

Atomic Bomb Project Chief Suspended

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FHA Shakeup Underway; Householder Fleecings Charged; Chief Resigns

Pilot Blames 'Fire Threat' For Bridge-Ducking Antics

A pilot who wanted to be near the water because he "was afraid the plane was going to catch on fire" pleaded guilty Monday to two charges of illegal flying.

Carmen Edward Clark, 1135 Rural Ave., 32-year-old former fighter pilot, will be sentenced Friday in Marion County District Court on the charges rising out of flying his rented plane under three bridges across the Willamette at Salem Sunday.

Clark told arresting officer Sgt. Byron Hazelton of the Oregon State Police and George Douglas of the CAA Monday that he smelled smoke and thought the plane was on fire. He said he turned and asked his passenger, Robert Smith, if he smelled smoke and Smith said yes, he was smoking. When Smith tossed the cigaret out, Clark said he thought it blew back in and was afraid the plane would catch on fire.

Clark who is a Salem building contractor, said he decided he wanted to be near the water if the plane did catch afire. When asked why he chose a spot where many people were on the bank or in boats, Clark said he wanted to be near the Salem boat house so he could be fished out if the plane went down.

The flyer was charged with operating an aircraft in a careless manner and with piloting a plane without being registered. Though a licensed pilot, Clark's last annual medical examination for renewal was in 1951 and he has never applied for an Oregon license, according to police.

The plane was rented from Kreitzberg Aviation at the Salem Airport.

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration cracked down on the Federal Housing Administration Monday, letting its boss resign but forecasting a number of dismissals and possibly some criminal prosecution.

President Eisenhower accepted the resignation of FHA Commissioner Guy T. O. Hollyday. That announcement set off a round of disclosures of alleged "fleeing" of householders by home-repair crews and profiteering by apartment-house promoters.

But Hollyday's resignation was handed in, the White House said, to permit the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Hollyday's chief, housing and home finance administrator Albert M. Cole, a free hand to investigate the agency.

Cole told reporters he considers Hollyday, 61-year-old former mortgage banker from Baltimore, a "good Christian gentleman." He may nevertheless be blamable, Cole said, because he apparently "was aware of it (the alleged prevalence of abuses) and did not act."

Eisenhower ordered FHA's records seized and impounded by Cole. The latter announced the launching of a two-pronged investigation — one inquiry into "irregularities" in FHA, another into possible criminal violations, to be undertaken by the FBI.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

"The Communist Party in America puts the Soviet Union first. I'm convinced of that."

Such is the admission of Barbara Hartle who after being convicted in Seattle federal court of violating the Smith act made a public repudiation of Communism, which she had served for 21 years, becoming the top ranking woman member of the party in the Northwest, and recently the Communist "woman of the year." Her repudiation was made through the columns of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and was invited by its reporter, Traynor Hansen, who covered the trial. He came to surmise that she had had a change of heart, interviewed her and got her to make public her renunciation of the party.

The importance of her statement against Communism lies in its revelation of how the "ism" serves to grip and control the mind, stifling reason and logic, commanding blind obedience to the party line as laid down by superiors. This is not new; but that Miss Hartle, a college graduate, could succumb to such perversion of her mental processes, and then succeed in freeing herself from the mental bondage she shows how the mind admits a crack of light it can achieve its emancipation.

The prison cell opened Miss Hartle's eyes.

"During those two months in jail, I had more freedom than I had in all the 21 years I've spent in the Communist Party. When I was in jail I felt, for the first time in my adult life, that if I had

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PRINCE DIES IN WRECK

DATCHET, Eng. (AP) — Prince of Yugoslavia's exiled royal family skidded off the road in his sports car Monday and died under the overturned automobile in a water-filled ditch. The victim was 26-year-old Prince Nicholas.

REACTION IN FAVOR

CHICAGO (AP) — The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil said Monday reaction to his criticism of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) has been running overwhelmingly in his favor.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Warren Goodrich



"...two beavers with their tails in their hands hitting a little white ball."

Vietnam Chief Calls for Full Mobilization

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — Buu Loc, premier of war-ravaged Viet Nam, Monday ordered the nation's first complete mobilization of her young men to defeat Communist-led armies and announced that 4,700 Vietnamese are among the stubborn defenders of Dien Bien Phu.

The mobilization call for all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 25, effective May 15, was the first in the seven year war.

His announcement of the Vietnamese role in the defense of the beleaguered fortress of Dien Bien Phu, which may be the turning point of the war, was the first disclosure relating to the size of French union forces engaged there.

The French never have announced how many Frenchmen, foreign legionnaires and Vietnamese had been dropped into Dien Bien Phu, 175 miles west of Hanoi.

Light Showers Due for Valley

Showers—"scattered and light" for Tuesday and "occasional and light" for Wednesday—were predicted by Salem by the U.S. weatherman at McNary Field.

A partly cloudy and showery day today was predicted to be followed by a "mostly fair" night, according to reports. Highest temperature looked for today is 62 with a low tonight near 35. Temperatures ranged from 65 to 45 degrees in Salem Monday with a total of .12 of an inch of rain recorded.

Politics on Parade...

Who's Running for What in May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in The Oregon Statesman's exclusive Political Parade series are written by or for the candidates on invitation of this newspaper and opinions expressed therein may or may not be in accordance with The Statesman's own policy.)

Today's subject:
LAURENCE SIEGMUND
Candidate for
COMMISSIONER
MARION COUNTY (R)

J. Laurence Siegmund, Republican candidate for Marion County Commissioner, was born on a farm east of Stayton and has been a resident of Marion County all of his life.

"A county commissioner should have as wide and varied background in experience as possible," says Siegmund, "in order to be of J. L. Siegmund

Siegmund further believes that it is imperative for the county

WU Netmen Decline Test Against Girl

PORTLAND (AP) — The presence of a girl competitor on the Lewis and Clark tennis team resulted Monday in cancellation of a scheduled Northwest conference tennis match between that school and Willamette University of Salem.

She is Lorraine Dimoff of Portland.

Spokesmen for both schools agreed that there was nothing in conference rules to prohibit a girl from competing. However, Leslie Sparks, Willamette tennis coach, said he believed the league had been organized for men's athletics and that girls should not compete.

Sparks said he had asked officials to poll other conference schools on the matter. "We'll abide by the results," he said.

Eldon Fix, athletic director at Lewis and Clark, said his team had voted to refuse to play Willamette unless Miss Dimoff is allowed to play. She is the No. 2 "man" on the team and defeated a man in a non-conference match against Portland's Reed College earlier this season.

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commissioner to have a thorough understanding of urban, rural and county problems. In this respect, the candidate has extensive experience, both as a farmer and businessman.

As a former mayor of Stayton, Siegmund knows municipal affairs first hand. He is experienced in county affairs, having been a deputy county assessor for six and one half years in Salem.

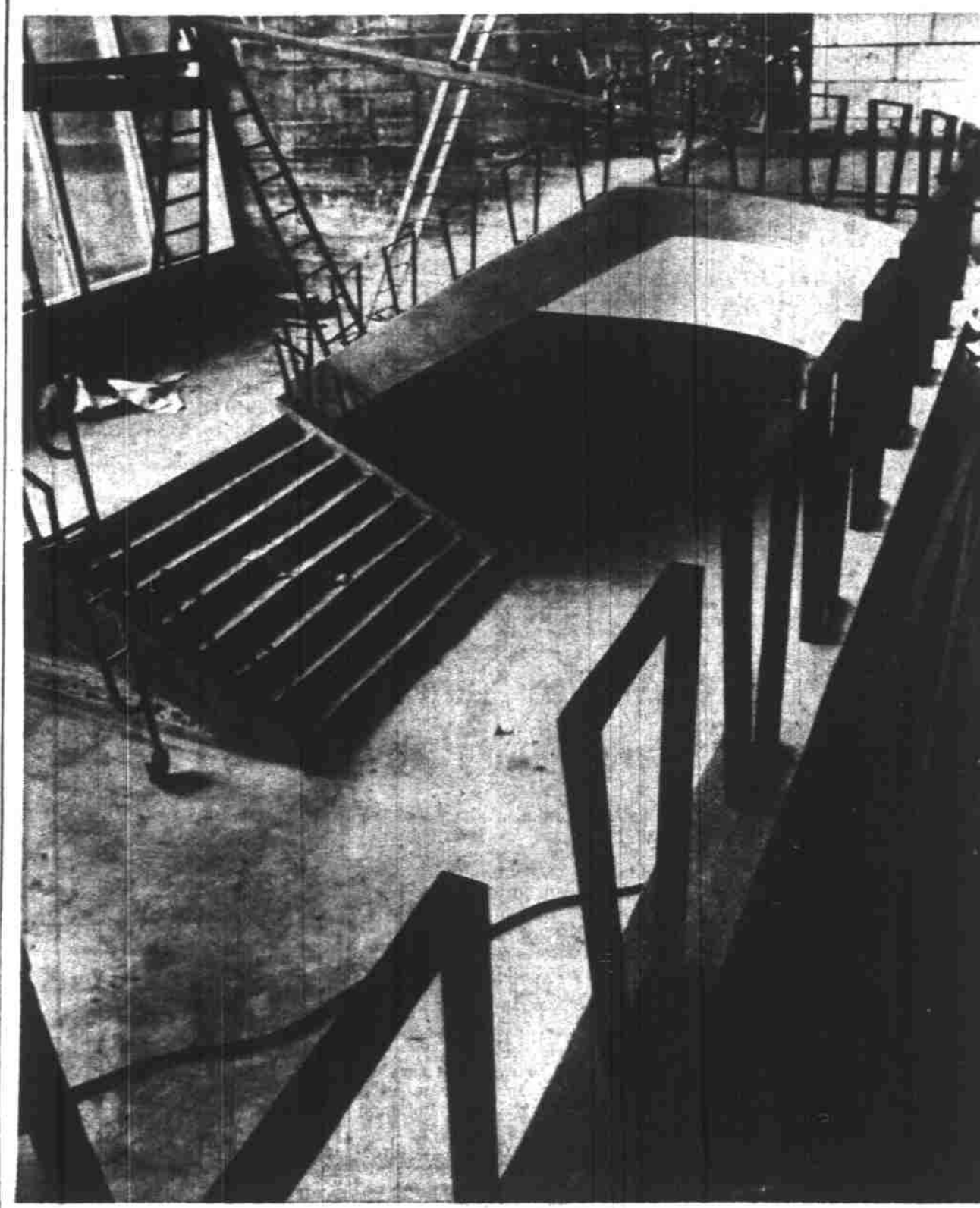
Siegmund feels that he understands the many and varied problems of the taxpayers and will be able to serve them in an efficient manner in the capacity of county commissioner. He promises an economical expenditure of the county's money and prompt courteous attention to all of the citizens.

He is a member of the Salem Elks, AF & AM Lodge, Salem Knife and Fork Club, Oregon Republican Club and Marion-Polk County Young Republicans.

Siegmund is married to the former Lois DeJardin of Gervais. They have one daughter, Mary Anne, seven years old, and reside at 2416 Market St., Salem.

(Tomorrow: A. M. Vistica ...)

New High School Has 'Modern' Look



Typical of the contemporary architecture of the new South Salem High School, the main entrance (part of which is shown above) on South Church Street is nearing completion, while work in general on the huge building is moving along ahead of schedule. The above photograph was taken from the second floor looking down along a partially completed iron railing to the floor of the main lobby. (Statesman Photo).

River Road Project Added to City Ballot

Major improvements of the city's part of South River Road, Market Street east of 21st and a block of downtown Trade Street were initiated by City Council actions Monday night at City Hall.

A \$35,000 resurfacing of the river road was put up to the general public as a May primary ballot bond issue proposal. It was the only last-minute change in the aldermen's ballot measure plans.

Blast on Boat Kills Crewman

FLORENCE, Ore. (AP) — A 35-foot fishing boat exploded at the Siuslaw River mouth Monday, apparently killing one man. Two others were rescued after suffering serious burns.

The survivors reported Bob Willis, about 55, Florence, disappeared in the explosion, which came as the crewmen tied the fishing boat June to a buoy to try to repair engine trouble.

The survivors, Victor Watkins and Ernest Tatum, both of Florence, hung onto the edge of the sinking craft more than hour until another fishing boat, the Otter, reached the scene. Both boats made Florence their home port.

Watkins was badly burned about the legs, Tatum on the head, face and hands.

Adlai's Operation Called Successful

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson underwent a successful operation Monday for removal of a kidney stone.

An aide of the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee said that "everything went fine" during the operation, performed by Dr. Leander W. Ribba in Passavant Hospital.

BLAST KILLS THREE

GOLDSBORO, N. C. (AP) — A mysterious explosion shattered three buildings in the heart of Goldsboro's business district Monday, killing at least three persons and injuring 15. At least two more were feared dead.

MANEUVER SLATED

FT. LEWIS (AP) — The biggest joint Army-Air Force maneuver ever staged in Washington will be aimed at driving out "aggressors" from the Pacific and reuniting the forces which theoretically knifed southward through Canada and seized the Hanford atomic project.

Dr. Oppenheimer To Face Charges On Security Risk

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP
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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the famous physicist who headed the war-time Los Alamos Laboratory where the atomic bomb was made, has been officially presented with charges that he is a security risk, on the basis of past political associations and activities.

Dr. Oppenheimer's clearance for access to highly classified material, including "Q-Clearance" for information in the atomic and hydrogen fields, has been suspended pending the outcome of hearings now in progress.

The investigation of Dr. Oppenheimer was initiated under President Eisenhower's security program.

Dr. Oppenheimer has had access to classified material in his capacity as an advisor to the atomic energy commission and the defense department. Ever since he directed the work at Los Alamos, he had of course been privy to this country's most closely held nuclear secrets.

Political observers here have no doubt that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy had these and other facts in mind when he charged in a recent telecast that there had been an "18-month deliberate delay" in making an American hydrogen bomb. Dr. Oppenheimer was one of a large number of scientists and others who in 1949 and 1950 expressed strong doubts about the hydrogen bomb project.

McCarthy is known to have been secretly "building a case" against Oppenheimer and other scientists since last summer. He is expected to make sensational charges against Dr. Oppenheimer probably in his speech scheduled for delivery in San Jacinto, Tex., on April 21. The Washington hearing on the McCarthy-Cohn-Schne controversy is to begin one day later on April 22.

The security case involving Oppenheimer is being heard by a distinguished three-man board, especially recruited for the purpose. The board consists of former Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray; Thomas Morgan, of New York, recently retired president of the Sperry Corp., and Ward V. Evans, professor of chemistry at Loyola University at Chicago.

Other Accusations Have Been Demolished

The charges against Oppenheimer are not new. Most of them have at least been hinted at in the press at various times. At least one, first presented to the Tenney committee in California, has already been thoroughly demolished.

This charge, made by the ex-convict and ex-Communist Paul Crouch, was to the effect that Crouch attended a Communist cell meeting at Oppenheimer's home in California early in the war.

Oppenheimer was able to prove that throughout the month in question he had been several hundred miles from his home, and could not possibly have attended the meeting at which Crouch claimed to have seen him.

Other charges concern Oppenheimer's past political associations, and such admitted facts as that, in the 1930's, he strongly supported the Spanish loyalists. Oppenheimer's friends and admirers agree that he went through a period of excessive political naivete during the late 1930s, when he was suddenly awakened to the menace of Nazism, after spending all his early life in the isolation of the physics laboratory.

Charges Concern Past Political Action

His friends assert confidently that he was at no time a Communist or conscious pro-Communist, although, like many intellectuals of the period, he may at one time have regarded Communists as potential allies in the fight against fascism, and may even have contributed to Communist causes. It is admitted that at this time he was acquainted with some extreme leftwingers. It is also admitted that his wife's first marriage was to a Communist, and that his brother Frank briefly joined the Communist party, both obviously facts of extremely doubtful relevance.

The essential facts concerning Dr. Oppenheimer's political past were presented to Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, when Groves was Dr. Oppenheimer's chief, as head of the war-time Manhattan district. Groves (who is certainly not soft on Communism) has repeatedly testified to his belief in Dr. Oppenheimer's loyalty and integrity. The facts have also long been familiar to Admiral Lewis Strauss, present chairman of the atomic energy commission.

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'Blinded' Driver Gets to Source of Eye 'Irritations'

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. Ida Lewis of Ft. Lewis, Wash., complained to state police here Sunday night that a freight truck driver blocked her way by stopping in the middle of the highway at the south edge of Eugene, and then got out and beat out her headlights with an iron bar.

He shouted that she had been failing to dim her headlights, Mrs. Lewis said, adding that he then got back in his truck and drove away.

SEEK NEW PREMIER

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — King Baudouin arranged Monday for consultations to find a new Premier after the election defeat of the Social Christian Party and the resignation of Premier Jean van Houtte.

First Holy Week Rites Set Today

"Power of Darkness—Sovereignty of God" is the theme of Holy Week services starting at 12:25 p.m. today at the First Methodist Church. The half-hour service is sponsored by the YM and YWCA Religious Work committees and the public is invited. Meditation will be given by the Rev. John L. Cauble of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Parrish Junior High School Choir will sing.

STORM HITS TOWN

LOVINGTON, N.M. (AP) — Lovington Monday night dug out from mud and three inches of water deposited by a torrential storm Sunday which bombarded the city with hailstones the size of baseballs.

Young Sons of American Freed By Reds; Spy Ransom Bid Fails

Georgescu said help from the State Department had made it possible for the boys to leave Romania. He refused to disclose details, saying only "we're most grateful to those who helped us." The State Department in Washington said no concessions were granted Romania to win the boys' freedom.

Georgescu said he did not know until two weeks ago that the boys would be allowed to leave Romania. The last time he saw his sons was in 1947 when he and his wife left Bucharest, where he was branch chief of Standard Oil of New Jersey for a two-month visit to the United States.

"As a representative of American capital they wouldn't let me come back," he said. "And refused to let our sons join us."

The State Department disclosed last May that Georgescu had told them that Zambetti, first secretary of the Romanian legation, tried to blackmail him into spying for the Reds in order to regain his sons.

Georgescu refused and his report to the State Department forced the recall of Zambetti, who left protesting that he had been framed.

The boys left Bucharest Saturday by train. They flew from Vienna to Munich where their father awaited them.

"I haven't even had a chance yet to talk to them much," Georgescu said later, putting his arms around the shoulders of the two boys. Both are taller than he is.