

Warden Considering Drop in Spectator Ranks at Executions

Either curtailment in number or elimination of the black bordered invitations to executions at the state penitentiary is under consideration by George Alexander, prison warden, he announced last week.

First marked reduction in the number of these invitations was noticeable at the execution of Andrew Dennis, 45-year-old Portland railroad worker, last Saturday. Not more than 20 persons, including prison guards, representatives of the press, and other persons having priority privileges under the law, attended this execution. At some previous executions approximately 150 invitations were issued with requests numbering between 400 and 500. One Salem officer was the only policeman present.

Warden Alexander pointed out that the increasing number of invitations, starting long before his administration, had resulted in confusion and had caused considerable criticism in some quarters. Crowding of the execution chamber also was declared a menace to penitentiary officials and employees in charge of the executions.

The law covering executions in Oregon provides that the penitentiary superintendent or warden shall invite one or more physicians, the attorney general of the state, sheriff of the county in which the person to be executed was arrested and convicted, and 12 reputable citizens. The law presumes that these citizens shall serve as members of the coroner's jury and sign the required papers. There is nothing in the law to prevent prison employees or members of the press from serving as members of the coroner's jury.

May Invite Ministers

It also is permissible on the part of prison officials to invite such ministers of the gospel as the defendant may name, not to exceed two, together with not to exceed five friends or close friends of the person to be executed, and such peace officers as they may deem necessary. No persons under 21 years of age are permitted to witness an execution.

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Debris of war still is prominent in downtown Manila on Feb. 1 even as reconstruction work proceeds. Upper left is post office building and directly across the Pasig river is the Philippine National Bank building (scaffolding up), and in left, center, another building leans on its sides. American troops entered Manila on "the road back" on Feb. 3, 1945. (AP Wirephoto)

Snow-Clogged South Santiam Still Closed

Rain in the lowlands of western Oregon had not opened the snow-clogged South Santiam highway to traffic today. Several inches of new snow fell at the Santiam junction Saturday, where 96 inches was measured before noon. There was 146 inches at the summit and chains were advised over the open North Santiam highway.

The report of road conditions by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, included also:
Odell lake — Snowing hard with 153 inches of snow at summit. Packed snow and spots of ice. Chains required. Three short sections of one-way traffic above Oakridge because of washouts.
Siskiyou summit — Chains advised.
Klamath Falls — Roads sandaled.
Roseburg — Light rain.
Medford — Overcast.
Coquille — Occasional rains.
Pendleton — Clear.
LaGrande — Pavement dry.
Bend — Overcast. Snowing at Lapine.

Soviet Attacks Nazi Slavery At Crime Trial

NUERNBERG, Feb. 9. — (AP) — Adolf Hitler envisaged the Germans as the sole master of an enslaved Polish people to be kept in perpetual ignorance, the Soviet prosecution declared today at the war crimes trial of former Nazi leaders.

Notes on a conference on Oct. 2, 1940, with Hitler taken by his missing deputy, Martin Bormann, who is being tried in absentia, were submitted to the international military tribunal by Col. Y. I. Pokrovsky, deputy Soviet prosecutor.

Bormann wrote that Hitler stressed that "there should be only one master for the Poles—the Germans," and that "all representatives of the Polish intelligentsia are to be exterminated."

Hitler was quoted as saying that the Poles must not be raised to a higher level than that of laborers "for they will become anarchists and communists." Priests will be paid by us, and will in return preach what we wish them to preach. If any priest acts dif-

Kramer Admits Modification of Harbor Views

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — (AP) — Naval Captain A. D. Kramer testified today that he had modified his Pearl Harbor recollections "partly because" of conversations with Admiral Harold R. Stark.

But he was emphatic that Stark, 1941 chief of naval operations, did not suggest changes. He said they merely discussed what had happened in Washington on the day the Japanese struck.

The point came up before the senate-house committee investigating the December 7, 1941 disaster in connection with a memorandum Kramer prepared in May of 1944. This memo was drafted as a result of questions sent him by Capt. L. F. Safford in a secret code letter and also sent to him, through Admiral William E. Halsey, by Admiral Husband E. Kimmel.

Safford has told the committee he was active in a campaign to clear Kimmel, 1941 Pacific fleet commander, of Pearl Harbor blame.

"One of the reasons I did not reply to Safford," Kramer testified today, "was because Safford was apparently putting me on some sort of team. I proposed to be on no team."

He said that he had shown the memorandum to Halsey but had never made any use of it, nor sent it to Kimmel or Safford.

Jap Cabinet Shake-up Due

TOKYO, Sunday, Feb. 10. — (AP) — Kyodo news agency speculated today that Premier Shideahara's cabinet may undergo another shakeup involving two ministers without portfolio as a result of the government's official interpretation of General MacArthur's purge directives.

Kyodo said Dr. Joji Matsumoto, head of the cabinet committee on constitutional revision, and Ichizo Kobayashi, director of the reconstruction board, are not eligible for cabinet positions because of their wartime activities.

MacArthur's public health and welfare director was quoted by a Tokyo newspaper yesterday as urging birth control as one means of solving this vanquished nation's food predicament.

Wire-Hair Cops 1st

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9. — (CP) — A wire-haired terrier owned by George V. Knight of Seattle was judged best in show at the Vancouver Island Dog Fanciers' association championship show here yesterday. The terrier, Norhill Beth of Knightwyre, is an American champion.

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McPherson, Wells File For State Legislature

Charles T. McPherson, Portland, Saturday filed in the state department here for representative in congress from the third congressional district, Multnomah county, at the democratic primary election next May.

Harvey Wells, Portland, filed for representative in the state legislature, fifth district, Multnomah county, his name to go on the republican primary ballot.

Solons Urge Trade Clause In Soviet Loan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — (AP) — A house committee put forth today the suggestion that free trade with eastern Europe be made a part of the deal in any loan to Russia.

The group, a special committee on post-war economic policy, said loan discussions with the United States "are now going on the basis of \$1,000,000,000" and said \$6,000,000,000 was discussed at one time.

Asserting that the Soviet Union has formed a political and economic bloc that gives it tight control over trade with eastern European countries, the committee said the arrangement has made trade with other nations extremely difficult.

It suggested that an agreement for lifting of trade barriers be reached by any nations making loans to Russia. It named Finland, Romania, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia as included in the Russian trade orbit.

Chinese Fear Assassination

CHUNGKING, Feb. 9. — (AP) — A Chungking newspaper declared today that Chinese government officials moving into Manchuria to take over from the Russians were "going about in fear of assassination."

The account was carried by the World Daily News after Chungking newspapers reported that five government officials were stabbed to death by 300 "armed brigands" Jan. 18 east of Mukden.

An official report from Changchun, capital of Manchuria, said the victims were Chang Hsin-Fu, Special commissioner in Manchuria for the ministry of economic affairs, and four other officials who were returning to Mukden from Fushun, rich coal mining center.

LA Signs Kirschner

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 9. — (P) — George (Pookie) Kirschner, Galveston knuckle ball pitcher, has signed a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific coast league, he said today.

Thomas Blasts Administration In PAC Speech

DETROIT, Feb. 9. — (AP) — President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers today assailed "pussy footers and fuddy-duddies" in congress and declared that President Truman was "weak."

Thomas, national secretary of the CIO's Political Action Committee, told the Michigan PAC, "I feel more critical politically than I have for a long time. It is time we began to do a little thinking about what course to follow in the future."

He continued: "It's always been felt that we were the tail of the democratic party kite but we're in a better position today because neither party knows definitely whether we are attached to them."

"We never were out for 30 per cent wage boosts; we were only interested in maintaining the worker's economic status," the UAW chieftain added.

"OPA Administrator Bowles is for that principle of maintaining the worker's position, as are Secretaries Wallace, Ickes and Schwellenbach. Why don't they stand up and say so?" he asked the 75 Michigan PAC leaders.

"To my knowledge, this vital question has never come up at a cabinet meeting. When you ask why, you're told it has never been on the agenda," Thomas continued.

5,744 Keg Entries

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 9. — (AP) — A total of 5,744 teams have entered the 1946 American Bowling Congress tournament which will open March 14 on the 74th regiment alleys in Buffalo, Elmer H. Baumgarten, ABC secretary, announced today.

Nova May Add Clue to Atoms

CHICAGO, Feb. 9. — (AP) — The flareup early today of an 80-year-old nova may give scientists further clues on how atomic energy works, Otto Struve, director of the University of Chicago's Yerkes observatory, Williams Bay, Wis., said today.

The star, known as "T," a part of the constellation Corona Borealis, remained quiescent from the time of its original explosion in 1866 until this morning, when it released "an enormous quantity of atomic energy," Struve said.

"Gases were rushing out at about 3000 miles per second," he declared. "From this explosion scientists expect to discover further clues on how atomic energy works."

The nova may not be visible for more than a week, he added.

MARINE AIR RECRUITS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — (AP) — The marine corps announced tonight it would begin an extensive recruiting campaign to get at least 1000 men per month for its air arm. For the first time, men enlisting in the corps can ask for and get duty with aviation units.

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