# Determined Delegates Signed Declaration of Independence as Thunder Rolled

**(Editor's Note: "When in the course of human events . . ." Thus the story is told now in a thousand history books and repeated every Fourth of July from countless oratorical stands. But it wasn't all lofty language and solemn history when the first chapter was written 179 years ago.)**

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) —Violent thunderstorms shook the city. The cannonade of thunder and the din of rain sometimes drowned the voices in the dim hall as men rose to demand the attention of the chairman, Benjamin Harrison of Virginia.

In retrospect, the storms emerged as symbolic of the times. Thunder and lightning are like the hammer and anvil with which the people in the hall were forging a new nation. But the act of July 4, 1776, was but one stroke in the revolution.

There was, to begin with, the war itself—a frequently disconnected series of small wars and campaigns induced by economic oppression. In that early summer of '76 its first phase had ended.

**Sailed From Boston**

The commander in chief, George Washington, had drawn a ring around the British in Boston so tightly that life became untenable there for them and they filed onto their ships and sailed away.

There continued, meanwhile, and would last for some time, one of those fiasco adventures for which all young armies seem to have a weakness: The campaigns in Canada and the northern approaches to the colonies.

Forces were thrown piecemeal into that military abyss which had no vital link to what should have been the grand strategy: To shake loose the British grip on the colonies themselves.

The venture would end luckily and happily for the Americans a year later at a place now called Saratoga—thanks less to American generalship than to colossal British blundering.

**Army Moved**

Now, as the mood of resolution grew in the Congress, the commander was bringing his ragtag and bobtail army down from Boston to New York and disposing it thinly around Long Island and Manhattan with a fine disregard for exposed flanks.

He was courting a military disaster that would see his army routed and its remnants chased clean across New Jersey in the coming fall.

Then, when the end would seem near and the neckcloths of congressmen would feel as tight as the noose, the commander would regroup on the west bank of the Delaware and strike boldly at Trenton and Princeton and throw the British back to New York.

**In Unknown Future**

But all this imminent disaster and hairbreadth escape still lay in the unknown future that early summer of '76.

Still in the future lay stunning American defeat at the Brandywine and British occupation of Philadelphia and Americans groping in the fog at Germantown and American failure to seize the opportunity at Monmouth.

Valley Forge was still a pasturage and Morristown a quiet country town. The long starvation and dissolution and stagnation of the war had not yet set in.

**Aid From France**

Neither were the elements yet visible from which military victory would eventually be won. No one knew that France, whose sea power was so essential to American victory, would come to the aid of the infant nation.

Few yet recognized the military genius of Nathanael Greene, who was to provide the leadership that finally freed the South and set in motion that causes that led a brilliant general named Cornwallis to lay down his arms to a great leader named Washington at a place called Yorktown.

**Charleston Still Safe**

In the still, hot days of that June of '76 a rider had loped into Philadelphia from Charleston, S. C., with news: Carolinians fighting in a palmetto fort under a brave and affable colonel named William Moultrie, had driven off a mighty British task force under the Earl of Cornwallis. The biggest American port south of Philadelphia was still safe.

But even this good news had no direct bearing on the fact that Americans, through their delegates in Congress, had determined to be free.

They had not thrown the tea in the harbor or fired on the regulars at Lexington with the idea of becoming an independent nation. In the earliest years they had simply sought redress of economic injustice.

**Caught Fire**

Then, slowly at first and finally mercurially, there flamed through the land the idea of independence. It appeared in many places at the same time, as first the dogwood and then the lilac flame along the ridges of the land.

Its elements have been closely analyzed, of course: The "influence of the frontier," the "influence of the maritime interests," the effectiveness of a curious 47-page tract called "Common Sense" by a migrant Englishman named Tom Paine.

Reason alone did not induce the idea of independence. To congressmen such as John Dickinson and Robert Morris of Pennsylvania the idea of independence was the height of unreason. Couldn't the frontier see its folly

**Future Kentucky**

In the traces beyond Fort Pitt and the bloody ground that some day would earn the name Kentucky couldn't the fear-ridden settlers who hung grimly to the land realize what independence meant

It meant, argued the conservatives, that the British would unleash the Indian nations in the most savage war yet known.

Yes, the frontier knew the risk. But the frontier was for independence.

Couldn't an able lawyer like John Adams of Massachusetts, whose livelihood depended on a stable society, see that independence meant chaos and inevitable tragedy? No, John Adams couldn't. In fact, that sturdy and rather stuffy congressman was working and arguing harder than any man for independence.

From the vantage point of history it's obvious that the best minds of Congress chose the daring, the emotional course in defiance of the military facts. So it came about that a committee of five was appointed to shape a document:

Adams; Benjamin Franklin, cloaking wisdom with wit and gravity with urbanity; Roger Sherman of Connecticut, his first misgivings buoyed by the rising tide of feeling for freedom; Robert Livingston, the wealthy New Yorker who should have been a Tory if this were simply a class war; and Thomas Jefferson.

**Wrote Draft**

To tall, red haired Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, then 33 years old, was given the task of sitting down with pen and paper and writing a draft of fateful words.

As he paced his sitting room on Philadelphia's 7th Street he knew, as a student of history, he was beginning a document such as history never had seen.

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary. . ." he wrote. There were many interpolations and questions in his mind and in the minds of the committee: "I wonder now—suppose you say 'to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another. . .'"

**Self-Evident**

Old Dr. Franklin, scanning a paragraph, read the sentence that began "We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable. . ." Smiling up at Jefferson over his small spectacles, Franklin asked, "Why not merely say that we hold them to be self-evident?"

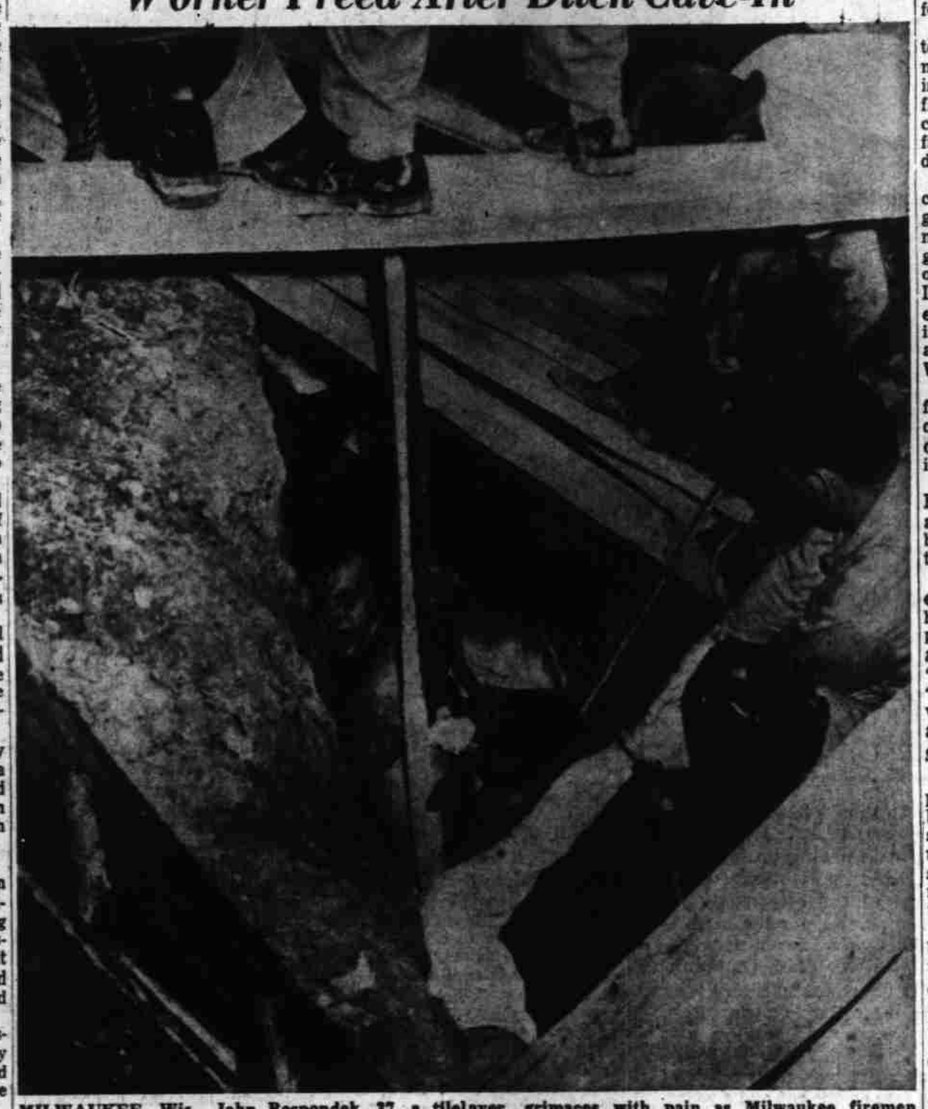
So the document was written and brought into the crowded hall of the state house on the first day of July. Through heat and violent storms that did not cool the air the members argued the cause. On July 2 a vote established the fact of independence.

Then attention turned to Jefferson's work, the document that set forth to all the world why this great decision had been reached. On July 4 the members agreed to the immortal preamble.

There followed a few days of haggling over the main body of the work. Meanwhile, the country did not wait. Philadelphia presses struck off copy after copy and mounted messengers rode forth with bulging saddlebags. It was read aloud in New York and Boston and Williamsburg, Va.

There remained doubters. There would come traitors. But there was, say contemorary chroniclers, rejoicing throughout the land.

## Worker Freed After Ditch Cave-In



MILWAUKEE, Wis.—John Respondek, 37, a tilelayer, grimaces with pain as Milwaukee firemen free him from a caved-in ditch after he was buried to his waist Friday. He suffered fractured left leg and bruises. (AP Wirephoto)

## Ike, U Nu Talk Of China-Held Yank Fliers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and Burma Prime Minister U Nu said saturday they had "reviewed" the problem of imprisoned American fliers in Communist China, but no other details were given as to their discussions.

A joint statement, issued at the conclusion of three days of talks between U Nu and American officials, said the talks had been "of special value in increasing mutual understanding between Burma and the United States."

The two governments reaffirmed their dedication to the ideal of peace and friendly cooperation among nations and said such a peace with justice "can best be achieved by loyal steadfast support for the Charter of the United Nations."

U Nu some time ago offered to mediate between the U.S. and Communist China on the release of the imprisoned American fliers, but White House officials refused to amplify the 400 word statement issued by the two leaders.

**LONG-TERM JOBS**

SOCORRO, N. M. (AP) — Percy D. Miller has been elected to serve as chief of the volunteer fire department for the 39th consecutive year. C. J. Hammel was elected to serve his 20th cousecutive year as an officer of the department. The department itself claims to be the oldest fire fighting organization in the world and the only one with its own saloon.

## Salem Boys Set Sail for Europe on British Ship

(Photo on Page 1.)

First reports have come back from a three-boy Salem delegation en route to Paris for the centennial conference of the World Alliance of the YMCA.

And four Salem adults are about to depart for the same meeting.

Principals in these YMCA-centered travels are:

Salem boys in a Northwest tour group going by British liner from Vancouver, B. C., to Europe — Robert Wilder, 17, son of Mrs. Thelma L. Wilder, 690 N. 17th St., and designated news correspondent for The Statesman during his trip; Julian Thruston, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beane, 2780 Pioneer Dr.; Robert Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carr, 690 Gaines St.

Gus Moore, general secretary of Salem YMCA, who will leave Tuesday by plane from Portland, accompanied by Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winslow.

**Much Sightseeing**

Both groups have planned considerable sightseeing travel around Europe before attendance at the Paris meeting Aug. 12-26.

The boys will be aboard ship, the British liner Orsova, a 29,000-ton ship, until July 13, when they start their European tour at London. They were due through the Panama Canal, with stopover, Friday.

**Report Sent**

At the group's Long Beach stopover, Correspondent Wilder sent this first report:

"Excitement has come aboard the RMS Orsova since our sailing from Vancouver, B. C. (June 21). The members of the Pacific Northwest delegation for the YMCA have spent their first week getting acquainted with their new "home," the Orsova, on which they will spend 28 days before reaching England and starting on their month's tour of Europe.

"Plans for the Paris world centennial conference for the YMCA have been started already. We are working on the theme "Living Together," so we can do a better job for the Pacific Northwest.

"Besides learning the ship, the two biggest problems for the delegation have been the use of foreign money and, because the RMS Orsova is a British ship and the whole crew is English, their brogue has us coming and going.

"The delegation has had stopovers at San Francisco and Long Beach where they had the opportunity to go sightseeing."

## U.S. Plans No Polio Vaccine Release Date

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WASHINGTON (UP)—The government said Saturday it does not expect to announce the release of any additional Salk polio vaccine immediately.

The National Institute of Health said "no public announcement concerning the release of vaccine is anticipated" as the immediate result of a meeting Friday and Saturday of the government's vaccine clearance committee.

In a brief statement at the conclusion of the two-day session, the national institutes said:

"The Technical Advisory Committee met with the technical representatives of vaccine producers Friday and Saturday. Experiences of the manufacturers in applying recent amendments to minimum standards for producing and testing of vaccine were discussed.

"Review and recommendations concerning the release of vaccine was not the primary purpose of the meeting and no public announcement concerning the release of vaccine is anticipated as an immediate outcome of this meeting."

The panel of six scientists included Dr. Jonas E. Salk, developer of the vaccine.

Until the National Institute's announcement, it had been expected that the panel would give a go-ahead today for the release of well over 3,000,000 doses—enough to give one shot to 3,000,000 children in the school inoculation program of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Today's announcement means a further indefinite delay in carrying out the mass inoculation program.

No vaccine has been released by the government since June 6.

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**OSC PROFESSOR NAMED**

ROSEBURG (AP) — The Columbia River Section of the Society of American Foresters has elected Dan L. Robinson, Oregon State College professor of forestry, chairman for a two-year term.

Glass fiber, now widely used, was unknown commercially until the early 1930s.

## Terrorists in Algeria Burn Farm Crops

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)—Nationalist terrorists put the torch to rich French farmlands in Algeria Saturday and clashed with police and troops at various points. In Paris the government said more troop reinforcements would be dispatched to Algeria to cope with the increasing violence and bloodshed.

Varying reports indicated about 15 terrorists were killed Friday night and early Saturday, most of them in guerrilla skirmishes in the area between Algiers and Constantine. These brought to above 550 the death toll in seven months of nationalist violence against French rule in Algeria, politically a part of metropolitan France.

Arrests have totaled more than 150 in the past few days and are rising rapidly. A wounded terrorist captured at Souk Ahras near the Tunisian border said he belonged to a 25-man network supplying the Guerrillas.

Roving bands of terrorists hit at farmlands around Philippeville, in Northeast Algeria 40 miles northeast of Constantine. They burned wheatfields and farm buildings and apparently escaped despite clashes with guntoting farmers.

## Man, 85, Rides Scooter on 5,000 Northwest Tour

PORTLAND (UP) — Eighty-year-old Burt Thompson of Enid, Okla., is convinced the best way to travel from Oklahoma to Portland without being bothered by hitchhikers is to make the trip in a motorscooter. And he's done just that.

Thompson, who quips that he's too young to drive [illegible] here Friday to visit his foster son, Leo Schneider. It's his second trip to the Pacific Northwest on his ancient, umbrella- equipped scooter. Thompson said that last time, the trip cost him about $40 for gas and oil.

Thompson expects to put about 5000 miles on his speedometer this trip, returning home by way of Casper, Wyo.

## Benson Clears Ladejinsky of Security Risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson Saturday withdrew his designation of Wolf Ladejinsky as a security risk.

The announcement of Benson's action came in a letter to Sen. Carlson (R-Kan), a member of a Senate Civil Service subcommittee investigating the employe security program. Carlson made the letter public.

Benson said he had taken steps to make sure "our record will not show Mr. Ladejinsky as a security risk."

Ladejinsky, a Russian-born land reform specialist, was fired late last year from a post as agricultural attache in Japan.

Benson acted then on grounds he considered Ladejinsky a security risk, although Ladejinsky had previously been cleared by the State Department before agricultural attaches had been shifted to Agriculture Department jurisdiction.

Ladejinsky denied all allegations against him and after a considerable furor arose over the matter, the Foreign Operations Administration (FOA) headed by Harold E. Stassen, gave Ladejinsky security clearance and hired him to work on land reform in Indochina.

FOA now has gone out of existence and its functions taken over by the new International Cooperation Administration under the State Department.

Benson said in his letter to Carlson he recognized the Ladejinsky case as "reviewed by two agencies more experienced in security than this department."

## Portland Set To Welcome Girl Musicians

PORTLAND (UP)—Mayor Fred L. Peterson and a host of dignitaries will be on hand at Portland International Airport Tuesday afternoon to welcome home the city's touring goodwill ambassadors.

The 16 girls of the Little Chamber Orchestra, along with their conductor, Boris Sirpo, will arrive home from their triumphal tour of Europe and immediately prepare for their first public hometown concert Thursday night. Proceeds from the Thursday concert will help defray personal expenses incurred by the young musicians during their tour.

The orchestra, featured this week in Time magazine's music section, will be carried by motor caravan through downtown Portland Wednesday to help publicize their homecoming concrt.

The average American consumed 27 pounds of cotton in 1913 and 28 pounds in 1952.

## STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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## Pedestrian Dies In Halsey Mishap

ALBANY, Ore. (UP) — David Edgar White, 56, Vancouver, B.C., was killed instantly at 3 p. m. Friday when he was crushed under the wheels of a loaded logging truck that had swerved to avoid hitting his wife.

Delbert Carl Pitcher, Junction City, driver of the truck, told state police he was forced to make the tragic choice when the couple walked across Pacific highway in front of his vehicle at Halsey, Ore.

They had apparently parked their car and were crossing to a restaurant. White had crossed the highway and his wife was following. She stepped into the path of Pitcher's truck and he said he was forced to swerve to the right to avoid hitting her. He hit her husband instead. She was not injured.

The couple was enroute to Los Angeles to visit relatives.


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