

McCarthy's Charges Near Showdown

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HOLD THAT TIGER—Not real tigers, but close to it are these two cougar kittens, two-thirds of a litter which Sutherland hunter Amie Papiot, above, found after he and John "Cougar Bill" Bratton killed the mother cougar about a week ago. When found on the North Umpqua, the kittens were thought to be about a month old. All three kittens have been sold, Papiot said, with one of them slated as a house pet for a Portland man. Including the kittens, the hunters have collected bounties on 10 cougars and 10 bobcats since Jan. 1 at \$5 for each bobcat and \$40 for the cougars. (Staff photo.)

2-Month-Old Chrysler Strike Appears To Be Nearing Close

DETROIT, March 25.—(AP)—The way seemed open to peace today in the two-month-old Chrysler strike.

A company offer to put \$30,000,000 into a pension trust fund—and the union's acceptance of the idea if not the amount—gave promise of breaking the deadlock.

With both sides compromising, a basis for settlement appeared at hand for the return of 140,000 auto workers to the job.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AT Chicago: Donald Valsonis, who has just been selected as the outstanding boy of the year in the nine-state central region of the Boys' Club of America, says that to him the most important thing in the world is to be liked.

He adds:

"When I grow up, I don't want to be President of the United States. Nobody would like me."

WHAT he means, I think, is this: Nobody would LIKE HIM FOR HIMSELF ALONE. Everybody would flatter him. Everybody would kow-tow to him. In every gathering of two or more, he would be the big shot.

BUT EVERYBODY WOULD JUST BE BUTTERING HIM UP BECAUSE EVERYBODY WOULD BE WANTING SOMETHING FROM HIM. That would go, not only for the United States, but in these days for everybody in the world. Throughout the world, at this moment in history, Uncle Sam

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'Pure Luck' Led To Drug's Finding

BALTIMORE, March 25.—(AP)—Sir Alexander Fleming last night ascribed the discovery of penicillin which brought him the 1945 Nobel peace prize to "pure luck."

The grey-haired Scotsman told an audience at the Johns Hopkins university school of hygiene and public health the only important part he had played in discovering the powerful, germ-killing drug was that "I noted something."

"It was pure luck that a culture plate of staphylococci got contaminated with some mold spores, and it did something to the staphylococci which was very unusual," Fleming continued.

"There are thousands of molds, but this happened to be the right one. There are thousands of bacteria, but this happened to be the right one."

"I might have been in a bad temper and missed it," Fleming is in this country as a lecturer at the Gill Memorial hospital in Roanoke, Va.

'Bring 'Em Back Alive' Hunter Dies

HOUSTON, Tex., March 25.—(AP)—Frank (Bring 'Em Back Alive) Buck, famed wild animal hunter, died peacefully in bed today at Hermann hospital here. He was 66.

Attendants said a lung ailment caused his death. Shortly before entering Hermann hospital a month ago, Buck was examined at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson hospital for cancer research here.

Services will be held at a funeral home tomorrow afternoon. The body will be cremated.

Death in bed overtook the man who had lived a life of hair-breadth escapes in many parts of the world.

From the time he was 18, Buck roamed the earth. In 1911 he made his first jungle expedition to South America—the first of a series in search of rare animals and reptiles that built his "bring 'em back alive" reputation.

Buck was born March 17, 1884, at Gainesville, Texas, where his father operated a wagon yard. In his school days, he showed an interest chiefly in animals and geography, and he left school after the seventh grade to make those interests his life.

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(By The Associated Press)

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A heavy rain has ended the threat of another drought in the rich San Joaquin valley of California. The moisture which measured well over an inch at most places were described by Agricultural Commissioner John Dixon at Fresno as worth a million dollars.

The rainfall was widespread. It extended from San Diego northward into the ranchlands of Idaho and Wyoming where it was mixed with snow at higher elevations.

Light rain also was reported at some points in Pennsylvania and western New York.

Secrecy Shrouds Mass Flight Of Czechs To West Germany

ERDING, Germany, March 25.—(AP)—Tight military secrecy today surrounded nearly 90 Czech refugees who landed at this U. S. air force base yesterday in three planes kidnapped from their Communist-ruled homeland.

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Deer Creek School Plans Expansion

Sealed bids will be received by Deer Creek school district No. 6 up to 8 p. m. Friday, April 14, at the school house for the construction of additions to the present school, an official notice submitted by Marybelle Beckley, district clerk, states.

The proposed improvements call for two new class rooms, separate heating plants, a storage room for janitor supplies and a lounge room for students who may become ill or need first aid.

The additions will be constructed of the same type of fireproof material, including concrete blocks and fireproof shingles, as the remainder of the building, which was completed a year ago. The school enrollment up to March 10 was 117.

The construction shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by L. W. Tyler. Copies of the plans may be obtained from Charles E. Smith, principal, at the school in Dixonville, up to the usual \$10 deposit.

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Ministers Meet

PARIS, March 25.—(AP)—Ministers from eleven Marshall plan countries met here today to streamline the Organization for European Economic Recovery (OEEC).

They are members of the consultative group of the OEEC, which is made up of the 18 areas getting Marshall plan money.

Dick L. Stinner, named six weeks ago as "political conciliator" for the OEEC, is to report on his first series of visits to member nations and to the United States.

Trade Meeting Set

SEATTLE, March 25.—(AP)—The Pacific Northwest Trade association will hold its 23rd general conference at Vancouver, B. C., April 17-18, Dick Knapp, executive secretary, announced today.

Three Withdrawn

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Acting in accord with a request from Hungary's Communist government, the State department has withdrawn three military men from the U. S. legation in Budapest.

Dynamite Digs Huge Crater; 2 Killed In Blast

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 25.—(AP)—A truck loaded with 15 tons of dynamite caught fire and blew up a highway 20 miles northwest of here last night. Two persons were killed and the countryside was rocked or 50 miles around.

Pneumonia Kills Famous British Socialist Author

LONDON, March 25.—(AP)—Harold J. Laski, a chief spokesman for British socialism and a founder of his country's Labor party, died last night. He was 56.

Pneumonia, following attacks of bronchitis and influenza, was listed as the cause of his death.

A member of the Labor party's executive committee since 1936, he was the party's chairman in 1945-46 when it won control of the British government by a large majority.

Laski was widely known in the United States, where he had taught and lectured at leading colleges and universities. A prolific writer, his espousal of socialism and his advocacy of "Anglo-Russian solidarity" had made him a constant target from conservatives on both sides of the Atlantic.

In a statement last night Prime Minister Attlee spoke of his "deep regret" at the death of Laski, whom he described as "a man of outstanding gifts, who has done great work for the Labor and Socialist movement."

"His brilliant intellect illuminated many of the social and political problems of our time," the Prime Minister said.

Though a pioneer in the Labor party, Laski never held a government post. But many of the government's officials had studied under him at the London school of economics of London university, where for many years he had been a lecturer.

Laski was a member of a Jewish family which had come to England several generations before from Russia. Born in industrial Manchester, he was educated at Oxford university. He began his career as a university lecturer at Canada, after he was rejected by the British Army in World War I because of a weak heart.

His widow and a daughter survive him.

Full Amount' Vote Urged By President

KEY WEST, Fla., March 25.—(AP)—President Truman today called upon Congress to vote the "full amount" of administration foreign aid requests and strike a "major blow" for peace.

He pitched into the House battle over how much should be spent the next fiscal year for European and other aid with a telegram to Chairman Kefauver (D.-Va.) of the House foreign affairs committee asserting:

"Passage of this act will strengthen all nations threatened with intimidation, subversion or aggression." He said it would be an attack on the poverty, misery and insecurity on which Communism thrives.

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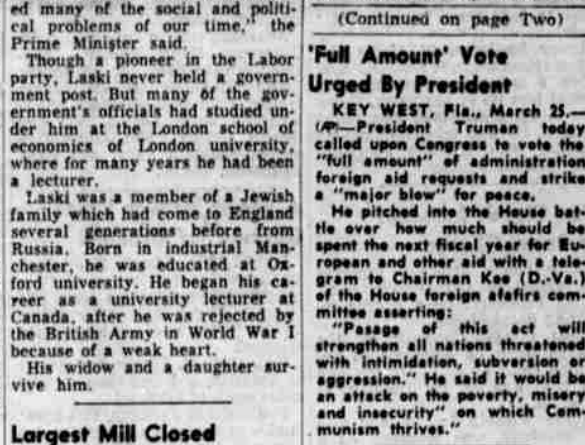
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MISSING FLIERS—Missing on a flight from Lakeview to Portland are these four persons, who were returning from the Oregon good-will tour to Cuba. Left to right, they are: Mrs. W. B. Lundstrom, 31; Leo Blakkob, 47; Mrs. Lee Blakkob, 39; W. B. Lundstrom, 39. All are Portlanders. They left Lakeview Tuesday in the plane beside which they stand. The picture was taken on the flight to Cuba. (AP Photo.)



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FBI Records On One Case Under Study

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Senate investigators appeared today to be nearing a showdown with Senator McCarthy on the "spy for Russia" case which he calls a test of his communism-in-the-State department charges.

Senate Investigators Call J. Edgar Hoover For Monday Meeting

That impression developed at the capitol after a justice department announcement late yesterday. It said confidential FBI data on "one principal case" had been given to the Senate foreign relations subcommittee which is looking into the Wisconsin Republican's charges.

It was learned that the information provided was about the man McCarthy contends is Russia's top espionage agent in this country. McCarthy has said the individual is connected with the State department. The department denies it.

The Senator has declared he is willing to let the credibility of his general charges hang on the outcome of the "Russian agent" case. Last Tuesday McCarthy gave the name of the man in the case to the committee in secret session. The committee immediately assigned the case top priority.

The individual's name has not been made public by the committee, but his identity is widely known in Washington.

There was speculation that there may be information available Monday on whether the FBI data on the case backs up McCarthy's charge. FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover is scheduled to go before the committee at a public hearing then. He will be accompanied by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

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Son Of President James Garfield Dies At Age 84

CLEVELAND, March 25.—(AP)—James Rudolph Garfield, 84, son of former President James A. Garfield, will be buried Monday at nearby Mentor, his home for more than 50 years.

The onetime secretary of the interior died yesterday of pneumonia, following a year of failing health. He was born at Hiram, Ohio Oct. 17, 1865.

Funeral services will be held here at 2 p. m. (EST) Monday in Trinity Episcopal cathedral, where Garfield was an executive committee member. The burial service in Mentor will be attended by the family only.

With Garfield at his death was his son, Newell, of Concord, Mass., another son, James A. of Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y., also survives. There are 12 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

During the last three years of his life, Garfield lived with his brother Abram, an architect, in suburban Braintree, Mass., and Irvin McDowell Garfield, a Boston attorney, are the last surviving children of the assassinated President.

With a legal career which started here in 1883 and lasted more than 60 years, James R. Garfield coupled a brief political career in which he rose to secretary of the interior in President Theodore Roosevelt's cabinet. He held the post from 1907 to 1908.

Local Workers Not Affected In Strike Vote

Roseburg welding and machine shops will not be affected by the threatened strike of Oregon's 1,500 AFL Metal Trades workers whose working contract expires in a week.

Spokesmen for the five local concerns contacted this morning said there would be no walkout of workers in this area. They said some Roseburg shops are "open shops" with the question of union affiliation left up to individual workers. None of the local firms have union contracts to fulfill, according to their spokesmen, and in some cases, these shops are now paying well above the union minimum scale.

According to a Portland Associated Press dispatch, a federal conciliator will join negotiations in that city Monday in an attempt to head off the possible strike in Oregon foundries, boiler works and machine shops.

No strike date has been set but the present working contract expires in a week and a strike has been authorized. The metal trades workers are asking a 15 percent pay increase, eight paid holidays, a health and welfare program and vacation schedule changes. A union spokesman told the AP that negotiations had been of little avail so far.

Roseburg shop owners said effect of such a strike would be felt here in a shortage of some key materials manufactured by the state's larger shops and foundries.

18 Salem Students Again Suspended

SALEM, March 25.—(AP)—Eighteen Salem high school boys again found themselves suspended from school today because of membership in a secret society.

A ruling by Circuit Judge Dal M. King of Coquille upheld the school board's suspension of the youths, including a few athletes, although no key team players.

The boys originally were expelled Oct. 13, but stayed in school under a temporary restraining order issued while parents appealed to the courts.

An attorney indicated an appeal also would be taken from Judge King's ruling.

King's decision dissolved the restraining order. He found that the secret society Alpha Beta Chi was an organization banned under the laws of Oregon. He held it was "patterned after a Portland club."

He further said the school board's action was not "arbitrary, officious, oppressive and discriminatory" as charged, and that the parents have been given "sufficient notice of the law" in advance.

In previous suspensions from the school here, students had to transfer to school in another town in order to complete high school education.

Something Has Happened To Stalin, Stassen Says

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 25.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen thinks that "something serious" has happened to Joseph Stalin.

In a talk to Young Republicans here last night Stassen commented on a recent report of a "faked" picture of Stalin used in Soviet Russia's last election.

Stassen said he saw Stalin on his visit to Russia within the last year and that he knew the election picture put out by the Kremlin was "at least ten years old."

"I know Stalin would have voted if he could," Stassen said, "and if he did vote, there would be no reason for putting out that picture."

46 Billion Saved

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Americans saved more than \$6,000,000,000 last year, the Home Loan bank board said today.

The agency said total 1949 savings deposited in "leading types of financial institutions" and invested in government bonds amounted to \$169,000,000,000, a record.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisman

No known agent will prevent the graying of hair of human beings, American Medical association consultants say. At any rate not during the existence of the present tax structure.