

Ex-Democratic Congressman Denies Associations With Communist Front Group

BRIDGE BIDS CALLED

Bids will be received until 2 p.m. June 16 by the regional supply officer, Forest Service, Portland, for construction of a reinforced concrete bridge 20 miles east of Cottage Grove in the Umpqua National Forest. Additional information is available from the forest supervisor, Post Office building, Roseburg.

English Judges Shy Away From Typical Beauty

By ALVIN STEINKOPF
LONDON — Thirteen judges of beauty who seem to have continental tastes have selected "Miss England" a 19-year-old girl viewed by many as a non-English type. So a row was kicked up recently by commentators who like beauty of the traditional unsultry British pattern.

The winner, who is headed for the "Miss Universe" competition at Long Beach, Calif., is Margaret Rowe. She is English all right, in fact maybe a Cockney, but her statistics sound as if she should have been born in some Mediterranean land where more emphasis is given to contours. Miss Rowe, by the tape measure, is a 35-24-37. The British standard in such matters is about 34-24-35, which gives the straighter and less provocative effect esteemed in these islands. So Miss Rowe departs sensationally from the Austere British norm. What is more, she won a sweater-girl contest when she was only 14.

"We had to do something," said one of the judges. "We have never won a Miss Universe title. Typical, gentle English beauty always seems pale and uninteresting beside girls of other nations. Now we are trying a different approach and the world may be surprised to know that we have the talent."

Miss Rowe, dark-haired, dreamy-eyed and 5 feet 7, is a model at a dress shop.

WASHINGTON — Jerry J. O'Connell, a former Democratic member of Congress, swore here that he had no official connection with a group identified by a House un-American activities subcommittee as a Communist front.

Nor did he himself know that the group was Communist-dominated, O'Connell testified in telling the subcommittee about his activities in Washington state in the 1940s.

"I was not a functionary of the Communist Party," he volunteered. "I wouldn't know what the Communist Party was doing."

The three-man subcommittee headed by Rep. Moulder (D-Mo) did not ask O'Connell at a Wednesday morning session whether he ever was a Communist. The 45-year-old witness from Great Falls, Mont., replied freely to questions.

O'Connell, who was a representative from Montana in 1937-8, acknowledged that he had appeared at Washington Pension Union gatherings when he was executive secretary of the Washington State Democratic Party in Seattle in 1944-47 and held a similar post with the Progressive Party in 1948-49. Committee counsel Frank S. Tavenner Jr. said the Pension Union

had been identified as a Communist front.

"I made speeches to the Washington Pension Union as did practically all political leaders in Washington regardless of party," O'Connell said. He said he was "anxious to get the votes of the senior citizens of the State of Washington."

And while he had a "suspicion" the Pension Union might be Red-influenced, he said, "I could not prove it" and "it was not my job" to do so.

Speaking in even tones, the bald, stockily-built ex-congressman also:

1. Said he hadn't known Hugh Delacy, a former Democratic congressman from Washington, well enough to know whether he was a Communist. Tavenner said Delacy had been identified as a party member.

2. Testified he never taught a course of "labor's political role in 1948" at the Pacific Coast Labor School, although he had been so listed in the school's catalog. He said he refused to handle the course because he felt unqualified on the subject. Tavenner read off other names of lecturers in the

catalog and said they had been identified as Communists.

3. Said he had not known as Communists in Washington state whom O'Connell originally was subpoenaed to appear at subcommittee hearings in Seattle last March. Tavenner said had subsequently

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Local News

Here On Business — John McManis of Eugene was a business visitor in Roseburg Friday.

In Portland — W. P. Hackney of Glue attended to business in Portland Friday.

In Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Don Savick were in Portland on business Wednesday and Thursday.

Student Visits — Miss Phyllis Wilson, student nurse in Portland, spent last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson, on Garden Valley Road.

Attend Funeral — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harth and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harth drove to Ashland Thursday to attend funeral service for a relative of Mrs. Henry Harth.

Enters Hospital — Floyd Finn left today for Eugene to enter Sacred Heart Hospital for surgery, which will take place the first of this week.

Attend Shoot — Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Solomon and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Toppings were in Medford over the weekend. They participated in the Elks' trap shoot.

To Crater Lake — Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harth and the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harth, enjoyed a recent trip to Crater Lake. They went by way of Tillamook.

Visit Hannas — Visitors at the Lynn Hanna home on Maple Street are their son-in-law and daughter, HMB and Mrs. Laurence F. DeCalb, and son, Bruce, of Bremerton. Following a two-week visit here they will go to La Grande to visit his parents for two weeks.

Former Teacher Visits — Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kimbrell and three children of Portland visited in Roseburg last weekend with his brother, Tommy Kimbrell, and family and other relatives and friends. Kimbrell is a former art teacher of Roseburg Senior High School, and is now a teacher at Park Rose School in Portland. The family plan to spend the summer in Louisiana with relatives.

Attend Shoot — Members of the local Elks, who participated in the annual Elks trap shoot at the Medford Gun Club Saturday were Kenneth L. Gilkeson, Bill Jones, Forrest Solomon, Gene Krewson, Jack Culver, Carl Christianson, Ivan Pickens, Lewis (Red) Bird, Wesley Toppings. Stan Short planned to attend. Several members stayed over to participate in the gun club's annual mail tribute shoot Sunday.

On Trip — Mrs. George E. Weseman and son, George, left Saturday for a trip to California points.

Takes Job — Loretta Weseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Weseman of Roseburg, has taken a position at Commercial Abstract Co.

Cameron's Leave — Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Don Cameron and two sons, Donnie and Robbie, left Wednesday for Fort Worth, Tex., where the latter three will visit her relatives until Sgt. Cameron finds a home for them in Puerto Rico, where he will be stationed. He expects to leave for Puerto Rico June 10 from Mobile, Ala. They had been visiting in Roseburg at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cameron.

Society

BLUE BIRD FLY-UP CEREMONY HELD AT GREEN

A Blue Bird fly-up ceremony for the Bright Blue Birds of Green was conducted by the Wadsworth Camp Fire Girls and their leader, Karen Amundson, Monday afternoon. The ceremony was held at the home of Mrs. LeRoy Hester, leader. The Blue Birds lighted candles as they repeated the Blue Bird wish, and leaped the Camp Fire desire. Janet Weikum explained the seven crafts and the honor beads. Nela Cantleberry explained the hand sign, and with the assistance of Marlene Lutterman and Myrtle McLaren, lighted the Camp Fire candles.

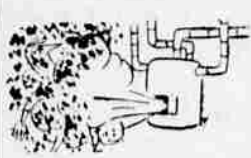
Several girls told of interesting activities that have been carried on in the group. After singing "WolfeLo for Aye," the candles were extinguished by Janet Weikum and Jean Trenholm. The ceremony was completed by the entire group singing the "Call of the Fire" and the closing song.

The Blue Birds, some of whom are completing their third year, in Camp Fire, and are now full-fledged, are Laura Cantleberry, Nancy Hester, Rose Marie Trotter, Diane Zimmer and Rosa Houser.

After the ceremony, the group served refreshments to their guests, Karen Amundson, Janet Weikum, Myrtle McLaren, Nela Cantleberry, Marlene Lutterman and Jean Trenholm. The girls expect to have one more meeting, a party, to close the Blue Bird year.

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