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West's GOP Leaders Decline Parley Bid

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 6.—(AP)—After conferring with republican state chairmen in the west, Niel R. Allen, Oregon republican state chairman, said today that California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada state chairmen would not attend the republican national committee meeting in Chicago January 10 and 11 to which they were invited. Instead, he said, another conference of republican state chairmen and vice chairmen of the 11 western states probably will be held in the spring to map out suggestions for presentation at the republican national convention.

At a conference in Salt Lake City recently the republican leaders of the 11 western states adopted a suggested program including veterans participation in city councils, and proposed policies toward agriculture and labor. Allen said he had talked with E. Edward H. Tickle, California republican chairman, former Governor Morley Griswold, Nevada chairman, and Wilder Jones, Washington state chairman. Griswold, he said, wired him he had agreed with David J. Wilson, Oregon republican chairman, who organized the recent Salt Lake City republican conference, and to said he would go to the Chicago meeting, but agreed that spring meeting of the republican leaders in western states would be called to draft suggestions for presentation to the national convention.

Allen said he understood that the state chairmen were not to give an opportunity to discuss or make suggestions at the Chicago meeting, he said, is primarily a meeting of national committee members to fix the date and place of the republican convention for nomination of candidates for president and vice president.

Over Cleanup Power Upheld

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—The city sanitary authority has the right to hold hearings and to order requiring the city of Eugene to comply with state laws relating to pollution of the Willamette river, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today.

He held the sanitary authority could make recommendations only a matter of increase in sewer service charges. Neuner said the power of the sanitary authority in regard to stream pollution is equivalent to that of municipalities.

Weather

U. S. Weather Forecast: Oregon Fair today but cloudy tonight and occasional snow south of portion, partly cloudy tonight and Friday; cooler tonight.

Local Statistics: Minimum temperature, Thursday morning, 26 degrees; maximum temperature, Wednesday, 42 degrees; precipitation from 10:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. Wednesday, .02 of an inch; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Thursday, .05 of foot.

WILLAMETTE TIDES (PWT)

High	11:03 a. m.	8:05 p. m.
Low	5:06 a. m.	
High	11:48 p. m.	6:48 p. m.
Low	5:55 a. m.	
High	1:07 p. m.	7:50 p. m.
Low	6:41 a. m.	

Law Dean Is Successor To Dr. Donald Erb

Orlando John Hollis, acting dean of the University of Oregon law school and a native son of Eugene, Thursday was named acting president of the university by the state board of higher education in meeting in Portland. Vacancy in the office of president of the institution was created by the death of Dr. Donald Milton Erb, Dec. 23.

Selection of the 39-year-old acting president was unanimous by the board. His salary will be \$7500, and by action of the board he is relieved of all class duties, although he continues as acting dean of the law school. Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of higher education, who made the recommendation for appointment of Hollis to be acting president at the university, also suggested that the board move at its Jan. 25 meeting to inaugurate a plan to select a permanent president as speedily as possible.

Hollis has been closely associated with the university and its program since his student days on the campus.

He has been serving as acting dean of the law school since 1942 when Dean Wayne Lyman Morse was called to Washington, D. C. to be public member of the national war labor board.

Born in Eugene, Aug. 20, 1904, Hollis was graduated from the local schools and the Eugene high school in 1922, entering the university the following fall.

His scholastic career was brilliant throughout his student days. On the campus he was chosen as one of the "senior six" for Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society, and is a member of Phi Delta Phi and Order of the Coif, legal honor organizations.

Even in his student days, Hollis was called upon for teaching and leadership duties. During his junior year, 1924-25, he served as a graduate assistant in psychology. Soon after his graduation from

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Big Bond Goal Set For Big Purchasers

Firms and individuals of Lane county are expected to buy \$2,132,000 in war securities, not including E bonds, in the "Battle of the Fourth War Loan," Chairman N. H. Comish announced Thursday.

"The big accounts and lumber and logging committees will play a leading part in making such sales," he said.

A. L. Hawn, who heads the big accounts committee, announced naming of the following to his committee: Everett E. Harpham, G. E. Gaylord, David Auld, J. Don Smith, and R. Grant Crakes.

J. W. Lewis and Frank A. Graber will sell bonds to the lumber and logging proprietors and managers.

Other committee chairmen just announced by Dr. Comish are: Calvin R. Smith, central business district; Frank Cashman, loan associations; G. A. Harnden, manufacturing and processing; A. L. Lomax, University of Oregon.

Eugene Schools Met War's Challenge in 1943 Program

By GLENN HASSELROOTH
Eugene schools during 1943 met war's challenge in four closely related ways, by:

1. Maintaining high standards.
2. Adapting programs to wartime needs.
3. Serving in patriotic drives, ration registration, and other public helps.
4. Taking provident steps toward a strongly-founded and progressive future.

Of all American institutions, the schools felt the impact of war most keenly. There was a disruption of family conditions, causing alternations in home life and in pupils' attitudes. During the autumn, a poll taken showed that 176 students have fathers in the service. Nine hundred and seven (515 in high school, 392 in grades) of the 3,942 enrolled, have mothers who work outside the home. The fathers of 749 are not employed in Eugene. The nursery school carts for 75 youngsters whose mothers would not be able to work if they could not leave them there.

The war service curriculum, instituted early in the 1943-44

New Italy Offensive Drives Nazis Back

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mud-caked American troops, opening a long-awaited fifth army offensive with British troops on a 10-mile front in driving sleet and rain, have smashed and battered their way inside the pillbox maze of San Vittore where they are fighting the Germans hand-to-hand for possession of the remaining half of the town, allied headquarters announced today.

The American and British ground forces, supported by wave upon wave of American invader dive-bombers which twisted through low hanging clouds to lay salvos of bombs on the enemy's gun positions, advanced an average of a mile in the first day of their offensive on the 10-mile front, allied headquarters said.

The advance was on a front five miles wide on either side of the Via Casilina, the main road to Cassino and Rome.

The British surged forward in the five mile southern half of the sector from a point west of Rocca, while the Americans swept down from the heights around San Vittore on the north side of the road west of Venafro.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's offensive which broke weeks of minor activity along the Italian front started under dripping, windswept skies Tuesday night.

San Vittore, six miles from Cassino, had been converted into a fortress with every house a pillbox and with the Germans dug into wine cellars where the terrific battering of allied artillery could not reach them. The entire town was a system of fortifications and tank traps.

But by noon Wednesday the Americans had driven through the outer defenses and taken half the town.

Violent hand-to-hand fighting was taking place for the other half. Dispatches from the front said the Germans opened up the fiercest artillery and mortar fire in many weeks as the British and Americans rose from their positions and began their offensive.

"The Germans are fighting bitterly for every inch of ground in their customary style, but have been driven back at least a mile in most places," a military spokesman said.

The taking of San Vittore would open the way to Cassino, the main allied objective in western Italy for many weeks, and the breaking up of defenses at Cassino would open the path to Rome through a broad valley where armored forces could deploy.

ENGINEER'S FALL FATAL

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—J. Fred Breske, 49, senior engineer in the Portland public works department, fell to his death today from the fourth floor of the city hall to an open courtyard below.

Huge War Aid To Russians Listed In Report By FDR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, reporting to congress that American lend-lease expenditures now total more than \$18,665,553,000, declared today that the major offensives agreed upon at Cairo and Tehran would "speed the day of victory" and "unconditional surrender of the nazis and Japanese."

In a lengthy report that contained the first detailed disclosure of war aid to Russia as well as obvious answers to congressional critics of lend-lease, Roosevelt emphasized again that the program would save American lives and be an important factor in shortening the war.

Pointing out that the cost of lend-lease from its start on March 11, 1941, through November of 1943 amounted to 13.5 per cent of all United States war expenditures for that period, the president said "the cost of the war to us, and to our allies, is high in any terms."

The president's report also went into the post-war problems of oil production and use of foreign airports, putting before congress two suggested international agreements—to provide for "fair and equal access" by the United States and other nations to world oil production, and to establish a system of "general military security" to watch over world airfields.

Aid to Russia through last October was valued at \$3,550,443,000 "or more than one-fourth of lend-lease exports to all countries." The flow of American material to the red army was greatly speeded in 1943, with the ratio during the first 10 months of 1943 some 63 per cent higher than for all of 1942.

Total lend-lease exports to the United Kingdom were valued at \$5,880,379,000; some \$2,168,229,000 went to Africa, the middle east, and the Mediterranean area, and \$1,603,346,000 to China, India, Australia, and New Zealand. These figures covered the period from March 11, 1941, through October, 1943 whereas the overall total of \$18,665,553,000 covered the period through November.

COTTAGE GROVE BOY HELD

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Detective Chief Charles Porter today held three sailors, including Earl Bridwell, 19, Cottage Grove, Ore., for questioning in connection with four robberies and sluggings. Detective Capt. Marshall Scraftford said they admitted slugging and robbing H. A. Schaffer last night.

Red Drive Throws Balkans Into Panic

Curb Clamped Down on Press By Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Strong new curbs brought the Argentine press and foreign correspondents under strict control today of the government of President Gen. Pedro Ramirez, who seized power in last June's military revolt.

A decree issued yesterday specifically prohibited news, editorials and advertising which may "endanger public order," "disturb the good relations the nation maintains with friendly countries," or contain statements, "prejudicial to public officials, private institutions and private citizens generally."

"At the same time newspapers were required to publish communiques and other official information as the subcategory of press directs and in the form he specifies. A separate decree orders that motion picture theaters to devote at least eight minutes of each program to Argentine propaganda reels.

Enrollment in an official register is required of all persons engaged in any phase of news gathering and publishing, with registry barred to those convicted of crimes or who "repeatedly violate the provisions of this decree."

Four degrees of punishment for infractions were set up—a warning, suspension of the publication, removal from the official register of all concerned, closure and seizure of the fixtures of the offending publication or news agency.

Issued under the signature of President Ramirez and Gen. Louis Perlinger, minister of the interior, the decree affects the press in all its forms—newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, handbills, news agencies—and all persons engaged in its manifold activities from publishers to printers.

Beattie Acting Head of Extension

W. G. Beattie, Eugene, assistant director of general extension, Thursday was named by the state board of higher education to serve as acting director from now until July 1, when Dr. J. F. Cramer leaves his position as city superintendent of Eugene schools to become dean and general director of extension for the state system.

At the Thursday board session, (at which Orlando John Hollis was named acting president), Chancellor Hunter was authorized to apply for a proffered gift of \$1000 from the office of inter-American affairs to help finance lectures in the system institutions in this field.

Edgar W. Smith introduced a resolution in memorial to Dr. Donald M. Erb, late president, which was adopted and ordered sent to the family and to the university. Six of the nine members were present, others being Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton; Robert Ruhl, Medford; E. C. Sammons, Portland, and Lief Finseth, Dallas.

BUTLER BROTHER DIES

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 6.—(AP)—W. C. Butler, prominent Pacific northwest banker and brother of Nicholas Murray Butler, noted educator, died early today at his home.

That Old Flying Fort Susie Was Frivolous To The Last

By ROBERT V. VERMILLION
U. S. FLYING FORTRESS BASE, Africa, Jan. 6.—(AP)—She had the temperament of a redhead and died like a flourish and a solo finale that warmed the hearts of all who knew her.

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Susie wasn't exactly faithful to her men. She kept them up in the air although she worried them. She would take her crew over a target and make it sweat to get her back by cutting out an engine or jamming her landing gear. She remained unpredictable to the end, and everybody swore she would come to no good.

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IDA M. TARBELL
Ida Tarbell, Noted
Writer, Succumbs

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Miss Ida Minerva Tarbell, dean of American women writers, died today at Bridgeport hospital of pneumonia at the age of 86.

The author had been on the danger list since she was admitted to the hospital Dec. 27 from her home in nearby Easton where she lived with a sister.

Miss Tarbell gained a top-notch place among American writers with her books on Abraham Lincoln. She first gained wide prominence early in the century with a series of critical articles on John D. Rockefeller Sr. and the old Standard Oil company.

Seven Youngsters In Curfew Roundup

Patrolmen and deputies cracked down with renewed force on violators of Eugene's 10-o'clock curfew Wednesday night and picked up seven "out-lates."

The group included two 17-year-olds who did not have proper identification to prove they were over the 16-year age limit. As soon as their ages were established, they were released.

The remaining five, all under 17, were booked on the city police records as first offenders of the curfew law. If they are found guilty the third time, their parents will be fined.

The offenders included a Springfield boy, age 12, and four Eugene youngsters, who gave their ages as 15, 15, 16, and 16.

Two were picked up in a downtown theater at 10:10 p. m. They were unchaperoned by parent or guardian. Another, found on the street, said he had been "dumped" at a theater early in the evening by his parents, that they told him to see the show and to "go on out to grandma's" if they did not call for him.

Conferences with local youth organizations and proprietors of some amusement places are planned for this week by clubs interested in the juvenile problem. The Active club and Eugene Junior chamber of commerce are assisting city police in curfew enforcement.

BENES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia has returned to London from Moscow, where he recently signed a mutual assistance pact with soviet Russia on behalf of his government-in-exile.

Railway Men Confer Over Wage Dispute

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Leaders of 18 railway unions turned back to their tangled wage dispute today with the outlook appearing brighter for a settlement.

More than 200 representatives of three operating unions—the firemen and engineers, the conductors, and the switchmen—were assembled here to review recent developments in which their refusal to accept presidential arbitration brought government seizure of the railways to avert a strike.

ADAMS CONSIDERED MISSISSIPPI FAR ENOUGH

(John Adams, 2nd U. S. President)

If the views of John Adams, second president, and his Federalists had prevailed, the Mississippi might today be the United States' western boundary. They failed to see the advantages offered by the West.

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Leaders Order Evacuation of Vast Regions

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(UP)—The red army drove southward through the Ukraine to within 65 miles of Bessarabia today and middle eastern advisers said the Rumanian government, panic-stricken by the soviet surge, had ordered the civilian evacuation of that disputed border province.

Gen. Ion Antonescu, Rumanian chief of state, was reported by reliable diplomatic sources in Cairo to have ordered the mass flight from Bessarabia, which lies in the path of Russian forces hammering

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—In the name of the United Nations high command, the British Broadcasting company radioed pre-invasion pleas to the Belgians today to remain in their homes when military operations get under way.

"If you are on the roads, you will obstruct allied air forces, which must be free to attack the enemy's communications," the broadcast said.

"If, on the other hand, you hamper the movement of the Germans they will shoot you down ruthlessly. Stay in your homes. Anything is better than the roads."

at the Bug river defense line, the last formidable fortifications short of the Dniester.

The Russian drive, its main weight now swung against the border zones of the Ukraine, threatened to explode the simmering Balkan situation.

New Drive Reported
Nervous Nazi propagandists reported that the Russians had launched a powerful new offensive inside the Dnieper bend, where 1,000,000 Germans were threatened with encirclement.

The nazis were reported from Stockholm to have declared all of

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Hood River PUD Campaign Ending

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A bitter public power campaign ended today and proponents predicted a heavy vote tomorrow on little Hood River county's ambitious plans to buy three large Pacific northwest utilities.

At issue in the special election is a \$175,000,000 bond proposal—the funds to be used to purchase the Pacific Power and Light company, Portland General Electric and Northwestern Electric, utilities serving 15 Oregon and Washington counties.

Proponents conceded the balloting would be close, this in sharp contrast to the situation three weeks ago when public power advocates were predicting the measure would carry 3 to 1.

The balloting will be conducted in a district of approximately 8000 persons, comprised of 9 of the county's 14 precincts. The city of Hood River will not take part, since town residents voted against joining the PUD when it was formed in 1935.

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