

Earthquake Rocks Southern California, Damages Desert Towns

'Gain Confidence of People,' Sen. Morse Advises Young GOP

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Realization that the republican party must demonstrate and prove that it will "represent and protect the common good" of America, and that the job must start immediately, keyed Saturday's convention here of the Oregon Young Republican federation.

The declaration came through the group's own resolutions and from U. S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse and other speakers.

The session, which began Friday evening, was adjourned last night after the group of approximately 130 chose Vivian McMurtrey, Portland, its president to succeed Steve Anderson, Salem. It will reconvene in six months to act upon the report of a committee authorized to recommend what will make the republican party in Oregon a "useful political agency."

Senator Morse reiterated his call for "constitutional liberals," who will take the issues to people of all groups and will prove that the GOP is aligned against class conflict. He accused the democratic party of becoming class conscious.

Asks GOP 'Grab Ball'
He demanded that the republicans in the coming congress should "grab the ball at the beginning" and refuse to become merely a defensive, anti-administration faction.

Morse called his own "liberalism" a matter of government by law in accordance with the liberalism of the constitution and flayed the democrats for "circumventing constitutional procedures" whenever they stood in the way—citing such incidents as the Yalta and Potsdam agreements.

Must 'Sell' Party
The Young Republicans' job, Morse asserted, is to sell the party to young people—reminding that in most school polls prior to the recent election Truman was accorded the majority. In this connection he noted that no party has enough members to elect a president, but that the independent voters must be persuaded by the party's program as put into practice.

The senator gave President Truman most of the credit for the November victory, won over "so many" GOP advantages. Morse "pleaded guilty" to voting of ten against recommendations of the senate republican policy committee, convinced that "the voters of Oregon did not send me to the senate to let the chairman of that committee, be he Bob Taft or any other republican, cast my vote."

Less Talk of Tax Cuts
Less talk about tax reduction but more about "revision of existing inequities" was called for. Claiming that too many republicans leaders had "disenfranchised" in their thinking the overalls of America, Morse said he would renew his fight in congress to get legislation "applied equally and without discrimination to both labor and industry."

Morse blamed the November election results principally on the failure of republican leaders to take "yes and no" stands on the issues and to exert a real fight for party policies.

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McNary Fund Raise Sought
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—(AP)—Another \$10,000,000 will be needed to keep the McNary dam project going until June 30.

That's what James Polhemus, president of the Portland General Electric company, told a reporter here, adding that \$35,000,000 will be needed for the year starting July 1 if power is to be produced there by 1951.

Polhemus said he was informed the budget bureau is trying to hold down money for McNary to \$22,000,000 next fiscal year.

He said all northwest interests are united in asking congress for the full amount of \$35,000,000 needed.

Power from McNary dam is not scheduled until 1954, but Polhemus said northwest interests are trying to advance the date.

Airlift Plane Crashes; 3 Die
BERLIN, Sunday, Dec. 5—(AP)—United States air force headquarters announced today an American C-54 airlift plane crashed at Fassberg in the British zone of Germany, killing all three crewmen.

The four-engine Skymaster crashed two miles from the airfield at Fassberg shortly after taking off.

The cause of the crash was not immediately established.

Weather
Salem Max. 39 Min. 31 Precip. 27
Portland Max. 41 Min. 33 Precip. 22
San Francisco Max. 51 Min. 40 Precip. 01
Chicago Max. 52 Min. 40 Precip. 01
New York Max. 45 Min. 35 Precip. 16
Willamette river 10.4 feet.
FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau: Clear, with showers today and tonight. High today near 43. Low tonight near 32.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Sept. 1 to Dec. 5
This Year 15.29 Last Year 15.51 Average 11.42

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

ACE Refreshing Co.
"We'd like to publish your autobiography but it's far too long."

Populous Areas Not Harmed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4—(AP)—A rolling quake, centering in isolated hills a hundred miles east of here, damaged windows and sent hundreds of persons rushing into the streets today. But there were no reports of deaths or serious injuries.

In the San Bernardino mountains north of Banning, it caused landslides and broke chunks of pavement on a road leading to the Morongo Indian reservation.

In the winter resort town of Palm Springs, some 30 miles to the south, police said the rear end of a furniture store collapsed, plate glass windows were broken, slabs slid off a roof.

Other cities in the general area—Twenty-Nine Palms and Indio among them—reported severe shocks and much consternation. In Indio, the police desk sergeant released his prisoners into the jailyard. A liquor store reported heavy damage as stocks tumbled to the floor, merchandise bounced off shelves in markets.

A bank vault was sprung in Twenty-Nine Palms, and pavement showed cracks.

Isolated Area
Only the isolated nature of the country, said the experts, prevented serious damage and possible loss of life.

The tremor was felt in a band extending from Santa Barbara and Fresno on the north to San Diego and El Centro on the south, and east to the Colorado river.

There were reports of plaster cracks, broken dishes and stopped clocks in Los Angeles.

Hear Rumbling
In quake-conscious Long Beach, where southern California's last quake of disaster status occurred 16 years ago, residents reported hearing a rumble preceding the rocking tremor.

Red Cross disaster units were alerted throughout the metropolitan area and officials said it turned into an excellent test, although no one was needed.

At California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Dr. Charles F. Richter timed the quake's official onset at 4:43:42 p. m. (Pacific daylight time) and said its magnitude was 6.4 on a seismological scale which rates the world's most severe quakes at 8.5. The disastrous Long Beach quake of 1933 was 6.4, but occurred in a much more populous area.

Salem Housing Scarce, Costly For Legislators
Legislators apparently are having considerable difficulty in obtaining housing facilities for the 1949 legislative session which opens in Salem January 10.

Apartments and furnished houses particularly are difficult to obtain, they said.

Listing of available housing facilities is in progress by the Secretary of State's office. Rentals, as a whole, are only slightly higher than two years ago although in some instances landlords are asking more for their facilities than most legislators feel they can pay.

One house was listed with the secretary of state at \$50 a week and another at \$75 a week.

Hotels and motels reported heavy registrations for the session. Two of Salem's hotels, under remodeling operations, will offer legislators and others attending the legislature a number of new facilities.

The Oregon hotel has refurbished most of sleeping quarters while the lobby and Mirror banquet room have been remodeled and streamlined.

A coffee shop, three private dining rooms and a cocktail bar are being installed in the senator hotel. The lobby also will be redecorated before the legislature convenes.

POLICE CHIEF KILLED
CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 4—(AP)—Rioting students shouting Palestine and anti-government slogans killed police chief, Selim Zaki Pasha, with a grenade today.

Mme. Chiang Requests \$3 Billion Aid in 3 Years
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—(AP)—Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek is appealing here for the United States to rescue China from communism with a program which would cost an estimated \$3,000,000,000 over the next three years.

This presentation of China's program comes from top Chinese officials who would not permit direct contact.

It has been presented by Chinese Ambassador Wellington Koo to President Truman as well as used by Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek for her appeals here.

The Chinese first lady has conferred twice now with Secretary of State Marshall and will call on President and Mrs. Truman early next week. Persons familiar with her approach to her mission of obtaining American aid report that she is stressing (1) the need for greater understanding here of China's plight, (2) the Chinese belief that it is not yet too late to save the situation, and (3) the conviction that the Chinese government

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Last Obstacle to West Dock Peace Cleared Film Causes Reopening of Anti-Red Hearing

Salem Cutoff Wins Portland Support

PORTLAND, Dec. 4—(AP)—The Portland Chamber of Commerce board of directors today urged completion of the West Portland-Hubbard shortcut to Salem.

It would be a \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 project, requiring a bridge at Wilsonville.

Fertilizer Plant To Shut Down Until Spring

The fertilizer plant of the Columbia Metals company in North Salem will be forced to close starting sometime in the week of December 12, because of a shortage of warehouse space for its product, it is disclosed Saturday by Arch Metzger, vice president and manager. About 85 men will be affected. Only a watch crew will be maintained.

Metzger said he hoped warehouse congestion would be cleared up by early spring to make reopening possible. Unofficial sources said dealer warehouses, to which fertilizer is shipped, are being because the prolonged waterfront strike prevented the shipment of grain, seeds and other commodities.

Columbia Metals has been able to ship only half of its orders recently, because warehouses of purchasers are filled, it was disclosed. Plenty of orders still are on hand.

The plant last summer obtained anhydrous ammonia by congressional action to permit fertilizer production.

Coos Bay Gets Eugene Power
COOS BAY, Dec. 4—(AP)—The Coos Bay area today got a new source of electricity expected to alleviate a critical power shortage.

The Mountain States Power company said the Eugene water board had agreed to turn over power from some of its stand-by generating facilities until the Coos Bay area gets another power source.

Lumber mills had gone on a staggered work schedule, and a voluntary brownout had been in effect because of the shortage.

Lumber mills are expected to be back to normal operations Monday.

Greek Premier Resumes Work
ATHENS, Dec. 4—(AP)—Themistokles Sophoulis, 88, has resumed work directing the Greek government—from his hospital bed.

The aged premier suffered two heart attacks last week. Doctors said he was beyond hope of recovery, but he rallied and now is expected to recover fully.

Sophoulis told top Greek military leaders today the government's campaign against the communists in the Peloponnese must get under way immediately. He has been seeing government leaders regularly for the past two days.

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Pamphlet Tells Of Communist 'Army' in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—(AP)—The House Un-American Activities committee decided today to reopen its communist spy hearings on the basis of sensational new evidence found hidden in a pumpkin.

At the same time, the committee issued a pamphlet which declared that an estimated 800 American communists, trained in Moscow, are "high officers of a secret army now being drilled to overthrow our government."

The pamphlet, titled "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Education," did not say where the "Secret Army" is being trained in the United States. But it did say that hand-picked officer candidates are trained in Moscow in sabotage, bomb-making, train wrecking, civil warfare, "and other methods of wrecking a country."

The committee's new Red espionage hearings will open Tuesday afternoon. They are expected to center around microfilm of secret government documents, found in a hollowed-out pumpkin on the Maryland farm of Whittaker Chambers, who previously testified he was a member of the communist underground in Washington before the war.

Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator for the house committee, said evidence will be presented to show who gave the secrets to Chambers.

The committee's pamphlet on communism and education is one of a series and is presented in question and answer form. It declared that many communists and fellow travelers "besides actively teaching in public schools, private schools and church schools, from kindergartens to colleges, run some schools outright."

Mangled Judea Plan Approved

PARIS, Dec. 4—(AP)—A mangled British-American plan for a Palestine conciliation commission was approved today by the United Nations political committee but final U.N. assembly approval was doubtful.

The vote in the 58-member committee was 25 to 2 for the drastically amended resolution originally introduced by Britain and supported by the United States. Nine countries abstained and three were absent.

Only a simple majority was required for committee approval, but a two-thirds majority of those present and voting is necessary in the assembly, where the same 58 nations are represented.

In brief the main provisions are: 1. A conciliation commission of three members would be chosen by the five big powers and would take over the job of the U.N. mediator. 2. The conciliation commission would draw up for the 1949 general assembly detailed plans for a permanent international regime for Jerusalem.

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Proposed King of Palestine



JERUSALEM, Dec. 4—Surrounded by members of his Arab Legion, King Abdullah (center, wearing long headress) of Trans-Jordan, tours old city of Jerusalem recently. In background is a window of tomb of his father which he had just visited. The Trans-Jordan legation in London announced that a group of Palestine Arabs has asked King Abdullah to rule over a proposed union of his kingdom and Arab Palestine. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Snow Clings to Oregon Areas, Melts in Salem

Snow blanketed many areas of the state Saturday in the wake of a cold front which moved over the Pacific northwest, and new low temperatures for the year were recorded at several points.

Salem residents caught only a glimpse of snow during the afternoon hours Saturday as it melted quickly after hitting the ground. Central and southern Oregon reported heavy fall of snow and snow plows were busy attempting to keep mountain passes clear.

In higher elevations surrounding the Willamette valley snow was hampering traffic. At Detroit four inches of new snow fell Saturday afternoon and a Gates snow whipped by strong winds reached near blizzard proportions and freezing temperatures were recorded.

Baker claimed the coldest spot in Oregon as temperatures plummeted to seven degrees below zero. Klamath Falls recorded one degree above and Lakeview two. Temperatures in Salem barely nipped the freezing level at 31 degrees.

Salem youngsters, begging for a chance to build a snowman today, are doomed to disappointment according to the McNary field weather bureau. Warmer temperatures following the Canada-born cold wave promised only showers throughout the Sunday in Salem.

Saturday's road bulletin from the state highway engineer's office reported new snow on all passes through the cascade mountains. Three inches of snow fell at Government camp and chains were required. Santiam junction had four inches and chains were advised. Plows and sanders were in operation on the Santiam highway.

Snow Provides Flood Threat
SEATTLE, Dec. 4—(AP)—Observers of snow conditions in the Cascades pointed today to the potentialities of 1949 floods from above-normal snow depth.

The flood threat, they pointed out, would depend on weather conditions that develop at run-off time next spring.

Reports from Snoqualmie pass show 73 inches of snow on the ground compared with 12 inches at the same date a year ago. Mount Baker had 138 inches, compared with 22 a year ago; Stevens pass 112, compared with 16.

"Potentially, that spells trouble," said Dr. Phil Church, head of the department of Meteorology and Climatology at the University of Washington. "The snow is building up a potential flood hazard."

AFL Pacified; Loading May Start Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3—(AP)—A last major obstacle to west coast waterfront peace was announced settled tonight. Shipowners foresaw a possible resumption of work by Monday.

The Pacific American shipowners have assurance to Harry Lundeberg, AFL Sailors' union president, that the strike-ending agreements reached by the Waterfront Employers' association with the CIO Longshore union would imperil nothing in Lundeberg's contract.

Lundeberg announced satisfaction, adding that he wanted this assurance in writing and that the shipowners had agreed to do this by noon tomorrow.

His announced insistence on protection of certain jurisdictional rights had arisen as a threat to resumption of shipping after the employers had reached agreements with the five unions involved in the three-month tie-up.

"Every effort will be made to resume work Monday, barring unforeseen circumstances," the employers said in a statement. "The employers will be in session all day Sunday in an effort to clear up unfinished business."

DAs Request Clamp Down On Gambling

PORTLAND, Dec. 4—(AP)—District attorneys of Oregon started a move today to clamp down on persistent gambling violators.

They recommended a state law, expected to go before the next legislature, to permit abatement proceedings against owners of property where gambling has been conducted.

They said gambling is the only vice operation which lacks a law to permit such proceedings after a place has been declared a nuisance.

Teunis J. Wyers, Hood River, was named president of the District Attorneys association; George L. Anderson Jr., Union county, was named vice-president; John B. McCourt, Multnomah, secretary-treasurer; Donald Heister, Wasco county, and Robert S. Kreson, Polk, Board members.

The group decided to ask the next legislature for a salary adjustment, based on population increase.

Leaflet Attacks Baptists' Policy

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4—(AP)—Churches refused representation at the Baptist Oregon convention here published a pamphlet attacking the incident.

The leaflet assails the action as "unconstitutional, illegal, un-Baptistic, un-Christian and unethical."

Auditors of the publication were listed as Dr. E. B. Hart, First Baptist church; Corvallis; the Rev. K. A. Tobis, First Baptist church, Bend; and Dr. A. G. Johnson, Hinson Memorial Baptist church, Portland.

The convention dispute stemmed from refusal of the one group to contribute mission funds to the convention missionaries.

Kingwood Plans Counter-Attack in Annexation Issue

Kingwood water district residents favoring annexation of the district to Salem in the recent election announced Saturday they will file legal action, to aid the defendants in a suit filed in Polk county circuit court to invalidate the election.

The action was brought last month by John L. Lutz and seeks to disqualify the vote on technical points.

Representing the residents who will intervene are Edward Majes, Barney VanOnsenoord, Charles E. Ramp and J. H. Willett, district residents.

ELECTION SET MONDAY
The Vista Heights water district will vote Monday on a commissioner and proposed annexation of several pieces of property. Polls are to be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. in Waddle's garage, 3018 S. Commercial st.

17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS