

Lack Of Sirens Plagues N.Y. Emergency Vehicles

NEW YORK — (AP) — Sirens no longer scream along New York city streets. As a result, police firemen and ambulances are having trouble speeding through traffic.

The band on their sirens was imposed by civilian defense officials, who ordered sirens used only as an air raid alert.

Police radio patrolmen reported they were slowed down in answering emergency calls.

The head of the hospital depart-

ment's ambulance service said ambulances needed some kind of noise gadget to help them buck traffic, and the use of bells was being considered.

Firetrucks already have bells, but one officer complained:

"You almost have to stop for lights now. Drivers hear our bell for maybe a half block ahead. A siren is heard from two to three blocks. A siren commands respect. Bells don't mean anything to the public."

Writer Criticizes President's Selection Of Gen. Marshall

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON — (AP) — This writer has great respect for General George C. Marshall as a man, as a citizen, as a soldier, and as a public servant.

So what follows here is not meant as a criticism of him. But his selection by President Truman to succeed Louis Johnson as secretary of defense raises one question at once:

Why, in a country of 150,000,000 people, does one man, like General Marshall, have to serve in one critical job after another? Are no other men capable of filling critical jobs well?

Marshall was chief of staff during World War II. He retired in 1945, thinking that after his long army career and World War duties he could get a well-earned rest.

But the situation in China — between Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists — was so bad that Mr. Truman called the general out of retirement and sent him to China as the one man capable of mediating the dispute.

Then, after Job Done

Then, when Marshall finished that job, Mr. Truman asked him to be secretary of state. A good man was needed. Marshall was a good man. He served until ill health forced him to retire again to private life.

He's 69 years old. And now, with the nation in a dither over its defenses, Marshall once more is asked to help the country out. Granted that Marshall is one of the outstanding men of his time, it still is some kind of commensurate on the other 150,000,000 people that one man repeatedly has to be called on to bail his country out of trouble.

Then there's another question: How will Marshall make out if Congress approves his appointment as secretary of defense? Elections are coming in November. Few people are scared in

politics. Will he get a political kicking around?

Until now the Republicans have been blaming Secretary of State Dean Acheson for our China policy. That policy can be stated briefly:

Several years ago the Truman administration decided it was hopeless to keep pouring help into Chiang Kai-shek's government in its fight against the Chinese Communists. On these grounds:

That Chiang's government was corrupt, that it wouldn't take the steps to reform necessary to help itself, and that it could not win against the communists so long as it persisted in not reforming.

As a result, American aid was withdrawn and eventually the Communists drove Chiang out.

Marshall had a big hand in shaping that policy. When Acheson succeeded him as secretary of state, the policy was continued, always, of course, with the approval of Mr. Truman, who was the connecting link between the two men.

But for many months now, with the Communists in control of China, Acheson has been condemned by the Republicans for our China policy. Senator McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, even called him the "Red Dean."

It seems unlikely that anyone would dare try to put any Red labels on Marshall but—. Now we'll have to see whether Marshall is going to be criticized along with Acheson for the China policy. The latter until now has had to bear the brunt of the attacks almost alone.

Law Must Be Changed

In order for Marshall to take the job as secretary of defense, Congress must change a law which it passed only a couple of years ago. That law says no former regular officer can be secretary of defense unless 10 years have elapsed since he left the service.

Marshall retired from the army only five years ago. So before he can be secretary of defense, Congress will have to change the law — at least in his case. The purpose behind the present law, of course, was to preserve civilian control of the armed forces.

That's part of the American, democratic tradition of keeping control of the country in civilian hands and out of the hands of military men.

Several members of Congress, however, offered strange reasoning in explaining why they'll approve changing the law for Marshall.

They said they'd be against a military man as head of the armed forces in ordinary times but—these are unusual times and therefore it's all right to put in a military man.

That's a little like saying civilians are all right till things get tough, but then we need military leaders. If that thinking was followed all the way down the line we'd have a military state, not democracy.

And that kind of thinking is completely contrary to the thinking of the founding fathers who wanted civilian control to be sure that military men always remained servants of the people, not their masters.

So it will be interesting to see just how Congress changes the law to let Marshall have the job. Whether it will wipe out the ban on military men altogether or just relax the rule for Marshall alone.

Dad And Son Combination Star In Softball Play

LOUISVILLE — The Bombers of the Louisville Amateur Baseball Federation have a father-son pitching staff. The starting hurler is Paul (Pop) Gossage, who is still in there pitching at 61. And should dad falter, son Bill Gossage, 29, is always ready in the bullpen.

The dad-son circuit here is a fast one, but that doesn't stop Pop Gossage, who won his first four games this season. Son Bill came on in the seventh inning to protect a 4-3 lead in the last one, and the win earned the Bombers the right to participate in the national amateur tourney at Springfield, O.

Pop has been mowing down the batters for a long time. He started his professional career with Paducah of the Kitty League in 1911. At the same time he attended the University of Kentucky.

"Baseball put me through school," says Pop. "It's been good to me in that way and in keeping me physically fit."

Gossage quit playing pro baseball when he opened up his law office in Paducah, Ky. Later he was reinstated as an amateur and continued to pitch.

Son Bill was taught to pitch by dad. Bill was rated a top flight high school hurler.

Priest Believed Drowned While Fishing At Yaquina

NEWPORT, Ore. — (AP) — A Benedictine priest who took off on an offshore fishing expedition was presumed drowned in Yaquina bay today.

He was Fr. Raymond Heade, a teacher at the Benedictine abbey at Mt. Angel. He had been visiting other priests here and fishing. He rented a boat and motor Monday afternoon and headed out of the bay. When he did not return Tuesday, the U. S. coast guard took up the search. Before noon, the boat, with holes in the bottom, was found on the south jetty of the Yaquina bay bar. Two fishing poles, a life preserver and a compass were aboard. Apparently the boat was stove in by rocks.

The missing man was a nephew of Fr. James P. Heade, parish priest here.

OFFICIAL TO ATTEND MEET EDMONTON, Alta. — (CP) — Provincial Secretary C. E. Gerhart who heads the Alberta civil defence set-up, will attend a defence conference of Canadian and American authorities at Helena, Mont., Sept. 21. Representatives from Saskatchewan and British Columbia also are expected to join in the talks with American officials.

License Office Rent Not Legal

SALEM — (AP) — Rent checks for branch offices opened recently by the secretary of state are facing a barrier in state treasurer Walter J. Pearson's office.

The treasurer said he had sent a letter to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry stating the rent checks would not be approved.

"The state treasury department will not be authorized to honor further warrants drawn in payment of rentals," Pearson's letter stated. He referred to the recent opinion by Attorney General George Neuner that the state had no authority to establish the offices or enter into long term leases.

Newberry recently opened a number of new offices about the state for convenience of motorists needing vehicle and driving licenses. The new buildings were built by private investors and then leased by the secretary of state's office.

Neuner's ruling followed a question on the lease legality raised by State Senator Richard Neuberger, Multnomah county democrat.

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Tri-City Fire District Vote Slated Sept. 29

The Tri-City election for the purpose of establishing a rural fire protection district has been changed to Sept. 29 by order of the county court.

The original date of Sept. 15 had to be cancelled because certain requirements were not fulfilled. According to the order, certificates for nomination of director candidates had not been filed. Also, personnel of the election board was incomplete.

The election will be held at the later date for the purpose of submitting to a qualified electors whether a Tri-City rural fire protection agency shall be organized.

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Cars Heavily Damaged In Highway Accident

Two cars were heavily damaged Monday about 5:20 p. m. on highway 99 in a collision involving cars driven by Russel Edgar Baker, Roseburg, and John Hoover Reisacher, Portland.

Stat police report Baker was cited for failure to yield the right of way. Both men were driving alone and neither was injured. The accident occurred north of Roseburg.

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