

Salem Has No Obligation in Fire Protection Outside of City Limits, Mayor Declares

The city of Salem "does not guarantee or assure fire protection to any property located anywhere outside of the city limits," Mayor R. L. Elstrom has informed Mrs. Donald K. Griffith, secretary of the Liberty-Salem Heights fire district committee.

The question was raised by Griffith in a series of questions to the mayor pertaining to a vote scheduled Tuesday, December 13, as to whether a new fire district should be formed in an eight-mile-square area south and southeast of Salem.

The mayor said the city's attitude toward fire protection outside of its incorporated limits was set forth in its resolution of last December 27. The resolution provided that in cases wherein equipment could be spared from the city, and wherein special protection was approved in advance by the city council, property owners who had deposited a minimum of \$100 would receive response from a fire alarm. The deposit would be payable yearly with no rebate.

The charge to residents with such contracts would be \$50 per hour or fraction thereof for each piece of fire equipment used, the \$100 thus paying for one hour for two pieces of equipment. If more than that equipment-hours were needed, an additional charge would be made on the \$50-an-hour basis.

Mayor Elstrom wrote that there was no truth in reports that city fire trucks would respond to rural areas in cases wherein residents had \$50 riders on their insurance policies to guarantee payment or wherein residents had a \$50 deposit in the bank. He also said the city was not required to send trucks outside the city limits up to three miles, as had been rumored.

Mayor Elstrom, who said the city would be "willing to discuss" the problem of mutual aid in event a Liberty-Salem Heights district were formed, declared that:

"There have been isolated cases where the city fire-fighting equipment has, in the absence of any arrangements therefor, responded to calls to private premises beyond the city limits. Under the terms of the resolution such calls are now against the declared policy of the council, although the fire chief has some discretion in the matter where he considers the outside fire to be of a nature or at a location that it may menace property within the city."

The proposed fire district extends roughly from the south city limits on the southeast to Pringle road on highway 99-E, and south to the ridge above Croisan creek.

Shot from Ground Hits Airline Pilot

MANILA, Sunday, Nov. 27-(P)—Cathay Pacific Airways today said one of its U. S. pilots was wounded by a bullet while flying a plane near Mandalay in Burma Thursday. The airways said the pilot, James Harper, (home town unavailable) was hospitalized. (Presumably he was a victim of the civil warfare in Burma.)

U.S. Protests Slaying of GI By Russ Sentry

BERLIN, Nov. 26. —(P)— Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor protested personally to Soviet Commandant Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov today against the fatal shooting by a Soviet sentry of Staff Sgt. John E. Staff of Ramsey, Ill. Taylor said it was "senseless brutality."

The U.S. commandant demanded punishment of the sentry and assurances that Russian sentries in the future undertake "responsible use of their weapons."

U.S. army authorities said Sgt. Staff, of the U.S. air forces, was killed when he, two other air force men and a German girl inadvertently crossed into the Soviet zone while out driving last night. Discovering the mistake when they came to an obscure Soviet checkpoint, the driver turned about and sped for the center of Berlin, refusing to heed the sentry's signs to proceed on into the Soviet zone.

The sentry riddled the back of the car with several shots and one bullet hit the sergeant in the head. He died in the British royal air force hospital at Gatow airfield.

U. S. authorities said the air force men were in uniform and were driving a plainly marked official air force car.

Taylor's note said the Americans' action in turning back toward the British sector was peaceable.

"It is difficult to understand the senseless brutality of a sentry who would fire upon a member of the armed forces of a friendly nation under such circumstances," he said. "I trust that you will appreciate the seriousness with which the United States authorities view this act."

Nelson Re-Elected By College Public Relations Officers

SPOKANE, Nov. 26 —(P)— Lyle M. Nelson of Eugene, Oregon, was elected president of the northwest district of the American College Public Relations association today.

Nelson is public relations director for the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Approximately 40 public relations officials from Pacific northwest colleges and universities attended the two-day conference here. The meet ended today with a business session and panel discussion.

Next year's conference will be held in Portland, Ore., it was decided.

France, Poland Trade Blows in 'Spy' Dispute

By Ormond Godfrey
WARSAW, Poland, Nov. 26-(P)— Poland rounded up a group of Frenchmen and France deported nine more Poles today in the eye-for-an-eye struggle set off by the arrest of a French consular attaché in Poland last week.

Each nation accuses citizens of the other of spying.

Diplomatic circles here view the chain reaction with some alarm. They say the affair might easily get out of hand and snap diplomatic relations between Paris and Warsaw.

The Polish foreign ministry announced the arrest of Antoine Boitte, French vice consul in Warsaw, in reprisal for the French arrest Thursday of Joseph Czecherbinski, the Polish vice consul at Lille. Police picked up Boitte at 4 a.m.

Other Arrests Noted

The French embassy told of other arrests. An embassy stenographer, Sophie Milczynska, and a consular stenographer, Eida Penone-Chelmonska, were among those held. Both are French citizens. A Polish stenographer of the French institute, Helene Kurczaba, also was arrested. Reports to the embassy indicated the arrest of four Frenchmen in other cities.

French ambassador Jean Baelen personally intervened last night

and held off security police seeking another embassy worker, Miss Helen Loisel. She escaped down a back stair of her apartment and was escorted to the embassy after Baelen, summoned by telephone, stopped the raiders with a demand to see their warrant. They had none.

Arrest of Robineau

Tension between Poland and France started with the arrest of Andre Robineau, a French consulate attaché at Szczecin (Stettin), on espionage charges last week.

(French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman formally charged Saturday that Poland has broken the United Nations charter in her treatment of arrested Frenchmen, particularly Robineau. He said in a note to the Polish ambassador that the accused Poles "will be assured of all those rights guaranteed in a democratic country," even though such rights are not assured "French now detained in Poland.")

(The French expulsion of nine Poles brings to 26 the number deported in a week in France's investigation of espionage and sabotage. Vice Consul Czecherbinski is held in a Paris prison on espionage charges. Also held is M. Szuster, president of a Polish patriotic organization at Lille known as the PPO.)

SCOUTS WIN AWARDS

WILLAMINA — Nancy Reed, Sharon Lee Spangler, Doona Rainboth and Darlene Rydell received their Girl Scout pins Monday at the regular meeting of the Girl Scout troop 2. Bonnie King and Zonna Boyer gave reports of their design, traffic signal and good grooming badges.

West German Leaders Feud; Rocks Nation

By George Boulwood
BONN, Germany, Nov. 26-(P)— A bitter personal feud between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and social democratic leader Kurt Schumacher over the new allied-German agreement is rocking the west German republic.

Schumacher was barred from the next 29 days' sittings of parliament—which means he will be out until about next March—for calling Adenauer "chancellor of the allies" in debate.

A full scale crisis was averted only the social democrats' decision not to boycott parliament in protest. The party is the second largest in west Germany.

"My exclusion strongly endangers further collaboration in this house," said Schumacher, one-armed, one-legged chief of the opposition to Adenauer's coalition government. "The social democratic party has not yet decided how it will react, but it will react."

The exclusion order was issued by the council of elders, a rules committee made up of representatives of all parties, which held the insulted Adenauer by implying the chancellor was a puppet of the western powers.

Christian democratic leader, 74, told newsmen he would have accepted an apology from Schumacher, but none was forthcoming.

Boos Mark Debate

The parliament voted down, in a tumultuous session that ended at dawn, a social democratic motion challenging the authority of Adenauer to sign the agreement. Boos, catcalls and banging of desk tops marked the debate.

The western allied high commissioners announced the German republic is to work for a year in the framework of its newly expanded powers, without further revisions.

The negotiations with Adenauer are complete and the 10-point pact they signed yesterday is not to be regarded as "a stepping stone for further demands," the representatives of the United States, Britain and France told a news conference.

British Fire Red Suspect

LONDON, Nov. 26 —(P)— A British foreign office official has been suspended because he is believed to be a communist.

A foreign office spokesman said tonight neither details nor the official's name could be given.

The government began more than a year ago a purge of communists from posts where they had access to state secrets.

Reliable sources said the man suspended by the foreign office is a civil servant in the executive class, who has held his job for several years.

Doctors Save One Eye for Family of 3

PORTLAND, Nov. 26-(P)— Mary Hope Hodgdon, 12, got a belated Thanksgiving present today—her vision.

The youngster who since childhood has been the eyes of her blind parents learned today that her one remaining eye probably will be saved.

The eye, threatened by the same rare ailment which cost her the sight of the other, was examined by physicians today, 10 days after an operation.

The retina, which had been breaking loose, was fastened down again as needle-pricks healed. "The operation appears to be a very great success," reported

physicians at the Elks eye clinic of the University of Oregon medical school.

Sandbags which have been around Mary Hope's head to avoid a sudden movement were removed. She can safely move her head a little more, now.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hodgdon promptly began making plans to celebrate. They expect to bring Mary Hope home from the hospital in about a week.

But she still won't get to read the 1,000 letters and packages which have been sent her from throughout the country. "We're saving them until she gets home," said her father. "But friends are going to read them to her. We're not going to run any risk of straining that eye."

FADLING RE-ELECTED

PORTLAND, Nov. 26-(P)— James E. Fadling was reelected to a third term as president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America in unionwide mail ballot returns announced today.

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