

LEWIS SNUBS BID TO PARLEY ON COAL PEACE



RED RECEPTION—Huge crowd of guests mingle about beneath a portrait of Premier Stalin at the Washington Soviet embassy's reception celebrating the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of the "Great October Socialist Revolution" which swept the Communists into power in Russia.

The Weather
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today, increasing cloudiness tonight. Rain Friday.
Sunset today 4:54 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:01 a. m.

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Mediator, Mine Owners Left Fuming

Ching, Finding Truman Undecided, Drops Try To Promote New Contract

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—(AP) John L. Lewis today snubbed the government's bid to a coal peace conference and Cyrus Ching, federal mediator, said he was dropping his efforts to smooth the way to a new mining contract.

Ching went to the White House and reported that Lewis, instead of showing up for the peace talks scheduled for this morning, had sent a wire saying he would see the mediators on Monday.

When he left the White House, Ching told reporters he would tell the mine owners here for the conference to go on home.

He said he had other plans and would be too busy to see Lewis on Monday.

Ching added: "I haven't any plans at this time for calling any further meetings in the coal dispute."

He hedged that a bit later, however, by saying that he was not ruling out the possibility that another government effort to promote peace might be made.

Asked if he expected President Truman to take any action in the coal dispute in view of today's developments, Ching said: "Not yet. There are no plans for anything like that yet. Nothing has been decided."

However, if President Truman should decide that the mediation service can accomplish nothing in the situation, he might turn to other means. He could establish a fact-finding board or he could invoke the Taft-Hartley law.

The T-H law permits the government to seek a court order halting a strike for 90 days.

It was quite obvious that the government was going to make strong efforts to prevent another coal walkout at the end of the month.

It was also plain that officials were pretty annoyed by Lewis' (Continued on Page Two)



BRIG. GEN. C. T. BEECHER
Armistice Day Speaker

Armistice Program Readied For Roseburg Participation; Football Game Is Canceled

Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, USMC Ret., of Days Creek, who was the ranking Marine officer on Corridor when the Philippines fell, will address Roseburg's Armistice day service tomorrow.

The memorial service will be held at the Indian theater at 10:45 a. m., following a parade of veterans' organizations and military units through Roseburg's downtown streets.

Although the Armistice day program will include the parade, theater program and potluck lunch at the armory, the scheduled afternoon football game at Pinlay field has been canceled.

The parade will start at the county courthouse at 10:15 a. m., and will proceed west to Jackson street and south to the theater, where the program will begin at 10:45 a. m.

An invocation will open the observance in the theater, followed by singing of the national anthem by the audience.

At 10:58, Warren Mack, News-Review reporter, will sing "My Buddy." The song will be followed by a period of silence in honor of the war dead.

Representatives of various military and veterans' organizations will be introduced. Also on the program will be the Roseburg Choral society, which will sing. All veterans and their families are invited to participate in a potluck lunch at the armory following the theater program.

Women are asked to bring salads or desserts. The main course will be furnished by sponsors of the Armistice day observance. Cancellation Explained

School Superintendent Paul S. Elliott announced that the football game planned in connection with the day's observance has been canceled. He said it was with sincere regret that this move was

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Operation Of Pinball Hit By Decision

WASHINGTON High Court Ban Means Annual Loss Of \$6 Million Revenue

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 10.—(AP) State officials pondered a state supreme court decision today to see if the jurists had dropped another bomb into Washington's muddled financial picture.

Five members of the court ruled unanimously yesterday that pinball machines are gambling devices and prohibited by state law. The decision was handed down in overruling a Spokane county superior court order prohibiting the city from enforcing an ordinance banning the machines.

Five persons would comment on the state-wide effect of the ruling pending a close study of the decision. Asst. Atty. Gen. John Newlands said, however, that any crackdown on the machines would rest with county prosecutors.

One high state official, who asked that he remain anonymous until he has had a chance to read the decision, raised the question (Continued on Page Two)

Corvallis High Reinstated But Games Forfeited

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—(AP) Corvallis high school was reinstated by the Oregon School Activities association today but all football games played thus far were declared forfeited.

The reinstatement and the penalty were reported by Tom Pigott, secretary of the association. Pigott said Corvallis was free to play its scheduled game with Albany tomorrow.

It was for painting "Beat Albany" signs on the Albany field that the suspension was ordered. Corvallis had been one of the contenders for the district 4 football title.

Pigott said the forfeiture of all games won thus far ruled Corvallis out of contention now. The record, showing all games to date lost, had too many defeats for a title-aspiring team, he said.

The suspension was ordered Tuesday afternoon. The swift reinstatement, Pigott said, reflected the board of control's feeling that Corvallis school officials had acted promptly and properly in reporting the painting incident by themselves as soon as they learned of it. Corvallis also made restitution, he said, by paying the cost of removing the signs.

Meeting Of GOP Leaders Slated

A Republican dinner meeting is set for Sunday, Nov. 13, in the Hotel Umpqua, announced Harry Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas County Central committee.

An informal get-together is scheduled at 1 o'clock, prior to the dinner, with the meeting and program to follow.

Congressman Harris Ellsworth will be the principal speaker. Sig Unander, state Republican chair, will be present, along with Mrs. Marshall Cornett, Klamath Falls, national committeewoman; Mrs. H. D. Peterson, state vice-chairman; Mrs. Guy Cordeiro and Mrs. Ellsworth.

Tickets for the dinner may be obtained in advance at the Hotel Umpqua. All Republican committeemen and women of the county and others interested are invited to attend.

Insanity Plea To Be Defense Of Louis Kiel

Judge East Will Preside At Trial; Prison Terms Meted To Five Persons

Insanity will be the defense of Joseph Louis Kiel, when he goes on trial Nov. 29 for the alleged murder of Stanley James Tucker of Springfield.

Upon arraignment before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Wednesday, Kiel pleaded innocent on two counts brought by the Douglas county grand jury Tuesday.

The first count alleges that he "purposely and of deliberate and premeditated malice" killed Tucker by strangling him, and the second count charges murder while he was engaged in the commission of robbery.

Kiel's attorney, James M. McGinty of Myrtle Creek, filed a written statement that he will show in evidence that Kiel was "insane or mentally defective" at the time of the alleged murder.

Judge Wimberly announced that he would have Circuit Judge William G. East of Eugene, who also serves this district, try the case. He said he has already tried three murder cases within

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Crash Bail-Out Fatal To Airman

CONDON, Ore., Nov. 10.—(AP) One naval airman parachuted to his death as a four-engine plane crash landed in a wheat field north of here last night.

The six others aboard the navy Privateer were safe. Two parachuted and four rode the plane down.

A sheriff's searching party found the body of the victim at dawn today. Members reported that he was killed by a blow on the head in landing. He was not named, pending notification of next of kin.

The plane, on a training mission from Whidbey island naval air station on Puget Sound, was forced down by icing, the CAA reported. The air station was informed by the CAA that the pilot Ens. C. C. Christians, Bennington, Neb., exercised "superior judgment" in bringing the plane in to a belly landing on a newly seeded field in north central Oregon's rolling wheat lands.

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Scotfield said the authority is still operating housing projects (Continued on Page Two)

Smiles Worth Dollars In Optimists Club's Stunt

HARRISBURGH, Pa., Nov. 10.—(AP)—A smile was worth a bright silver dollar in Pennsylvania's state capital today.

The Harrisburg Optimist club posted members along downtown streets to give away \$1,000 to passersby wearing the biggest and broadest smiles.

"The only requirement," explained Optimist President David Porter, "is a great big smile. This is one day we hope there won't be a frown in town."

Standing at strategic street corners, optimistic members handed out certificates to pedestrians with the broadest smiles. Each certificate was exchangeable for a brand new silver dollar.

Douglas County Second In Douglas Fir Output

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington's Douglas fir lumber cut last year was 26.1 percent of the nation's lumber output, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported today.

In a detailed summary of 1948 operations, the association reported 9,405,103,938 board feet cut. Its value was \$690,000,000.

Two thirds of the total was produced by Oregon and Lane county was far in front with cut of 1,311,573,145 feet. In second production place was Oregon's Douglas county at 796,509,333.

The Douglas fir industry employed 147,378 persons last year, reported the report.

Columbia In State Of Siege; Hundreds Slain

BOGOTÁ, Colombia, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Columbia's conservative government has suspended all sessions of the liberal-dominated Congress in a move climaxing weeks of pre-election clashes in which hundreds reportedly had died.

Censorship of press and radio also was ordered by President Perez. The state of siege was proclaimed last night after troops cordoned off Columbia's capital building and stood guard throughout the country to suppress any further outbreaks of the bitter fighting which has raged for the past month between Liberals and Conservatives.

OLD AGE SPELLS FINISH

Government Trailer Park At East City Limits Folding Up After Six Years' Operation

After nearly six years of use as stop-gap housing, the government trailer park on E. 2nd avenue S. at the east city limits is about to become a thing of the past. H. L. Scofield, executive director of the Douglas County Housing authority, said only two families are left, and they have signified their intention of moving out today.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
RAN into some figures the other day that startled me quite a bit. This is the general drift of them:
Payments to individuals for DIRECT RELIEF in this country were more than twice as much in the big boom year of 1948 as in the bottom-of-the-depression year of 1934!

DIRECT relief doesn't include social security, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, or anything of that sort. It is money paid directly to people who just haven't enough to live on and have to be taken care of by the state.

BUT, you may say, in 1934 we were just getting started on government help for the needy and hadn't had time yet to get going.

That doesn't seem to work out. In the six years of depression and unemployment from 1933 to 1939, AVERAGE direct relief payments per year amounted to \$824,000.00. In the three post-war BOOM years of full employment, the (Continued on Page Four)

"ALKY" FATAL TO THREE

HOUSTON, Alaska, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Three natives died Tuesday from drinking what the U. S. Marshall's office said was apparently "a highly volatile alcoholic primer" similar to antifreeze.

Third Day's Drive Increases Chest Fund To \$11,000 Total

Roseburg's Community Chest drive was boosted to the \$11,000 mark yesterday, at the close of the third day of the annual fund appeal. Art Lamka, secretary of the chest, said the audited total of cash and pledges is \$9,100, while additional collections yesterday amounted to \$1,900.

Developing the theme, "All the begs in one asket," the Rev. Walter A. MacArthur, pastor of the First Methodist church, addressed a rally of workers at the Roseburg Lumber company Wednesday.

He suggested that workers contribute to the C community Chest through the payroll deduction plan, spreading their payments over a number of weeks. He pointed out that if separate drives were held they might give \$5 to each agency. So a suitable donation would be a combination of these separate gifts, he said.

Community Chest leaders in Roseburg pointed out today that the current drive represents a saving of time and energy. Six member agencies of the Community Chest would normally conduct six separate drives, were it not for the chest organization.

Member agencies include the Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army and the Young Men's Christian association. The Oregon Chest, also a member of the Roseburg Community Chest, includes 15 charitable and child-care agencies serving the entire state.

Eighty percent of the \$25,550 goal of the Roseburg Community Chest will be spent locally. Of the remaining 20 percent spent by (Continued on Page Two)

Gift Thermometer

GOAL
\$25,550
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

Highway Strip Widening Urged

Improvement of the highway strip from Ugetsburg to Reedsport was urged upon the State Highway commission by a delegation from Reedsport, accompanied by County Commissioner R. G. Baker, Tuesday at Salem.

From Reedsport were Mayor Tom Lilliblo, Jack Diehl and W. A. Burdick.

The commission recognized the need for improvement of this strip of highway, paralleling the lower Umpqua river, and they promised to give the matter full consideration, said Baker.

The commissioner informed the highway department that the county court is backing improvement of this strip, second to what is considered a greater need for the improvement of Highway 99 through this county.

The Reedsport strip will be extremely expensive to improve, because of the rock bluffs which must be blasted away to permit widening, it was pointed out.

Officers Enroute For Wanted Men

Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter returned to Roseburg last night with a juvenile prisoner wanted for investigation in this county. He left here Tuesday, taking Francis J. Evans Jr. to the Oregon state penitentiary, to start serving a two-year sentence on a charge of "contributing to the delinquency of minor female children."

Deputy A. A. "Red" Eckhardt left today for California, where he will pick up Michael O'Toole, 35, formerly of Roseburg, on face a non-support charge. O'Toole is being held at Sonora. He will also pick up Walter P. Sturgis, 48, being held at Yreka on a charge of larceny by embezzlement.

Deputy W. I. Worrall left on Wednesday for Grand Island, Neb., to pick-up Frank Ellis, who reportedly has confessed to a burglary at Glendale, according to Carter. He is being held by Nebraska authorities.

73-Year-Old Lothario Draws Prison Stretch

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Sigmund (Sam) Engel, 74-year-old-love swindler, was sentenced Wednesday to two to 10 years in prison for operating an \$8,700 confidence game at the expense of a widow.

Judge George M. Fisher overruled a motion for a new trial in criminal court, but granted the aged Lothario a 60-day stay so he can appeal.

Meanwhile the self-styled lover of 1,601 women will stay in county jail.

Attorneys for the pint-sized Romeo say they will appeal to the Illinois Supreme court.

Three Die When Auto Ramps Disabled Truck

PENDELTON, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Jack Day Lewis and Mrs. Alice Fetrell, both of Pendleton, and Lowell Arthur Vahman, Beaver-ton, Ore., were killed early today on U.S. Highway 30 about 16 miles west of Pendleton when their car collided with the rear of a disabled Consolidated truck parked on the edge of the highway. State Police Sergeant N. W. Smith reported.

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CVA Opposed By Cong. Norblad

WEST LINN, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Rep. Walter Norblad, Republican, joined the anti-CVA forces last night.

In a speech at a Young Republican dinner here he said the Columbia Valley administration would give too much power to too few people. It was his first statement on the CVA issue.

He said local groups should try to bring into harmony conflicting interests in basin development rather than to turn the problem over to what he called a "super state."

Norblad said the CVA proposal was an admission of the administration's "guilt in failing to follow the sane and economical methods of private enterprise in the Columbia Valley developments."

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse told an audience last night he would have plenty to say about CVA when he campaigns for reelection.

"I expressed my views on pending CVA legislation in my Oct. 14 speech. In my campaign I will enlarge on those views, but I have not yet begun my campaign," he said.

Earlier, other speakers before the luncheon session of the 37th annual Oregon Reclamation Congress had opposed the Columbia Valley administration proposal. They were applauded.

Life Prison Term Given Siayer Of Business Head

Dayton, O., Nov. 10.—(AP)—Thomas J. Conlin, 59, a San Francisco, Calif., business man, pleaded guilty to a charge of second degree murder today and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Conlin had been indicted for the first degree murder in the slaying of his brother-in-law, H. E. McCreary, 57, president of the Master Vibrator company in Dayton.

McCreary was shot in his office last Sept. 19 and died three days later. Employees reported a quarrel preceded the shooting.

Meier & Frank Workers Reject AFL As Agent

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Meier & Frank company office workers yesterday rejected a proposal that an AFL union be their bargaining agent with the big retail firm's management.

E. G. Stumpf, National Labor Relations board examiner, said the vote was 131 for the union and 276 against. One ballot was void and 36 were challenged.

Engineering Development Center Is Designated

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—(AP)—The Air Force announced Wednesday selection of Camp Forrest, Tenn., for a \$100,000,000 engineering development center.

The project will be a research installation for the development and evaluation of air weapons. Camp Forrest is 66 miles southeast of Nashville.

Undesirable CVA Phases Hit By Speakers Of Pacific Northwest Development Assn.

Before a representative audience of Douglas county citizens at the Hotel Umpqua last night, Stanley R. Church and Charles M. Stanford of the Pacific Northwest Development association in Portland gave a searching analysis of the proposed Columbia Valley administration bill as now embodied in Senate Bill 1645.

Speaking in a critical vein of this new concept of resource development now proposed for the Columbia valley area, the visitors pointed out many of the dangers that are expected if control of the area is turned over to three men as proposed in the measure.

Specifically noted was the fact that the region covered by the bill includes all of southwestern Oregon and the streams not flowing into the Columbia or Willamette. It was specifically mentioned that such streams as the Rogue, Coos, Siuslaw, and Umpqua would

come under the direction of the all-powerful three-man board even though these streams are not a part of the Columbia system. The same is true of streams flowing into Puget Sound. The region included in the act was roughly described as covering the land of the Northwest from Celanowstone to the Pacific and Canada to California.

Speakers Menaced
The speakers were critical of a number of features of the bill which, in their analysis, would endanger certain rights of the individual states and the citizens to control their own government. Coming in for strong criticism were qualifications of the board of directors, which qualifications would only be that they "profess a belief in the feasibility and wisdom of the act." The question of direct work by the administration of its construction work (Continued on Page Two)

Social Security Boost Favored To Ease States' Load

SALEM, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Governors of the 11 Western states and Alaska want the Federal Government to increase social security in order to save the states from bankrupting themselves through their old age pension programs.

The action was taken at the Western Governors conference at Salt Lake City, from which Governor Douglas McKay returned today.

The governor said the grants want social security increased, and want more people included under the system. This would be of great aid to states by stopping the increasing demand for more and bigger old age pensions.

For governors also favored the states pooling their educational resources in professional, technical and graduate training.

This would mean, he said, that other states could send their students to the University of Oregon Medical school, with the other states paying tuition for their students.

Eugene Schools Fight Increase In Milk Price

EUGENE, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Eugene school parents, grade school principals, and local milk distributing representatives will meet today with Melvin J. Conklin, examiner for the State Milk Marketing administration, in a showdown on the price of half-pints of milk charged to local schools.

The issue, long debated among local milk distributors and school officials, centers on a one-half cent increase charged to schools for the half-pint bottles of milk.

President Quirino's Lead In Philippines Mounts

MANILA, Nov. 10.—(AP)—President Elipio Quirino's lead over two opponents mounted slowly today as tardy returns filtered in from Tuesday's presidential election.

Unofficial returns at 11:30 p. m., gave Quirino 1,384,516 votes, trailing him with 1,125,627 was Jose Laurel, critic of the United States Philippines policy and favored by leftists. Jose Avellano, third party candidate, had 309,220.

MARINES PRAISED

SALEM, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay, who served in the army in two world wars, had some nice things to say about the marines today.

On today's 174th birthday of the U. S. Marines, he asked the public to take part in the "orchid to Marines" fund-raising drive. He also praised the "grand war record" of the Marines.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reisenstein

Fashions may come and fashions may go, but John L. Lewis' scowl will be worn permanently.