# 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

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(P) The Dies committee resumed business at its old stand today and delighted, then disappointed a half-nundred spectators with an unfulfilled prospect of fisti-cuffs 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, testi-

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 investigations seemed likely by the Dies 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 about \$2,000. Representative Starnes

said here yesterday.

ing its opposition to the foll 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

proving major highways, with the

Representative James W. Mott re-

State Highway Engineer R. H.

Baldock will confer in a few days

with Senator Charles L. McNary

about Oregon's need for the new

SPOKANE, Aug. 16.—(R)— Suits for \$20,000 and \$7,000, re-

spectively, were filed in superior

danced in the show August 3.

daughter said the girl's injuries

would result in permanent disa-

leave her "permanently and hor-

To Consider new Chief

PORTLAND, Aug. 16 .- (AP)-

The state liquor commission will

resume consideration of appli-

cants for administrator when it

meets tomorrow. Several license

matters also will be considered.

State Liquor Commission

in the act.

ribly scarred."

\$27,000 Is Asked

ported last week.

road bill

Starts Examination. Late in the day, Starnes took up the examination.

Cocking an accusing finger a Kuhn he said:
"What connection have you
with the German government?" "Absolutely no connection whatsoever," Kuhn retorted.

"Aren't you against the communists?" Kuhn countered. "Isn't Mr. Hitler anti-semitic?"

"Isn't Mr. Hitler against the

Starnes' face was flushed, his fists clenched. Kuhn was sputtering an indistinguishable combination of German and English Starnes cut him short with an imperious gesture and question whether the purpose of his organization was not the establishment here of a government

like that in Germany. "That'u an absolute 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

"Don't you call me a liar!" he By that time an officer had gotten between Starnes and Kuhn. Many spectators were doubled up with laughter. Chair-man Dies was thunderously pounding for order.

#### Lee Collins Plea Not Guilty, Insane would result in permanent disability to her left hand and would

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 Tubbs near Arling-

He was indicted for first-degree Defense Attorney Walter L.

Tooze of Portland said he would ask for a change of venue.

#### Father Divine's **Highway Leaders** Paradise "Lost" See Boon, Defeat **Near FR's Home** Rejection of Roosevelt's Bill to Mean Aid for Pacific Road, Say

Congress' recent rejection of a second 750,000,000 toll road and bridge construction program proposed by President Roosevelt has heightened the prospect of having Ore-

gon's Pacific highway and the Old came word that Mrs. James Oregon Trail reconstructed into Laurens Van Alen, socialitemodern highways, state officials owner of the beautiful 700-acre The state highway department, Vanderbilt estate which si herited, would not sell it to Diin fact, is happy for the first time vine or his followers. Father in history over defeat of a federal Divine had offered \$80,000 for the estate, once valued at \$500,-The reason is that the federal bureau of public roads in report-

it is sold to the public."

#### cent per mile for passenger cars **Bridges Predicts** and 31/2 cents for trucks and The federal government may go so far as to contribute 60 per cent or more of the cost of im-

states paying the remainder, Labor Leader at Portland

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

He declared the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union would stand fast for a base wage increase of 95 cents Spokane pageant, "Columbia Cavof the six-hour day clause, and a alcade," by Cora Virginia Wiebel, voice in introduction of labor and court today against officials of the to \$1.10 an hour, "tightening up"

burns assertedly received as they Two girls, Sally Lacy, 13, and Patricia Sells, 15, died from burns suffered when their costumes caught fire from sparklers used Florence Wiebel, mother of Vir- through women and children?"

> 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

## **New Parole Law**

making a joke out of our whole criminal procedure," Circuit Judge H. D. Norton said today.

learned the new parole board was sentenced to four years for stealing a stock trailer last October. "That fellow ought to be in prison for a long time," the udge said.

24th Nevada Tragedy Victim Succumbs

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

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

land, Calif., negro employe 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

A \$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or Off to Matches posted by the Southern Pacific, persons responsible remained joint operator of the train with the Union Pacific and the Chica-"Fooled Officers,"

Man Boasts Near Reno this afternoon, Sheriff Ray Root said he was informed that Robert La Duceur 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

was reported to have laughed washouts near here. Kenneth Caisse placed second, Sgt. left a store there without making George Waterman placed third a purchase. An investigation was

Meanwhile, in San Francisco rail officials announced a new 11-George, who was unable to try for | car streamliner would be placed the team this year because of one 39%-hour schedule from Chi-pressing duties as deputy city eneago to the Golden Gate, starting from Chicago, Aug. 23.

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

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

fect in air brakes or other equipment on the train," said George F. Dodge, Denver & Rio Grande public relations director.

the wreck was caused by failure of the engineer on the front engine to stop for a red signal." ng that the air brakes failed to work when he applied them three times in an effort to stop.

### Northern Wasco **PUD** Is Approved

-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.

ounty recently approved a dis-The city of Hood River, however, voted against it. F. A. Banks, acting Bonneville administrator, said immediate steps would be taken for construction of Bonneville power ines to The Dalles. Bids will be

### Armistice Event Held Injured by

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 16 .-(AP)-Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle, national commander of the American Legion, said today

## 'Laughing Man' Freak Downpour Traps Britain Stays Is now Sought 3,000 Subway Riders in Calm as Nazis In Rail Wreck Queens; Laborer Killed Send More Men

Another Questioned as 200,000 Manhattan Workers Delayed, Motor Traffic Polish Soldier Killed on 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

#### -was diverted to other transpor-Work Train Wreck tation systems and many even resorted to "thumbing" their way home as hitch-hikers. Kills 1 in Flood Starting at noon, the tie-up continued through the evening rush Starting at noon, the tie-up con-

and stretched into the longest sus-

pension of service in the seven-

system which carries a million pas-

sengers daily. Service finally was

resumed at 9:08 p.m. after a more

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

The downpour, which lasted

about an hour over a 12-square

mile area, gushed through side-

walk ventilators to depths of sev-

tracks, causing the power to fail

and several trains to stall between

Edge of Town, Many

Homes Destroyed

INDEX, Wash., Aug. 16.-(AP)-

The Presbyterian church, the par-

sonage and five other dwellings.

with most of their contents, were

destroyed in one flaming hour

today when a brush fire raced

Tonight the Monroe, Snohomish,

batted out "spot fires" here while

About 80 more fire fighters

were expected in answer to a sum-

mons from the Washington Forest

One entire side of the bluff was

The blaze started in brush at a

quarry a quarter mile from this

village, 38 miles east of Everett.

A freshening breeze swept it into

town about 3 p. m., then the wind

direction changed as the first of

the neighboring town's fire equip-

ment arrived and started battling

to save the schoolhouse and other

structures in the path of the

In Hongkong Area

HONGKONG, Aug. 16 .- (AP)-

Japanese forces drove Chinese

from a 13-mile section of Kwang-

tung province bordering British

ablaze and the fire had crossed

the top and was spreading down

the far side as darkness fell.

the wooded mountain.

Index, Wash., Is

stations.

than nine-hour paralysis.

He was George Stansell, Oak- Fireman Victim as Engine year history of the independent Leaves Track; Blamed on Alabama Flood

> PRATTVILLE, Ala., Aug. 16. -(AP)-A Mobile and Ohio work train plunged off a water-logged fill near here tonight, killing the fireman and injuring the engineman, as flood waters from Autauga creek drove scores of families from their homes in this mid-state textile town.

Mobile and Ohio offices identified the dead man as M. S. Chism. Dent Maharry, engine-man, suffered head and back injuries.

M & O offices reported "only he engine went off."

The locomotive almost tumbled onto the Montgomery-Prattville highway, falling within a few feet of a highway underpass. The train At Pine Bluffs, Wyo., a man had been aiding in repairing

One store collapsed downtown as heavy rains fed still rising waters. Estimates of the homeless an as high as 500.

National guardsmen were called out to assist state patrolmen in rescue and relief of those forced a depth of four feet and more in

some sectors. through an edge of town and Torrential rains also caused flood threats farther south in the swept up Index bluff. state and severely damaged crops, roads and communication facili-

# **Pass Much Cargo**

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16-(AP) Pacific coast ports did a b o u \$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 Japanese Mop up bureau of foreign and domestic

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.

Hongkong today in a swift mop-up operation which brought Brit-Export trade in the Pacific northwest, stimulated by the grain ish troops into precautionary export subsidy, showed up better positions on this side of the than in California. Oregon boundary. shipped abroad some \$17,980,346 Japanese officials said the drive worth of goods, a gain of more which gave the invaders control than 2½ million of the 1938 first half foreign sales. Washington with well over \$32,800,000 in the six months' exports, was a little Chinese supply lines with this under 1938.

British crown colony.

Danzig Soil, Second Incident of Day Germany Holds out for

Unconditional Gift of Free City

WARSAW, Aug. 16.—(P)— The Polish telegraph agency reported that a group of young nazis today attacked Polish policemen 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 thrown on the floor while German policemen watched "with indifference."

(By the Associated Press.) Danzig free city police reported that a volley of shots was fired last night over the Polish border near Dirskhao 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 vieeral feet over the underground lation 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 cem-Victim of Blaze tral Europe tense with an unconcealed attention to military tral Europe tense with an un-

"Large Numbers" of Brush Fire Races Through Troops in Border Town

While Fuehrer Adolf Hitler was receiving felicitations in Berlin on the 25th anniversary of his enlistment as an Austrian volusteer in the German World war army, nazi troops in "large numbers" were arriving in Glefwitz, German town on Peland's southwestern border.

Unusual numbers of messenger motorcycles, automobiles military trucks rumbled along the streets. Construction of troop emplace-

Sultan and Index fire departments ments near the border were reported and helmeted soldiers with entrenching tools rode 70 civilian conservation corpsmen through the city in mud-caked and foresters from Skykomish attempted to control the blaze on Troops could not be identi-

fied because shoulder regiment numbers were concealed by cloth tabs sewed over them. (Gleiwitz is near Beuthes.

where a 70-mile strip of border was closed today. Germans, how-(Turn to page 2. column 5.)

#### Big Montana Fire **Corralled by 500**

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 16.— (AP)—A fire was "corralled" tenight 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 Na-tional 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

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

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 16.—The nual Flax Festival which closes announcement that Elaine Bour-Sunday. bonnais of Mt. Angel would be Roosevelt Edict
the 1939 Queen of Flaxaria was made by A. W. Holmes, festival ing was going on an amateur chairman, late tonight to throngs that had "lled the streets since been arranged by Walter Cain, Stephen F. Chadwick of Pp. m. when the contest closed.

Winner of second place, and in Grab bag prizes were awarded the streets was going on an amateur program and street dance had been arranged by Walter Cain, Albin Bean, and T. B. Endres. Grab bag prizes were awarded the prizes we the 1939 Queen of Flaxaria was on the streets while the count-9 p. m. when the contest closed.
Winner of second place, and in consequence Crown Princess, is the participants in the amateur program. Those taking part inmarie Schneider of Portland. The cluded Ray Rothenfluch, singer:

To amuse the people gathered

President Roosevelt apparently had overlooked Armistice day when he scheduled Thanksgiving day for November 23.

"In this redistribution of holisiays Thanksgiving is moved up a week, pressing it up against Armistice day, a national holiday which should be equally revered by all loyal Americans," Chadwick said in an interview.

"Apparently it was designed to be a compromise between Labor day and Christmas, but there are other holidays, such as Columbus and Pavine Schneider of Portland. The three other princesses of the court will be Virginia Meek, Mt. Angel; Eleanor Canoy, Silverton; and Pavine Jones, Marquam, the three other princesses of the court will be Virginia Meek, Mt. Angel; Eleanor Canoy, Silverton; and Pavine 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 lead changing constantly. The lead changing constantly. The LeDoux and Ramona Hassing; soles by Agnes Walker; recitable to three other princesses of the court will be Virginia Meek, Mt. Angel band played withing the program. Those taking part included Ray Rothenfluch, singer; Virgil Wills, singer; Andy Wachter, novelty numbers; Tony Biglier, singer; Frank Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; male octet, directed by Sam Wells; string ensuring the program. Those taking part included Ray Rothenfluch, singer; virgil Wills, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka, accordian, Walter Smith, singer; Pornk Slaby, guitar; Tony Penka



#### 52,000 Troops Stage Mimic Battle in Rain in New York the statues has made matters worse than ever before." the PLATTSBURG, NY, Aug. 16- guard units from nine states went (P)-Gunfire echoed through into action, was the rumble of northern New York hills today as thunder which preceded a soak-52,000 rain-soaked troops armed ing rain storm,

with blank ammunition got their The plan of action in each of considering the release from first taste of war as it will be the 11 problems was identical, prison of Dean L. Ostrander, fought if this nation ever is compelled to defend itself against in-

setting out simultaneously from previously designated "jump off" vasion.

In a series of 11 unrelated "dog opposing regiments, supported by fights," in which regiment was field artillery, tanks, and observapitted against regiment, the men tion planes, cautiously felt their of the first army worked out prob- way toward one another.

#### NEW YORK, Aug. 16-(P)-Despite President and Mrs. Roosevelt's assurances they would have no objections, the plans of Father Divine, little Harlem negro cult leader, for a "heaven" near the

CO. B PLACES TI SE TON OREGON TEAM

Roosevelt's ancestral Hyde Park home, apparently went aglimmering tonight. For from swank Newport, RI,

....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

## 'Lockout' in 1940

Sees Employers Acting When Contract Ends

15, and Geraldine Smith, 18, for ing 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

ginia, in bringing the suit for her he asked. Referring to his deportation hearing, Bridges said "it was news

# Rapped by Judge

MEDFORD, Aug. 16.—(P)— The state's new parole law "is udge declared.

# Marksmen Sgt. Virgil Allen of 570 North Liberty, Sgt. George Waterman of 1085 South 13th and Corporal Kenneth Caisse of 660 South street, who left last night for Camp Perry, Ohio, where they'll compete in the national rifle matches, Inset, It. John D. George, a member of the team in 1937 and 1938, who coached the trio.

Three Local Men Place co and Northwestern. on 12-Man Squad to Compete in Ohio

Local Infantry

Company B, 162d infantry, for the second straight year, placed three men on the 12-man Oregon national guard rifle team that left last night for Camp Perry, Ohio, to compete in the national rifle matches that will draw 2000 com-

petitors. Out of the 37 who qualified from regional matches, Corporal and Sgt. Virgil Allen placed sev- begun. enth on the 12-man team. Waterman, along with Lt. John D. gineer, were two of the three company D members who made the

team last year. The team will fire against the best service and civilian teams in the United States in matches that begin August 26. The boys, who boarded an eastbound train in Portland last night, will raturn here about September 12.

### Newspaper Editor Spared Gas Death

Harry French, Alturas newspaper editor who wrote his town's biggest news story with a lethal weapon, was saved today from San Quentin's gas chamber.

Governor Culbert L. Olson, who announced recently that he would spare French, signed formal papers changing the death penalty

to life imprisonment. French killed Claude McCrack en, publisher of a rival newspaper in Modoc county in March, 1937 to climax a heated publishing rivalry with his business competitor. He pleaded that he was emotionally unbalanced at the time he shot McCracken, but a jury found him guilty of first degree murder

on August 6, 1937. The state pardon advisory board early this spring recom-

#### mended executive clemency. Late Sports

PORTLAND, Aug. 16 .- (AP)-Sacramento bats roared in the late innings tonight for a 6-2 victory over Portland in the third game of a Pacific Coast league

In the eighth two errors by Portland's shortstop Wilburn were followed by four consecutive hits for three runs. Portland got two of them back in their half of the eighth when a walk and two short hits loaded the bags and Wilson singled home a pair. The Sacs removed all doubt as to the outcome when Catcher Brusie Ogrodowski hit a homer off Ralph Birkhofer, relief chucker, in the ninth with

one aboard. Sacramento ...... 15 Portland ...... 12 Freitas and Ogrodowski; Hilcher, Radonits (8), Birkhofer (8) and Monzo.

SEATTLE, Aug. 16 .- (A) eattle batsmen broke up what

looked like a 0-0 tie game here

tonight in the last half of the

eighth inning to beat San Diego,

3-1. San Diego's lone run was in the ninth. San Diego .....1

# "Our investigators found no de-

"It was shown conclusively that Medae testified at a police hear-

THE DALLES, Aug. 16 .- (AP)

The six The Dalles precincts roted 1086 to 802 in favor of the proposal, Rural precincts of Hood River

asked in less than 30 days, he said. The line will be finished

# not later than June 30, 1940.