

Judge Brand Called By War Department To Aid Nazi Trials



JUSTICE J. T. BRAND

James T. Brand, justice of the state supreme court, has been invited by the war department to sit as a judge at Nuernberg, Germany in the trial of Germans accused as war criminals.

Gov. Earl Snell Wednesday announced he would appoint Walter C. Winslow, Salem attorney, to the interim vacancy on the court to serve during Judge Brand's anticipated absence.

The war department has been inviting jurists from state and federal courts to sit on trials of nazis. At present Chief Justice Walter Beal of the Washington supreme court is serving as judge.

When the invitation was received by Judge Brand he conferred with his colleagues on the court and with Gov. Snell and was urged to accept. It was regarded as a distinct recognition of Judge Brand as judge and of the state of Oregon as well.

At this urging and with assurance that amendatory legislation to permit an interim appointment would be prepared for early introduction in the legislature, Judge Brand indicated his readiness to accept the appointment, and announcement was made Wednesday that it had been made and approved by the war department and by General Clay as C. M. A. military governor for Germany.

Reports by January 20 Judge Brand is directed to report in Washington by January 20 and then to go on to Germany for the next session of the court which convenes on February 1.

He will draw no salary from the state while absent but will have the rating of a general in the army and draw salary from the federal government. Mrs. Brand expects to join him after he arrives in Germany and obtains living quarters. His term will be for a minimum of six months.

Walter C. Winslow, the governor's appointee for the interim on the high court is prominent as a lawyer in Salem where he has practiced since 1908. He was graduated from the University of Oregon and Willamette university law school. He served as president of the Marion county bar in 1933-34. Associated with him in the practice are Roy Harland and Norman K. Winslow, his son.

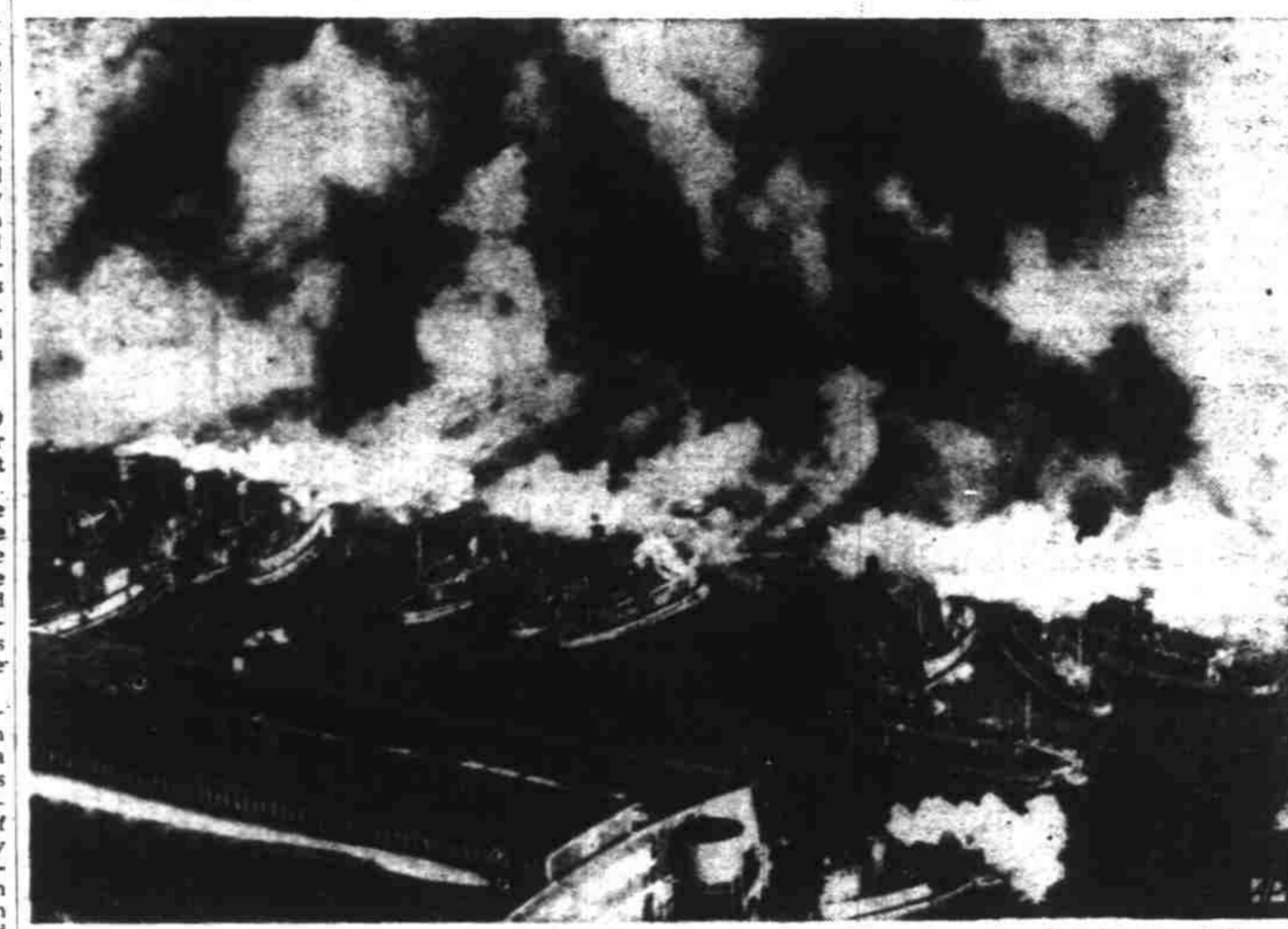
Truman Urges Solons Forget Tax Cut

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Unified Senate Backs Marshall

\$6,000,000 Fire Roars Through Pier



WEEHAWKEN, N. J., Jan. 8.—Dense clouds of smoke rise from the ruins of a freight pier today at Weehawken, N. J. Railroad tugsboats and fireboats pour streams of water into the smoke-shrouded pier. This pier and another adjoining and also damaged by the fire, were used for freight export by the New York Central railroad. It was estimated damage would run at least \$6,000,000. (AP Wire-photo to The Statesman.) (Story on page 2.)

Daily Rates at Hotels, Motels To be Freed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The government today ordered the removal of rent ceilings on transient rooms in hotels, motor courts and tourist homes, effective February 15.

The hotel industry promised immediately that the action will bring no "across the board" rate increases.

MaJ. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, head of the agency, said controls will be continued on non-transient rooms rented to weekly or monthly guests "under the present quota provisions of the rent regulations."

Fleming said decontrol of transient rooms in individual hotels and motor courts will go into effect on or after February 15 "as each establishment applies for decontrol and supplies the office of price administration with a list of its permanent rooms identified by room number or by location."

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A motor court official said today that transient rentals might actually drop rather than rise when ceilings are lifted February 15.

"I won't be surprised if transient rates drop 10 to 25 cents a room," said Dan Hay, secretary of the Oregon junior hotel association and Oregon motor court association. "Occupancy isn't 100 per cent any more, you know."

Weather

Salem	Max. 36	Min. 29	Precip. 00
Portland	43	25	00
San Francisco	44	35	00
Chicago	36	20	trace
Willamette river - 1 ft.			
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today, becoming partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature with highest today 38. Lowest tonight 30.			

And You Thought Salem Was Wet?

ASTORIA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Astorians learned today why their umbrellas are worn out.

The weather bureau added up the 1946 rainfall and discovered it totaled seven and a half feet—the most since 1937.

Mill Workers To Get 'Bonus' Of 10 Per Cent

A 10 per cent increase of gross earnings, adding around \$12,500 a month to the pay envelopes of 550 employees of Oregon Pulp and Paper, will be effective from January 16 to May 31, it was made known Wednesday.

The increase constitutes a "bonus" for the balance of the current contract between the company and the two unions working under the uniform labor agreement—the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill workers and the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

Water Pipe Hung Under Bridge May Serve West Salem

WEST SALEM, Jan. 8.—Definite steps toward solution of the local water problem were taken today when Mayor Walter Musgrave, Fred Gibson and A. N. Copenhaver of the West Salem water board met with Mayor R. L. Efstrom and Manager J. L. Franzen of Salem. Plans for suspending a water pipe line under the Marion-Polk county bridge to connect with the West Salem line were discussed.

Ball Introduces Bill to Abolish Closed Shop

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Senator Ball (R-Minn.) today introduced a bill that would abolish the closed shop, not only in the future but in existing contracts.

The bill proposal would wreck any agreement—written or oral—that requires a person to be a union member in order to be hired or hold his job.

Matson Navigation Co. to Continue Airline Fight

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Matson Navigation company renewed its battle today for permission to establish air service between Portland-Seattle and Hawaii.

Blast to Clear Ferry Landing

The Yamhill landing of the Wheatland ferry will be cleared by blasting of a gravel bar which was created by last month's floods, according to Roy Rice, Marion county commissioner.

A-Bombed German Cruiser Sinks Six Months After Blast

Editor's Note: Don Whitehead, Associated Press chief of bureau at Honolulu, headed the staff which covered last summer's atomic bomb tests at Bikini. Now touring Pacific Island bases, he returned to the Marshall Islands and reports for the first time this surprising aftermath.

General Approved For Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—In a swift and spectacular demonstration of unity on international affairs, the senate today unanimously confirmed Gen. George C. Marshall as secretary of state.

The Republican-inspired confirmation was followed immediately by a bi-partisan move to call Marshall before a joint congressional session for a foreign policy review.

Marshall is now en route back to this country from China where he has spent the last 13 months as President Truman's special envoy to that nation.

At Guam today, the general's executive officer, Col. J. H. Caughey of Alexandria, Va., told reporters that Marshall did not know of the actual appointment to succeed James F. Byrnes until he heard it on the radio en route from Nanking.

"I am sorry, I have to be silent for the moment," he explained. Discussion of possible political aspects, bearing on the 1948 presidential race, brought a statement from Brig. Gen. Tristan Tupper in New York that he knows Marshall "has no active party affiliation."

On opposite sides of Capitol Hill in statements bridging party differences, the theme—continuation of an international policy, free from political strife—dominated the public and private discussions over the surprise shift announced last night by the White House.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the foreign relations committee, told the senate that Marshall has the total confidence of the Republican-controlled congress, and emphasized the need to demonstrate to the world this country's "continuing and effective bi-partisan foreign policy."

From Charles Ross, White House press spokesman, came the information that there has been "an understanding" for some time between President Truman and Marshall that he would be made secretary when Byrnes retired.

Career Ends



Coe A. McKenna, state tax commissioner, who died in a Salem hospital last night. The funeral will be held in Portland.

Death Takes Commissioner Coe McKenna

Coe A. McKenna, state tax commissioner since his initial appointment in September, 1945, died at 8:05 p. m. Wednesday in a Salem hospital, where he was taken Tuesday night with a heart ailment. A former Portland realtor, he was 59 years old.

He was recently reappointed as state tax commissioner after expiration of his first term, which ended December 31, 1946.

Mr. McKenna served in both the state house of representatives and the state senate, entering the house in 1939, the senate in 1941.

He was past president of the Portland realty board, past vice president of the National Association of Realty Boards, served on the state tax investigating committee of 1923 and was a member of the interim committee on taxation prior to his appointment to the commission in 1945.

He was born in Omaha, Neb., October 22, 1887, and came to Oregon with his parents at the age of two. His widow, Lillian C. McKenna, and a daughter, Patricia Ann, survive. The body was taken to Portland for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Snell to Return To City Today, Hall Arrives

His second inaugural address virtually completed, Gov. Earl Snell is expected back in the statehouse today after a week's stay at the coast where he has prepared the speech.

As Monday's opening of the 44th state legislature neared, additional legislators arrived in Salem yesterday, including Rep. John Hall of Portland, speaker of the house of representatives. Hall said he has completed his list of committee appointments and has an alternate list for use in the event the legislature votes to reduce the number of committees.

Asks Rent Controls Extended

Pleads for Price Drop, Moderate Union Demands

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today called on business to cut prices on a congress to maintain high taxes, and on labor to be moderate in wage demands.

He also asked extension of rent controls beyond June 30, the present expiration date.

The requests were contained in the president's first annual economic report to congress. It met a varied reception. Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) called it "a policy for the preservation of the capitalistic system."

Wherry and Senator Moore (R-Okla.) urged an end to rent ceilings, and Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the tax writing house ways and means committee told a reporter:

"I can't agree with the president's conclusion that we can't cut taxes, because we are going to adopt a budget that will enable us to cut taxes."

Mr. Truman said the courses he charted are essential to sustain jobs and production in a nation which, as 1947 opens, "has never been so strong or so prosperous."

The danger ahead, he said, is that "consumer buying will falter" because price increases have cut into the public's purchasing power.

Employment maintained at the peacetime record level of 1946—about 58,000,000 civilians at work—"or slightly higher."

Parents offer reward
SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Parents of two marines lost on the still unaccounted 32-passenger transport plane missing somewhere in Washington state since December 10 offered a \$1,000 reward today to spur the search on.



By Charles A. Simpson

Now I am supplied by David W. Eyre, vice president of the United States National bank with figures as to resources of the Ladies and Bush-Salem branch of the U. S. National. As of Dec. 31, 1946 total deposits were \$52,317,420 and loans were \$6,455,777.

This gives Salem a total of \$64,404,175 in deposits and \$10,570,750 in loans in its two commercial banks.

In the future this statistical information is expected to be made available at regular call dates, so that the several communities over the state will be able to follow developments in their local financial situation.

How "times have changed" in the way of bank resources. Grubbing through our files I find that as of Dec. 31, 1932 deposits in the three banks then operating in Salem totaled \$9,273,908 while loans stood at \$4,511,030.

At that deposits in Salem banks did not fall off so badly as elsewhere due in part to the fact that with closure of banks in outlying communities the banking business was diverted to Salem.

The call for Oct. 4, 1929 showed total deposits in the four banks then operating here of \$11,659,125. The call for Oct. 10, 1924 showed bank deposits in the city amounted to \$9,204,595, while on Nov. 17 the total stood at \$7,807,000.



"We had him dry-cleaned and they just ruined his horns."

1946 Traffic Toll Highest in History of State

Accidents on Oregon highways killed 478 persons during 1946, according to Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., who said yesterday that the death toll is the highest fatality rate in the history of the state.

The secretary laid blame for the high death rate primarily on increased traffic volume, dangerous driving practices and higher average speed on rural highways.

He added that cities showed no increase in fatality rate and that rural accidents accounted for the high 1946 rate which is 20 per cent above the previous high traffic toll of 399 persons killed in 1941.

Last year's rate was 36 per cent over the 1945 rate, based on 352 traffic deaths.

Farrell said there were more motor vehicle accidents in this state during the first nine months of 1946 than for the entire year of 1945. During that period 43,167 accidents were reported compared to 42,922 during 1945. The secretary of state predicted the 1946 accident list would be approximately 60,000.

SAFETY BILL INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Senators Johnston (D-SC) and Morse (R-Ore.) introduced a bill in the senate today to appropriate \$5,000,000 annually to be used to promote industrial safety.

C. of C. Adopts Broad 10-Point Civic Improvement Program

- (1) Flood control.
- (2) Continued work of the long-range planning commission.
- (3) Inter-city good will, especially through West Salem representation by mayor or his delegate on the chamber board.
- (4) Housing.
- (5) Airport development.
- (6) Tourist promotion, including marking of historical points and publication of maps and pamphlets.
- (7) Industrial promotion, regards both old-and new or prospective industry.
- (8) Freight rate parity to make Salem a competitive port.
- (9) Study proposed city-county building.
- (10) Better liaison with city government, probably through adding mayor or his representative to the board.

Water Pipe Hung Under Bridge May Serve West Salem

The program lists the following points to be considered in order of importance or priority:

Whale Meat in England

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Whale meat went on sale to the public today for the first time in England and, with a truck drivers' strike endangering the supply of non-whale meat, the people bought it as avidly as though it were T-bone steak.