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Britain Recognizes Israel

Britain's de facto recognition of Israel comes too late to enable Bevin to salvage much political gain out of his Palestine policy. The one who emerges with prestige enhanced is Harry Truman, whose Palestine policy succeeded over the combined opposition of his state department and of Great Britain. Truman prodded the state department to endorse partition at UN, reversed the department's intention to support the revision proposed by Count Bernadotte. Britain, which threw up the mandate, has never been friendly to the Jewish state and has maneuvered to keep its hold in the middle east through support of the Arabs. Recognition now comes grudgingly in the face of stiff criticism in the house of commons from labor members as well as the conservative opposition. (The U.S. Monday went a step farther to give de jure recognition of Israel.)

At the island of Rhodes peace talks between Israeli and the Egyptians seem to have bogged down, but in the end the latter will have to yield. UN gave the Negeb desert to Israel and the latter has worsted the Egyptian armies in the field.

The Arab league proved a rope of sand which quickly fell apart. Arab armies proved impotent, save around Jerusalem, no match for the determined, well-equipped armies of the new Jewish state. Rivalries of Arab chieftains and countries prevented unity of action. The result has been that Israel has made itself secure by military means.

Byproduct of the fighting is the creation of a new problem of displaced persons. This time it is the Arabs who have fled from Jewish areas or from zones of fighting. Many live in the desert, others have fled to Lebanon and Syria. Everywhere they eke out a poor existence, and nothing constructive is done for their succor.

The new state of Israel is functioning, has held its national elections. Still to be determined are its boundaries and the status of Jerusalem. Also left to the future is whether aggressive bands of Israeli will carry out their threat to enlarge their state and make it encompass much of the middle east.

New Labor Law

The administration bill on labor relations does not merely repeal the Taft-Hartley law and reenact the Wagner act. It retains numerous provisions of the former. The most significant feature retained is the definition of unfair labor practice on the part of labor organizations, with authority granted to labor relations board to end such practice in the same way it proceeds against employers. The one-sided Wagner act put no restraints on unions.

The important provisions of the present law which are dropped are:

1. Power of president to seek 80-day injunctions to prevent strikes in essential industries. This is replaced by a requirement of a 30-day cooling off period in which a presidential fact-finding board would study and report on the dispute. The restraint ends five days after the report is filed.
2. Ban on closed shop is lifted. No more shop elections required for union shop.
3. Unions desiring NLRB recognition not required to have their officers file non-communist affidavits.
4. Mediation and conciliation division restored.

Tito's Heresy Calls for Revised View

By Joseph Alsop
BELGRADE, Jan. 31.—There is only one way to grasp what is happening in this little Balkan city, where the tough, handsome people stride untiringly through the snowy streets as so infinitely more impressive than their rather giraffe capital. Belgrade is the center of world communism's first fully successful heresy. In Yugoslavia, Moscow has lost a vital strategic position. But this material loss is wholly overshadowed by psychological menace of Marshal Tito as a sort of communist Martin Luther.

This is only natural, moreover. In the language of Arnold Toynbee, the masters of the Kremlin claim the double role of rulers of a new universal state and high priests of a new universal church. As did the Incas, they employ as weapons both their religion and the sword. And it is precisely the combination of Red army and communist party that make Soviet imperialism so formidable.

Mere military power can always be resisted from without, as Soviet aggression is now being resisted by the west. But the worst danger to any dynamic new religion such as communism is always schism from within. Tito is now making such a schism. He thus threatens the peculiar combination that gives the Kremlin its real strength, in a way that no one else can. And that is why the Kremlin and the western world must both, from very different viewpoints, watch what is happening in Yugoslavia with anxious attention.

As every one knows by now,

Tito first challenged the masters of the Kremlin in their role as rulers of a universal state. He was able to do so because he and his comrades had forged their own Yugoslav communist party, party apparatus and army in the very fires of war. But he was instantly excommunicated by the Cominform, because he insisted upon retaining his country's war-won independence.

What is curious and important is that this quarrel which began with a challenge to Moscow's temporal power is ending in a very different manner. At first, like all heretics, Tito claimed to be more orthodox in his theology than the high priests themselves. It is now known that he had a strong motive for doing so. He hoped that other national communist parties would join his schism. He had sent agents out to other countries to try to win over allies. And the Gomulka episode in Poland and other signs suggest that his hopes were not wholly unreasonable.

None the less, these first hopes of Tito's were disappointed, simply because the apparatus of every other national communist party except perhaps that in China is directly controlled by the MVD from Moscow. The disappointment stimulated Tito and his comrades to enter the second phase of every heretic's career. They have now begun to review the whole credo of their former faith, and to amend the entire theology to suit their own taste.

ed to department of labor as conciliation service.

5. Independent status of general counsel removed. He becomes appointee of NLRB. Continued as unfair labor practices are jurisdictional disputes and certain secondary boycotts.

This is the administration bill which congressional committees will now study. Senator Taft will fight to retain more of his bill; and Senators Morse and Ives may not be satisfied with the Secretary Tobin offering. Pro-union congressmen prefer the repeal of the T-H law and reenactment of the original Wagner act.

In its procedures the Taft-Hartley law was complex. To insure the "right to work" it should not have instituted the union shop and its election. The requirement of non-communist affidavits helped some unions to do house cleaning, but it was wrong to single out labor unions for purges.

The proposed law is weak on prevention of stoppages in key industries: coal, railroads. In 1946 President Truman asked congress to give him power to enforce labor on the railroads. Now he would throw away the 80-day injunction which he has readily employed in trying to keep coal mines open. Right here is where congress may insist on legislation with more teeth in it. John L. Lewis is still a bogeyman in the house of labor.

The Truman-Tobin bill may pass but not without careful scrutiny in committee and perhaps some changes.

Television vs Safety

As if the current legislature didn't have enough problems already, there is another one now arising, and fairly quick action—or at least action during the current session—is needed. It involves television and safety on the highways.

Certainly no one would claim that a driver can watch a television screen and the highway at the same time, and already in seven states there has been introduced legislation to restrict television installations in automobiles. The Indiana senate already has passed such a bill.

Some of the proposed legislation would prohibit installations forward of the driver. Some of it would prohibit installations entirely. The latter plan appears the better, at this time, but at least a thorough study is needed.

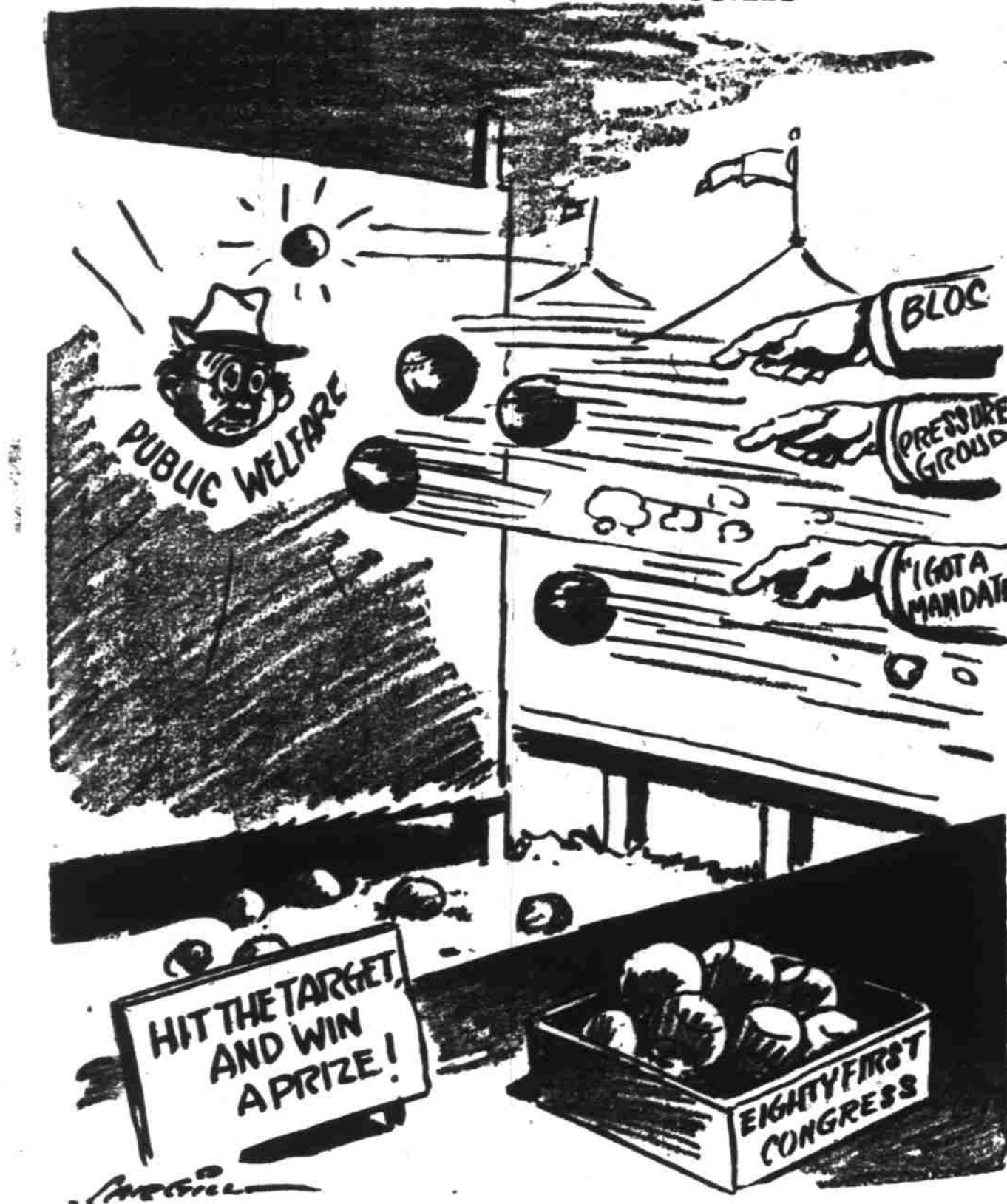
Oregon is to have television within the next few months, and, while it may be some time before actual reception by automobiles spreads very far out of Portland, the problem should be considered on a state-wide basis.

A Great General Retires

General Courtney Hodges, who is retiring from the army, has not received the public acclaim which his ability and record entitle him to. As commander of the American First army he led its sweep across France and into Germany. His troops were effective in stopping the German penetration in the battle of the Bulge, and were first to cross into Germany. The 104th division which trained at Camp Adair was in this outfit.

The occasion of General Hodges' retirement gives opportunity to call to public attention his distinguished and largely unadvertised career.

"SELF" GUIDED MISSILES



The Safety Valve

WORKING ON PENSION BILL

To the Editor: Many inquiries are being received at Salem regarding the pension bill which is necessary to put into effect the principles of the law giving \$50 monthly grants to eligible persons. Thus far only one such bill has been presented to the social welfare committee of the house. This is a bill presented to the committee by the officers of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which the committee has been carefully considering, as it was asked to introduce the bill as a committee bill. Before deciding to do this members of the committee, most of whom seem to be decidedly pension-minded, are securing all data available to enable the committee to work for the enactment of the best possible kind of pension bill that can be passed.

Information is being secured from the social security board and other sources to make sure that any bill that is eventually passed will meet the requirements for federal contributions, as Uncle Sam pays \$30 of each \$50 grant. Such a bill must also be able to withstand a test in the courts as to its constitutionality. This all takes time. Also the ways and means committee, which holds the legislative purse-strings and makes the necessary appropriations, must approve such a bill or it is doomed to defeat. The members of that committee are principally hard-headed business men who come from distant counties where sentiment is none too strong. They seem to fear nothing and are not swayed by sentiment. The social welfare committee has had some evening sessions in addition to meetings during the day, working hard to whip a bill into shape that will withstand the tests and also carry out the mandate or directive of the people. We are doing the job that we can. Please be patient.

JOSEPH E. HARVEY
Chairman of Social Welfare Committee, House of Representatives.

REGULATION REQUESTED FOR FORTUNE TELLERS

A bill to give \$6,000 to Old Oregon Trail, Inc., a non-profit corporation, was introduced in the legislature Monday by six senators and eight representatives. The money would be used to preserve landmarks and teach Oregon history.

Literary Guidepost

THE LIFE OF SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, by John Dickson Carr (Harper; \$3.50).

John Dickson Carr, the detective novelist, delivered an impassioned speech in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at the recent dinner of the Baker Street Irregulars. There were two reasons:

1. He, in effect, was giving a spanking to the Irregulars, who have a whimsy that Sherlock Holmes is a real person and Conan Doyle only Dr. Watson's literary agent. This stems from the fact that the Irregulars still profess to be angry at Doyle for once trying to kill off the detective.

2. Carr, who also writes under the name of Carter Dickson, had just completed a new life of the famous author. It is published today, a definite record of the career of a distinguished author who produced probably the widest known fictional character in English literature.

When Carr and other Irregulars dropped in at my home after the banquet, a custom of long standing, I asked him how in the world he found time to squeeze this very detailed biography into a busy career as a detective writer on his own. He said simply:

"I didn't squeeze it in. I dropped everything else and spent two

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attitude, treating every overture as false or a trap; and getting its back up at every conference. The Berlin airlift is a costly and unsatisfactory alternate to direct rail communication. We should explore every avenue to permit its termination, both for our own sake and the sake of the inhabitants of Berlin.

Some level should be found for resumption of negotiations with the Kremlin. It should not be initially a meeting of the chiefs of state—that should be the climax, to seal dramatically covenants that may be concluded by foreign ministers. The coming London conference on an Austrian peace treaty gives a good opportunity for testing the depth of the fresh peace offensive. At it gates may open that will lead if not to peace in Germany then to a better modus vivendi there.

It may be noted that General Markos in Greece is asking for an armistice and a settlement of the Greek civil war. Could there be any connection between his overtures and the Russian appeal for peace which was first sounded by communist leaders of France and Italy? One hopes that there is, that the expressions are genuine and that our statesmen can find a clear way through the fog to come to an understanding with Russia and its satellites which will give the peace inherent in the victory, relieving tensions and releasing energies for world rehabilitation. Why not, with due caution, test the strength of these feelings for peace?

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REGULATION REQUESTED FOR FORTUNE TELLERS

The house of representatives passed a bill Monday giving county officers the right to regulate and license fortune tellers. The bill, introduced by Rep. H. P. Hendershott of Eugene, passed by a vote of 37 to 21.

Driver Sentenced; Two Facing Check Charges in Court

Wallace Earl Thomas, Springfield, was fined \$250 in Marion county district court Monday and a 30-day jail sentence was suspended after he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was arrested by state police last Friday on South 12th street.

In other district court action Monday Henry Marsh Everhard, Dallas, and Richard D. Fones, Salem, appeared on separate charges of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Everhard was returned Sunday from Redding, Calif., by Marion County Sheriff Dener Young, who said Everhard also is wanted in Polk county on a similar charge. Everhard is charged with passing a bad \$10 check here on January 6. He was bound over to the Marion county grand jury Monday and is held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Fones was continued to today for entry of plea on a charge of passing a bad \$10 check last October 19. He is held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

PRESS GETS PLUG

Showing on outdoor panels by the Foster & Kleiser company is an endorsement of press freedom, "Ad Andy," the character in F & K public relations advertising, says: "A Free Press is the voice of a free people. . . . Read Your Local Newspaper." The outdoor advertising concern uses certain of its billboards in promoting worthy enterprises, and this is its bow to the press.

Motorists Asked to Restrict Driving on Roads in County

A plea to motorists to cut down on all unnecessary driving over Marion county roads for the next few days went out Monday from the county court.

The court already has an order of several weeks standing which bans all heavy truck traffic over the roads. Monday they asked even auto drivers to voluntarily keep their vehicles off the road whenever possible.

With Watson at the Legislature

Sincere Purpose Back of Bill Providing for Junior College

By Ralph Watson
John Hakanson is a young man who believes that the way to get things done is to get out and put a pry under the edge of the legislature.

So he has drafted a bill and had it introduced in the house, house bill 213, appropriating \$1,200,000 or so to buy the Lincoln high school property on a building in Portland as the plant for the use of a junior college. The appropriation of \$200,000 is to finance the operation of the college, pay for its faculty and meet such other expenses as might arise during the coming biennium in the nurturing of a new broad educational institution.

Hakanson is a quiet young man who went through the late war up in the front of things and he has not boasted much about it since he came home except now and then to recall some of the funny things which happened to him while he was in uniform. He received his "basic training" as a boy working in the woods in logging and lumbering operations.

When he came back from the South Pacific and changed his uniform for civilian clothes he decided that the best thing for him to do was to get an education, so he, along with a lot of other young fellows who had a lot of urge but not too much money, moved his bride and himself into Vanport, set up housekeeping there and entered Vanport college.

The day that the dike broke and put an end to Vanport as a place in which to live, Hakanson and his wife had come up the valley to visit relatives, and when they returned their home, their goods, chattels, and their college all were gone.

Since that time Hakanson has been getting himself another college, also another home. He moved to Salem and has built himself a home and when the legislature opened he was getting all set to enter Willamette university, there to take up his college course where the rampaging Columbia river stopped it.

But Hakanson, from where he has been sitting, sees the need for a junior college, a gap between the high school certificate and the university at Eugene of the college at Corvallis. So he has been working out his own plan to get one. He has done a lot of researching and a lot of conferring with the top brass of the state's educational machinery. He has had his eye on the old Lincoln high in Portland, which the Portland school board would just as soon leave get rid of provided it makes a fair dicker with somebody to take it off the district's inventory.

Out of it has come house bill 213, which makes all the necessary provisions for setting up the junior college, providing for its faculty under the authority of the state board of higher education and starting it off in a plant ready for such an institution. It does not come right out and say that it is to be located in the Lincoln high property but that is where it is headed provided the bill passes.

And, one interesting thing about the measure is that it does not attempt to fence all the other educational institutions in the state under the state's appropriation largesse until after it gets its appropriation and spends it, as is provided in senate bill 9, which now is slumbering in the senate committee on education.

That bill comes right out, whole hog or none, to provide that none of the state educational institutions shall spend any funds for the construction of buildings on their campus.

It is now necessary for all taxpayers (and all required to file whether they pay tax or not) to fill out the longer form, 1040 or 1040-A. Persons who have not received this longer form by mail may obtain it from the tax office at chambers of commerce rooms where it will operate until March 15.

Meanwhile, tax deputies will visit other communities of the Salem area in order to give on-the-spot aid to taxpayers.

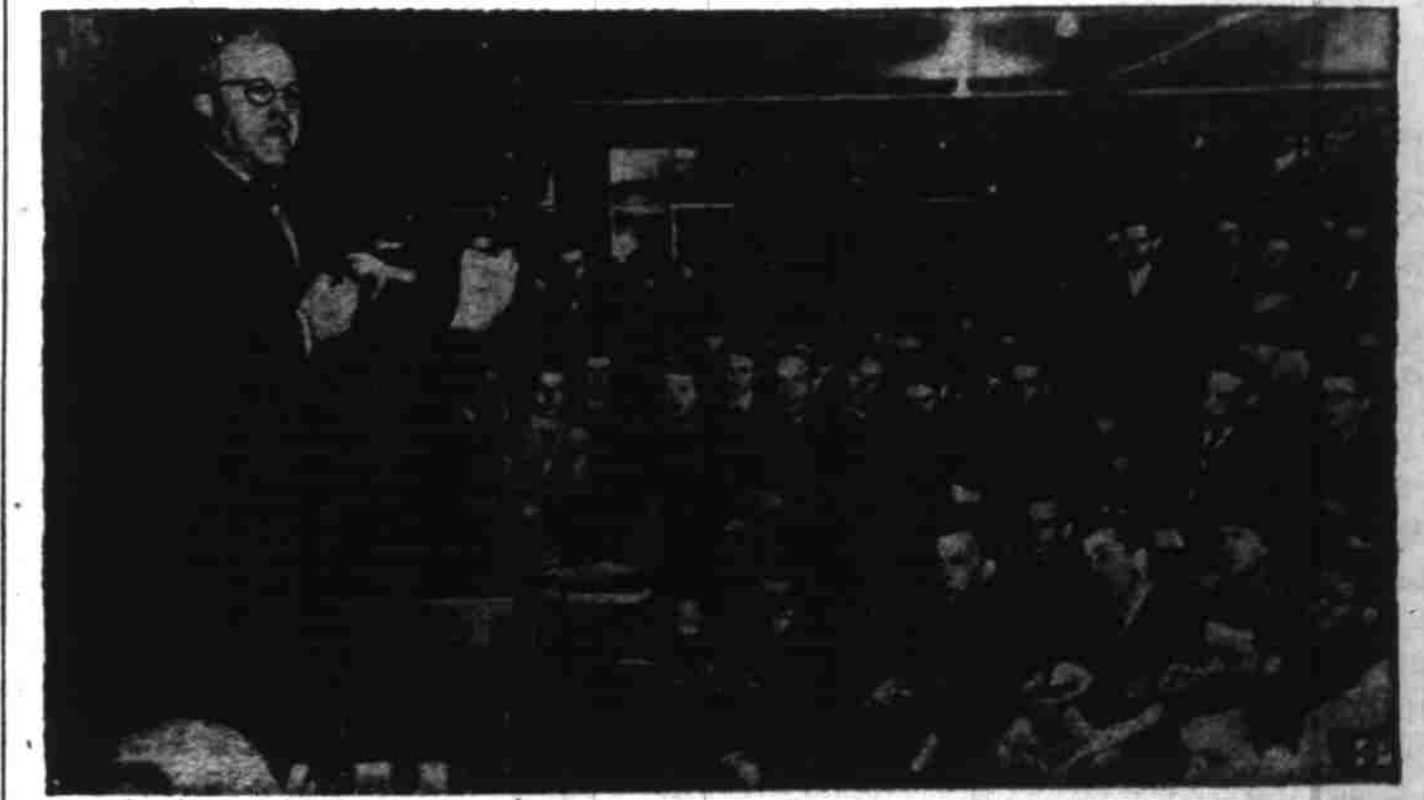
West Salem PTA To Discuss Family

WEST SALEM, Jan. 31.—A panel discussion of family relations will feature a West Salem Parent-Teacher association meeting at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the school gymnasium.

Mrs. Ora Smith will moderate the forum which will be followed by a general question period. On the panel will be the Rev. Leonard Jones, the Rev. Lloyd Anderson, Principals Thos. Measles, C. A. Rust and Mrs. William McCormack.

Refreshments will follow the program. The meeting is open to all parents.

U. of W. Students Protest Dismissals



SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Prof. Max Saville (left) addresses a group of University of Washington students who met in a Seattle church basement to protest dismissal of three professors accused of communist party activity. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).