

## Danzig Protests Shots Fired at Newsmen

### Kuhn, Starnes Nearly Clash At Dies Meet

US Representative Is Angered at Retort by Bund Leader

"Liar" Cry Nearly Opens Fisticuffs Fray but Police Step in

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Dies committee resumed business at its old stand today and delighted, then disappointed, a half-hundred spectators with an unfulfilled prospect of fisticuffs between Representative Starnes (D., Ala.) and Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund.

All day long, the stocky Kuhn had sat at the committee's witness table. In a throaty voice, heavily burdened with teutonic accent, he had, between flares of anger and defiant retorts, testified:

That the Bund has 20,000 to 25,000 members and about 100,000 organized sympathizers, some of whom pay dues.

That membership records of his organization had been destroyed at his order when investigators seemed likely to subpoena the committee and a New York state legislative group.

That he cherishes an abiding dislike for William Dudley Pelley, leader of the silver shirts, an antipathy which was the product of a 15-minute conversation.

That since early 1938, the Bund has received \$18,000 in voluntary contributions, but that monthly dues receipts run to about \$2,000.

Representative Starnes Starts Examination.  
Late in the day, Starnes took up the examination.  
Cocking an accusing finger at Kuhn, he said:

"What connection have you with the German government?"  
"Absolutely no connection whatsoever," Kuhn retorted.  
"Isn't Mr. Hitler against the communists?"  
"Aren't you against the communists?" Kuhn countered.  
"Isn't Mr. Hitler anti-semitic?"  
"Aren't you?"  
Starnes' face was flushed, his fists clenched, Kuhn was sputtering an indistinguishable combination of German and English words. Starnes cut him short with an imperious gesture and question which brought Kuhn's organization was not the establishment here of a government like that in Germany.

"That's an absolute lie!" Kuhn shouted. "A flat lie!"  
Starnes jumped to his feet and lunged toward the witness, stumbling through photographers and newsmen. A big capital policeman ploughed through after him. Another made for Kuhn, who, red-faced, was still placidly seated in the witness chair.

In all Starnes advanced about five paces, and still had another half-dozen to go before he could reach the witness. There he stopped.  
"Don't you call me a liar!" he cried.  
By that time an officer had gotten between Starnes and Kuhn. Many spectators were doubled up with laughter. Chairman Dies was thunderously pounding for order.

### Lee Collins Plea Not Guilty, Insane

CONDON, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Lee Collins pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity when arraigned in circuit court today on a charge of fatally shooting State Patrolman Willard Tabbs near Arlington June 21.

He was indicted for first-degree murder.  
Defense Attorney Walter L. Toose of Portland said he would ask for a change of venue.

### CO. B PLACES TROOP ON OREGON TEAM



Marksmen Sgt. Virgil Allen of 570 North Liberty, Sgt. George Waterman of 1685 South 13th and Corporal Kenneth Caise of 606 South Street, who left last night for Camp Perry, Ohio, where they'll compete in the national rifle matches. Inset, Lt. John D. George, a member of the team in 1937 and 1938, who coached the trio.

### Highway Leaders See Boon, Defeat

Rejection of Roosevelt's Bill to Mean Aid for Pacific Road, Say

Congress' recent rejection of a \$750,000,000 toll road and bridge construction program proposed by President Roosevelt has heightened the prospect of having Oregon's Pacific highway and the Old Oregon Trail reconstructed into modern highways, state officials said here yesterday.

The state highway department, in fact, is happy for the first time in history over defeat of a federal road bill.

The reason is that the federal bureau of public roads in reporting its opposition to the toll road scheme recommended that the federal aid program be increased to assist improvement of main traveled highways over the entire nation. The toll charges under the rejected plan would have been one cent per mile for passenger cars and 3 1/2 cents for trucks and buses.

The federal government may go so far as to contribute 60 per cent or more of the cost of improving major highways, with the states paying the remainder, Representative James W. Mott reported last week.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock will confer in a few days with Senator Charles L. McNary about Oregon's need for the new program.

**\$27,000 Is Asked For Girls' Burns**  
SPOKANE, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Suits for \$20,000 and \$7,000, respectively, were filed in superior court today against officials of the Spokane pageant, "Columbia Cavalcade," by Cora Virginia Wiebel, 15, and Geraldine Smith, 13, for burns assertedly received as they danced in the show August 3.

Two girls, Sally Lacy, 13, and Patricia Sells, 15, died from burns suffered when their costumes caught fire from sparklers used in the act.

### State Liquor Commission To Consider New Chief

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The state liquor commission will resume consideration of applicants for administrator when it meets tomorrow. Several license matters also will be considered.

### Father Divine's Paradise "Lost" Near FR's Home

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Despite President and Mrs. Roosevelt's assurances they would have no objections, the plans of Father Divine, little Harlem negro cult leader, for a second "heaven" near the Roosevelt's ancestral Hyde Park home, apparently went aglimmering tonight.

For from swank Newport, R.I., came word that Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover, who is a member of the beautiful 700-acre Vanderbilt estate which she inherited, would not sell it to Divine or his followers. Father Divine had offered \$80,000 for the estate, once valued at \$500,000.

But Mrs. Van Alen's refusal may not stop him, he indicated. "I understand it is for sale," he said, "and if they (his followers) desire to have it, they cannot hold them out of it, if it is sold to the public."

### Bridges Predicts 'Lockout' in 1940

Labor Leader at Portland Sees Employers Acting When Contract Ends

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, who flew here today to see his Portland and Seattle longshoremen behind demands for a revision in the waterfront agreement, predicted "waterfront employers will lock us out when the contract expires Sept. 30."

He declared the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union would stand fast for a base wage increase of 95 cents to \$1.10 an hour, "lightening up" of the six-hour day clause, and a voice in introduction of labor saving devices on the docks.

Longshoremen, he said, would insist they not be made to pass through picket lines for which they have no responsibility—such as Chinese demonstrators against scrapiron shipment to Japan. "Are we supposed to beat our way through women and children?" he asked.

Referring to his deportation hearing, Bridges said "it was news to us that the city of Portland paid a few thousand dollars to have Captain of Detectives J. J. Keegan run up and down the coast as a labor spy."

### New Parole Law Rapped by Judge

MEDFORD, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The state parole law "is making a joke out of our whole criminal procedure," Circuit Judge H. D. Norton said today. "The new law tinkering with the status has made matters worse than ever before," the judge declared.

The judge's comment was made when District Attorney F. J. Newman advised he had learned the new parole board was considering the release from prison of Dean L. Ostrander, sentenced to four years for stealing a stock trailer last October. "That fellow ought to be in prison for a long time," the judge said.

### 'Laughing Man' Is now Sought In Rail Wreck

Another Questioned as 24th Nevada Tragedy Victim Succumbs

George Stansell, Negro Employee, Dies; \$5000 Reward Posted

RENO, Nev., Aug. 16.—(AP)—While authorities sought a "man who laughed," and questioned another on the theory the steam-line train "City of San Francisco" was deliberately wrecked, the 24th victim died tonight in the Elko hospital.

He was George Stansell, Oakland, Calif., negro employee of the Southern Pacific company, most seriously hurt of the 109 persons who received injuries when the \$2,000,000 train plunged from the track in central Nevada Saturday night.

A \$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible remained posted by the Southern Pacific, joint operator of the train with the Union Pacific and the Chicago and Northwestern.

Renowned Sheriff Ray Root said he was informed that Robert La Ducreur of Lewistown, Mont., who previously had been exonerated, had boasted he "fooled the officers." He was taken into custody for more questioning, but was held only briefly and instructed by the sheriff to leave town.

At Pine Bluffs, Wyo., a man was reported to have laughed when he read of the tragedy and left a store there without making a purchase. An investigation was begun.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, rail officials announced a new 11-car streamliner would be placed on a 3 1/2-hour schedule from Chicago to the Golden Gate, starting from Chicago, Aug. 23.

DENVER, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Engineer W. W. Medea, 56, was dismissed today by Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad officials who said he was "responsible" for the collision of two passenger trains Saturday in which two were injured fatally and 53 others hurt.

Medea, who had 28 years of service without a previous accident, was engineer of the lead locomotive on the Santa Fe & Rio Grande Scenic limited when it crashed into a chair car of the Santa Fe's Navajo at a South Denver cross-over.

"Our investigators found no defect in air brakes or other equipment on the train," said George F. Dodge, Denver & Rio Grande public relations director. "It was shown conclusively that the wreck was caused by failure of the engineer on the front engine to stop for a red signal."

Medea testified as a police hearing that the air brakes failed to work when he applied them three times in an effort to stop.

### Northern Wasco PUD Is Approved

THE DALLES, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Formation of a public utility district in northern Wasco county was approved 175 to 1194 in a special election yesterday.

Dufur and Mosier furnished chief opposition. The six The Dalles precincts voted 101 to 802 in favor of the proposal.

### 'Freak Downpour' Traps 3,000 Subway Riders in Queens; Laborer Killed

200,000 Manhattan Workers Delayed, Motor Traffic Tied up as Water Spouts From Streets, Walks; Power Failure Brings Trains to Halt

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A freakish cloudburst in Queens trapped 3,000 passengers in 15 subway trains today and resulted in the death of one laborer and injury of others trying to escape the deluge.

The evening tide of 200,000 who work in Manhattan and live in Queens—and use the city-owned independent subway system—and were diverted to other transportation systems and many even resorted to "thumbing" their way home as hitch-hikers.

Starting at noon, the tie-up continued through the evening rush and stretched into the longest session of service in the seven-year history of the independent system which carries a million passengers daily. Service finally was resumed at 9:08 p.m. after a more than nine-hour paralysis.

Those in the trains caught by floods rushing into the subway tubes were led to safety along catwalks. By chance, none of the trains was caught under the East river.

The downpour, which lasted about an hour over a 12-square mile area, gushed through sidewalk ventilators to depths of several feet over the underground tracks, causing the power to fail and several trains to stall between stations.

M & O officials reported "only the engine went off."  
The locomotive almost tumbled onto the Montgomery-Prattville highway, falling within a few feet of a highway underpass. The train had been aiding in repairing washouts near here.

One store collapsed downtown as heavy rains fed still rising waters. Estimates of the homeless ran as high as 600.

National guardsmen were called out to assist state patrolmen in rescue and relief of those forced from homes as waters attained a depth of four feet and more in some sectors.

Torrential rains also caused flood threats farther south in the state and severely damaged crops, roads and communication facilities.

### Ports of Pacific Pass Much Cargo

\$260,000,000 Is Estimated Business With Foreign Countries This Year

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Pacific coast ports did a bout \$260,000,000 worth of business with foreign countries in the first half of this year, holding within two per cent of the aggregate dollar value of the foreign trade moved last year.

An encouraging phase of the trend was the increase shown in both exports and imports in the final two months for which figures have been compiled by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

Business observers watching imports as a sign of domestic industrial activity pointed out that American firms had been bringing in more raw materials through Pacific coast ports in five of the first six months of this year.

### Britain Stays Calm as Nazis Send More Men

Polish Soldier Killed on Danzig Soil, Second Incident of Day

Germany Holds out for Unconditional Gift of Free City

WARSAW, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Polish telegraph agency reported that a group of young police officers in charge of Polish passport control at the frontier station of Beuthen, in German Silesia.

The agency said that one Polish policeman was slapped and another arrested by German policemen watched "with complete indifference."

(By the Associated Press.)  
Danzig free city police reported that a volley of shots was fired last night over the Polish border near Dirschkau at an automobile on Danzig territory occupied by Danzig newspaper men. The Danzig senate promptly made another protest to Poland, calling the incident the "second serious violation of our border in one day."

Previously, a Polish soldier was killed on Danzig soil. Great Britain, Italy and Poland evidenced no great uneasiness Wednesday over any immediate eruption of the Danzig dispute, but Germany kept central Europe tense with an unceasing attention to military business.

"Large Numbers" of Troops in Border Town.  
While Fuehrer Adolf Hitler was receiving congratulations in Berlin on the 25th anniversary of his enlistment as an Austrian volunteer in the German World war army, Nazi troops in "large numbers" were arriving in Gleiwitz, German town on Poland's southern border.

Unusual numbers of messenger motorcycles, automobiles and military trucks rumbled along the streets.  
Construction of troop emplacements near the border were reported and hastened by the Danzig with entrenching tools roge through the city in mud-caked trucks.

Troops could not be identified because shoulder regiment numbers were concealed by cloth tabs sewed over them. (Gleiwitz is near Beuthen, where a 70-mile strip of border was closed today. Germans, however, Turn to page 2, column 5.)

### Big Montana Fire Corralled by 500

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 16.—(AP)—A fire was "corralled" tonight after it had burned over more than a square mile of timberland in Bad Rock canyon, the regional forest service said.

Five hundred fire fighters, including 200 CCC enrollees, were holding their positions in the rocky, wind-swept area, near the west entrance of Glacier National park.

The blaze, termed by Major Evan W. Kelley, regional forester, as "potentially the most dangerous of the summer season," had leaped the Flathead river earlier in the day.

Forest officials reported six grass fires in the Cabinet national forest near Thompson Falls. All but one were controlled quickly. Foresters said the blazes were man-caused.

In the Bull lake section, near Libby, in extreme northwestern Montana, 750 men battled flames which had covered 500 acres of second-growth timber.

### 52,000 Troops Stage Mimic Battle in Rain in New York

PLATTSBURG, N.Y., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Gunfire echoed through northern New York hills today as 52,000 troops staged a battle with blank ammunition got their first taste of war as it will be fought if this nation ever is compelled to defend itself against invasion.

### Beverage Dispensers Merger Is Completed

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Five hundred members of the Oregon Food and Beverage Dispensers' association and Taverns, Inc., met today and combined into the Oregon Beverage association, Inc.

### Armistice Event Held Injured by Roosevelt Edict

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 16.—(AP)—State F. Chadwick, Seattle, national commander of the American Legion, said today President Roosevelt apparently had overlooked Armistice day when he scheduled Thanksgiving day for November 23.

### Elaine Bourbonnais of Mt. Angel Will Be Crowned 1939 Queen of Flaxaria Friday

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 16.—The announcement that Elaine Bourbonnais of Mt. Angel would be the 1939 Queen of Flaxaria was made by A. W. Holmes, festival chairman, late tonight to throngs that had "held" the streets since 9 p.m. when the contest closed.

Winner of second place, and in consequence Crown Princess, is Marie Schneider of Portland. The three other princesses of the court will be Virginia Meek, Mt. Angel; Eleanor Canoy, Silverton; and Pauline Jones, Marquam, the third, fourth and fifth place winners.

The race for queen had been very close from the start, the lead changing constantly. The daily of votes on Wednesday morning had shown a difference of slightly less than 60 buttons between first and tenth place, positions held at that time by Katherine Boyer of Salem and Margaret Whitney of Woodburn.

QUEEN ELAINE