

BRITISH ASKED TO INTERVENE IN G. M. STRIKE

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Pearl Harbor Probe Counsel Asks Release



All four members of the congressional Pearl Harbor inquiry committee counsel, who asked to withdraw from the protracted probe, listen to discussion during a session. Left to right: Jule Hannaford, John E. Masten, Gerhard Gesell and William D. Mitchell, chief counsel. (AP Wirephoto)

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Spaulding To Vie In Campaign

Given Unofficial Demo Blessing in Congress Race

By Wendell Webb
(Managing Editor, The Statesman)
The best-laid plans of the democrat party were awry today, but at least it had a potential candidate for congress at the January 11 election.
He is Bruce Spaulding, able young Salem attorney who won a majority of the 109 votes cast at what had been advertised as a representative assembly (needing at least 250 persons, to make it legal), at the armory Saturday afternoon.
Two Nominated
About all the positive action which could be credited to the session was the elimination of Manley J. Wilson and Jack Bain as prospective opponents of Spaulding at the January 11 special election when he and Walter Norblad, Astoria republican, will seek to succeed the late Rep. James R. Mott as congressman from the first congressional district.
The scheduled time for the assembly (12:30 p.m.) was delayed two hours Saturday while attempts were made via sound truck to rustle up the necessary attendance of 250, but by 2:30 p.m. hardly half that number had appeared and E. W. Kirkpatrick of Clackamas county, who was chosen chairman, told visitors they had a choice of (1) going home, or (2) "testing the sentiment" of the group by nominalizing and voting.
\$6 for Spaulding
The latter alternative was chosen, and in secret balloting, Spaulding was given \$6 votes; Wilson, of Warren, state representative from Clatsop-Columbia counties, 27; Bain, of Milwaukie, state representative from Multnomah-Clackamas county, 16. Two votes were blank.
And there the matter rested, with the exception of a two-minute meeting of democratic congressional committeemen who cast 14 of the district's 20 votes for Spaulding but insisted the action was only "informal" and didn't constitute the kind of a committee session which Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., once said would assure a party designation after a candidate's name on the ballot.
Petition Probable
Neither did it assure a name on the ballot at all, leaving to Spaulding the problem of whether to attempt another assembly or try to obtain 3600 signatures on petitions to make certain the democrats had a legal candidate by the filing deadline of December 31. It was indicated the petition method would be used.
Spaulding — who had joined with the other nominees in promising to support whichever of the three received a majority in the was-to-be-had representative assembly — prefaced the day's sessions with an attack on "republican bosses" for "attempting to violate . . . state statutes" by getting the party designation on the ballot after their candidate's name.
Four Are Named
He also attacked four "bosses from outside the district, who attempted to, and to a certain extent did, control and direct the deliberations" of last week's republican congressional committeemen.
Named were Niel Allen of Grants Pass, chairman of the state republican central committee; Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr.; Assistant Secretary of State Harry Schenk, and E. Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian.
(It was these four men whom some political writers had charged with trying to further the candidacy of Speaker of the House Eugene Marsh of McMinnville, who lost to Norblad on the first ballot in open vote at the G.O.P. district session a week ago.)
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Boise Sighting Jap Navy Story Refuted

Gen. Marshall To Attempt to End China Fight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Truman disclosed today that Gen. George C. Marshall's first objective in China will be an end to hostilities between the nationalists and communists.
Beyond that the president called for a conference of all-Chinese factions to work out a permanent political settlement for unification of the country in a broad-based national government.
At the same time, in a major policy statement on China, Mr. Truman linked American economic aid with his peace and unity program. He said this country would be prepared to grant credits and loans as China moves "along the lines described."
He based the injection of American diplomacy into the internal affairs of China on the assertion that peace and unity in that nation are essential to peace in the Pacific.

Dead



Prince Fumimaro Konoye, member of the royal Japanese household, who committed suicide today rather than face allied accusers. (International Sound Photo)

Prince Konoye Suicide on Eve Of Surrender

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Prince Fumimaro Konoye, thrice premier in the decade of Japan's belligerence leading up to the Pearl Harbor attack, took his life with poison early today at his lavish home, rather than surrender today as a suspected war criminal.
Princess Konoye went into the Prince's bedroom at 6 a. m. and found him lying in a Japanese-style bed on the floor, with a vial of poison at his side. She reported he left no notes.
The man who was premier the last time just before Hideki Tojo replaced him, and began the war, killed himself when he had only a few hours of freedom left before his scheduled surrender.
Last night he entertained close friends and relatives at his modern residence. He gave no indication he had any plan other than to give himself up before midnight.
After discovery of the body, an American doctor was rushed out by counter intelligence officers to investigate.
Konoye's act, marking him as among the highest-ranking Japanese officials to commit suicide since Nippon's surrender, was a distinct surprise. He belonged to a family ranked next to the imperial household.

Group May Ask Dewey Source Of Code Secret

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Pearl Harbor investigators received a navy report today that the U.S. cruiser Boise was never closer than 1400 miles to the Japanese task force which struck Hawaii Dec. 7, 1941, and thus could not have seen its approach.
This reply to a question raised early in the hearings—whether the Boise sighted the Japanese force but did not report it because of orders for radio silence—came during a session marked by continued bickering among republicans and democrats.
At its close, Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) told reporters the committee should find out how and where Gov. Thomas E. Dewey learned this country had "broken" Japan's codes.
Lucas had drawn from Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Terow, the day's witness, an expression of opinion earlier that any military officer who deliberately disclosed the secret in wartime would deserve the death penalty.
From Gen. George C. Marshall, the committee had heard last week that he learned during the 1944 presidential campaign that Dewey apparently had learned of the code-breaking. Marshall gave the committee copies of letters in which he appealed to the republican nominee not to disclose the secret.

CIO Sends Request To Attlee

English Hold Block of Stock In Corporation

By the Associated Press
The CIO United Auto Workers said yesterday the union had asked the British labor government to intercede as a General Motors corporation stockholder in the union's dispute with GM.
President R. J. Thomas of the UAW-CIO said the union had written Prime Minister Clement Attlee asking that the British labor government "make known" to General Motors that profits "are indeed the concern of the workers and the owners of any company."
Thomas stated he was "reliably informed" the British government as of October, 1945, owned 434,000 shares of common stock in General Motors.
The union leader said GM had refused to discuss profits in bargaining with the union, and added the union hoped that as a stockholder the British government "will be able to make known to the management . . . your belief that profits are indeed the concern of the workers and the owners of any company."
In Washington, Charles Campbell, chief of the British information service, said the British government owns a block of General Motors stock and controls its voting rights. He said the stock was part of American assets held by British subjects which the British government had taken over during the war and had paid for in sterling.
Negotiations between management in the automobile industry and the UAW-CIO will resume tomorrow after a weekend lull.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Christian churches of America have set about accumulating funds which will aggregate well over \$100,000,000 to be used principally in restoring the Christian church in lands where the tides of warfare surged. For Europe the money will go to aid sister churches whose buildings were destroyed and whose church organization injured. This will be a gesture of fraternal support, in the effort to sustain the Christian cause for the rebuilding of Europe's civilization.

Immediate needs are to assist the clergy in resuming their pastoral duties. Many have been found destitute of clothing, stripped of their libraries, perhaps even without Bibles. First aid in the way of provision for the physical needs of ministers and priests and of supplies for their clerical service will be furnished, with some temporary assistance for housing their congregations. It will cost a billion and a half dollars to rebuild and refurbish the churches of Europe but this task will remain largely the burden of the people themselves. Protestant churches will have their contributions administered through the World Council of Churches with headquarters at Geneva. The Catholic church hopes to assemble \$10,000,000 worth of food and clothing for distribution to its fellow churches in Europe.

On the other side of the world the condition of Christian missions is likewise deplorable. There mission stations, hospitals, schools have been destroyed or stripped of valuable equipment, although the destruction is by (Continued on Editorial Page)

United States Voted To House New UNO

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States was chosen today as the permanent home of the United Nations organization after a long, hard fought battle, and the preparatory commission decided to meet Monday to continue discussions as to the specific city in which the world peace agency will be located.
The selection becomes final with the stamp of approval of the general assembly, and Belgian and French delegates, who with British delegates led the fight for a European site, said the choice would not be challenged again.
The United States won out on a roll call vote of 30 to 14 with six nations, including the United States, abstaining, a two-thirds majority was needed. Previously the delegates voted down a motion favoring a European site by a tally of 25 to 23.

Taxi Kills Man On Downtown Salem Corner

Victor F. Lynch, 47, route 4, Salem, was struck and instantly killed Saturday night by a taxicab at the intersection of Court and Front streets. He had been in Salem to do the family Christmas shopping and was believed to have been going to his parked car, preparing to return home. Lynch made his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lynch, Illaha.
Lynch had been a resident of Polk county all his life. He is survived by two daughters, Frances Lynch, San Francisco, and Elaine, married and living in Vancouver, Wash.; two sisters, Anna Tarr, Cottage Grove, and Mae Hoskins, Eugene; two brothers, Col. Harold Lynch, Camp Adair, and Dr. John L. Lynch, Salem.
Police said Gordon L. Clark was the driver of the cab. Clark was charged with failure to give right of way to a pedestrian and released on \$500 bail.

Mac Abolishes State Shintoism

TOKYO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—General MacArthur today ordered state shintoism abolished in Japan to destroy the compulsory religious ideology which his staff asserted led the nation into war—and defeat.
With the expressed aim of freeing people from "direct or indirect compulsion" to believe in "manufactured" religion, the Allied directive laid down a program of broad revision, calling for:
1. Withdrawal of all government control and support of state shinto—"the way of the gods."
2. Purging of militaristic and ultra-nationalistic ideology from doctrine of the cult which preaches ancestor worship and defies the emperor.
3. Removal of shinto teachings from schools.

State Tax Men Await Verdict

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The suit, filed by F. H. Young, Oregon Business & Tax Research, Portland, charges that the bill signed by Gov. Earl Snell was not identical with that approved by the legislature. Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan held the law valid, whereupon Young appealed to the state supreme court, which heard arguments Thursday afternoon and indicated that an early decision would be forthcoming.

Weather Bureau Predicts Rain as Mercury on Rise

Rain today will mark the end of the "cold spell" which has held the mid-Willamette valley in its frosty grip for a week, the weatherman predicted while hopeful boys and girls cleaned sled runners.
Temperatures generally in Oregon were somewhat higher today, although they were below freezing except on the coast.
Salem's 32 was the highest minimum here in three days. Portland's 29 the highest minimum there in four days. North Bend moved up to 35; other lows included Medford 28, Roseburg 29, Eugene 25, Klamath Falls 18, Mencham 12, Lakeview 11, Bend and Baker 8, Burns 6.

Mother Sobs, Denys Beating Baby to Death

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Rose Carlan, 23-year-old mother of "kidnapped" Ronald Carlan, whose body was found yesterday beneath a china closet in his parent's home, was held tonight on a charge of assaulting and beating to death her six months old baby.
Chelsea district court was packed with spectators today as assistant clerk Stephen White read the charge that Mrs. Carlan "did assault and beat one Ronald Carlan with intent to murder him, and by such assault and beating did murder the said Ronald Carlan."
The baby's mother replied to the charge immediately in a strong voice: "That is not true, what you just said."
Then, she dropped into a chair, sobbing.
No formal plea was entered and Judge John W. McLeod ordered her held without bail for hearing December 24 and committed her to the psychopathic hospital for observation.

Molotov Meets With Ministers

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov met individually today with United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and with British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, and indications tonight were that the three foreign ministers would hold their first formal sessions of their momentous conference on Monday.
Moscow newspapers gave the conference an auspicious send-off. The arrival of the ministers was prominently displayed in Izvestia, Pravda and Red Star, indicating the importance the Russians attach to the forthcoming talks. But the press still refrained from editorial comment on the meeting or its prospects.

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Jefferson Man Killed In Albany Accident

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Walter E. Harrington, about 63, rt. 1, Jefferson, was killed tonight when he stepped suddenly in front of a car in down-town Albany.
Deputy Coroner John Summers and State Police Sergeant Earl B. Houston reported the car was driven by Donald E. Engel, Albany.

FATTON 'EXCELLENT'

FANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, jr., improved steadily today and "his general condition is excellent," army bulletins announced.

Snell Delays Action on Baer Deportation

It probably will be several days before Governor Earl Snell takes any action on the petition of 125 Portland attorneys seeking a pardon for Walter E. Baer, Portland civil engineer, who now faces deportation to Germany for offenses of 25 years ago for which he served time in the Oregon and Idaho penitentiaries.
The petitions were received at the executive department Friday. Baer has a wife and two children living in Portland. Baer's deportation sometime ago was held up by action of the late Senator Charles L. McNary at the request of a large number of ministers and other Baer is now employed as assistant engineer in the construction and repair of naval vessels.
Governor Snell was advised that Baer's deportation would result in breaking up his home and would be a grave violation of the principles of democracy.

Suicide Attempt Ends in Hospital

Victor P. Starr, about 32, employee of a local warehouse, was still unconscious early this morning at Salem Deaconess hospital, where he was taken by city first aid men after he had apparently taken poison. Mrs. Rose R. Voris, 2545 Laurel ave., in whose home Starr had rented a room the past three weeks, said she suspected first aid men and police after the man came into the house reporting that he had taken arsenic. He was unconscious when first aid men arrived. His wife resides in Yakima, Wash.

Woodburn Discontinues Whip

Discontinuance of whippings at the Woodburn training school for boys, and a state board of control announcement an intermediate institution will be sought and that plans are "practically complete" for a segregation cottage, comprised principal developments today in the wake of the controversial "strappings" of two Portland boys on November 30.
M. D. Woolley, school superintendent, said whippings had been resumed some time ago, "due to lack of detention or segregation facilities" in meeting serious disciplinary problems, but that "due to statements of refusal by other agencies and parents of boys who have been so punished to cooperate in the parole program necessary for rehabilitation . . . I have decided to discontinue further use of the strap."
His statement said, however, that claims of brutality "have been disproved by several thorough investigations," and added that it was "regrettable that the public has in the past placed so much emphasis on detention and so little on training."
He declared that "the functions of the institution are dual" and disclosed that "a revised training program has been in operation for more than a year, which I believe will be a partial answer to our increased population despite lack of proper facilities."
The board of control's statement, issued simultaneously, supported Woolley as "a man trained in sociology and psychology and with a background in training and experience in boys' work and child guidance," and referred indirectly to the recent whippings of two Portland boys by saying that "it is to be remembered, also, that these boys in question ran away from the institution and stole several automobiles."
It added that Woolley's task was "difficult," since boys are committed to the school "generally only after they are virtually out of hand in the local communities."
Regarding the proposed intermediate institutions, the state-

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	36	22	.00
Eugene	32	22	.00
Portland	32	22	.00
Seattle	38	24	.00
San Francisco	48	42	.00

Willamette river 3 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today with occasional light rain. Slightly warmer temperature. Maximum 40 degrees.

Servicemen Pack Stations

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Returning servicemen were packed like sardines at both the harbor and union station today as railroads tackled "their busiest 10 days" to get the boys home by Christmas.
With 19 ships landing 13,000 more servicemen, the problem was "like trying to run a six-inch stream through a one-inch pipe," one railroad official said.

Felton Named Campaign Manager for Norblad

Joseph B. Felton, justice of the peace for the Salem district and president of the Oregon Republican club, was Saturday named Marion county manager of Walter Norblad's campaign for congressman.
Felton is active in veterans' organizations and in Young Republican club work as well as the state club.

Vets to Unite on Building Plans

Veterans who can build or equip any portion of a house and others who would like to share housing so built on a cooperative basis have been called to a meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. at 345 N. Commercial st.
Vance MacDowell, recently discharged from the army, now with the Farmers' Union, and Vince Genna, former army air force man now with Blake Moffitt & Towne, said they believed they could find sufficient talent and knew they could find enough need to develop a cooperative housing project. Hubert Sankfeld, Marion county veterans' officer, and Don Goode of the state veterans' affairs office, have been invited to assist with the meeting.

Oregon's Traffic Fatalities Soar

Traffic fatalities continued to go skyward during November, 41 persons being killed on Oregon streets, an increase of 86 per cent over November, 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr. reported Saturday.
The November toll brought the death list for the first 11 months of 1945 to 299, an increase of 38 per cent over the toll for the corresponding period a year ago. The 11 months toll this year exceeds the fatalities for the entire year 1944 by 21 per cent.

Animal Crackers



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