

12 POLISH LEADERS DRAW PRISON TERMS

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sengue

Rounding out three-quarters of a century of existence, Pacific lodge no. 50, A. F. & A. M., will hold its diamond anniversary tomorrow night with public exercises at the Salem high school. The no. 50 means that it was the 50th lodge of the Masonic order to be founded in this state. Older by some 18 years is Salem no. 4.

Records of Pacific lodge are meagre for the early days, but grand lodge records show that Freeman J. Babcock, B. F. Brown and J. A. Waymire attended grand lodge meeting in Astoria in June 1870 and asked for and were granted a charter for a second Masonic lodge in Salem. Babcock was a Vermontor who had been a captain of cavalry in the civil war. He was an active Mason in his home state and continued his lodge interest after he came to Oregon in 1869. A daughter, Miss Grace Babcock, resides here at 749 N. Commercial st.

The history of Masonry in Oregon goes back to the roots of the pioneer settlement of the state. At a called meeting of Masons in Oregon City on Feb. 21, 1846, a petition was drafted addressed to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the nearest jurisdiction, requesting a charter. Joel Palmer, then one of the messengers for the Hudson Bay company travelling between the northwest and St. Louis, later Indian agent for the government, took the petition to St. Joseph, Mo., where the grand lodge was meeting, and on October 16 a charter for a lodge at Oregon City was granted. There was delay in sending the charter until some member of the order could be located who was coming to Oregon. In late December, 1847, Pierre B. Cornwall, a Mason, was found to be bound for Oregon. When his party got to Fort Hall, Idaho, Cornwall was attracted to California by news of the gold.

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Applications in Order for City Postmastership

Applications to take the civil service examination for the Salem postmastership will be received up to July 10, it was announced in Washington on Wednesday.

The position, which will be held under temporary appointment by Albert C. Gragg after the retirement of Henry R. Crawford on July 1, currently has a salary scale of \$4920 (\$4200 base, \$300 temporary increase, and \$420 constituting 10 per cent granted for overtime).

Prospective applicants so far include Gragg and Kenneth Bayne, democratic county chairman.

The announcement that applications now were open said the civil service commission "is not interested in the political, religious, or fraternal affiliations of any applicant"; and that "applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for written tests, but will be rated on their education, business or professional experience, general qualifications, and suitability."

Applicants, who may be men or women, must be U.S. citizens, in good physical condition, and have resided in this postoffice area at least one year.

Crawford has been postmaster for 10 years.

Goering Helped Lay Out Buchenwald, Yank Says

BELTON, Tex., June 20.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commander of the 20th corps which spearheaded Gen. George Patton's drive across Germany, told a press conference here today his corps had found evidence that Hermann Goering helped lay out Buchenwald prison camp.

City, County Representatives Will Present Problems to New State Tax Study Commission

Representatives of Oregon counties and the League of Oregon Cities will be invited to appear before the new tax study commission at its next meeting to present tax problems of cities and counties, the commission announced at the close of its organizational meeting here Wednesday. Later, men who are said to have left Oregon because of alleged oppressive taxes will be invited before the commission.

Carl W. Chambers, Fendleton, is chairman, while Senate President Howard Bellon, Canby, was elected vice chairman. Charles V. Galloway, Salem, state tax commissioner, with Harvey N. Black or Portland and Speaker of the House Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, were named to a committee

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Conference Will End Tuesday

Freedom Given To 3 Poles

Heaviest Penalty Set at 10 Years; One Trial Left

LONDON, Thursday, June 21.—(AP)—Twelve of the 16 Polish underground leaders accused of subversive activities behind red army lines in Poland were found guilty in Moscow early today and sentenced to prison terms ranging from ten years to four months, the Moscow radio said.

Three were acquitted and the trial of another, Anton Paidak, was postponed because he was ill. The heaviest sentence — ten years — was given to Maj. Gen. L. Bronislaw Okulicki, Polish home army commander and principal defendant.

Jan Jankowski, deputy prime minister of the Polish exile government in London and leader of the Polish underground movement, was sentenced to eight years.

Two other leaders of the Polish underground government, Adam N. Bien and Stanislaw Jaskiewicz, each received five year terms.

The other sentences pronounced by Col. Gen. Vassily V. Ulrich, presiding officer of the military collegium conducting the trial, were:

K. V. Puzhak, 18 months.

Kazimir S. Baginski, one year.

Alexander Zwiczewsky, eight months.

Eugene Czarnowski, six months.

Stanislaw Merzuva, Z. Stupulowski, J. A. Khratsinski and F. A. Urbanski, each four months.

Three defendants were acquitted, the broadcast said. They were S. E. Mikhailowski, K. S. Kobylanski and J. H. Stember-Dombrowski.

An earlier Moscow broadcast had said guilty verdicts would not be asked for these three because of insufficient evidence.

3 Solons Map New Industrial Peace Chart

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Legislation revamping the government's labor relations machinery and described by its authors as an "industrial peace" chart was introduced today in the senate.

Its initial reception by representatives of organized labor indicated that its course through congress might be far from peaceable.

The measure, offered by three senators who took a leading part in advocating permanent world peace machinery, is patterned in large part after the railway labor act. It would overhaul the government's conciliation and mediation agencies and rewrite major provisions of the Wagner labor relations act.

HEMINGWAY INJURED

HAVANA, Cuba, June 20.—(AP)—Ernest Hemingway, the author, was injured slightly today when his automobile skidded and crashed into a tree on the Mantilla road near here.

Battery Firm Eyes Valley For Plant Site

The construction and operation of a manufacturing unit of the National Battery company appeared a distinct possibility for the Salem area today.

A representative of the company, largest producers of replacement automobile batteries in the nation, was known to be here scanning the sector. If final plans are consummated, construction would start immediately.

War production board approval of the projected factory has been received. The plant would employ between 100 and 125 persons, both men and women.

The National Battery company, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., operates 14 factories, including subsidiaries. Its nearest manufacturing unit is in Los Angeles, it has a branch in Portland.

Senate Passes Truman-Sought Tariff Powers

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Smashing down a series of restrictive amendments, the senate today passed and sent to the White House legislation extending the reciprocal trade agreements law three more years with added power for the president to cut tariff rates.

The vote on final passage was 54 to 21.

Already authorized under the old law to cut import duties in half, the president will be empowered under the new legislation to reduce them another 50 per cent below the rates prevailing on Jan. 1, 1945.

Where the full power is used, duties thus could be trimmed to one-fourth of the Smoot-Hawley schedules of 1930.

President Truman called the broader authority "of the first order of importance for the success of my administration." The late President Roosevelt likewise was a hearty backer of the trade program fathered by Cordell Hull in 1934.

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New Men Arriving At Adair

Civilian Aid Being Asked; New Deputy Named

Initial contingents of the post complement were getting settled at Camp Adair today in preparation for the thousands of army ground force troops which will be redeployed there for the Pacific war.

First announcements indicated between 15,000 and 20,000 men would be sent to Adair, but it has been stressed unofficially that no definite number had been set, and that the total might exceed those figures.

In the meantime, a hurry call for civilian assistance has been sounded from the huge encampment, which has become the site of a naval hospital and quarters for a comparatively small number of German prisoners of war since it was deactivated a year ago. Several hundred employes are needed.

Camp officials said "temporary civil service appointments providing substantial incomes are awaiting those who apply" for positions. Recreation and restaurant facilities are to be provided, and a dormitory will be available for women who live too far away to commute each day. Everyone qualified is being asked to report to the nearest U. S. Employment office.

Col. Norman in Command

Already in command of Adair is Col. Lewis S. Norman, native Tennessean who formerly commanded the 7th infantry division and more recently was at Phoenix, Ariz., in charge of army supply in that area for the ninth service command. Mrs. Norman, now at Missoula, Mont., is to arrive at Adair soon.

Colonel Norman's deputy commander and executive officer, it was disclosed Wednesday, is Lt. Col. Ernest E. Voss, of Glendale, Calif., who served in the 57th field artillery brigade in World War I and who has just completed a 28-month tour of duty as commanding officer of Camp Irwin on the edge of Death Valley, Calif.

The former post commander, Lt. Col. E. I. Foster, who succeeded Col. Samuel D. Hays last November, is to be post executive officer at Camp Cooke, Calif. The colonel, his wife, and their daughter, Jeanne, will drive south shortly.

Two Sons in Service

The new post commander, Colonel Norman, has two sons in the service—Lt. Lewis S. Norman, Jr., West Point graduate now at Maxwell field, Ala., and William Clinton Norman, who already has served in the army and will enter West Point on July 2.

The civil service jobs which camp officials declare are urgent include clerical, administrative, technical and skilled and unskilled labor.

Dr. W. J. Stone In New Post

PORTLAND, June 20.—(AP)—Appointment of Dr. Willard J. Stone, Marion county health officer, as director of Oregon's maternal and child health program was announced today by Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer.

He succeeds Dr. John Francis Belz, resigned.

The health board accepted the resignation of Dr. Frederick D. Strickler from the advisory post he had held since he resigned as director last winter. Dr. Robin E. Moser, Louisville, Ky., was approved as industrial hygiene chemist.

British Squads Blowing Siegfried Line Apart

EIGHTH CORPS HEADQUARTERS, Floren, Germany, June 20.—(AP)—British demolition squads are blowing up the Siegfried line.

The job of removing concrete pillboxes and dragons' teeth will require several years, officials predicted.

The squads were blowing up concrete blockhouses and air raid shelters in Kiel and Hamburg.

Killed



Gen. Claudius Easley

General Easley Dies in Action On Okinawa

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Death has overtaken two more high-ranking American officers in the Pacific — Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley and Rear Adm. Forrest B. Royal.

General Easley, 53-year-old assistant commander of the 96th infantry division, was killed in action on Okinawa Tuesday, the war department notified his wife today.

The navy announced that Admiral Royal, 52, commander of an amphibious force that spearheaded the recent operation against Brunei bay, Borneo, died Monday of natural causes. No further information was given.

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Naming of Tax Commissioner Believed Near

Selection of a tax commissioner to succeed Earl Day, resigned, may be announced today. The three appointing officials, Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Farrell and Treasurer Scott, are expected to confer on the matter during the day. Governor Snell will be back in his office after being away most of the week.

The launching of the interim tax study commission yesterday served to throw the pending appointment into the foreground. Members of the commission are concerned because the appointee becomes a member of that body, and some individuals are said to be interested in the appointment for themselves. One of them is Rep. Giles French of Moro, who has served on taxation committees for several legislative sessions. Sen. Coe McKenna, whose resolution started the ball rolling for the creation of the commission, is said to aspire to the commissionership.

Judge Day's resignation is effective July 1. He expects to resume residence in Medford.

Export Trade Slumps

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Total value of U. S. export trade in the first quarter of this year was announced today as \$2,804,000,000. This was a decrease of 18 per cent as compared with the first quarter of last year when exports were valued at \$3,420,000,000.

Franco Defends Spain

MADRID, June 20.—(AP)—General Franco, speaking less than 24 hours after a United Nations conference commission took action to bar from future membership in a new world organization governments set up with axis help, said tonight Spain is not the nation which "defamatory campaigns depict her as being."

Last Japs On Isle Die Fast

Nips Compressed Into Three Tight Little Pockets

GUAM, Thursday, June 21.—(AP)—American 10th army troops, eliminating fanatically fighting Japanese at the rate of 2590 a day, compressed the few thousand survivors into three tight little pockets on Okinawa yesterday.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today that 6884 Japanese troops were killed and 885 captured on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—a total of 7769 in only three days fighting.

This was probably the highest rate of Japanese slaughter for any similar period in the central or far western Pacific campaigns. It increased Japanese casualties for 80 days of Okinawa fighting to 87,343 killed and 2565 prisoners.

Although still withholding any announcement that bloody Okinawa has been secured, Nimitz said remnants of the enemy were broken into three pockets, the largest of which was about 1200 yards in diameter.

The closing phase of the battle was weirdly quiet. Fighting was at such close quarters that all heavy artillery had been ordered to cease fire because of the danger to American troops. But there still was much stubborn small arms and machine gun betting.

The largest remaining pocket of enemy resistance surrounds hill 81 north of Makabe.

The Seventh infantry division's 184th regiment, driving 1600 yards westward from the southeast coast joined elements of the first marine division north of Komesu to close off this central pocket from another small pocket in the southeast coastal sector around hill 82.

The third Japanese pocket, an area about 1,000 yards square, was in the Mabuni-Mura hills north of Cape Ara, which is the southernmost point of Okinawa.

Hoover Makes Meat Proposal

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Special Stunts Bring \$100,000 In E Bond Sales on Wednesday

An outdoor vaudeville performance by entertainers from the Corvallis naval hospital which drew upwards of 2000 persons to the Victory Center last night and a cavalcade of jeeps manned by service club salesmen who spent Wednesday rushing business netted approximately \$100,000 in E bonds.

With \$800,000 worth of E bonds yet to be sold to top its quota by the end of this month, Marion county's war finance committee commenced figuring in the margins Wednesday night.

Savings accounts in the county are growing, bankers reports show, while the mighty Seventh War Loan's interest-paying merchandise lags.

Bidding at Wednesday night's open air auction was lethargic, although bracing breezes provided an air-cooled setting. Sid Stevens, retail chairman-auctioneer, sold \$500 worth of bonds for the privilege of giving away a pair of pre-war silk hosiery.

Truman Will Prolong Visit To Northwest

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 20.—(AP)—President Truman decided tonight to remain over in the Pacific northwest until Monday after receiving word the San Francisco security conference cannot be concluded until next week.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross made the announcement upon the president's return from a 90-mile, two and a half hour automobile drive in the Puget Sound area.

The president, he said, informed that the delegates to the United Nations conference will be ready to sign the projected charter Monday, will fly into San Francisco that afternoon to witness the signing and to meet the delegates. He will address the closing session of the conference at 4 p.m. (Pacific war time) Tuesday.

Ross said the president had telegraphed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the republican presidential nominee last year, expressing his regret that the delay in the adjournment of the conference would make it necessary to postpone their scheduled meeting at the White House next Monday.

Under the change in arrangements, the president will leave San Francisco early Wednesday, flying to Kansas City, Mo., and thence driving to Independence, his home town, for a homecoming celebration.

Petition Fails; Registrar Bill Now Effective

Lacking 217 signatures of the 14,442 required to obtain a place on the general election ballot, petitions for the referendum of the 1945 legislature's act creating the office of registrar of elections in Multnomah county had been discredited today in the office of the secretary of state.

The law is now operative, election bureau officials, who with the state auditing department three times counted the signatures, declared.

The registrar of elections bill was one of the most controversial issues of the 1945 legislature. It provides that this official, to be appointed by Multnomah county commissioners, shall take over all election activities in Multnomah county now handled by the sheriff, clerk and other officials.

Democrats in both houses maintained that the bill was purely political and a direct slap at Democratic County Clerk Al Brown. Referendum petitions were circulated under direction of Lew Wallace, state senator and democratic national committeeman from Oregon. Persons who brought the petitions to Salem last Friday told state department officials that they contained approximately 15,000 signatures of qualified voters.

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Assembly Powers Settled

Charter Signing Probably Will Be Finished Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—(AP)—Russian acceptance of an Australian compromise on what a 50-nation general assembly can talk about enabled the United Nations conference tonight finally and formally to set next Tuesday for completion of a world charter to maintain peace.

Secretary of State Stettinius announced after a steering committee meeting that a speech by President Truman late Tuesday afternoon will end this historic gathering, two months and a day after it began its deliberations.

The charter of a new world organization dedicated to peace probably will be signed by all the delegates of 50 United Nations Monday afternoon and night. It will bring into being, when enough governments ratify it, an international league empowered to settle disputes peacefully or to use armed might to prevent war or aggression.

It will set up a new international court of justice, and a council for cooperation in removing social and economic stresses which have fomented war in the past.

To a compact security council of 11 members — all the five big world powers and six others — will be entrusted the primary responsibility for maintaining peace. A conference commission considering the council's structure and duties completed its task today.

All that remained was to put into a charter language sections dealing with a general assembly to serve as the "town meeting of the world." Russia cleared the way for that and a successful conclusion of the conference by accepting an Australian suggestion that the assembly be allowed to debate anything within the sphere of the world charter.

Russia's action was announced by Secretary of State Stettinius at the end of a big five meeting. Stettinius said that big powers and Australia "have reached full and satisfactory agreement" on the question of how broad a debating field should be permitted a world assembly in which every United Nations would have a voice. He said the agreement would go before a conference committee for disposition today.

Arab resentment over French policies in Syria flared momentarily today, but France was voted immediate, permanent membership on the peace-enforcing security council of a new world league.

100 Methodist Pastors Here For Meeting

More than 100 ministers of the Methodist church are in Salem for the annual church conference, which opens today. The first conference session will be held at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist church with Bishop Bruce Baxter presiding.

The evening session will be preceeded by an organ recital by Prof. T. S. Roberts at 7:30. Bishop Paul B. Kern of Tennessee will speak on "An Ancient Word for a New Generation." Dean Melvin Geist of Willamette school of music will sing.

The Rev. Edward Terry of Albany is conference secretary and has his headquarters at the Marion hotel, where Bishop Baxter and Bishop Kern are also registered