

19 Pupils Suspended for Club Activity

Parents Deny Unit 'Secret'

Nineteen boys are scheduled to be suspended from the Salem senior high school today under a school board action which apparently is headed for a court test. The dismissal is for the balance of the school year.

The board announced its decision late yesterday on grounds of affiliation with a group which "falls within the type of organization banned by the state laws of Oregon" covering secret societies.

The group thus labelled is the "American Boys club" which the school board said "has sought to pattern itself after a Portland club."

The 19 boys include one sophomore, four junior and 14 seniors. At least one was declared to be a first-string football player.

"Secrecy Denied"

A group of parents last night told The Statesman in a signed statement they believe the action of the board was "arbitrary and unjust," denied the club was secret; said it never was fully organized and was disbanded entirely after school authorities had frowned on it; and declared they "intend to test the matter in the courts."

The parents, who met with the school board last Monday night, declared school officials had asked the boys to resign from school, rather than await expulsion, but said "this we will not permit" because "to us this would be an admission of guilt of wrongdoing, which we do not believe to be a fact."

Started Last Summer

The idea for a so-called ABC is known to have grown out of meetings of boys starting last summer.

The school board, citing state laws, said its action was taken after "very careful consideration and investigation," and that "in the light of this decision it becomes impossible for the school board to permit the continuance of any of the students involved in this organization in the Salem public schools for the balance of the school year. . . . The board is sorry to be compelled to use such drastic measures" but "the board feels that to be less drastic would encourage other groups to spring up and involve more and more students in such illegal organizations."

The board's action was reminiscent of somewhat similar steps taken in former years against secret societies, including the Julius Caesars and Friars.

State Law Cited

The board's statement said it believed that "the law is very clear in its charge to the school board to suppress any such organizations," and that "the Salem school board, over a period of years, has kept constant pressure on such organizations and are determined that any student wishing to have the privilege of education through the Salem schools must definitely make their choice between such organizations and the school."

School officials said the law regarding high schools holds that "secret societies of every kind and character, including fraternities and sororities so-called, which may now or hereafter exist . . . are hereby declared unlawful." It also said the law held it was the "duty" of school boards to "suppress all secret societies" and that it must "suspend or expel . . . all pupils who engage in organization or maintenance of such societies."

The parents in their statement said they opposed secret organizations and that "we at no time would have permitted our sons to have affiliated with an undercover or secret group."

(Statements in full on page 2).

Truman Rebuffed on Olds Support

Czech Reds Round Up Civilian Arms

Prague Scene Of Arrests; U.S. Protests

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 12 (AP)—A police roundup of private firearms started tonight in communist-ruled Czechoslovakia, the scene of thousands of arrests in the last 10 days.

Communists as well as non-communists were reported required to surrender their pistols and hunting weapons. Even air rifles were taken from non-communists.

Coinciding with the police campaign, communist pressure developed against the United States information service in Prague. The U. S. embassy protested vainly.

Arrests continued, though on a diminishing scale.

Prague citizens who went shopping found the old owners of some stores gone and communist-controlled national administrators in charge. This strengthened reports that the roundup was aimed chiefly at wiping out what is left of the small business and middle class here.

Reliable sources said that arrests in the provinces outside the capital were aimed at picking up Czechs suspected of membership in an underground organization.

Ranking Admirals Attack Navy Cuts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson's "cut the navy" policy underwent a mounting barrage from famous-name admirals today and a key congressman accused Johnson of making "grandstand" economy plays.

The heat on Johnson increased terrifically as:

1. Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey called for completion of the huge, \$189,000,000 aircraft carrier United States, cancelled by Johnson. The hero of the Pacific lambasted the air force's B-36 atom bomber before the house armed services committee. He said it was fit only for "siege" bombing operations against cities and industries—and he said a siege never yet won a war against an enemy with an army in the field.

2. Ailing Admiral Ernest J. King, top man of the navy in World War II, sent the committee a statement that "we have been over-emphasizing the atom bomb and the bomber that was planned to deliver it." He said that "any war plans—or peace plans—which deprive the navy of its combatant strength will become the plans for our own defeat."

3. Admiral Richard L. Conolly, commander in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, testified that if war should come he would need more naval strength than the entire navy now has. His responsibilities are increasing but his tools are decreasing, he said.

4. Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, commander of the Eastern sea frontier, protested a "maginot line mentality" which, he said, might be "fatal" to the country's efforts to prevent destruction of civilization.

Confirmation Bid Fails in Senate Vote

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (Thursday)—(AP)—The senate early today swept aside the wishes of President Truman and refused to confirm Leland Olds for a third term as a member of the federal power commission.

The roll call vote was 53 to 15.

After a night of heated wrangling, the senate rejected the nomination for which Mr. Truman had fought with a personal appeal and the power of the democratic national committee.

It was the third time this year that the senate, which has a democratic majority, had rebuffed the president on an appointment.

The showdown on Olds came shortly after midnight. It climaxed a debate in which Olds, first appointed to the commission in 1939 by the late President Roosevelt, was sharply assailed and vigorously defended.

His opponents contended that he is a foe of capitalism and that in articles he wrote 20-odd years ago he helped to promote communism and "sowed the seeds of revolution."

But senators supporting his nomination replied that gas and oil interests were behind the fight on Olds. They pictured him as a devoted public servant trying to protect consumers by effective utility regulation.

Senator Morse (R-Ore) urged Olds' confirmation but acknowledged he probably was fighting a losing cause. He declared that opposition to the nominee stemmed from the oil and gas industry.

Extortion Charges Face Former Deputy

HOUSTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—A former deputy sheriff was accused today of writing a threatening letter attempting to extort \$50,000 from wealthy oilman Glenn McCarthy.

Raymond Chambers, 43, pleaded innocent to the charge when arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. F. Carothers. He was released under \$7,500 bond.

For four years Chambers was a Harris county deputy sheriff, office records show. More recently he was a janitor at the multi-millionaire McCarthy's swank Shamrock hotel.

Chambers was charged with writing a letter that threatened to "kill or injure" McCarthy or a member of his family if the oilman and sportsman did not leave \$50,000 at the door of a Houston home.

For several days appearance of armed guards at the palatial McCarthy residence several blocks southwest of the Shamrock had puzzled Houston residents. McCarthy said the guard "quite obviously" resulted from the letter, that "every precaution was taken."

Chambers was arrested by FBI agents early today as he left the night shift at the new \$18,000,000 Shamrock. He said he became a janitor there two months ago after serving several months as a detective at the hotel.

Galen N. Willis, agent in charge of the Houston FBI office, said arrest of Chambers ended two weeks of intense inquiry.

President Asks 48-Group Air Force Plans

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—President Truman today sided with the senate in the long drawn out house vs. senate fuss over this question:

Should the air force have 48 groups or 58 groups?

The senate says 48, the house says 58, and all conferences between the two have failed to hit on any compromise.

At a White House meeting with members of the senate appropriations committee, Mr. Truman repeated his opposition to a 58-group air force. He said a 48-group force would mean "savings of \$741,000,000."

But senators said Mr. Truman seemed to string along with the house on a second issue that has held up the huge military appropriations bill.

They told reporters that Mr. Truman said he would accept the house proposal on funds for stockpiling strategic war materials.

The senate wants to cut the house figure by \$271,000,000.

Taufest Quits Police Force; Bain Shifted

Harvey Taufest resigned from the Salem police force Wednesday after he and another city detective had been returned to the uniformed division as the force by Chief Clyde A. Warren.

Leonard E. Skinner also was ordered back into uniform as Warren announced a reduction of two men in the strength of the detective squad. But it will be augmented by David Bain who will serve in plain clothes while retaining patrolman status. Bain's shift will be 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Pay scale for patrolmen is \$270; detectives receive \$300.

LaFontaine Added

Warren said Taufest turned in his badge and police identification after being advised of the change. There was no letter of resignation. Taufest could not be reached for comment.

Wilford A. LaFontaine, 1270 Park ave., has been added to the force. Warren announced Wednesday night LaFontaine went on duty immediately replacing Everett "Tiny" Odle on a downtown foot-patrol beat from midnight to 8 a.m.

Odle was transferred to the Hollywood district where his hours will be 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. The Hollywood district beat had been handled by Harley Conroy until his dismissal last week for an infraction of civil service rules.

Taufest, 45, joined the police department on Jan. 1, 1948, coming from the Oregon City police force. He served as patrolman and juvenile officer before his recent appointment as detective. His employment touched off a controversy because it was claimed to be in violation of civil service age and residence requirements.

VIDEO GRANT CUT
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—A federal communications commission examiner has recommended the Video Broadcasting Co., Portland, Ore., not be granted any more time to complete its proposed television station.

THE WEATHER				
	Max.	Min.	Pres.	
Salem	62	38	trace	
Portland	59	34	33	
San Francisco	70	48	50	
Chicago	63	43	50	
New York	55	43	trace	
Willamette River	3			
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): For this morning little or no rain. Fair this afternoon and tonight. High today near 60, low tonight near 35. Agriculture outlook: weather will continue favorable today and tomorrow.				
SALEM PRECIPITATION				
This year	4.75			
Last year	4.41			
Normal	2.75			



CANTON, Oct. 13 — Red Troops cracked through the outer defenses of the provincial capital at Canton today and the nationalist government announced establishment of the new capital at Chungking. Green clad communist soldiers were reported within 35 miles of the city. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stroup

Phil Murray, head of CIO, is presently acting as field marshal for the steel workers' strike; but he is also looking ahead to the annual CIO convention at Cleveland, opening October 31. This is a critical meeting for CIO because a showdown is expected over communism in its ranks. The situation has been building up for years, glossed over two years ago, but out in the open last year at Portland. This year it looks as though action would come.

The anti-communists outnumber the Reds in the CIO, but in some unions the communies have gotten control and have managed to hold onto it. Biggest of these is the United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers, with a membership of 400,000. Its recent convention re-elected its old officers, over the strenuous opposition of James Carey, general secretary of CIO. The union also demanded that CIO call off other unions accused of raiding their union. This raiding has been going on, — the United Auto Workers for example has been going after members now allied to the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, another leftwing outfit, the one that staged the prolonged strike at Allis Chalmers plant in Racine some two years ago.

It is possible that the pro-communist unions will beat national CIO to the draw and withdraw to set up a federation of their own. Other large unions listed in this category are Harry Bridges' International Longshore Workers, International Fur and Leather Workers, Marine.

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SIGNS PAY BILL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—A pay raise for most of the nation's fighting men ranging from about \$5 a month for recruits to a little more than \$300 for generals with 30 years' experience—was signed into law today by President Truman.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Any vacancies?"

Red Troops Strike To Isolate Canton

HONG KONG, Thursday, Oct. 13 (AP)—Chinese communist armies today struck to trap doomed Canton's nationalist garrison of 80,000 men.

The official central news agency announced formal establishment of Chungking as the new nationalist capital, effective Saturday. The action was by presidential decree.

Red Gen. Cheng Keng sent his swift-moving columns racing to cut off the garrison's overland escape corridors extending east and west of the nationalist capital.

The nationalist forces had the Pearl river to their backs—and not enough shipping to take them all to the safety of the open sea.

Red troops thrusting down the broad highway from Tsungfa, 35 miles to the northeast, seemed the most likely to enter Canton first.

Another powerful red column has bypassed Tsingyun, 40 miles northwest of the city, and crossed North river. It is steadily narrowing the western escape route into Kwangsi province.

The nationalist northern perimeter has been pulled in to an average of about 40 miles from Canton.

Independent observers yesterday toured an area 20 miles from the city where nationalist defenses supposedly were set up. They found no defenses.

Livestock Sale At P-I Draws Good Offers

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

NORTH PORTLAND, Oct. 12 (Special)—The biggest livestock sale ever held in the northwest describes the huge one which got off to a good start shortly after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. It was the first combined sale of open class, 4-H and FFA fat stock ever held at the Pacific International Livestock exhibition.

A record number of 582 fat lambs, swine and steers brought their youthful owners \$108,342.49 in a combined 4-H and FFA auction sale today in giant Pacific International Horse show arena. Prices were well above the market average.

Three hundred and six head of steers averaged \$2.1 cents per pound. The lambs, 91 in number, averaged \$8.6; and 185 head of swine returned an average 26.6 cents per pound.

Gary Holmes, Halsey, sold his grand champion 4-H hog for \$1.20 a pound, top price in the hog division.

Lambs brought the best profit for their owners. The 91 head of FFA and 4-H animals sold at an average 46.6 cents a pound, more than double the regular market top. But, at that, it was below the 53.8 cents average of last year's show.

Superintendent Prosser E. Clark of the P-I fat stock division explained that the combined auction was designed to give a better break to meat buyers and exhibitors alike. Until 1948, the 4-H stock sale was held Wednesday with the open class auction the following day. Then last year, FFA joined the fat stock division and held its sale Thursday. Out-of-town buyers complained they had to leave their places of business too long if they participated in all three auctions.

(Story also on page 2.)

Well Baby Clinic Examines 24 at Woodburn School

WOODBURN, Oct. 12 (Special)—Twenty-four pre-school children and first graders were examined and immunized Tuesday in the well-baby clinic at Lincoln grade school.

The examining physician was Dr. Willard Stone, Marion county health officer. He was assisted by Merwyn Darby and Mrs. Jean Wright, county health nurses. Woodburn women assisting were Mesdames Kenneth McGrath, Dean Bishopric, M. M. Hicks, John Hooper and Mathew Moshel.

Eighteen first graders and six pre-school were examined and given shots or vaccinations. Another clinic will be held November 8.

BOGUS BILLS REPORTED

PORTLAND, Oct. 12 (AP)—Forty-four counterfeit \$10 bills, passed in Portland and in Clackamas county, have been reported to the U. S. secret service office here this week.

Missing Scio Girl Found at Detroit

SCIO, Oct. 12 — (Special) — Yvonne Richards, 13-year-old Scio high school girl who disappeared September 30, was located at Detroit by relatives this morning and returned home.

A statewide search was started by her mother, Mrs. Louise Nash of Scio, who last saw her daughter September 29. Scio Police Chief Howard Jordan said the girl was located by an uncle. He said she rode her bicycle from Scio to Detroit, a distance of 30 miles.

Jordan said the girl was unharmed and gave no reason for running away. She will resume her freshman studies at the high school.

EXTENSION MEET SLATED

BUENA VISTA — Elsie Marco, county home extension leader, will conduct the first fall meeting of the Buena Vista unit at the community hall Wednesday, October 19. Her subject will be "Landscape Gardening."

Salem Man to Deliver Turkey To Turkish President Inonu

McMINNVILLE, Oct. 12 (Special)—The Salem man who carried beans to Boston this summer announced today he will personally escort a grand champion northwest Turkey to Ismet Inonu, president of the republic of Turkey.

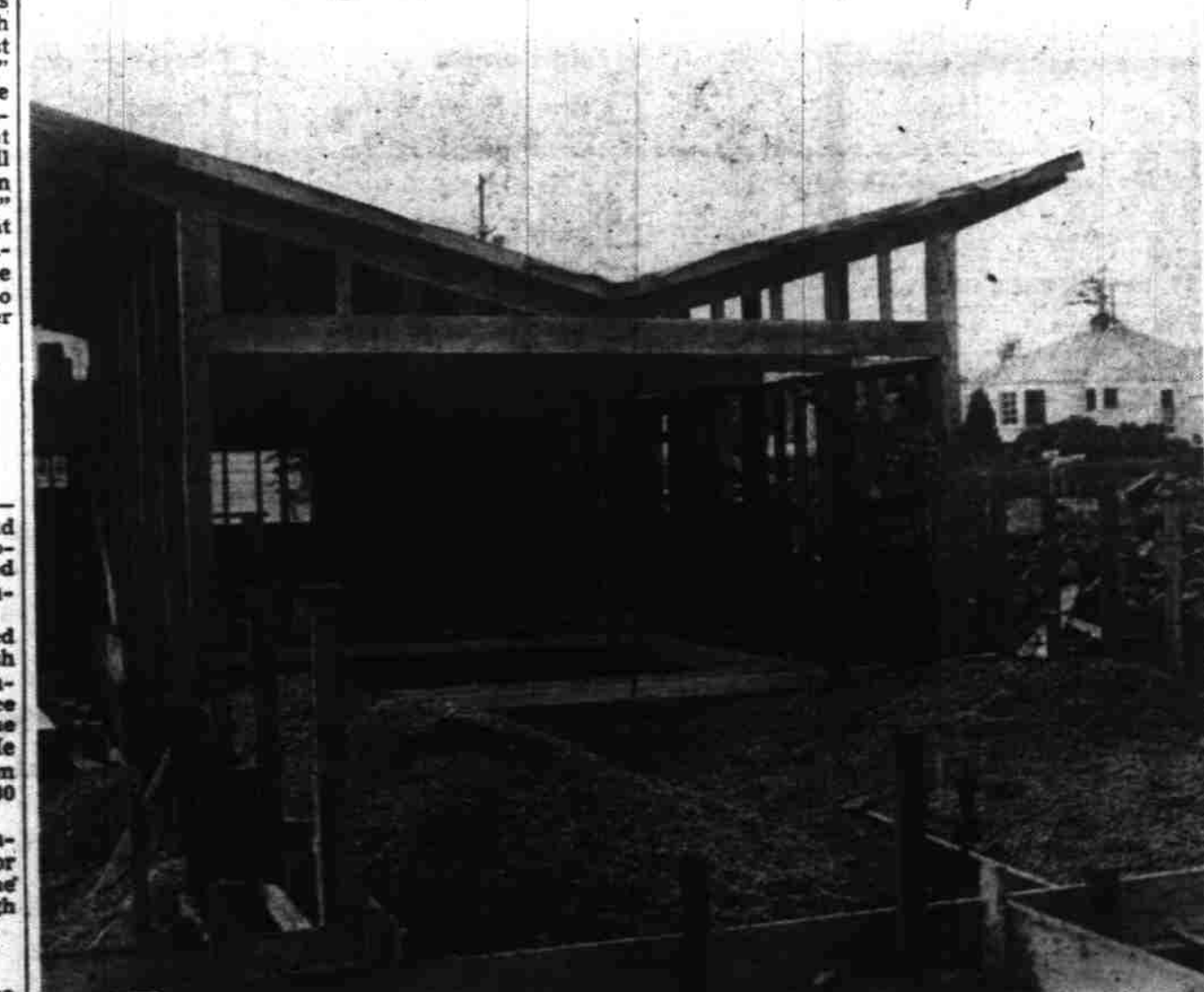
Gene Malecki, manager for the Pacific Northwest Turkey exhibit in McMinnville November 15 through 18, will fly the prize bird to Istanbul to provide the Turkish ruler with the makings of a real American Thanksgiving.

The flight was sanctioned by C. W. Norton, president of Northwest Poultry and Dairy products, who said it would be a good idea to send a good will ambassador to present the live turkey. President Inonu has already wired show officials expressing his gratitude for the good will gesture from the northwest.

And that's not all. Malecki will also stop over at Washington, D. C., where he will present another champion McMinnville bird to President Truman, who shunned numerous other turkeys last Thanksgiving to dine on an Oregon bird.

And just so nobody will feel slighted the exhibit will present a top Oregon turkey to all of the United States' 48 governors for their Thanksgiving dinners.

That's Right, This Roof Is Upside Down



Edmond M. MacCollin, Salem architect, is shown pointing to the "butterfly" roof on the home he is building at 2790 Mountain View dr., in Candalaria Heights. The upside-down roof, subject of controversy among both architects and laymen, will allow installation of windows around the entire upper portion of the section which will house the living and dining rooms. (Statesman photo.)