



Dr. Franklin Clark Fry (right), titular head of 70 million Lutherans, talks with Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, Portland, president of Pacific Synod of Lutheran Churches, as the two arrived for the synod's convention here.

Lutheran Conclave Opens; 150 on Hand

Drawing Power of Religion Singled Out

By JERRY STONE
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Despite the idolatry attached to science in these times, ever increasing numbers of persons are turning to religion, a world protestant leader said in Salem Monday as he arrived for a convention of the Pacific Synod of Lutheran Churches.



By Charles A. Stryker

For five years Charles de Gaulle has stood in the wings, witnessing the fumbings and stumblings of actors on the stage of French politics, waiting a "call" to power to set things straight. Last Thursday he broke the silence of recent years by announcing "I hold myself ready to take over the powers of the Republic." Yesterday he came to Paris from his country home and held a press conference at which he repeated his readiness to lead France out of chaos.

But the government has refused to invite him to take over. And the workers staged a strike of sorts to show their opposition to his return. Only in riven Algeria does he have a strong and vocal following. There the French army has joined with French soldiers to hail "Vive de Gaulle."

France's political woes are many and grievous. Its party fragmentation prevents developing and pursuing a unified policy, though the government manages a marked consistency in spite of the frequent overtures of cabinet memberships.

Haunted by the psychological trauma of its 1940 collapse, it was worn down after liberation by the revolts in Indochina and North Africa. Now Algeria is the rack on which la belle France is sorely drawn. There the French appear to be fighting a war they can't win.

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Stroke Strikes Cardinal

Prelate Stritch Receives Last Rites of Church

ROME (AP)—Samuel Cardinal Stritch was felled by a stroke Monday. He received last rites of the Roman Catholic Church Monday night for the second time in three weeks.

A blood clot in the brain impeded the speech and partly paralyzed the right side of the 70-year-old American prelate.

His right arm was amputated April 28 to check the threat of gangrene arising from another blood clot.

Given Extreme Unction
The cardinal received extreme unction also before that operation.

There was a question in Roman Catholic circles as to whether the last rites should be given again after Cardinal Stritch suffered the stroke.

A priest explained the sacrament cannot be received twice for the same illness. He said it was decided to administer the rites because the cardinal had been recovering from his first illness, but now for the second time is in danger of death.

Crisis Expected Today
Doctors expect his condition to reach a crisis Tuesday.

Cardinal Stritch was able to drink fruit juice and water. His personal physician, Dr. Ralph Bergen of Chicago, said the cardinal's condition was stationary and "there is nothing we can do at present."

Stassen Bids For Governor Post Today

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Pennsylvania and Maryland hold primary elections Tuesday with widest attention being given to Harold Stassen's bid for the Republican nomination for governor in Pennsylvania.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and more recently an aide to President Eisenhower, is backing the Republican state organization. Its support went to Arthur T. McConigle, a pretzel manufacturer.

Stassen also is fighting off charges he is running in hopes that, as governor, he can hurt Vice President Richard Nixon's chances of winning the GOP presidential nomination in 1960.

One of the voters, at Gettysburg, will be President Eisenhower who plans to stop off at his country home there en route to a speaking engagement in New York.

In Maryland, most interest was stirred up by the contest for the Democratic nominee for senator. The four major candidates, James Bruce, Thomas D'Algesandro, Clarence D. Long and George P. Mahoney, all predicted victory.

In the Republican contest for the senatorial nomination in Maryland, Sen. J. Glenn Beall had only token opposition for renomination.

The Weather

Today's forecast: Mostly sunny today and Wednesday, except patches of early morning clouds. High 82, low 50.
(Complete report page 2)

On the Brighter Side . . .

By John Erickson



Baby Robins Helped Although motherless, these three baby robins are getting the best of care. When cats caught the mother bird, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elchlepp, 1065 5th St. NE, took over feeding chores and, from the looks of things, are doing a better than average job.

Poisonous Toads Killed After Attack



MIAMI, Fla.—This warty, yellow-brown critter held by Frank Bliss of the SPCA baffled everybody for a time until a University of Miami zoologist identified it as a poisonous South American toad never before seen in these parts. The two shown here were killed by a resident after one of them leaped at his wife. Another Miamiian reported that his dog died after biting a similar toad. (AP)

Lung Infection Fatal to Ronald Colman of Films

By BOB THOMAS
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Ronald Colman, 67, whose gentlemanly manner set the standard for class on the screen, died Monday of a lung infection.

His wife and co-star, Benita Hume, was at his bedside when he died at 5 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital. He had gone there Sunday morning, suffering a virus lung infection. His health had been delicate since a lung operation a year ago.

Few in Hollywood knew of his illness. He had retired from film-town glamor to lead the gentle life of an English squire at his ranch near Santa Barbara.

Jack Benny, on whose radio and TV shows the Colmans often appeared, expressed Hollywood's shock: "I am deeply saddened at the news of Ronald Colman's death. He was a great actor, a great gentleman and a great friend."

Colman remained a star for 35 years, probably a record in the movie business. He drew star bills . . . the swashbuckling hero of "The Prisoner of Zenda."

Life Ends
Colman was born Feb. 9, 1891, in Richmond-on-Thames, the son of a silk importer. After serving with the English army in World War I, he came to the United States with \$57, three clean collars and two letters of introduction. After scoring on the New York stage, he was signed for movies.

His first marriage to Mrs. Thelma Victoria Maud Dawson ended in divorce in 1924. He married Miss Hume in 1938 and they had a daughter, Juliet, now 14.

Forecast Says Mostly Sunny

Mostly sunny weather is expected in the Salem area today and Wednesday except for patches of early morning clouds, McNary Field weathermen said early this morning.

The high temperature today will be near 82 with a low of 50 forecast for tonight, they added. Monday's high was 80 degrees.

Associated Press reported that the Northern Oregon beaches will have low clouds this morning and tonight and sunny weather this afternoon.

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
At Tri-City 2, Salem 10 (Only game scheduled)
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
At Vancouver 4, Sacramento 3 (11 innings)
At Phoenix 9, Seattle 7 (Only game scheduled)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Cincinnati 3, Milwaukee 4 (12 innings)
(Only game scheduled)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
(No games scheduled)

Nixon in Better Spot Than Ever Before For GOP Presidency Bid, Kennedy Says

By DON SCARBOROUGH
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Vice President Nixon left South America egg-splattered and cursed, but in a better position than ever for the Republican presidential nomination, in the view of John Kennedy, Massachusetts senator. (Picture at right.)

The popular young Democrat visited Salem briefly Monday afternoon following a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner Sunday at Eugene. Asked at a press conference if he thought Nixon came home a martyr in the public eye after his ill-received Latin good-will tour,

Kennedy said the experience definitely "helped him out" politically. Himself an oft-suggested presidential aspirant, Kennedy added, "Nixon conducted himself well. I think it's helped him."

Kennedy has been asked the big question so often—"Are you running?"—that he can turn it aside in his sleep, and he did it awake several times Monday. Obviously a little tired after several days of traveling and talking, he replied neither yes nor no to various shades of questions concerning his White House ambitions.

to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination," a reporter asked. "Just where do these rumors come from, Senator?" "I don't know," he answered with a touch of fatigue and humor. "There are a lot of other men being mentioned, too, you know. It's too early to say much, he added.

"Have you noticed any ground swells of popular sentiment here?" he was asked. "I didn't come to Oregon for that reason," he sidestepped, "but only to give my talk in Eugene." (Add. details on page 5)

De Gaulle Poised To Control France

Renounces Role of Dictator, States He's Again at Disposal of His Nation

(Picture on Page 3)

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle declared Monday he is again at the disposal of France to bring order out of chaos. He renounced any role of dictator but said he would require extraordinary powers if he took the helm of government.

The towering gaunt World War II hero spoke out at a crowded Paris news conference. Then he returned to his village home to await his country's decision.

His statement brought a slight easing of tension in France. Some thought it appeared De Gaulle might come to power through constitutional means in the crisis arising from the Algerian rebellion.

Allied officials in London suggested he had lowered his price to boost his prospects for assuming leadership.

De Gaulle told almost 700 reporters he thought the moment has come when he might possibly be of direct use once again to France.

Standing ramrod straight and speaking in a clear, firm voice, De Gaulle said he is ready to serve "if the people wish, as in the preceding great national crisis, at the head of the government of the French Republic."

Shrugging aside a question on public liberties, the general asked: "Have I ever attacked fundamental public liberties? No, I restored them when they had disappeared. How would you have me, at 67, start a career as dictator?"

De Gaulle said France is a weakened country struggling in a world of great difficulties and dangers.

"But there are good cards in France's hand for the future," he said. "These cards open the perspective for a tomorrow which will really be a French renaissance."

De Gaulle was asked a general question on what he would do in Algeria—in the Nationalist rebellion situation now complicated by the French military—colonialist rebellion against Premier Pierre Pflimlin's Paris government.

"I envisage the case where the French people might ask me to act as an arbitrator," he replied. He declared Algeria must be kept from separating from France—"something which Algeria does not want, nor France either."

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Sen. Kennedy Visits Salem



U. S. Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts talks politics with fellow Democrat Robert Y. Thornton, state attorney general, during the young senator's brief visit in Salem. (Story at left) (Statesman photo.)

Creek Fishing At Issue

No Stocking Plan May Be Reconsidered

Marion County's young Mill Creek fishermen may have won retrial Monday night on the State Game Commission's decision to quit stocking the Creek with 3,000 catch-size trout yearly.

More than 50 Izaak Walton League members and others met in the Salem clubhouse to protest the commission's sudden decision last month to cease planting the creek because it is reserved for anglers under 18 years old.

J. H. Van Winkle of Oregon City, chairman of the Game Commission, said, after hearing the protest, he would make the matter a special order of business and invited club representatives to the meeting this Friday in Portland of the five man commission.

Compromise Offered
He was far from hopeful, however, that the commission would change its mind.

Some suggestions were offered that a compromise be made, leaving the creek open to youngsters six weeks or so and continuing the planting.

Invited to explain the commission's philosophy, Van Winkle said that while he favored allotting some fishing areas exclusively for juveniles, the idea was "dreamy in theory, but in practice doesn't work out."

Not enough kids use their privilege and most of the fish are wasted, he said.

Sometimes, he added, youngsters are not always prepared to be good sportsmen and he said in several cases in Portland, youths went wild, kicked fish out of streams with their feet, used nets and salmon hooks. Kids should be properly supervised, he said.

Use of Money Questioned
He said 20 per cent of all legal-size fish planted go into areas "not paying one nickel to support the cost."

It is also wrong, he said, to use money provided by the sale of fishing licenses to stock streams in which everyone cannot fish. This was the main reason, he said, for halting the stocking.

"If it's right for Salem to have a creek set aside for its youngsters, then it's right for every other community he said, and if you're going to have that you're going to have to dig deep because it'll cost pretty."

He suggested that taking a boy out fishing is far more important than saying, "there's the fish, go do it yourself."

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Forest Fires Doused; Huge Blaze Slowed

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
All lightning-set forest fires in Oregon were put out or brought under control Monday, forest officials reported.

These included two blazes in the Siskiyou National Forest in Southern Oregon, four in the Umpqua National Forest and two in state timber near Grants Pass.

Meanwhile in Washington State, cool, quiet air with a rising humidity slowed progress of a forest blaze in Snoqualmie National Forest and raised hopes the blaze would be brought under control by Tuesday.

The fire has burned out approximately 800 acres of largely second growth timber in the forest fires of North Bend, Wash. Spread along a six mile front, the wind-scattered flames threatened a 2,000-acre segment of the forest. It was the biggest of a number of fires in Pacific Northwest wooded regions.

Portland School Selects Indian Girl for Princess

PORTLAND (AP)—Wilson High School Monday selected an Indian girl, Gretchen Freed, as its princess for the Portland Rose Festival.

Miss Freed is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud. Mrs. Cloud was named national Mother of the Year in 1950.

Miss Freed lives with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Prindle. She is 17 years old and proud of her Indian ancestry.

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