

Amendment Proposals Eclipse F. R. Scheme

Tentative Approval Is Given To Plans of New Courthouse

Some Changes Suggested as Sketch Viewed

Adding Basement, Partly Submerged, Favored by County Court

T-Shaped Building to Be More Simple in Design Than P. O., Is Word

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER
A simply designed four-story and basement white marble building in the shape of a fat block "T" received the county court's tentative approval yesterday afternoon when Architects Morris Whitehouse and W. S. Knighton of Portland brought suggested sketches here for the proposed new courthouse.

To the architect's plans court members and Cuyler VanPatten of the citizens' committee added a half-submerged full basement which in effect added another story to the structure. The ground area of the building will be reduced from that of the initial plans to compensate for the added space obtained in the extra floor.

The suggested exterior design resembles that of the new Salem federal building but is less ornamented and more austere. Mr. Whitehouse described the design as "modern simplicity with a classic background." Slightly inset windows planned.

Walls of white marble would surmount a granite base, with slight window insets extending from near ground level to third floor to supply the modern soaring vertical line effect. A simple uncovered main entrance leading in from a broad stone stair flight up a gradual terrace would front on High street and a secondary entrance would face on Church street.

The original sketches showed and south, facing High street, with the stem of the "T" extending eastward 45 feet. Both the old and the revised plans center the building inside the square formed by the four largest evergreen trees now standing on the courthouse grounds.

Although the revised plans place the first floor only about five feet above the street level, provision is to be made for full-height windows in the basement, which will house health and relief offices as well as boiler room and spacious storage vaults.

Fourth Floor in Penthouse Style
The fourth floor, over the broad west section, would be of the penthouse type, shut off from street view by a parapet-like extension of the main exterior walls of the building. This unit would house the jail and auxiliary units, the "T" stem on the fourth floor level would provide ceiling space in the center for the first floor circuit courtrooms and the stem base. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Matched Sits of Paper Pin Molestation Count On Follower of Divine

Negro Who Pleads Guilty to Vagrancy Held Author of Obscene Note; Attempt to Enter Window in Early Morning Described by Woman

JOHN Arthur Simms, a negro who believes that Father Divine may be God, was sentenced to six months in the county jail on a vagrancy charge in justice court yesterday after an obscene note which he had allegedly thrown into a bedroom identified him as the man who terrorized a Salem woman early yesterday morning.

Simms, brought in by Salem police along with four other negroes in a general roundup of colored men, was identified by a scrap of paper torn from a cheap pocket notebook and thrown in the bedroom window which he raised with a jimmy. The note jibed with a torn page in a notebook found in Simms' possession. The woman had been unable to positively identify any of the five negroes as the one who molested her.

Police were called to the house of the woman, whose name was undisclosed, early yesterday morning. She said that she had awakened to find a negro opening her door. (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Evolution Dispute Is Launched Again

"Story of Mankind" Held Diabolical; Minister Wants It Banned

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26—(AP)—The Rev. Verdell Allen, whose world for Hendrick Willem Van Loon's "The Story of Mankind" is "diabolical," said today he would make his Easter sermon the beginning of a campaign to ban the book from the public schools.

"Fathers and mothers of the state," declared the pastor of the suburban Beech Grove Baptist church, who has stirred up a controversy with his assertions that Darwin's theory of evolution is being taught in the schools, "ought to kick this thing (Van Loon's book) back to hell, where it came from."

"It is the most diabolical book ever pushed off on our children in the name of science." School authorities, taken to task by the minister, said "The Story of Mankind" had been approved by the state board of education as a supplemental text in.

Intra-Labor Row May Close Docks

SEATTLE, March 26—(AP)—Threats to shut down the odd drydock here today from Arthur Fisherman, committee of Industrial organization organizers, a development in a jurisdictional struggle with the Seattle Metal Trades council, American Federation of Labor affiliate.

The Metal Trades council set Monday as the "deadline" by which all dry dock workers must join craft unions or "get off the job."

Murder Count Filed Against Son of Editor

Newspaper Feud Blamed for Slaying; Battled Over Every Issue

Wounded Man Sent Story to Associated Press as His Last Task

ALTURUS, Calif., March 26—(AP)—The fatal shooting of Claude L. McCracken, 46, newspaper editor whose last efforts included "covering" the story, was blamed tonight by a coroner's jury upon Harry French, son of rival publisher.

The jury, which heard how McCracken died on an operating table while his wife, who is a nurse, and doctors sought to treat him for five bullet wounds, determined death came from bullets "fired by Harry French."

A charge of first degree murder was filed tonight by District Attorney K. A. Wylie against French, who is 30 and a state employe.

Sheriff John Sharp, who said the shooting climaxed a long-standing newspaper feud, had been holding French on an open charge since the latter surrendered.

Ice Handed Blame In Plane Disaster

Coating of Ailerons Seen as Cause of Crash and Death of Thirteen

PITTSBURGH, March 26—(AP)—Two separate investigations today attributed the crash of the Transcontinental and Western Airlines plane, in which 13 persons were killed, to the formation of ice on the aileron's control equipment.

While federal and state aeronautical inspectors searched through the splintered wreckage of the giant twin-motored transport that nosed into a cornfield last night, officials of two ice labs had formed on the ailerons and sent the plane out of control.

Dr. John J. McLean, director of the Allegheny county airport where the plane attempted to land a few moments before the crash, said the disaster was caused by ice collecting on the wings.

Variant of Relief Load Under Probe
PORTLAND, March 26—(AP)—The state relief committee today ordered an investigation into the varying relief loads carried by counties in a move to reduce the number of persons on relief.

Mark Weatherford, who launched the inquiry, said there was no intention of denying relief or medical care to those in actual need.

Slayer Is Killed In Bank Building
CLEVELAND, March 26—(AP)—A city detective and a guard shot and killed Herbert Riddler, 33-year-old former United States marine, in the massive Cleveland Federal Reserve bank tonight after Riddler had slain his father-in-law, Charles Graf, 67, in a family quarrel.

Riddler, former federal bank guard, was admitted to the heavily-guarded building on instruction from the detective who waited within.

Action Against Illegal Strike Activity Asked

Chrysler, Lewis Confer; Congressmen Receive Pleas From Public

Labor Secretary Denies Defending Sit-Down; S. P. Has Dispute

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Gov. Frank Murphy strove for settlement of the nation's major labor dispute yesterday while a demand for governmental action to end "sit-down" strikes reached the United States senate.

Murphy's government emerged from prolonged conferences with Walter P. Chrysler, chairman of the motor corporation bearing name, and John L. Lewis, chief of the committee for industrial organization, with word that he was "optimistic and hopeful" that peace would be attained.

Murphy was represented as believing termination of the 19-day strike in the Chrysler plants, directly and indirectly affecting almost 80,000 automotive workers, might result in settlement of strikes involving 10,000 Hudson, 10,000 Chrysler, 10,000 Ford and 2,200 at the Reo Motor Car Co. in Lansing.

Property seizure declared by group.

As the governor conferred with Chrysler, Lewis and other representatives of the striking United Automobile Workers Union at Lansing, industrial unrest drew increasing attention at Washington.

To the senate and Vice-President Garner came a telegram urging swift steps to end seizure of property by strikers. Signed by President Emeritus O. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard university and a group of Bostonians, it set forth:

"Armed insurrection—Defiance of law, order and duly elected authority—is spreading like wildfire.

"It is rapidly growing beyond control. What determined action by the governor of Michigan several weeks ago, or a few words of counsel by the president, would have ended summarily, now challenges the supremacy of government itself."

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was again heard of the sit-down problem when she sent. (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Biblical Scenario Author Is Sought

LOS ANGELES, March 26—(AP)—A man who has been trying to sell a biblical scenario to the movies and play the leading role was sought by police tonight in their investigation of extortion notes sent to two members of the film colony in Hollywood.

Police believe the man may be the person who sent the letters demanding \$20,000 each from Alan May Wong, Chinese actress, and David O. Selznick, producer.

In both letters, the writer said he resembled Jesus Christ and wanted to play the role of Messiah in his play.

Movie studio executives told authorities they had been annoyed in recent weeks by a man with similar ideas.

Charges of violating the penal code for sending a threatening letter through the mails were filed today against Mrs. Lydia Swenson, and she was held in jail in default of \$25,000 bond.

Mrs. Swenson, arrested in Glendale last night in connection with a letter written to Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, demanding \$200.

Robert Underwood, detective lieutenant, said Mrs. Swenson admitted writing the letter, saying she needed \$200 for an automobile payment.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, March 26—(AP)—Dean Detlo, 208, Salt Lake City, defended what portion of the world's heavyweight wrestling title he claims here tonight, testing the mysterious red shadow, 235, out on his ear so many times in the second round that the mystery man was unable to continue.

Chrysler and Lewis Confer Upon Settlement of Big Motors Strike



Walter P. Chrysler and John L. Lewis, principals in the automobile labor dispute which has thrown more than 80,000 persons out of work, being greeted by Norman Hill, secretary to Governor Frank Murphy, as they entered the governor's office at Lansing to confer on peace terms.—International Illustrated News soundphoto.

Prosecutor Hit in S. F. Graft Probe

Brady Once Owed Debt to McDonough, Is Basis; Raids Continuing

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26—(AP)—Charges set off by a sensational police graft investigation today reached District Attorney Matthew A. Brady, nominal head of the inquiry, when Superior Judge George J. Steiger challenged the prosecutor's fitness to proceed with the probe.

Steiger questioned Brady about published reports that he was under financial obligation to Peter McDonough, head of a bail bond concern named by undercover investigator Edwin Atherton as "a fountain-head of corruption" in the vice picture.

"This is a serious mess," said Judge Steiger after the conference with the white-haired 300-pound prosecutor, who has held office for more than 20 years.

Brady threw up his hands and snapped "Nothing to say. Ask the judge."

Judge Steiger said Brady denied "any obligation, moral or legal," to McDonough, but "admitted the existence" of a note for \$1,100 made more than 20 years ago, when the prosecutor was a police judge.

"I told Brady," Steiger continued, "that although the note may be legally outlawed, a moral obligation may remain."

Raids ordered several days ago by Mayor Angelo J. Rossi continued as police avowedly went out to "clean up the town." Eleven men and 62 women were arrested in raids on alleged race booking establishments.

Wheat Outlook Bright

CHICAGO, March 26—(AP)—With European importations the heaviest since the world war, actual reentry of the United States into world export trade stimulated farmers' hopes for prosperity today.

Sunrise Services Will Open Easter Observance in Salem

Young people of many Salem churches have cooperated to arrange the annual Easter sunrise services to be held at Belcrest Memorial park, rain or shine. The worship will start with a 15 minute prelude of organ music beginning at 5:45 to be followed by a program of vocal and instrumental numbers by musicians from five churches and a short meditation on "Toward the Dawn of a New Day" by Rev. Alfred Cromwell of the Dallas First Christian church.

The public is invited to participate in the worship. Last year 3,000 persons attended the Belcrest service.

Pastors of four Salem churches will also share in the program, the order of which will be: Organ music broadcast over the park system, 5:45 to 6 o'clock; Trumpet solo, "Inflammatus," Warren Biggerstaff of Jason Lee M. E.

Invocation, Rev. P. W. Erikson, American Lutheran church.

Connally Plan Held Designed To Meet Need

Method of Ratification Without Delay Topic; Proposals Heard

Steiwert Avers District Judges Deny Need for Increased Number

WASHINGTON, March 26—Senator Connally (D., Tex.), an opponent of the Roosevelt court legislation, produced a new constitutional amendment idea tonight with the explanation that it "just so happens" it would carry out the wishes of the president.

His suggestion was that the size of the supreme court be fixed at nine, with retirement of justices made voluntary at seventy years of age and compulsory at 75. The amendment would remove five present members of the court immediately upon ratification.

Connally's proposal capped a day of widespread discussion of constitutional amendments, as substitute for the White House proposal to appoint six new justices to the tribunal unless six incumbents past 70 retire forthwith.

Quick Ratification by States Sought

The talk was devoted particularly to the possibility of quick ratification of an amendment by having congress provide the means and establish the date of ratification by the states.

Senators Burke (N., Neb.) and O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), both of whom have proposed amendments as an alternative for the president's plan, were of the opinion that this could be done, and were considering the desirability of revising their amendments accordingly.

The hearings of the senate judiciary committee were in recess for the Easter weekend. They will resume Tuesday and run through next week, with the following witnesses:

Professor Erwin Griswold, professor of constitutional law at Harvard; Walter Dodd, Chicago lawyer; Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist; and Henry M. Butler, dean of law at Michigan university. All are opponents of the bill.

Burke, announcing this list, expressed the opinion that if the judiciary committee were to vote today on the bill as it stands, the result would be a nine-to-nine tie. He expressed confidence, however, to swinging two present administration supporters to his side, thus changing the vote to 11 to 7 against.

Steiwert Believes Plan Would Carry

Reverend Senator Steiwert (R-Ore), another foe of the bill, declared he felt that if the vote should be taken now the administration had a good chance of victory.

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The Roosevelt program calls for appointment of new judges to all federal courts where justices who are 70 do not retire.

Burke raised the possibility of a fight against the confirmation of Judge Robert Lee Williams, whom President Roosevelt nominated yesterday for promotion from the Oklahoma district court to the circuit court of appeals. Williams had sent a letter to Attorney General Cummings endorsing the Roosevelt court proposal and promising that he will retire two years hence when he reaches seventy years of age.

"If he is willing to admit he is so near the age of senility that he would be willing to quit in two years, I think it ought to be looked into," Burke said. "If he is so near the end of his usefulness, he might better be left where he is."

Vatican Observes Day

VATICAN CITY, March 26—(AP)—Mourning services in the Sixtine chapel—without the accustomed presence of Pope Pius—climaxed Good Friday observances tonight.

BALLADE OF TODAY

By R. C.

Imagine Salem, if you can, within the few short years ahead: the renewal of the courthouse plan brings visions of the stately spread of federal building, statehouse too, perhaps some other structures there, which soon will rise within our view to make our city still more fair.