

Barkley Backs Truman, Rips Into Brownell

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Alben W. Barkley, the former vice president in the Truman administration, warmly defended his former chief Saturday night for "errors of judgment" he said were "honest" and ripped into Attorney General Brownell on the Soviet espionage issue.

Barkley spoke at a Democratic Party dinner where his references to Brownell were accompanied by hisses from the audience.

The 76-year-old Barkley, a prominent figure in both the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, told the cheering, partisan crowd:

"We have an attorney general whose chief qualification seems to be not in his skill as a lawyer but in his ambidextrous nocturnal invasions of the sepulchres of the dead."

Won't Deny Errors

The former vice president said that of course he wouldn't deny that President Truman made "errors of judgment" but he said they should be evaluated in the light of conditions that existed at the time, just as should errors made by other chief executives.

Even the present President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Barkley said, made an error in judgment in "allowing the Russians to get control of Berlin" as World War II came to an end.

Europe Commander

Eisenhower then was commander of Allied forces in Europe. That decision, too, Barkley said, must be evaluated in the light of then existing conditions.

In an off-the-cuff address, Barkley told Democratic leaders from 11 Eastern states that:

"The great crusade seems to be running backward instead of forward. No wonder the Republican National Committee is giving serious consideration to substitution of the crawfish for the elephant as the emblem of the Republican Party."

Proud of Party

And he said that today he is prouder to be a Democrat than ever before in his life.

"There is nothing we need to hide or be ashamed of," Barkley said.

It doesn't increase Democratic stature to try to cover up mistakes and pretend they didn't exist, he said.

"Presidents Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt," he said, also made mistakes in judgment.

And now, he said, Truman is under attack in an atmosphere "saturated with cheapness of politics and designs intended to gain elections here and there by actions unworthy of a great law-enforcing agency of our government."

Rock Thrown Through Living Room Window

Mrs. Marie Robertson, 757 Center St., reported to city police Saturday night that someone had thrown a large rock through the living room window of her home while she was downtown shopping. The rock, three inches in diameter, was found on the living room floor.

Delay in New Federal Power Rules Sought

DENVER (AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver described government power policy revisions Saturday as "a very slight improvement" over those condemned by labor leaders and rural electric officials Friday.

At the same time the American Municipal Assn. was reported siding with the senator in support of a "grass roots" rebellion demanding the new federal power rules be delayed a year for congressional study.

The controversial program is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1. The two announcements followed a two-day national electric consumers conference concluded here Friday night by 650 delegates from 29 states who claimed to represent 20 million Americans.

Tug Goes to Aid of Liner

LONDON (AP)—The famous British rescue tug Turmoil battled through gale-whipped seas Sunday en route to the rudderless Norwegian liner Slavangerfjord and its 644 passengers, many of them Americans.

The Turmoil, famed for its unsuccessful attempt to bring Capt. Kurt Carlsen's Flying Enterprise into port under tow nearly two years ago, left Beershaven in southern Ireland Friday to go to the aid of the liner.

The 13,300-ton Stavangerfjord has been fighting through the Atlantic since Wednesday with a broken rudder steering only by means of its twin screws.

Youth Drowns as Raft Overturns

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A raft overturned in the Klamath River south of here Saturday, drowning a young duck hunter, Donald Taylor, 13.

Two companions, John Prentice and James Priest, also teen agers, made it to shore. Taylor's body was recovered an hour later by state police.

East Oregon Counties Lead Payroll Gains

Eastern Oregon counties made the best records in payroll gains during the first half of 1953, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported here Saturday.

Some 18,132 covered firms paid out \$622,206,355 in wages up to June 30. The leaders were Wasco with a 24.4 per cent increase over the first six months of 1952, Walla Walla with 16.2 per cent and Wheeler with 13.1. Closely following were Columbia with 12.8 per cent, Harney with 12.2 per cent, Jefferson with 10.3 and Klamath with 9.9 per cent gain.

Dam Construction Helps

Dam construction helped Wasco County in the big gain while tapering off of work around McNary Dam was responsible for the greatest first half loss by Umatilla County which dropped 20.1 per cent.

Enlarged lumber operations helped Wallawa, Harney, Jefferson and Klamath. Highway construction expanded employment in Wheeler, and paper and lumber mills brought large payrolls to Columbia County.

Only four of the 17 eastern Oregon counties failed to report higher wage outgo in 1953 than the previous year, while six of the 19 from the west had net losses.

7 Per Cent Higher

Multnomah County's first half wage lists of \$281,278,932 were \$18,000,000 or nearly 7 per cent higher than in 1952. Employment in this metropolitan area gained about 3,000 up to June, while the rest of the state was losing 10,000. More than 45 per cent of the state's payrolls are concentrated in this district.

Lane County in second place also reported steady increases this year with \$53,949,455 for the first six months, a 9.7 per cent gain. New annual records were indicated for both counties, as well as for Douglas and Coos in third and fourth places. Gains in the western Oregon timber section, however, were not on the same scale as in 1952 and earlier years.

Dulles to Promise More Europe Aid

PARIS (AP)—Secretary of SKAT John Foster Dulles was reliably reported Saturday night to be prepared to promise continued American support for European defense as a means of encouraging quick ratification of the European army plan.

His assurances will be given at the conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council which opens here Monday, sources close to the U. S. secretary said.

More than 25 million acres of California are national forests.

Norblad Closes Salem Office

U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad has closed his Salem office and plans to leave with his family for Washington, D. C., immediately after Christmas.

Correspondence addressed to him at the House Office Building, Washington, D. C., will reach his Washington office, he said.

Boy Given to Real Parents Over Protests

BOSTON (AP)—The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled Friday that a boy who has lived nine years with foster parents must be returned to his natural parents in Oregon—even though he doesn't want to.

He is Wayne Clark Stringer, 12, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Stringer of Shedd, Ore.

Of Walpole, Mass., petitioned for guardianship and custody of the boy when he was three years old. He had been placed in a Boston orphanage for board but not for adoption because his mother was having financial difficulties.

Last year a lower court ruled that "ultimate welfare of the child will under all circumstances be served by awarding guardianship with custody to the child's mother."

The high court upheld the decision, made by Judge James F. Knight that he would veto any bill Reynolds who noted that the boy's family had moved to Oregon in 1948 hoping for improvement of the father's health.

Judge Reynolds said the boy "insisted before me that he did not want to go with his mother and that he wanted to stay with Rhoades and his wife, who he considered as though they were his father and mother."

It was this that made the decision a difficult one, Reynolds said.

Kefauver Asks Inquiry Into GM Contract

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) Saturday asked for a Senate investigation of a 200 million dollar defense contract with General Motors Corp. which he said was "for the exclusive production of M48 tanks for the Army."

Kefauver, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the contract "may represent a dangerous departure from the principle of maintaining a very broad defense production base."

He asked Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Armed Services Committee to order hearings, saying that although the contract had been announced it was not yet completed and it "may represent a dangerous policy in the concentration of an extraordinary amount of power in a single industry."

Kefauver said in his statement that Secretary of the Army Stevens announced several weeks ago that General Motors' bid was about 15 per cent below that of the Chrysler Corp., the only other company now producing the M48 tank.

The senator said he feared that having only one supplier of tanks would result in "a loss of skilled technicians and know-how available to other tank producers."

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Garden Show Features Use Of Pernetia

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Garden Editor, The Statesman
STAYTON—Pernetia played a large part in the Stayton Garden Club Winter show Saturday and helped win for Mrs. Ward Inglis the grand prize in the arrangement groups.

Mrs. Inglis had used mulberry-shaded pernetia berries with heather against a background of South Sea Island coral, for her top winning piece. This had tied for first place in a buffet arrangement by Mrs. Merlin Morey.

A sprig of huge pernetia again took the judges eye in the horticulture group, winning the tri-color award for Mrs. Peter Dietrich.

Top Award

Three tiny pigs at a little china trough filled with little cones and red berries won the top award for Suzanne Morey in the junior division, while a display of African Violets won the same honor for Mrs. Fred Berger in the commercial division.

One of the unusual displays, and not common to many of the shows in the Willamette Valley, was the "cooked" flower entries. The flowers are baked for eight hours in a special sand purchased for that purpose and then framed. The sand keeps them in shape and the heat preserves them. In this division Mrs. Morey took first place.

The show was held at Stayton Woman's Club House, with Christmas entries forming the majority on display.

First place winners were:
HORTICULTURE—Dish gardens, Mrs. Inglis Planters, Mrs. Andrew Ferry, Berried shrub, Mrs. Dietrich, Snowberry, Mrs. Angus Ware. Arrangement to one or more berries, Mrs. Inglis, Chrysanthemums, Mrs. Ferry.

ARRANGEMENTS—Madonna, Mrs. Louis Freres, Greetings and bells, Mrs. Angus Ware; sprays, Mrs. Clarence Gavette; wreaths, Jo Van Cleave; artificial material, Mrs. Gavette; small spray, Mrs. Freres. By candlelight.

Candlelight arrangements: Mantle, Mrs. Morey; Buffet, Mrs. Morey, Mrs. Inglis; Decorated candle, high, Mrs. Morey; low, Mrs. Louis Freres. Summer plants in winter grey: Miss Ida Sandner, kitchen utensil arrangement, Mrs. A. D. Gardner Jr. Winter snags (driftwood), high, Mrs. Harry Humphreys; low, Mrs. Gardner.

Holiday board: dining table, Mrs. Inglis; metal focus, high, Mrs. Inglis; low, Mrs. Inglis.

Christmas Theme: Christmas quickie (with special Christmas theme), coffee table, Mrs. Morey; bedside table, Mrs. Morey and Mrs. Gardner, tied.

Gift wrapping, Mrs. Morey. Twin arrangement, Mrs. Andrew Ferry; bottles, Mrs. Inglis; winter corsages, natural material, Judy Ware; dried material, Joe VanCleave; flower out of season, fuschia, Mrs. Dietrich; fairy gardens, Mrs. Inglis.

Special Hawaiian display, Mrs. Harry Rowe. Juniors: corsages, Carol Gavette; bedside and dish, Suzanne Morey; planter, high, Mary Helen Moore; low, Nancy Moore.

Commercial firsts, Mrs. Berger, Topscot Greenhouses and Alex Harold. Judges were Mrs. Francis Shiltz of Molalla; Mrs. Wanda Edlund and Mrs. R. B. Winslow, Silverton.

Final Services Monday for Miss Hodges

Funeral services for Miss Kathryn Mae Hodges, 51, Salem General Hospital librarian for 13 years, will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the Rev. George H. Swift officiating.

Miss Hodges died in a Salem hospital Saturday following an illness of several weeks.

She was born Oct. 4, 1902 at Green River, Wyo., and came to her Salem position from Austin, Tex. A graduate of the University of Wyoming, she was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Swift officiating.

McCarthy Calls USAF Witness To Public Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Saturday he will question "Air Force witnesses" for the first time in public next week at hearings into alleged Communist infiltration and espionage.

McCarthy, as chairman of the Senate investigations subcommittee, will shift his public hearings from Washington to New York City on Monday for four days.

"This is not an investigation of the Air Force," he told newsmen. He said "certain leads" were uncovered during his investigation of alleged espionage at the Army Signal Corps' Ft. Monmouth, N. J., radar laboratory. He said these leads involved Air Force personnel at Rome, Syracuse and Griffis Air Force Base in New York state.

the Salem Chemeketas. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Soren J. Jensen, Green River, Wyo., and Mrs. George C. McKenzie, Ogden, Utah; and five nieces and nephews. Concluding services will be held at Belcrest Memorial Park under the direction of the Virgil T. Golden Co.

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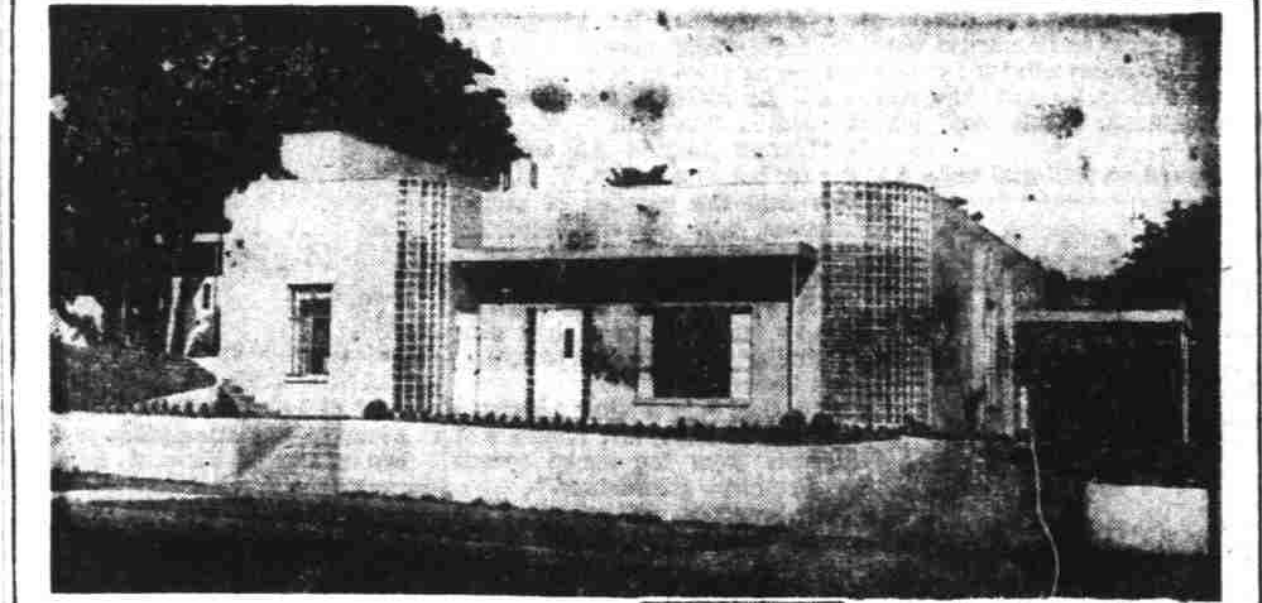


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