

OVERTHROW PLOT JAILS FIVE TOP CZECHS

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Assassination Of President Said One Aim

Ex-Foreign Minister Clementis Heads Group Of Red Purge Victims

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — (AP) — Former Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis and four other top Communist leaders are under arrest in an alleged plot to assassinate Czechoslovakia's Communist President and turn the country to the west "like Yugoslavia."

This disclosure by the Czechoslovak Communist central committee coincided with its announcement that since September it has thrown almost 170,000 members out of the party in the biggest housecleaning since the Communists took the power three years ago. The housecleaning is continuing.

"We shall prove," said one of the reports to the committee on the arrests, "that there is a place in the party only for those who in the most holy manner love the Soviet Union, the Communist party of Bolsheviks and comrade Stalin."

Five lesser alleged conspirators also are reported in prison. The former leaders now facing trial, besides Clementis, are:

Dr. Gustav Husak, former chairman of the corps of commissioners (cabinet) of Slovakia. Laco Novomesky, former Slovak commissioner for education. Mrs. Maria Svermova, widow of the Communist resistance hero Jan Svermova and a former party deputy secretary-general.

Otto Sling, former party political secretary for the Brno region. Sling and Mrs. Svermova are accused of being illicit lovers. These persons are accused of plotting to assassinate President Klementis, to replace party Secretary-General Rudolf Slansky and Prime Minister Antonin Zapotocky, and to seize both the party and the government. All five have been ousted from the party central committee and from parliament. Clementis, who vanished from sight Jan. 27, has been a Communist party member since 1921.

The Prague press published charges by President Gottwald that Clementis and others had plotted for five years to bring Czechoslovakia under capitalist control.

Heavy Damage Suits Faced By 2 Lumber Concerns

Two large general damage suits were filed in circuit court Monday, one for \$60,000, the other for \$25,000. Both were for physical injuries, allegedly received when plaintiffs were run down by lumber carriers.

William Hoeft filed the larger suit, against the Roseburg Lumber Co. He charges in the complaint that a lumber carrier ran him down Oct. 9, 1950, while he was working at the Dillard mill. As a result, he said, he suffered major cuts and bruises, a broken ankle and permanent loss of function of his right arm. In addition to the \$60,000 general damages, he asks \$1,424 for loss of wages.

Virgil Gilbert filed the second suit, against Youngs Bay Lumber Co., for injuries allegedly received in a similar accident on Oct. 27, 1950. The plaintiff charges that his left foot was fractured and he suffered hip, back and shoulder injuries when a lumber carrier struck him.

A filing was made by Wayne C. Conger against Bruce L. Thornton and others for \$3,850. Plaintiff asks for a judgment of a mortgage on Railroad addition lot in Reedport, which was used in security for a promissory note in the above amount.

William E. and John H. Markham Jr. filed suit to quiet title to property located on the Nichols donation land claim near Riddle. Named as defendants are R. U. Hawkins, Ernest F. Brown and others.

The court issued judgment for \$70.23 in favor of the Sun Credit Service Inc. against Mr. and Mrs. Merland Foss.

Ranger's Lone Bullet Scores Twice On Quarry

AUSTIN, Tex. — (AP) — Texas ranger Doyle Carrington got his man with one shot—in two places. Several hijackings have taken place recently on lonely Burleson road near here, Carrington set a trap.

After long, lonely hours of waiting a man with a handkerchief over his face and a drawn pistol approached the ranger's parked car and announced: "This is a holdup."

The ranger's bullet hit the barrel of the holdupman's gun and split. Nineteen-year-old Charles V. Davis of Austin was hit in the abdomen and chest. Hospital attendants said his condition was satisfactory.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Consenting to a bill to legalize the sale of colored oleo in Oregon, the dairy industry insists, however, that the butter substitute be barred from using a yellow color. In view of the money saving involved, may we suggest that the oleo be decorated with a Scotch plaid.

W. Oregon Lumber Strike Averted

AFL's Wage Demand Met By Employers

CIO Prepares To Open Negotiations; Walkout In Washington Continues

PORTLAND — (AP) — A strike of AFL Lumber and Sawmill workers in western Oregon faded today, but a walkout of 14,000 members in western Washington continued.

Kenneth Davis, secretary of the northwest district council of the union, said chances of averting a strike in western Oregon appeared favorable.

His optimistic statement came after a third group of Pacific Northwest employers agreed to the union's demand for a 7½-cent hourly pay increase, subject to approval by the Federal Wage Stabilization board.

The union's Portland-coast-Columbia district council came to terms with eight Columbia river mills after they were released by the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations committee to sign as individuals.

Walter Durham Jr., manager of the union's Portland-coast-Columbia district, said the other four mills would be asked to sign today.

Durham declared that the action of the committee would have no effect on the situation in western Washington, where some 200 struck mills also are represented by the LIRC.

Meetings are scheduled by the union with Portland sawmills and with Oregon coast operators, including those in the Coos bay area, Davis said.

He said prospects that both groups would sign were favorable, since they were not affiliated with the LIRC.

Boost Taps Federal Formula

The eight mills to sign Monday, employing about 1400 workers, included four at Vancouver, Wash., two at St. Helens, and one each at Rainier and Warrenton.

The Willamette Valley Lumber Operators association, employing about 5500 Oregon workers, and Oregon and Washington plywood producers, with about 8500 workers, agreed to the increase Saturday.

The 7½-cent boost exceeds the tentative 10 percent wage increase formula announced by the federal government, but employers agreed to join in petitioning for approval of the boost.

The CIO International woodworkers of America, which represents some 45,000 northwest mill and woods workers, meantime prepared to open a second round of negotiations with employers here today.

The IWA earlier asked for an increase of 35 cents an hour, about the same figure originally sought by the AFL union for its 65,000 members in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Highway Board Refuses To Lift Pole Restrictions

The Oregon State Highway commission Monday denied a request of the Umpqua Valley Farm Bureau and the Umpqua Valley Grange to lift restrictions on pole line construction and to improve the Elkton-Sutherland highway.

The position was vacated when G. S. Verger went to Baker as city manager.

CITY MANAGER NAMED

MILTON-FREEWATER — (AP) — Robert L. Brunton, assistant city manager of Minot, N. D., will be the new city manager of Milton-Freewater.

The position was vacated when G. S. Verger went to Baker as city manager.

"Charges Ridiculous"

Liquor Commissioners Say Portland's Bennett Merely Publicity Hound

SALEM — (AP) — The bitter hearings on Portland City Commissioner J. E. Bennett's charges against the State Liquor commission have ended, with three of the five members of the senate alcoholic traffic committee accusing Bennett of "demagoguery and publicity seeking."

Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland, chairman of the committee, said "we got something out of the two hearings we held, but no further hearings are needed."

But three committee members—Sam Coon, Keating, Ben Musa, The Dalles; and Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls—said they got nothing whatever from Bennett's statements, in which he accused the commission of allowing criminals to operate beer taverns, of being in a partnership with the tavern operators, and of licensing too many taverns.

Monday's hearing ended up in a fist fight between Carl W. Hogg, Salem, chairman of the Liquor commission, and Bennett.

Senator Coon made a statement in which he deplored the use of a committee hearing to permit "a notorious publicity hound such as Mr. Bennett to make and publish unfounded, false and ridiculous charges." Musa and Hitchcock agreed with Coon's statement.

They also criticized Hilton for holding the hearings without consulting the other members of the committee.

Hilton said that the committee would consider Bennett's suggestion that the commission be prevented from issuing any tavern licenses without consent of the local city government.

He said he likes this idea, himself. However, the Liquor commission said it has always had a policy of never granting a license without approval of the city in which the tavern is located.

Coon, Musa and Hitchcock said that Bennett made many charges, but failed to submit any evidence to back them up.

Coon's statement added that the charges made by Bennett "were wholly false, untrue and unsupported by any competent evidence, or in fact, by any evidence at all."

Auto Price Freeze Will Be Extended

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Officials of the Office of Price Stabilization said they plan to extend the auto price freeze, which otherwise would expire March 1.

The manufacturers' prices of new cars now are frozen at the levels of last Dec. 1.

Officials said the order may be extended to April 1 to give them time to work out new regulations for manufacturers of all kinds.

For the last two months the OPS has been working on a revision of the auto price freeze that would permit the manufacturers in some cases at least—to raise prices to help compensate for higher costs of production.

The agency has decided not to issue this revision separately, but to accomplish the same purpose through an order applying to manufacturers in general. This sweeping order will tell manufacturers how much they can charge over and above their actual costs.

But this order won't be ready by March 1. It should be ready sometime in March. That's why, according to the OPS officials, the auto freeze will be extended.

RED CROSS DRIVE OPENS

Pictured above are six volunteer workers who will direct the annual Red Cross fund drive in Douglas county. The drive will open March 1 and continue through March 31. The division captains, from left to right are: Miss Helen Casey, special groups; Don Read, chairman of the board; J. Roland Parker, outlying districts; Bob Kidder, fund campaign; Verne Harpham, outlying districts; Mrs. Zeké Walton, residential. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)



CHARLEY AND JACK WHARTON, left to right above, chat with Bill Oerding, recent purchaser of the Wharton Implement store at Main and Washington streets. "We've been in this location for 43 years," Charley stated, "and for 15 years before that we were located where the Silver Nook grill is now. Fifty-eight years in business in Roseburg—or at least I have been; Jack came to work as soon as he was old enough!" —(Paul Jenkins)

Presidential Tenure Limit Of Two Terms Voted Into Constitution By 36 States

By DONALD SANDERS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — From now on, no president of the United States—except for Harry Truman—may be elected to more than two terms.

And under the 22nd amendment to the Constitution, which for all practical purposes became law Monday night, no man or woman may serve more than ten years in the White House.

The amendment, while limiting future presidents to two elective terms, allows a person who has served two years or less of an unexpired term to be elected twice on his own.

As president at the time the amendment was approved by the Republican controlled 80th Congress, Mr. Truman was specifically exempted.

Thus he would be permitted to run for a second full term in 1952 even though his White House tenure would then fall within the ban set out in the new amendment. He has not said whether he will run.

Utah and Nevada legislatures acted in quick succession Monday to approve the amendment. Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the amendment.

The Constitution requires that amendments to it be ratified by three-fourths of the states—or 36 at present—to become law. A two-thirds majority in Congress is required to submit amendments to the states.

The new amendment could be repealed by the same procedure, of course, just as the 18th—prohibition—amendment was repealed by the 21st. It was ratified on Dec. 5, 1933.

Nevada legislators had stood by to grab for their state the honor of being the 36th state to ratify the new amendment. Minutes after learning that Utah had approved, Nevada senators voted 16 to 1 for ratification. The assembly had approved earlier, 29 to 12.

At least two other states were also near ratification votes—Minnesota and Maryland. The Minnesota legislature had suspended the rules to schedule a vote this afternoon in the hope of becoming the 36th and deciding state to act.

The amendment when proposed was generally regarded as a rebuke to the late President Franklin Roosevelt, who won four terms in the White House. He thus broke a two-term precedent set by George Washington, who declined to run for a third term.

The 36 states which ratified the amendment, by years, were: 1947: Maine, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire, Oregon, Illinois, Delaware, Vermont, California, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Ohio, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Missouri, Connecticut.

1948: New York, Virginia, Mississippi.

1949: North Dakota, South Dakota, Louisiana.

1951: Indiana, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, Utah, Nevada.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The National Production authority announced it will reduce or eliminate the use of natural rubber in about 40,000 products on March 1.

The agency handed to representatives of the rubber industry a 32-page printed list specifying the percentage of natural rubber which may be used in civilian and some military products.

Smaller-size passenger car tires were cut to an average of 15 percent and larger sizes to 22 percent. This compares with about 25 and 35 percent natural rubber in current tire output.

Use of any natural rubber was barred for most toys, passenger tire tubes, retreading materials, most bottle stoppers, washing machine wringers, and dust pans.

Another casualty was "falsies," NPA said no rubber must be used for "breast pads."

The use of natural rubber is limited to 85 percent in golf balls, 10 percent in baseball centers, 81 percent in tennis balls, and 53 percent in inflatable athletic balls such as footballs and basketballs.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: Communist forces in Korea are suffering casualties at the rate of 78,000 a month, the army reports today. Estimated total communist casualties since the fighting began: 624,000 up to last Tuesday. In the same period, U. S. total casualties for all services (army, navy, air force, marines) are 49,132.

That, you will note, is a ratio of a little better than 12 to one IN OUR FAVOR. There's a rumor in the news that old Mao is in the hospital with a heart condition. If these casualty figures are anywhere near accurate, I can see how it might have come about. A shock like that would be hard on anybody's heart.

You understand, of course, that the casualty list is the total of killed, wounded and missing. So far, our total of killed is around 7,000. Our list of missing is rather small. Our wounded amount to around 40,000. As I recall the latest (Continued on page four)

The Weather

Generally fair today with light rain expected by Wednesday afternoon.

Highest temp. for any Feb. — 79
Lowest temp. for any Feb. — 3
Highest temp. yesterday — 45
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 30

Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from Feb. 1 — 4.52
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 35.92
Excess from Jan. 1 — .18

Sunset today, 6:00 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:51 a. m.

Pine Motor Theater To Reopen Thursday

The Pine Motor theater will reopen Thursday night after being closed during the winter months. Manager Bob Elliott said.

The first 1951 motor theater performance will feature "Mr. 889," starring Burt Lancaster, Dorothy McGuire and Edmond Gwenn, in addition to "It Happens Every Spring," with Ray Milland.

DALLAS, Tex. — (AP) — A Dallas man was put under a \$50,000 peace bond not to strike his wife any more with a sledge hammer.

The man explained in Justice of the Peace W. E. Richburg's court that "my wife is cranky when the weather is bad. So when the weather looked threatening I hit her with a sledge hammer."

The woman is now in a Dallas hospital with head injuries. Richburg levied a jail sentence and the peace bond.

"The next time you hit her," the justice warned, "you'll either pay \$50,000 or lay it out in jail."

OSC Again Removes Art Exhibit Of Nudes

CORVALLIS — (AP) — For the second time in two weeks, an art exhibit of nudes by Oregon State college students was removed from the Memorial Union building on the campus.

"In my judgment a specific display of nudes has no place in the Memorial Union," Ed Allworth, manager said. He added that with some people such an exhibit becomes a matter of sex.

But art instructor James G. Jameson declared there is nothing immoral about the undraped human body.

"People who would find these objectionable must be people with dirty minds," he said.

Why is there such a furor over such population basis? The main objection lies in the fact that Multnomah county would virtually control both houses because approximately one third of the legislators would be from that county. Many of the legislators from eastern Oregon maintain quite rationally that such considerations as resources, production, territory, etc. must be considered for fair representation. For example, the logging industry, which is the backbone of Oregon's industry and financial health, is largely found in counties without dense populations. It would be conceivable that the metropolitan legislators could do great harm to such industry by their lack of immediate contact and familiarity with it. The same for farming, etc.

The federal plan of reapportionment would put the House on a straight population basis with approximately nineteen from Multnomah county, and would put the Senate on the basis of one senator from each county. This has many merits but could result in a good many deadlocks on bills which are

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