

Truman Has 'Heated Talk' With McGrath

By WILMOT HERCHER
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman and his attorney general, J. Howard McGrath, engaged in what looked like an angry argument while they waited to greet Queen Juliana of the Netherlands at the National Airport Wednesday.

There have been reports that McGrath may resign because of his split with the President's clean-up chief, Newbold Morris. Morris has asked McGrath and 500 other Justice Department officials to fill out a questionnaire disclosing their personal finances, but McGrath has stated he has not decided whether the request will be honored.

Truman and his press secretary, Joseph Short, stood with McGrath at the Military Air Transport Service terminal and engaged in a heated discussion for about five minutes. They stood some distance away from the waiting dignitaries, and their words could not be overheard.

But the President's expression was severe. He was pale and his lips formed a thin line. McGrath was flushed and looked indignant.

There was no explanation of what the three were talking about, but witnesses of the incident got the impression that no agreement was reached.

Truman turned on his heel and left McGrath to join another group.

The Dutch Queen's arrival found the men outwardly calm. Later the attorney general said he had no comment on the affair.

Oppose Export Of Canada Gas

EDMONTON, Alta. (AP)—The Alberta Conservation Board recommended shutting off the valve Wednesday on trillions of cubic feet of Canadian natural gas which U. S. firms had hoped to bring to the States.

The report is not binding on the Alberta Provincial Legislature, advised export of natural gas from the Peace River region of Northern Alberta but said the province needs for its own use the remainder of its established reserves. The "remainder" constitute the bulk of the available supply.

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Morey to Take Principal's Post At Stayton High

Statesman News Service
STAYTON—M. J. Morey will be principal of Stayton Union High School for the next school year, school officials here reported Wednesday.

Morey currently is on the faculty of Cascade Union High School which serves Astoria and Stayton. He will replace A. N. Arnold who resigned recently.

Morey, his wife and six-year-old daughter will move to Stayton after the current term ends.

15 Concerts on College Choir Tour Schedule

(Picture on page one.)
Fifteen concerts will be sung by the 53-voice Willamette University capella choir during the annual tour beginning today.

The crimson-robed choir is under the direction of Melvin Gest, dean of the Willamette College of Music. Doris Loder will accompany the choir on its tour as violinist. The group leaves by bus Thursday morning.

Three concerts will be given Thursday including one at the Springfield High School in the morning; Oakland High School in the afternoon and Roseburg First Methodist Church that evening.

The rest of the itinerary includes: Friday, Redding, Calif.; Methodist Church; Sunday, Redwood City Methodist Church in the afternoon and that evening at the Burlingame First Methodist Church; Monday, San Francisco, Trinity Methodist Church; Tuesday, San Leandro First Methodist Church; Wednesday, Oakland, Laurel Methodist Church; Thursday, Auburn Methodist Church.

On April 11 the choir will sing a good Friday service in the Methodist Church in Napa, Calif. Saturday, April 12, they will be presented in concert at the Woodland First Methodist Church; Sunday, April 13 at the Chico Trinity Methodist Church as part of the Easter Sunday services, and Monday, April 14 they will sing at the Medford First Methodist Church. That evening they will be heard in the Yoncalla High School. The choir will return to Salem April 15.

New Snow on Santiam Pass

Motorists were warned Wednesday to carry chains if they intended travel in the Santiam or Willamette Pass areas. There is a reported five inches of new snow in the Santiam and three in the Willamette.

The State Highway Commission also warned that the Rome-Princeton and John Day-Burns highways are still blocked by high water.

Anti-Liquor League To Fight Initiative

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Anti-Liquor League said Wednesday it would fight an initiative sale of liquor by the drink in Oregon.

Portland area ministers will be invited to a meeting April 15 "to consider the program to meet this latest wet threat," George Smith Brown, league superintendent, said.

The league is sponsoring a prohibition measure.

Pen Escapee Asks Leniency, After 9 Years of 'Honest Living'

SEATTLE (AP)—Hopeful of a different kind of "break" to get him out of Oregon's prison walls again and grateful for the loyalty of the woman he loves, 51-year-old two-time loser Jack Erwin looked to an uncertain future Wednesday.

Erwin walked away from the Oregon State Penitentiary prison farm on July 4, 1943. He was recaptured here Tuesday by three policemen and a former detective chief after a bitter 30-minute struggle.

Erwin told police he is proud of his record since he took French leave of the Oregon institution, where he was serving a term for assault and robbery. He had just begun to feel secure, he said, when the arm of the law reached him again.

Avoided Old Pals
"I learned what is like to live right since I left prison," he recounted. "I shunned my old associates from the days of my mistakes whenever I could. I quit playing around with firearms and I worked to make an honest living."

"I joined chambers of commerce and sportsmen's clubs and I got married and bought a home. Now, that is all gone and there is nothing for me to live for unless I can gain leniency from the parole board so I can go on living an honest life."

The wife he had acquired in the near nine years of freedom knew nothing of his criminal record, which included a term in Washington's penitentiary for robbery of a Seattle bank.

Proud of Husband
But, Mrs. Anna Erwin said today:

"I'm proud of my husband. Since I have known him he has lived a model life, has rarely tasted liquor and everywhere he goes he has lots of friends. I know that he is trying to live right and I'm going to help him all I can."

Erwin said he obtained a job in a Portland shipyard after leaving the penitentiary but left after a few months because they had fingerprinted him. Later he worked in Spokane and California as a railroad fireman. In 1949, he and his wife went to Valdez, Alaska, where he was head cook in a construction camp.

They were preparing to leave Friday for Valdez. Wednesday, instead, he signed his extradition papers for return to Oregon and its prison walls.

Government to Close Salem Vets' Office

The Salem Veterans Administration office, a federal service, will be closed April 30, Charles M. Cox, contract representative here said Wednesday.

Charles Langdon, regional manager in Portland, said there has not been enough work to warrant keeping it open. He said the State Department of Veterans Affairs and other veterans' organizations have been handling most veteran problems in the Salem district.

Langdon added that a reduction in Veterans Administration personnel has been nationwide. Appropriations for Veterans Administration recently has been curtailed.

Closure of the Salem office will effect only two employees: Cox, who will go to Eugene to take charge of the VA office there, and a stenographer, Laura Gaskill, who declined a transfer to Portland.

The VA will continue to maintain offices in Corvallis, Eugene, Medford and Portland, Cox stated. He advised that local veterans may continue to receive assistance in applying for VA benefits from R. C. Miller, Marion County service officer, State Library Building. The Salem Veterans Administration office was first opened in 1945. Cox came here in September, 1951, from Baker.

Minister's Son, Of Hayesville, Ill in Hospital

A 21-month-old lad was given a "fair" rating Wednesday night by local hospital authorities as he struggled to gain nourishment through intravenous feeding.

The boy, Kenneth Sanders, young son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Sanders, 4290 Portland Rd., is being watched day and night by hospital attendants, friends and relatives. He was taken to the hospital Tuesday. The importance of keeping the life-giving fluid traveling into his little arm was realized by friends of the family who volunteered their help.

First notice of the child's being ill was made Sunday night. Tuesday the boy went into convulsions. "It all happened so suddenly and when they knew he was really ill they rushed him to the hospital," Sanders' mother, a resident of Spokane, Wash., stated Wednesday. She flew to Salem to be with her son and his family when Kenneth was taken to the hospital.

She said that the lad had a very high fever as well as his other ills. The boy reportedly is suffering from a virus throat, virus infected bowels and an acidic condition of the stomach.

Rev. Sanders, his wife and three boys, moved to Salem last June. The older boys are Neil, 4 years, and Paul, 8.

Senate Votes to Give Tidelands Title to States

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted Wednesday to give the states, instead of the federal government, ownership and control of the oil-rich lands lying within their coastal boundaries.

The roll call vote was 50 to 35. Vast oil reservoirs worth untold millions are involved in the issue which has long been a subject of bitter controversy in Congress and in the courts.

President Truman vetoed a similar bill in 1946. Later, the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government has paramount rights in submerged coastal areas.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican Senator Cordon of Oregon voted for the bill giving the states clear title to lands beneath marginal seas. Senator Morse (R) Oregon, voted against it.

Bloodmobile Due In Salem Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Salem today at the army from noon to 5 p. m.

This is the first Marion County stop of the blood bank for the month of April. The proposed goal is 300 pints.

House Passes \$492 Million Rivers Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to provide \$492,434,900 for flood control and rivers and harbors work was passed Wednesday by the House. It declined to add or subtract a penny from recommendations of its Appropriations Committee.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, carries some 468 million dollars for the civil functions work—flood control and navigation—of Army Engineers in the fiscal year started July 1.

As it goes to the Senate the bill is \$200,542,000 or 29 per cent below President Truman's budget requests for civil functions.

Many projects which President Truman recommended were left out of the bill by the committee. Among these were The Dalles, Ore., for which the President asked 37½ million dollars, and Ice Harbor lock and dam, Wash., five million.

Sponsors of these and other sharply-trimmed projects served notice they would seek to have the Senate Appropriations Committee restore the projects to the bill or increase the amounts allowed. (Earlier story on page 11).

72-Year-Old Woman Hurt In Car Wreck

A 72-year-old woman Wednesday evening was rushed to Salem Memorial Hospital from the scene of an automobile accident at Leffle and South Commercial Streets with a broken leg and injuries of the mouth.

The woman, Mrs. W. S. McCafferty, suffered the injuries after she was slammed against the dashboard when the car she was riding in with her husband collided with a parked car owned by D. A. Fish, 1488 S. Commercial St. McCafferty was believed to have suffered a broken nose and shock and was also taken to Salem Memorial. Both were reported to be resting comfortably Wednesday night.

Fish's 1935 LaSalle was parked in front of his residence. The late model Chevrolet, driven by McCafferty, reportedly hit the parked car while attempting to pass a diesel truck on the one-way street. Fish's car was forced up onto the sidewalk and into a hedge bordering his home on Commercial Street. A hazard of escaping gasoline was checked by the Salem fire department which kept a spray of water mixed with the inflammable fluid.

Korea Talks to Enter New Phase

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Staff officers arguing prisoner exchange called off their secret session on Thursday—an indication that a new move may be under way to break a four months deadlock.

The scheduled meeting was postponed until Friday morning at the request of the United Nations Command.

An Allied spokesman declined to explain the postponement, but said it was "for constructive purposes."

Tickets Ready for Con-Glomerations

A variety show, April 18, 19, 21, 23, at the Oregon State Penitentiary's new dining room, may be procured by mail from J. K. Gill's in Portland or Stevens and Son, Salem.

The Oregon Heart Association, 620 Lumbermen's Building, Portland, will also sell tickets by mail. The Heart Fund, selected by the convicts themselves, is to be the beneficiary of the proceeds of the program. Each performance will begin at 8 p. m.

Haircut Price Fixing Void, Court Rules

A barber has the right to clip his customers for as little as he pleases, the State Supreme Court ruled, in effect, Wednesday.

The high court declared unconstitutional Oregon's 1945 law allowing barbers to set minimum prices.

In wiping the law of the books, the court said unanimously that it restricts a barber's "constitutional right to carry on his business and to render his services at prices suitable to himself."

Under the 1945 law, 70 per cent of the barbers in a county can fix prices, thus making the other 30 per cent fall into line.

The state board of barber examiners brought the suit against Earl LaForge, Portland barber who was cutting hair for 50 cents when the established minimum was 75 cents.

La Forge won before Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Multnomah County, and Wednesday's decision by Justice Walter L. Tooez upheld Judge Crawford.

This is the second time that La Forge got a barber price-fixing law tossed out.

In 1943 the legislature gave the board of barber examiners power to fix prices, and LaForge brought suit, getting the law kicked out two years after it was passed. The 1945 legislature then passed the one that was thrown out Wednesday.

Justice Tooez wrote that control of prices and wages are necessary only in emergencies, and that these controls are "most obnoxious in times of peace."

W. F. McCarty Bound Over To Grand Jury

William Frank McCarty, Mill City, Wednesday waived preliminary examination in Stayton justice court and was bound over to the grand jury.

McCarty, who was arrested Tuesday through the combined efforts of State police and County deputies, is to answer a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. He is believed by State police investigators to be involved in the theft of guns, knives and ammunition from a general store in Mehama.

Investigation of the case, on the basis of a possible accomplice, is being continued by State police. He is being held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Billy Graham To Open Office In U.S. Capital

WASHINGTON (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham said Wednesday he intends to transfer his headquarters to Washington.

Graham and his wife passed through the city en route from Europe to Montreal, N. C., where the young minister's mother is ill.

Graham said his evangelistic team and his film distributing office—45 persons—have already moved here. His radio department of 80 will follow if the post office department will allow him to have an address "Billy Graham, Washington," he said.

The three departments have been located in Minneapolis.

Graham said the high point of his European trip was a three-day visit to Paris, where he talked with General Eisenhower.

He said the general authorized him to say "that he is definitely a Protestant, that he is very much encouraged by the renewed religious interest in America, but that he is not a member of any church."

Northern U.S. Rivers Flood

By The Associated Press
Floods drove residents of several Mid-West and Northwest towns from their homes Wednesday as the Missouri, Minnesota and Milk Rivers and their tributaries overflowed.

An estimated 1,200 persons were forced from their homes in Havre, Mont., by the rampaging Milk River.

The river is a huge drain for rapidly-melting snow in the nearby Bearpaw Mountains. Rising slowly, it already has chased residents from the northern part of town and started spilling over into the west side of the city of 8,000 population.

First State Vet Loan Repaid

The first loan made by the state of Oregon to a World War II veteran has been repaid, the State Veterans Department said on Wednesday.

The borrower was Earl A. Taw, Portland, an army veteran. The state made its first farm and home loan in October, 1945. Since then, it has loaned \$33,534,890 to 8,025 veterans. Of these, 918 have repaid their loans.

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Legion Post 136 Plans Annual Party
American Legion Post 136 Saturday at 7 p. m. will hold its annual Spring party at the Isaak Walton Club House, 501 S. Cottage St.
The party is an open invitation to all veterans and their guests. Proceeds will be used to bolster the Post's building and welfare fund.
DETROIT JOB BIDS OPENED
PORTLAND (AP)—A low bid of \$20,270 was submitted by F. M. Wilmer, Olympia, for clearing right-of-way for the Detroit-Albany 230-000 kilovolt transmission line, the Bonneville Power Administration said Wednesday.

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