

# Ninety West Point Cadets Dismissed for Cheating on Exams; Grid Team Crippled

By Wilmet Hercher  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Ninety West Point cadets, including football stars and other athletes, have been fired for cheating on exams in a scandal which probably will wreck the Army's powerful gridiron team.

The mass dismissals, announced by the army today, were the largest since the United States military academy was founded in 1802.

Senator Byrd (D-Va.) said he had been told by Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, that a majority of the West Point football team was involved in breaking the academy's code of honor.

The army was tight-lipped about details of the misconduct of its student officers. Byrd reported, however, that at a conference of senators in his office, Collins said the cheating had been going on for four or five years.

It was reported that the same questions were used for exams given at different times. Men

who took them first passed the questions on to cadets scheduled to take later exams.

"This is a terrible thing," Senator Byrd exclaimed. "It indicates that the moral fibre of the country is deteriorating. These young men were supposed to represent the finest in young American manhood."

Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving, the academy's superintendent, acknowledged that the action taken against the 90 cadets was "stern and uncompromising," but he added in a statement issued at West Point:

"After weighing all factors most carefully, I, and the responsible heads of the army, are convinced that there should be no compromise solution that would preserve the vital honor system of West Point, which is the very heart of the academy."

The army's announcement said the names of the discharged cadets will not be released "so that no undue criticism of the individuals concerned will result."

There will still be football at

West Point this fall. Army sources said Irving has promised that the team will play out its schedule even if West Point were to lose every game 100 to 0.

Collins was said to have blamed an over-emphasis on football for the unexpected breakdown in the academy's honor system.

Byrd quoted him as saying that the cheating started among the football players, who found it difficult to keep up with their work while spending so much time practicing.

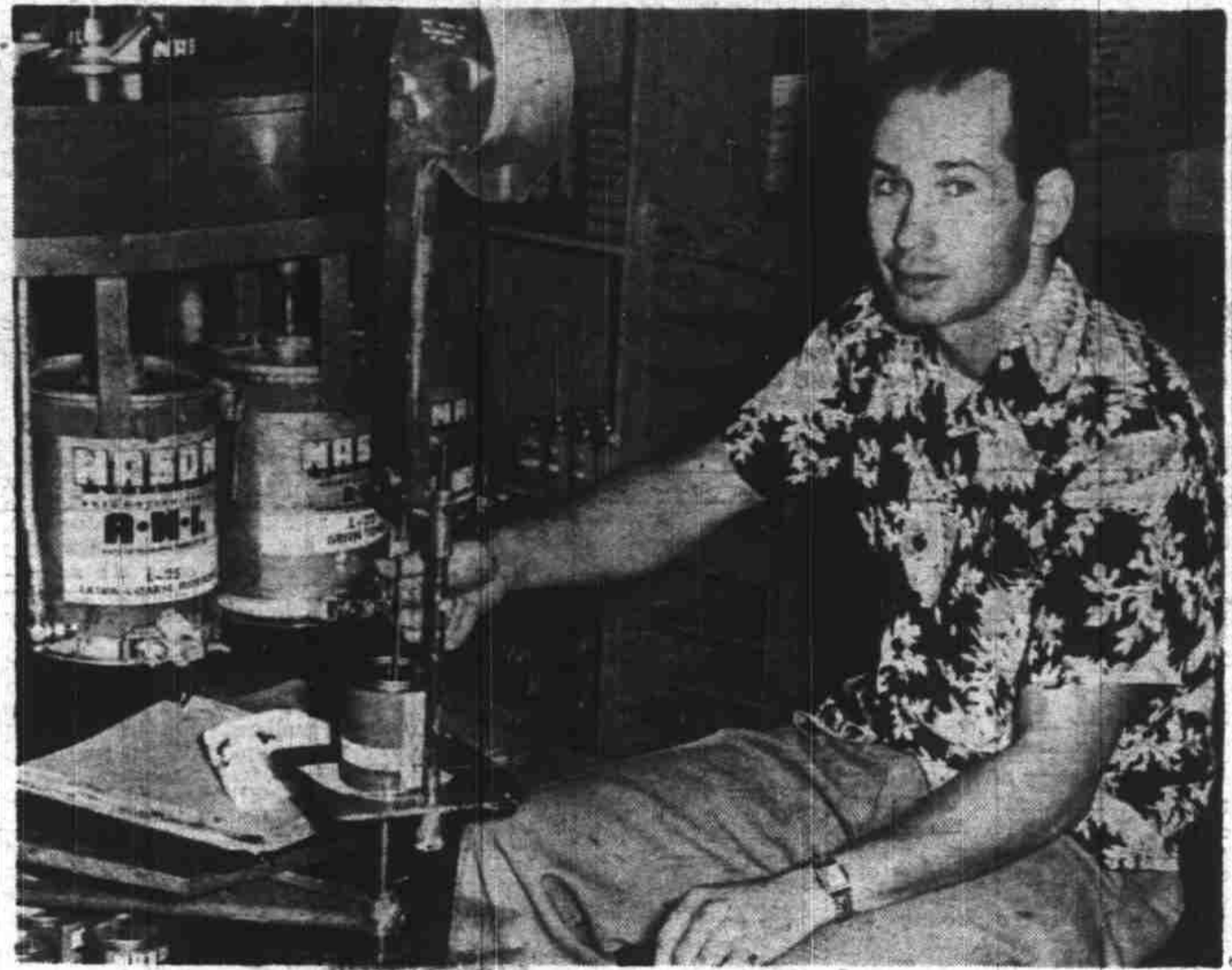
The cheating, since it was reported to have extended back four or five years, cast a cloud on much of the postwar record of a mighty football team which has often been romantically nicknamed "the black knights of the Hudson."

Army had been expected to field one of the strongest teams in the nation this fall. Its 1950 team won eight games and lost only one—a 14-2 upset to the Navy. And the team suffered relatively light graduation losses.

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## Sino-Soviet Relations Said Weakened By Korean Losses; Rift Seen Possible

### Clerk Today, Artilleryman Tomorrow



Meet Harold Godkin, Salem store clerk who puts aside his merchandise today in favor of two weeks' army reserve training at Fort Lewis, Wash., along with 40 other men of Salem's 929th field artillery battalion. He's mixing paint here in his job at Gil Ward's store; at camp he'll be training as an artillery section chief. The Statesman will follow him, and his outfit's training experiences in a series of special photos and articles from the 929th. (Statesman photo.)

## Russia Accused of Plan To Undermine Chinese

By William C. Barnard  
TOKYO, Saturday, Aug. 4 (AP)—General headquarters today declared in effect that "Russian strategy" was responsible for the Korean war "but something went wrong with the reds' chess game."

The declaration was in the form of a long and unusual statement issued by the civil information and education section of general headquarters. Strongly worded, it ended with this:

"The reds have been so busy looking for cracks in the structure of the democracies that they have not noticed the perch they are sitting on is swaying and slowly crumbling."

The statement accused the Russian strategists of a "scheme to weaken China" by involving Peiping in the Korean war. Chinese communist losses in Korea have been heavy.

About an hour after the statement was issued, this section tried to withhold publication, saying there were typing errors that must be corrected.

Later, however, Lt. Col. Donald R. Nugent, head of the section, told newsmen the request was made because the statement was intended as background material for editors, not as a press release.

In any case, the section withdrew its withhold request and one of the strongest allied blasts at the communists since the outbreak of the Korean war was in circulation.

The statement, issued at a time when the truce talks in Korea are deadlocked, also implied that Red China might split with Russia.

"Letting China take a hideous pounding from the United Nations does Sino-Soviet relations no good at all," the statement said.

"It may mean that China eventually goes the way of Yugoslavia's communist Marshal Tito, if her regime holds up, which is doubtful. Tito got tired of being kicked around by Russia and declared his independence. The result has been a blood feud that has almost torn the communist orb apart."

### War in Korea Supposedly Soviet Trap

"So now that the communist adventure in Korea has gone awry, what does this mean to the free world? It forces them to make a drastic change in future operations."

The statement was reminiscent of one issued June 25 by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander. On that first anniversary of the war he taunted the communists with the failure of Russia to give more aid to Red China.

"The communists like to think they never make mistakes," the statement said at the outset.

They delight in setting up an elaborate global chess game, with the free world as an opponent. Then the reds enjoy preparing such a cunning trap that no matter which way the free world moves it can't win. The war in Korea was supposed to be such a trap.

"The calculating, twisted intellects of the communist leaders who thought up the invasion of Korea reasoned that no matter whether the war was long or short, they would win. Here is how they figured it: 'If they had a war that lasted only a couple of weeks, they would lose little and gain a whole country. But if the United Nations went to the aid of Korea, they would then proceed to drain away its strength until finally the free world would be so exhausted from fighting this little war that the reds would step in and take over.'

"And also, the reds figured, a long war would slash the strength of China, and this would be good, because a strong China or Soviet Russia's vulnerable southern frontier is the Kremlin's nightmare."

The statement said that instead of draining the free world's strength, the Korean war awakened it "and now the democracies are much stronger and more alert than they were a year ago."

"The scheme to weaken China had rotten spots too," the statement continued. "It is true Red China is in much worse shape than she was when she entered the Korean war."

### Says Chinese Died While Russ Watched

"Many of (communist leader) Mao's best troops are dead or crippled and now lying in hospitals. Much of his equipment is lost. But Russia's strategy has made the Chinese reds less sure than the Kremlin is a friend."

"After all, China fought and bled while Russia looked on. To Mao Tze-Tung, this could hardly look like bosom comradeship."

The statement also predicted that the free world would not let down its guard against communism.

"The free world," it said "has awakened to the danger of communism and when the reds call off the tension the lull will not come. The people of the democracies will be watchful and armed, waiting quietly, hopeful, yet wary. They will be praying for peace, but they won't count on it; because when a communist changes his mind it only means that he may change it back again some time."

"The communists, bolstered by their mountains of Marxist textbooks, have always hoped that the problems of the free world, aggravated by red threats and maneuvers, would shake the foundations of the democracies and finally send them crumbling into the laps of tyranny. But here again the reds have been foiled."

The statement closed with a prediction that the communist system would collapse "of its own weight and rottenness."

"They have been so hard at work undermining other countries that they have overlooked the hollow shell of their own regime," the statement said.

"They cannot survive, these reds. Look through the history books. No rule based on fear, tyranny, hunger and war has ever succeeded. While democracy forges ahead, correcting its own mistakes, the communists sit like vultures."

"The reds never settled down to show the world that they could make it better than the democracies could. Instead, the communists proceeded to rip the world apart, to set it back a hundred years, to erase the freedom that men have fought for through thousands of years."

## Building Freeze Hits Major Construction

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The national production authority today banned the start of all new construction until Oct. 1 unless the projects use only minor quantities of steel, copper and aluminum.

Most residences may go ahead, as well as small stores and even some amusement places—hitherto prohibited.

But the order will "freeze" temporarily the start of new factories, office buildings, schools, hospitals and public buildings.

Builders whose projects exceed the permitted limits may apply for metal, to be delivered after Oct. 1, under NPA's allocation system, known as the controlled materials plan or "CMP." But they may not get it. Applications filed promptly should be acted on this month, NPA said.

## Toppled Tree Crushes Boy Near Sheridan

Statesman News Service  
DALLAS, Aug. 3—A freak logging accident near Sheridan today claimed the life of Theodore Raymond Stout, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Stout, Sheridan route 1.

Polk County Coroner Paul Bollman said the boy was killed this morning when loggers toppled a huge fir tree that sent the top of a second-growth tree crashing down on him.

The loggers did not know the boy was nearby. Bollman said they had stopped their power saw and sounded a warning just before toppling the tree. But they heard him cry out when he was hit.

Theodore's brother, John Stout, 16, was with him but was not injured. Coroner Bollman said Theodore died en route to a hospital of a fractured skull.

The fatal mishap occurred on the Stout family property, 1 1/2 miles east of Wallace bridge, the coroner reported. The loggers were employed by the Smith and Stewart Logging Co. of Tillamook, he said.

## Parachutist To Drop into Crater Lake

TILLAMOOK, Aug. 3 (AP)—The operator of a Tillamook self-service laundry said today he is going to parachute into the blue waters of Crater Lake.

He is Jack Langwell, 24-year-old ex-p-ratrooper. He said he will make the jump at 1 p.m. Sunday, weather permitting.

He said he will wear a life preserver. Two friends will be boating on the lake and they will pull him out of the water, he added.

"The lake is such a beautiful spot that when I first saw it I said 'I'd like to jump into it,'" he explained. Langwell will fly to Eugene Saturday and leave for the lake Sunday.

## Waxy Gordon—Once Beer King—Begs Police to Shoot Him in Dope Arrests

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP)—Waxy Gordon, high-rigger beer baron of the roaring '20s, begged for a police bullet to end his life when he was arrested as the alleged czar of a million dollar a year dope ring, police disclosed today.

The notorious prohibition era racketeer, a one-time public enemy No. 1 who once toured in an armored car with bodyguards, fell to his knees as federal agents and city police nabbed him on a dark east side street corner last night.

Grovelling before Detective Sgt. John Cottone of the narcotics squad, the paunchy, 63-year-old Gordon begged:

"Please kill me, John—shoot me. I'm an old man and I'm through. Don't take me in for junk (dope). How else can I live? Let me run, John, and then you shoot me ..."

Three other men were seized with him. They and Gordon were charged with having \$180,000

## 50 Reservists Leave Sunday For Training

Fifty men of Salem army reserve units will leave Sunday for summer training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Joining other reservists of the 104th (Thunderbolt) division at camp for two weeks, the Salem units will get artillery and infantry training in the field.

Going from here in a planned troop movement via bus are company E of the 413th infantry and four batteries and headquarters of the 929th field artillery. They leave at 8 a. m. Sunday from the reserve armory.

Among other outfits scheduled for training at the same time are other batteries of the 929th from Monmouth and Enterprise. Also in training with the 104th will be Capt. A. J. Brown, assistant unit instructor for the organized army reserve in Salem.

Lt. Col. Roy C. Edgerton commands the 929th; Capt. Robert W. Hartley commands the local infantry company.

## No Progress In Truce Talk

KAESONG, Korea, Aug. 4 (AP)—United Nations armistice negotiators reported "no progress" today at the 19th armistice conference and Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy "noted for the record" a red violation of the half-mile conference site neutral zone.

The incident that provoked Joy's notation was the passing of an estimated company of armed Chinese troops within a few hundred yards of the U.N. house near the conference building itself.

The delegations will meet again tomorrow.

## Animal Crackers



"Now that the kids are grown, dear, can't you do a little something about your appearance?"

## Princess Accepts President's Bid

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the duke of Edinburgh, announced today they will be guests of President and Mrs. Truman in Washington Oct. 24, 25 and 26. It is expected that their brief American visit may take in New York.

An announcement made at Clarence house, the London home of the princess and duke, said they accepted "with great pleasure" an invitation to visit the president. It added that they will stay at Blair house.

## Coast-to-Coast TV Network Near Complete

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP)—Television goes transcontinental Sept. 30, just 25 and three-quarter years after the first coast-to-coast radio hookup.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced today it expects its \$40,000,000 microwave radio-relay system between New York and the Pacific coast to go into use for television on that date.

The historic linking-up will take network television into the populous Los Angeles-San Francisco region. It will give network television, in turn, access to the fabulous talent center of Hollywood. The connection will come in time for the World Series, as well as the Rose Bowl football game.

It was for the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day 1926 that the first coast-to-coast radio hookup was made.

The new system of 107 hilltop towers spaced about 30 miles apart, relaying sharply focused radio beams from horizon to horizon around the earth's curvature, will have a much deeper significance than television, however. It will provide a tremendous increase in the nation's transcontinental communications facilities.

## Self-Injection of Snake Venom Closes Career of World Renowned Scientist

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 3 (AP)—A world renowned scientist killed himself with a hypodermic dose of snake venom late today because he could not bear the disgrace of being fired from the University of Michigan faculty for mishandling funds.

Dr. Malcolm H. Soule, 54, was found dying by his wife, Alma, in the basement of their fashionable home here. The quick acting venom, mixed with morphine, killed him in a matter of minutes.

The suicide occurred three hours after the university's board of regents informed him his resignation would not be accepted and he was fired and would be prosecuted.

On the record, apparently only \$487.05 was involved. The board said Dr. Soule had made restitution for that amount. University officials declined tonight to amplify, mixed with morphine, how funds were mishandled.

Dr. Soule had been chairman of the department of bacteriology

## Bonus Bonds Sale Slated Late in Month

Part of the bond issue approved by the voters at the last general election—estimated to total \$40,000,000 for payment of soldiers bonus—probably will be offered for sale late this month, W. F. Gaarenstroom, director of the state Veterans Affairs department, said Friday.

He said the bonds would be offered for sale regardless of the announcement by the volunteer credit restraint committee that soldiers bonus payments are considered "inflationary and can be postponed." The law approved by the voters and for which the last legislature set up administrative machinery, provides definitely that the bonds shall be sold, Gaarenstroom asserted.

Gaarenstroom said the advertisement seeking bids would be printed in at least two Oregon newspapers as soon as bond attorneys have examined the issue and approved constitutionality of their issuance and sale.

At the time similar bonds were offered for sale in West Virginia several months ago there were no bidders.

THE WEATHER			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	83	45	.00
Portland	80	54	.00
San Francisco	67	54	trace
Chicago	77	69	.00
New York	80	69	trace

Willamette river -3.7 feet.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary base, Salem): Mostly clear except for some morning cloudiness. High today near 84; low tonight near 47.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
48.94	43.84	57.34

## BASEBALL

Western International  
At Salem 2, Wenatchee 3  
At Vancouver 2-1, Yakima 3-0  
At Washington 4, Chicago 7  
At Spokane 6, Tacoma 7

Coast League  
At Seattle 7, Portland 6 (12 Inn.)  
At Los Angeles 5, Oakland 8  
At Sacramento 5, San Diego 4  
At San Francisco 1, Hollywood 4

American League  
At New York 2-2, St. Louis 4-0  
At Boston 5, Detroit 3  
At Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 7  
At Philadelphia 3, Cleveland 3

National League  
At St. Louis 4, New York 4  
At Cincinnati 4, Brooklyn 4 (14 Inn.)  
At Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 5  
At Chicago 3, Boston 1

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