

Major Baseball's Starting Pitcher



WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18—President Truman draws back and delivers the first ball as the major league baseball season opened today.



George Aiken, Oregon Budget Director, Dies

George K. Aiken, state budget director since 1942 and long-time writer and publisher, died at a local hospital early Monday.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In The Statesman's digest of business at the legislative assembly on its closing day some lines of type got pied and appeared as follows:

Anyone with a sense of humor can draw mirth from the latter line. The 45th legislative assembly adjourned "sine die" (without day).

And what are the "effects" left by the 45th assembly? They are numerous and varied; and the results will be with us for a good many years.

Popular comment has been directed chiefly at the length of the session: 97 days, longest in history.

The legislators have taken a great deal of criticism over their law-making marathon.

Answer is that the affairs of the state are so complicated now that an assembly cannot do the job that needs to be done in any short session.

Since pay of legislators stopped on the 50th day the members were most eager to get the business done so they could return to their homes.

That they stayed on for an orderly winding up is a tribute to their conscientiousness. The only way I can see for speeding up (Continued on editorial page)

Commies Ready River Crossing

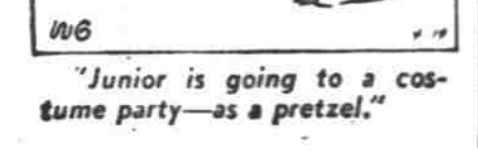
NANKING, Tuesday, April 19.—(AP)—Communist troops one million strong sped preparations today to storm across the Yangtze river when the deadline for Chinese government surrender expires tomorrow.

Nationalist military leaders made no pretense that they could prevent it, although some sort of fight is considered almost certain. The Red demand included free crossings to the south bank at ten places.

Government officials admitted privately that, stripped of a few face-saving frills, the Red terms were total surrender. A report circulated that Chiang already had decided to order withdrawal of the entire Shanghai-Nanking garrison southward.

These 300,000 troops are commanded by Gen. Tang En-Po, loyal to Chiang and no backer of Li's peace efforts of the past three months.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Junior is going to a costume party—as a pretzel."



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son, Seattle; son, Robert Aiken, Salem; brother, Robert Aiken, St. Paul, Minn.; and four grand-children.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. in First Presbyterian church with Dr. Chester Hamblin officiating.

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, August 29, 1893, Aiken received his education in the public schools at St. Cloud, Minn., and at Macalester college, St. Paul, Minn. He was married to Lulu Piper, April 20, 1912.

Macalester college recently awarded Aiken a certificate for distinguished service in his life work.

Aiken was publisher of the Enterprise at Forrest Lake, Minn., 1903-4, and the Pioneer Press at St. Paul in 1908.

He came west in 1909 to be political writer of the Tacoma, Wash., Ledger and was later connected with newspapers at Elum and Rosland, Wash., before becoming owner and publisher of the Ontario Argus in 1916. He sold the Argus in 1944.

He was president of the Oregon Newspaper conference in 1926, and once headed the Oregon State Editorial association. He was named to the state game commission in 1935 by Gov. Charles Martin and served until 1942. He was mayor of Ontario from 1929 to 1942. He was past president of the Ontario Commercial club, and a member of the Kiwanis club, Masonic lodge and Presbyterian church.

Appointed executive secretary to the governor and state budget director by former governor Charles A. Sprague in 1942, he continued under Governors Earl Snell, John Hall and Douglas McKay.

Super Carrier Keel Is Laid

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 18.—(AP)—The keel of the nation's first atomic-age aircraft carrier, the 65,000-ton United States, was laid today.

With no ceremony, the \$186,000,000 super carrier emerged from the shadow of a lively battle between the navy and the air force into the substance of steel as a 15-ton bottom shell of one-inch-thick steel was lowered onto keel blocks by a giant derrick crane.

The air force opposed the carrier as an invasion of its sole rights in the field of long-range strategic bombing.

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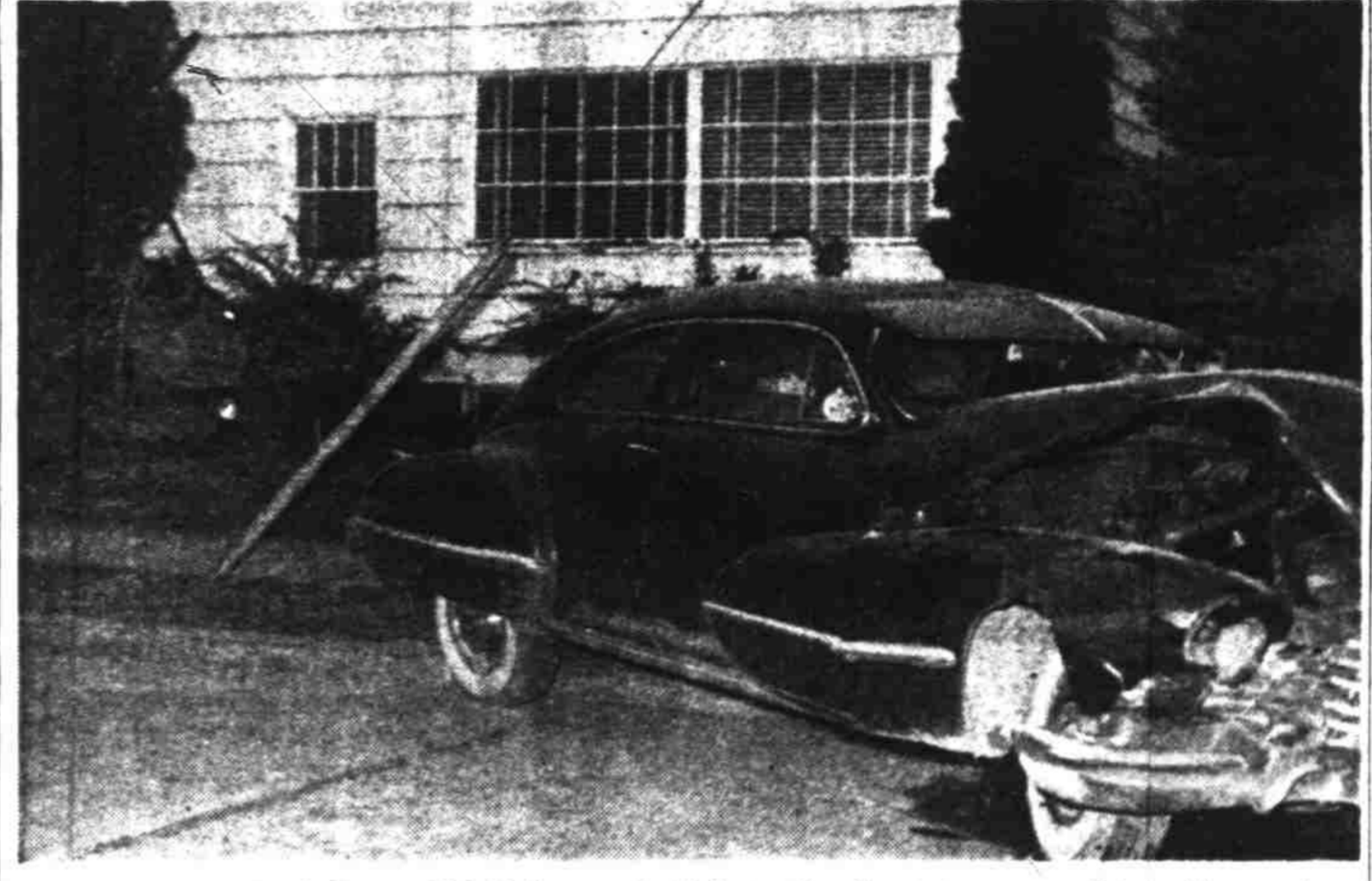
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The proposals was made by Cuban delegate Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, who said he wants the U.N. to check on reported religious persecution behind the iron curtain.

Informed sources said the United States turned thumbs down on the Cuban idea at this time. These sources said the U.S. wants the U.N. to call attention to the way provided in the peace treaties with Bulgaria and Hungary for settling disputes.

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Senate President William Walsh and House Speaker Frank Van Dyke, upon leaving for their homes Monday, announced they would return to Salem Thursday or Friday to confer with Gov. Douglas McKay in connection with interim committee appointments.

Enactments of the 1949 legislature, as a whole, were constructive and the result of careful and painstaking consideration, the governor declared Monday.

"Never in the history of the state has a legislature faced more difficult financial problems than the one that adjourned here Saturday night".

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