

# Prime Minister Mackenzie King Of Canada to Quit

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announced tonight that he would retire as Prime Minister and as leader of Canada's liberal party as soon as the liberals choose his successor—probably next August.

The 73-year-old premier, speaking at the annual dinner of the National Liberal Federation's advisory council, asked that a liberal convention be summoned to select a new titular head.



MACKENZIE KING to Step Down

Under the Canadian political system, leadership of the party in power and the prime ministerial post always have gone to the same man.

Thus, his retirement from both posts presumably will be held in August, selects a new leader.

The careful wording of Mackenzie King's speech left the way open, however, for him to be persuaded to remain in office longer if the party demanded it. He gave definite indication, nevertheless, that he would prefer to retire and write his memoirs.

Best informed sources in Ottawa said it was a "good bet" that Mackenzie King's present minister of external affairs, Louis St. Laurent, would be chosen to succeed to the party leadership and the prime ministerial post. Many persons had expected King to recommend St. Laurent formally to the party tonight, but he did not do so.

"It seems to me," he told the 800 liberals at the dinner, "that in the light of changed and changing conditions, the time has come for the holding of a national convention."

## Cross-Country Police Chase Ends in Salem

The city jail doors closed Tuesday on a newcomer to Salem who officers said had been followed across the country from St. Louis by a felony warrant charging he obtained property (a 1947 automobile) under false pretenses with intent to steal.

On the basis of information from St. Louis, police in Salem and nature of this charge, Paul L. Kerwin was traced down and arrested by local detectives.

Kerwin is being held without bail pending receipt of further information from Huntington, Tenn., where the warrant was issued. The car alleged to be involved is in the hands of a local used car dealer to whom police said Kerwin sold it, complete with an Oregon title and license plates.

The arrest was made by Detective George Edwards as Kerwin was entering a bank here. Officers said he had been residing at a local hotel.

Following the arrest, the police department received a wire from Dickerson Motor Co. of Cairo, Ill., asking that "Kerwin's car be placed in custody for protection of the firm, since it held a \$1,500 lien on the vehicle."

## Pauley Profit Near \$1 Million

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Edwin W. Pauley bought \$5,876,503.75 worth of farm products in three years, sold them for \$6,809,206.85, and told congress today that his market information was available to "everybody who read the newspapers."

Senate investigators showed that he profited on every commodity in amassing his \$832,703 earnings between 1945 and 1947. Pauley, who became a special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royal last September, reiterated today that he had never had or used any inside government information in his transactions—that he hadn't needed any.

"The last three years have been the only period when my judgment convinced me that prices could go only one way up," he said.

## Pickets Promised If Ships Transfer To Foreign Nations

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Harry Lundberg announced today his AFL sailors union of the Pacific would picket "any and all" ships transferred to foreign governments under the Marshall plan. A shipowner spokesman supported the ship's stand.

Only Mrs. Zaikowski is positive. The proposed transfer of 500 American vessels to European nations would "place 25,000 American officers and seamen in breadlines," the SUP chief said in announcing the union's decision after a referendum by the membership.

## COLOMBIA POLITICAL FIGHT

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Gen. Gustavo Majamoras, newly appointed military governor general of Santander del Norte, arrived in that northeastern department today to cope with bloody political fighting in which, newspaper dispatches said, "hundreds were killed."

## BOMB OWN TROOPS

PEIPING, Wednesday, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Chinese government planes bombed their own ground troops by mistake 20 miles southwest of here at noon last Saturday, Peiping's municipal air raid precautions headquarters acknowledged today. There were 10 casualties and 20 buildings were hit.

# GOP Votes \$4,000,000 for Campaign

## Hall Denial Seals Slayer's Fate

## Reds Ask Adm. Blandly Hints at Atom Bomb Defense Bizonia Dissolved

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Russia formerly demanded dissolution of the joint British-American economic administration of the two western zones in the allied control council today, declaring the arrangement violated Potsdam agreements.

Marshall Vassily Sokolovsky, soviet military governor, presented the Russian view. He spoke after Gen. Lucius D. Clay of the United States outlined measures taken recently by the American and British military governments to expand and improve economic administration of the zones by hunger strikes and threats of strikes.

The Russian denunciation meant that eastern and western Germany will continue along their separate ways for some time to come. Whether the two parts of the country will have different currencies was still uncertain.

Gen. Clay again asked for four-power agreement on issuance of a new mark to be printed in Berlin under four-power supervision. The Russians' answer was not given, but the Russians have been insisting all along that they have the right to print half the currency in their own zone under their own supervision. The Americans and British fear such an arrangement would permit their zones to be flooded with soviet-printed currency.

## Dulles Backs Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A top republican foreign affairs expert, John Foster Dulles, came to support of the Truman administration today in its fight for a European recovery program "adequate" to ward off Russian domination of the European continent.

Asserting that the Soviet Union is striving "by every act short of new wars" to wreck the war-weakened economies of Europe's free states, Dulles declared the communist effort "will probably succeed" unless this country gives western Europe substantial help.

If Russia does become "dominant" Dulles said, the U.S. will have to spend so many millions on its armed forces that the cost of the assistance program proposed by Secretary of State Marshall will look like "a bag of peanuts" by comparison.

## Birdman 'Flies Over Chehalis'

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 20.—(AP)—They are seeing things in the skies in these parts again—this time a "whozit-whatzit."

Mrs. Bernice Zaikowski, 61, reported a "birdman" flipping around the roof of her barn earlier this month, could hear a "sizzing and whizzing" and added—"there he was, just 200 feet above."

She said the man had silver wings and appeared to manipulate controls strapped to his chest but there appeared to be no motive power. The wings didn't flap and there was no propeller, she said.

Chief of Police Thomas Murray has refused to investigate and McChord field army authorities, thinking of the flying saucers reports, are skeptical.

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## Governors to Select 'Friend Ship' Sponsors

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Governors of the fourth Pacific north-west states will be asked tomorrow to name a representative from each of their states to accompany the northwest "Friend Ship" on its mission to Europe. Co-Chairman Ralph Gronow and Howard Parish said today.

The vessel, the USS Gretna Victory, will leave about February 1 with more than 5,000,000 pounds of food and clothing.

## ASKS LANDS REOPENED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Rep. Eldsworth (R-Ore.) introduced in the house today a bill providing for the reopening of the re-vested Oregon and California railroad and Coos-Bay wagon road grant lands to exploration, location, entry and disposition under the general mining laws.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Admiral William H. P. Blandly, commander of the U. S. fleet, said here today, "It is silly to say there is no defense against the atomic bomb."

At a news conference during his inspection of naval installations here, Blandly, who was commander of "operations crossroads" at Bikini, did not elaborate on possible defenses against atomic weapons. He said, however, defense measures would include concrete, underground

## Threat to Bolt Democrat Party Heard from South

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Gov. Fielding L. Wright today asked an end to Mississippi's unique secret police force and urged a southern bolt from the democratic party if the "anti southern" trend continues.

The secret police force, whose members are known only to the governor, was set up last November at a special session of the legislature after violence developed during a protracted strike involving Southern Bus Lines, Inc.

The force is scheduled to go out of existence in July, and today Wright called for a uniformed state police to replace it.

In his inaugural address as Mississippi's 50th governor, Wright accused democratic leaders of aiming to "wreck the south and our institutions." He declared the south "will no longer tolerate being the target" for legislation "which would not only destroy our way of life, but which, if enacted would eventually destroy the United States."

Wright referred to the southern record of adherence to the democratic party, but said that "when the national leaders attempt to change those principles for which the party stands, we intend to fight for its preservation with all means at our hands."

"I would regret to see the day come when Mississippi of the south should break with the democratic party in a national election," he said, "but vital principles and eternal truths transcend party lines, and the day is now at hand when determined action must be taken."

## Man Held for Tossing Bomb Near Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Police here said they arrested a man, identifying himself as a Hindu refugee from the Moslem part of Punjab, who interrupted Mohandas K. Gandhi's prayer meeting tonight by exploding a homemade bomb 50 yards away.

Gandhi, addressing the meeting the first time since the end of his fast, was seated cross-legged on the platform before a microphone at the time. He looked up, and exclaimed, "What is it? I do not know. But never mind, listen to me."

He then continued speaking without any trace of excitement. Police said the arrested man had a grenade in his pocket and that he told incoherent stories when first questioned.

## House Group Refuses to Reduce Tax Slash Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The republican high command in the house today approved a \$5,000,000,000 income tax cut, refusing to trim back the Knutson bill in an effort to pick up democratic votes to override an expected presidential veto.

After this action by the GOP steering committee, Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) confidently signalled for a house vote on the bill next week.

House Democratic Leader Rayburn, of Texas, immediately told reporters, "That bill as it is now never will become law, and I think the republicans know it."

Martin said republicans will slash Mr. Truman's \$39,700,000,000 budget for 1949 enough to make room for the tax cut and a payment of at least \$2,000,000,000 on the national debt.

structures, utilization of the bomb itself, and, quoting Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, director of the World War II atomic project, "not being there when the bomb goes off."

In reference to efforts toward peace, the navy veteran said that never in his 38 years of service "Have I seen as intensive application of scientific research toward prevention of war as I am seeing now."

"This time," Blandly added, "We are on the right track." He did not elaborate.

## Planners Take Hospital Study Assignment

The task of determining the Salem community's need for added hospital facilities and the means by which they might be secured was accepted Tuesday night by the Salem long range planning commission. Such a study was requested by boards of Salem General and Memorial hospitals, who indicated doubt as to feasibility of their recent plans for new construction aggregating \$3,000,000.

C. A. McClure, commission engineer, was authorized to make an extensive survey of the present hospital situation, financial resources and availability and the community's present and future needs.

The hospitals belong to the community as a whole, declared James Walton, Salem Chamber of Commerce president, who, with Paul B. Wallace, urged that the commission should fully study and consider the matter at its contribution to a controversial issue.

A discussion of action of the proposed new Salem-West Salem bridge occupied a portion of the meeting, featured by an article written by Hedia Swart, Marion county engineer, on the history of river crossings here and an analysis of the needs. The commission voted to send copies of the report to members of the state highway commission and the legislature's interim committee on highways.

The committee dislikes the idea of military officers in civilian jobs. Branch's resignation, which is to become effective May 1, will cause the third vacancy on the five-member board.

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LONDON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The vote of commons approved by an overwhelming 294 to 17 majority today annual allowances totaling £50,000 (\$200,000) for Britain's royal newlyweds, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

The vote was on the decisive second reading. The measure calls for an increase from £15,000 (\$60,000) to £40,000 (\$160,000) in Elizabeth's annual allowance and sets up a £10,000 (\$40,000) annuity for her husband.

## Issue of Race Said No Factor

Friday's slated execution of Wardell Henderson, 27-year-old convicted slayer, will not be stayed by Gov. John Scott, the governor decided Tuesday.

Advised of the refusal of executive clemency, Henderson told Prison Warden George Alexander he already had heard the bad news and that he had no "hard feelings" against anyone.

In his statement regarding the negro who was convicted of slaying Walter Poole, Vanport butcher, on Dec. 24, 1945, Governor Hall declared that "No one has claimed the defendant did not have a fair trial nor that he was not given every opportunity to present any matter material to his defense. Neither has anyone established that the question of racial discrimination was in any way connected with the case."

Hall said he had received no conviction from any of the jurors except the foreman, who recently wrote that had he to do it all over again upon the same evidence he would vote to convict the defendant but would recommend life imprisonment.

In Portland the governor's decision brought protests from officials of the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. David Robinson, league president, said "the state of Oregon should not forfeit a human life if in the waste basket" by the governor.

Henderson will be transferred to a death cell, adjacent to the lethal gas chamber, Thursday afternoon, according to the warden. Alexander said the prisoner had not made any special requests and apparently was in good spirits. It was believed he learned of the governor's decision by radio in his cell block. (Additional details on page 2.)

## 3 Vacancies On Air Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Harlie Branch resigned today as a member of the Civil Aeronautics board.

And, for the second time, the senate armed services committee blocked legislation asked by President Truman to enable Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter to serve as chairman of the board.

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## Woman Dies, OSC Students Burned In Trailer Blast

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Burns received when fire destroyed two trailers at a camp south of the city were fatal to Mrs. Mack Andrews, age 60, and sent three other persons to a hospital.

The woman and her husband, who was retired, were occupants of a trailer adjoining one occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Sabo, Oregon State college students, when a gas tank Sabo was repairing exploded this afternoon. The explosion rocked the two trailers and flames quickly engulfed the vehicles.

The victim's husband is listed as critically injured, but not critical. Sabo and his wife also were treated.

## Scott Suggests Portland Select Building Site

Suggestion that the people of Portland be allowed to determine where to locate a proposed new state office building in that city was put before the state board of control at Tuesday's meeting by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott.

No recommendation was made by the board, and Scott said board members had no preference as to a west or east side site for the \$2,500,000 structure.

The board heard arguments for an east side selection from a delegation from the Eastside Commercial club.

Construction of the building was authorized by the 1947 legislature, with funds to be borrowed from state funds and repaid from rentals. The site problem is under investigation by Roy Mills, board of control secretary, according to Gov. John H. Scott. Scott urged that haste be avoided in site selection and that a plan be worked out to let metropolitan residents decide.

Portland group's reasons for choice of the east side included: Future growth of the city will largely center there, relief of west side traffic conditions, lower construction cost, convenience to residents, lack of advantageous sites across the river. The group expressed preference for a site in the Lloyd addition.

## Slightly Warmer Temperatures Due As Clouds Arrive

The mercury in Salem didn't fall as low Tuesday morning, 24 degrees, as Monday's winter low of 21, but neither did the day get as warm as the previous day's 42 degrees. Yesterday's maximum was 41.

More cloudiness is expected here today, according to the U.S. weather bureau at McNary field, which predicted a low of near 33 degrees tonight. The Portland office forecast nightly freezing temperatures for the state until Saturday.

On the Santiam highway summit, the state highway department reported a 14 degree reading, patches of packed snow and ice, a sand road and 53 inches of roadside snow.

## Man Falls into Cage of Lions

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A circus audience saw today a fantasy which occurs usually in bad dreams—a man fell into a cage of lions.

Blondini, a widely known British tight rope walker, lost his footing at a spot where the rope passed over the lions' barred enclosure. He fell heavily among the four lions.

Stunned, he lay still. Animal Trainer Clem Merk crawled into the cage with a chair, quieted the excited lions and persuaded them to go into the act. He dragged the inert Blondini to the gate with one foot and a hand.

Blondini was injured only slightly and was back on his rope for the evening performance.

Loaded School Bus, Truck Hit; No One Hurt

No one was injured, and vehicle damage was slight, when a loaded school bus driven by Clayton A. S. Jacobs, 3910 N. River rd., collided at Academy street and Maple avenue with a pickup truck driven by Gerald W. Brock, Salem route 1, box 276, according to city police reports. The bus was carrying students to Parrish junior high school when the accident occurred at 8:30 a.m.

## Whitney To Back Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The republican national committee approved a \$4,000,000 war chest for the coming campaign today as it wound up a two-day meeting with talk of GOP "ground swell" in public favor.

But the opposition was active, too. A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who once threatened to spend millions in an effort to prevent President Truman's re-election, signed up with the democrats.

After what he called "a wonderful chat" with Mr. Truman at the White House, Whitney announced the union not only would support the president, if he is renominated, but would work for the election of a democratic congress.

And Henry Wallace, who has announced his candidacy for president of a third ticket, got a potential running mate. Former Government Lawyer O. John Rogge said in New York it would be a "pleasure" to accept the third party vice-presidential nomination.

Voting in Louisiana

In only one state was there actual voting—Louisiana. Something like half a million voters took their choice among four candidates for the democratic nomination.

Governor Sam Jones and Earl K. Long, brother of the late Senator Huey P. Long, were leading Rep. James H. Morrison and Judge Robert F. Kennon late last night. The race was enlivened by Long's \$1,000,000 "dark money" suit against Jones and others who the governor said, falsely accused him of having had a "largely illegal" income in 1938 and 1939.

Jones took a lead in unofficial returns from 879 of the state's 1,878 voting districts, having 45,064 votes; Long was next with 41,762; Morrison 25,757, and Kennon 21,470.

2 Names Loom Large

On the national scene, two names figured large in the republican presidential picture. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) was reported "very definitely in the lead" for the nomination by his manager, Rep. Clarence Brown (R-Ohio), in a talk to the GOP national committee.

And a move to enter General Douglas MacArthur's name in the statewide GOP presidential preference primary of his native Arkansas apparently ended almost as soon as it started.

Drops Proposal

John E. Robinson of Chicago, who announced that MacArthur's name would be submitted, said later he would advise against it. Somebody would have to put up an "excessive" ballot fee, Robinson said, and the delegation wouldn't necessarily have to support the primary winner anyway.

The republican "ground swell" was reported to the national committee by Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) but he said the party mustn't get overconfident.

Wherry told the leaders that "even though the democratic party breaks apart at the seams" the republicans will have to "keep battling."

## Blizzard Sweeps Across Minnesota

By the Associated Press

A near blizzard swept across Minnesota Tuesday, bringing a sharp drop in temperatures in the western Great Lakes region, but winter's most protracted cold spell relaxed its grip in most other sections.

Rising temperatures brought an end to a natural gas curtailment program for some industrial users in northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Winds of 25 to 35 miles an hour drifted snow in Minnesota and near blizzard warnings were posted for northern Wisconsin, upper Michigan and lower northern Michigan.

## QUICKIES



"How'd I know it's your watch—I ain't seen your Statesman Want Ad offering a reward for it yet!"

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Snyque

The recent airing of troubles within the police department probably was a surprise to most people. I understand there was some resentment in police circles to news reports by Managing Editor Wendell Webb of The Statesman, but the action of City Manager Franzen in reorganizing the department and the statement issued by Capt. Kiggins when he resigned confirmed the reports of internal frictions. Maybe the venting will do good by relieving pressures and getting the department back on the job of policing rather than gossiping and feuding.

Though need for the reorganization was evident, the method may be questioned: the city manager taking over the reins from the chief and issuing the orders. Sound administration would seem to indicate that the chief should organize his staff, but when a quarrel with the method if good results follow.

Most of the controversy with the department has centered around the detective plainclothes detail, some of whose members seemed to regard their jobs as giving them independence in their activities. Then some of the uniformed men got bitten by jealousy and frictions, developed. The major point of contention was over the claims of partiality in making appointments within the department.

Requirements of a good police department are effective and firm leadership at the top, competence, integrity and loyalty all down the line. All members are now "on the spot" — the chief, the captains, sergeants and officers — to work together harmoniously to supply Salem with the quality of police service it needs.

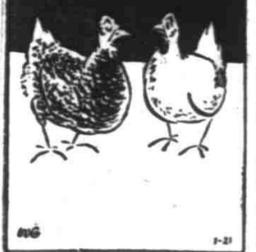
## Baby Dies in Mayor's Office

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A baby died in the mayor's office today after its parents said it had been refused admittance to General (city) hospital, but Hennepin County Coroner Russell R. Heim said tonight he had "found no evidence of negligence" on the part of hospital officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jensen of Minneapolis said doctors at the hospital had refused to admit the four-month-old child, Arthur, Jr., when they brought it to the receiving room Monday night.

Dr. Heim, following an autopsy, said the infant died of laryngeal-tracheal bronchitis. Mayor Humphrey promised an exhaustive inquiry into the death of the infant.

## Animal Crackers



"Oh yes, I can trace my family through 15 generations of Large Grade A's."