

Truman Sends Sympathy to British People

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman symbolized the nation's sorrow Wednesday in a message expressing "deepest sympathy" to the people of Britain over the death of King George VI.

News of the King's passing during his sleep saddened countless admirers here.

At the White House, President Truman said in a statement: "A world personage who maintained the highest traditions of the English constitutional monarchy passes in the death of His Majesty King George VI."

"From his accession to the throne through all the ills which beset the world throughout the years of his reign... including the most disastrous war in history... he played his part nobly and with full understanding of the responsibility which was his."

"His heroic endurance of pain and suffering during the past few years is a true reflection of the bravery of the British people in adversity."

And for the new Queen Elizabeth II, whom he once described as a real-life "fairy princess," Mr. Truman had these words:

"God bless Queen Elizabeth and may her father's exemplary memory provide the courage and inspiration she will need in the great responsibilities that lie before her."

Queen Elizabeth II Formally Gets Title

LONDON (AP)—Princess Elizabeth was formally proclaimed Queen Elizabeth II in a proclamation drafted Wednesday by the Accession Council.

The proclamation, consisting of two sentences, becomes official when publicly read Friday morning.

British Office In Portland Mourns King

PORTLAND (AP)—The British Consular Office here was closed and Union Jacks flew at half mast on two P-tish ships in port Wednesday as the death of King George VI was mourned.

James McDonald, British consul, said he was "deeply shocked" by the unexpected death of the King. Captains of the British ships Ivor Rila and Tweedbank expressed their regret in a message to the consul.

Queen Mother to Receive Pension

LONDON (AP)—The Queen Mother Elizabeth, widow of King George VI, will receive 70,000 pounds, about \$196,000 a year. A 1957 act of Parliament provided that pension.

BARKLEY IN HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President Barkley entered the Naval Hospital Wednesday night for possible eye surgery.

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Poet Writes Valedictory

LONDON (AP)—Britain's poet laureate John Masefield Thursday published his valedictory for the late King George VI: "O Wisdom, who with power infinite, Utterest death to every creature Grant to us how the mercy of Thy light, With comfort to beloved Queens who mourn."

Czechs Devote Brief Sentence to King

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—The Czechoslovak radio devoted a sentence Wednesday night to the death of King George VI. About midway in a foreign news summary the Communist government's radio said: "According to BBC, King George the Sixth of England died today."

Churchill Swears Allegiance to New British Monarch

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill swore allegiance to his sixth British monarch Wednesday.

His voice was almost inaudible among members of Parliament taking the oath as subjects of the new Queen Elizabeth.

Churchill was commissioned in Queen Victoria's Army in 1895. Since then as a member of Parliament he has sworn allegiance to Kings Edward VII, George V, Edward VII and George VI—and now Queen Elizabeth II.

Radio to Carry Churchill Talk

NEW YORK (AP)—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech Thursday will be carried directly or by recording on all major radio networks in this country.

The speech, presumably on the death of King George VI, will be carried "live" on the Mutual Broadcasting System and the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The National Broadcasting Co. will broadcast a tape recording of the speech from 5:45 to 6 p.m. EST on its nationwide network. The American Broadcasting Co. will carry the speech by tape recording at 10:30 p.m. EST.

Official Circular Tells of Royal Death

LONDON (AP)—The official daily court circular from Buckingham Palace gave just 11 words tonight to the death of King George VI: "The King passed peacefully away in his sleep early this morning."

E. A. Ericson, Silvertown, Dies

Statesman News Service
SILVERTOWN — Edward A. Ericson, 73, died at his home here Wednesday.

He was born March 6, 1878, in Minnesota and came to Silvertown 29 years ago. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Olive Ericson of Silvertown; sons, Ernest and Alvin of Silvertown and Edward of Portland; sisters, Mrs. Clara Davidson of Portland, N. D., and Miss Anna Gilbertson of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, Andrew Gilbertson of San Francisco, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, at 2 p. m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. J. A. Luthert officiating. Interment will be at Valley View Cemetery here. The Ekman Funeral Home will direct.

Masked Man Tells Congress Of Red Killings

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man wearing a white mask that covered his entire head told Congress Wednesday that one wild night in 1939 he saw the Russians murder 200 Polish officers.

The man in the mask—he seemed even more mysterious because he could speak only in Polish—appeared before a special House subcommittee. It's investigating reports that thousands of Polish officers were massacred in the Katyn forest near Smolensk, Russia.

The man's identity was hidden. Chairman Madden, (D-Ind.) said, because he still has relatives behind the Iron Curtain.

Through an interpreter, the witness told the committee he was hiding in a tree, along with two other Poles who had escaped from a Russian prison camp. Suddenly floodlights were turned on, illuminating the scene only 100 yards away.

While they looked on in horror, he said, they saw 200 men bound and gagged with sawdust.

Some were shot, the masked man said; others, too weak to resist, were kicked alive into a vast open grave.

"They choked themselves," he said through the interpreter. "Was he sure there was 200?"

"There were 200," he said, "because we counted them."

He said the Russians brought the Polish officers up two at a time to be bound, gagged and either shot or kicked into the pit.

Rarely, if ever, has a witness appeared before a congressional committee and told, publicly, so little about himself, Madden said. The committee members had examined him privately and were convinced his story is true.

But, for the record, he will go down merely as John Doe. His age: 44. His former occupation: farmer. But most of his background, and all of his present, remained a secret. His only address: The USA.

When he finished three security officers jumped up and left with him.

Capt. Brown To Leave for Germany Soon

Orders transferring Capt. Andrew J. (Jack) Brown, Salem Army reserve instructor, to Germany were received Wednesday. He will leave late this month.

Brown, who has been instructor for the Organized Reserve Corps since November, 1950, will report March 15 to Camp Kilmer, N. J., to go to Bremerhaven, Germany. His wife and three children plan to remain in Salem for the present.

Brown's successor here was unknown Wednesday. The instructor was an infantry officer from 1942 to 1945 and served with the 43rd Division in the South Pacific theatre. After the war he graduated from University of Oregon, then was with the State Adjutant General's staff here for two years prior to his recall to active duty.

Jury Acquits Salem Man

William Spencer, 510 Judson St., was acquitted here Wednesday of a charge of bilking a 1950 State Fair ticket-taker out of \$500.

A Marion County Circuit Court jury returned the verdict Wednesday night after an all-day trial. Ross Coppock, Fair ticket salesman, was on the stand most of Wednesday afternoon testifying that he turned over \$500 to a man who said he represented the Fair management.

Spencer was arrested last October on the charge.

Fire Damages Home In North Howell Area

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SILVERTOWN—A fire which did an estimated \$1,000 damage broke out Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Rose Reznicek in the North Howell area. The Silvertown fire department was called to the scene. Origin of the fire was believed to be faulty wiring in an electric stove. There was considerable water damage and the wall space around the stove was burned.

Truman Plans White House Move in April

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman expressed hope he can move in with the Madam and the baby early in April as he took newspapermen on a surprise tour of the White House Wednesday.

With a sweep of the hand, Mr. Truman displayed one of the second floor suites.

That, he said, is Madam's bedroom. And this, he said a minute later, is Baby's room.

Is Baby his pet name for the 27-year-old singing daughter, Margaret, just as he likes to call Mrs. Truman the Madam or boss.

The President reflected all the impatience of any home builder anxious to move in as he led reporters on a fast-moving 45-minute parade through the presidential wing of the White House which is being reconstructed at a cost of some \$5,500,000.

Neighbors Try To Buy Home to Oust Negroes

EUGENE (AP)—A woman said Wednesday she could not accept a cash offer of white neighbors to buy a house she had leased to a Negro family here.

Mrs. Effie Spencer, the owner, said the lease included an option to the Negro family to buy the house.

Police, who patrolled the area after Mrs. Spencer received an anonymous phone call that the house would be burned down Tuesday night unless the family of Leon Gasper vacated, reported no incidents.

Mrs. Spencer notified them early Wednesday that she had been told over the phone she had better get out to the house quickly because trouble was brewing. Police checked again but found nothing.

Neighbors informed her later, Mrs. Spencer said, that they had met to discuss the situation and made the cash offer for the house. The Gaspers are the only Negroes living in the district of relatively modest homes.

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\$1 Million Tax Lien Added in Abortion Case

PORTLAND (AP)—A tax lien for more than a million dollars was filed against the government Wednesday against Ruth Barnett, Portland naturopath facing a charge of manslaughter by abortion.

The lien said the money was owed in additional income taxes and listed these amounts: \$340,541 for 1945; \$315,149 for 1946; \$507,563 for 1947. The lien was brought under her married name of Ruth Barnett Bush.

A lien of \$406,604 was filed at the same time against Beatrice Cook of 801 Broadway Building, the same downtown office building address as Dr. Barnett. The internal revenue bureau said, however, it believed she lived at Jennings Lodge and had no connection in recent years with the Broadway Building address.

The lien itemized: \$203,316 for 1945; \$194,304 for 1946; \$8,983 for 1947.

Monks were the timekeepers of the Middle Ages.

PGE Dickers With Indians

THE DALLAS (AP)—A consulting engineer has been hired by the Warm Springs Indian Tribe Council to determine a fair price for reservation land on which the proposed Pelton Dam would be built.

T. Leland Brown, attorney for the Confederation of Tribes, said the Indian Bureau Office in Portland would have to approve employment of the engineer, Barry Dibble, Redlands, Calif.

The Council has given Portland General Electric Company engineers permission to make surveys of Indian land for the dam, Brown said. Part of the PGE dam would be on reservation land.

A PGE spokesman said the company plans to pay by the amount of power produced, with a minimum of \$50,000 a year to the Indians. With the later addition of Round Butte Dam, seven miles upstream from Pelton, the payments could go to \$100,000 annually.

37-Year Overdue Library Book Returned

CORVALLIS (AP)—A book checked out of the Oregon State College library more than 37 years ago is back in circulation.

The book "The Art and Craft of Garden Making" was found in the attic of a house here.

Fine on the book, checked out June 5, 1914, amounts to \$318.74. But the library isn't going to try to collect.

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Donner Pass Tie-Up Cost SP \$2 Million

PORTLAND (AP)—The snowstorm that marooned the streamliner City of San Francisco near Donner Pass in California last month delivered a two million dollar blow to the Southern Pacific Railroad, the SP president said here.

Departing from text in a Chamber of Commerce dinner speech Tuesday night, Donald J. Russell, SP president, said that the train tie-up illustrated non-scheduled expenses that can plague an industry. He said the expense in that case was two million dollars.

REDS COURT THAILAND
RANGOON, Burma (AP)—Russia told Thailand Wednesday the Soviet Union needs rubber and copra and would gladly enter into a deal for Thailand's raw materials in exchange for Soviet industrial equipment.

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Drunken Hog Leads 'Revenuers' to Still

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Sheriff's deputies Sid Hall and J. F. Hewlett reported destroying a moonshine still Wednesday after seeing a drunken hog stagger across a county road.

After deciding the hog was "really loaded," the officers found a path leading to a creek. There they spied the still.

Busy Schedule Set in Portland For Sen. Taft

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio will have two talks and a long series of meetings on his schedule when he is here next week. A 7 p. m. Lincoln Day dinner rally on Wednesday evening will be his major appearance.

At 5 p. m. he will talk at a meeting in Centenary - Wilbur Methodist Church.

He will arrive at 6:45 a. m. from Seattle; have a press conference at 8 a. m.; breakfast at 8:30 with Prescott W. Cookinham, a Harvard classmate; conference with farm, business and labor groups; lunch with the State Central Committee; and conferences with party leaders and up-state newspaper editors.

At the dinner, State Sen. Phil Hitchcock of Klamath Falls will be toastmaster and Gov. Douglas McKay will introduce Taft.

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Radio commentator Ned Brooks told the story of the letter in a NBC broadcast Wednesday night. The White House promptly confirmed it and released a text of the letter.

But Joseph Short, presidential press secretary, said the letter was written before Mr. Truman received the information on which he based his request for Caudle's resignation.

The President ousted Caudle Nov. 16 for "outside activities" deemed incompatible with his official duties.

Caudle was in charge of all tax fraud prosecutions for the justice department. A House inquiry brought out that he had accepted favors and lavish hospitality from people who were in trouble with the government over their taxes.

'INVASION' CHIEF LISTED
HONG KONG (AP)—The newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po published a report Wednesday that Gen. Lu Bo-Cheng, famed one-eyed general, would command an invasion of Indochina by Chinese Communist "volunteers." The unconfirmed report was datelined "Somewhere on the China Mainland."

PINBALL APPEAL DUE
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