for Senator Morse. He had walked away from the earlier upsetting.

Oregon State Fair Ends With Record Attendance

SALEM, Sept. 12.—(P)—The week-long Oregon State fair closed yesterday with a new attendance record, in spite of the rain that fell in the past three days.

Total attendance was 266,645, which was 2,500 more than the previous mark set last year. A new betting mark of \$447,919 was established for the horse races. The old record was \$355,652 in 1948.

WAC LEADER DIES ATLANTA, Sept. 12.—(P)—Miss Jessie Peair Rice of Griffin, Ga., wartime deputy director of the WAC, died yesterday after a long illness.

Blood Sight Brings Vicky Out Of Daze

Sgt. Harrell Testifies Accused Remembered Seeing Mojonner On Bed

A broken medicine bottle and the sight of blood on her cut fingers brought Victoria Sanders out of her daze, enabling her to remember Ralph Mojonner as he looked on the bed the last time she saw him, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell testified in Victoria's murder trial this morning.

As the trial moved into its second week, the state recalled Sgt. Harrell to the stand this morning, and also called former Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. J. H. Williams as witnesses. Williams and his wife were jailer and matron when Vietyng was held in the county jail two years ago.

Said in Daze In previous testimony, it was brought out that Victoria had been in a "daze" when she fled the scene of Mojonner's death, in their house about two miles west of Drain, Oct. 28, 1947. She "woke up" on a Portland-bound bus after cashing four worthless checks in Drain.

Sgt. Harrell testified that, in an interview with Victoria in the county jail, Nov. 15, she had regained her memory as the result of dropping a medicine bottle, and seeing the blood on her hands as she picked up the pieces from the floor.

"When I saw blood on my hands everything went black and I kept seeing more blood and when she looked on the bed the last time I saw him," Victoria told the Williamses, who calmed her down when they discovered her shrieking in her cell.

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Forest Grove Ordered To Stop River Pollution

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(P)—State Sanitary commission officials have ordered Forest Grove to stop polluting the Umatilla river.

The order followed discovery of thousands of dead fish floating in the river. The destruction of the fish life was blamed on the dumping of liquid sewage waste into the river by the Forest Grove municipal disposal plant.

First Violator Arrested On Non-Stop Bus Law

Arrest of the first alleged violator of Oregon's new school bus stop law was reported today by Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter.

Sheriff deputies arrested Delco Eugene Groves, Melrose route, for failing to stop his car while a school bus was loading.

The law, passed by the recent legislature, makes it mandatory to stop if meeting or overtaking a school bus which is loading or unloading. Cars are to remain stopped until the bus resumes forward motion. Lawmakers provided for a possible fine of "not more than" \$100 to be levied against offenders.

Groves was cited to appear in justice court today.

Turkish Consulate Is Bomb Explosion Target

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Sept. 12.—(P)—A bomb exploded at the Turkish consulate in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, last Friday, the semi-official news agency Anatolia reported today.

There were no deaths, the report said.

Another bomb was discovered Saturday morning, the agency added, but Bulgarian militia neutralized it before it exploded.

The Turkish minister has asked the Bulgarian government to investigate.

FALL OPENING DATED Annual Affair To Tie In With Dedication Of New Street Lighting System

Final plans are being made for the "biggest and best" Fall Opening Roseburg has ever seen, according to Roland West, president of the Retail Merchants association.

Working in conjunction with city officials, the Fall Opening is to coincide with the inauguration of Roseburg's new "great white way" street lighting system Wednesday evening, Sept. 21.

West said the city and the company, which contracted to install the lights, are working feverishly to have all in readiness by that time.

Included in this year's Fall Opening will be a repeat of the "treasure hunt," which proved so popular with citizens last year.

Prizes offered this year will be even better than last, West said. They will be on display in each store window at 7:30 p. m. Sept. 21, at the time of the unveiling of windows.

Merchants will be competing against each other for the distinction of having the "best dressed window" in town. Impartial judges, chosen by the News-Review, will view each window display entered the night of the Fall Opening, with pictures of the prize-winners published the following day.

A gala celebration, complete with band music and an official street light inauguration program to be broadcast over the air, will be offered. Fall Opening planners have also made tentative arrangements for street dances, featuring local musicians.

Roseburg Lions Slate 100 Per Cent Attendance

A 100 percent attendance night Thursday, Sept. 15, is the hope of Roseburg Lions as International Association of Lions clubs in competition for awards in the 1949-50 attendance contests.

This week, Sept. 11-16, has been designated 100 percent attendance week by the Chicago headquarters of the Lions International. Attractive prizes will be offered the 365,000 members of 7,175 clubs in 25 different countries.

In addition to club awards, attendance awards to individuals will be given members with outstanding records of unbroken attendance during the 32 consecutive weeks in which this annual contest is in progress.

Many local Lions have earned individual awards for perfect attendance, ranging from one to five years. During last year's contest, the Roseburg Lions club was presented a plaque of recognition for its attendance record.

Driver Cited To Appear Following Car Accident

Marvel Mahala Van Horn, Roseburg, was cited for violation of the basic rule Sunday morning when the car he was driving went out of control one mile north of Myrtle Creek on highway 98, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell said today.

Sgt. Harrell said Van Horn failed to negotiate a curve, sheared off a tree and hit the bank before coming to a stop. He was not seriously injured.

Abbott Gives Late Account To Reporters

Job Is Still Far From Complete, But Progress Said Very Encouraging

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Canadian Finance Minister Douglas Abbott said today the United States, Britain and Canada have agreed on a program of immediate steps to combat Britain's dollar crisis.

In a speech prepared for a national press club luncheon, Abbott declared that finance and foreign policy ministers of the three countries, now closing their week-long meeting here, have made very encouraging progress.

He said, however, that the job is far from complete and that there is "no prospect of immediate relief from all our difficulties." Of positive accomplishments, he said:

Agree On Direction "We have determined what steps can be taken at this time, and above all, we have agreed on the direction in which we must work. Each of our governments must constantly re-examine the adequacies of our policies in the light of the ultimate goal of preventing recurrent dollar-shortage crises."

Abbott did not spell out what the steps would be. But he did say that "We have made a good beginning" and clearly indicated that the three nations had agreed to close and continuing consultation to get Britain out of its immediate financial hole and to keep it out.

A three-power communique was expected during the day.

Greater Freedom In advance, however, officials familiar with the work of the conference said the proposed steps will include (1) greater freedom for Britain in spending Marshall plan dollars for Canadian wheat and (2) acceptance by the United States of Britain's need to discriminate against American goods in order to conserve dollars.

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2 Senate Groups Stamp Approval On Arms Funds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P) Two senate committees today jointly stamped formal approval on a \$1,314,010,000 plan for re-arming friendly nations against Communism.

The final vote—20 to 3—cleared the way for the arms bill to go to the Senate. There it faces another fight by a group determined to make a deep cut in the total spending.

The senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees voted for this arms program: \$1,000,000,000 for the North Atlantic pact nations—divided 50-50 between cash and contract authorization and with some restriction on use of the cash; \$211,370,000 for Greece and Turkey.

\$27,640,000 for Iran, Korea and the Philippines. \$75,000,000 to aid anti-Communists in China with President Truman to spend the money where he sees fit without making any report to congress.

The bill is in the form of an authorization. Funds must be provided later by appropriation.

Ralph Ohman Is Elected State Printers Director

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore., Sept. 12.—(P)—Master printers of Oregon have re-elected six directors at their annual convention session here.

The directors were Ed Turnbull, Eugene, who has been president the past year; Jack Biggs, Pendleton; Otto Smith, Klamath Falls; Ralph Ohman, Roseburg; Phil Bladine, McMinnville; and Orrin M. Downey, Portland.

Flying Captain Who Charged Navy Offensive Scuttled Gets Backing Of Navy Head

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—The head of the naval air training program spoke out strongly today in support of the flying captain who charged that navy offensive strength is being scuttled.

"When John Crommelin, a great naval officer and a very superb naval aviator, speaks, the American people should listen to him."

Those were the closing words in a statement by Rear Admiral Austin K. Doyle of Glenview, Ill. Crommelin issued a statement Saturday in which he protested that navy power is being wrecked in the Pentagon, headquarters of the armed services. He said it is being "nibbled to death" and navy morale destroyed.

The navy and air force for several years have engaged in a bitter dispute over their respective roles in strategic warfare.

The 46-year-old captain said that in making his statements he knew he was breaking regulations and expected he was throwing overboard his 30-year navy career.

A navy spokesman told a reporter today, however, that (Continued on Page Two)



COUNTY EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR—This is how Douglas county's exhibit appeared at the state fair in Salem last week. The display featured two cut-out wooden figures representing loggers bucking a tree. These figures were displayed at the county fair in Roseburg. Fruits and vegetables grown in Douglas county also were on display. Paul Abael, manager of the county fair, was in charge of this exhibit at the state fair.—(Columbia studios, Portland.)