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### Navy Secretary Post Offered To Stassen, Report

SPOKANE — (AP) — The Spokesman-Review says Navy Secretary Francis Matthews "is expected to resign shortly" and that the job has already been offered to Harold Stassen, the Republican presidential aspirant.

Stassen is reported to be considering the offer from President Truman, the paper said. Ashley Holden, political editor of the paper wrote today that Matthews is "bitter over the administration's repudiation of his recent speech advocating a preventive war with Russia."

Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania and a former Republican Governor of Minnesota, served in the navy as an officer in World War II. He sought the GOP nomination for president in 1948 and is expected to do so again in 1952.

### Cut In U.S. Aid To Hospitals Stirs Gov. McKay

SALEM — (AP) — Governor Douglas McKay has asked President Truman to change his mind about cutting the amount of money available for federal hospital aid to states.

The governor said the cut is untimely when "an acute shortage of beds is being felt by the needs of wounded soldiers returned from Korea."

"Hospitals urgently needed for essential civilian use, and civil defense may be lost. Existing facilities inadequate for present needs and could not meet any war-related demand," the governor telegraphed.

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### Crashes Of 2 Navy Planes Kill 33 Men

#### One Disaster Occurs On Korean Airlift, 2nd In Puget Sound Area

PEARL HARBOR — (AP) — Twenty-six navy men were killed Tuesday in the crash of a transport plane bound for the Korean airlift — it was one of the worst such navy disasters in the Pacific.

Debris-strewn waters outside Kwajalein lagoon were searched for the bodies today. Four have been recovered.

The navy R5D transport, carrying 19 passengers and seven crewmen, was enroute from Hawaii to join the aerial supply operation for the new allied beachhead near Seoul.

It plunged into the water and exploded a few moments after taking off. Most of the men probably were still fastened in their seats when safety belts.

"We have no hope of finding any survivors," said a navy spokesman here. "This crash was about the worst — in number of casualties that we've had in the Pacific. It was so close to shore, the radius of the search area is so narrow, any survivors would have been picked up hours ago."

SEATTLE — (AP) — Seven men from a recently reactivated Willow Grove, Pa., naval reserve squadron were killed in the crash of their privateer bomber into Puget sound late Tuesday.

Three hours after the plane plunged into 250 feet of water near Whidbey Island, the navy listed the men as "missing."

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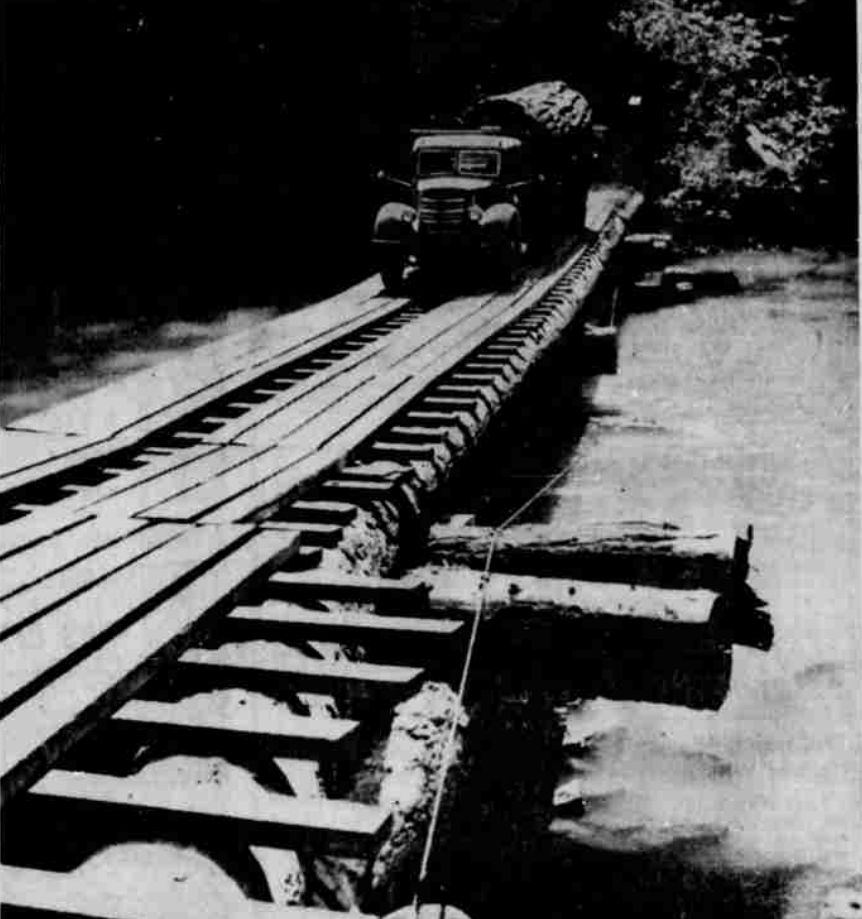
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LOGGING EXPEDIENCY—Pictured above is the bridge thrown across the North Umpqua river a mile below Susan Creek by Puckett and Nelson, loggers who have a timber holding in that area bordering the river on both sides.

The bridge, sturdy and dependable, was built in 10 days by four members of the crew. Its stringers are 93 feet long and the center section is held up by a unique suspension method. The structure is of temporary nature and preparation was made for its salvage when flood season in the river arrives.

The logging truck crossing the bridge is driven by H. A. Sharp, P & N driver. The big log on it is a second cut 60 inches in diameter, 26 feet long and containing 4,400 feet of lumber. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

### Lifer' Freed On Law's Bungling

SOUTH PARIS, Me. — (AP) — A superior court justice today ordered Francis M. Carroll, central figure in the celebrated Carroll-Dwyer murder case, free from life imprisonment after 12 years.

Justice Albert Bellevue granted the 54-year-old Carroll's request for a writ of habeas corpus.

The state has no appeal from the order which shattered Maine court precedent.

Carroll, a former Oxford county deputy sheriff, was imprisoned 12 years ago for the 1937 bludgeoning of Dr. James G. Littlefield at South Paris.

He contended at a recent hearing in Rumford that he had been sent to prison by fraud and deception and that his constitutional rights to a fair trial had been violated.

Justice Bellevue, in a 4,500-word decision, found that the trial had been marked by suppression and manufacture of evidence.

Carroll and Paul N. Dwyer, 30, a sometime boy friend of Carroll's daughter, Barbara, were both convicted of the Littlefield slaying. The doctor's wife was also slain, but nobody ever has been tried for her death.

### Murder Attempt Balked When Bullet Hits Keys

CHICAGO — (AP) — The president-treasurer of an AFL Teamsters local suffered a hip bruise Tuesday night as gunmen failed in an attempt to slay him.

Police said the gunmen, hiding in a parked car, blasted four shots at the union official, Steve Slabor, 49, after he parked his automobile in a north side street.

Police Capt. Joseph Goldberg says Slabor related he ducked under the car's dashboard when he saw a pistol muzzle pointing at him from a dark sedan parked across the street. One bullet struck Slabor's keys in his trouser pocket and the slug was deflected.

Hospital officials said Slabor suffered a left hip bruise by the slug that hit his keys.

CINCINNATI — (AP) — Maybe Edgar Fred Whiteaker, 35, shouldn't have stopped yesterday to look at his own picture.

The picture was posted in the federal building here and it carried the notation that Whiteaker was wanted for jail breaking. FBI agents, who had had the man under surveillance for some time, were there too so they took him into custody.

A. E. Ostholhoff, agent in charge of the FBI here, said Whiteaker was charged with robbery of several supermarkets in Dallas, Tex., and Indiana.

### Bill To Curb Reds Receives O.K. Of House

#### Margin Large Enough To Nullify Threat Of Possible Truman Veto

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Disregarding the chance of a presidential veto, the House today passed a subversives control bill calling for peacetime registration of Communists and wartime internment of potential spies and saboteurs.

Agreeing to a Senate-House compromise on conflicting versions of the bill, the House sent it back to the Senate for expected speedy concurrence.

By completing congressional action at once, the Senate could send the bill to the White House in time for President Truman to act on it before Congress begins a hoped-for adjournment or recess this weekend.

Should President Truman decide to veto it, today's top-heavy vote made it almost certain that the House would override it by the necessary two-thirds vote. The vote today was 312 to 20.

There is no assurance that Mr. Truman will veto the bill. In fact, some house sources close to him think he will approve it, perhaps with a critical statement. The compromise bill is a redraft of earlier versions which the President publicly objected to on the ground they would endanger the rights of loyal citizens.

A White House aide last night withheld comment on the possibility of a veto, but said that of some 6,000 telegrams and letters received in the last four or five days on the issue, only 200 favored the anti-Communist legislation.

The bill would require Communists and fellow travelers to register with the federal government, through the attorney general. Failure to do so could subject them to imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of \$10,000.

In time of war or rebellion, the government could intern persons regarded as potential spies or saboteurs, although they would not be confined as criminals. Presumably, they would be put into civilian internment centers.

In addition to requiring registration and providing for detention, the bill tightens up existing espionage, sabotage, alien exclusion, deportation and immigration laws. In general, it would make it harder for an undesirable person to get into the country and still harder for him to slip out.

It would require Communist and "front" groups to label as Communist-inspired any material they mailed or broadcast.

Communists would be barred from federal employment and from jobs in defense plants and vital public utilities.

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### U.S. Marines Storm Across Han River, At Heavy Cost, To Fight Foe For Reds' Capital

By The Associated Press

The capture of Seoul by forces of a tank-led 40,000-man Allied liberation army appeared imminent today. U.S. marines, spearheading the attack, stormed across the Han river in thousands.

One marine column was stabbed toward the heart of Seoul after swarming across the river barrier eight miles downstream. They made the crossing at dawn after being gassed once in darkness.

Another column was preparing to cross at the suburbs of Yanghwa and Youngdungpo, just a mile away from the capital city of 1,000,000 the Communists took from the South Koreans nearly three months ago.

But the Reds were pouring fresh reinforcements of men and equipment into the city and there were signs a major battle was in progress. Observers said allied forces suffered their heaviest casualties of the Inchon invasion in the approaches to Seoul.

Allied airmen using Superforts and fighter planes gave support to the attack by plastering communication lines within a 105-mile radius of Seoul. Their aim was to prevent if possible the Communists from bringing in reinforcements from any direction.

Allied planes swooped in to attack enemy vehicles disguised as haystacks near Suwon, 20 miles south of Seoul.

U.S. warships, including the battleship Missouri, poured a thunderous fire at Communist positions on the northeast bank of the Han. The "Mighty Mo" had steamed around from the east coast after laying down fire to enable South Koreans to capture Pohang.

South Koreans Gain

In Washington the army announced that South Korean marines stormed ashore at Samchok on the east coast opposite Seoul and established a beachhead. The landing was made several days ago.

Samchok is the eastern terminus of a railway connecting that city with Seoul. It lies 105 air miles from Pohang. The landing apparently is to cut off Communist reinforcements to both Seoul and the Allied-held southeast perimeter.

As the marines tightened their grip on Seoul the other end of the Allied outcraacker moved on re-treating Communists on the southeast beachhead. South Koreans secured Pohang and started mopping up the surrounding area.

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Even before the Korean war, these officials explained to a reporter, France understood that her own army was draining fight against the Communist Viet Minh rebels would have to be waged by French troops and loyal native units.

However, Indochina was given a top priority for arms aid immediately after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. President Truman personally directed the "acceleration" of this assistance.

### AFTER KOREAN WAR, WHAT? Russia, Not U.S., Should Be Kept Worrying, Says Congressman Ellsworth

If the United Nations succeed in stopping the North Koreans, will the peace terms merely sow seeds for another war, or will we clean up a fester on our globe?

This was the question posed by Congressman Harris Ellsworth speaking before the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. He has just returned to Roseburg from what he termed the most trying and arduous session in his eight years in Congress. The entire session, he said, was operated on a political basis.

Expressing his own opinion, he said he believes the United Nations should not stop at the 38th parallel, but that we should occupy North Korea, and for once put Soviet Russia in a position of wondering what we were going to do next, instead of us having to wonder about Russia.

He believes the United States should state its position one way or another on this matter and that the North Koreans should be told of their fate, if the United Nations win.

Origin of War Reviewed

Congressman Ellsworth reviewed the history of "how we got into the situation in which we were placed June 21." Claiming it's a "long and tragic" story, he told how the seeds were planted a few days after V.J. day, when Russia was brought into the Japanese war and allowed to occupy the northern part of Korea. Thereafter, the fall of China to the Reds made war inevitable. Had there been a central government in China, there would not have been a conflict in Korea, he contended.

Russia refused to act as a friendly nation should, took immediate possession and blocked any attempt to unify Korea. When Russia finally pulled out her troops, she left equipment with which to arm the Reds, whereas the United States in withdrawing its troops, left only a small quantity of small arms.



BLUE REDS—Stripped of their clothing, captured North Koreans are guarded by marines following the invasion of Inchon. More than 1000 prisoners were taken in the first few days. Exclusive NEA-Acme photo by Staff Correspondent Norman Williams. (NEA Telephone.)

ATTACK REDS! YOUR NEWSPAPER

READ What Wendell Webb Says about NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENTS Page 4 Today

Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein Like the fellow who 'couldn't see the forest for the trees,' Harry Truman can't see the need for price controls because of the heavy increases in the cost of living necessities.

WOODBURN — (AP) — The Woodburn high school safe was cracked Monday night, and \$204 was taken, police reported. The money was the receipts of Woodburn's first high school football game of the season. The safe-crackers broke in through windows, and used a torch, drill, sledgehammers and a chisel to break the safe open. The tools were taken from the school shops. The inside of the school was damaged considerably.

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