

# Secretary of State Byrnes Resigns

(Story in Column 8)

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Sprague

Yesterday I received the following telegram from E. B. MacNaughton, president of the First National Bank of Portland:

"For some time requests have been made by editors and chambers of commerce in cities and branches that we publish on call dates the totals for deposits and loans originating in their communities. We believe this to be proper and desirable public information and therefore we are today releasing the 1946 year end figures of deposits and loans totals of our branches and we will continue henceforth to do so. Such figures are one of the best indices of a community's prosperity and enterprise and we hope this practice will become general throughout the state."

The December 31, 1946 call figures for Salem branch of First National follow: Deposits \$12,086,752, Loans \$4,114,782.

Let me congratulate Mr. MacNaughton and his bank for making this decision. It will be greatly appreciated in all communities where they have branches. I hope the United States National will make similar information available for its branches.

With local figures made public of these two banking systems which pretty well dominate the banking situation in Oregon communities will recover an identity in matters of finance. The aggregate of deposits gives as good a revelation of local financial health as can be found, and chambers of commerce and business men will be gratified and greatly assisted to have this information available at regular intervals.

The First National has broken the ice. I hope that quickly the other great banking organization will adopt a similar policy of publicity on local deposits and loans.

## Icy 'Rocket Head' Thought Student Prank

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7-(AP)—The so-called "mystery rocket missile" has every indication of being a student prank.

A spectroscopist said today the object, a three-inch cylindrical object, which is supposed to have fallen on the Hill military academy campus out of a clear sky last Saturday, was made of plaster.

Furthermore it matches plaster found in a dud artillery shell, used for decorative purposes, on the campus just 40 feet from where the "missile" reportedly fell amidst an ice shower confined to a 15-foot square, Tom Matthews of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries laboratory, said here.

Capt. Leon G. Thompson, military instructor at the academy, reported the ice shower and the "missile." He said it nearly struck Thomas A. Pigott, school registrar. They had no idea where it came from—unless it was from a rocket.

Today it was noted that of a number of artillery shells on the campus, one had a missing nose in the remainder of the shell, there was a hole where a fuse has been. The hole was about the same size as the "missile." A piece of material found in the hole turned out to be plaster. Furthermore the base of the missile was painted aluminum, as was the entire shell on the campus.

About the only mystery remaining was how or where it got launched. Someone suggested students might have used a catapult.

But the students weren't talking.

There were second-guessers, though, and one prominent theory was that the weather, not pranksters, was to blame.

It went like this: Ice formed around the shell casing. Then water inside the shell started to freeze. It created such pressure that the plaster plug and ice around the casting alike were blown into the air. They came down 40 feet away, narrowly missing Pigott and the astounded captain.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"That's all the worms, dears—now close your mouths, it's going to rain."

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Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, January 8, 1947

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	32	21	0.0
Portland	30	21	0.0
San Francisco	48	35	0.0
Chicago	40	28	trace
New York	37	28	0.0
Willamette river 0 feet			

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight, becoming cloudy Thursday. Little change in temperature, with highest today 38. Lowest tonight 29.

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## Truman, Congress Split Seen

By J. W. Davis  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)—President Truman headed tonight for real trouble with congress on his ideas for running the government.

At noon tomorrow the field of conflict may be further widened when the president submits recommendations for avoiding depression and working instead for prosperity.

Already, these difficulties had arisen for Mr. Truman in his efforts to get his program through the new republican congress.

1. Reports that the president will submit a \$37,000,000,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1 aroused GOP opposition. Chairman Taber (R-NY) of the house appropriations committee figured \$29,500,000,000 is enough.

**To Ask Surplus Reduce Debt**

The president's budget message, according to some officials, would predict a surplus of not more than \$1,500,000,000. He wants the surplus to be used to reduce the national debt of about \$253,000,000,000.

Some republicans argue that, with stringent economies, it will be possible to cut most individual income taxes 20 per cent, and still reduce the debt too. The president's reported budget plans evidently do not contemplate any such tax cut.

**Action Needed**

2. A majority of congress seemed inclined to pay little attention to the president's plan for a 20-man committee to investigate means to prevent dangerous strikes. The general republican attitude was that action, rather than inquiry, is needed.

3. Chances of the army-navy unification which Mr. Truman asked appeared about even in a survey of the new congress. However, sentiment generally opposed universal military training and favored letting the wartime draft law expire March 31.

**'Not a Ghost of a Chance'**

4. Republican leaders threw their support to the Smith-Ball-Taft bill providing for federal aid to states and local governments for voluntary health insurance. Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) said today that if Mr. Truman is thinking of compulsory health insurance under federal law, "it doesn't have a ghost of a chance."

The report which Mr. Truman handed to congress tomorrow, reported the ice shower and the "missile." He said it nearly struck Thomas A. Pigott, school registrar. They had no idea where it came from—unless it was from a rocket.

## 121 OPA Rent Cases on Files Of Local Board

Approximately 121 non-compliance cases have come to the attention of the federal rent control office in Salem, Claire A. Lee, director of the Salem office, said Tuesday. Most of the cases involve landlords who failed to comply with the freeze date and are still overcharging rents, Lee said. Some of the cases have been referred to compliance attorneys. Registrations from Marion county and West Salem now total about 4,000 landlords which is approximately 60 per cent of the total, Lee declared.

## Job Service Peak Reached

Peak load in the local office of the Oregon employment service has apparently been reached, with 557 persons passing through Tuesday and 125 going through the Mill City office, Manager William Baillie reported yesterday. The number filing claims and seeking employment dropped from Monday's total of 648 through the Salem office, Baillie said. Baillie said that the present rush, normal for this time of year, would continue for about three weeks.

## Legislative Routine Revision Urged

PORTLAND, Jan. 7-(AP)—Rep. J. E. Bennett of Multnomah county said today he would introduce a bill the first day of the legislative session to change session routine so that most committee meetings would be held in the morning. He said it would require the house and senate to debate and act on measures only in the afternoon. Brief early morning sessions would be reserved for introduction of bills.

## General Praised By Solons



WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)—James F. Byrnes today announced his resignation as U. S. secretary of state. Doctors' orders to 'slow down' resulted in the move, Byrnes said.

## Vets' Colony Bus Line May Start by Feb. 1

Bus service to the Salem veterans' housing project at 16th and Cross streets should start before February 1 if present plans materialize, R. J. Davidson, local manager of Oregon Motor Stages, said Tuesday.

Davidson, after talking with A. L. Schneider, general manager of Oregon Motor stages at Portland, and J. L. Franzen, Salem city manager, said three new 27-passenger buses were scheduled to arrive in Salem within the next week, and after being painted they would be placed in service immediately.

At present, the stage line has 14 buses operating in Salem, nine new ones and five re-built. Davidson said it was possible one of the old ones may be withdrawn, which would leave a net gain of two when this month's expirable deliveries arrive. It was not announced what other areas would be served by the additions.

**ANTARCTIC WEATHER BAD**

ABOARD USS MT. OLYMPUS IN THE ICE PEAK, Jan. 7-(AP)—Overcast weather prevented flights today by either the eastern or western task groups in the search for the nine missing navy airmen who disappeared more than a week ago in the icy antarctic wastes.

## Fog Curtain Lowers Again

Fog which enveloped Salem last night closed McNary field to air traffic all day Tuesday, the U. S. weather station there reports. Fog which made ceiling zero in the evening hung at 600 to 700 feet during the day and prevented landings at the local field, the weather station said. Prospects for today were not forecast.

The Eugene airport was closed early in the evening and Portland airport closed at about 10:30 p.m.

## British Charge Americans 'Not Doing Right' by War Brides

By Joe Hall  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7-(AP)—"Tain't so." That was the widespread American reaction today to London reports that British war brides were being ill-treated and neglected here.

Mrs. Dorothy Geast Henn, the newcomer who recently gave birth to quadruplets, said in Baltimore that "everyone in America has been just the same to me—wonderfully kind."

"Since the first day I arrived when the GIs helped up with our luggage at the boat I have felt welcome here and well looked after. Nothing has made me change my mind."

"I think the London newspapers made a big splash about a few instances. The war brides I have talked to all seem happy."

**Brides Said Stranded**

"Gross exaggeration," exploded Daniel Green, director of the home service department of the New York Red Cross chapter, when informed of a dispatch to a London paper that hundreds of British brides were "stranded and living in squalor in New York, awaiting passage" home.

"We have not had occasion to help more than 30 women who were returning to British homes after leaving American husbands

## Fire Losses Low in State Protective Area

The northwest Oregon state protective district has shown an enviable fire record for the first year it has been under state jurisdiction, according to figures released by state forestry department officials here Tuesday.

There were only 35 fires in the district in 1946 with burned over area limited to 1,236 acres. The fire loss was \$3468.

## CAR LICENSE SALE SLOW

PORTLAND, Jan. 7-(AP)—The state motor vehicle division said today that approximately 150,000 Oregon motorists have not yet applied for 1947 automobile license plates.

## MARSHALL NAMED AS SUCCESSOR

### 'Slow Down' Warning Given by Doctors Causes Resignation of Top U. S. Diplomat

#### China Envoy Boards Plane For America

NANKING, Wednesday, Jan. 8 (AP)—General Marshall left by plane for the United States today, leaving behind him the unofficial best wishes of the Chinese government in his new post as secretary of state.

If Marshall was aware of his appointment before his departure for Guam, en route to the United States, he gave no hint and even his closest associates were uninformed. It was learned.

While Chinese officials followed the usual course of declining a formal statement, government sources expressed satisfaction that President Truman had selected a man who, from 13 months as special U. S. envoy, is probably the best informed American on Chinese problems.

Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek saw Marshall off at the airport.

Marshall is due to reach Honolulu Thursday night, where he will join Mrs. Marshall. The general expected to rest in Hawaii for three days before continuing to the United States.

The big plane bearing Marshall took off at 8:15 a.m. (7:15 p.m., today, Eastern standard time).

The recall of President Truman's special envoy left this Chinese capital with mixed reactions—of concern on the part of the government and of hopeful joy on the part of communists.

Speaking on the not unexpected development, a government source said that the greatest concern of Chiang Kai-shek and others nearest him was whether General Marshall would advise President Truman that the United States continue to support China.

(Details of Marshall's China policy statement on page 2.)

## Judge Ready to End OPA Suits

PORTLAND, Jan. 7-(AP)—Federal Judge Claude McColloch said today he was ready to clear the books of OPA charges against Oregonians.

He dismissed two OPA indictments and instructed the federal grand jury to prepare no more. He ruled there was no power to indict after June 30, 1946, the expiration date of the first price control act.

Five OPA indictments remain on record. The judge said he would entertain motions to dismiss them.

## East State Hospital Sewage Disposal Plant Considered

Figures covering construction and operation of a sewage disposal system for the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton were asked yesterday by the state board of control. L. R. Stockman, engineer at Baker, was requested to bring the figures down to date.

No action has been taken by the board on a request that it join with the city of Pendleton in constructing a municipal sewage disposal plant which also would serve the state institution. Separate surveys have been conducted by engineers for the board of control and the city of Pendleton.

## QUICKIES

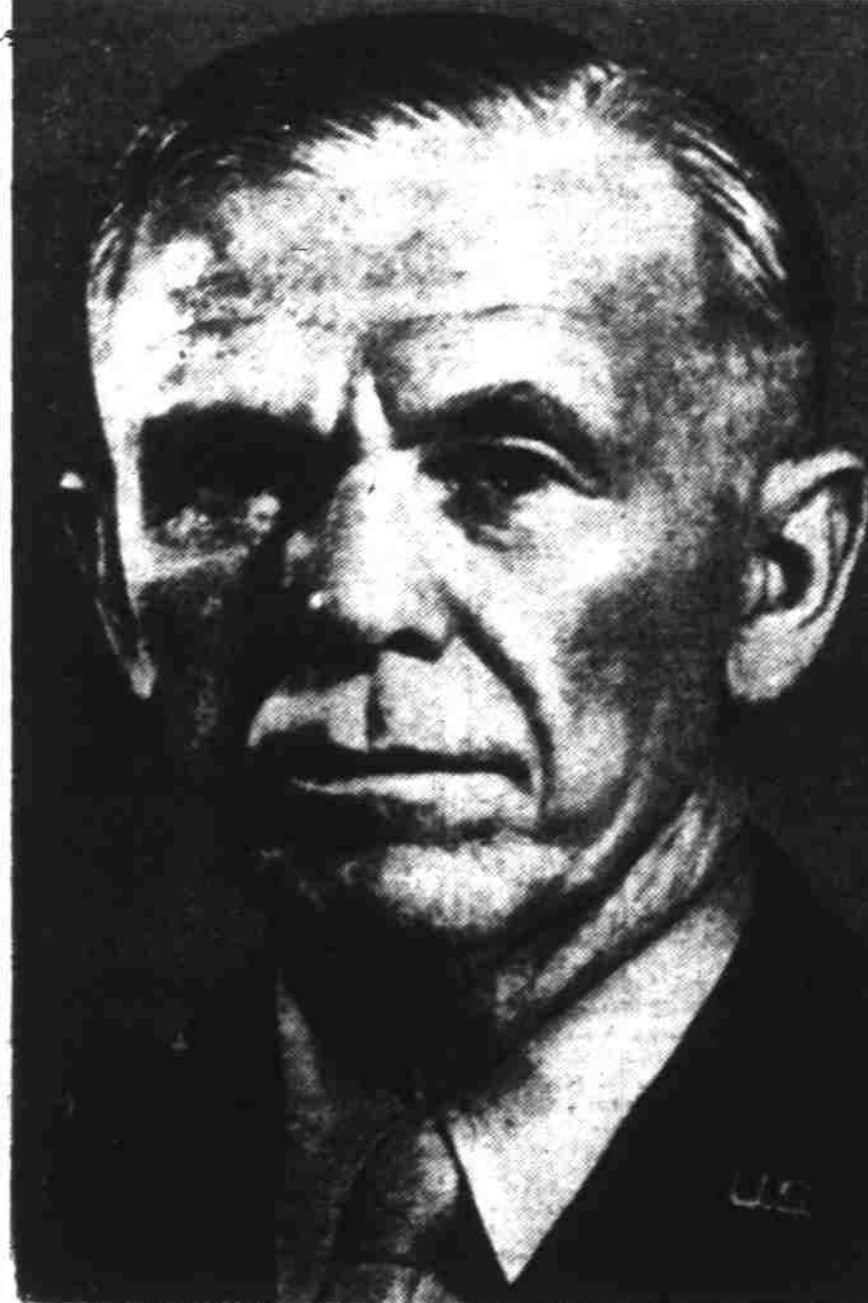
Judge Wheeler said he granted the divorce on an allegation of abandonment "through an oversight on my part." He explained he mistakenly read the date of abandonment in the divorce petition as March, 1945, although the petition read March, 1946.

Alabama laws require abandonment to be of at least 12 months duration before it may be used as grounds for divorce.

A British consulate spokesman snapped "rubbish" when parts of the London reports were read to her.

"It sounds like a tempest in a teapot," she said. "We certainly have not received any complaints from brides here."

## First China, Now the World



WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)—General George C. Marshall, who is on his way home to become the new secretary of state. He has been President Truman's special envoy to China since late in 1945.

## Farmer Prods Hibernating Bear With Pitchfork

CANYON CITY, Jan. 7-(AP)—Ira Kimbell jabbed his pitchfork into a hibernate and got a bear.

The bear came up with the disposition one might expect. Kimbell's dog leaped between them and knocked the bear over, but the bruin grabbed the dog and began squeezing.

Kimbell charged in with his pitchfork. The bear dropped the dog and turned to the rancher. Both Kimbell and dog fled the barn. The bear waddled into a door and into the woods, seeking a quieter place for a winter's snooze.

## Active Volcano Threat to Town In Aleutians

SEATTLE, Jan. 7-(AP)—Akutan volcano, a 4100-foot peak six miles from a native village in the Aleutians, was in active eruption yesterday with orange flames playing above the crater and lava flowing down the mountain sides, the navy reported.

Rear Admiral Freelead A. Dabbin, commandant of the 17th naval district with headquarters at Kodiak, ordered a navy auxiliary dispatched immediately to Akutan Harbor to evacuate the villagers if needed or give any other aid, the navy said.

Messages from the north said the peak was first seen erupting by the coast guard cutter Wachusett at 4 p.m. Sunday. The eruption was observed through a blinding snowstorm and the sky above the crater was lighted by "bright orange flames" of varied intensity.

The navy fleet tug Sarsi, ordered from Kodiak to Dutch Harbor, messages at 8 p.m. last night: "Akutan peak active. Hot lava flowing down mountain side." The peak is on Akutan island about 40 miles east of Dutch Harbor.

## Broadhurst Trial Feb. 24

VALE, Ore., Jan. 7-(AP) Pleas of innocent to first degree murder and to being an accessory after the fact were entered today by Mrs. Gladys Lincoln Broadhurst, red-headed 40-year-old widow accused of slaying her husband, W. D. Broadhurst, 51, prosperous Caldwell, Idaho, rancher.

After her pleas, Circuit Judge M. A. Biggs set trial on the murder charge for February 24 and postponed from February 2 to March 10 the murder trial of Alvin Lee Williams, Mrs. Broadhurst's chauffeur who is jointly accused with her.

Biggs ruled against demurrers filed by attorneys for the widow to halt proceedings on both counts against her.



"Don't mind me—I just wanted to clip this Statesman Want Ad!"

## General Next In Line for Presidency

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)—James F. Byrnes resigned tonight as secretary of state and President Truman chose as his successor the man who guided America's military fortunes in the war—General George C. Marshall.

Byrnes declared the doctors had warned him he must "slow down" and that he couldn't slow down in the job of secretary of state.

Marshall, army chief of staff in the war, is presently ending a presidential mission to China.

The announcement of his selection to the cabinet came at almost the exact hour, 7 p.m. Eastern Standard time, at which he was due to leave Nanking, en route home.

The Pennsylvania-born, Virginia-educated Marshall takes over the job of helping make peace secure at a time when republicans have taken over congress. In the army tradition, he has shown no political connections.

**Senate Followed Byrnes**

This was not believed to be the reason for the change, however. The senate, which rules heavily on foreign relations already had shown a disposition to follow Byrnes policies.

Congressional leaders were swift to heap praise on both men when the news reached Capitol Hill. Republicans and democrats alike joined in.

The change in the top diplomatic post was a surprise. It had been known that Byrnes had grown tired some months ago, but the 67-year-old South Carolinian looked to be in very good health lately.

**Distinguished Jobs**

For Byrnes, the secretaryship was the last in a string of distinguished posts. He had served as a senator, as a cabinet member, as an "assistant president" to Franklin D. Roosevelt in the role of war mobilizer.

With senate confirmation of Marshall—and no one doubted that it was sure—the change means that Marshall instead of Byrnes stands next in line for the presidency in the next two years. There is no vice president now and the secretary of state heads the line of succession under law.

Gen. Marshall turned 66 last December 31, having retired earlier as chief of staff. Hailed as one of America's military geniuses, the five-starred general was President Truman's pick to try to unshackle the affairs of unhappy China.

Incidentally, Marshall's wartime deputy, W. Bedell Smith, is now ambassador to Russia.

The White House made public an exchange of telegrams in which the president accepted with great reluctance and heartfelt regret Byrnes' resignation, to become effective January 10.

**Sought to Resign Earlier**

The correspondence disclosed that Byrnes first sought to resign on April 16 in a letter in which he told the president that he was advised after medical examination that he had "slow down."

He wanted that resignation to become effective last July 1.

Again on December 19, Byrnes wrote the president that he had intended to leave his post July 1, hoping that the peace conference would have concluded the deliberations at that time. "When it became obvious that I was too optimistic as to the completion of the work upon the five treaties with the Axis satellite states, I told you I would continue until they were finally agreed upon," Byrnes wrote.

**Asks to Be Relieved**

"Now that we have reached complete agreement and the treaties are scheduled to be signed February 10 I should like to be relieved." He ended by saying that "No man serving as secretary of state could ask or receive greater support and encouragement than you have given me."

The president, in accepting the resignation, wrote: "I realize it will be how arduous and complex have been the problems which have fallen to you since you took office in July, 1945. Yours has been a steady hand as you have met the difficult problems which have arisen in such unwary succession," the president said.