

Japan Asking Right of War

Request Is Held Reason for Delay in Parleys With British

TOKYO, July 18.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—A request that Britain recognize "the necessity" of the Japanese army's operations in China was advanced today as a major reason for the temporary postponement of Japanese-British talks here on the Tientsin dispute.

This reason was given by observers after the second meeting between Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita and British Ambassador Sir Robert Leslie Craigie was postponed yesterday until tomorrow with the official explanation that Sir Robert "has not received the views of his home government."

A reliable source said the most important point laid before the ambassador at their first meeting Saturday was the question: "Is Britain willing to concede the necessity of the Japanese military operations in China?"

LONDON, July 17.—(AP)—Japan's willingness to negotiate the Tientsin dispute on the basis of local issues rather than the wider question of Britain's policy in China has been indicated in preliminary Tokyo talks, Prime Minister Chamberlain said today.

At the same time he told the house of commons that Britain "would not and could not" alter her foreign policy in the far east at "the demand of another power."

Chamberlain denied also that Japan had demanded any reversal of British policy in the far east although Japan did want Britain to "regard Chinese-Japanese hostilities with more understanding of Japan's difficulties and the Japanese side of the case."

"There have been many statements in the press both in Japan and this country," Chamberlain said, "that the Japanese government will require a fundamental reversal of the far eastern policy of his majesty's government as a condition for opening negotiations."

"I should like to make it clear that this country would not and could not so act in regard to its foreign policy at the demand of another power, nor has his majesty's government received any such demand from the Japanese government."

Thirteen Seeking Water Board Job

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lery. McAllister is connected with the state engineering department. Fugh is a civil engineer, and Ellison is an electrical engineer. Gregory served a term as mayor of Salem, and was in favor of public ownership of the water service during his tenure in office. Goodwin is a former member of the staff of the state corporations department, and Clark is a former member of the Salem school board, as well as a long-time advocate of public ownership of the water system. Henderson is now city engineer at Vancouver; Chisne is connected with the Marshfield water system. Delaney, as stated, is a former manager of the Salem water system when it was under different ownership.



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Drum Corps not To Vie for Title

Legion Outfit to Give Exhibition, but not to Compete

Senior drum corps of American Legion posts appearing at the Legion's state convention here August 10 to 12 will not hold the championship contest which has been a feature of past conventions, but will merely put on exhibitions—but the event more colorful than ever. Doing away with the contests, which have been conducted ever since drum corps became the vogue about 1925, is proving popular with the corps themselves, since most of them have won one or more titles and competition has palled. The junior corps will compete as in the past several years.

Tom Hill, who visited several cities in southern Oregon to check up on drum corps entries, reported evidence of great interest among post members in the convention.

At the post meeting Monday night at which recently re-elected members were honored, a joint entertainment consisting of local musical talent was presented to legion and auxiliary members after the business sessions.

Injured Pair Are In Serious Shape

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—A mother and her son were still in critical condition at a hospital here today following a train-automobile collision that killed two children near Tualatin.

Lois Leonard, 9, and Henry Wallace Easton, 14, were killed in the crash yesterday. Clifford Leonard, 14, and his mother, Mrs. Cora M. Leonard, were hurt.

The impact sheared away one side of the automobile in which they were riding. Mrs. Leonard told Portland's new disaster car crew that she neither saw nor heard the train before it struck.

The group was en route to join Leonard and another daughter, Violet, at a Canby church outing.

Hatchet Use Held In Assault Case

LA GRANDE, July 17.—(AP)—Police Chief Frank Desmond accused Boyd Keefer, 37, of striking Clarence Peterson, 60, in the back with a hatchet today following an argument over attention to Peterson's wife.

Osmond said Peterson struck Keefer with his fist. Keefer returned with the hatchet, the officer reported.

Although seriously cut, Peterson walked away after receiving medical attention.

Keefer was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Surplus Lawyers Held as Problem By Legal Savant

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—In spite of stiff bar examination and rigid scholastic requirements, too many lawyers still are being turned out, Earl C. Arnold, dean of the law school at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., said today.

Arnold, en route home from the American Bar Association convention, declared "some stern measures will have to be taken" to turn out the jam in the legal profession. "There is always a place for a good attorney," he qualified, but "There are far too many misfits."

Chicken Bone Deadly

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—Infection caused by a chicken bone which lodged in her throat Friday killed Mrs. Daniel Groat, 55, early yesterday.

\$1 Mishap Policy Pays Holder \$17

Birdetta Dennison of route 1, Salem, yesterday was glad she held one of the dollar accident insurance policies carried in connection with a subscription to The Oregon Statesman.

She received from the insurance company a check for \$17.14 in settlement of a claim for five days' total disability resulting from an automobile accident June 22, 1938.

Amendment Gives Tenant Farm Aid

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Each state would be guaranteed a minimum of \$100,000 annually to finance purchase of farm by tenants under an amendment to the Bankhead-Jones farm tenancy act, approved by the senate and awaiting house action. It also would permit use of some of the money to refinance existing mortgages.

The amendment was introduced by Senator Austin (R., Va.), who said it had two purposes—to correct "inequalities" resulting from allocation of funds to states according to the proportion of tenancy in the farm population, and to permit refinancing of mortgages by farmers unable to obtain loans elsewhere.

He said extension of the program of refinancing existing mortgages would "save thrifty farmers from losing their farms" and becoming tenants.

States getting larger appropriations would lose some money to states getting less under the amendment. Oregon, which would get \$185,830 of the \$50,000,000 appropriation under the present system, would obtain \$183,130 or \$2,700 less than under the amendment.

Morse Is Arbiter In Pilot Dispute

EUGENE, July 17.—(AP)—Wayne L. Morse, University of Oregon law school dean and west coast longshore arbiter, said today he had accepted the role of mediator in a dispute between masters, mates and pilots and the Columbia River Boat Employers' association.

The decision will involve a new contract to govern working conditions on inland waterways in the Columbia river region. Morse said he accepted on condition the industry continue to function until his decision was made and that it accept his ruling.

The hearing was set for August 14 in Portland.

3 Salem Officers Direct CMTC Work

Three Salem men are now in charge of activity at the Citizens' Military Training camp at Vancouver barracks.

Colonel Carl Abrams, who has been commanding officer of the 382nd regiment for 16 years, is in command of regimental and CMTC work until the regiment is relieved on July 25. With him are Capt. Edgar R. Austin and First Lieutenant Earl E. Holt, also members of the 382nd and Salem residents.

General training work is being carried on at the barracks until Thursday of this week when the regiment and CMTC trainees will move to Camp Bonneville for rifle, pistol and machine gun firing.

Runyan Acquitted On Arson Charges

TILLAMOOK, July 17.—(AP)—Guy L. Runyan, 61, who barricaded himself in his wife's burning Netarts store and shot at officers, was acquitted Saturday night of an arson charge.

He will be tried later for resisting arrest. District Attorney Warren A. McMinnis said Runyan locked himself in the house after threatening his wife, who ran to a neighbor for protection and fired at sheriff's deputies who sought to arrest him. He was captured when he ran from the house carrying a knapsack filled with ammunition and guns.

Blind School Pet Is Brought Back

Boys Who Use Playground Form Posse and Dog Soon Returned

There was rejoicing among the students at the state school for the blind Monday afternoon, replacing the gloom that had prevailed Saturday and Sunday, for "Pal," eight weeks old St. Bernard puppy who was their joint property, was back home.

It wasn't only that Pal was a friendly little fellow of whom the blind boys and girls had become fond during his brief sojourn at the school; there was more of sentiment to it than that, for Pal was the successor to the collie dog which had been their pet for eight years previous. When the collie died, the veterinarian who had attended him arranged for his successor. And on Saturday, Pal was missing.

His return involved something of gratitude on the part of a group of boys who can see perfectly well but who had been granted permission to use the playground on the southeast corner of the blind school grounds.

When Pal failed to return, Supt. Walter R. Dry of the blind school put the problem up to these boys. It's surprising what a gang of boys can accomplish when they have a joint purpose, so Pal came home on Monday and now everybody is grateful all around.

Police Keep Guard Over Newlyweds

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voiced protests that Locapira was "too old" to marry such a young girl—the wedding knot was finally tied after police had cleared the aisles and the priest had made himself heard, on the third effort, in asking above the shouted imprecations:

"Who gives consent to this girl's marriage to this man?"

The girl's father, janitor in a building owned by Locapira, boomed: "I do!"

Fourteen uniformed police, three radio cars, 10 fire trucks and an ambulance responded to calls to the wedding scene, which Locapira reached white-faced and shaking after taking to his heels from a crowd of pursuers.

Sprague Is Likely To Deny Request

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ment appointment of the special prosecutor but sent, the request for such an officer to Attorney General Van Winkle.

Governor Sprague said he probably would prepare a written statement in connection with the request of County Judge Siegmund for investigation of Judge McMahon's department of the circuit court later in the week. Judge Siegmund's letter, released to the press Saturday, had not been received at the executive department at noon Monday.

CIO Picket Line Removed by Law

NORTH BEND, July 17.—(AP)—A CIO picket line at Mill B, Inc. was removed today when District Attorney Ben Flaxel decided it was in violation of the state's union-control law.

The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union appealed to Flaxel when the pickets appeared and the mill closed. It reopened shortly after pickets withdrew.

The AFL was given bargaining rights in the mill in a national labor relations board decision. Flaxel said the dispute started in the company's logging camp, where CIO members struck because a worker had been discharged.

Flaxel held the strikers were without legal right to picket the mill as well. The loggers' strike remained unsettled.

Drunk Driving Charged

E. A. Raboin, 779 Breys avenue, was arrested by city police last night on charges of drunken driving and failure to stop after an accident. Police said Raboin drove his car into another parked at 433 North High and did not stop.

GOP's Sounded On Neutrality

Barkley Talks Over Plan of Conference With Sen. McNary

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Senator Barkley of Kentucky, administration leader in the senate, announced tonight that he had sounded out the republican leadership of the chamber on the idea of attending a bi-partisan conference at the White House to discuss the neutrality law controversy.

The republicans, it was made known, expressed willingness to attend such a conference. Senator McNary (R-Ore), the minority leader, began polling his colleagues so that he would have something official to tell the president about their attitude toward the administration's neutrality law revision bill, which the senate foreign relations committee has locked up until the next session of congress.

Talks With McNary

Barkley disclosed that he had talked with McNary and with Senator Austin (R-Vt), the assistant republican leader, about such a conference. He said he "asked them if they would be willing to go to the White House and talk the situation over with the president, if such a course became desirable."

The Barkley statement left still indefinite the question whether the conference actually would be held.

Some senators had been under the impression that the initiative for the conference had come from President Roosevelt himself and that the meeting was definitely to be held tomorrow or Wednesday. However, at the White House a presidential secretary said there were no plans to receive a congressional delegation but that if one wished to come and would make that fact known, the door would be open.

In answer to reporters' questions, Barkley said he could not remember whether the idea of such a conference had been discussed at a conference between the president and democratic leaders this morning.

The Kentuckian merely said that he and other administration leaders went over the neutrality situation carefully with the president, discussing all possible methods of getting the legislation out of its pigeon hole in the committee and onto the senate floor.

Oddities ... in the News

CHICAGO, July 17.—(AP)—Today was the coolest July 17 in the 53-year history of Chicago's weather bureau.

The all-time minimum for a "cold" 17th of July was set at 9 a. m. when the official temperature was 59 degrees. Last Friday the mercury shot up to 97.

Tomorrow's forecast was "much warmer."

HARLAN, Ky., July 17.—(AP)—Twenty-two candidates are after the job of coroner in "bloody Harlan" county, where a week rarely passes without at least one killing.

The coroner is paid by fee.

KANSAS CITY, July 17.—(AP)—The sun blazed down in 105 degrees of heat. An automobile steamed into the driveway of a gasoline station. "It's a very warm day," observed Attendant Lambert Goldsnow. "Very warm," puffed Motorist L. Isenberg of Philadelphia.

300 Spanish Vets Register at Meet

NEWPORT, July 17.—(AP)—Three hundred delegates registered today for the 31st annual encampment of United Spanish War Veterans, which opened with a joint meeting of veterans and auxiliary.

Memorial services were held last night for 31 members. Chaplain Rev. E. A. Smith, Portland, conducted.

The national commander in chief was represented by Department Commander George A. Marshall of San Francisco.



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"Toad in the Rock" Story Is True, Avers Nebraska Savant Who Dug up A Toad in a Rock Once Upon a Time

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—The ever-recurring "toad in the rock" story is true, Dr. Harold James Cook, paleontologist and geologist of Agate, Neb., declared here today.

Dr. Cook, discoverer of the oldest known near relative of the human race, "Hesperopithecus haroldcookii, Osborn,"

western ape—said he "was present when a clay ball 'undisturbed in an Oklahoma gravel bed for 10,000 to half a million years' was broken open and a live toad found inside."

"The concretion in which the toad was found was formed by a ball of clay rolling in gravel," he told an interviewer. "Then it had lodged in a crevice. A stream deposited 20 feet of gravel on top of it. On top of the gravel was a sandstone cap as hard as a grindstone. Over the sandstone cap was a bed of sharp sand that moved like the sand in an hour glass when disturbed."

"He was no ordinary looking toad when liberated. He was translucent. Through his skin and tissues, his internal organs and perfectly empty digestive tract could be seen. His fingers were worn to mere stumps. His shoulders were calloused. The inside of his enclosure was polished to a high gloss."

"The toad's reactions were so sluggish that the negotiating membrane would start very slowly to cover the eyeball if it was actually touched. There was no indication that he could see at all."

The famed scientist added: "As far as I'm concerned, the toad-in-the-rock is just one of a number of unexplained things for which man has not yet found the answer. Yet the answer may be absurdly simple when we find it."

Cavemen, Pirates Battle Ends Draw

MARSHFIELD, July 17.—(AP)—The Grants Pass cavemen and the Coos Bay pirates divided honors in a challenge tilt at the Coos Bay regatta yesterday.

Cavemen boarded a boat and heaved two pirates into the bay. Pirates retaliated by making two skin-clad cavemen walk the plank.

William Tenney, Bend amateur, won high point honors in the outboard motorboat race and collected \$84, which he gave to his mechanic. A total of \$710 in prize money was divided among 36 racing drivers.

McMinnville Building up

McMINNVILLE, July 17.—(AP)—Boomed by a \$114,534 authorization for a PWA high school project, McMinnville building per-

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