

Legion to Open Convention at Philadelphia

By Herb Altshull
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27-(AP)—The American Legion opens its 31st National convention here Monday in the midst of bitter congressional dispute over arms for Europe.

President Truman, Missouri's most eminent legionnaire, will address the convention at 2 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Monday. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson will make two speeches Wednesday.

Spirited pleas for legion support of the full Truman aid program are anticipated both from the president and the defense secretary. Some congressional leaders are leading a drive to lop nearly half a billion dollars from the measure.

Resolutions supporting the president's program will be presented to the convention.

Heated Demands Likely
In addition, there is likely to be a heated demand for arms for China and other parts of the Orient threatened by communist armies.

But the 6,000 legionnaires who'll be here for the convention aren't coming just to talk and listen to speeches. There will be plenty of opportunity for the traditional legion convention funmaking.

The always colorful legion parade is scheduled for Tuesday. Other business at the four-day convocation is at parade rest that day and the blue-capped veterans will take over the city.

More than 1,000,000 persons are expected to watch the 15-hour parade that will have 18,000 men and women stepping to the tunes of 100 musical organizations.

Election of Commander
Election of a new national commander, to succeed Perry Brown of Beaumont, Tex., is set for Thursday.

And it seems likely now that the legion, for the first time, will choose a world war veteran. Several state departments, including Pennsylvania, already have picked younger veterans for their state commanders.

Of the six announced candidates for the national post, four are veterans of the second world war.

Bevin, Cripps Disagree over Finance Policy

LONDON, Aug. 27-(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Economics Boss Sir Stafford Cripps will go to the Washington dollars talks in personal disagreement over one of Bevin's ideas, their associates said today.

Prime Minister Atlee has called the British cabinet to all-day talks Monday to okay formally a policy worked out in weeks of backroom discussion.

The Bevin-Cripps cleavage is likely to backpedal the cabinet conference.

Bevin, his associates say, has been plumping for what he calls a full-scale integration of the dollar and pound sterling systems. This could possibly mean a customs union or even a common currency, but informants say Bevin has never made clear just what he has in mind.

American sources, in discussing his idea, have used the phrase "economic union"—an idea already publicly rejected by Secretary of State Acheson.

Bevin reportedly argues that integration is not only essential but also a logical outcome of Anglo-American diplomatic unity.

Responsible officials in Cripps' department, the treasury—throw up their hands at Bevin's idea. They say it's a "pie in the sky" declaration that Bevin is no economist.

Cripps takes the view that Britain can win through only by hard work—by producing more goods at less cost and using high pressure salesmanship to market them for dollars. Britain must have dollars to buy the raw materials and food she needs.

The Washington conference opens September 7 with U.S., British and Canadian representatives taking part.

Cow Rises on Corn 'Elevator' In Silo, Freed

OSCEOLA, Wis., Aug. 27-(AP)—Seventy-nine hours and 31 minutes and three acres of corn after she dived into a 12-foot deep silo pit, Snoopy, the vivacious 650-pound heifer, was freed tonight.

The corn, in the form of silage, was used as an elevator on which Snoopy rode from her circular dungeon.

Everett Lampman, her owner, directed a crew of 15 men who cut the corn and filled the silo enough to get the animal out.

Thanks to a muzzle, Snoopy was kept in trim to get through the 20 by 30-inch silo opening without too much effort. Her only provender for the last 24 hours has been water, carried down a ladder in pails by Chereine Lampman, 13, whose pet Snoopy is.

Lampman expressed satisfaction over the fairly fast release of Snoopy, even though he had not planned to cut his corn until next week.

"Now maybe," said Lampman, "we will have some peace on the farm. It has been overrun with coming and going visitors and radio and newspapermen since Snoopy made her leap into the empty silo Wednesday."

"We can thank Snoopy," said he, "for meeting more of our neighbors and Wisconsin and Minnesota friends in the past three days or so than we have in the previous 17 months we have lived here."

Detroit Police Seek Reuther Case Suspect

DETROIT, Aug. 27-(AP)—Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy disclosed today Detroit police had a good description of a "definite suspect" being sought in the Victor Reuther shooting.

Reuther, CIO United Automobile Workers Educational director, was shot and seriously wounded May 24 as he sat in the living room of his home here. He lost his right eye.

Toy said police are hunting a man seen by neighbors near the UAW official's home two nights before and on the night of the attempted assassination.

The man sought by police, he said, was seen riding slowly past the Victor Reuther home in a car driven by another man. More than one neighbor got a good look at him but none saw the driver.

"The description was so good that we will have no trouble identifying the man when we lay our eyes on him," Toy said.

Toy said he has several teams of detectives traveling around the country attending labor union and communist meetings in hope of finding the man.

Teacher Dies In Car Crash

PRINEVILLE, Aug. 27-(AP)—Mrs. Maxine Mignot, a sixth grade school teacher in this town, was fatally injured last night when her car collided with a sheep truck.

Fifty sheep in the double deck load were killed in the crash. The truck driver, Dean Ruzic, was slightly hurt.

Mrs. Mignot's death occurred just a year and a half after her son, James, was killed in a truck accident during a high school party.

Her car and the truck collided on the Ochoco highway, two miles east of here, with such force that the door frames had to be cut away with saws. It was an hour and a half before she could be extricated from the wreckage. She died an hour later in the hospital.

Mrs. Mignot had planned to leave for Drain in a few days for a new teaching position.

EIGHT AND FORTY ELECTS

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27-(AP)—Mrs. James G. Bush of East Chicago, Ind., today was elected champion nationale (president) of the Eight and Forty, honor group of the American Legion women's auxiliary.

Elliott Recall Petitions Said Nearly Full

PORTLAND, Aug. 27-(AP)—Sponsors of a recall move against Sheriff Marion Leroy (Mike) Elliott said today they needed only 5,000 more signatures.

This announcement came as Portland newspapers continued their campaign against the sheriff.

The sponsors said more than 12,000 signatures have been filed at the county clerk's office, and another 13,000 were in the hands of petition circulators. A total of 30,528 signatures are required to bring the special election.

Did Nothing About It
Meanwhile the Oregon Journal asserted that "Sheriff Mike Elliott's men did nothing about wide-open gambling" at a circus playing here.

The Oregonian reported it finally had traced the newspaper's sheriff to Lake Tahoe, Nev., resort.

The Elliott forces spluttered over the newspaper articles. Elliott's brother, Jack, a deputy sheriff, accused the Journal of "a rotten trick—an attempt to blacken Mike."

Elliott, who contends the newspapers are persecuting him, told an Oregonian reporter at the Tahoe resort, "I'm on vacation. I have worked hard, and I think it was all right for me to take a vacation."

Discovered Gambling
The Journal said its discovery of gambling at the circus came after a tip from a Tacoma woman. A Journal reporter rushed out and assumed a sucker's role. He lost \$50. Then the sheriff's office was called. A deputy arrived just as the tents closed for dinner.

Later the sheriff's office was called again. This time two deputies responded, but arrived after tents closed for the night.

Jack Elliott said today he personally would investigate the gambling and the action of the deputies sent to the circus.

Miss America Homesick on Visit to Spain

MADRID, Aug. 27-(AP)—Bebe Shopp bubbled with enthusiasm today over a Spanish monastery and a night club she visited—but she's homesick.

"I want to hear people talking English around me again," she told reporters as she neared the end of her European tour.

The 19-year-old Hopkins, Minn. girl and Mrs. Orren Stafford of the Minneapolis Star, who is traveling with her, visited the monastery at Escorial, 20 miles north of Madrid.

"We both enjoyed very much the famous monastery, which is wonderful," Bebe said.

Last night the two took in the famous of Madrid's night clubs.

"I like Spanish night clubs," said Bebe, whose father recently warned her to keep out of Paris clubs where wine is drunk. "The Adulcian dancers at the night club were wonderful."

They plan to visit Granada and Sevilla, return here Tuesday, then go to Lisbon—and home.

Slavs Fight Sabotage Wave

ROME, Aug. 27-(AP)—The Yugoslav government has taken drastic measures to halt a wave of sabotage by cominform agents, said dispatches from Trieste published in Rome newspapers today.

The stories said Yugoslav troops had moved into the coal mining areas near Avsa and into the shipyards at Pola and nearby ports to prevent "terror and sabotage."

The reports claimed sabotage was responsible for the recent fire in an oil refinery at Fiume, the destruction of Yugoslavia's biggest passenger ship at Spoleta and railway "accidents" in Croatia.

The Yugoslav government publicly disclosed no such concern over sabotage. It denied the refinery had been sabotaged and branded such reports "thoroughly false and fabricated."

Fire Fighters Make Progress in Idaho

MCCALL, Idaho, Aug. 27-(AP)—Fire fighters today made good progress toward circling the 15,000-acre blaze on the south fork of the Salmon river.

F. W. Golden, chief of the fire control division of the U. S. forest service regional office at Ogden, Utah, said all fires in the Payette national forest were "quiet" today.

Hunt Denies Getting Favors From Vaughan

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27-(AP)—James V. Hunt, a key figure in the five percent inquiry, said tonight he never has asked Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan for anything more important than tickets to an Army-Notre Dame football game.

And Hunt flatly denied that he ever made the statement: "All I have to sell is influence." A witness at the investigation testified under oath that Hunt did say that.

Hunt, self-described Washington management counselor, said it seems to him the senate inquiry has produced "conclusive evidence of the absence of any improper influence" on his part.

Hunt made his statements in an affidavit to a special senate subcommittee checking on whether any such influence has figured in the handling of government business.

In his affidavit Hunt said he met Vaughan for the first time in 1945 shortly after Vaughan became a presidential aide.

Hunt, a former lieutenant colonel in the army, said he saw a good deal of Vaughan when he (Hunt) was liaison officer for the war assets administration.

"Although we have become good friends socially," Hunt said, "I have never to the best of my recollection, asked General Vaughan to do anything for me or for a client or friend of mine more important than getting football tickets to the Army-Notre Dame football game."

The committee has wanted to call Hunt to the witness stand, but doctors have told the investigators he is too ill to testify. They reported he won't be able to go before the committee for at least a month.

Brazil's area exceeds that of the continental United States by about 250,000 square miles.

GOP Senators Ask Change in Arms to Allies

By Max Boyd
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27-(AP)—Two republican senators — Vandenberg of Michigan and Knowland of California — maintained pressure today for major changes in President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program.

A senate committee showdown is due shortly on the issues these involve: (1) whether to cut the western Europe aid figure, and (2) whether to write China into the bill.

Vandenberg refused to drop his demand that congress make a \$160,990,000 slash in proposed military assistance for European members of the Atlantic alliance, although General Omar N. Bradley told senate committees yesterday that such a cut would be false economy.

Backing Amendment
Most of the money that the Michigan senator wants to take out of the program is intended to stimulate arms production in Atlantic pact countries. He is backing an amendment jointly with Senator Dulles (R-NY).

Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff of the U. S. armed services, contends the \$155,000,000 Mr. Truman asked for this purpose would enable pact members to re-tool existing factories and produce more than \$700,000,000 of arms.

Ask Postponement
Vandenberg and his supporters argue, however, that increasing western European arms production should await recommendations to be made by the defense council contemplated under the Atlantic alliance.

They are reported to feel also that helping France to increase its arms-making would be resented.

Ducks Get Hoop Ace

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27-(AP)—Chet Noe, an all-city prep star basketball team center, has announced he plans to enter the University of Oregon.

Noe led the Los Angeles city league in scoring last season. He stands 6 foot 7 inches and weighs 218 pounds.

Late Sports

Snead Money Leader

CHICAGO, Aug. 27-(AP)—With the summer major tourney swing ended, Slammin' Sammy Snead today topped golf's 1948 money-winner with \$30,893. That gave Sammy a \$6,289 margin over runner-up Cary Middlecoff, who had \$24,604. Other leaders: Johnny Palmer, \$23,512; Lloyd Mangrum, \$22,248; and Jimmy Demaret, \$17,007.

Snead also retained his Vardon trophy lead with an average of 69.49 strokes for 69 rounds.

Oregonians -In the Majors-

Saturday:

Peaky, Red Sox	2	1	1	0	0	0
Doerr, Red Sox	4	0	0	0	0	0
Gordon, Indians	2	0	0	0	0	0

ANGELS GRAB VICTORY

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 27-(Special)—Mt. Angel's Willamette Valley league baseball champions chalked up a close 9-8 decision tonight over the Willamette club, titlists of the Portland Valley league.

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