



Before a reproduction of the Liberty Bell in the Treasury at Washington, Mayor W. Cooper Green (left) of Birmingham, president of The United States Conference of Mayors, and Mayor Quigg Newton of Denver, president of the American Municipal Association, mutually pledge the support and leadership of their organizations in the U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive, May 15-July 4. During the drive, 53 bell metal replicas of the Liberty Bell will visit some 2,000 U. S. cities to promote regular Bond saving by more Americans. Symbol of the drive is a Liberty Bell encircled by the slogan: "Save for Your Independence—Buy U. S. Savings Bonds."

Hero's Widow Loses Savings In Refund To Govt.

MINOT, N. D., May 26 — (AP) — Congress will be asked to act so that Mrs. Mary Osadchy can finally settle her account with the federal government.
The elderly widow mistakenly accepted \$2,350 in dependent's benefits after her son, serving in the air force, was killed in 1943 while flying over the North sea. She thought when the \$50 monthly checks kept coming, it was some sort of pension.
The government insisted she refund the overpayments. So Mrs. Osadchy returned \$1,250—her life savings, plus proceeds from poultry produce she raised. She said she simply couldn't pay any more.
George Bertelsen, Veterans administration investigator in the Minot office, discovered the widow should have been drawing a \$60 monthly pension since the death of her husband in March, 1944. That pension was recently approved, retroactive to last February.
"I'm so happy, except for that \$1,250 I owe the government," said Mrs. Osadchy.
Floyd Henderson, North Dakota veterans' affairs commissioner, assured her he will ask Congress—the only agency that can do it—to cancel the debt officially.



Consecrated Despite Protest—Msgr. Franz Jachym (center), leaves St. Mary's Dell 'Anima in Rome after he was consecrated as Archbishop Coadjutor to assist Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, head of the Roman Catholic church in Austria whom he is expected to succeed eventually. Last month Msgr. Jachym refused to be consecrated in Vienna, explaining he considered himself unworthy. Pope Pius XII rejected his decision. Here he is preceded by Bishop Alois Hudal, head of the Austrian National church in Rome. An attendant follows. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Rome)

Ilse Koch Faces New Indictment For War Crimes

MUNICH, Germany, May 26. — (AP) — A German court indicted Ilse Koch Thursday for crimes against German and Austrian concentration camp inmates. She will be brought to trial late in July.
Mrs. Koch, 42, infamous mistress of the Buchenwald concentration camp, was accused specifically of instigating the murder of 15 prisoners and the attempted murder of 135 others. She was charged also with mistreating the prisoners.
She has been held in a German jail since last October, when she was released by U. S. authorities after serving a four-year term on war crimes charges. She had been sentenced originally to life, but Gen. Lucius D. Clay, as U. S. military governor, ordered the sentence reduced to four years. He said examination of trial record and reports from lawyers showed the charges were based on "hearsay and not on actual evidence."
The reduction in sentence provoked protests in the United States and became a subject for U. S. Senate inquiry. German authorities announced they would try her and she was put in jail immediately after her release by the Americans.
Hans Ilkow, the Bavarian prosecutor, said he will call 200 witnesses at the forthcoming trial, including three from the United States. He would not give the names of U. S. American witnesses.
She is the widow of the former Buchenwald commandant. She became pregnant in jail while she was a prisoner of the Americans. The baby was turned over to a welfare agency.

Labor Perils U. S. Political System, C. Of C. Claims

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The U. S. Chamber of Commerce says the American labor movement is threatening the stability of the nation's political system.
In a pamphlet on "labor in politics," the chamber said:
"The American public may well ask itself 'shall the labor bloc be allowed by default to dominate American politics?'"
The booklet noted that politics is a major interest of organized labor, and added:
"The movement has become so large that it is a constant threat to the stability which has characterized our two-party system. There is always the danger that it may become a powerful third-party movement, or that it may actually capture and use for its own purpose one of the major political parties."
The fact that both the CIO and AFL have taken an active and sometimes effective part in political campaigns, the chamber said, poses this question for "the forces outside labor."
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Wallgren Given Job By Truman

WASHINGTON, May 26 — (AP) — President Truman Wednesday created a new federal maritime board and named Maj. Gen. Philip B. Wallgren to head the federal power commission.
The President also picked three chairmen of federal commissions, including his old friend, Mon C. Wallgren, to head the federal power commission.
Acting under powers bestowed in federal reorganization plans which took effect Wednesday, Mr. Truman also: Named former Senator James M. Mead, New York Democrat, to be chairman of the federal trade commission and designated Harry A. McDonald to be chairman of the securities and exchange commission.

Justice W. O. Douglas Named 'Father Of Year'

NEW YORK, May 26 — (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas was named "father of the year" Thursday.
Alvin Austin, director of the national Father's day committee, said Douglas was selected because he was considered "the most colorful and outstanding personality in public life today who by his thoughts and acts exemplifies the committee's 1950 theme, 'for a safe world tomorrow, teach democracy today.' Father's day is June 18.
Other 1950 titles:
Jackie Robinson, "sports father of the year," for his "clean sportsmanship in play and in life and for his fairness and modesty."
Walter Winchell won a committee award for his "yeoman service to the cause of cancer research."
Montana Christmas trees are sold in every state north of the Ohio and west of the Mississippi rivers.

Error On Oregon Highway Job Costly For Bidder

PORTLAND, May 26 — (AP) — If a bidder makes a mistake that is no fault of the state of Oregon, the highway commission decided Thursday in refusing to let a Seattle firm withdraw its bid for bridge piers over the Willamette river at Salem.
The firm, State Construction company, bid \$172,966. That was about \$60,000 under the next low bidder. The company said it had made an error and asked that it be allowed to withdraw its bid—and its check for 5 percent of the amount.
The commission said it would keep the check.

New bids on the Salem bridge job are to be called Tuesday, and the Seattle firm is bidding again.

MONEY JUST RUBBISH

VANCOUVER, B. C. — (CP) — Rubbish, you say?
R. J. Geall, a visitor from Rawlins, Wyo., is out \$120. The loss occurred after he cashed the money in an envelope under his car's ash tray.
A car washer found the envelope and threw it away. He said he thought it was "rubbish."
The pinon pine, found in the west, makes a good Christmas tree because it has a pleasant aroma and does not droop.

Wisconsin Governor Not To Ask Reelection

MADISON, Wis. — (AP) — Gov. Oscar Rennebohm says he will not be a candidate for reelection in the fall balloting.
Rennebohm, a Republican, said his physician had advised him he needed a complete rest of several months and that it would be inadvisable for him "to embark on a strenuous political campaign in the present condition of my health."
Rennebohm became governor in 1947 upon the death of Gov. Walter Goodland and was returned to office in 1948.
He was elected lieutenant governor in 1944, his first public office, and was reelected to that post in 1946.
Rennebohm owns a chain of Madison drug stores.

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