

Pan-American Meet Draws U.S. Delegates

WASHINGTON, March 27—(AP)—The United States is sending a 50-man delegation to the inter-American conference at Bogota, Colombia.

It is topped by three cabinet members—the first time that many members of the president's official family have been named to an inter-American conference. It indicates, officials said today, the importance of the U.S. attitude to the conference at this critical juncture in history.

The conference will open Tuesday in the Colombian capital.

Secretary of State Marshall, who heads the delegation, is scheduled to leave tomorrow night in an army plane.

William McCleskey Martin, Jr., head of the export-import bank, will accompany the secretary.

Commerce Secretary Harrison, who is visiting his family in Florida, will pick up Marshall's plane in Panama for the remainder of the trip.

Treasury Secretary Snyder, also a delegate, is not leaving with the initial group but may go later on.

Beta Chorus Wins Contest

Willamette university's Beta Theta Pi chorus sang its way past seven other competitors to win first place in the annual Beta Theta Pi fraternity northwest song contest in Portland Saturday night.

The Willamette fraternity also took top honors for having the highest scholarship ratings in its membership.

Other schools competing in the contest were Oregon State college, University of Oregon, Washington State college, Whitman college, University of Idaho and the University of British Columbia.

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Reds' Iron Curtain Hides Finn Talks

HELSINKI, Finland, March 27—(AP)—The conservative press charged communists today with planning a dictatorship in Finland while an iron curtain hid the course of Moscow negotiations for a Finnish-Soviet friendship and military pact.

The report that the negotiations had reached a serious phase coincided with articles in Finland's strongest independent afternoon newspaper, Helsingin Sanomat, which declared "The fact that a small minority of our people (the Finnish communists) openly threatens to use our foreign political position to force its own will on the great majority of the people according to the well-known pattern has caused nervousness."

Man Drowns as Fishing Boat Tips

ST HELENS, Ore., March 27—(AP)—One man drowned and another was injured today when a fishing boat capsized in the Columbia river here.

The coast guard reported Leland Burchum, 24, St. Helens, was drowned, and George Dumeyer, 21, Scappoose, was rescued by the coast guard crew. The Portland harbor patrol said the fishing craft had attempted to pass between the sternwheel tug Portland and a tanker it was towing upstream.

2 Flyers Escape Injury as Wing of Plane Tears Loose

TIGARD, Ore., March 27—(AP)—Two private flyers escaped with only minor injuries when a light plane crashed south of here today.

State policeman Marvin Bazzel reported the plane's right wing had torn loose in mid-air and the plane fell into a raspberry field.

John Englebright, 16, a student pilot, was at the controls, according to Officer Bazzel. He was cut and bruised. Passenger William McMullen, 20, escaped injury. Both are Portlanders.

They had rented the plane from a Vancouver, Wash., air field.

Board Urges 15½ Cent Raise For Trainmen

WASHINGTON, March 27—(AP)—An emergency board today proposed a raise of 15½ cents an hour for railroad engineers, firemen, and switchmen, retroactive to last November 1.

The board, in a report to the White House, also recommended changes in 14 working rules. These changes included higher pay for workers in yard service and crews on light-weight freight locomotives.

This is the same raise already won by other railroad workers. If the unions accept it, it will end a dispute that started last June.

If they don't, it could mean a national railroad strike April 26, when a 30-day waiting period required by the railway labor act will expire.

Potts to Head Cancer Drive

The annual Marion county cancer drive, to begin April 1, will be sponsored by Salem Exchange club, with Ken Potts as campaign chairman, it was announced Saturday by John R. Hay, club president.

Potts is a local insurance man and active in civic affairs. He was a sub-chairman in the 1947 cancer drive.

Associate chairmen, with all Exchange club members to serve on committees, are Irving Bryan, rural; Parker Gies, special events; Peery Buren, professional; William Phillips, business and industry; Wayne Hadley, finance and commerce; Al Schuss, publicity.

Campaign headquarters will be at Marion Motors, 333 Center St.

Funds will be used to spread knowledge that cancer, number two killer among all diseases in the nation and in the county, is curable in its early stages, to provide more and better facilities for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer and to expand scientific research for more effective treatment.

IN "FAIR" CONDITION Katherine Adlard, Salem, in St. Vincent's hospital at Portland recuperating from a long illness and recent major operation, was only in "fair condition," attendants reported Saturday night.

MacArthur Declines to Compete with Warren

LOS ANGELES, March 27—(AP)—Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur today declined to be entered as a republican presidential nominee in the California primary election. In a telegram received here by Allen H. Worcester, chairman of the Draft MacArthur for President club, Gen. MacArthur stated that he would not oppose the delegation pledged to the state's favorite son, Gov. Earl Warren.

Police Officer Fatally Shot

KELSO, Wash., March 27—(AP)—Police Officer Frank Koenen, 32, was fatally wounded tonight while investigating a reported disturbance at a local hotel.

Prosecutor Joe L. Johnson said a man is held for questioning in connection with the case.

Police said that Koenen and another man apparently engaged in a scuffle at the hotel. Koenen, they said, apparently lost his gun in the scuffle and was shot.

Koenen was taken to the hospital but died soon after arriving.

Arabs to Guard Holy Places

LAKE SUCCESS, March 27—(AP)—An Arab spokesman said tonight the Arabs of Jerusalem would protect Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places in Jerusalem.

Isa Nakhleh, representative here of the Arab higher committee of Palestine said the Arabs would not accept any foreign troops in Palestine.

Nakhleh said there would be no danger from the Arab side to the holy places.

'Technicolor Rain' Mystery Solved

DAYTON, O., March 27—(AP)—The mystery of Dayton's green "rain" was solved today.

The color came from a junk heap where Robert Grady had dumped a large quantity of fluorescent, commonly known as "sea marking."

How did it get on porches and umbrellas yesterday, as observers claimed? One explanation said the powder had been blown onto trees, then washed off. Others attributed reports of its actually "falling" to active imaginations stimulated by thoughts of spring.

Tablet Reveals Oldest Known System of Law

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 27—(AP)—Discovery of a Babylonian tablet estimated to be nearly 4,000 years old and containing the "oldest set of laws known to man" was announced today.

A joint announcement by the Yale department of Near Eastern languages and literatures and the American schools of research termed the discovery "a sensational find."

The ancient legal code, written between the 20th and 19th century B.C., has at least one modern note. It contains a price control section listing standard prices for such commodities as grain, oil and copper.

A Yale scholar, Prof. Albrecht E. R. Goetze, found the tablet in Baghdad, Iraq, translated it, and identified it as being 100 years older than the previously known oldest legal code.

The announcement of its discovery said:

"It is the code of Bilalama, king of Eshnunna, a kingdom of the east bank of the Tigris river which flourished 200 years before Hammurabi, the great 'law giver' of the Babylonians, held sway at Babylon on the west side of this same river. Like Hammurabi's famous code it has penalties resembling the famous 'eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth'."

"If a man bites another man's nose and severs it, he pays one mina of silver. (For) an eye (he pays) one mina of silver, a tooth a half mina of silver, an ear a half mina of silver, a slap in the face 10 shequels of silver."

Mrs. Roosevelt Offers to Quit

NEW YORK, March 27—(AP)—The Herald Tribune quotes Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as saying she offered to resign her United Nations jobs but that President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall "didn't want me to."

Mrs. Roosevelt, who sailed on the Queen Elizabeth today for London to unveil a statue of the late president, is chairman of the UN commission on human rights and a delegate to the general assembly.

The paper quotes her as saying before sailing she told the president and Secretary Marshall in separate letters "that if at any time they wished me to resign I would do so."

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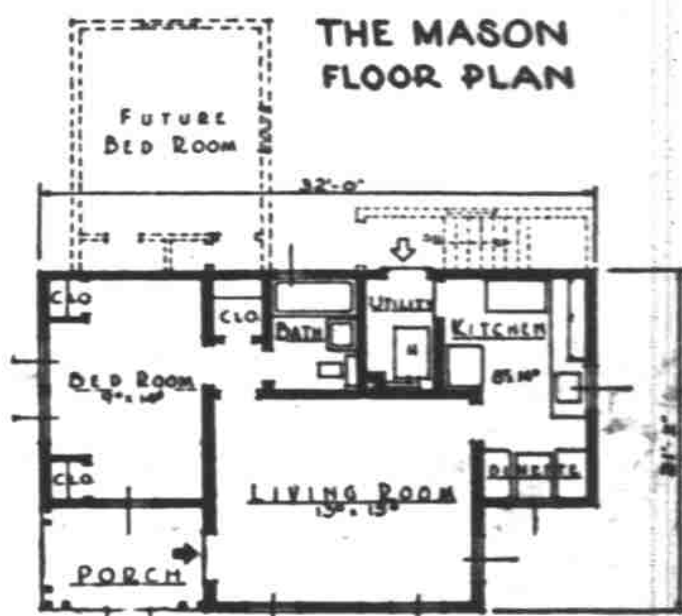
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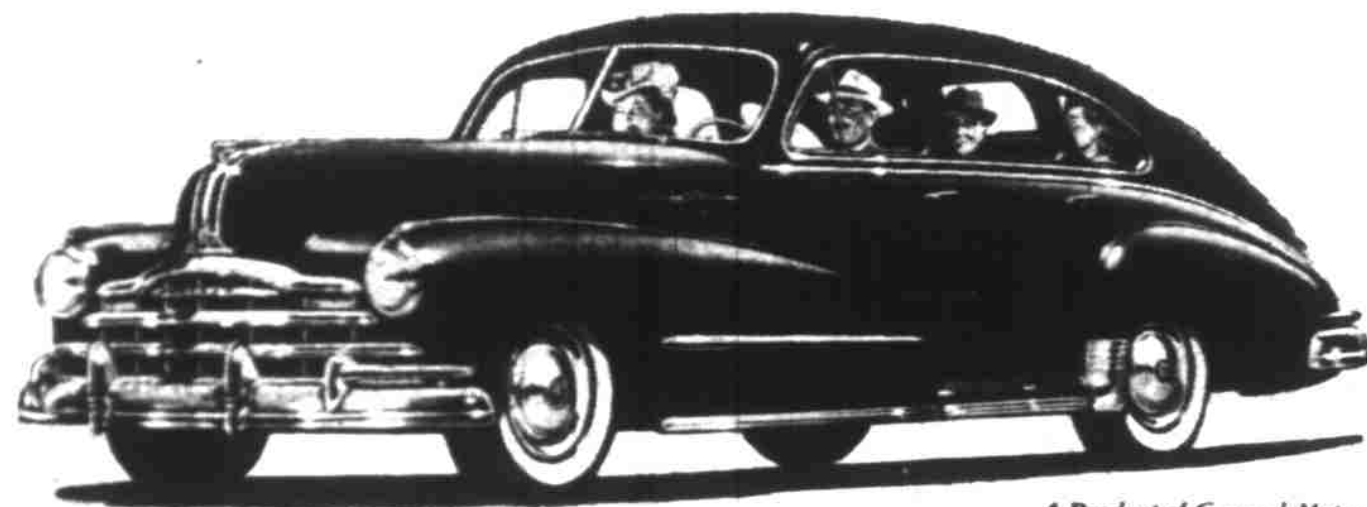
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