

NEW CONTRACT PUTS MINERS BACK IN PITS



SEAL SALE KICKOFF—Smiling broadly, Bradford Da Pont, 8-year-old 1950 Easter Seal boy of Glenwood, Calif., presents California's Governor Earl Warren with the first sheet of stamps at the state capitol in Sacramento as the kickoff for the Easter Seal campaign of the California Society for Crippled Children. The National Easter Seal campaign runs from March 9 through April 9. (NEA telephone)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ARE you among those who hesitate about taking a plane trip in stormy weather? Or perhaps highway travel, with its manifold dangers, gives you the jitters.

Well, you never can tell. Down in Los Angeles an old bird by the name of McCarthy decides to get married, puts on a pre-nuptial party the night before, and CHOKES ON A FRIED EGG and passes over the river.

When things like that can happen, why worry about ANYTHING?

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AT Anchorage, away up in Alaska, a life went humdrum for some citizen whose identity is as yet unknown. So he stole a DC-3 transport plane—one of those two-engine, work-horse jobs—took off in the dark, buzzed the town for 14 minutes by the clock, then landed in the dark, stole a taxicab standing at the edge of the airfield and skipped out.

WHAT was he up to?

Well, I sometimes wonder if BOREDOM doesn't lie at the root of a lot of the things that puzzle

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Vets Hospital Here Not Hit By Personnel Slash

Dr. John L. Haskins, manager of the Roseburg Veterans hospital, said today the "Vets" would not be affected by the drastic curtailment in number of employees recently ordered by the Veterans administration.

Dr. Haskins said he received word late this morning that the number of employees will remain at 391, although there will be "no re-arrangement" in the type of jobs persons now held at the hospital.

Truman Fills Vacancy On Federal Trade Board

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Martin A. Hutchinson, Richmond, Va., lawyer, was nominated by President Truman today to be a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Hutchinson was an unsuccessful candidate for the Senate in 1946, running against Senator Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.).

Byrd has been a frequent critic of Truman administration policies.

Hutchinson, 57, was named to succeed the late Ewin L. Davis on the Trade Commission.

IRON CURTAIN CRACKS BEING SEALED

Ousters, Torture Forcing U. S. To Quit Eastern Europe, State Dept. Reveals

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The United States is being forced into a slow retreat from Russian-dominated Eastern Europe by Communist methods ranging from expulsion of Americans to the torture of their native employees.

This fact stood out today from a weekend of sensational developments—which included a claim by the State department that it has finally solved the "mysterious enigma" of how Red police obtain confessions from their innocent victims.

Here are the events bearing on the critical Eastern European front of the cold war up to today:

1. In Washington, the State department made public the dramatic story of Michael Shipkov, 29-year-old Bulgarian translator who went through a Communist police torture chamber last August and lived to tell his American friends what happened. Shipkov, recaptured by the Reds, is presumed to be either dead or utterly doomed; he had requested that if his "con-

fession" was ever used against him the affidavit repudiating it should also be made public.

2. At Budapest the Hungarian government—possibly in consultation with Moscow—was looking for a new way to reduce the staff of the American legation there. The United States on Saturday rejected a Hungarian request that the staff be reduced voluntarily on the ground that it is a spy center.

At the same time, the State department noted that Hungary can force American diplomats out if it wants to, by declaring them "personally unacceptable."

3. From Prague came an American embassy announcement that Czechoslovakia will order all U.S. missionaries to leave the country. Similar action is expected against British, French and other foreign teachers who might have a non-Communist point of view.

4. In Moscow the American embassy was adjusting to a heavy increase in operating costs, which after July 1 will go up 100 percent. In revaluing the ruble last

week, the Kremlin knocked out the eight-to-the-dollar special rate for diplomats, cutting the exchange to six-to-one on March 1 and to four-to-one on July 1. There is a growing belief among State department officials that the Russians hope the increased cost—roughly from \$900,000 to \$1,800,000 for the U.S. embassy—will cause a cut in Western diplomatic staffs there.

"Breaking" Process Told
The State department is convinced that all along the line the Russians and their satellite governments are trying to seal up the cracks which remain in the Iron Curtain. It was in this process that the last August Michael Shipkov got caught last August. What happened to him was one of the events which led to the break in American-Bulgarian relations.

Shipkov's story, unparalleled in the official public reports of this government, covers a 32-hour period last August. During that time he was under constant question-

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The Weather
Partly cloudy today and to-night with increasing cloudiness tomorrow.
Sunset today 6:08 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:04 a. m.
Established 1873

U. S. Reds' Tie With Russia Bill's Target

Severance Sought By Legislation Providing Checks On Activities

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Senator Mundt (R-SD) predicted today speedy congressional approval of a bill he said will force the American Communist party to sever its ties with Russia.

The bill, requiring registration of all Communists and of the officers of Communist-front organizations, got 12 to 1 approval by the Senate Judiciary committee over the week-end. Mundt said Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) will offer an identical measure in the House.

The atmosphere is right for passage of this bill at this time," Mundt told a reporter. "In view of the Fuchs case in Britain, the Hiss case and others in this country, I believe Congress is ready to do something to stamp out the subversive menace."

"This bill will not outlaw the Communist party but it will cut the cord by which it is connected with Moscow."

The measure, also sponsored by Senators Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Olin Johnston (D-SC), would require the Communist party and front organizations to file financial statements. All Communist literature would have to be so labeled in the mails and so identified in radio broadcasts.

Communists would be barred from holding appointive federal jobs but could hold elective offices. Other safeguards provided.

A provision inserted as a result of the Alger Hiss case would make

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Odorous Monster Labeled As Giant Squid

DELAKE, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The aromatic nature of this Oregon coast resort's contribution to oceanic "monsters" legend today was overmastered by curiosity.

Nose-holding townsmen may not wait for a bonafide marine life expert to examine their ton of long dead whalitz. Disposal of the four-tailed globe shaped mass was a bigger question.

Doubters of the sea monster yarn noted that a whale had recently grounded to the south of here. Some thought the four-foot diameter mass with flabby tentacle-like appendages—one 16 foot long—was the dead mammal's innards. A University of Washington zoologist, who got information by telephone, said in Seattle it was surely a genuine moroteuthis—giant squid.

Today that explanation was good enough for most of Delake's residents.

Accused Plywood Co. Bookkeeper Gives Bail

KLAMATH FALLS, March 6.—(AP)—A plywood company bookkeeper arrested for embezzling \$4,000 was free on a cash bond today after waiving a preliminary justice court hearing.

District attorney D. E. Van Vactor said Edna S. Herred, 34, a Klamath Falls resident, had admitted diverting the money to her personal accounts. She was employed by the Klamath Plywood company here.

Bail of \$7,500 was posted Saturday by the woman's father, C. E. Sherred, Medford.

RECKLESS DRIVER FINED

Judge Ira B. Riddle today reported payment of a \$100 fine following a plea of guilty to reckless driving charges entered in Municipal court, by Richard Joseph Knoln, 21, Roseburg.

Knoln was accused of "squirreling" his car in the vicinity of the downtown section of Roseburg. According to the complaint, Knoln drove his car in such a fashion as to endanger the lives of pedestrians walking on the sidewalk.

SONG WRITER DIES

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 6.—(AP)—William J. McKenna, 69, composer of scores of one-time popular songs, including "Road to Mandalay," and "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" died here last night.

Duke had been living at the home of Edwin R. Stroeter of Smithville, Mo., the estate administrator, since Mrs. Benson's death.

Russell Osborn Named Star Theater Manager

Russell Osborn, resident of Roseburg for two and a half years, has accepted employment with Umpqua Amusement company, according to Donn Radabaugh, manager of the company.

Osborn will serve as manager of the Star theater.

Prior to announcing employment with the amusement company, Osborn worked for two men's stores in this city. Married and the father of three children, Osborn came to Roseburg from Omaha, Neb.

Former President Of France, LeBrun, Passes

PARIS, March 6.—(AP)—Former president of the French republic Albert LeBrun died today. He was 78.

The son of poor farmers LeBrun was elected president in 1932 and served until July 1940, when he was deposed by Marshal Philippe Petain after France's defeat by Germany.

In the first world war LeBrun was an artillery major, had helped defend Verdun.

SOCIALIZATION SHELVED
British Laborites Act To Gain Support Of Liberals; Harmony Stressed By King

By SYDNEY MIRKIN
LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—Britain's Labor party put further nationalization on the shelf for the time being today in a bid to strengthen its shaky hold on the helm of government.

Labour's majority, 148 seats in the last parliament, shrunk to seven seats as a result of the Feb. 23 elections.

Slot Machines In Three Wallowa Cities Raided

ENTERPRISE, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Slot machine operations licensed by the city came to an end suddenly here Saturday, in state police raids led by Wallowa District Attorney Keith Wilson.

Other state officers seized machines at Wallowa and Joseph in a three-pronged crack at the one-armed bandits operated openly in the county.

A hearing for employees arrested on charges of possessing gambling equipment held at the Frontier club and the Club pool room was scheduled for today in justice court. The persons arrested in the other two communities will be heard tomorrow.

Three machines were taken at Baird's tavern and the Pastime tavern in Wallowa. A like number were seized at the Joseph pool room.

The raids came within a few hours after early Sunday editions of the Oregonian appeared here with a full-page layout of pictures on the "legalized" slot machines in this city. The newspaper reported they are owned by "Enterprise Veterans, Inc., organized by two war veterans organizations. The owners take 45 per cent, the city 35 per cent, and the operators 20 per cent of the gross. The city has been collecting its share since July 1, 1948, the newspaper said.

The licensing, the paper said, was prompted by community efforts to buy needed municipal fire equipment and build a civic center.

Police, In Long Chase, Nab Two In Stolen Car

EUGENE, March 6.—(AP)—A stolen car was chased by police at speeds up to 95 miles an hour all the way from Salem to Springfield today.

Police finally stopped the car with gunfire. Its two occupants were taken to the Lane county jail. One was booked as John L. Shaver, 22, on an auto theft charge, and the other was booked as Robert Fox, 21, on a grand larceny charge.

The long chase began at 3:15 a.m., after a car was stolen in Dallas. After the fleeing car went through Springfield at 90 or 95 miles an hour, and police began firing.

The car, shot through the windshield, body, and hood, rolled over at a railroad underpass near Go-shen. The two occupants crawled out, unhurt, and were arrested.

Death Claims Dog That Had \$25,000 Legacy

LIBERTY, Mo., March 6.—(AP)—Duke, a collie dog that received a \$25,000 legacy, is dead.

The 16-year-old animal died Saturday night.

Three years ago Duke's mistress, Mrs. Martha M. Benson, a widow, died leaving her estate to Duke. He had been her constant companion since she found him as a puppy.

Mrs. Benson's will stated that after the dog's death the estate was to be divided between two Kansas City institutions, the Catherine Hale Home for blind women and Mercy hospital.

Duke had been living at the home of Edwin R. Stroeter of Smithville, Mo., the estate administrator, since Mrs. Benson's death.

Ambulance Crash Into Auto Injures 2 Persons

PORTLAND, March 6.—(AP)—An elderly couple were in serious condition today, after their car was struck by an ambulance rushing a mother and her newborn daughter to a hospital.

The ambulance driver, Lafayette W. Cook, 30, was called to the home of Mrs. Audrey Addis, 24, yesterday. Her baby was already on the way.

Cook delivered the mother of a 5-pound daughter, put both in his ambulance, and began sirening his way to the hospital.

Part way there, police said, the ambulance went through a red light and struck a car driven by Edward D. Norwood, 70. Norwood and his wife, Edna, 65, were seriously hurt.

The young mother and her baby were not injured.

Two Patients Escape From State Hospital

SALEM, March 6.—(AP)—Two state hospital patients, including a murderer from Pendleton, escaped from the Oregon State Hospital today.

Hospital officials, however, described them as harmless. Both of the men had ground paroles, meaning they were allowed to roam about the hospital grounds.

The men are Ervin Enbysk, 29, who killed a taxi driver near Pendleton when he was 15 years old, and Eugene Harsberger, who was committed to the hospital from Portland in 1938.

Crazed Youth Goes Berserk On Streets

Knife Wielder Slays Four Strangers, Stabs Three Other Persons

NEW YORK, March 6.—(AP)—A 19-year-old youth, just released from a hospital to the criminal insane, slaughtered four strangers and stabbed three other persons in a ten-minute rampage through crowded Brooklyn streets yesterday.

The mad knifer, William Jones, a Negro, finally was beaten into submission with gun butts after police pursued him along three blood-trailled blocks.

Jones, turned loose as sane last Wednesday, wouldn't tell police what made him grab a 14-inch carving knife from a restaurant and rage through the tenement district slashing at the heart of every passerby.

The four who died were white men whom Jones apparently never had seen before.

But one of Jones' other victims, a 20-year-old Negro, was a friend and neighbor. Jones cut him as the victim raised a hand in greeting.

Jones slashed the seven without warning—the way Howard Unruh, 28, a 20-year-old war veteran, killed 13 persons with gunfire in Camden, N. J., last September.

Terror spread through the Brooklyn neighborhood as reports of a madman wielding a knife dripping with blood came from one street

—and then another.

People stood frozen on the sidewalk, horror-stricken and helpless as the mass killer pulled his knife

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5 Sought After Crash Of Plane

MILWAUKEE, March 6.—(AP)—Air and surface units resumed the search today for five or six men aboard an air force plane which crashed into Lake Michigan Saturday night after radioing it was low on gasoline.

Hope that any of the five still might be alive was almost abandoned Sunday night when the body of a pilot, Milton Bender, 34, operations officer of civil air patrol here, was found wearing a "Mae West" life preserver.

The body was found about 10 miles from the spot where the plane was forced down on a non-stop flight from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

The C-45 was last heard from at 7:30 p. m. Saturday when Major John D. Schindler, the Milwaukee pilot, messaged he was running out of fuel and an emergency landing might be necessary.

Air force officials identified officers in the plane as Lt. Col. Charles Meyers, commandant of U. S. disciplinary barracks here; Col. Ben Moeller of Wisconsin; and Major Claude Anderson, local army recruiting officer, and Pvt. O. J. Droughton, Fort Bragg, N. C., who was hitch-hiking.

35 Cars Derailed In Wreck; Fireman Killed

PLYMOUTH, Ind., March 6.—(AP)—One trainman was killed and another hurt as a Pennsylvania freight train hit the rear of a switch engine a mile east of here early today.

John Hartman, of Fort Wayne, fireman, was killed.

H. D. Ellenwood of Fort Wayne, engineer, was taken to a hospital here with undetermined injuries.

The cause of the wreck was not known immediately.

The 160-car, 160-ton, diesel-engine freight train left the track and much damage was caused. Fifteen of the cars were sandwiched together at right angles to the track.

War Signs Increasing, Cardinal Spellman Says

ROME, March 6.—(AP)—Signs of war are increasing, says Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Employing a phrase usually construed by Catholics to mean approaching ruin from war or other disaster, the visiting archbishop of New York told reporters here:

"Signs telling of the 'abomination of desolation' are increasing."

"While we hope and pray and strive for peace," Cardinal Spellman said, "we nevertheless must be, as Catholics, always prepared for death."

LOG KILLS BOY SCOUT

TILLAMOOK, March 6.—(AP)—Jack Jackson, 15-year-old Camas, Wash., Boy Scout, was crushed to death yesterday by a driftwood log while on a weekend trip to a Scout camp.

The log hurled the log ashore. It narrowly missed two other scouts, Gordon Oachs and Donald Pearson, but trapped Jackson below it.

The victim was the son of Mrs. Laru Jackson, Camas. He and other members of a Camas scout troop had come to Camp Meriwether for the weekend.

Union Gains Boost In Wages, Welfare Benefits; Coal Users May Pay 50 Cents A Ton More

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The signing of a new contract sent soft coal miners swarming back to the pits today—ending a serious threat to the nation's economy and promising peace in the coal fields for months to come.

For the miners, the prize they won was a \$1.40 daily "package" per man, plus a reasonable assurance of fairly steady work for at least a year and perhaps until the middle of 1952. For the operators, it meant getting back into business.

For the public the settlement meant relief from a four-week strike, rescue from a looming industrial breakdown, and some assurance of stability in what President Truman has called "a sick industry,"—plus higher coal bills.

One operator put the cost of the United Mine Workers' gains at \$250,000,000 this year. The extra cost to consumers may be anywhere from 25 to 50 cents a ton.

Shooter Of Wife Slain By Officer

TACOMA, March 6.—(AP)—A college student who shot and critically wounded his estranged wife was killed by a deputy sheriff yesterday as he sought to run over the deputy with the sheriff's patrol wagon.

The dead youth, a student at the College of Puget Sound, was Quinton Phil, 22.

His wife, Wilma, 22, was given blood transfusions throughout the afternoon and night to keep her alive. She was hit three times by bullets from a high-powered rifle as she fled from her home.

A neighbor, Nicholas Keller, 37, was hit in the wrist by the same bullet which killed Phil, when he attempted to wrest the steering wheel of the patrol wagon away from the youth.

Deputy T. C. Tolson said he and deputy Jack Bodavala arrived at the home a few minutes after the shooting. Phil had been called by Mrs. Phil, who returned home yesterday for some clothes after 11 v-ing more than a week with friends.

Tolson said they caught him, disarmed him and put him in the patrol truck. Then they went to help Mrs. Phil. They had gone only a few steps when they saw Phil had broken through to the driver's seat, started the car and was headed for Tolson. The deputy drew his gun and fired through the windshield. Phil was killed outright.

A group of fellow students said they heard Phil say last week that he was undecided whether he should "give his soul to the Devil or to God."

City Sans Water As Pipe Freezes

EASTPORT, Me., March 6.—(AP)—This city of 3,500, practically surrounded by salt water, was without the fresh variety today.

After two days of abnormal cold, an exposed section of a 10-inch main froze early yesterday.

Fire was the most immediate hazard. Calling the situation critical, Fire Chief Frank L. Bradish kept his men on stand-by status throughout the night.

Water works repairsmen struggled to get an auxiliary supply of 700,000 gallons into consumers' pipes. Stored in an open reservoir, this water has to be chlorinated and pumped into a stand-pipe.

Meanwhile, springs and wells provided emergency supplies.

In cars and on foot, residents trekked to the nearest source of water. They carried in kettles, gallon jugs, pails and barrels.

Men had to go unshaven and small boys—to their delight—unwashed.

Volunteers, carrying water from wells, kept Eastport Memorial hospital supplied.

French Strikers Demand Cost-Of-Living Bonus

PARIS, March 6.—(AP)—A Communist-led strike on Paris bus and subway lines today continued—but failed to stop—the gay city's normal life. In the national assembly the government choked off a 72-hour-old Communist filibuster aimed at killing an anti-sabotage bill which would provide prison sentences of five to 10 years instead of death for a sabotage of war or defense materials.

The Communists have been protesting for weeks against the shipment of arms to France in connection with the U. S. military aid program. They are out to sabotage the program if they can.

The transport strike was part of a drive led by the Red-dominated CGT (General Confederation of Labor) and backed by non-Communist unions for a 3,000-franc (\$8.50) monthly cost-of-living bonus for each "wage-earner."

Polish Consul Resigns To Avoid Commie Rule

PITTSBURGH, March 6.—(AP)—Josef Patyk has resigned as Polish consul in Pittsburgh because, he says, he does not feel he can honestly serve his people under Communist rule.

Two weeks ago his assistant, Stanislaw A. Skarzynski, quit rather than return to Poland as ordered.

Patyk telegraphed his resignation yesterday to the Polish ambassador in Washington.

Declaring his was a "very difficult decision," Patyk explained:

"Upon recent developments, I came to the conclusion that Poland becomes more and more the victim of Russian imperialism and the government of Poland is subject to that submission."

Gangster Slain In Burglary Effort

DETROIT, March 6.—(AP)—Johnny Gach, purple gang associate and recent companion of the notorious Harry Fleiser, was killed last night while trying to rob a house.

Police said a shotgun blast fired by a young unemployed auto worker fatally wounded the 34-year-old hoodlum.

Gach's body was found in a parked car about 40 minutes after Walter Baranowski, 33, reported to police that he had shot and wounded one of two men who he said were trying to break into his house.

Another man was seen running from the car where Gach's bleeding body was discovered, police were told.

Gach was one of five persons arrested here last month with \$37,150 in a paper bag in their car. Gach said the money was his, and maintained that it was won in gambling.

After being held for three days, the five were released. Police failed to link the money with recent big hauls.

Gach, who had been arrested here several times before on burglary charges, was picked up with Fleiser in Cincinnati last fall. At that time Fleiser was a fugitive who had jumped bond on burglary and murder conspiracy charges in Michigan. He since was arrested in Florida in January and faces 45 to 50 years in Michigan prison after finishing his current five-year federal term for fleeing across state lines.

Insane Youths Stab, Beat Guard To Gain Liberty

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6.—(AP)—An elderly guard was stabbed and beaten last night by two insane youths who escaped from Central State hospital.

The inmates fled from the hospital grounds on Indianapolis' westside after one of them broke through a locked door and grabbed pass keys from an attendant.

The guard, 60-year-old William Elders, was found lying in a puddle of blood by another attendant. He had three cuts in his chest and bruises on the head.

Mervyn Rae, acting night superintendent of the mental hospital, identified the fugitives as Aaron Doolley, 20, and James Edward Davis, 25, both of Indianapolis.

Boy Shooting At Can Kills Boeving Plant Engineer

SEATTLE, March 6.—(AP)—An 11-year-old boy, shooting at a tin can, fatally wounded a Boeing engineer, yesterday at an old rifle range south of the city.

Acting detective captain Harold C. Wieland said Mervyn Johnston, one of the two 11-year-old youngsters in the pit at the time, had signed a statement saying he fired the fatal shot.

The shooting occurred after Wilson and a fellow engineer had finished "sighting in" their sporting rifles and had gone to the bank to dig out bullets from the target area.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Russian advisers to the Communists in China insist on being paid in American dollars, these tainted symbols of "Wall street imperialism," which the Soviet professes to detest.