

# Ex-Sec. of War Patterson Among 28 Dead in Plane Crash

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### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

In last week's issue of U.S. News and World Report David Lawrence has an editorial strongly endorsing nominating Presidents by the direct primary. "Let the People Nominate is the title of his piece. He quotes from a letter A. Mitchell Palmer, then a congressman, wrote to Woodrow Wilson, President-elect, on Feb. 5, 1913 in which Palmer urged that such nominations be made directly by the people at the polls. "There ought never to be another presidential nominating convention," he wrote. Lawrence recommends that Congress pass a presidential preference primary law and provide for a run-off primary by the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes of their party in those states where no candidate gets a majority. He closes with this:

"There is every reason why the President of the United States should be the choice of his own party as well as of the people as a whole."

That 1913 date of the Palmer letter excites memories. The preceding year was a torrid presidential election year. That was the time of the split in the Republican party which opened the way for the election of Woodrow Wilson, Democrat. William Howard Taft was President, and his friends were in control of the party machinery. They excluded delegates from certain contested states, who were pledged to Theodore Roosevelt (who was seeking "another cup of coffee"), and thus gained the nomination for Taft. The Roosevelt faction bolted, set up the Progressive party with Roosevelt as the banner-bearer. It went down to defeat—and carried Taft and the Republicans along with it.

Under the spur of that experience there was agitation for a general presidential primary; but as time went on, and the world war came, the agitation died out and little since has been heard about it. A third of the states now hold primaries to choose delegates for the

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### Officials Still Hopeful for Korean Truce

WASHINGTON (AP)—United States officials taking a new look at the Korean truce negotiations came up Tuesday with the conclusion that there is still a reasonable prospect for agreement.

That view takes account of those opinions:

1. The present deadlocks over prisoner of war exchange and a ban on air field buildup are not necessarily hopeless. The Reds have given up on tough issues in the past and American concessions on some points may be possible.

2. Despite the irritation of many sessions of repetitious talk and sometimes insulting behavior on the part of the Reds, patience on the United Nations side will not run out for many weeks. The talks, according to the best estimates here, may go on as much as two months or more, so far as the United Nations are concerned.

Secretary of State Acheson is understood to have discussed the situation with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after the present session of Congress opened and to have developed the theme that there is still a hopeful prospect for a truce.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN COODRICH



### Former Tax Chief Convicted

BOSTON (AP)—Denis W. Delaney, ousted Massachusetts Collector of Internal Revenue, was convicted Tuesday night on all six counts in two indictments charging he accepted \$7,500 to influence tax decisions and falsely certified as paid \$180,497 in tax liens.

The conviction carries a possible maximum sentence of 18 years imprisonment and fines of \$37,500.

The jury deliberated seven hours and 15 minutes. The verdict came as a surprise because the jury had sent word to Judge Charles E. Wyzanski Jr. a few minutes earlier that it wished instructions. When court was reconvened it developed the jury only wished to know in what form it should return its findings.

The balding 58-year-old Delaney stood staring at the jury while the verdict was reported. Judge Wyzanski announced that he would await a report from the probation officer on Delaney before pronouncing sentence. He said he did not believe this would occur this week.

Meanwhile, he continued Delaney's bail of \$25,000.

Delaney's counsel, C. Keefe Hurley, had no comment on the verdict.

### PUC Grants Truck Freight Rate Increase

Increase of 6 per cent in rates charged by trucks hauling in Oregon was granted Tuesday by Charles H. Heltzel, state public utilities commissioner.

The boost was first sought last May and will be effective Feb. 1. Heltzel said evidence presented at hearings in September showed increased operating costs. He pointed out that railroads had been granted a 6 per cent increase in rates and that Washington State had raised intrastate trucking rates earlier this month.

Yesterday's order, he said, "will tend to maintain an equalization between railroad and motor carrier rates, which is desirable from the shipping public standpoint."

The order applies to all commodities and traffic other than intra-city drayage, bulk petroleum and used household goods.

Application for the increase was filed by the Pacific Inland Traffic Bureau, seeking 6 per cent more on the basis of greater operating costs, including wages, commodities, materials, equipment and taxes.

Petitioners' witnesses testified they were striving for an operating ratio of 92 to 93 per cent which, they said, is recognized in the industry as well as by regulatory bodies as the ratio which will permit carriers to maintain a sound financial position and to obtain a reasonable profit. Several truckers testified they would have to retire from business unless the rate increase was granted.

Most general objection to the increase was that price ceilings do not allow higher freight rates to be passed on but force shippers to absorb these additional costs.

### Sweden Returns Marshall Plan Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sweden had given back 11 million dollars she received from the United States under the Marshall Plan. The Swedes said they no longer needed the money.

The Agriculture Department reported this Tuesday in a statement saying Sweden has no serious dollar shortage and is planning to increase her imports of American cotton.

### Salem District May Centralize Classes in Annexed Schools

Centralizing of school classes in some of the recently consolidated district was tentatively decided Tuesday night by Salem District School Board.

The board authorized budget planning on the basis of the following changes: In the newly added Polk County schools, all pupils of first, second and third grades would be taught at Zena School; pupils of fourth, fifth and sixth would go to the westside Lincoln School; seventh and eighth graders would come in to West Salem Junior High. In the southern districts, classes would be consolidated for Ankeny,

### Women Volunteer to Help at State Hospital



Patients of Oregon State Hospital will be receiving volunteer aid from about 20 Salem area women who will donate an hour a week in rehabilitation work. The group, from Oregon Council of Churches and Red Cross, completed classes this week. Answering questions from the volunteers are, from left, Dr. C. E. Bates, superintendent; Dr. Dean K. Brooks, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Carolyn Prince, recreational supervisor; Miss Henrietta Bear, clinical instructor. Volunteers are, seated, from left, Mrs. A. A. Taylor; Mrs. Roy Wright; Mrs. Clayton Treadwell; Mrs. Jessie Howard. Standing are, from left, Mrs. Roy M. Lockenour; Mrs. Catherine Lyon; Mrs. Marvin Nettleton. (Statesman photo.)

### Ike States Russian War Not Imminent

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Powers in Europe, Jan. 22 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower published officially Tuesday his belief that war with Russia is not imminent. But he declared North Atlantic forces must be built up and a constitutional convention should be called to unify Europe as part of a great combination of spiritual, economic and military strength to gain permanent security and end the cold war.

He believes Russian leaders realize it would be "very foolish" to start a global war now, but cannot say what they might do in the future. Barring a shooting war, the West is likely to win the cold war, he added.

Question Period The statements of the commander of North Atlantic Pact forces were made Monday to correspondents accredited to his headquarters near Paris in an informal talk followed by a period of questioning. His remarks were released for publication Tuesday and some of them were deleted. They concerned high policy matters primarily.

Gen. Eisenhower said nothing about the fact he has been made a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, and the reporters were asked to put no questions on political matters. None did.

"Off the Cuff" He spoke without notes and answered all questions "off the cuff."

He made these other points: 1. No nation can expect any other, including the United States, to carry the "entire burden" of the North Atlantic Treaty organization.

2. He does not consider Britain a part of Western Europe, and efforts to include her in a Federation of Europe and a unified European army would be a "stumbling block rather than a help" because of her world-wide responsibilities.

### Pearson Files As Candidate for Demo Delegate

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson put in his name Tuesday as candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention, to represent the state at large.

Pearson has announced he will not seek reelection as treasurer. His convention ballot slogan: "For a united, strong Democratic ticket backing the principles of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

H. H. DeArmond, Bend, filed Tuesday for delegate to the Republican national convention from the second congressional district. He is for General Eisenhower.

### Fire Damages Portland Firms

PORTLAND (AP)—Fire damaged two Portland metal firms Tuesday with the loss estimated upwards of \$250,000.

The interiors of both the North-west Foundry and Furnace Co. and the fabricating shop of Armo Drainage and Metal Products Company were burned out.

Five firemen suffered minor injuries. The idling of the plants put 125 men out of work.

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### Mac Restrains Supporters in New Hampshire

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—Chairman Arthur Snell of the "Fighters for MacArthur" in New Hampshire said Tuesday his group would not submit the general's name in the March 11 primary—the nation's first—but would file a slate of delegates favorable to MacArthur.

The action was taken after he received a wire from the general stating "if my name were entered in the New Hampshire primary, I would withdraw it."

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's name will be entered in the Pennsylvania Presidential preference primary on April 22, a supporter said Tuesday.

John G. Davis, state chairman of the "Fighters for MacArthur" said the organization has been given "definite assurance" that MacArthur will not "repudiate any efforts to inject his name into the primary."

### Backers Plan to Enter Mac's Name in Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON (AP)—Supporters of Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), encouraged by reports of a Kefauver bid to resign, said Tuesday night they expect he will formally announce his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination within 24 hours.

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### Payroll Classes Salem Schools As 'Big Business'

"Big business" in Marion County is Salem School District 24, which had a \$1,617,536 payroll last year.

Business Manager C. C. Ward reported to the district board of directors Tuesday night that employees during the year totaled 1,023, including some part-time help. An average of 800 paychecks were issued monthly.

In the tax column, payroll collections were \$193,845 in federal income (withholding) tax, \$16,186 in state income tax.

The cost of educating a Salem district school child, Ward said, averages \$238 per year.

### Light Case of Polio Reported

First 1952 case of poliomyelitis in Marion County was reported Tuesday, but it was light enough that the victim remained at home rather than going to the hospital.

Mrs. Lulu Lukens, 33, of 1420 MacArthur St., is the first to contract the disease this year.

On the county health department's list of communicable disease cases reported last week are six of chickenpox, four of measles, two each of ringworm and scabies, one each of conjunctivitis, infectious mononucleosis, broncho pneumonia, lobar pneumonia, virus pneumonia, scarlet fever and septic sore throat.

### Kefauver's Bid Expected Soon; DiSalle Delays Senate Decision

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## Airliner Dives Into Jersey Apartments

### Patterson Death Brings Expressions of Sorrow

President Truman Tuesday night described Robert P. Patterson as a "great American and a great public servant." Mr. Truman issued a statement at Washington on the death of Patterson in a plane crash at Elizabeth, N. J.

Other public figures expressed sorrow at the death of the former secretary of war.

In Buffalo, N. Y., associates said Patterson made the plane trip because a court case in which he took part at Buffalo was completed sooner than he expected. They said he cancelled a train reservation and boarded the ill-fated airliner after he decided to return to New York earlier than he had planned.

Patterson was appointed assistant secretary of war in 1940 by President Roosevelt. Within six months he became Undersecretary of War, and supervised the Army's 100 billion dollar World War II procurement program.

Throughout the war he was considered the "strong right arm" of War Secretary Henry L. Stimson. President Truman appointed Patterson to succeed Stimson when the latter resigned in 1945.

Others killed in the New Jersey crash included John F. Chester, 45, former general business editor of The Associated Press. Chester was public relations director for Carrier Corp., Syracuse, N. Y.

None of the plane passengers was from the Pacific Northwest.



ROBERT P. PATTERSON Ex-Sec. of War Killed

### Rain Competes With Snow in Salem Area

Most of the week-end snow melted away Tuesday afternoon in the wake of rain, which promised to continue today, according to weathermen.

Possibility of a freeze still remained however, with reports that temperatures may drop to 29 tonight.

Weathermen said there may be snow flurries this morning, and maybe some Thursday morning, all of it mixed with rain.

Total snowfall in the current storm, which began late Sunday, amounted to 1.8 inches in the 48-hour period ending Tuesday morning. It was the heaviest of the season. Tuesday's rainfall was .40 inches.

Milder weather was predicted for other parts of Western Oregon. Snow and ice still made travel hazardous in mountain areas and Eastern Oregon. More snow is expected east of the Cascades.

Falls City, which took the brunt of the snowfall, reported eight inches Tuesday morning, most of which melted away under rains during the afternoon. The Valselt road was again open after being closed by snow Sunday and Monday. Schools in Dallas were also open Tuesday.

Elsewhere in the state, Grants Pass was reported heavily snowed in Tuesday. Lowest temperature in Oregon was three above zero recorded at Ontario. Salem's minimum was 33.

### Area Organizes Improvement Club

MORNINGSIDE—Thirteen residents of this area met Tuesday night to organize the South Village-Morningside Improvement Club.

A general meeting for all the people in the area will be held Feb. 12.

Named president was Joseph Thompson. Vice president is Jim Phillips, and Warren Clark was elected secretary-treasurer.

Principal item of discussion was the equipping of the playground, donated to the South Village area by Alfred Larsen.

### Engineers to Move Fish Elevator

PORTLAND (AP)—The fish elevator to be installed in McNary Dam will come from Bonneville Dam where it is no longer needed, army engineers said Tuesday.

They said Bonneville has six fish lifts. Most of the fish use hoppers to surmount the dam, however, and the elevators are used only while ladders are being cleared or for tagging of some fish.

Bids on moving the lift to McNary will be opened about Feb. 28.

### 23 on Plane, 5 Perish as Building Hit

ELIZABETH, N. J. (AP)—A rain-lashed airliner dived with a flaming roar into a heavily populated residential area here Tuesday killing all 23 aboard, including former War Secretary Robert F. Patterson.

Five other persons perished in their homes when the silver plane rammed into a small apartment house, bringing the total death toll to 28.

The bodies of three children were recovered from the charred debris. A mother and two of them was killed as well as one other person.

The twin-engine American airliner, attempting to land by radar, thundered out of the fog and smashed into the three-story frame building at 8:45 p.m. The Convair exploded like a bomb.

Flames shot through two adjacent dwellings and turned the entire closely-built residential section into a crackling inferno of fire and flying debris.

Screams came from the burning building. Misses High School.

The Buffalo-to-Newark plane, caught in heavy fog and rain, narrowly missed Battin High School for girls as it rocketed down over Williamson Street, 2.8 miles short of Newark Airport.

The crash ripped the frame dwelling into splinters, and turned an adjoining three-story brick apartment house and a frame duplex house into a sea of flames.

Great, fiery clouds blossomed high above the area, about half a mile from the heart of this city of 112,000. Elizabeth is about 12 miles southwest of New York City.

Clothing Affre Some residents, near hysteria, dashed out of the blazing buildings. One small boy ran, screaming, his clothing afire until a bystander stopped him and put out the flames.

By nightfall, the fire was under control, and platoons of rescue workers clawed through the great, smoking heaps of wreckage in search of more victims.

Kirk, issued a demand for relocation of Newark airport to remove an "umbrella of danger" from the city.

Second Major Crash Two major plane crashes have occurred here within a month.

Only 38 days ago—on Dec. 16—a non-scheduled Newark-to-Florida transport plane crashed about a mile away from the scene of Tuesday's tragedy, killing all 56 persons aboard.

The ceiling was down to 400 feet, and visibility cut to three-fourths of a mile as the plane headed for Runway 6 at Newark.

"We looked out a window and saw buildings burst into flames," said a faculty member of Battin High School. "People came running out into the street. One woman was screaming 'my baby is in there!'"

The plane's pilot, Capt. Thomas J. Reid, 31, lived only three blocks from the spot where the plane crashed at 506 Williamson Street.

Flames in Sky "There was a terrific explosion," said Mrs. Ann Wirth, a nearby resident. "We came out of the house and saw flashes of flames shooting into the sky. I picked up my boy and ran as far away as I could go."

Hundreds of townspeople through the rainswept area. Bodies were passed from hand-to-hand from deep within the mounds of wreckage, and lowered to waiting stretcher bearers.

One fragmented piece of airplane wing, sheared off and thrown to one side by the impact, lay on the ground nearby, but other parts of the craft were concealed in the jumbled wreckage.

Eight days ago, a Northeastern airliner, also a two-engine Convair, undershot La Guardia Field and crashed into the East River in New York City, but all 36 aboard were rescued.

### Worker Dies in Fall

PORTLAND (AP)—A Portland construction worker fell to his death from a 15-foot scaffold Tuesday. He was Albert Wonsle, who died at a hospital several hours after the mishap.

### Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest semifinals and finals. They are from standard textbooks and are published as a guide in intraschool contests now underway.

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THE WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Prec. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette River.