

OHIO VOTERS GIVE TAFT NOMINATION LEAD



DISRUPTS HEARING—Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) exhibits the tape recorder that disrupted the Washington pre-trial hearing of his two-million-dollar libel-slander suit against Senator William Benton (D. Conn.). The hearing ended abruptly after 18 minutes when Benton's lawyer objected to the tape recording of Benton's testimony. (NEA Telephoto)

Oil Union Accepts Bid To Parley; Strike Holds

DENVER (AP) — A union coalition directing a nation-wide strike of about 90,000 oil workers delayed its decision Wednesday on whether to resume work pending a meeting with the Wage Stabilization Board next Tuesday.

Effects of the strike, which already has cut commercial and private flying, brought out coal locomotives in place of oil-burning diesels and dried up filling station pumps in scattered areas, spread to Alaska. Military flying there was drastically curtailed Wednesday.

The coordinating committee of the 22 unions which called the strike April 30 for higher wages has agreed to attend the Washington conference.

Airline Keeps Local Schedule

Shortage of gasoline, brought by strikes against the oil industry, has altered West Coast Airlines schedule, but the change will not affect Roseburg.

Flight 4, northbound, which has originated at Medford, will now originate at North Bend, but will continue to keep its Roseburg schedule at 8:02 a.m. standard time. The flight will be from North Bend to Roseburg and north to Eugene and Portland, said Norman Hunt, manager of West Coast's local office.

Remaining flights will continue on schedule. These include northbound flights of 2:37 and 6:07 p.m. and southbound flights leaving the airport at 12:35 and 4:05 p.m., all standard time.

The afternoon flights, especially the one at 6:06 p.m., northbound, which was started April 1, have proved the most popular and will serve the greater number of flight requests, said Hunt.

West Coast had contemplated the addition of two flights, starting May 12, but, because of the gasoline shortage is withholding announcement of its proposed new flight schedule during rationing of gasoline for use by commercial airlines.

The Portland-Seattle flights will be harder hit by the ruling, which limits gasoline use to 30 per cent of the normal need, according to Hunt.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington:

The feeling is growing in too military circles that the Russian won't be ready for war in the near future. . . . Maybe she hasn't enough steel yet. . . . Maybe she hasn't enough oil yet. . . . Maybe she thinks our atom pile is too big to buck yet.

Maybe she thinks she's doing so well with the cold war that she can see no good reason to get all snarled up in a hot war.

And so on.

Do you reckon that could be just wishful thinking?

Or is it deliberate election year propaganda?

Or—

Could it be the TRUTH?

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The Weather

Cloudy with a few showers today and tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday.

Highest temp. for any May — 102
Lowest temp. for any May — 30
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 65
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 50
Precip. last 24 hours — .20
Precip. from May 1 — .32
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 34.53
Excess — 4.60
Sunset today, 8:21 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:58 a.m.

Truck Theft Charge Draws Prison Stretch

Neal Absher, 35, Eugene, was sentenced to six months in the Oregon State Penitentiary Tuesday by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Absher has previously pleaded guilty to a grand larceny charge involving the theft of a Pacific Fruit and Produce truck last April 10.

Republicans Keep Lead In Final Registration

Final voter registration figures have been officially tabulated at 23,841 for Douglas County, the county clerk's office reported.

Of these, 11,759 are Republicans, 11,517 Democrats, 8 Progressives, 6 Prohibitionists, 8 Socialists, 406 miscellaneous and 137 Independent.

The total voter registration in Roseburg's 14 precincts is 5,123. Figures on the breakdown among parties in the Roseburg registration were not available today.

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Allies' 'Final' Peace Offer Rejected By Reds

Nothing Left To Discuss, Officer Says

Armistice Agreement Appears Remote But Foe Asks Further Talk

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Korean truce talks sank to an all-time low Wednesday after the Communists rejected the Allies' "clear, final and irrevocable" package proposal.

The official Allied spokesman said "there is nothing left to discuss."

Top negotiators of each side told the other: "The next move is up to you."

Agreement appeared so remote the United Nations Command proposed an indefinite recess of armistice talks.

But the full delegations will meet again Thursday at 11 a.m. at Red insistence.

Negotiators abruptly ended the secrecy which had shrouded the talks since the Allied package deal was presented April 28.

In Tokyo Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway promptly announced the virtual Allied ultimatum.

It is a three-point package:

1. The U. N. Command would return 70,000 of 132,000 captured Chinese and North Koreans in exchange for 12,000 Allied troops held by the Reds. This is the crux of the deadlock.
2. The Communists would be permitted to build and repair North Korean airfields.
3. The Reds would drop their nomination of Russia as a "neutral nation" to help police a truce.

Ridgway said this was a package to be accepted as a whole. He said:

"Our position is one from which we cannot and shall not retreat."



MOTHER OF THE YEAR — Mrs. Toy Len Goon, of Portland, Me., beams on learning the Golden Rule Foundation chose her as "Mother of the Year." Mrs. Goon, 57, was born in Canton, China, and has operated a laundry since the death of her husband 12 years ago to support her eight children. (NEA Telephoto)

Open House Set Sunday, May 18, At Vets Hospital

Hospital Day at the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18, 1952. Dr. John L. Haskins, manager of the hospital, announced today.

"Open House" will be from 2 to 4 p.m. "The entire community is cordially invited to visit the hospital, and to see for itself just how VA provides medical care, second to none, for ill and disabled veterans," he said.

Visitors will be conducted on tours of the hospital through the wards, clinics, laboratories, medical offices and shops. Volunteer workers of the hospital will act as guides for the tours. Tours will be started periodically as sufficient visitors arrive and will take about 30 to 45 minutes. An orchestra, composed of Veterans Hospital patients, will play throughout the afternoon.

At the end of each tour refreshments will be served on the lawn between the recreation hall and the administration building by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Red Cross Grey Ladies. A group of girls will act as baby-sitters for all the young children so that parents may better enjoy the inspection of the hospital.

About 400 visitors usually make use of this annual Hospital Day to learn more about the care that is given to veteran patients.

Huge Waste In Air Bases Job Charged

Claims Of Excess Pay, Poor Work In N. Africa Under Congress Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — American contractors whose rush construction of secret air bases in North Africa has been criticized severely in Congress defended their work Wednesday "both as to quality and as to quantity."

J. B. Bonny, who heads a combine of five big private contractors on the multi-million-dollar project, was scheduled to testify before the Senate Preparedness subcommittee Wednesday.

For months both Senate and House committees have been publicly criticizing waste and extravagance in building the African bases.

"Sordid Mess," Pace Says

Secretary of the Army Pace stepped into the dispute on March 22 with a shakeup of officers of the Army Engineers in charge of the projects and a threat to terminate contracts unless reforms were put into operation.

Chairman Johnson (D-Tex.), of the Senate Defense Watchdog subcommittee has publicly criticized the North African Air Bases project as "one sordid mess."

Johnson said testimony indicated that original costs of about \$300 million had been upped to \$455 million, that runway specifications were ignored and that there was inefficiency, kickbacks and graft.

The top secret project was started soon after the Communists invaded Korea in June, 1950. It was placed under supervision of the Army Engineers.

Because of the urgency and size of the project, five large private contractors were asked to rush the job.

This firm was given a fixed-fee

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BANK ROBBER PRAYS — Al Johnson (left) prays during his confession of robbing the Hoyt (Kas.) State Bank four years ago. He made a public confession during the morning service of a Topeka church. Rev. Harold L. Brummer is at right. Johnson is free on \$5,000 bail. He has paid back part of his share of the loot and promised to name his two accomplices. (NEA Telephoto)

CONGRESS WARNED

Wage Board Power Cut Might Cause Industrial Chaos, Feinsinger Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nathan P. Feinsinger told Congress Wednesday a rash of serious strikes and industrial "chaos" may result if Congress strips the Wage Stabilization Board WSB of power to recommend settlements in labor disputes.

Feinsinger, chairman of the WSB testified at the house labor committee's investigation of his agency.

Only Tuesday Charles E. Wilson, former mobilization chief who resigned in protest against administration handling of the steel labor case, had suggested to the group that the wage board's powers should be trimmed down.

Wilson asserted that the WSB went far beyond stabilization policy in its recommendations for a wage rise for steel workers.

Disputing that, Feinsinger said the board's recommendations were fair and were consistent with wage increases negotiated voluntarily in other industries.

Center of a storm of controversy stirred up in Congress over the board's steel decision, Feinsinger went to the capitol after announcing he plans to quit his job by June 30.

High Court Action Awaited

The board's recommendation of a 26-cent-an-hour wage increase "package" touched off a history-making wrangle in the steel case which led to President Truman's seizure of the steel mills.

That action is now before the Supreme Court, with arguments scheduled to begin Monday.

Pending a final decision, the steel mills are operating under government control.

In Philadelphia, the situation comes under discussion Wednesday at a closed meeting of the executive board of the CIO Steelworkers Union, headed by President Philip Murray.

Acheson Scores Phony Peace Bids, Lies Of Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson Wednesday denounced as "an international crime" Russia's campaign of charges that the United States is waging germ warfare in Korea.

Acheson spoke out at a news conference. He also said Moscow is insisting it wants peace but month after month is pouring out a campaign of hate against Americans and Americans.

He said this situation is one of the indications of Russia's intentions in proposing a Big Four peace conference on Germany.

As other indications of Russia's real intentions, Acheson cited the attack by Soviet fighter planes on a French plane in Germany and efforts by Communist-run East Germany to incite Western Germany to overthrow the Bonn government.

Acheson's denunciation of Moscow tactics was among the strongest he has made.

He had a detailed statement scoffing at the alleged confessions of two American fliers, broadcast by the Communists, that Americans actually were waging biological warfare in Korea.

Loss Of Purse Cancels Trip South Of Roseburg

In a classified advertisement in this paper today, Mrs. Arlyne M. Kiewik of Vancouver, Wash., is appealing to someone in this area to return papers and keys from a purse which apparently was lost or stolen here Saturday.

Sergeant and Mrs. Kiewik were passing through Roseburg en route to California, where her mother is ill. She left her purse, a white plastic bag, in a service station north of town. The loss was not discovered until an hour later. They returned to town, but the bag was gone.

Because of their loss of \$300, and having only enough money to get back to Vancouver, they could not go on to California.

Sgt. Kiewik is scheduled to leave soon for Korea.

"Although I realize I won't get the money back, I need the papers and keys desperately," writes Mrs. Kiewik.

Perhaps some person with knowledge of the missing purse, can help the soldier and his wife recover their property.

L. C. Paget Faces Fire Hazard Complaint

PORTLAND (AP) — Lowell C. Paget, Senator Taft's Oregon campaign manager, was arrested Tuesday, charged with maintaining a fire hazard at his downtown mortgage company office.

A complaint signed by Fire Inspector D. F. Plum charged Paget with violation of the city fire code by leaving paper and rubbish in his office basement.

Paget, candidate for Republican national committee and delegate to the Republican National Convention, was released on his own recognizance.

THEFT PLUS INSULT

SALINA, Kas. (AP) — Claude W. Peters told police a prowler entered his garage and stole two fishing poles and reels valued at \$20.

But that's not all—the thief also took a spade from the garage and dug for worms in Peters' back yard.

WILSON LARSENIST FINED

Thomas Oscar Weathers, 21, Camas Valley, was fined \$150 Tuesday in district court after pleading guilty to petty larceny involving the theft of a can of oil from a moving truck.

Weathers was also ordered to make restoration of the oil which state police said was removed from a gasoline truck as it was slowly climbing a hill.

Senator Gets Clean Sweep Of Delegates

Kefauver Climbs Into Democratic Lead After Losing Florida Contest

By The Associated Press

Ohio voters pushed Senators Robert Taft and Estes Kefauver into the lead Wednesday in the primary skirmishing for delegates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

Tennessee's Kefauver had to be content, however, with an even split in the two big primary contests Tuesday. His unbroken string of victories was snapped in Florida where the South's favorite son, Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, won a close popularity test.

Taft scored a clean sweep in his home state, adding 56 delegates to his total and moving ahead of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in the see-saw struggle for Republican Convention delegates.

Bucking the Democratic organization in Ohio, Kefauver won 24 delegate races and was ahead in four others, giving him a possible final total of 28, better than half of the state's convention delegation, Ike.

Eisenhower, who was not entered in Ohio, was leading Taft, 284-281, according to the AP poll, before the Ohio returns. Taft's campaign leaders claim more delegates. They said he now has 404 delegates to 280 for the general.

In the Ohio Republican race, Taft was opposed in 47 delegate contests by former Gov. Harold Stassen of Minnesota and in two by candidates announcing for Gen. Eisenhower. There was no popular vote contest and write-ins were not permitted.

David S. Ingas, Taft's campaign manager, said the "landslide victory in Ohio" gives Taft "the most impressive victory of any of the primary contests held thus far."

He said Taft now has two-thirds of the delegates necessary for a first ballot victory at the convention after winning what he called "the sweetest prize of the year in the largest solid block of delegates won so far."

Charles P. Taft, the senator's brother, won the Republican nomination for governor. He will meet Gov. Frank Lausche, Democratic incumbent, in the November election.

Michael DiSalle, former head of the Office of Price Stabilization, won the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator. Republican Sen. John Bricker was unopposed for re-nomination.

Other Primary Results

Primaries in Alabama, New Mexico and Indiana turned out this way:

Alabama — Returns indicated Alabama's unpledged 22-vote Democratic delegation may go 3 for Russell, 2 for Kefauver and 15 uncommitted. Delegates meet May 27 to decide a course of action.

New Mexico — Patrick J. Hurley won his third try for the Senate this time overcoming opposition within his own party, some Republicans saying he was too old (69, he says) and was twice-defeated. Hurley will oppose the Democratic incumbent, Sen. Chavez, who beat him in 1946. There was no presidential preference or delegate election.

Glide, Sutherland Youths Missing

Two young boys were reported missing from their homes last night—one from Glide, the other from Sutherland.

State police and sheriff's deputies were investigating the disappearances.

Missing from Glide is Dennis Bishop, 11, who disappeared from his home about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Dennis is described as five feet tall, 165 pounds, blue eyes and blond hair. Officers speculated that he may have headed for Cutler City, Ore., in Lincoln County, where he used to live.

Missing from Sutherland is Jimmy Lee Pettit, 13, last seen Tuesday when he left his house at Sutherland where he lived with his father and step-mother. Jimmy is five feet four inches, weighs 135 pounds, has blue eyes and light brown hair and was wearing jeans. The youth went out of the house to cut grass with a butcher knife Tuesday and hasn't been seen since, officers said.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Senator Wayne Morse is back in Oregon, urging people not to vote for him in the presidential primary. This undoubtedly upsets the intention of the state's old line Republicans to give him the party's preferential nod by an overwhelming majority.