

NEW STORM SNARLS NORTHWEST TRAFFIC

Ambassador To
Vatican ResignsMYRON TAYLOR
Gives Up 'Vatican Post'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — (AP) — The sudden resignation of Myron Taylor as special U. S. ambassador to the Vatican posed this thorny question today for President Truman: should he name a successor to the post?

The announcement late yesterday that Taylor is quitting after 10 years as the President's representative to the Papal state brought to a fresh boil a controversy that has been hot before.

Taylor, an Episcopalian, had held the job since it was created. During most of those ten years, there has been strong protestant pressure to call him home. Only Tuesday a group of 15 Protestant clergymen called on the president to abolish the "alleged legation at the Vatican."

But such a decision probably would result in equally vigorous dissent from American Catholics.

In Congress, there was some sentiment—especially among Catholics—for naming a successor to Taylor. Most lawmakers backed away from the question.

Mr. Truman himself offered no indication of his plans. He accepted Taylor's resignation with "deep regret" and high praise for the job done by the 76-year-old businessman.

Taylor was appointed by President Roosevelt in 1939 and given the job of helping the United States and the Vatican to work more closely for peace in the world.

By FRANK JENKINS
THE other day when I was starting this screed it boiled down to a choice between the weather and China. As I recall it, I picked China.

By today, the situation has deteriorated.

The choice is between the weather and politics.

BEFORE launching into politics, I'd like to pass on a report from Herb Hemmingsen, Herald and News composing room superintendent at Klamath Falls, where these words are written.

Herb lives on the uphill side of a side-hill avenue. He says he looked out of the window this morning, and there was a jack-rabbit down in the street where

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SUPPORTS SOLOMON
PORTLAND, Jan. 19. — (AP) — A former president of the Oregon State Bar came out today in support of President Truman's nomination of Gus J. Solomon as federal district judge in Oregon.

Walter F. Evans Jr., Portland, said he thought the American Bar association committee which opposed Solomon did so "on the basis of inadequate information."

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The Weather

Cloudy with showers today. Partly cloudy with few showers Friday. Slightly warmer to night.

Sunset today 5:08 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a. m.

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Police Find No
Clue To Boston
Bank Robbers

Sounding Of Buzzer By
Brink Garageman Saved
\$1 Million In Belief

BOSTON, Jan. 19. — (AP) — Another clue in Tuesday's \$1,500,000 bank robbery evaporated today.

New Jersey police discounted the story of informant Thomas J. Hannigan, 28.

The man said he drove the holdup car and asked for arrest by the Boston police. He was revealed by Newark questioners to be a former state hospital patient and mental hospital orderly.

From the outset, Boston police Captain John D. Ahern had accepted the story with skepticism.

Nevertheless, overlooking no possibilities, he directed a raid on an empty house in the north end area near the scene of the crime and seized 1,000 rounds of ammunition and a pistol.

The weapon might have been of the type used by the robbers, police said.

But the seven men scooped overnight in the police dragnet—including three ex-convicts, were questioned without result and police forecast their early release.

Police Superintendent Edward W. Fallon frankly admitted top notch investigators directing the multi-pronged probe lacked a single definite lead after running down scores of phony tips.

He clung to hope, however, that science may spring a trap on the seven commando-like raiders who seized a million and a half

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Oleo Tax Repeal
Tilt Good As Won

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — (AP) — A smashing Senate vote of 56 to 16 brought almost a complete end today to the long fight to repeal federal taxes on oleomargarine.

Nothing remains now except to adjust quite similar Senate and House bills and for President Truman to sign the final repeal version into law.

Dairy state senators lost one point after another in their Senate battle to protect buter from what they called unfair competition by an imitation.

It was a victory for Southern senators and others who said a wholesome food has too long been unjustly taxed, and that housewives should have easy access to the cheaper table spread.

The net result of the Senate voting, which wound up with the 56-16 decision for repeal last night, is:

An end, effective July 1, to the tax of 10 cents a pound on yellow oleomargarine and of one-quarter cent a pound on the uncolored variety. Federal taxes on retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers, ranging from \$5 to \$600 a year, also would be wiped out.

To prevent the passing off of oleomargarine as butter, public eating places serving oleomargarine would have to so inform their customers by posters, and by labeling or serving it in a triangular shape. Also retail packages of yellow margarine would have to be in a triangular shape.

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Boundary Lines Of Roseburg
Precincts Revised To Include
Recently Annexed Localities

Changes in precinct boundary lines and additions of new precincts within the city of Roseburg, and altering the boundaries of two precincts immediately outside the city have been made by the Douglas county court in an order filed Wednesday.

Recent annexations of territory to the city made it necessary to make the precinct boundary lines conform to the new corporate boundary lines of the city.

The boundaries of Fairhaven, Laurelwood, West Roseburg and Parrott precincts were ordered vacated. The court ordered that these areas be divided and that other new precincts be established as follows:

Laurelwood Precinct — To include Laurelwood and Westmoreland addition, bounded by the Umpqua river on the north and east, and Military, Corey and Harvard avenues, and the west boundary of Westmoreland.

West Roseburg Precinct — The area lying within the city limits south of Harvard avenue and east of Wharton street to the South Umpqua river.

Fairhaven Precinct — The area lying west of Wharton street and south of Harvard and extending

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Student Admits
Slaying College
Stenographer

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 19. — (AP) — A haggard, unshaven student is held in the slaying of attractive Marian Louise Baker today after walking into the office of the Franklin & Marshall college president to stammer "I'm your man, I did it."

The college president, Fred Gleason said Edward Gibbs, 25-year-old married G. I. student, signed a statement that he choked and beat the 21-year-old college stenographer to death Jan. 10 "on an impulse."

No charge has been filed pending Gibbs' arraignment today.

Capt. Gleason gave this account of the slaying as related by Gibbs in his statement:

Gibbs, member of a prominent family in Pittman, N. J., became acquainted with Miss Baker when he went to the treasurer's office in the college to cash his G. I. checks.

On Jan. 10, he saw her waiting for a bus on a Lancaster street corner and offered her a ride. She accepted.

They drove to a lonely lane "back" time all the way to the city jail, but it was not until daylight that the trouble really began.

Sgt. William Burke, the officer in charge, went in to the jail in an attempt to quell a commotion.

The man had secured a mop handle and had broken off one end to fashion a sharp point, which he was using to prod two other prisoners. When Burke entered the jail, the man attacked him, and cut a gash in his forehead over his eye.

Burke called for the aid of officer Donald Starnier, and later Sergeant Ervin Best arrived, but it was necessary to summon a local physician to administer the hypodermic to finally quiet the man, who was described as "raving mad."

The officers sustained numerous cuts and bruises, and considerable blood was spilled in the place, before the man could be placed in a straight jacket. He was later removed by ambulance to the county jail, after he had received medical aid.

Decorating Contractors
Meet In Roseburg In '51

Roseburg was selected as the place for the 1951 convention of the Oregon council, Painting and Decorating Contractors of America, at the convention held in Portland from Wednesday to Saturday of last week.

Chester M. Binns of Eugene (son-in-law of Mrs. P. W. Beckley of Roseburg) was re-elected president of the Oregon council. His wife is the former Phyllis Beckley of this city. Lester Davies of Roseburg was elected third vice-president.

Guest speakers at the banquet at the Multnomah hotel Friday included the national president and Lawson McCall, secretary to Gov. Douglas McKay. Fred L. Peterson, city commissioner, Portland, acted as master of ceremonies.

Gas Seepage Deals Death
To Sleeping Couple

SEATTLE, Jan. 19. — (AP) — Gas seepage from a broken line outside their home snuffed out the lives of a sleeping couple here during the night. They did not have gas fixtures in their home and the leakage was from about 40 feet away.

The victims were John J. Cotton, 42, and his wife, Julia, 40. He was an accountant.

They resided in an area along Lake Washington, north of the city.

Coroner John Brill's office said gas company employees reported the line break was about 40 feet from the Cotton house. A "snub line" ran to their basement. Coroner's deputies said the gas from the main line break apparently followed along this unused line under the frozen earth.

Gen. Vaughan
Ouster Urged
By Senators

Alternative For Truman
Aide Should Be Shedding
Uniform, They Contend

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — (AP) — President Truman declared today he will keep Major General Harry H. Vaughan on the job as his army aide despite a senator's demand that he be fired or taken out of uniform.

A congressional committee report yesterday rebuked the military aide, whose name was linked with the Senate's "five per center" investigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — (AP) — Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) today urged that President Truman either fire Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, presidential military aide, or order him to shed his army uniform.

Senator Mundt (R-SD) joined McCarthy in wanting Vaughan ordered out of uniform if he stays on at the White House. But Mundt said he feels it would be futile to suggest that Vaughan be taken out of the government payroll.

President Truman on past occasions has stood by Vaughan when his old friend was being criticized.

Both McCarthy and Mundt are members of the Senate investigations committee which yesterday

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Berserk Prisoner
In City Jail Gives
Cops Tough Battle

Roseburg city police had a tough time subduing a prisoner who reportedly went berserk in the city jail about 6:30 a. m. today, following his arrest earlier in the morning.

It took the combined efforts of three husky officers and a doctor's hypodermic needle to finally pacify the man, whose name was withheld, according to Chief of Police Calvin Baird.

The man, the officer reported, was arrested in a local hotel on a disorderly conduct charge about 1 a. m., after the officers had received a call from the hotel.

He was found walking in the corridor undressed.

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Strike Closes Safeway
Stores In S. F. Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19. — (AP) — Sixty-three Safeway Stores here and in Daly city were closed Thursday following a refusal of butchers and teamsters to cross the striking clerks' picket lines.

The strike, brought about by 345 AFL clerks and managers of the company, is in its fourth day.

The clerks were called out Monday in a dispute over including store managers in the new clerks' contract. The strike brought to 138 the strike-bound Safeway stores in the bay area.

Seventy-six stores have been struck in Contra Costa and Alameda counties across the bay since mid-September.

The combined strike affects approximately 700 persons.

Winston Home Destroyed—This frame house at Winston, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alexander and two children, burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon before firemen could save any household possessions. The Alexanders were visiting at the nearby home of a sister when fire started. Origin of the blaze was not described. There was no insurance.—(Picture by Jim Marlow).



STEPS UP—Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette, above, of Clackamas county, has been appointed to the Oregon Supreme court by Governor McKay to succeed Justice E. M. Page, who has resigned because of ill health. The new justice's experience on the circuit bench spans 19 years.

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(By The Associated Press)
A disruptive combination of snow, sleet and freezing rain snarled traffic and communications in the Pacific Northwest today.

A "silver thaw" broke power lines and trees and stalled motorists in western Washington and Oregon. Many schools were closed. Some rural residents were marooned.

The weather bureau at Seattle warned that the hazardous conditions would continue at least until tomorrow.

A rescue party left Vancouver, Wash., today to aid residents marooned in the snowbound Cape Horn area 25 miles east of Vancouver. The Washington state patrol reported some 50 families in the Cape Horn area were without communications.

Schools were closed today in Seattle, Portland, Everett, Tacoma, Salem, and many other western Washington and Oregon cities.

A mixture of snow, sleet and rain started last night and continued today. New snow measured four to eight inches in Seattle. Long lines of automobiles were stalled on hills in the Seattle area. Thousands of workers were late reporting to their jobs.

Ice Coats Highway
Highways all over western Washington and Oregon were sheathed in ice. The Washington

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Eastern Lumber
Market Going To
Canadian Mills

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — (AP) — Rep. Mack (R-Wash.) said today that Washington and Oregon lumber mills rapidly are losing eastern markets to Canadian firms. He called for an increase in tariffs on Canadian lumber.

Mack said Atlantic coast states imported by cargo vessels nearly three times as much lumber from British Columbia in the first 11 months of 1949 as in 1948. He said these 1948 imports amounted to 96,071,921 feet while in the first eleven months of last year such imports increased to 253,599,000 feet.

Mack said the minimum wage in British Columbia lumber mills is \$1.05 an hour compared to a minimum of \$1.45 in the Oregon and Washington lumber industry.

"Lumber needs protection against competition from low-wage nations," Mack told a reporter.

"The full impact of the injury done to the Oregon-Washington industry by Canadian imports will not be apparent until the lumber business gets into a buyers' or declining market."

"When that time comes the Canadians will hold their recent gains in the east coast states, with the result that the Oregon-Washington lumber mills will be the first to close while the British Columbia mills will continue to operate unless corrective measures are taken to retard the growing