

Sears Resigns As Counsel For McCarthy Hearing

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Partiality Challenged By Opponents

**Public Hearing Will
Now Be Delayed Until
New Appointment Made**

WASHINGTON — Samuel P. Sears, Boston lawyer, withdrew Tuesday as the special counsel for a Senate investigation of the McCarthy-Army row.

With his impartiality under question, Sears offered his resignation and the Senate investigations subcommittee accepted it by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

Sears, 58-year-old past president of the Massachusetts Bar Assn., had been chosen for the job only last week.

At that time, public hearings on the charges exchanged by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and Army officials were tentatively set to begin next Monday.

The resignation of Sears rubs out any prospect that the hearings



SAMUEL P. SEARS
... resigns as counsel

can begin then as the subcommittee is back again looking for a special counsel.

Sears gave his resignation at a closed door meeting of the subcommittee which lasted for 2 hours and 15 minutes.

After the session, Sears met with reporters and read a statement: "I am completely satisfied in my own mind," Sears said, "that I am thoroughly competent to conduct the pending inquiry objectively, impartially and in fairness to all. It is not in my blood to do otherwise."

"But, he added, 'I have come to the resolute conclusion that I should not serve.'"

Sears said he was leaving "in view of the discussion and controversy which followed by retention as counsel and of the allegations which have been made; most of which are without foundation."

He added:

"I do so only because I deem the hearing to be of the highest importance and would not want the credibility of the proceedings to be handicapped from the very outset by any alleged word, deed, or commitments that I might have uttered in the past."

"The test is not whether I am biased; it is whether I am believed to be unbiased."

Sears was unanimously selected for the post of special counsel last week. But after the appointment, it developed that Boston newspapers had quoted him in 1952 as having McCarthy's "great job" in driving Communists from the government.

To the subcommittee and to reporters, Sears had declared that he had never taken any position publicly or privately on McCarthy.

Some members of the subcommittee.

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**Audrey Hostler Suffers
Severe Head Injuries**

One of three Brookway youngsters injured in a traffic accident on Highway 42 Saturday night was still receiving treatment at Community Hospital today.

Audrey Hostler, a passenger in a car driven by Virgil Mills, had severe head lacerations but is recovering satisfactorily. Mills had some teeth knocked out in the mishap.

Another girl, Thelma Hinch, a passenger in a car driven by Ralph Malsbach, was only slightly hurt.

The mishap occurred when Mills collided with Malsbach's momentarily stalled car.

**Harvey Sitsler Jailed
For Larceny By Vendee**

Harvey Sitsler, 18, is in the county jail awaiting sentence after pleading guilty Saturday to a charge of larceny by conditional vendee.

Sitsler, charged with leaving the state with an automobile owned by Truman Ellis, made his plea before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly. Wimberly delayed sentencing until further study of the case.

Sitsler was returned here March 4 from Locust Grove, Okla., by a deputy sheriff.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Oregon race this fall for the U. S. Senate will be a grinding event; R. Neuberger vs. a Roseburger.

George Farrell Named City Manager

City Council Is Unanimous In Decision

The Roseburg City Council Monday night unanimously agreed to offer the job of city manager to George W. Farrell, one of three applicants interviewed in recent weeks.

Farrell, 54, is presently director of public works at Columbia, Mo. Councilman George Luoma, in seeking approval of his committee's recommendation that Farrell be hired, expressed the opinion that the man is "extremely well qualified."

It was decided a \$6,900 annual salary with \$950 for car expenses would be offered to the Missourian for a salary basis throughout the remainder of the fiscal year. As of July 1, a salary modification will be considered.

The salary is the same received by W. A. Gilchrist before his resignation last December, when he quit the job because of ill health. More recently, City Engineer John Loosley has been acting as city manager. The council extended an expression of thanks to Loosley for his work during the time.

With three councilmen absent from the meeting, Councilmen Byron Woodruff and Bernard Saar expressed the belief a vote on hiring Farrell should be delayed until next meeting in order that

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GEORGE FARRELL
... new city manager

6 Cars Damaged In Pile-Up But No One Injured

A "chain reaction" pile-up of vehicles on Highway 99 near Highway 101 Monday afternoon brought damage to six autos, but no occupants were injured, state police report.

Officers said four cars were stopped for a school bus when a fifth car rammed the rear of the line. The cars accosted against each other, then a sixth vehicle bus was not hit.

Drivers of the vehicles and damage, reading from rear to front, were:

Clyde Norman Alexander, Winston, heavy front end damage; James F. Deller, Myrtle Creek, heavy damage front and rear; John Robert English, Guntion, Ga., moderate damage to front and rear (station wagon); W. L. Lewis, Turlock, Calif., moderate damage to front and rear; George H. Bryan, Roseburg, damage to rear; and Billy Joe Helms, Winston, slight damage to rear. Deller's car was towed away by Billy Mohr.

A few minutes later, about two miles farther south on Highway 99, a car and panel truck collided, officers said. Both were headed north, shortly after the panel had pulled out of the Roseburg Lumber Co. mill parking lot near Dillard.

The car, driven by Eugene John Hettwer of Dillard, received heavy front-end damage. The panel, driven by Edward R. Harris of Idleyld Route, Roseburg, was damaged on the right rear.

No citations were issued.

**Glide School District
Approves Extra Budget**

The voters in Glide School District Monday decisively approved the 1954-55 school budget, which includes an amount outside the six per cent limitation, and also a two-year serial levy to be used for construction.

The \$431,203 budget, which includes \$186,077 outside the 6 per cent limitation, received the approval of 133 of the 141 persons who cast ballots. To be raised by levy, the budget is \$201,466.

The serial levy is to run over two years with \$90,000 to be collected each year. It passed by 132-9.

Part of the cash to be raised will pay for five acres of the Bob Casebeer property adjoining the north grounds of Glide High School. The remainder will go to ward construction of a junior high school and high school cafeteria on the property, and other refinements to the high school property.

The district will pay \$16,500 for the Casebeer property.

**Rural Firemen Answer
Two Calls On Monday**

Rural firemen received two fire calls Monday afternoon, but no damage was reported.

A fire at the Robert Sullivan residence on Page Road brought firemen out at 2:24 p.m.

Another call came from an alarmed citizen when a man on Ramp Road decided to burn an old barn on his property. Firemen investigated the blaze because there had been no permit issued for a fire in the area.

Firemen reminded residents of the fire district surrounding Roseburg that they should check with the Rural Fire station for permits to burn.

BEER STOLEN

Roy Cox, proprietor of the Idle Hour Tavern, 508 N. Jackson St., Tuesday evening complained that four cases of beer were stolen from him in the late afternoon. He gave Roseburg police the names of three suspects.

Safeway Stores Announce Site Purchase Here

Safeway Stores, Inc., Tuesday announced the purchase of a large site at the junction of Garden Valley Road and the Pacific Highway for future development.

G. M. Mangan, Portland, division manager for the stores, said that the site covers about 275,000 square feet. Frontages are 520 feet on the highway, 253 feet on Garden Valley Road and 693 feet on Oakland Avenue.

The location, said Mangan, is at the northeast corner of the intersection. Courthouse records here show that the transaction involved exchange of about \$161,000.

There are no development plans at present, the division manager stated. On the site now are several tenants, including a service station, cafe and tavern, lumber yard and auto court.

Broker handling the transaction was Earl Wiley, with the exception of a "couple" of small properties, in which Wiley and Roseburg Realty Co. were involved.

Mangan said that eventually the property may be made into "a sort of shopping center." He said that Safeway might allot space to tenants. The firm, after development, would sell and take back the lease, Mangan said.

The present store at Main and Cass streets will continue to operate, and probably Roseburg will have two Safeway stores in the event the second property is developed.

The new property will be left in its present condition until any plans for its use are completed.

**James H. Wales
Jailed Here On
Shooting Charge**

A father of five, who allegedly came home early today and shot his wife, is in the county jail under bail of \$10,000.

He is charged with assault with intent to kill. Sheriff Cal Baird said three deputies took James Howard Wales, 34, into custody at his home on the old Highway 99 about a quarter of a mile west of the old Rice Hotel.

The area is about seven miles north of Oakland.

Officers were called, the sheriff said, after Mrs. Wales telephoned from a neighbor's house. She told them her husband came home about 3:30 a.m. and began shooting a .22 automatic pistol.

Several shots were fired in the house, causing damage to lights and other fixtures, officers said.

About eight or 10 shots were fired. The children, in bed when the fracas started, and Mrs. Wales were not hit, Baird said.

Wales was taken to Sutherlin for arraignment before Justice of the Peace Ward Watson before being brought to jail here.

Wales will probably appear in court for a preliminary hearing in the near future.

**Work On Upper Camas
Valley Bridge Starts**

Construction of a new concrete bridge over the Coquille River on Upper Camas Valley Road at Camas Valley was scheduled to get under way Tuesday morning, according to members of the county board.

The structure will replace a wooden bridge. The route will be closed temporarily until the new bridge is installed.

FIREMEN CALLED

Grease in the hood over a range in the Silver Nook Grill, 227 N. Jackson St., Tuesday morning caught fire, but was controlled by Roseburg firemen before any damage was caused. The fire occurred at 7:10 o'clock.

FINED \$50

Edward Willhite, 34, Springfield, pleaded guilty before acting District Judge Elmer G. Baldwin Monday on a charge of being drunk on a public highway and was fined \$50. Willhite was arrested Sunday by state police.

**Eisenhower Holds Russia Is Unlikely
To Risk War If America Stands Ready**

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower told the nation and the free world last night Russia is unlikely to risk war so long as this country stands ready to strike back swiftly with all its atomic might.

The President declared, however, that Americans must prepare "very coldly and very carefully" against the danger that power-loving men in the Kremlin might "in a fit of madness or through miscalculation" plunge the world into a hydrogen-bombage holocaust.

Eisenhower went on all radio and television networks in a relaxed, half-hour plea for a sober facing of the atomic era facts of life — and a fervent warning against the perils of "jitters" and hysteria over communism, investigations of communism or the threat of depression.

"We don't have to fear," he said. "Of course, there are risks, but we do not have to be hysterical. We can be vigilant; we can be Americans. We can stand up and hold up our heads and say, America is the greatest force that God has ever allowed to exist on his footstool. As such it is up to us to lead this world to a peaceful and secure existence, and I assure you we can do it."

In a plain effort to soothe some of the controversies boiling in this country, and to quiet H-bomb nervousness abroad, Eisenhower broke some new ground in this many off-the-cuff address delivered while relaxing against the edge of a desk in the White House basement.

He said the FBI — rather than congressional investigators — is the

nation's "great bulwark" against Communist infiltration.

He said "very grave offenses" can be committed against innocent persons by "someone having the immunity of congressional membership" — though he voiced confidence that in the long run public opinion "will straighten this matter out wherever and whenever there is real violence done to our people."

And he said that while Communists in this country are dangerous and must be pinpointed, their number is "minute" and is often exaggerated.

Actually, he said, there aren't more than 25,000 doctrinaire or dyed-in-the-wool Communists, and "the great mass" of government workers and other Americans are "just as dedicated as you and I."



DICK BALLANTYNE
... takes South Salem hopp spot

Dick Ballantyne Resigns Basketball Coaching Job

Dick Ballantyne, basketball coach at Roseburg High School for the past three years, Monday announced his resignation, effective at the end of the school year, according to Roseburg Supt. M. C. Deller.

He has accepted a position as basketball coach at South Salem High School, where he also will be junior varsity baseball coach.

Federal Count Will Not Convolve As Scheduled

Douglas County residents who have been summoned for federal court duty at Eugene on Thursday, April 8, should not report. That is the announcement today from Paul Hanlin, deputy U. S. marshal at Medford.

Hanlin said the date for the U. S. District Court session at Eugene is now indefinite. Several county residents called for duty should not report, but should await a later summons, the marshal said.

STORK SHUNS SHOW

DALLAS — The three-day 1954 Dallas rabbit show set a record. It started with 600 rabbits on hand. For the first time in its nine years, it ended yesterday with the same number.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Weak and outnumbered French Union forces are continuing today their desperate defense of beleaguered Dien Bien Phu.

Nearly every hour, the French have had to face heavy communist thrusts have carried the communists to within a mile of the fortress' center.

In the stand-or-die battle, the greatly outnumbered garrison has been launching desperate counter-attacks for the past 48 hours.

Some three years ago, it was OUR BOYS IN KOREA who were facing myriads of communist Chinese pouring over the Yalu river from Manchuria. The situation is the same now as it was then, except that it is Frenchmen who are holding the line.

If they are trapped into the bloody mud, communism will have gained face in Asia. If the communists are stopped, as they were in Korea, communism will have lost face in Asia — as it did in Korea.

That's about the long and the short of it.

Recurring thought: If the FRENCH GOVERNMENT were only as good as these Frenchmen who are selling their lives so dearly in Indochina, the free world would be a lot safer.

Grave question: Is the situation in Asia getting (Continued on page Four)

The Weather

Scattered showers tonight and Wednesday with frequent clearing periods. Cooler tonight with local frost.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 56

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 40

Highest temp. any April 96

Lowest temp. any April 25

Precip. last 24 hours 46

Precip. from April 1 1.39

Precip. from Sept. 1 34.20

Excess from Sept. 1 8.95

Sunrise today, 6:45 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5:45 a.m.