

Gas Hearing Questions Canada Well

WASHINGTON (AP) — The big question at a Power Commission hearing Thursday was whether a million-dollar well in the Pincher Creek natural gas field of Canada is a dry hole.

Geologist Clyde Strachan of Tulsa, Okla., was asked the question about a dozen times at a hearing on five applications for licenses to pipe gas to the Pacific Northwest. Testifying in support of Northwest Natural Gas Company's application to build a pipeline from Pincher Creek to Washington and Oregon, the Gulf Oil Co. geologist would not say that Gulf's Huddell Well No. 1 is a dry hole.

But he did say he no longer considers it to be in a productive area of the Southwestern Alberta field.

Strachan said the well, drilled in an attempt to prove gas reserves in the field, was sunk to 12,645 feet before drilling was stopped.

In reply to questions during a full day of cross-examination by attorneys for competing companies, Strachan said:

"A crew now is fishing for drilling equipment lost in the deep hole; 'small showings' of gas and some water were encountered; the question of whether the well will be abandoned or drilled deeper will be answered after samples from drill cores are evaluated."

He estimates that productive acreage at Pincher Creek has been increased in spite of the Huddell well over an estimate made before the well was drilled. His revised estimate was based in part on seismicograph tests made in recent months.

Youngster Dies in Pool

MOLALLA (AP) — Francis Scott Key, 6, drowned in a pool near his farm home two miles west of here Thursday.

Coroner Ray Rillance said the boy's mother, Mrs. Pearl Wright, saw him playing near the pool late Thursday afternoon. When she missed the boy, she summoned neighbors who found his body in the 6-foot pool.

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Stewart Unopposed For Top Elk Office

With no new nominations made at the Thursday night meeting, it appeared likely that Wesley Stewart will be installed the new exalted ruler of Salem Elks Lodge at their election meeting next week.

Other uncontested nominations included John Graham, leading knight; Robert Jones, loyal knight; James Pike, lecturing knight; Harry Wiedmer, secretary; Edward Dimbat, treasurer; Earl Croghan, tiler; Gilbert Wynkoop, board of trustees; and Clinton Standish, alternate representative to the grand lodge convention.

Egypt Queen Leaves Rome, Rift Reported

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Egypt's young Queen Narriman left King Farouk, her husband of less than two years, in Rome Thursday and flew to Switzerland amid reports she has agreed to a divorce or separation.

Through a legal spokesman in Rome, the deposed poly-poly king bitterly blamed his mother-in-law and political enemies in Egypt, but again denied that he is going to his only 19-year-old mother of his own son.

He admitted, however, that Narriman may be tiring of her exile and that he was awaiting future developments.

Frowning, Queen Narriman ignored newsmen's questions when she stepped from the plane here with her mother, Mrs. Sila Sadek, and a nurse.

She came without her infant son 13-month-old King Ahmed Faud II, who succeeded to the throne of the ancient Nile Kingdom last July when his father was summarily ousted after the military coup of Premier Gen. Mohammed Naguib.

One report published by Memento Sera in Rome said Narriman had cheerfully agreed to a separation, but not a divorce, "to protect the dynasty."

This report said the queen's commoner mother, who flew to Rome from Cairo a week ago, had come with a demand from Naguib's government that the baby king be taken away from the influence of his father and be returned to Egypt as soon as possible.

Narriman was said to have been persuaded that she must leave Farouk if she wished to safeguard the royal rights of her son.

In Rome, Carol d'Amelio, legal adviser to Farouk, gave the first official indication of a serious rift. He issued this statement, with Farouk's approval:

"The ex-queen Narriman left today by plane for Switzerland, together with her mother who arrived in Rome from Cairo about a week ago. Rumors spread by the Egyptian press that Farouk will divorce his wife — rumors taken up by the world press — must once again be denied."

"King Farouk has only given his permission that his young wife leave Italy because she may be tired of her life of exile, despite the attention of Italian and Swiss doctors."

"The decision to leave, which has been ably helped by her mother who evidently has had contacts with Egyptian political elements, is a result also of the propaganda promoted by the enemies of the royal dynasty of Egypt to throw shadows and discredit on the reigning family."

"King Farouk awaits new developments with full hope in the justice of God and bows to his will with absolute serenity."

Although young King Faud did not come with his mother, sources close to Farouk were quoted by some Rome newspapers as saying he might leave Italy later.

ANGELS, PADRES WIN

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles whipped Hollywood Thursday 5 to 3 in a Pacific Coast League exhibition game.

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — Tight relief pitching by San Diego's Jack Salveson put an end to a brisk start by the Tokyo Giants and the Pacific Coast League baseball team won 7-4 here Thursday.

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Attack by Jets Seen Mirror Of Red Policy

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Red fighter plane attacks on allied aircraft in Germany may be part of a deliberate get-tough pattern ordered by the Kremlin to feel out and if possible intimidate the Western powers.

This possibility, U. S. officials said, became a subject for serious inquiry here and in other Allied capitals after the second attack in 48 hours resulted in the loss of a British military bomber. A U. S. jet fighter on patrol had been shot down Tuesday.

An alternative theory to which many diplomatic authorities leaned was that the close relationship of the two incidents in time was coincidental but, as one expressed it, "you can't rule out anything."

Whether deliberate or by chance, the incidents had the immediate and obvious result of tightening the tension between the western powers and the Soviet world. The new government in Moscow and the relatively new government in Washington are faced with potentially grave decisions.

Members of Congress expressed concern over the attacks. Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) said:

"It behooves us and our allies to act with caution but firmness and to use wisdom and clear thinking rather than emotions. This does not mean that we must withdraw and appease but it does call for an alert firmness."

Senator Hill (D-Ala.) said: "This new Russian government is evidently testing us. We should let them know in no uncertain terms that any repetition of these attacks would mean swift retaliation by us."

Chairman Short (R-Mo.) of the House Armed Services Committee called for the United States "to get tough" with the Russians, asserting the only language they understand is force.

"When they come across the border in our territory we should shoot the hell out of them and if they fire on our planes from their own territory we should shoot back," Short said, adding:

"It's a hell of a note — a sad commentary on the previous administration — that after Congress has voted 100 billion dollars for defense in 1950, 1951 and 1952, that we now lack either the strength or the will to resist."

He added that "I'm wondering why it is that they fire on our planes and we do nothing about it, except maybe drop a polite note."

Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass.) said that "we can't be expected to let them raid our territory without doing something about it."

He offered no suggestion for action. Whether any action should be taken beyond the usual protest was a question for President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Churchill and the highest advisors.

Their decision would be largely governed, it appeared, by a survey of the full facts and these took hours to develop in connection with the second incident. The State Department was working on a further diplomatic complaint about the first affair when word of the shooting down of the British aircraft reached Washington.

Mill City Entry Wins District Speech Contest

June Miley, representing the Mill City Toastmasters Club, won the speech contest conducted by the Salem, Chemeketa, Stayton and Mill City Toastmasters Clubs at the Golden Pheasant Restaurant in Salem Thursday evening.

She competed against three other contestants and as the winner of this contest she will next compete in Eugene next month. If successful there she will continue on to further competition in Salem and Tacoma.

Thursday night's speakers were all winners of previous speech contests conducted by their individual clubs. Runner-up was Jane Starr, Stayton.

Judges were Mrs. Edith Mason, Mill City; Robert Rorkner, Capitol Toastmasters Club; Mrs. Marion Curry, Salem, and Robert Sederstrom, Salem Toastmasters Club.

Berg Leads

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Patty Berg, the smiling, freckled-face veteran professional from St. Andrews, Ill., put her putter to work Thursday and carved out a 72 to take a two-stroke lead in the 14th annual Women's Titleholders Championship.

RAINIERS LOSE

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — The St. Louis Browns' "B" squad ganged up on Steve Nagy for three runs in the first inning Thursday and went on to take a 6-4 exhibition baseball game from the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League.

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The annual Toastmasters banquet and speech contest will be held at the Marion Hotel Saturday beginning at 7 p. m. with the two Salem clubs acting co-hosts.

Dr. Ralph Gordon will officiate as toastmaster for the evening and Robert Batdorf, area governor, will preside. Morris Buxton and Elmer Amundson are co-chairmen of the general contest committee. They will be assisted by James Callaway and George Van Dusen.

Judges and counters will be selected from the clubs of area two and invocation will be given by E. A. Bradford.

The public is invited.

86-Year-Old Woman to Get Parole Soon

WALLA WALLA (AP) — After serving 25 years of a life imprisonment sentence, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 86, will be released from prison on parole late this month.

Dr. Henry Hess, chairman of the state Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, announced Thursday.

Mrs. Smith and her son, Decasto Earl Mayer, were charged with the murder of a young navy officer, who disappeared in September of 1928. Before the trial, Mayer hanged himself in the county jail. Mrs. Smith pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

She told authorities that her son had killed Basset and "disappeared" the body which has never been found.

Dr. Ness said her health has become extremely poor and the prison is unable to take care of her adequately so after leaving prison she will go to a nursing home operated under the state Department of Social Security.

Beef Cattle Support Bid Turned Down

WASHINGTON — An industry advisory committee turned thumbs down Thursday on government price supports and subsidies to bolster declining beef cattle prices, but it asked the Agriculture Department to put on an advertising campaign for beef.

The 18-member committee — called here by Secretary of Agriculture Benson to advise him on the cattle price problem — also called for department purchase of beef for donation to the government-sponsored school lunch program.

2-Year Delay For Portland State Sought

The state board of higher education asked the House education committee Thursday night to postpone action for two years on the bill to give Portland a four-year state college.

The board members said they now are busy trying to change the setup for teacher training, and that it has to finish work on that before giving Portland its state college.

The bill, which the committee had approved 5 to 3 and then pulled back the bill in order to hear the board's objections, would change two-year Portland state college into a four-year institution.

The bill would be referred to the people, and would let the board of higher education have until 1958 to change Portland State into the four-year college.

Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton, and Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton, Portland, both board members, said the board is going ahead with plans to give four-year teacher training at Portland State College.

The board also has recommended to the Legislature that all four-year state colleges and the university give both elementary and high school teacher training.

"It will take time and money to get that teacher training program started, and we have to get it accomplished before we can change Portland State," Kleinsorge said.

Dr. Kleinsorge said Portland State now has 1,300 students, and that it has a capacity of 2,000 to 2,500.

Oregon's 10 independent colleges oppose the bill on grounds there already are enough colleges in Oregon.

Dr. H. K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon, took the strongest stand against a four-year college in Portland, asserting the state couldn't support three major educational institutions.

He declared it might result in lowered education standards throughout the state.

Dr. Newburn and Dr. Harry L. Dillon, president of Linfield College, advocated a comprehensive study of the state's educational needs. But Mrs. Maurine Newberger, Portland, committee chairman, said this was just a means of delaying action.

Dr. Dillon, speaking for the 10 privately-owned colleges which he said educate 40 per cent of the college students of Oregon, said putting a four-year college in Portland would ruin the private colleges.

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State College, also doubted the need for the college. He said a big percentage of students at OSC earn part or all of their way through college, and that OSC now has 4,700 students compared with its capacity of 7,500.

Dollar-a-Pound Coffee Forecast

PORTLAND (AP) — A major coffee dealer here forecast that coffee might increase in price to a dollar a pound, now that controls have been removed.

Wholesale coffee prices have jumped 2 to 4 cents a pound in the past two weeks, and the dealer "estimated conservatively" another boost of at least 6 cents a pound.

Some brands went up 2 to 2 1/2 cents in retail price Thursday. Coffee is retailing here from 89 to 93 cents a pound.

Korean Fight Support Given By Britisher

NEW YORK (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the United States Thursday night it must continue to fight only a partial war in Korea.

In a major foreign policy address, he conceded this is a thankless assignment and said:

"It is one thing for a nation to throw its entire strength into a fight for survival. It is another to conduct a partial war with all kinds of restraints upon your action."

"And yet we know that these restraints must be maintained."

Eden offered his prepared address before the Foreign Policy Association, a non-profit national educational organization devoted to public understanding of international affairs.

The urbane British Cabinet member came here after top-level policy talks in Washington with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

Eden's was a frankly defensive speech for the most part as he essayed to answer many of the criticisms raised against British foreign policy.

He made a last minute insertion in his speech to touch on the shooting down of an RAF bomber by Soviet aircraft.

Eden said the U. S. and Britain still are ready to negotiate with Russia, despite Stalin's death. He added that a like intention from Russia would be welcome.

Then he deviated from his original text to say: "There is nothing of the kind up to the present. On the contrary we have today heard of the shooting down . . . of an RAF bomber . . . Deliberate and unprovoked attacks of this kind by what are supposed to be friendly forces can only be called 'barbaric.'"

Call letters of television and radio stations usually begin with "K" west of the Mississippi and "W" east of the river; there are a few cases which are reversed, representing stations set up before the system went into effect.

Air Incidents Give Grains War Jitters

CHICAGO (AP) — Shooting down of a British airplane in Germany sent a nervous quiver through the grain market Thursday but it didn't produce much in the way of price changes.

News of the latest incident in the "cold war" hit the floor of the board of trade shortly before the opening. It produced some hurried buying at the start and immediately thereafter, particularly in soybeans and wheat. Much of this was considered short-covering.

After the first 15 minutes of trading, however, the market quieted down. Most gains had been given up by the time the final gong sounded.

Wheat closed 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, corn unchanged to 1/4 lower, oats 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, rye 1/4 lower, soybeans 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher and lard 10 to 23 cents a hundred pounds higher.

Police Seek Girl Quartet

Four Hillcrest girls took advantage of a choral engagement at the West Salem Women's Club Thursday night to run away from custody.

The four ran away from the city building in West Salem as the group was filing into the auditorium to sing before the club. Police advised that two ran toward Dal-

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Suit Against NFL Finished

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The 18-day-old trial of the government's anti-trust suit against the National Football League was concluded Thursday but the decision is not likely before September at the earliest.

The government completed its rebuttal evidence with the introduction of several documents after the defense cross examined Jerry N. Jordan, an advertising firm employee. The government has charged the NFL's radio broadcast and telecast policy is restrictive and in violation of anti-trust laws.

Federal Judge Allan K. Grim — hearing the case without jury — set June 15 for the filing of government briefs, July 15 for defense briefs, Aug. 14 for the government reply briefs.

las and the other two headed for Salem.

The girls are Shirley Wilson, 17, Jeannette Newhoff, 16, Donna Hershey, 17, and Grace Sapp, 14. Police reported at midnight that they were still missing.

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