Firemen Union Officials Refuse To Link Resignation, Resolution

Both officers and men of the Oregon Fire Fighters association expressed surprise in Salem Monday night that the group's adoption last week of a resolution condemning city manager government should affect the resignation of Chief W. P. Roble.

Roble, who resigned Monday as Salem's fire chief after three years' service here, cited the rsolution as a "climax" to several years of "petty politics" he said prompted his move.

Leo Butts, Portland, association president, met with Salem firemen Monday night and said, "It has been with alarm that I have velwed newspaper reports in Salem concerning this resolution."

Cites Opposition

"It is unfortunate that city employes, some of whom must work under the city manager government, must point out to the general public the deficiencies and shortcomings of such a system of governing," he continued.

Butts added, "The implications that our resolution resulted in the voluntary resignation of Fire Chief Roble of Salem makes us feel that the real reason for his resignation may lie hidden in the autocratic power of the city manager."

Not New Campaign

S. P. Stevens, International Fire Fighters association vice-president, also attended the meeting and said, "This resolution was nothing new and shouldn't have prompted such a move by Roble. We have campaigned for years against the city manager type of government."

The state resolution charged that city manager government provided "economies of short duration at the expense of the public employe and his standard of living."

Worked in Seattle

Roble was appointed as Salem's fire chief on March 1, 1947, by Franzen. He previously had served 15 years with the Spokane, Wash., fire department where he began as a fireman andw orked up to a captaincy. During World War II he was assistant chief of the navy's Seattle base hospital fire crew.

His program in Salem was marked by lowering of fire insurance rates in the city, standardization of drills, a fight for higher pay for firemen, and addition of new equipment and a new station. He has written four manuals on firefighting.

Chief Roble submitted his resignation Monday in the following letter to City Manager J. L. Franzen:

"It is with deep regret that circumstances developing over a period of several months compel me now to hand you herewith my resignation as fire chief of the city of Salem, Oregon, to be effective at 8 a.m., Friday, July 14, 1950.

Duty Ends July 1

"This particular date is stated because of the fact that accumulated vacation leave, which I have earned, totals 13 days and actually relieves me of my duties at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 1.

"Both Mrs. Roble and myself have given the most serious consideration to this decision. In light of recent circumstances affecting the fire department of the city of Salem, I find this decision to be inescapable and irrevocable.

"The citizens of the city of Salem have at all times shown a confidence in me and in the policies under which the Salem fire department has functioned for these past 38 months, which leave me humble and deeply grateful.

"I am grateful to the city government and all of its officers for the encouragement and cooperation which I have invariably received from them.

"The chief officer personnel of the Salem fire department has been all that any man in my position could ask for and I express to them my heartfelt thanks.

Honest Effort

"I am convinced that the bulk of the rank and file of the department have made an honest and praiseworthy effort to furnish to the citizens of this community the best fire protection possible.

"I think it must be recognized that the reorganization of the Salem fire department, which I was appointed to accomplish, has now largely been completed. I want to point out that this has not been done without staggering demands upon my health and mental resources. Had it not been for the fact that Battalion Chief Ellsworth Smith took upon himself many of the demanding details of administration of the department, I would have been unable to carry this burden to this point.

"I commend Battalion Chief Ellsworth L. Smith to the city manager, to the Salem City Council and to the citizens of Salem as a most capable fire executive and solicit your consideration of him as my successor in the interests of an efficiently functioning fire department.

"To all those others, members and non-members of the department alike, who have been so kind and helpful to me over these past 38 months, I extend my sincerest thanks.

"Very truly yours, W. P. Roble, Chief, fire department."

Pope Consecrates Altar as Resting Place of Peter

VATICAN CITY, June 5 -(AP)- Pope Pius XII descended deep in the Vatican grottos today to consecrate an altar over what he believes to be the final resting place of the first pope—Saint Peter.

The solemn, private ceremony took place after long years of excavations.

Following the consecration, the pope celebrated the first mass at the shrine, whose stone includes slabs from the original basilica built by the emperor Constantine in 537.

Then he descended with architects and archeologises to the lower level where Saint Peter is believed to have been buried. There, the pope knelt in prayer.

Japan Voters Support U.S., Nationalism

TOKYO, Tuesday, June 6-(AP)- Japan's voter's took a stand for national independence in Sunday's election despite the fact they also bolstered the position of their pro-occupation government.

Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's liberal party won a plurality in the house of councillors for the first time. But the liberals picked up most of their strength where members were elected by districts.

In 40 races where members are elected by the nation at large, candidates oposing future U. S. military bases in Japan won 26 seats; the liberals 14.

In all, the liberals captured 50 seats with only eight contests remaining to be decided. With 23 holdovers, this gives them 73 in the 250-member upper house.

Pro-occupation sentiment won out again in the astonishing setback of the Green Wind (conservative) society. With 71 seats, it had been the dominant power in the upper house. It led the fight that blocked the occupation-proposed tax reform bill in the last session.

The society elected only 10 of its 57 candidates. With holdovers it now has 52 seats. The socialists, who did a comeback by picking up 30 seats, are second only to the liberals with 55. That is a net gain for the socialists of 13 members.

The communists, who raised the military base issue and concentrated their fire on Yoshida's government, elected only three of 50 candidates.

Hickenlooper, Brannan Plan Lead in Iowa

DES MOINES, June 5-(AP)-The Brannan farm plan was getting a widening endorsement in early returns from today's primary election in agricultural Iowa. This was based on the democratic senatorial race.

Albert J. Loveland, former U. S. undersecretary of agriculture and out-and-out Brannan plan advocate, was leading a field of six candidates for the nomination and gaining strength. The principal opponent of the Brannan plan, former governor Nelson G. Kraschel, was running second.

Senator B. B. Hickenlooper was away to a flying start for republican renomination in a three-man field. The senator, who gained prominence in the atomic energy commission investigation and the current state department probe, had a lead over the combined total of his opponents.

With 512 of 3,474 precincts reported, Loveland's total was 8,702 and Kraschel's 6,078. The precincts were scattered over the state. In the latest 200 precincts to report, Loveland gained about 3,100 votes and Kraschel approximately 1,700.

Opposing Hickenlooper were Earl F. Wisdom, attorney, and Harry B. Thompson, truck farmer. Thompson defeated the senator for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor in 1938, but later withdrew and the GOP convention nominated Hickenlooper.

With 573 precincts reported, Hickenlooper's vote total was 38,-907, Wisdom's 9,266, and Thompson 5,963.

Army Band to Play in Salem

Salem appearance of the famed U.S. Army Field band of Washington, D.C., will be Sunday at 5 p.m. in Willson park, the army and air force recruiting service, sponsor, announced Monday.

The free, open-air concert will be for 1½ hours from the capitol's west steps. The 100-piece organization includes a 40-voice chorus.

This is the group which opened last fall's musical season in Carnegie hall. The band is directed by Capt. Chester E. Whiting, and the chorus by M. Sgt. Arthur V. Donofrio.

Legion Post Nominates

Gene Vandendynde and James H. Turnbull were nominated for commander of Capital post 9, American Legion, Monday night.

Fourteen former commanders were honored in annual past commanders-night ceremonies.

Others nominated for office: First vice-commander, Conrad Paulson; second vice-commander, John P. Crockatt; adjutant, James Garvin; finance officer, Edward Cherry; chaplain, the Rev. George H. Swift; sergeant-at-arms, Allen Foreman and Carl T. Wilson; quartermaster, Dr. Lloyd Hockett; historian, Don Dill.

Device Aids Police

LOS ANGELES, June 5—Lt. Hugh McDonald of the Los Angeles county (Calif) sheriff's department operates a new "build a face" detection device which was credited with helping convict a man of kidnaping and assault with intent to murder. The device projects a series of facial features on a screen while witnesses select those features which most resemble the criminal. The composite face then is compared to pictures in police files. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Truman May Order Probe of McCarthy Case

By Roger D. Greene

WASHINGTON, June 5 -(AP)- President Truman today was reported leaning toward the appointment of a special panel to investigate the cases of 81 state department employes cited by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) as alleged pro-communists.

A White House informant said Mr. Truman has not yet made a final decision, but there is a "strong possibility" he may set up such a group. A White House announcement is expected tomorrow.

Senator Tydings (D-Md.) paid a 20-minute visit to the White House late this afternoon amid speculation on capitol hill that he would talk with the president about the creation of a bi-partisan panel.

Tydings told newsmen he had absolutely no comment on what he discussed with Mr. Truman. The Maryland senator is chairman of a senate subcommittee which is looking into McCarthy's claims.

Auto Crash Kills 2 Stars Of Ice Follies

BEND, June 5 -(AP)- An automobile crash killed two star performers of the Ice Follies cast four miles north of Bend today.

The driver, Charles Davidson, Ontario, Canada, apparently fell asleep at the wheel. He was killed outright. So was Jeanne Crystall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Davidson, a member of Shipstads' and Johnson's Ice Follies for a number of years, starred in the opening ballet of this year's show. Miss Crystall was a skater and featured vocalist with the troupe.

A third member of the cast, Nancy MacKenzie, London, Ontario, was hospitalized here with serious injuries. She was a member of the skating chorus.

The show had closed an engagement at Portland, and the three were en route to San Francisco. The car plowed into a rockpile.

O'Hara Given Cake as Dean Of City Council

Business not on the agenda swept David O'Hara almost out of his budget committee chairman's seat Monday night as his constituents presented him a huge cake in honor of his 23 years as a Salem councilman.

O'Hara was fully surprised as the city budget meeting was interrupted for the presentation by Earl Bushnell and Zero Polaire, representing the north-end 5th ward. They expressed appreciation for his service.

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom said, "Salem people are indebted to you for long service." Gov. Douglas McKay, one of the seven mayors with whom O'Hara has served, praised him for doing "a thankless job with such a high salary."

Woods Cancels Firing Order

WASHINGTON, June 5 - (AP) Housing Expeditor Tighe E. Woods, today cancelled an order firing 2,700 workers who administer rental ceilings.

Woods explained that his agency still is "virtually broke." In cancelling the dismissal notices, Woods said the workers have agreed to take "voluntary payless leaves" of from a week up to carry the agency's staff at least on the records until June 30.

Britain Drafts Own Plan for Coal, Steel Pact

LONDON, June 5-(AP)-Britain is drawing up her own proposals for accomplishing closer cooperation among European coal and steel industries, a foreign office spokesman told a news conference tonight.

Britain thus hopes to keep the door open to the new industrial structure projected by French economic planner Jean Monnet and sprung as a surprise on May 9 by French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman.

The original proposal — now known as the Schuman plan — called for union of the coal and steel industries of France and Germany, with membership open to other European countries.

The outlines of the British ideas are still secret and are being filled in by a top level committee, involving most government departments under the direction of Britain's chief economic planner, Sir Edwin Plowden.

Youth Arrested In Stolen Car

A 15-year-old Salem youth was arrested by two Marion county sheriff's deputies Monday night in an auto he admitted stealing from Elmer Londberg, 1073 Highland ave.

Deputies nabbed the youth, who was released May 16 after another admitted auto theft, on the North River road in the Keizer area. He was being held in the county jail early this morning.

Officers said the boy was not connected with 17 other juveniles who have been arrested for burglary and larceny in recent days. More loot, including tools, a grease gun and a camp stove, was recovered Monday night, officers said, after one of the 17 boys admitted additional larcenies.

Cab Driver's Trial June 19

TOLEDO, Ore., June 5-(AP)-Harry Thomas, Newport cab driver accused of killing Dale Tull, jr., Salem, will go on trial in circuit court here June 19.

Thomas pleaded innocent to the charge of slaying Tull and also denied a charge of assault with intent to kill his ex-wife, Lola Thomas.

Tull, Mrs. Thomas and Thomas all were wounded in a street shooting affray in Newport.

Supreme Court Verdicts Cover Varied Cases

(Story also on page one.)

WASHINGTON, June 5 - (AP) The U. S. supreme court, in clearing its calendar until fall, ruled on a wide variety of cases today.

Among other decisions, the high court:

1. Affirmed the conviction on a charge of stuffing ballot boxes of Edward F. Prichard, jr., of Lexington, Ky., a former favorite of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

2. Agreed to review next term a lower court decision that the federal government may discharge any employe whose loyalty to the United States is in "reasonable doubt." The appeal was filed by Miss Dorothy Bailey, 39, who was fired from an $8,000-a-year government job on disloyalty grounds. Miss Bailey denied an accusation of communist membership.

3. Refused to review a decision that negroes may be excluded from a big New York City housing development, Stuyvesant town.

4. Upheld a New York federal district court decree requiring three film companies to submit within six months plans for divorcing their production and distribution businesses from that of exhibiting movies. The firms are Lowes, Inc., Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., and Twentieth Century Fox Corp.

5. Refused to review a Virginia court ruling which affirmed the convictions of seven negroes condemned to death on charges of raping a white woman. They had argued that "an atmosphere of prejudice and hostility" existed against them in Martinsville, where they were tried.

6. Ruled on a six-three division that aliens jailed by U. S. authorities abroad do not have the right to apply for court hearings in this country.

Gov. Talmadge Opposes High Court Rulings

(Story also on page 1)

ATLANTA, June 5-(AP)-Herman Talmadge of Georgia shouted defiance today in first southern reactions to supreme court decisions hitting at racial segregation.

Others hailed the opinions as putting the south "in the parade of democracy."

The court ruled that a negro law student must be admitted to the all-white University of Texas because sparate facilities for negroes there are not equal.

It said white and negro students in graduate work at the University of Oklahoma cannot be separated. And it ruled out racial segregation on railroad dining cars.

Declared Talmadge: "As long as I am governor, negroes will not be admitted to white schools.

"The line is drawn. The threats that have been held over the head of the south for years are not pointed like a dagger ready to be plunged into the very heart of southern tradition."

Talmadge declined to say what he will do if courts order specifically an end of segregation in Georgia.

W. A. Fowlkes, managing editor of the Atlanta Daily World, negro newspaper, said the decisions "certainly will be a means by which the south will join in the parade of democracy."

Boat Bounds Onto Dry Land

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 5-(AP)-A motorboat zipped off Vancouver Lake onto dry land and bounded into a willow grove yesterday. Startled onlookers found no one inside.

The boat proved to be that of Don Berger, 27, who built it himself recently. He took it out for a spin while his wife and child stayed at a shore picnic.

The lake was being dragged for his body today.

Edgar Smith Speaks at SHS Graduation

By Gilbert Bateson
Statesman School Correspondent

Imagination, enthusiasm and work are requirements without which no one can attain success, Salem high school's 470 graduating students were told at commencement exercises last night by Edgar W. Smith, president of the state board of higher education.

Smith emphasized the necessity of hard work in our society, saying, "The real curse of man is laziness" and "work is an honor and a glory." He condemned excuses for failure as an escape form the reality that work is imperative to success.

Day Dreams Necessary

Smith also praised imagination, stating that day dreams are necessary for progress. "With courage fired by enthusiasm you can succeed," Smith said, citing the physical handicaps of Helen Keller and the speech handicaps that the ancient Greek Demosthenes overcame to become one of the world's greatest orators.

Salem high school received favorable comment from Smith. He said it rated very high in the eyes of the state board of education.

School Superintendent Frank B. Bennett congratulated the graduating class and presented diplomas as E. A. Carleton, high school principal, read the names.

Musical Numbers

Pebble DeSart sang two numbers accompanied by Dorothy Pederson, and Loren Bartlett played a clarinet solo accompanied by Ann Gibbens.

The Rev. E. A. Trietch, Church of God pastor, gave the invocation and benediction.

Officers of the class of 1950 were: President, Tom Angle; vice-president, Doris Lane; secretary, Joyce Armstrong; treasurer, Lois Chamberlain.

Student body officers were: President, Merlin Schulze; first vice-president, Mary Campbell; second vice-president, Elizabeth Cooley; secretary, Dorothy Cannon.

13 PLEAS OF GUILTY

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 5-(AP)-The prosecution obtained guilty pleas from all 13 Czechs accused of high treason and spying for the West. The last four defendants testified today.

FOREIGN AID BILL SIGNED

WASHINGTON, June 5(AP)-The $3,121,450,000 foreign economic aid authorization bill was signed by President Truman today.

One Forest Fire Still Alive

By The Associated Press

Only one forest fire stayed alive in Oregon today, A score of others succumbed to moist winds and fire crews.

The one blaze still posing a threat was the Little Fall creek fire in Lane county, which jumped a fire-break on the north edge, pushed by a strong west wind. Six hundred fought the flames.

Foggy weather helped control the 1200-acre Humbug fire on the southern Oregon coast. Fire fighters encircled it with fire-breaks.

All other fires either were extinguished or were being mopped up.

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