

Owen J. Roberts Believes Atlantic Union Imperative

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — (AP) — Former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts says the projected hydrogen bomb makes it imperative for the Atlantic plan nations to join in a federal union before it's too late.

Testifying before a senate foreign relations subcommittee, the retired jurist gave full support to a resolution which would urge President Truman to call a conference of the pact members as the first step toward such a union.

"Unless we begin now to make exploration possible," he said, "the hydrogen bomb may have wiped out time."

President of Group

Roberts presented his prepared statement as president of the Atlantic Union committee, an organization which has been waging a strong campaign for a union of the Atlantic Democracies.

Roberts said "a federal union of Atlantic Democracies, with a common foreign policy, a common currency, a common defense force, with free movement of people and goods, is the surest, cheapest, strongest way to stop war, stop Communism, create prosperity, extend freedom."

Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn.), author of the resolution Roberts is supporting, said in a prepared statement that the United States must give the world "an idea and a larger plan" for peace.

He insisted the American people are not satisfied to "merely hold our own in Europe while we are losing so much in Asia."

Apt To Tire

"The people are apt to tire of our cold war efforts," he argued, "unless we present an idea and a definite plan which arouses the imagination of the people of our own country as well as that of the free peoples all over the world."

Roberts told the subcommittee that "Soviet regimented production for war can rapidly bring the Kremlin to the point where it will feel prepared to transform the cold war into a bombing war."

While Russia and her satellites are united, Roberts argued, the western powers are divided, with the United States shouldering the responsibility for freedom rather than sharing it with her friends.

"There is a way out," he said, "That is the way of partnership and unity, the way of sharing responsibility for the defense of freedom—the way of Atlantic union."

In 1880, four U.S. people worked on the farm to feed one off the farm, but today one farmer feeds four off the farm.

Milk Dispute Here Goes To Conference

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ing "every effort to stop milk from coming in to Umpqua dairy."

According to William H. Durbin, district representative of the Oregon Milk Marketing administration, Grants Pass and Josephine county producers normally provide 40 percent of the Roseburg milk supply.

Herb Sullivan said Tuesday that no milk shortage was foreseen and that "this country is full of the stuff."

Diverted To Eugene

An Associated Press dispatch from Grants Pass said that producers there were shipping to Eugene because of teamsters union opposition to Roseburg shipments. Frank Smith, manager of the Rogue Valley Dairy Co-op association, said the action solved the problem of the producers only for Tuesday because additional supply would soon glut the Eugene market.

Local union officials were not available for comment today and exercised their right to exclude reporters from the negotiations this morning. Stansell said information would be released when it became available.

Roseburg city police were ordered to stand by last night but reported no disturbance. No pickets have been posted as yet near Umpqua dairy.

This morning's meeting resulted from union attempts to have Umpqua dairy sign an agreement providing for unionization of employees. Roseburg's two other dairies, Roseburg and Melrose, have already signed and are not affected by the dispute.

Population Of Roseburg Area More Than 15,000

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church program enlargement. Special emphasis at these meetings will be placed on a breakdown of census figures which showed each church has a large number of inactive or non-participating members. Additional stress will be placed on contacting those persons who have no stated preference and are not actually attending church now. A special committee of local ministers will assign the task of contacting this "non-preference" group to various churches in order to do away with duplication in calls.

The census showed 5,752 persons are either members or attend Protestant churches in the area. Non-Protestants numbered 655 families, and 552 families signified they had no preference.

Suspect Arrested In Slaying Of Oil Field Expert

MUNISING, Mich., Feb. 9. — (AP) — Ewald Johnson, 32, wanted in Texas in the unsolved, tourist camp slaying of a prominent oil man last June, was arrested here today.

Munising police, tipped by Texas authorities, took Johnson at the home of a sister here, nabbing him at 1 a. m. while he slept. He offered no resistance.

Officer T. J. Dowling said Johnson was being held in the Alger county jail "for extradition on a murder charge" in the killing of W. A. (Tex) Thornton, famed oil field explosives expert, at an Amarillo, Texas, tourist camp last June 22.

Formal charges of murder were filed yesterday at Amarillo against Johnson and his young wife. The arrest here climaxed a wide-spread hunt developing after a pretty young woman, who claims to be Johnson's wife, told Washington, D. C., police yesterday that her husband killed Thornton.

She was listed by authorities as Mrs. Diana Heaney Johnson, 22, and booked in Washington on a charge of fleeing across state lines to avoid prosecution for murder. Officers quoted Fort Worth police as saying she also was wanted there on car theft charges.

Thornton was killed, Washington police said she told them, while she and Johnson were hitch hiking.

Dowling said the 32-year-old Johnson "denied everything" upon his arrest, but refused to go into details.

Postal Rates Boost Given House Approval

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claimed, would not suffer because they make but small use of the mails for circulation purposes.

Backers argued that the bill would not hurt little publications because in many cases it would retain existing rates, especially if the papers are not circulated across county lines. It was they said, bringing in more revenue from large mailers whose present rates amount to "subsidies" and who use the mails mainly for advertising purposes.

The bill would provide more revenue for the postoffice from these sources:

Post and postal cards, \$36,000,000; second class matter, \$15,000,000; third class, \$23,600,000; fourth class, \$40,000,000; registered mail, \$4,000,000. The rest of the \$130,000,000 would come from services not extensively used.

RFD Only Partly Affected

Percentage-wise, the biggest increase is in the rate for post and postal cards. This would be doubled, from 1 cent to 2 cents per card. The Postoffice department claims it now loses 1.6 cents on each of the 3,000,000,000 cards it handles annually.

The bill makes no change in the present free rural delivery service provided for small weekly and daily papers delivered in the country of publication. Neither would there be any hikes over present rates for other publications delivered in the country of publication.

For delivery outside the country of publication, rates would be raised half a cent per pound on reading matter, with zone increases ranging from one to three cents a pound on advertising content.

Profit-making publications devoted to agriculture and religious, scientific or educational works intended for classroom or religious use, would have the same rate as non-profit religious, philanthropic and fraternal publications. This rate, one and one-half cents per pound, is substantially lower than the rates for commercial publications.

The bill does not change the present third class rates except for bulk mail, which consists mainly of miscellaneous printed matter, books, catalogs, seeds and other material weighing not more than 8 ounces. Rates would be boosted one-half cent per piece, with stated exceptions.

The bill sharply reduces the allowable weight and dimensions of parcel post packages to city residents, in deference to complaints that the government was competing unfairly with private package deliverers.

B. Sabelin, Resident Of Roseburg 40 Years, Dies

Barnhard (Barney) Sabelin, 86, resident of Roseburg for 40 years and a retired carpenter, died Feb. 8, after a short illness. He was born Sept. 23, 1863, in Germany and came to the United States 66 years ago. He was a member of the Faith Lutheran church of Roseburg.

Surviving is a sister, Freda Meyers, in Germany.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral home, Friday, Feb. 10, at 11 a. m., with Rev. Willis F. Erickson officiating. Vault interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

Melrose

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Krohn and daughter are staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Doerner, and assisting them during their convalescence from an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Young attended a meeting in Medford last week.

Charles Doerner has accepted employment in the county clerk's office in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Busenbark left Wednesday morning for San Fernando, Calif. to visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle and children.

Delco Graves is in Mercy hospital, where he underwent a major operation Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Ernest Kettleman has returned to her work at Montgomery Ward after several days' illness.

Mrs. Beatrice Van Fossen left Wednesday for Santa Monica, Calif. to visit relatives.

Mrs. Henry Krohn Sr. is in Portland assisting in the care of her new grandchild.

The public is invited to attend the Smorgasbord dinner at the Grange hall Sat. Feb. 11 beginning at 6:30 p. m. Cards will be played by those who care to stay the evening.

John Fett Heads Douglas County Young Republicans

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that the government is paying \$58,350 each, for 910 five-room houses, being built in Alaska.

According to Kelly, the Hoover commission report reveals that six hundred million dollars can be saved annually through "efficient operation of the agencies which use all of our civil service personnel."

Harry O. Pargeter, county chairman of the Republican party, briefly instructed the Young Republicans in how they could help the party by organizing the precincts, helping out in the coming financial drive, getting the Republicans registered and to the polls and working up lists of committeemen and women.

Mayor and Mrs. Albert G. Flegel were dinner guests of the Young Republicans.

Son Kills Father Because He Was 'Too Old To Live'

GARY, Ind., Feb. 9. — (AP) — A 65-year-old steelworker, the father of 12 children, was fatally shot in his home last night and police said his 29-year-old son admitted slaying him because "he was too old to live."

Police held the son, John Purevich, an unemployed millhand, for further questioning in the slaying of his father, Alex. No charge was placed against him immediately.

Detective Sgt. James Traeger said the younger Purevich told him of hearing stories of recent so-called mercy killings and said his father was "too old to live." Traeger said the elder Purevich's physician said he had been in excellent health and had worked yesterday at his job at the Gary works of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company.

Police Capt. T. V. Curley, who said the son admitted the shooting, quoted him as saying he had told his father before shooting him with a 12-gauge shotgun: "I'm sorry, pop, I don't know why, but something told me to do this."

The father and son were alone in the house. Mrs. Alex Purevich, a daughter and two grandchildren were at a movie theater. Of the 12 Purevich children, four are living at home.

One daughter, Mrs. Frances Juresin, found her father's body sprawled on the floor in a pool of blood when she stopped in to visit. She said her brother was in the living room, reading.

Another daughter, Mrs. Helen Berbach, was quoted by Traeger as saying: "I saw this coming. It's those comic books and radio programs."

John Purevich had visited a physician yesterday, police said, for a checkup on high blood pressure. They said he had been rejected for military service during the war.

Dimes Containers Being Gathered By Activists

The Roseburg Active club will pick up March of Dimes containers today and Friday throughout the Roseburg area, it was announced following the club's weekly meeting this morning at the Shalimar.

The polio headquarters will be closed Friday night, and the committee requests that all funds and containers be on hand in time for counting prior to that time.

The club voted to sponsor the picture of the Roseburg senior high school basketball team on a program which will appear for the coming state basketball tournament at Eugene. The tournament is sponsored in Eugene by the Active club of that city.

Back From Portland—Dr. John L. Haskins, manager of the Roseburg Veterans hospital, and Mrs. Haskins are back at their home at the hospital post, following a few days in Portland on business.

Luther Burbank experimented with popping sorghum like corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hooper of Wilbur have been called to Tacoma,

Negotiations In Coal Dispute Collapse

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ment" on several issues in yesterday's talks, he said. But he would not indicate which issues these were or which ones caused the final collapse.

With almost no coal being produced, the pinch was tightening over the country.

Industries Slowing Up

Railservice by coal-burning locomotives was cut to 50 per cent of normal for passenger trains and 75 per cent for freight effective at midnight tomorrow, by order of the interstate commission. The railroads estimated they had an average 15-day supply of coal on hand.

Chanute air force base in Illinois, with only six days' coal supplies left, ordered 9,000 men on a three-week furlough starting Friday.

These were some of the developments:

1. Inland Steel company at Chicago said its coal supplies "have dwindled to the critical point." It announced the shutdown of a second blast furnace.

2. Republic Steel corporation said it will close one of its Youngstown (Ohio) district blast furnaces immediately. The firm previously had announced shutting down two furnaces in Cleveland.

3. The coal shortage started to hit small schools. At Delhi, Ind., which has a population of about 2,500, schools were closed.

Industries which use coal kept a close watch on developments. In Detroit, General Motors corporation cancelled all plans for Saturday work and any scheduled overtime because of what it called "the emergency in the coal situation."

Although it was generally quiet in the coal fields, upwards of 100 pickets were reported last night to have swept down on the operation of the Island Creek Coal company and attacked a division superintendent.

A company spokesman said Nick Carmichael, about 40, was slugged by several men as he stood outside the company's office door. He was released from a hospital after treatment for cuts and abrasions.

Wilbur

By ELSIE BROSDIO

Mr. and Mrs. Art Holmes of Roseburg spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Todhunter in Wilbur.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kaut had as guests at their home for an evening of visiting and pinocle Mr. and Mrs. Todhunter and John Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lerwill of Tiller spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mrs. Lerwill's mother, Mrs. Carrie Blakely.

Johnny Chancellor of Wilbur underwent an appendicitis operation at the Veterans hospital last week and is reported as getting along nicely.

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Drug Firms Face Government Suit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — (AP) — The justice department today charged two leading drug making firms with trying to monopolize the sale of hard gelatin capsules—used for "vitamin pills" and other medicines.

Attorney General McGrath announced the filing of a civil antitrust action in federal court at Detroit against Parke-Davis and Co., Detroit, and Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis.

Hard gelatin capsules "are used primarily as soluble containers for drugs and medicines taken in 'pill' or 'capsule' form," the department explained. One chief use is in vitamin pills, an official added.

Both companies make and sell hard gelatin capsules as a part of their business of marketing pharmaceuticals and biologicals.

The justice department charged that, acting together, the companies have obtained control over machinery used in making and filling hard gelatin capsules.

This control, it added, has been used "to achieve and maintain a monopoly over the manufacture and sale of such capsules."

Wash. by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. C. V. Holcomb and daughter, Hilda, have returned to their home in Wilbur after a month's visit in Twin Falls, Idaho with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Spakaska of Roseburg spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holcomb.

Mrs. R. F. Stout has returned home from Concord, Calif. after spending a few weeks there visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Neiss. Mrs. Neiss has been seriously ill but is reported as much improved.

Mr. Todhunter has gone to Baxter, Iowa to be with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Todhunter, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He plans to spend a few weeks there. During his absence, Miss Stella Harvey is staying with Verna Todhunter. The Todhunters operate a local grocery store in Wilbur.

Mr. and Mrs. Blondell have returned to their home in Wilbur after being called to Coos Bay by the death of Mrs. Blondell's mother, Mrs. Blanche Merrit.

Bridge Expert's Baby Son Drowns In Brook

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Feb. 8. — (AP) — The body of Peter Culbertson, 18-month-old son of bridge expert Eli Culbertson, was found under the frozen surface of a brook near his parents' Brookside Terrace estate yesterday.

Dr. Samuel D. Bell Jr., said the child died accidentally in a head-first plunge from a bridge over the brook.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Partly cloudy with showers to-day. Cloudy with rain tonight and Friday.

Highest temp. any Feb. 79

Lowest temp. for any Feb. 3

Highest temp. yesterday 51

Lowest temp. for last 24 hrs. 43

Precipitation last 24 hrs.48

Precipitation from Feb. 1 1.20

Precipitation from Sept. 1 23.74

Deficiency from Feb. 123

Rivalry In Bombs Means 3rd World War—Morse

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 9. — (AP) — Senator Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) said here that competition in atomic and hydrogen bomb construction will mean a third world war.

He said the nation's best available insurance for peace was a bipartisan foreign policy. Present trends, he said, would surely bring another war.

His statements were in an interview prior to a university of Wisconsin founders' day dinner speech. The school, from which he was graduated in 1923, marked its 101st anniversary.

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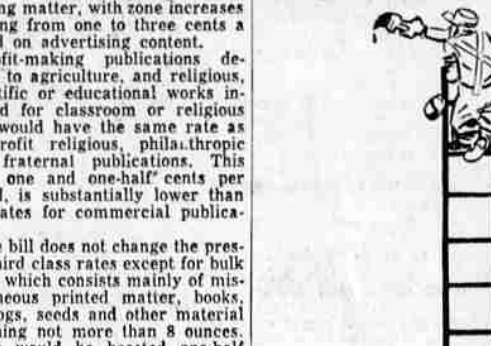
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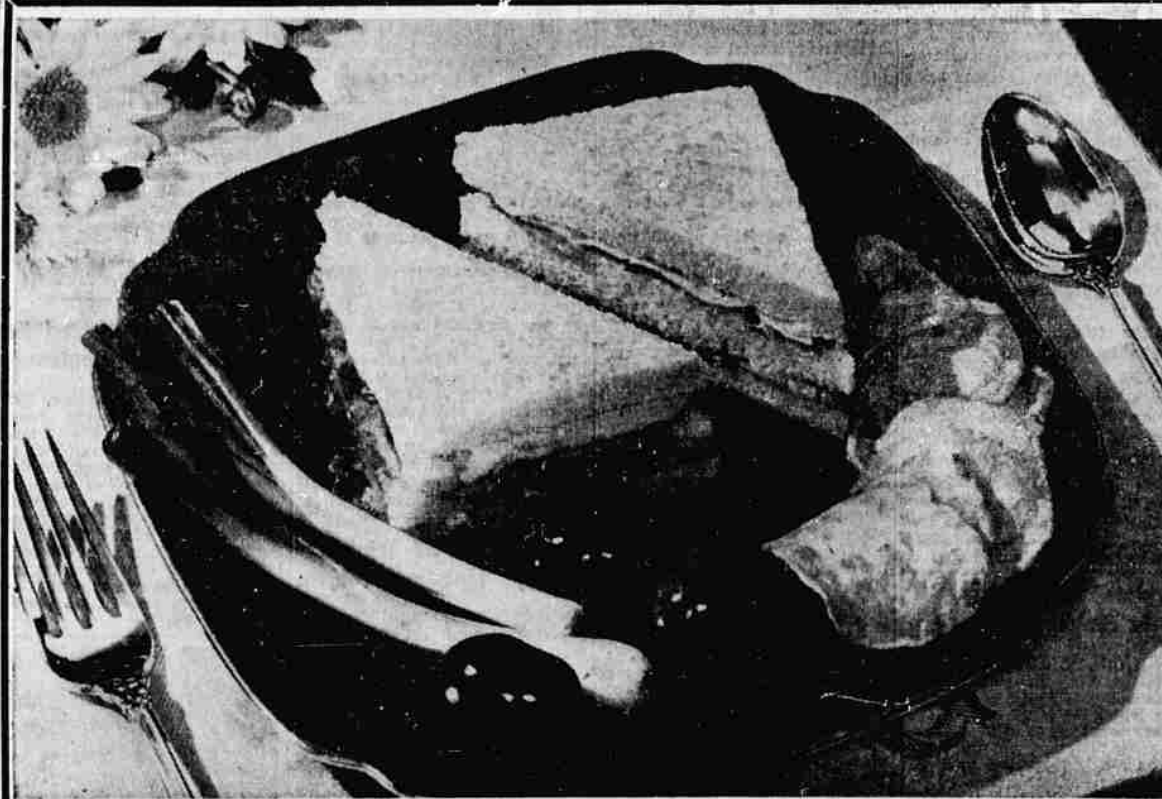


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