

Congressmen Protest Reports Of Inadequate Defense Grid for Northwest; Blast Brings Denial

By Charles D. Watkins
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—Protests arose in both houses of congress today over reports that military leaders consider the Pacific northwest "vulnerable" to enemy attack and that coastal defense plants would be moved inland.

Bridges Trial Erupts Into Fiery Words

By Katherine Pinkham
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12—(AP)—The Harry Bridges perjury trial erupted in fiery words again today.

Chief Defense Counsel Vincent Hallinan accused the prosecution of "fraud, corruption, deceit and concealment."

Federal Judge George B. Harris again cited the volcanic Hallinan for misconduct.

Then Hallinan demanded a mistrial ruling from the bench on the grounds the judge was "manifestly prejudicial."

Judge Harris denied the motion for mistrial.

It all began over a hotel registration card which a government witness, Lew Michener, professed former communist and now Long Beach labor union official, signed here Aug. 16, 1940.

Michener and several other government witnesses have testified Bridges once belonged to the communist party.

The government accuses Bridges of lying when he swore at his naturalization hearing in 1946 he had never been a member of the communist party.

Michener had testified he attended a communist meeting with Bridges here late in 1940.

Hallinan accused the prosecution of trying to keep Michener's hotel card out of evidence so Bridges would have no opportunity to produce an alibi for that date.

Hallinan asked Lawrence Kessler, an immigrant agent, if he did not have a "desire unjustly and contrary to the facts to procure a conviction in this case."

It was Kessler who had obtained the registration card, had it photographed, and taken it back to the hotel where it was put into a safe.

Objection raised
F. Joseph Donohue, chief prosecutor, objected.

Hallinan flared:
"This little card put in so inadvertently convicts officers of the prosecution of fraud, corruption, deceit and concealment."

Judge Harris told the jury to disregard Hallinan's statement and asked:
"I assign his remark to his misconduct."

Only two days ago the judge had likewise cited Hallinan for misconduct.

COUNTY AGENT RESIGNS
MADRAS, Jan. 12—(AP)—Jefferson County Agent Hollis Ottoway resigned today to join his father in farming in Polk county. Ottoway was appointed only Jan. 1 to succeed Melvin Hagood, resigned.



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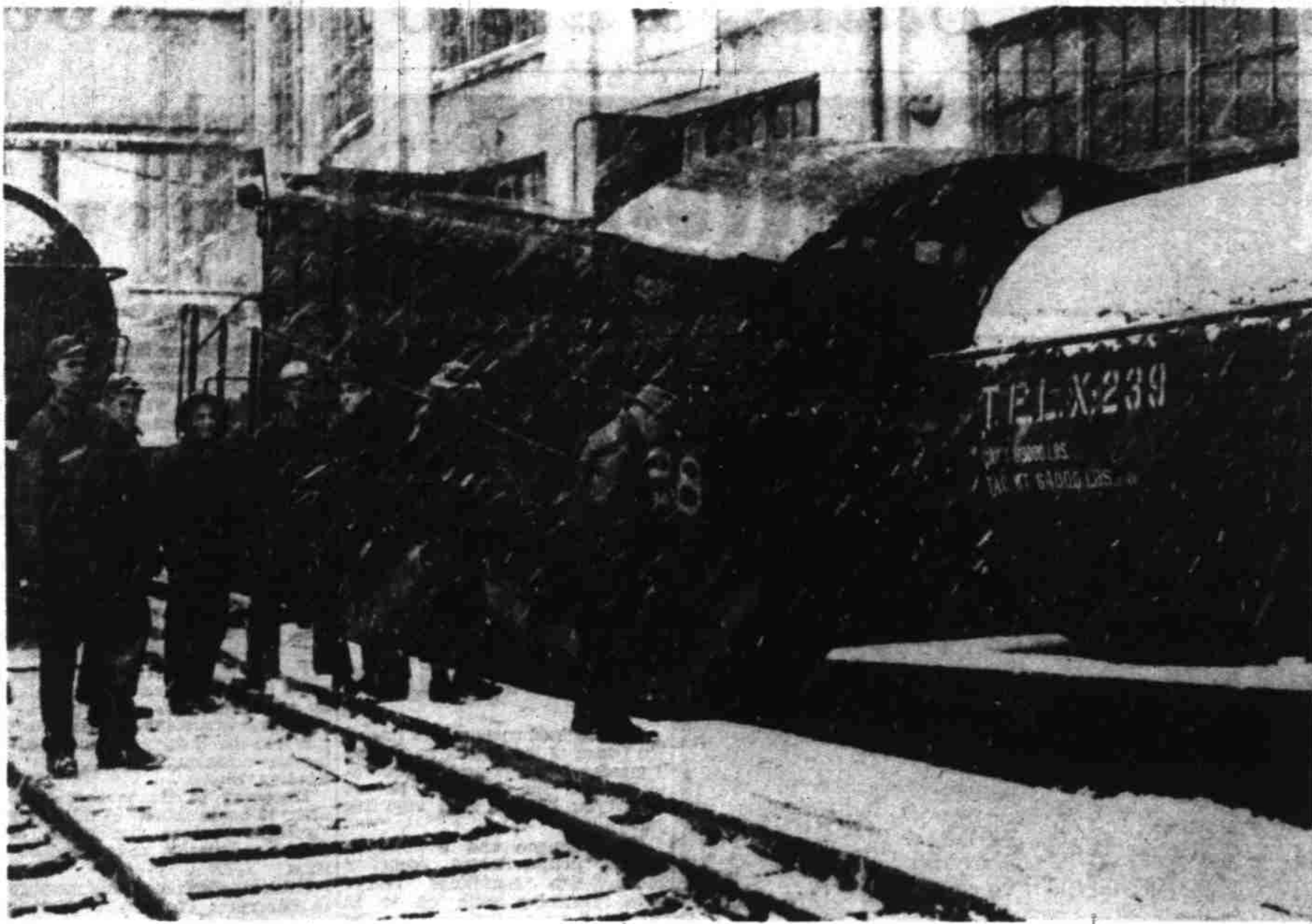
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Trestle Collapses Under Oregon Electric Engine



Shivering railroad men are shown standing in Thursday's snow storm inspecting an Oregon Electric diesel freight engine and tank car which fell four feet through a flood-weakened trestle over the mill race at the Oregon Pulp and Paper company. Crews will attempt to rescue the 150-ton engine and 65-ton car this morning. (Statesman photo by Lester F. Cour.) (Story on page one.)

Aaron Frank Denies Ads Hinge on News

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(AP)—The president of the Meier & Frank Co. department store denied today that his firm had withdrawn advertising from the Oregonian because of an unfavorable news story.

Aaron M. Frank, head of the store, asserted, "the news and editorial policies of newspapers have no effect on the advertising policies of Meier & Frank; further, Meier & Frank does not participate in newspaper politics."

The statement was made after the Multnomah county democratic central committee passed a resolution commending the Oregonian for its stand on the matter.

"The resolution adopted said: 'Whereas, the national labor relations board held hearings and made findings that Meier & Frank company had engaged in a number of unfair labor practices; and whereas, The Oregonian published a full and accurate account from Seattle, Wash., to Wichita, Kas.'"

Mitchell said that on August 31, Symington replied as follows: "The most important reason we wanted to build in Wichita was relative to strategic vulnerability."

Mitchell said Symington explained that the Seattle area is within range, on a round-trip basis, of the Soviet version of the current American B-29 bomber operating from existing bases in Siberia.

count of said proceedings in spite of the fact that said company constituted its largest advertiser and might make reprisals by withdrawing its advertising.

"Therefore, we, the democratic central committee of Multnomah county, wish to commend the Oregonian for its courageous endeavor to present the truth and protect the institution of the free press."

Meier & Frank advertising in Friday's Oregonian is limited to one page. Several pages normally are used in Friday editions of the newspaper. Spokesmen for Meier & Frank said the store had decided to limit the advertising because of snow and cold weather, which kept consumers at home.

Oregonian officials made no comment.

Hospital Inmate Confesses to Starting Fire

(Picture on Page One)
DAVENPORT, Ia., Jan. 12—(AP)—A 23-year-old woman patient, described as "schizophrenic," was reported today to have confessed to setting a mental ward fire in which 41 women perished.

Scott County Attorney Clark O. Filseth filed a charge of "murder committed in the perpetration of arson" against Mrs. Elnora Epperly, of Rock Island, Ill., across the Mississippi river from here.

Meanwhile, authorities said they were checking further the story of the small and attractive brunette who was a patient in St. Elizabeth's mental ward of Mercy hospital which was destroyed by fire early Saturday.

They said she smiled frequently during questioning, and calmly smoked cigarettes.

Hospital records showed Mrs. Epperly had entered the institution last December 12 and was due to be released on the day of the fire.

Rock Island (Ill.) State's Attorney Bernard Moran, first approached by Mrs. Epperly, said he had doubts about the woman's "admissions."

He said that Dr. Werner M. Hollander, Davenport psychiatrist who attended her, described the woman as "schizophrenic," and said the story was typical of her type of patient.

(Schizophrenia is a form of mental derangement resulting in inaction of the simulating qualities which one does not possess.)

Moran said Mrs. Epperly told him she had set fire to the curtains of her room at St. Elizabeth's with a cigaret lighter.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Weinbrandt, assigned to the Rock Island state's attorney's office as an investigator, said officials probing the fire told him evidence indicated the fire started in her room. He said he questioned the woman for four hours and that she was "clear and definite" on facts.

REALLY MARVELOUS!
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12—(AP)—The East-West football game Dec. 31 netted \$130,398.22 for the Shrine hospital for crippled children. That was a new high for the annual post season classic. Last year the net profit was about \$115,000.

HOLLYWOOD
Now Showing—Open 6:45

FIGHTING MAN OF THE PLAINS
CINECOLOR

A Nat. Hot Production—Released by 20th Century-Fox

CO-FEATURE

ARCTIC FURY

Third Party in Egypt Triangle Flies to U.S.

By The Associated Press
Zaki Hashem, the third party in King Farouk's reported royal romance, left Egypt today by air for his old job in New York.

The 27-year-old United Nations employe's status had been in doubt since reports that King Farouk had ordered him to call off his scheduled Dec. 8 marriage to Narriman Sadek, 16, so the king could marry the girl himself.

Hashem had been planning to leave with official permission Jan. 1. But when the romance story was published abroad he was ordered to remain in Egypt. Now, however, he has been given permission to leave.

An informant told the Associated Press at the time news of the royal romance was published that King Farouk had seen the girl only twice when he capriciously decided on December 4 to make her queen over his 20,000,000 subjects.

He saw her once on the beach at Alexandria last summer when she was swimming. The other time was in a Cairo jewelry shop where she was shopping with Hashem for a wedding ring.

Friends abroad said before his departure Hashem refused a \$30,000 cash gift offered him by someone allegedly close to the palace. He also said no when it was hinted he could be ambassador to Russia if he would forget the romance.

The New York Daily News said in a story from Rome that Hashem's girl was being held incommunicado in Egypt and was not allowed to bid him farewell.

Norblad Appointed GOP Western Whip
U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore), has again been appointed western republican whip of the house, he advised in letters received Thursday in Salem.

This assignment is in addition to his regular committee positions as a member of the committees on committees and on armed forces.

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"FATHER WAS A FULLBACK"
—
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MUSIC BY
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GLENWOOD BALLROOM
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The Hollywood Outlaws
Dance & Show

Rains Renew Flood Danger

By The Associated Press
Steady rains throughout the Midwest sent the mighty Ohio river and its tributaries spilling into more communities Thursday. The danger of widespread new floods increased.

Engineers and weather observers upped their flood crest forecasts for that section of the Ohio river along the Illinois-Kentucky border. Several more days of rain have been forecast.

Hundreds of holdouts—families who have refused suggestions they flee to higher ground—remained behind weakened levees hoping for the best.

L. W. Sellman, weather forecaster at Chicago, said "it looks very

serious" in the Ohio river valley. He said he saw no break in the warm, moist air which is causing the steady rains or drizzle over the watershed.

GI Dividends Ready to Mail

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The treasury department turned out its first batch of World War II veterans insurance dividend checks today.

The veterans administration said, however, that none of them will be mailed until next Monday.

On that date, the two agencies plan to start turning out an average of 200,000 checks a day, 1,000,000 a week, in payment of the \$2,800,000,000 dividend to 16,000,000 veterans.

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