

Steel Bridge Rental Contract Shocks State Highway Group

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Oregon highway commissioners took a closer look today at a contract with two railroads involving use of the Steel bridge over the Willamette. It was a shocker.

The commission quickly decided to buy the top highway deck of the combination railroad-highway span to get out of a bad deal.

With \$900,000 already invested

Bridges Claims Rank, File Planned Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Harry Bridges testified today that rank and file longshoremen—not communists—were planned and carried out the West Coast's bitter 1934 strike.

This was a pointed effort to refute prosecution testimony that the long and costly 1934 strike was communist-directed.

Bridges is president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union. He is defending himself against a federal charge that he lied to obtain citizenship in 1945. He swore then that he was not a communist. The government charges that he was.

Bridges outlined the 1934 strike preparations, the committee organization and strategy meetings. He said locals were formed up and down the coast, and a rank and file referendum was taken, authorizing a strike if demands were not met. That strike led to formation of the ILWU.

"I was chairman of the strike committee," Bridges testified. "I got the job mostly because nobody else wanted it. I've got the minutes yet, who made the resolutions and just what was done."

Bridges said the strike was delayed from March until May 9, 1934, after the union acceded to a request by President Roosevelt for a postponement. When it started, he said, an estimated 12,000 to 13,000 longshoremen went out. With other unions progressively becoming affected, he estimated 30,000 persons were idle on the coast within a month.

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OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND
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BATTLEGROUNDS
THE GUTS,
GAGS AND GLORY OF A LOT
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CAPITOL
William Holden
Lucille Ball in
"Miss Grant
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The Henry Morgan Show
"SO THIS IS NEW YORK"

Dance Tonight

CRYSTAL GARDENS
Old Time & Modern
Music by Pop Edwards

CRYSTAL GARDENS TONIGHT

1624 N. Commercial
You walking up
over paint store

CHOP SUEY
TEA GARDEN

Reds Concentrate Forces Opposite Island of Formosa

TAIPEI, Formosa, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The red conqueror of Shanghai today was reported to have moved powerful forces into Fukien province opposite Formosa, possibly to mount an invasion of this island fortress.

The defense ministry said communist Gen. Chen Yi sent his veteran 10th army group into Fukien to stamp out nationalist guerrillas. Independent quarters thought that was too much like using cannon to kill gnats. They believed it more likely preparations were under way for the predicted communist invasion of Formosa.

One of the first tasks for Chen's seasoned troops may be cleaning out Quemoy (Chimmen) island, 120 miles west of Formosa.

Arctic Expedition Ships Battle Ice

BRISTOL BAY, Alaska, Feb. 7.—(AP)—(Via navy communications) Seven ships of a U. S. navy expedition today continued battling howling winds, tossing seas and blinding snow at the edge of the Arctic ice pack.

Two submarines with the force—the Perch and Barbero—were forced to make repeated dives to remove coatings of ice.

Surface ship sailors battled the ice by the old-fashioned method of chopping it off.

The ships, driven from anchorages by the storm, were using radar to guard against unseen dangers.

Transient Charged With Office Burglary

Charges of breaking into a local insurance office were filed against Vernon F. Kissell, a transient, in a city police arrest Tuesday.

The charge involves a burglary attempt at the Beneficial Standard Life Insurance Co. early last Saturday, police said. Nothing was reported stolen. Kissell was held in lieu of \$2,000 bail.

YEE SING
(that's my name, sure)

Morse Raps Republican Party Policy

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Oregon's republican Senator Wayne L. Morse said today he thinks the new republican policy statement should have been more specific on major issues.

Morse, who often disagrees with his party's leadership, stopped here enroute by plane to his home state for a little campaigning.

Morse said he is pleased with the platform announced in Washington Monday, as far as it goes.

"It gives promise," he said in an interview, "of maximum harmony within the party."

But he added he thinks "a stronger appeal could have been made to the independent voters who hold the balance of power in every election."

Morse said he would like to see republican congressmen commit themselves firmly to the Hoover commission recommendations for reorganization of the executive branch of the government; to the tax program recommended by the Committee for Economic Development; and to the Ives-Morse labor act.

"The voters could get their teeth into such commitments," he said. "There could be no question of what we mean. Unless the promised 'improvement of the Taft-Hartley act' involves drastic revisions along the lines of the Ives-Morse bill, the republicans will once again lose the votes of the overwhelming majority of workers."

Morse said he approves most vigorously the GOP statement on bipartisan foreign policy "if it means what I think it means." His idea, he said, is that democratic and republican leaders should confer in advance of any international commitments by the president or the secretary of state.

But he said he fears the language of the policy statement on that point might be subject to mis-interpretation "unless the republicans in congress make it clear that the foreign policy statement is neither a gesture to nor a compromise with the isolationists."

Western Europe Asks Additional Marshall Plan Aid

PARIS, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Western Europe wants another \$4,700,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 in American Marshall plan aid over the next two years to hold the line against communism.

The funds were asked by European member areas surveyed at the half-way mark of the recovery program inspired 32 months ago by former Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Congress will decide how much it gets.

The 325-page report will be scanned by congress before hearings on the appropriations for 1950-51, due to start Feb. 21.

Breneman Widow Widowed Again

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Dan Heiser, the family friend who married Tom Breneman's widow six months ago, was found dead yesterday under circumstances similar to the death of the late radio master of ceremonies.

Heiser, 49, was a divisional sales manager for the Lincoln Engineering Co. He married Mrs. Breneman July 3, 1949, in Tijuana 15 months after Breneman died.

Heiser was found dead in the kitchen of their home by his wife. She was the one who discovered Breneman's body in a hallway of their home April 29, 1948. Both men died of heart attacks.

MRS. KLANE LEAVES
YDANHA — Mrs. Gertrude Klane of Lincoln, Neb., who has spent the past month visiting her daughter, Mrs. Warren Stoll and family, left Friday for San Fernando, Calif., to visit another daughter, Mrs. Charles Mohlers and family.

Before 1921, there were few mechanical refrigerators in domestic use.

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Friend's Joke Jails Briton In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7.—(AP)—An Englishman is languishing in an Argentine jail apparently as the result of a joke that backfired.

Frank Kirtson, 43, was arrested Feb. 2 and has since been held incommunicado on charges of "crimes against the security of the state." Rumors have flooded Buenos Aires that he was involved in a plot against President Juan D. Peron and Mrs. Peron.

Today persons in a position to know said he was picked up by federal police in connection with a cable he received saying: "Congratulations safe arrival three and one half kilos dynamite."

Kirtson's brother John said the cable was received from the wife of an American diplomat stationed in Rio De Janeiro and was meant for congratulations on the birth of a seven and one half pound (three and one half kilos) daughter Jan. 22 to Frank Kirtson and his wife.

J. J. Kleeman, Long-Time City Resident, Dies

Jacob John Kleeman, 77, who had resided in Salem since 1911, died here Tuesday night.

He was employed about 23 years with the Portland Gas and Coke company here and lived recently at 2370 Hollywood dr.

Kleeman was born May 2, 1872, in Missouri and was married Oct. 25, 1898, in Sioux Falls, S. D. to the former Elizabeth Frances Loomis, who survives him in Salem.

The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here in 1948.

The deceased was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church.

Also surviving are five children, Florence and Percy Kleeman and Mrs. Grace Stephens, all of Salem; Walter W. Kleeman of the U. S. navy; and Ernest A. Kleeman, San Francisco; a sister, Mrs. Ella L. Schriener, Sauk City, Wis.; three brothers, E. A. and Edward Kleeman, both of Salem, and G. F. Kleeman, Glendale, Calif.

Funeral services will be arranged by W. T. Rigdon company.

Albany Chamber Head Elected by State Group

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Walter W. Underwood, Albany Chamber of Commerce manager, today was elected state president by Oregon chamber executives.

The officials, holding their annual meeting here, named E. M. Killion, La Grande, vice-president; and D. J. Donahue, Baker, secretary-treasurer.

1,000 DIE IN AIR RAID

TOKYO, Wednesday, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Chinese communist radio today asserted 1,000 persons were killed in Monday's nationalist air raid on red Shanghai.

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ALL THE KINGS MEN
Story of a BIG SHOT!
...his Merits,
Manners and
Woman!

Broderick CRAWFORD
Joanne Drew - John Ireland - John Derek

Co-Hit! Robert Young
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Flood threats loomed in the Willamette valley again today as rivers climbed and more rain was predicted.

The Santiam is expected to reach the 13-foot flood level at Jefferson today but in Salem the Willamette was still 10 feet below flood stage last night.

River experts here said it would take at least another 48 hours of prime conditions for the Willamette to approach the 20.7 foot level at which it crested on January 24 following a rapid rise.

Gusty southerly winds were blowing through Salem at midnight and were predicted to reach a velocity of 45 to 50 miles an hour during the night.

Elsewhere the thaw was wiping out lingering traces of the severe winter. At Bridal Veil in the Columbia gorge, 25 marooned families dug their way out as men of the community cleared the final six miles to the main highway. They had been cut off for days and food had run low in some families.

Unemployment Spread by Soft Coal Strike

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The soft coal strike spread growing unemployment in related industries today and even hit at the nation's educational system.

Four colleges in Illinois will close, beginning tomorrow night, because of dwindling coal supplies.

Already 25,326 workers in coal using industries have been forced into idleness in the long drawn out coal dispute.

Thousands of additional layoffs in railroads and steel companies are predicted shortly if the more than 370,000 striking soft coal diggers continue their nationwide "no contract no work" strike.

Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson announced the state's four teachers colleges will close until February 27 "or until such time as coal supplies are made available." The shutdown order will suspend studies of more than 7,200 students.

Unusual Snow Covers Shores of Dead Sea

AMMAN, Hashemite Jordan, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Snow covered the shores of the Dead Sea today for the first time in modern history. The Dead sea, famed in Biblical history, is 1,400 feet below sea level.

The snow was 15 inches deep at the northern end of the sea, located in Arab Palestine, and 3 inches at the winter resort of Shouana.

100 Boy Scouts, Parents Attend Court of Honor

About 100 Boy Scouts and parents of Salem's troop 12 attended a banquet and court of honor at the VFW hall Monday on the eve of the 40th anniversary of scout-ing.

Douglas Parks introduced Judge William McKinney who spoke of the responsibility that parents and boys have to scouting.

Jack Rhoades was awarded the eagle scout silver palm. Other awards: life badge, Ralph Oliver; first-class badge, Gary Smith and James Durbin; second-class badge, Charles King and Thomas Lovell; merit badges, Arthur Hulsey, Irwin Geer, Smith and Oliver.

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