

Gubitchev, Judith Coplon Convicted Of Spy Plot

Democrat Seeks County Judge Job



Harold E. Cracroft, above, has filed his candidacy for the office of county judge on the Democratic ticket.

Born in Kansas, Cracroft, who is 49, has been a resident of Douglas county since 1911. He has engaged chiefly in construction work and lumbering and is foreman on the Rock Island boom.

Active in civic work, he was a member of the Sutherland school board in 1943 and 1944. He is presently master of the Douglas County Pomona Grange. He is a past secretary of his local union.

Cracroft resides on a Dodge Canyon ranch, five miles west of Oakland. He has two children, both married.

British Troops Quell Riot In German Plant

BRUNSWICK, Germany, March 7.—British troops marched into a section of the big Hermann Goering steel works here today to curb bitter German demonstrations against dismantling the industrial plant.

Demonstrators overturned 10 automobiles, tore down scaffolding and burned records of a British dismantling firm at the plant yesterday. It was the sharpest protest yet to dismantling of potential war plants ordered by the allies.

German police who broke up the demonstration yesterday said the 1,500 rioters dispersed so rapidly they were unable to make any arrests.

Minister President (governor) Heinrich Kopf of lower Saxony called on Brig. B. Lingham, British commissioner for Lower Saxony, to express his apologies for the demonstration.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
DEFENSE Secretary Johnson speaking:

"No amount of money can give America 100 per cent protection from atomic bombers in the event of war.

"THERE IS A RISK TO LIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY. It is a risk that every community must take in an atomic age."

WHAT is the risk?
Secretary Johnson spells it out like this:

"Some enemy pilot with the zeal and fanaticism of a kamikaze ('kamikaze,' you will remember, were Japanese pilots) might get through our net on a one-way suicide mission and the United States might get hurt."

THE suicide pilot, of course, would be carrying an atom bomb or a hydrogen bomb. He would drop it on some city. IF MORE THAN ONE suicide pilot got through, the bombs

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SHIPKOV ADMITS SPYING

Confession In Bulgarian Court Follows Affidavit Of Torture Bared By U. S.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 7.—(AP)—Michael Shipkov, former Bulgarian translator in the U. S. legation here, confessed yesterday to a peoples court that he had spied for America under the personal direction of former U. S. Minister Donald R. Heath.

(The trial opened only two days after the U. S. State department had released a dramatic affidavit, signed earlier by Shipkov, revealing how Bulgarian police had extorted a false confession from him by ruthlessly breaking down his will. He had requested that the affidavit be made public in order to clear his name in the event of a trial, which he evidently felt was inevitable.)

Shipkov and four other Bulgarians pleaded guilty and confirmed the written confessions of spying they had made to investigating police before the trial.

Shipkov's affidavit, made while he took refuge from police in the U. S. legation, told vividly of the methods the police used to break

The Weather
Cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday with occasional rain Wednesday.
Sunset today 6:09 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:38 a. m.

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Council OKs Plans For West Roseburg Sewer

Work Awaits Final Nod Of State Board

New Ordinances Fix Fee For Bicycles, Ban Club Houses In Home Zones

Plans for construction of West Roseburg sewer lines, estimated to cost \$162,418, were approved by the city council last night, but final action was postponed until the next meeting, pending approval of revised profile plans by the state board of Health. City Manager M. W. Slankard is also to determine whether sewage from existing homes of lower Harrison street will be able to drain into the proposed line.

Several affected West Roseburg home owners appeared before the council and expressed anxiety as to whether the proper drainage may be possible from home to sewer line.

Slankard said the depth of the lines beneath the surface should properly care for anticipated drainage, but added he would check the lower Harrison street area, as this was one of the principal areas where there may be some doubt. The city manager also brought out that the proposed lines will take care of upwards of 3,000 persons for an indefinite period.

Date for a hearing on the sewer line construction was set for April 3, the regular council meeting date. Local representatives of the proposed Hawthorne terrace development appeared asking the council to approve certain improvements to the plat prior to offering lots in the area for sale. Hawthorne Ter-

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Russian Grab Of Fishing Ships Arouses Sweden
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 7.—Sweden accused Russia today of seizing Swedish fishing ships in the Baltic far beyond warranted limits of territorial waters, and said Stockholm took an "extremely serious view" of the incidents.

The captain of two Swedish trawlers told reporters they had been boarded by a Soviet minesweeper some 30 nautical miles outside Russian-held territory. They said they had been forced at pistol point to take their ships to a Russian harbor and been questioned day and night for two weeks concerning the possibility of their having been spying.

The foreign office said it is looking into reports of the disappearance of two other Swedish fishing ships also believed seized by the Russians.

Another Catholic Priest Arrested In Yugoslavia
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 7.—The ministry of information announced today the arrest of the Rev. Andrija Majic, Roman Catholic priest, on a charge of "spreading national hatred."

The information ministry statement was issued after it was queried about reports which had reached the national Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC) in the United States.

The ministry said Father Majic was "spreading national hatred among Yugoslav peoples and between church and state."

Siamese Twins Born With Skulls Joined
SYDNEY, Australia, March 7.—Dr. John Starr reported today that Siamese twin girls joined at the top of their heads were born to Mrs. Erskine Smith near Burnie, Tasmania, Saturday night.

He said the babies and their mother are doing well but the babies must lie head to head in an extended cot.

"It is as if you stood one head first on the other," Dr. Starr told a reporter. "The join is about three inches in diameter and is actually formed by skulls. I cannot see that they can be severed and remain alive."

Except for the joining of heads, the twins are naturally formed, the doctor said.

Their parents have five other children.

Attacker Of Woman Sentenced To Death
DALLAS, Tex., March 7.—Handsome Fred Felix Adair Jr. was convicted Monday of raping a Dallas housewife. He was sentenced to death.

Adair is the 26-year-old former bookkeeper accused in a series of attacks on Dallas women. Dallas newspapers dubbed him the "love burglar."

The Dallas woman broke down on the witness stand while describing how she was assaulted as her two children watched. She pointed out Adair as her attacker.

Adair had denied the charge.

Valley Hotel Leased To Glide Residents
Leasing of the Valley hotel to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wojciechowski of Glide and formerly of Dallas was announced today by the owner, Crystal Johnson Freeman.

The new operators said the hotel would be completely redecorated, including the hotel lobby and individual rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Taylor, who formerly leased the hotel, have taken over the Red Barn Dine-and-Dance spot near Glide.

Fires, Heavy Winds Inflict Huge Damage To Farmlands In Sweep Over Plains States

A double-barreled threat to farmlands—fire and dust—plagued wide areas of the plains states today. One man, Leroy Little, fire chief of Sunray, Texas, was burned fatally fighting a fire which raged out of control for hours near Dumas, Texas. Another Sunray fireman, Fred Carter, was burned critically.

Candidate For Court Talks Here



Robert F. Maguire, above, who recently returned from 18 months in Germany, where he was one of the Nuremberg judges trying Nazi war criminals, is appearing in Roseburg today for talks.

At noon he addressed the Kiwanis club and tonight he will talk before the county bar association. He will discuss his experiences in Germany.

Maguire's appointment by President Truman as one of the judges to try the Nazi war criminals was in recognition of his distinguished service to the bench and bar of Oregon and the United States.

For 33 years Maguire has been a master in chancery for the United States district court of Oregon. He was the first president of the Oregon State bar and a member of the first board of governors.

He is a member of the board of governors of the American Bar association and is chairman of the association's committee on labor, employment and social security.

Maguire is a candidate for the Oregon supreme court.

Stolen Gem Retrieved
PARIS, March 7.—Police said they had recovered a diamond worth \$10,000 that was among the gems stolen from the Aga Khan and his wife last summer. Two arrests have been made. Most of the loot was recovered recently by police at Marseille.

PLANE CRASH KILLS FOUR
BRISBANE, Australia, March 7.—A Royal Australian Air Force Lincoln bomber crashed in flames in southern Queensland today, killing four persons aboard. The plane smashed nose first into a field at Rosewood near Ipswich.

Four Contests For State Supreme Court Seats
SALEM, March 7.—Two Portland lawyers were in the race today for position No. 3 on the state supreme court, and a third man, Sen. Austin Dunn of Baker, plans to get into it, too.

Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooez of Portland filed for the job today, while Robert F. Maguire, Portland lawyer, filed yesterday.

The seat now is held by Justice J. O. Bailey, who plans to retire. There also will be three other supreme court contests at the May primary election. These are for the positions held by Justices Earl C. Latourette and Arthur D. Hay, and by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk. All have filed for reelection, and none has any opposition.

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Statehood For Hawaii Wins In House Vote

Proposal Goes To Senate For Second Time; Alaska Decision Also Pending

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The House passed a bill today to make Hawaii a state.

Last Friday the House passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 186 to 146.

Senate action on the two measures is uncertain. Two years ago, the Senate Interior committee allowed a House-passed Hawaiian statehood bill to die without action. The Alaska bill has never before been considered in the Senate.

Only a few House members opposed Hawaiian statehood during debate.

Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) asserted that the island territory is Communist controlled and dominated by Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's union.

Rep. Cooley (D-NC) challenged arguments that statehood would strengthen the nation's defenses in Hawaii.

House action followed pleas by Delegate Farrington (R-Hawaii) and nearly a score of House members to give the people of Hawaii

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UAW Offered Loan By Lewis To Support Strike
DETROIT, March 7.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto workers weighed a decision today whether to accept a \$1,000,000 loan from John L. Lewis.

Lewis made the offer as help for the UAW's 42-day-old strike against Chrysler Corp.

The strike has idled 89,000 Chrysler workers and a total of 140,000 in the auto industry.

Lewis' offer of the loan was made via letter to the UAW's president Walter Reuther from Washington yesterday, hard upon settlement of his own miners' strike.

Today the union called a strikers' mass meeting for a report on negotiations which so far have dragged on fruitlessly.

Chrysler management rejected an invitation to attend, expressing disbelief that its presence would help.

Fundamentally, the strike is over the setup for \$100 monthly pensions although the union has introduced other issues since the walkout began Jan. 25.

Chrysler offers the pensions, including social security, but objects to setting up a funding plan and giving the UAW joint administration.

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Churchill Puts Attlee On Spot In Steel Proposal
LONDON, March 7.—(AP)—Winston Churchill offered the Labor government today a chance to ease its precarious position in exchange for postponement of steel nationalization.

In his first clash with Labor since the elections which nearly wiped out the Socialist majority, Churchill put prime minister Attlee on the spot with a request for a definite pledge that labor would not take over steel until a date "not later than nine months after the next general election."

Attlee told the House of Commons yesterday that Labor would stick to the schedule for nationalization of steel. "Our purpose is to give effect to acts passed by Parliament," he said.

What Churchill offered labor was a respite from the threat of a sudden overthrow. It would relieve the pressure on many government ministers who would otherwise have to drop their duties at any time to rush into Commons for a vote.

The nationalization bill passed by the last Parliament provides that government directors be appointed after Oct. 1, 1950 and that the actual takeover of the steel industry should be accomplished between Jan. 1, 1951 and Jan. 1, 1952.

Officer Kills Boy Of 13; Father Vows Reprisal
LOS ANGELES, March 7.—(AP)—The father of a 13-year-old boy who died Saturday night by a policeman's bullet, promised yesterday to launch a "one man crusade against this type of killing."

The youngster, Blair A. White, was shot as he and Wilson Dunn, 18, sped away in a small British roadster. Motor officer Robert C. Maier said he shot because the boys were in a stolen car; four times ignored orders to stop, and did not heed two warning shots.

The father, J. Andrew White, stressed that his son "was only 13, not 16 as reported," and blamed the officer for "shooting at my boy instead of the tires."

The mother is under a doctor's care.

Slipping Cable Kills Logging Crewman
TILLAMOOK, March 7.—(AP)—Logging crewman Chester May, 30, hurried to his death near here yesterday when a donkey engine anchor cable looped around his leg and snapped him off a stump.

The cable, around the stump on which May was standing, slipped. He was a signalman for the donkey engine crew.

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GRANTS PASS, March 7.—(AP)—Yeggs who entered the Golden Rule store here via a skylight knocked the knob off the office safe and rifled one compartment of an undetermined amount of cash Sunday night.

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Jury Reaches Verdict After 19-Hour Study

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Rep. Paul Geddes Seek Reelection
State Representative Paul E. Geddes announced today he will seek reelection. He will be a candidate on the Republican ballot at the May primary election.

Geddes served in the 1940 session and was given much favorable mention by observers at the legislative session. He served as chairman of the committee on rules and as a member of judiciary, highway and local government committees.

He was a co-sponsor of the resolution calling for reorganization of the state government, and was appointed by Governor McKay as a member of the "Little Hoover commission" interim committee.

A graduate of Roseburg high school, Geddes, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Geddes, studied law at Willamette university and was admitted to the bar in 1930. He has since been engaged in the practice of law in Roseburg. He serves as city attorney and is a member of the board of governors, Oregon State Bar association.

New Type Differential Aids Autos In Distress
DES MOINES, March 7.—(AP)—Your future car may not get stuck in the mud or snow as often as your old one.

Archibald S. Alexander, assistant secretary of the army, revealed in a speech here today that the army ordnance department is having a new type of differential developed for it that will prevent one rear wheel from spinning while the other stands still.

"When this is perfected," he said, "it will not only take an army truck out of the mud. It should also enable General Motors and Chrysler and Ford to give you and me a vehicle which will not so often get stuck in mud or snow."

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT
Archie Curlin, 44, Glendale, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, was lodged in the county jail Friday, upon failure to post bail, said Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter.

Stanley Charles Meeker, 28, Canyonville, charged with assault, was found not guilty when he appeared before Judge Nina Pietzold in Canyonville Justice court Friday. District Attorney Robert G. Davis revealed.

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Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

If you were disappointed by the non-appearance of the March lion, you can seek consolation on the lawn later extracting dandelions.