



OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams

New Award Up For Barber Shop Ballad Contest

FOREST GROVE, Or., (Special)—Winners of the 1930 All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest will receive for the first time a new trophy award to be made annually in the years to come, announces Ray Haas, general chairman. The big contest and Gay Nineties festival will be held here February 24 and 25.

A large new trophy is to be given this year by the Forest Grove chamber of commerce to the quartet judged tops in the Pacific Northwest. Name of the quartet will be engraved on the trophy. Members will be allowed to take it for display in their home community for six months before returning it to Forest Grove. The trophy must be won three times by the same quartet for permanent possession.

However, four small trophies will be awarded individual members of the quartet. These they may keep.

The trophies are in addition to the traditional silver dollar prize money given by the Forest Grove Gleemen, contest sponsors. A \$250 award will go to the champions, while runners-up will receive \$175. Third place quartet will get \$100. Fourth and fifth place foursomes will receive \$50. Eight quartets will be entered in the finals this year, instead of five in the past. Last year's competition was won by the Harmony Vendors of Tacoma, Wash. This quartet will not be back to defend its title, having broken up due to illness.

The eight finalists will be heard on a nationwide broadcast over the MRS network from 8 to 8:30 p.m. PST, Saturday night, February 25.

The Democratic state and I intended to murder the representative of this Democratic state.

It was revealed the man has been under arrest for three months and his sanity is being examined. Police found a diary on the man outlining his plans to kill Heuss with a bomb at the Hannover railway station.

When questioned, the man said at the last minute he decided against the bomb attempt because it "would have killed hundreds of others at the station," the chief of detectives said.

The man's name was not announced.

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Three Unions Vie For Bus Driver Bargaining

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Three unions disputed today for recognition as bargaining agent of West Coast Trailways' bus drivers.

Two of them—the AFL Amalgamated Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach employes and the Independent Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen—asked yesterday for a National Labor Relations Board election.

The present contract is now held by a third union, which is relinquishing its claim, the AFL Miscellaneous Drivers, a teamsters' union affiliate.

The line has 47 regular and some extra drivers on the payroll. Its buses operate from Seattle to San Francisco.

Salem Suit Dismissed

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—National Labor Relations board suit against the Salem Building Trades council was dismissed in federal court Monday.

The suit had asked for an injunction against the council, accusing it of conducting an illegal secondary boycott against the Valley Concrete Co., Independence, by picketing bridge and road work where that firm's cement was used.

After the suit was filed, however, the NLRB held that the firm was not engaged in interstate commerce, and consequently could not come under NLRB jurisdiction. An NLRB attorney then asked federal court to dismiss the case.

"Middle-Income" Housing Bill Has Backing Of AFL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The AFL endorsed the administration's "middle-income" housing bill Tuesday. And, the Independent Machinists union told Congress it would have to ask "proportionately greater" wage boosts this year if rent controls are abandoned.

Here were the developments. 1. William Green, American Federation of Labor president, urged the house banking committee to approve the housing bill. The legislation aims at helping middle-income families acquire homes through cooperatives.

2. The Machinists Union's newspaper, the Machinist, published a letter signed by A. J. Hayes, union president, asking congressional leaders about the possibility of continuing rent controls. The present rent law expires June 30. Hayes said rents have increased 25 to 40 per cent were controls have been dropped.

3. The Rt. Rev. MSGR. John O'Grady, secretary of the national conference of Catholic charities, also endorsed the housing bill. He told the lawmakers at a hearing that he regards cooperatives as "one of the strongest bulwarks against a totalitarian or socialist state."

Green and O'Grady both testified that private builders have failed to meet the needs of middle-income families for homes. Green said private builders have

Korea, Formosa To Get U. S. Monetary Help

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—President Truman Wednesday signed a bill which will pour out to \$88,000,000 of American economic aid into Korea and Formosa within the next four and a half months.

The President's action beat by one day the deadline of Feb. 15 when all aid to the Chinese Nationalist government was due to end.

It also makes available \$30,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance corporation to continue the flow of raw materials and goods into the republic of South Korea.

"failed to meet two simple housing tests: Quantity and Quality."

Birth Control Authority Denied Entry To Japan

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 15.—(AP)—A noted authority on birth control says she twice has been denied permission to enter Japan.

Margaret Sanger Slee said she applied for permission last August and was turned down. In September she asked that the denial be reviewed.

She said she was told a cable had been sent to the theater commander (Gen Douglas MacArthur) and he declined to review her application.

A recent law permits both birth control and sterilization.

She had been asked to serve as consultant in organizing a group to promote birth control among the poorer people of Tokyo, Mrs. Slee added.

Newspapers Pool Information To War On Rackets

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The big business of organized crime and the leaders in the various rackets were the targets for the opening blasts here by newspapers in many of the nation's major cities.

The expose of the shadowy operations of rackets in the United States by newspapers in 14 cities was planned at a three-day meeting here last week by their crime reporters. They exchanged information on the various rackets and organized crime leaders and planned a series of pooled articles.

The stories appeared as federal and local crime law enforcement agents from across the country planned a crime conference in Washington. The meeting today follows the annual closed-door session of the nation's federal district attorneys.

Other newspapers which did not take part in the conference currently are developing and printing searching articles and series on the country's organized crime. The Chicago Daily News published a copyrighted story yesterday, the first of two articles it said was based on the combined work of the group of newspapermen.

The news said "the rackets, chief among them gambling, funnel off hundreds of millions of dollars each year from legitimate trade channels." "There's a loosely knit federation in the racket world," the article said. "Despite their seemingly catch-as-catch-can working arrangements, the mobs blanket the country. There are connections sometimes clear, sometimes shadowy, between Costello (Frank Costello of New York) and the Ricca-Capone mob of Chicago, the hoodlum setup in New Orleans, with the bombed-out and shot-at Mickey Cohen in Los Angeles, and with the rich gaming fields of Florida, Arizona and Nevada."

U. S. Defenses Ready To Go, Secy. Johnson Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Defense Secretary Johnson says that plans for the defense of America are drawn up in detail and have been approved by President Truman, the joint chiefs of staff and himself.

Addressing a gathering of U. S. district attorneys from all parts of the country, Johnson said that if the need arises "we are ready to go at five o'clock in the morning."

He added:

"I can tell you that the defenses of the United States, as of today, are in the opinion of the joint chiefs, the President and myself, sufficient unto the needs of the hour."

The defense secretary emphasized that while his department is necessarily concerned with the problems which would arise from a possible war, "we are seeking in this department to secure the peace of our country and the peace of the world."

Baldock Contradicts Cowgill On Span Location

SALEM, Feb. 16.—(AP)—State Engineer R. H. Baldock says he got sound military advice before planning the new bridge across the Willamette river at Salem.

Answering Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill's charge that the two bridges could be knocked out with one bomb, Baldock said:

"A high officer in the United States air force advised me that in the last war, few bridges were even damaged by aerial bombs."

"To say that one bomb could damage or destroy two bridges a block apart is inconceivable, unless the bomb were an atom bomb."

Referring to General Cowgill's statement that the bridges would cause congestion in the Salem area,

Baldock said his own traffic department designed the new bridge plan with possible evacuation in mind, and that "this plan is far superior to General Cowgill's plan, and will save the taxpayers' money."

Plot To Kill W. German President Is Revealed

HANNOVER, Germany, Feb. 15.—(AP)—An old-time Nazi was under arrest here today on charges of plotting to kill west German President (Theodor Heuss).

Chief of Detectives Peter of the Hannover police quoted the arrested man as saying: "I lost my job and my bread by

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