

By Charles A. Sprague

President Truman's remark that Secretary Ickes might have been mistaken in his memory of conversations with Edwin W. Pauley made Ickes' position in the cabinet untenable.

The resignation of Secretary Ickes under these circumstances would seem an almost fatal blow to whatever aspirations Mr. Truman may have had for election as president in 1948.

The appointment of Mr. Pauley to the position of under secretary of the navy was not in itself so reprehensible on the surface, though his reputation has dropped with oil; but when his veracity was impugned in quite convincing manner it seems incredible that a president would persist in "standing by" a political friend in such a jam.

This was of course a rule in machine politics, in the Pendegast school in which Truman was trained. This moral obtuseness was previously indicated when Truman never offered a word of criticism of Boss Pendegast when the latter was convicted of a felony, and even when vice president flew out to attend his funeral.

The Ickes wound on Truman will not readily heal. It may easily become a running sore by 1948.

Morse Urges Rule to Prevent Filibustering

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13-(AP)—Changes in "ancient and archaic" senate rules are needed to end minority control, Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) said here today as he paused en route to Corvallis and Eugene.

He proposed changes in rules to prevent filibustering; election of committee chairman rather than automatic elevation by seniority; majority vote control of bills in committee, ending the chairman's authority to kill measures by refusing to bring them out.

Morse also said: The atomic bomb belongs to mankind, not to the people of the United States; that there is no basis for hope that taxes can be reduced; that people probably will demand more, rather than less, government service in the future, and that the republican party must not be anti-labor.

Road to Reopen On Columbia

Reopening of the Weston-Egin highway after several days' closure by heavy snow, and prediction that the Columbia river highway at Multnomah falls will be reopened Thursday noon, marked generally improved Oregon highway conditions Wednesday, as reported by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoek.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Unbelievable, flunked in mathematics!"

Russia Loses Second Round To British

By John M. Hightower LONDON, Feb. 13-(AP)—The United Nations security council tonight for the second time thrust aside a soviet-backed complaint against British troops in foreign lands by refusing to send a five-power investigating commission to the Netherlands East Indies.

A week ago the council shelved a Russian request for intervention in Greece, where British forces also are stationed. After the council had taken adverse action tonight on three proposals to meet the soviet Ukraine charge that British troops were being used to "suppress" a nationalist movement in Indonesia, Council President Norman G. O. Makin of Australia suddenly announced that the matter "is closed."

With that the council took up Albania's application for admission to the United Nations, and, after debate between Russia and Britain, voted to defer action until the United Nations meets in the United States.

Building Needs Control Urged To Drop Rents

Housing and rental problems in Salem and the Northwest were the subject of extensive discussion Wednesday by the Hollywood Lions club, which went on record favoring an immediate improvement in federal controls over building materials.

This was considered by the club as a more adequate answer to the local rent-abuse situation and the great housing demands everywhere, than the application of rent controls.

Unanimously approved was the resolution embodying these principles and instructions to a committee headed by Don Goode to inform Senators Wayne Morse and Guy Cordon and Representative Walter Norblad of the resolution.

Blame for the entire housing situation was placed by the club on "bungled price control and non-restricted, no-ceiling exports of vital building materials. The Lions stated that they did not favor any type of rent control when the fundamental trouble is excessive demand over available supply for housing.

Goode's committee includes William Bliven, Al Crose, David O'Hara, and E. A. Bradford.

Youth Admits Theft of Dimes

Theft of three March of Dimes milk bottles containing approximately \$10 in Ashland was admitted by Andrew Jasper Stewart, 18, to Sheriff Denver Young Wednesday night after he was apprehended by city police on a warrant from Jackson county charging larceny from store buildings.

Stewart is being held at Marion county jail for Jackson county authorities, who are expected here Friday. Bail was set at \$1000. Stewart also admitted to the sheriff that he had escaped from Ashland police after they arrested him last month in connection with the alleged theft.

C. of C. Agriculture Group to Convene

Agricultural committee members from chambers of commerce of Salem, Portland and other western Oregon cities, along with secretaries and other officials, will gather here March 1 for a conference with Delos L. James, manager of the agricultural department of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Salem is the only city in Oregon in which James will stop on his swing through the western states.

Will Rogers' Clothes Go to European Relief

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Feb. 13-(AP)—Several packing cases of the late humorist Will Rogers' wardrobe, including everything from top hats to western attire, will be presented tomorrow to the Victory clothing drive for European relief.

Will Rogers, jr., Beverly Hills publisher, said the presentation would take place at the Pacific Palisades home of his brother, James.

REDS EXPEL BROWDER NEW YORK, Feb. 13-(AP)—The national committee of the Communist party said tonight that Earl Browder, former national chairman, had been expelled from the party by a unanimous vote of the committee's 54 members.

Tugboat Walkout Called Off

Price Rise Pact Between Steel, OPA 'Blows Up'

By the Associated Press New York's tugboat strike was called off last night and a CIO leader predicted the General Motors strike would be settled "in the not too distant future," but a new dispute in Washington again upset plans for a steel price agreement.

The day's major developments were: 1. Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York announced the 3500 striking tugmen would return to work at 8 a. m. today pending arbitration of their wages and hours dispute.

2. Predicting the 85-day old General Motors stoppage would be settled "in the not too distant future," President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers declared, "I don't see how it can go on forever unless GM wants to go broke."

Steel Pact Collapses 3. The steel price raise, calculated to end a strike that has been the biggest obstacle in the path of reconversion, had been "all set" for announcement, high Washington authority said. But it blew up yesterday, said two government officials, because the OPA insisted the price increase apply only to carbon steel, not to alloy steel.

The New York tugmen, members of the United Marine division, AFL International Longshoremen's association, struck 10 days ago for a 40-hour instead of a 48-hour work week. They demanded wage increases ranging from 45 to 69 cents an hour for licensed personnel and a flat \$1.35 for unlicensed workers.

McGrady Arbitrator Edward P. McGrady, former assistant secretary of labor, was agreed upon as chairman of the arbitration board, with the other two members representing the union and the employers.

Thomas made his prediction in Detroit upon emerging from a meeting with James F. Dewey, special federal labor mediator who conferred earlier with Harry W. Anderson, GM vice president, and disclosed that GM indicated it was willing to renew negotiations. "I'm sure that the UAW would resume any time I say so," Dewey told newsmen as Thomas, UAW vice president Walter P. Reuther, and secretary-treasurer George F. Addes stood by—all of them smiling.

Four Added to Primary Race

R. Frank Peters, Hillsboro, Wednesday filed in the state department here for circuit judge, 19th judicial district, Washington and Tillamook counties, at the primary election May 17. Circuit judges run under the non-partisan banner.

Other filings Wednesday: E. H. Condit, Clatskanie, republican, for state representative, second district, Columbia county; Walter B. Hinkle, Portland, republican, for state representative, fifth district, Multnomah county; Ralph T. Moore, Coos Bay, republican, for state representative, 19th district, Coos county.

Passengers Differ in Opinions Of Yukon Crew's Efficiency

SEATTLE, Feb. 13-(AP)—The Times and Post-Intelligencer said today survivors of the wreck of the liner Yukon were complaining of inefficiency aboard the ship when it ran aground Feb. 3 in Alaska, but the ship's agents and the Sailors Union of the Pacific rose quickly in defense of the crew.

Six survivors arrived here by plane last night and the steamer Alaska arrived tonight with 192 more. A special board of inquiry is to hold a closed hearing tomorrow on the wreck and a coast guard representative has gone to Alaska to interview survivors.

Robert Atwood, publisher of the Anchorage, Alaska, Times, said Yukon passengers now in that city were "hoping mad over the way the wreck was handled."

A spokesman for the Alaska Steamship company said the fact that 485 of the 496 persons aboard were rescued was the "best reply" to criticism, adding that it

ICKES RESIGNS, PRESIDENT SENDS TERSE ACCEPTANCE

N. Y. Wins Transient UNO Site

By John A. Farris LONDON, Feb. 13-(AP)—The United Nations headquarters committee by a 29 to 13 vote approved today setting up temporary headquarters for the world peace agency in New York City. The vote later was made unanimous.

The committee defeated by a 21 to 19 vote the proposal advanced by Bolivia and Australia to put the temporary headquarters in San Francisco.

The general assembly of 51 nations is scheduled tentatively to act tomorrow on the selection of New York City for the interim site, and the Westchester-Fairfield area of New York and Connecticut for the permanent home of the United Nations.

Informed persons predicted the sites as approved by the committee would ride through the general assembly without opposition. A two-thirds vote of the assembly is required for approval.

When the vote for New York City was announced, Col. W. R. Hodgson, of Australia, who had led the fight for San Francisco through the preparatory commission last year and into the present meeting, moved that the selection of the east coast metropolis be unanimous.

Fire Twice at WU Law Dean; May Be Prank

An unidentified man fired twice at Ray L. Smith, dean of the Willamette university law school, Wednesday night at the dean's home, 1895 Center st., but Smith was not injured.

After finding no trace of bullets at the Smith home, investigating police advanced the possibility that blanks were fired. The weapon was believed to have been a pistol.

Smith told police that as he answered his doorbell shortly after 9 p.m., a man was running from his porch toward a car at the curb. Another man, Smith continued, called from the car: "That's him; get him!"

At that point the first man turned and fired twice point blank at Smith, then jumped into the auto which sped away. It was reported by the dean.

Dean Smith told investigating officers that he had no reason to believe someone was out to shoot him, but the incident did not appear to be a joke.

Contention that blanks may have been fired was supported by Smith's comment that the flash was quite bright, as well as by absence of bullet marks.

DIME QUOTA TOPPED

PORTLAND, Feb. 13-(AP)—March of Dimes collections in Multnomah county total \$105,000 on a \$100,000 quota, Chairman George H. Buckler reported today. He said additional contributions were expected from collecting stations.

OPA Delays Milk Price Rise Verdict

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13-(AP)—OPA will need more time to consider the request of Portland area milk producers for a price increase on grade A milk than the Feb. 28 deadline set by the department, an OPA executive declared today.

Andrew H. Trice, district OPA price executive, said "we have to follow our rules and regulations. It will probably take a somewhat longer time than they will give us—end of February, I believe."

Poultry Housing Shortage Coming

RENO, Nev., Feb. 13-(AP)—Reno newspapers, their houses-for-rent columns long empty, ran this add today: "For rent — unfurnished; small chicken house, goat house adjoining; suitable for couple. No children or pets. References required; immediate occupancy, now vacant. Shown by appointment only." Answers were pouring in by nightfall.

200 Homeless After Tornado In Oklahoma

ARDMORE, Okla., Feb. 13-(AP)—A sudden tornado, followed by knifing sleet and snow, swept into this city of 20,000 early today, injuring 15 persons and leaving 200 others homeless.

Five of the injured were in serious condition, but the remainder were expected to recover.

The tornado roared without warning into the eastern half of this southern Oklahoma city, striking first at the end of the main thoroughfare and then ripping into a residential area.

A two-story brick building on the main street was battered into a pile of bricks and debris. Plate glass windows in a three-block section of the area were smashed and heavy roofs went sailing from a number of business establishments.

Twenty-five homes in the residential area were demolished.

Feed Dropped To Hungry Elk

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 13-(AP)—A band of marooned and hungry elk were saved from starvation yesterday when the Walla Walla army air field sent a C-17 cargo ship loaded with 17 bales of alfalfa hay on an emergency mercy flight to the Bumping lake area near Yakima.

The flight was in answer to an appeal from Fred Van Arsdol, district supervisor for the state game department in Yakima. Recent heavy snows listed at six feet in depth had stranded the elk in the lake region in a steep-walled canyon about 40 miles from Yakima.

The "bomber" dumped the bales on order of the co-pilot and all bales were reported to have fallen to their mark within the canyon.

Bill Would Permit Military Aides' Use

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-(AP)—A far-reaching government proposal, under which President Truman could send military experts to any country in the world to help it improve its armed forces, was disclosed today in documents now in the hands of congress members.

Without advance publicity, the state department, working in consultation with the war and navy departments, has drafted legislation asking congress to grant the president the power to send such military missions.

Gerald Smith Trial Set

CHICAGO, Feb. 13-(AP)—Chief Justice Edward S. Scheffler of municipal court today set March 4 for a jury trial of Gerald L. K. Smith, 47, Detroit, Mich., head of the America First party, on disorderly conduct charges resulting from a speech he made Feb. 7.

Geisha Girls Top Tax Roll

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 14-(AP)—Geisha girls topped Japan's income tax list for the six months since the war ended, the news agency Kyodo reported today.

Fear Coal Strike Set For April

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-(AP)—President Truman was represented by Secretary of the Interior Ickes today as fearing a coal strike after April 1.

That is the tentative expiration date of the present contract between the United Mine Workers and the bituminous operators.

Ickes reminded Mr. Truman in his letter of resignation that the president had requested him to continue the solid fuels administration to May 1 so that he might deal with any coal strike called by John L. Lewis. Ickes operated the strike-bound mines in 1943 and 1945 when the government seized them.

Ickes quit without clarifying the status of the SFA. Present plans under Acting Deputy Administrator Daniel Wheeler call for its virtual liquidation at the end of the fiscal year, April 1. However, certain functions such as those involving the export program, are to continue through May.

The United Mine Workers' contract with the bituminous operators can be reopened on wages at any time now by reason of a special clause covering changes in national wage policy. The agreement also carries a tentative expiration date of April 1.

Putnam Avers Finances Slow State Vet Plans

Insufficient funds and no federal financial support are handicapping Oregon and most other states in handling veterans' educational affairs under the GI bill of rights, it was asserted by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, Wednesday upon his return from a conference of the national council of state school officials in Buffalo, N. Y.

Virtually every state was represented and the discussions covered many phases of educational problems, Putnam said.

Outstanding resolution adopted urged financial assistance to the states by the federal government.

"The federal government has loaded up the states with a lot of educational problems under the GI bill of rights and other congressional legislation," Putnam declared, "but failed to make any financial provision for carrying on the work."

Putnam said the school surplus property setup is in a "jumble" and is little understood by state school administrators.

Carpenters to Donate Time to Build Vet Home

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 13-(AP)—Three hundred union carpenters Local 1423 today voted to donate two full days' work on construction of a home for PFC T. M. Jarvis, Jr., who lost both legs when a German shell exploded near him in the Hurtgen forest in November, 1944.

The carpenters said they would finish building the house in the two days.

U.S. Food Supply to Outstrip Buying Power, Not Appetites

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-(AP)—The agriculture department predicted today that 1946 food supplies will equal American appetites but not American buying power.

In a periodical report, the department said supplies of some foods will be hardly sufficient to satisfy total domestic demands. Listed in this category were sugar, butter, meat, canned fish, fats, rice and canned fruits.

'Curmudgeon' Suggests Probe Of Pauley



WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-(AP)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes (top) tells a special news conference today in the interior department auditorium that lack of President Truman's confidence in him forced him to resign his cabinet post. Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of interior for the last 13 years, (below) has been named acting secretary until a successor has been selected. (AP Wirephotos to The Oregon Statesman.)

GIs Evacuated From Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 13-(AP)—One thousand American troops on leave in Calcutta were evacuated to safety today while British troops sought to quell anti-British riots that killed 22 persons and injured more than 200.

Indian demonstrators spreading their activities disrupted rail service between Bengal and Assam. Large crowds blocked the tracks, refusing to let engines pass. Gunfire echoed throughout Calcutta as British military patrols brought into the city last night fired at roosting street mobs of Hindus and Moslems during the day.

Bill Introduced to Grant Statehood to Hawaii

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-(AP)—A bill authorizing statehood for Hawaii was introduced in the senate today by Senator Knowland (R-Calif.).

The measure duplicates one introduced in the house by delegate Farrington (R-Hawaii). The house bill is pending before the house territories committee, a subcommittee of which has recommended "immediate consideration" of the proposal.

Ask Westerner For Ickes Post

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 13-(AP)—Gov. Vail Pittman today asked governors of the 10 western states to urge appointment of a western man as successor of Secretary of Interior Ickes.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-(AP)—Harold L. Ickes, veteran new dealer, bolted the Truman cabinet today and, in a parting shot, urged the justice department to scrutinize testimony by the president's nominee for undersecretary of the navy.

Ickes told a radio audience tonight that the nominee, Edwin W. Pauley, oil man, was "not speaking the truth" when he denied under oath that he lobbied against a government suit to establish federal title to submerged offshore oil lands.

President Truman earlier in the evening accepted the resignation of the secretary of the interior in a terse note devoid of any of the usual expressions of praise. The president made plain that Ickes' resignation from the cabinet post meant also that he was out of the many other government jobs he held.

Sarcastic Letter Whereupon Ickes snapped back with a sarcastic letter referring to the president's "generosity and graciousness" and a bitter rejoinder that he desired to hold no post under the president's jurisdiction.

It all added up to a first class political explosion with incalculable potentialities for the 1946 national campaign.

The resignation of Ickes, original member of the Roosevelt cabinet, resulted from the now famous "Pauley incident."

To top off his day's labors, the aging political battler took to the air tonight with a new broadside against Pauley.

He urged the justice department to assign one of its "ablest lawyers" to a study of Pauley's testimony before the senate naval committee.

Never Sought Votes

Pauley testified, Ickes said that he never asked any senator or representative to vote in favor of or against any bill involving rights to oil-bearing tidelands.

"He insisted," Ickes asserted, "that never at any time did he request President Roosevelt or Attorney General Biddle to delay, postpone or withdraw any suit relating in any way to the tidelands. He categorically denied that he had presented his viewpoint on the tidelands issue to President Roosevelt, Attorney General Francis Biddle, to Secretary Ickes and others.

"I challenge these statements. To the contrary I charge that Mr. Edwin W. Pauley was not speaking the truth when he said under oath that he had never attempted to influence President Roosevelt, Attorney General Biddle or myself with respect to these tidelands suits."

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Weather table with columns for Max., Min., Rain, and locations like Salem, Eugene, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle.