

DEWEY URGES FOREIGN POLICY TEAMWORK

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



LINDA LEE FOURNIER cuddles comfortably in the arms of her nurse, Beatrice Rhule, in the nursery at Mercy hospital. Linda was born over three months prematurely on last March 1, weighing only two pounds eight ounces. After an initial minor loss of weight she gained steadily until she now shakes the scales at three pounds eight and one half ounces. Linda Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fournier of Roseburg.

Ex-Socialite Wife Of Millionaire, On Old Age Pension Rolls For Last Ten Years, Passes Away At Age Of 80

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—(AP)—Genevieve Gray, 80, once the socialite wife of a Philadelphia millionaire, died in her small apartment here yesterday. It was disclosed that she had been on the state old age pension rolls for the last 10 years.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS comes from Kansas City:

"Today they came to bury Charles Binaggio, himself a pallbearer 17 years ago for another Kansas City northside political boss wiped out by gangland gunfire... 'Flowers banked the casket of Binaggio, who with his top henchman Charles Garotta was shot down in their Democratic ward club rooms here last Thursday... more than 500 floral pieces were in the little funeral home chapel where the bodies lay awaiting funeral services.'"

SO much for the pretty flowers. Now get this one:

"SCORES OF THE POLICE'S PLAIN CLOTHESMEN MINGLED WITH THE CROWD GATHERED TO BID FAREWELL TO THE TWO MEN, both of whom were pallbearers 17 years ago for John Larria, WHOSE POLITICAL THRONE BINAGGIO INHERITED."

THIS whole KC gangster business, which is getting such a play in the news, leaves me cold. It's (Continued on Page Four)

UNRULY EDITOR FINED

NEW ORLEANS, April 13.—(AP)—William H. Fitzpatrick, editor of the New Orleans States, was found guilty of disturbing the peace in municipal court early today. He was found innocent of charges of being drunk and resisting arrest. Judge Edwin Babylon sentenced him to pay a \$10 fine or to serve 10 days in jail. Fitzpatrick filed a motion for appeal of the sentence to criminal court. The charges grew out of an incident in a French quarter night club Tuesday night. Fitzpatrick denied that he was drunk.

Government Drops Price Supports For Turkeys And Chickens Because Their Production Is Increasing

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The government narrowed the field of its farm price support operations today by announcing that it will no longer maintain a floor under the market for chickens and turkeys. The commitment to support hogs expired March 31, but Secretary Brannan has said a new commitment will be made when and if Congress approves an administration request for an additional \$2,000,000,000 in price support funds. The government already has about \$4,000,000,000 invested in surpluses under support programs. At the present time, eggs and dairy products are the only livestock products being supported. Dropping of supports for chickens and turkeys came at a time when farmers are increasing production. The department said its action was made at this time so as to enable producers to make adjustments in their plans. The department bought about 9,000,000 pounds of turkeys under last year's support program designed to assure growers an average of 21 cents a pound. It is committed to purchase perhaps an additional 9,000,000 pounds of leftover stocks from last year's crop expected to be in storage July 1. Having had little success in selling the turkeys at home or abroad under limits of the law, the department is transferring them to the school lunch program. While it was committed to support chickens last year, the department bought none because prices averaged above a mandatory support level.

The Weather Mostly cloudy with showers today. Fair Friday morning with increasing cloudiness in afternoon. Sunset today 6:53 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:33 a. m.

Established 1873

ROSEBURG, OREGON—THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1950

★ ★ 87-50

Soviet Paper Caustic On Baltic Affair

Crewmen Of U. S. Plane Branded 'Spies,' Who Got 'Necessary Lesson'

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, April 13.—(AP)—Pravda declared today that the U. S. naval patrol plane missing in the Baltic since Saturday "violated the Soviet frontier and engaged in a pursuit of knowledge over Soviet territory." (This was the first hint by the Russians that the missing navy plane might be the same one which the Russians charged flew over Latvia Saturday and exchanged shots with Soviet fighter planes.) American officials have expressed the fear that the navy plane, which they said was unarmed, was disabled by gunfire and crashed in the Baltic. Search planes resumed their sweep over the Baltic today with U. S. officials still hopeful they may find the 10 crewmen alive. An editorial in Pravda, official organ of the Soviet communist party, charged that by conducting the widespread search American authorities are "trying to hide their traces." Referring to the statement made by the Americans in Wiesbaden that U. S. planes can fly over the Baltic if they want to, Pravda commented: "Facts reject this stupid bragging. Facts teach one to respect international law, as in the case which took place April 8 south of Lepaya (Latvia) concerning an American warplane B-29 (superfortress) shown."

The editorial described crewmen of the plane sighted near Lepaya as "American spies" and repeated the charge made in the Soviet note to the United States that the American plane opened fire on the Russian fighters before being fired at.

Declaring that it is an "indisputable thesis" that no one dare cross state boundaries without approval by that state, the editorial said failure to observe this rule is "nothing more than a malicious violation of state sovereignty and international law."

"This rule conduct by American spies encountered a necessary re-education," by Soviet planes guarding the frontiers of Russia, Pravda declared, adding that the "Brazen-faced individuals" received the necessary lesson and were forced to depart and go home."

\$200 Million Damages In Texas City Disaster Won

HOUSTON, Tex., April 13.—(AP)—Federal District Judge T. M. Kennerly entered an order today deciding the \$200,000,000 Texas City disaster damage suits in favor of the plaintiffs.

Trial of the suits, growing out of the disaster which devastated Texas City just three years ago this weekend, started before Judge Kennerly in Houston last April 25. Much technical testimony marked the litigation, in which the claims of all the plaintiffs for deaths, injuries, and physical damages were combined.

Albany Completes Major Daylight Saving Lineup

ALBANY, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—All the major cities in the Willamette valley were on the daylight saving time list today. Albany became the last to join by voting last night to abandon standard time on April 30.

COUNTRY IN FINE SHAPE

Truman Says So, Adding That He Intends To Take Share Of Credit For It

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—President Truman looked back on five years in the White House today and said the country is in fine shape. He said, too, he thinks he can take some of the credit. It was just five years ago yesterday that he was sworn in as President. A reporter, recalling that at Mr. Truman's news conference, asked: "Do you think the first five years are the hardest?"

Hungary Rejects American Note On Treaty Violation

BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 13.—(AP)—Hungary has rejected a U. S. note accusing her of violating American-Hungarian treaties by failing to pay adequate compensation for nationalized American-owned property. The reply insisted that Hungary is willing to negotiate regarding such compensation as she is at present with other countries. The Hungarian note said, however, that the Budapest government wants to bring up in such negotiations the question of Hungarian property "carried to the west by German Fascists." It said American authorities in Germany refused to return the property. The U. S. note demanded negotiation for a settlement and charged that Hungary's nationalization decree last December discriminated in that it did not include joint Hungarian-Soviet oil, shipping and aviation enterprises. Hungary replied that as a sovereign state she "has the indisputable right to decide the question of nationalization and to determine the ways and means of the compensation to be paid."

Officer, Maniac Die In Gun Battle

LANSING, Mich., April 13.—(AP)—Blazing guns at a rural cabin yesterday took the lives of a Michigan state policeman and the man who killed him. In the brief interval between the two deaths a cordon of 50 officers had laid siege to the cabin near here with tear gas and gunfire. Inside was an evidently crazed man. The slain trooper was George R. Branny, 26, a bridegroom of four months. Branny was shot in answer to a trouble call. Also shot and killed—either by himself or a police volley—was Clarence Iler, 44, one-armed truck driver. Troopers Branny and John R. Plants went to the cabin after getting a complaint from a neighbor woman that Iler was creating a disturbance. Police said that later investigation disclosed that Iler, married and father of a 20-year-old son, had been drinking heavily.

Corvallis Votes \$988,000 For School Purposes

CORVALLIS, April 13.—(AP)—Corvallis school district voters overwhelmingly approved two school financial measures at a special election here yesterday. Issuance of \$400,000 in bonds to finance new school construction carried by a 766-to-165 margin and the vote on the 1950-51 budget was 780 to 161. The budget calls for \$388,721, including \$198,771 in excess of the six percent limitation.

Truman Fires New Blast At Sen. McCarthy

Questions If Possible To Libel Salon; Probers To Hear 'Mystery' Witness WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—In a new blast at Senator McCarthy, President Truman today questioned whether it is possible to libel the Wisconsin Republican. Mr. Truman's remarks came at a news conference when he was asked about a recent statement by Senator Taft (R-Ohio). Taft had said the President libeled McCarthy by "cracking" at Key West, Fla., recently that McCarthy was the Kremlin's biggest asset in the United States. "Do you think that's possible?" Mr. Truman fired back at his questioner. And he said it was all right to use direct quotations. Mr. Truman went on to say he hadn't read all that Taft had said; that he doesn't read all the political columns of all the people running for re-election. Mr. Truman's original blast at McCarthy was in defending the State Department from the senator's charges that it harbors Communists and their sympathizers. Mystery Witness Hinted A Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee is investigating the charges and next week is to hear testimony from Louis Budenz, former Communist leader who renounced his affiliation with the party. There are reports that another witness, also described as a former Communist, may be called. The name of the mystery witness, possibly along with one or two others, may be given to the committee by McCarthy in response to a demand that he furnish the group by Monday all of the evidence he has to support his Communist charges against the State department. When reporters noted that the President has contended that to open the files to the committee might disclose FBI sources of information, Senator Taft said that might be true in some cases. But he added: "What good are the files if nobody can use them?" Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the full foreign relations committee predicted that the Senate itself will have to decide in the end what—if anything—to do about the President's refusal to open the records.

French Reds Fail To Bar Unloading Of American Arms

CHERBOURG, France, April 13.—(AP)—A Communist protest demonstration fizzled today as French workers began unloading the first American guns sent under the Atlantic defense pact. Strong police and military detachments guarded the docks. In spite of a furious press and leaflet campaign by the Communists to get Frenchmen to refuse to unload the arms and to demonstrate in protest against their arrival, a feeble attempt early this morning by some 50 demonstrators ended in 15 minutes without a tactic. The shipment—first to come to continental France under the Atlantic defense pact agreement—arrived today aboard an American freighter. Dock workers, some of them suffering from long unemployment, defied Communist-led union pleas to refuse to take the guns from the holds. Instead, 90 of them swarmed over the ship and began lowering heavy artillery onto the docks with cranes. It was the second time in two days that American arms shipments to Western Europe were unloaded peacefully despite Communist threats. A similar cargo arrived in Naples, Italy, yesterday and was lowered ashore under heavy police and troop guard without incident.

Rent Controls Retention May Be Left To Cities

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The administration was reported today to back a compromise continuing rent controls only where cities vote positively before January 1 to retain such ceilings. Confirming the general terms of the proposed bill, Chairman Maybank (D-SC) refused to predict whether the Senate Banking committee will approve it or any other rent control measure. The idea behind the compromise: Congress would vote a six months' extension to next January 1. Those cities that wanted to continue their past that date would have to vote to do so; those that didn't could end them when they wished.

4 Persons Burn To Death In Collision Of Trucks

KOUNTZE, Tex., April 13.—(AP)—Four persons burned to death Wednesday in a collision of three trucks two and one-half miles south of this southeast Texas town. Three men and a woman were burned alive, Sheriff A. D. Lindsey of Hardin county said. The sole survivor of the accident, driver of a logging truck said an oil field truck and a dairy truck from Muskogee, Okla., crashed head-on. The two occupants of the oil truck and two in the dairy truck all burned to death in a fire that "blazed" up just after the impact. T. J. Reynolds, 45, of Kountze, driver of the logging truck, said.

Douglas Allotted Share Of State Highway Fund

Douglas county will receive \$73,424.55 as its share of a total of \$1,992,554.30 from the state highway fund apportioned to the counties of Oregon, according to an announcement from the secretary of state's office. This distribution represents 19 percent of the revenues to the state highway fund for the first quarter of 1950 from motor vehicle licenses, fuel taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines imposed for violation of the motor vehicle law. Multnomah county will receive the largest share from the fund by collecting \$367,613.61, with Douglas county receiving the tenth largest amount among Oregon's 35 counties.

Youth Kills His Parents, Sister, Attempts Suicide

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 13.—(AP)—A 17-year-old boy, after slaying his year-old daughter, wife and sister, attempted suicide. Police cornered an 18-year-old son in the garage at the rear of the house. They heard moans and two shots. Surgeons performed an emergency brain operation but held little hope for the boy's recovery. Detective Azel Bryant said William (Billy) Blanks Jr., a high school student, had murdered his parents and sister, then attempted suicide. Bryant said he could find no motive immediately. The boy twice had been in trouble for stealing cars. He was released on probation last October after a mental examination at a reformatory. Blanks, 46, had been a clerical worker for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for 28 years.

CIO-IWA Wins In Three Bargaining Elections

The CIO International Woodworkers of America was successful in three National Labor Relations board elections held in Douglas county this week. The James A. Welch Logging operation on Old Mist, logging for Youngs Bay Lumber Co., Tuesday voted 19 to 1 in favor of the CIO. No other union was involved in the voting. On Wednesday the Green Valley Lumber Co., near Camas Valley, voted 8 to 2 in favor of the CIO. The woods operation of the Douglas Timber Corp. at Drain voted 17 to 3 in favor of the CIO. There were two additional challenged votes. The election at Welch Logging and Green Valley were conducted by Kenneth S. North, NLRB representative from the Portland sub regional office.

J. D. Newburn Promoted In National Guard Rank

National Guard headquarters in Salem announced today the promotion of John D. Newburn, Company D, 180th Infantry, Roseburg, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. Newburn, a teacher at Roseburg high school last year, is now attending the University of Oregon.

Truman Fires New Blast At Sen. McCarthy

Questions If Possible To Libel Salon; Probers To Hear 'Mystery' Witness

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—In a new blast at Senator McCarthy, President Truman today questioned whether it is possible to libel the Wisconsin Republican. Mr. Truman's remarks came at a news conference when he was asked about a recent statement by Senator Taft (R-Ohio). Taft had said the President libeled McCarthy by "cracking" at Key West, Fla., recently that McCarthy was the Kremlin's biggest asset in the United States. "Do you think that's possible?" Mr. Truman fired back at his questioner. And he said it was all right to use direct quotations. Mr. Truman went on to say he hadn't read all that Taft had said; that he doesn't read all the political columns of all the people running for re-election. Mr. Truman's original blast at McCarthy was in defending the State Department from the senator's charges that it harbors Communists and their sympathizers. Mystery Witness Hinted A Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee is investigating the charges and next week is to hear testimony from Louis Budenz, former Communist leader who renounced his affiliation with the party. There are reports that another witness, also described as a former Communist, may be called. The name of the mystery witness, possibly along with one or two others, may be given to the committee by McCarthy in response to a demand that he furnish the group by Monday all of the evidence he has to support his Communist charges against the State department. When reporters noted that the President has contended that to open the files to the committee might disclose FBI sources of information, Senator Taft said that might be true in some cases. But he added: "What good are the files if nobody can use them?" Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the full foreign relations committee predicted that the Senate itself will have to decide in the end what—if anything—to do about the President's refusal to open the records.

French Reds Fail To Bar Unloading Of American Arms

CHERBOURG, France, April 13.—(AP)—A Communist protest demonstration fizzled today as French workers began unloading the first American guns sent under the Atlantic defense pact. Strong police and military detachments guarded the docks. In spite of a furious press and leaflet campaign by the Communists to get Frenchmen to refuse to unload the arms and to demonstrate in protest against their arrival, a feeble attempt early this morning by some 50 demonstrators ended in 15 minutes without a tactic. The shipment—first to come to continental France under the Atlantic defense pact agreement—arrived today aboard an American freighter. Dock workers, some of them suffering from long unemployment, defied Communist-led union pleas to refuse to take the guns from the holds. Instead, 90 of them swarmed over the ship and began lowering heavy artillery onto the docks with cranes. It was the second time in two days that American arms shipments to Western Europe were unloaded peacefully despite Communist threats. A similar cargo arrived in Naples, Italy, yesterday and was lowered ashore under heavy police and troop guard without incident.

Rent Controls Retention May Be Left To Cities

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The administration was reported today to back a compromise continuing rent controls only where cities vote positively before January 1 to retain such ceilings. Confirming the general terms of the proposed bill, Chairman Maybank (D-SC) refused to predict whether the Senate Banking committee will approve it or any other rent control measure. The idea behind the compromise: Congress would vote a six months' extension to next January 1. Those cities that wanted to continue their past that date would have to vote to do so; those that didn't could end them when they wished.

4 Persons Burn To Death In Collision Of Trucks

KOUNTZE, Tex., April 13.—(AP)—Four persons burned to death Wednesday in a collision of three trucks two and one-half miles south of this southeast Texas town. Three men and a woman were burned alive, Sheriff A. D. Lindsey of Hardin county said. The sole survivor of the accident, driver of a logging truck said an oil field truck and a dairy truck from Muskogee, Okla., crashed head-on. The two occupants of the oil truck and two in the dairy truck all burned to death in a fire that "blazed" up just after the impact. T. J. Reynolds, 45, of Kountze, driver of the logging truck, said.

Douglas Allotted Share Of State Highway Fund

Douglas county will receive \$73,424.55 as its share of a total of \$1,992,554.30 from the state highway fund apportioned to the counties of Oregon, according to an announcement from the secretary of state's office. This distribution represents 19 percent of the revenues to the state highway fund for the first quarter of 1950 from motor vehicle licenses, fuel taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines imposed for violation of the motor vehicle law. Multnomah county will receive the largest share from the fund by collecting \$367,613.61, with Douglas county receiving the tenth largest amount among Oregon's 35 counties.

Youth Kills His Parents, Sister, Attempts Suicide

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 13.—(AP)—A 17-year-old boy, after slaying his year-old daughter, wife and sister, attempted suicide. Police cornered an 18-year-old son in the garage at the rear of the house. They heard moans and two shots. Surgeons performed an emergency brain operation but held little hope for the boy's recovery. Detective Azel Bryant said William (Billy) Blanks Jr., a high school student, had murdered his parents and sister, then attempted suicide. Bryant said he could find no motive immediately. The boy twice had been in trouble for stealing cars. He was released on probation last October after a mental examination at a reformatory. Blanks, 46, had been a clerical worker for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for 28 years.

No Time For Rocking Boat, Governor Says

Republicans, Democrats Told To Pull Together To Meet Grave Situation

PRINCETON, N. J., April 13.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey assumed the role of political conciliator today in an attempt to get Democrats and Republicans pulling together for a "genuine bipartisan" foreign policy. He called last night on President Truman to give the GOP a real chance to help guide the current cold war, and then chided his fellow Republicans for trying to rock the boat. Dewey listed strengthened bipartisan planning as the nation's number-one need in the prosecution of the cold war. He said it required "a radical improvement in the attitude of both the Democratic national administration and sections of the Republican party." The New York governor said that bipartisanism in foreign policy had been converted by the Democrats into "a show instead of a reality." But he said he saw some improvement in the recent appointment of the Republican John Foster Dulles to serve as consultant to Secretary of State Acheson. He cautioned fellow GOP leaders that, to any sincere offer of bipartisanism at a time like this, the Republican party must of course respond. "And this, he said, was no time for rocking the boat even if it was run mainly by Democrats. "Before any Republican rejoices at the possible shipwreck of the foreign policy of the Democratic administration," Dewey said, "he should remember that we are all in the same boat."

French Reds Fail To Bar Unloading Of American Arms

CHERBOURG, France, April 13.—(AP)—A Communist protest demonstration fizzled today as French workers began unloading the first American guns sent under the Atlantic defense pact. Strong police and military detachments guarded the docks. In spite of a furious press and leaflet campaign by the Communists to get Frenchmen to refuse to unload the arms and to demonstrate in protest against their arrival, a feeble attempt early this morning by some 50 demonstrators ended in 15 minutes without a tactic. The shipment—first to come to continental France under the Atlantic defense pact agreement—arrived today aboard an American freighter. Dock workers, some of them suffering from long unemployment, defied Communist-led union pleas to refuse to take the guns from the holds. Instead, 90 of them swarmed over the ship and began lowering heavy artillery onto the docks with cranes. It was the second time in two days that American arms shipments to Western Europe were unloaded peacefully despite Communist threats. A similar cargo arrived in Naples, Italy, yesterday and was lowered ashore under heavy police and troop guard without incident.

Rent Controls Retention May Be Left To Cities

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The administration was reported today to back a compromise continuing rent controls only where cities vote positively before January 1 to retain such ceilings. Confirming the general terms of the proposed bill, Chairman Maybank (D-SC) refused to predict whether the Senate Banking committee will approve it or any other rent control measure. The idea behind the compromise: Congress would vote a six months' extension to next January 1. Those cities that wanted to continue their past that date would have to vote to do so; those that didn't could end them when they wished.

4 Persons Burn To Death In Collision Of Trucks

KOUNTZE, Tex., April 13.—(AP)—Four persons burned to death Wednesday in a collision of three trucks two and one-half miles south of this southeast Texas town. Three men and a woman were burned alive, Sheriff A. D. Lindsey of Hardin county said. The sole survivor of the accident, driver of a logging truck said an oil field truck and a dairy truck from Muskogee, Okla., crashed head-on. The two occupants of the oil truck and two in the dairy truck all burned to death in a fire that "blazed" up just after the impact. T. J. Reynolds, 45, of Kountze, driver of the logging truck, said.

Douglas Allotted Share Of State Highway Fund

Douglas county will receive \$73,424.55 as its share of a total of \$1,992,554.30 from the state highway fund apportioned to the counties of Oregon, according to an announcement from the secretary of state's office. This distribution represents 19 percent of the revenues to the state highway fund for the first quarter of 1950 from motor vehicle licenses, fuel taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines imposed for violation of the motor vehicle law. Multnomah county will receive the largest share from the fund by collecting \$367,613.61, with Douglas county receiving the tenth largest amount among Oregon's 35 counties.

Youth Kills His Parents, Sister, Attempts Suicide

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 13.—(AP)—A 17-year-old boy, after slaying his year-old daughter, wife and sister, attempted suicide. Police cornered an 18-year-old son in the garage at the rear of the house. They heard moans and two shots. Surgeons performed an emergency brain operation but held little hope for the boy's recovery. Detective Azel Bryant said William (Billy) Blanks Jr., a high school student, had murdered his parents and sister, then attempted suicide. Bryant said he could find no motive immediately. The boy twice had been in trouble for stealing cars. He was released on probation last October after a mental examination at a reformatory. Blanks, 46, had been a clerical worker for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for 28 years.

No Time For Rocking Boat, Governor Says

Republicans, Democrats Told To Pull Together To Meet Grave Situation

PRINCETON, N. J., April 13.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey assumed the role of political conciliator today in an attempt to get Democrats and Republicans pulling together for a "genuine bipartisan" foreign policy. He called last night on President Truman to give the GOP a real chance to help guide the current cold war, and then chided his fellow Republicans for trying to rock the boat. Dewey listed strengthened bipartisan planning as the nation's number-one need in the prosecution of the cold war. He said it required "a radical improvement in the attitude of both the Democratic national administration and sections of the Republican party." The New York governor said that bipartisanism in foreign policy had been converted by the Democrats into "a show instead of a reality." But he said he saw some improvement in the recent appointment of the Republican John Foster Dulles to serve as consultant to Secretary of State Acheson. He cautioned fellow GOP leaders that, to any sincere offer of bipartisanism at a time like this, the Republican party must of course respond. "And this, he said, was no time for rocking the boat even if it was run mainly by Democrats. "Before any Republican rejoices at the possible shipwreck of the foreign policy of the Democratic administration," Dewey said, "he should remember that we are all in the same boat."

French Reds Fail To Bar Unloading Of American Arms

CHERBOURG, France, April 13.—(AP)—A Communist protest demonstration fizzled today as French workers began unloading the first American guns sent under the Atlantic defense pact. Strong police and military detachments guarded the docks. In spite of a furious press and leaflet campaign by the Communists to get Frenchmen to refuse to unload the arms and to demonstrate in protest against their arrival, a feeble attempt early this morning by some 50 demonstrators ended in 15 minutes without a tactic. The shipment—first to come to continental France under the Atlantic defense pact agreement—arrived today aboard an American freighter. Dock workers, some of them suffering from long unemployment, defied Communist-led union pleas to refuse to take the guns from the holds. Instead, 90 of them swarmed over the ship and began lowering heavy artillery onto the docks with cranes. It was the second time in two days that American arms shipments to Western Europe were unloaded peacefully despite Communist threats. A similar cargo arrived in Naples, Italy, yesterday and was lowered ashore under heavy police and troop guard without incident.

Rent Controls Retention May Be Left To Cities

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The administration was reported today to back a compromise continuing rent controls only where cities vote positively before January 1 to retain such ceilings. Confirming the general terms of the proposed bill, Chairman Maybank (D-SC) refused to predict whether the Senate Banking committee will approve it or any other rent control measure. The idea behind the compromise: Congress would vote a six months' extension to next January 1. Those cities that wanted to continue their past that date would have to vote to do so; those that didn't could end them when they wished.

4 Persons Burn To Death In Collision Of Trucks

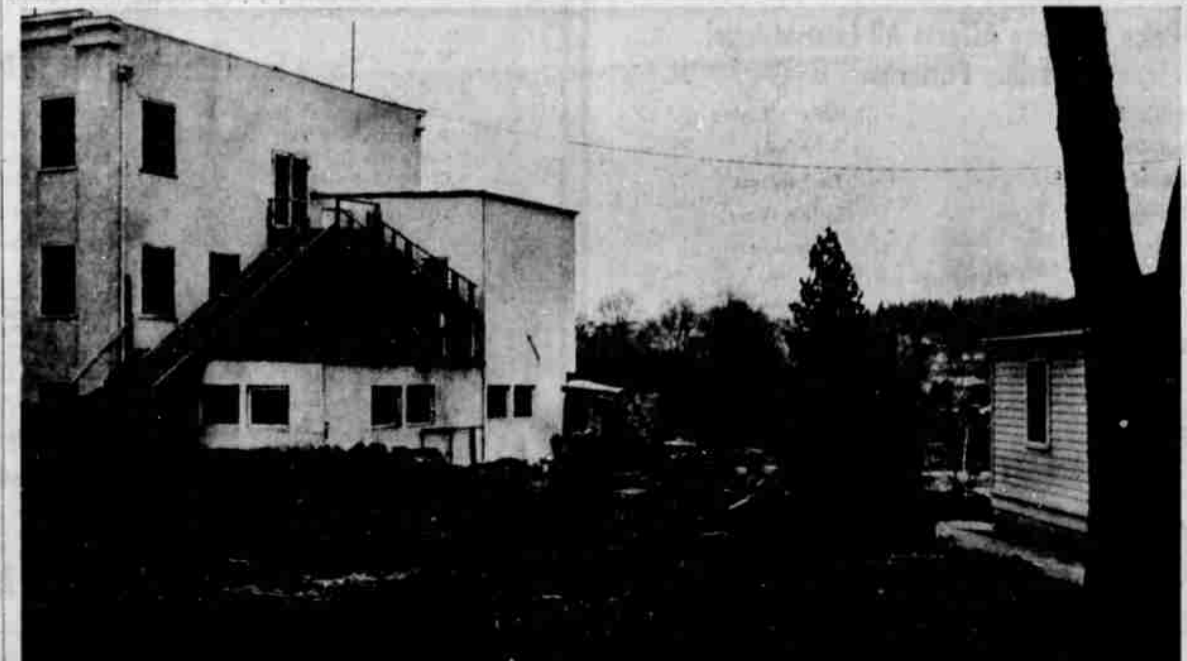
KOUNTZE, Tex., April 13.—(AP)—Four persons burned to death Wednesday in a collision of three trucks two and one-half miles south of this southeast Texas town. Three men and a woman were burned alive, Sheriff A. D. Lindsey of Hardin county said. The sole survivor of the accident, driver of a logging truck said an oil field truck and a dairy truck from Muskogee, Okla., crashed head-on. The two occupants of the oil truck and two in the dairy truck all burned to death in a fire that "blazed" up just after the impact. T. J. Reynolds, 45, of Kountze, driver of the logging truck, said.

Douglas Allotted Share Of State Highway Fund

Douglas county will receive \$73,424.55 as its share of a total of \$1,992,554.30 from the state highway fund apportioned to the counties of Oregon, according to an announcement from the secretary of state's office. This distribution represents 19 percent of the revenues to the state highway fund for the first quarter of 1950 from motor vehicle licenses, fuel taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines imposed for violation of the motor vehicle law. Multnomah county will receive the largest share from the fund by collecting \$367,613.61, with Douglas county receiving the tenth largest amount among Oregon's 35 counties.

Youth Kills His Parents, Sister, Attempts Suicide

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 13.—(AP)—A 17-year-old boy, after slaying his year-old daughter, wife and sister, attempted suicide. Police cornered an 18-year-old son in the garage at the rear of the house. They heard moans and two shots. Surgeons performed an emergency brain operation but held little hope for the boy's recovery. Detective Azel Bryant said William (Billy) Blanks Jr., a high school student, had murdered his parents and sister, then attempted suicide. Bryant said he could find no motive immediately. The boy twice had been in trouble for stealing cars. He was released on probation last October after a mental examination at a reformatory. Blanks, 46, had been a clerical worker for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for 28 years.



FOR HOSPITAL WING—Carl P. Tallon company, local contracting firm, breaks ground for basement excavation for the new hospital unit at Mercy hospital. The new building will lie between the present hospital, shown at the left in the picture above, and the nurses quarters, and will form an integral part of the former. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

Louis Budenz, ex-Communist and star witness for Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the attack on the State Dept., says there are 400 "concealed" Communists in the U. S. Be sure to look under the bed and in dark closets before retiring these nights.