

Mushroom Firm Acquires 2 More Plants

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Feb. 14—(P)—Mrs. Lawrence A. Hughes confirmed today that the Sierra Mushroom Co. at Soquel, Calif., which ships between 800 and 1,000 pounds of the delicacy daily, has been sold to West Foods Co., of Salem, Ore.

Mrs. Hughes has operated the mushroom company since the death of her husband last June.

The amount involved in the purchase was not disclosed. R. E. West, head of the Salem food company which for years has been well-known for its mushroom products, was out of the city.

The Sierra plant has been canning mushrooms since 1933. It employs about 60 persons.

West Foods Co., Salem mushroom industry, now has two plants in addition to its Salem facilities. Besides the Soquel, Calif., plant which was just purchased, the West firm leases a plant at Millwaukie.

R. E. West, head of the mushroom concern, has been in California concluding the plant purchase. West Foods grows mushrooms, ships them both fresh and canned.

Fairview Boys Wreck Car

Two Fairview home youths wrecked a state-owned car in a brief, unauthorized leave from the institution Wednesday night, state police reported.

Officers said the pair took the car from Fairview when they left about 8:30 p.m. It was found two hours later near Stayton and the pair was apprehended about a mile from the scene.

Police identified one of the youths as Kenneth Walker, 20. The other was a juvenile.

Kratt Directs Gleemen in Salem Concert

The annual appearance of the Eugene Gleemen, sponsored by the Salem Rotary club for its scholarship fund on Wednesday night, drew an appreciating group of listeners to the Salem high school auditorium.

Dr. Theodore Kratt is director of the singing group from Eugene which has been organized 25 years. The singers have appeared in many hundred concerts throughout the northwest. Made up mostly of non-professional singers, the Gleemen come without charge. Funds derived from the concert last night will go to the Rotary club's scholarship fund for a Salem high school student to Willamette University.

The Gleemen's program was made up of classical numbers, typical glee club songs and several novelties. Suite for four trombones was one of the novelty numbers especially popular with the audience.

Quads Born in South Africa

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Feb. 14—(P)—South Africa today had its first white quadruplet children in 49 years.

The four boys were delivered Tuesday to a Mrs. Lombard, 30-year-old wife of a 42-year-old farmer who raced the stork 56 miles over bad roads from their Bush country village of Loesfontein to Calvina hospital, Cape Province. The quads, total weight almost 19 pounds, were reported doing well.

Senators Say Russia Has 175 Divisions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(P)—The senate foreign relations committee said tonight that Russia is estimated to have an armed force of more than 4,000,000 men organized into about 175 divisions.

With all its European satellites, the committee reported, Moscow could boast another 1,000,000 men under arms, making the total more than 5,000,000. This does not include communist China's armed forces.

Against this strength, the Atlantic pact nations, including the United States and Canada, had about 4,500,000 men under arms as of December, 1950, the committee said.

But comparisons were difficult. The figure for the 11 Atlantic Pact countries included the army, navy and air forces. It did not include the estimated 2,700,000 men in organized reserves.

It was not clear from the committee's report whether communist air and naval forces were included in the iron curtain figures, but if they were not each of the divisions would have more than 20,000 men. U. S. military men say Russian divisions actually have nearer 10,000.

Geographical distribution of the strength was another factor which made comparisons uncertain. Hearings Due

The figures were issued in advance of hearings starting tomorrow on the controversial troops-for-Europe issue. Defense Secretary Marshall will be the first witness.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the foreign relations group said the report was issued so committee members would have "certain basic facts" before them.

During the same period, the report said, France was using 5.8 per cent of its gross national product for military expenditures; the United Kingdom, 5.7 per cent, and The Netherlands 4.5 per cent.

In 1951, the committee added, France and the United Kingdom will approximately double their percentages, while the United States proposes to more than triple the American ratio, to a total of 15.7 per cent.

Armed Strength
The military table released for the Northern Atlantic Pact nations showed the following armed forces strength (army, navy and air force):

Belgium 102,000; Luxembourg, 2,000; Denmark, 29,000; France 722,000; Italy, 307,000; The Netherlands, 114,000; Norway, 25,000; Portugal, 73,000; United Kingdom,

729,000; Canada 61,000 and the United States 2,300,000.
The report noted that Spain, which recently resumed full diplomatic relations with the United States, has an armed force of about 350,000 men, and Yugoslavia, which has broken with the Russian communists, 330,000.

Puerto Rican Rebel Guilty of Murder Try

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 14—(P)—Pedro Albizu Campos, a Harvard-educated revolutionary with a fanatical hatred of the United States, was convicted today of attempted murder. The charge stemmed from an abortive revolt here that claimed 33 lives and involved an attempt on the life of President Truman.

The conviction came at the end of a week-long trial of the 63-year-old leader of the nationalist party. He is liable to a sentence of one to 15 years, to be pronounced Friday.

Two defendants tried along with Albizu Campos were acquitted of attempted murder. They were his secretary, Doris Torresola, 26, and Juan T. Munoz, 23, a University of Puerto Rico student. Miss Torresola is the sister of Grisello Torresola, who was killed in Washington during the attempt November 1 by the nationalists to kill Mr. Truman.

WILSON'S FILE BRIEF
VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 14—(P)—Attorneys for Turman and Utah Wilson, convicted kidnappers,

Unloading of Freight to Free Cars Sought

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14—An urgent appeal to all receivers of carload freight to promptly unload cars delivered to industries and warehouses since ending of the switchmen's strike and to expedite return of the cars to the railroads, was made here by J. W. Witherspoon, general chairman of the Pacific Coast Transportation Advisory board.

"Unless these cars are quickly unloaded we will be facing a serious car shortage," Witherspoon declared. He also urged shippers to give equally quick handling to all freight cars loaded and unloaded in coming weeks to expedite moving the backlog of shipments which resulted when railroad yards and tracks were crowded with loaded cars during the strike tie-up.

Witherspoon is assistant general traffic manager for the United States Rubber company here.

REYNOLDS ALLEN ELECTED SEATTLE, Feb. 14—(P)—Reynolds Allen of Salem, Ore., was elected president of the North Coast Retail Hardware Association, for 1951, it was announced at the close of a three-day convention here today.

slayers of Joann Dewey, today filed a brief with the Washington supreme court in support of their request for a new trial.

Jail Inmates Quarantined

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 14—(P)—You can't get into the county jail here as a prisoner today if you try.

The government announced no new prisoners can enter the jail until further notice because of an outbreak of influenza in this area. Nearly 40 inmates are stricken.

Reapportionment Bill Launched in Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(P)—A reapportionment bill with teeth in it was introduced today to represent the "fairest practical" representation of all citizens in the house of representatives.

Sponsored by the administration, the bill was offered in the house by Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.).

If it becomes law, not only will the 435 house seats be reapportioned among the states every 10 years, but each state will be required to redistrict according to its population changes. Present laws do not make such redistricting mandatory.

Celler said his measure specifies that any representative elected from a district that does not conform to the requirements shall be denied his seat in the house.

Celler said existing legislation is not adequate to correct the situation.

Rites Set for A. L. Schlag, Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 14—Services for Albert L. Schlag, 38, missing valley resident whose body was found in a stream near Toledo, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Walter Smith mortuary here.

Two loggers found Schlag's body Monday. He had been missing since September 23. The Lincoln county coroner's office said death was caused by a heart attack.

Schlag had lived at Toledo for three years and his family had lived at Independence since he was reported missing. He was born at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, later moving to Salem where he attended school and worked at lumber mills.

Surviving are his wife, Helen, and two sons, Allen and Arlen, all of Independence; his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Schlag, Lodi, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Ida Beck, Salem.

Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial park, Salem.

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Oregon Considered As Movie Backdrop

PORTLAND, Feb. 14—(P)—Two motion picture producers are considering using Portland and western Oregon as background for movies.

Arthur J. Farmer, general manager of the chamber of commerce, said Universal-International will film "Send of the Snake" in the Portland area in the near future.

He said Krasna and Wald producers were investigating the possibility of filming "Strike a Match" in western Oregon—using gold clubs, night clubs, parks and scenic drives as backgrounds.

HOP GROWERS TO MEET
CORVALLIS, Feb. 14—(P)—Oregon hop growers and leaders of allied industries will meet at Oregon State college here Feb. 23 for their third annual conference.

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