

# New York City Chosen Temporary UNO Home; Session Nearing End

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP)—A United Nations assembly committee voted overwhelmingly today to establish temporary United Nations headquarters in New York City until the permanent world peace center has been erected in the United States.

The UNO headquarters committee settled on New York City, rejecting a last-minute proposal to locate in San Francisco during the interim period required for construction of the permanent United Nations city—possibly three to five years.

Australia and Bolivia led the last-ditch fight for San Francisco, but their motion was voted down by a narrow 21-to-19 margin, with the United States abstaining.

Australian Delegate Col. William R. Hodgson, as leader of the opposition, then abandoned the fight for the Golden Gate city and moved that the decision for New York be made unanimous.

The final unanimous vote for New York City apparently ended all prospect of a further wrangle over the interim site in the UNO general assembly and buoyed hopes for a speedy adjournment of the assembly session, after which the delegates would reconvene in New York next September.

The major problem remaining on the agenda was the security council dispute over Russia's demand for a UNO investigation of British military intervention in Indonesia.

The security council adjourned yesterday to give members a chance to consider an Egyptian plan to solve the Indonesian issue.

The proposal was offered after a majority of the council members expressed opposition to the Ukrainian demand, indicating that the motion had little or no chance of approval.

The plan proposed by Egyptian delegate Mahmoud Riaz called for the earliest possible withdrawal of British troops and for a report on the progress of Dutch-Indonesian negotiations now in progress in London.

# S. Charges Argentine Threatening Crisis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The state department's blast at Argentine leaders as wartime allies of Nazi Germany hastened the crisis today in the already strained relations between the United States and Argentina.

The state department said that a formal break in diplomatic ties will result remained open question.

Secretary of State Byrnes told reporters that the United States does not intend to follow up its "Blue Book" attack on the military rule of Buenos Aires with any similar action against Argentina.

But at least two members of the senate foreign relations committee indicated they expect to take diplomatic steps eventually.

Dispatches from the Argentine disclosed that at least part of the Blue Book indictment had been published there, and these dispatches speculated on the likelihood of curtailed relations.

An Argentine book, "Argentina's Secret," by Juan Peron, Argentine's current president and a leading candidate, refrained in a speech last night from making any direct reference to the Blue Book, but he did allude to the fact that he had read it.

Peron did assail U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes for what he called "intervention" in Argentine affairs.

It is no secret at the state department that the big hope behind the "Blue Book" is that it will exert an unfavorable effect on the coming national elections in Argentina.

# Chains Still Advised For Cascade Passes

SALEM, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Oregon highway conditions were generally improved today, with snow and ice cleared from the Old Oregon Trail and the Siskiyou summit on the Pacific highway, the state highway commission said today.

Chains were still recommended for the passes on the Santiam and Willamette highways, while the commission expects to reopen tomorrow the Columbia river highway, which was closed last week by a slide near Multnomah Falls. A bridge is being built across the section of highway that was dug out by the slide.

The road report also said: Santiam junction—20 degrees, over cast, packed snow on road is being sanded. Total snow at summit 156 inches, at junction 91 inches, chains advised.

Odell Lake—Light overcast, 17 degrees, 180 inches of snow at summit, packed snow east of McCredie Springs, chains advised.

Three short sections of one-way traffic above Oakridge.

Siskiyou summit—All clear, 29 degrees.

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TOKYO, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Stars and Stripes columnist Cpl. Bernard Rubin today asked allied headquarters to show evidence of his alleged disloyalty, demanded a "public retraction and apology" and reinstatement on the army newspaper's staff if no such evidence can be procured.

The Waterbury, Conn., soldier-writer and the newspaper's managing editor, Sgt. Ken Pettus, Chicago, have been granted a stay of orders transferring them to Okinawa pending a headquarters investigation of charges that their removal from the staff was an attempt to "muzzle" the paper.

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ADMINISTRATION CHANGE—Ray B. Boals, left, has been named general superintendent and secretary of the Eugene Water board, succeeding veteran Joseph W. McArthur, shown with him in his city hall office. Although McArthur has resigned as superintendent, he will continue to serve in an advisory capacity to start Eugene on its postwar water and electric development. (Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

# J. W. McArthur To Retire As Head Of Water Board

Joseph W. McArthur Wednesday announced his retirement as general superintendent and secretary of the Eugene Water board, a position he has held for 14 years.

Ray B. Boals, his assistant for the past 12 months, will succeed him. Boals became associated with the Eugene municipal system in 1938 as a mechanical engineer. He will assume his new duties officially next Saturday.

McArthur, whose resignation was accepted by the board members at his own request, will continue to serve in an advisory capacity for as long as needed.

L. D. Pierce, president of the water board, said Wednesday on behalf of himself and the board that "We're very grateful for the splendid service Mr. McArthur has rendered and it is only through his own request that he is being released."

McArthur's impending full retirement culminates a lifelong career in engineering which began in Eugene in 1901 when he came here from Clark county, Wash., after graduating from The Dalles high school, to enter the University of Oregon. After interruption for work, McArthur won his bachelor degree in 1908. Four years later he was awarded an additional degree in civil engineering. In 1916-17 he earned his master's degree in civil engineering at Cornell university at Ithaca, N. Y.

Returning to Eugene McArthur worked as a surveyor in 1910-11 on the construction of the first unit of the municipal plant at Waltherville. In 1913 he was elected a member of the water board, which he served for two five-year terms until 1923. Later he assumed his duties of a civil engineer and supervised the engineering on the construction of the Leaburg power plant on the McKenzie.

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# Water, Power Facilities To Be Expanded

Joseph W. McArthur's full retirement from the general superintendency of the Eugene Water Board will not come, he promised, Wednesday, until the war-to-peace transition is fully underway.

With the ascendancy of Ray B. Boals to the top position of the municipal power and light system, McArthur feels the city will have a qualified younger man who can see through an announced five-year building and development plan.

"It has been a great privilege to serve in various capacities during the past 33 years in the development and establishment of Eugene's municipal utilities," the 69-year-old superintendent said. "The active good will and encouragement of Eugene's fine citizenship, and the able members of the board with whom I have been associated during these years, have been an inspiration at all times to do the best possible work."

"Now that the war is over," the retiring official declared, "we are entering a new period and it seems wise and best to transfer, as rapidly as possible, the active management of the program of rebuilding and expanding of the city's utilities to younger and abler hands."

**Meter Total Doubles**

For the current year alone, more than \$2,262,754 has been budgeted for electric and water departments. Total for water is \$729,483.10, while the electrical budget is \$1,533,271.35.

The number of electric meters in Eugene has increased from 8180 in 1936 to 14,428 in 1945, almost doubling in less than 10 years, McArthur points out. Gross income of the electrical department also has almost doubled from \$475,171.72 in 1935 to \$924,958 in 1945.

# Eugene USO Slated To Close Feb. 20

Lane county's USO clubroom at Broadway and Pearl, of which Mrs. Omar Fendall is director, will close Feb. 20, after three and one-half years of service to men and women in uniform, Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, chairman of the Lane county USO citizens committee, announced Wednesday.

The building is to be turned back March 1 to its owner, A. West Johnson.

Because the great need for the USO service in this community no longer exists, the committee reached a decision to close the room, Mr. Nicholson said. During the war years, he pointed out, the USO met a critical situation by providing a recreation spot for service personnel; locating rooms in private homes for overnight and short-time lodging; operating a snack bar, staffed by clubs throughout the county, and in general providing a "home away from home" for service men and women.

In observance of the closing, all present and former workers at the USO are invited to an open house at the clubroom Sunday, Feb. 17, from 3 to 6 p. m., Mr. Nicholson said. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Evelyn Raymond, chairman, Mrs. Arthur Pengra and Genevieve Hallin, assisted by Lovina Wilson, Mrs. John G. Foster, Virginia Borgeard, Bette Hines, Leola Defenbacher and Mrs. Ralph Kindler.

# Ickes Resigns Cabinet Post, Angered By Truman's Doubt

## Three Crippled Eastern Cities Back To Normal

By The Associated Press

The end of crippling strikes in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and revocation of New York City's closure order brought some measure of relief today to the nation's industrial strife.

Settlement of the work stoppages by power and transit workers and lifting the shutdown edict in the world's greatest city came after a day of inconvenience and confusion to most of the millions living in the three large eastern cities, the most hectic day along the labor front in the post-war period.

While New York City resumed near normal operations of its commercial, industrial and amusement activities after 18 hours of paralysis, the labor dispute which was the cause of the shutdown remained unsettled.

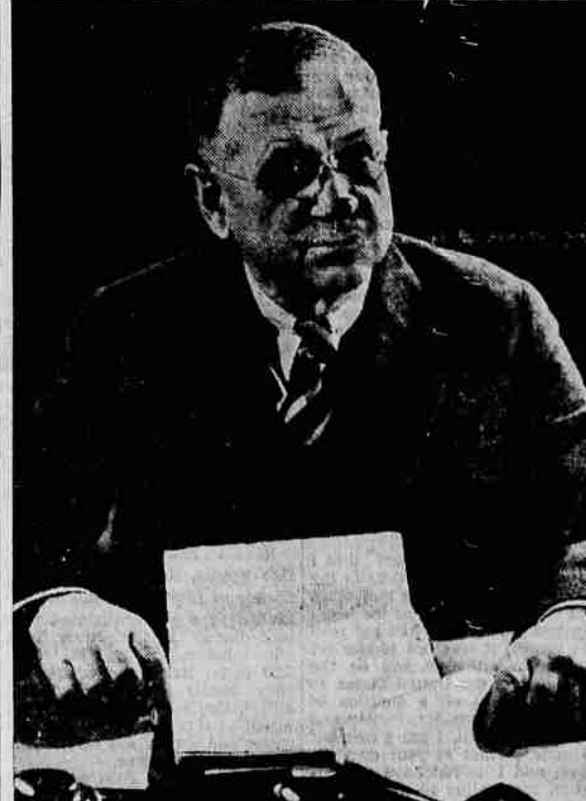
And immediately, there were no indications of an end of the 10-day strike of 3,500 AFL tugboat workers, whose walkout caused a drastic fuel shortage and brought about Mayor William O'Dwyer's edict.

In Pittsburgh, 3,400 employees of the Duquesne Light Co. went back to their jobs after a 19-hour work stoppage in a dispute over wages. The strike, which threatened a complete power failure in the greater Pittsburgh industrial area affected some 1,500,000 residents of nearly 100 communities.

In Pittsburgh, street cars were halted, schools closed, homes darkened and thousands of workers kept idle.

The strike ended upon agreement to establish a three-man board to mediate the wage dispute. The strikers (independent) demanded a 20 per cent wage increase while the company offered a 7 1/2 per cent hike.

Transit service for Philadelphia's three million daily riders was resumed after being halted



RESIGNS—Harold L. Ickes, above, left his post as secretary of the interior in President Truman's cabinet today with the explanation that he could not stay on after Mr. Truman had expressed doubt as to the accuracy of his testimony before a senate committee. (NEA Telephoto)

## Difference Over Nominee Opened Breach

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes resigned today with an assertion that President Truman had challenged his veracity after telling him to be "as gentle as you can with Ed Pauley."

The old-line New Dealer and self-styled "curmudgeon" stepped out of the cabinet after 13 years' service as a direct result of the

## Speech Tonight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Harold L. Ickes, who resigned today as secretary of the interior, will speak tonight over a radio network.

The American Broadcasting company said Ickes would deliver a talk over its facilities from 7 to 7:15 p. m. PST. His subject was not announced.

## Controversy Over Mr. Truman's Nomination of Edwin W. Pauley

Ickes has testified Pauley made him the "rawest" kind of proposition involving funds for the democratic campaign and Mr. Truman has said Ickes could be mistaken.

"No Apologies"

In a blistering, 2,000-word letter, Ickes told Mr. Truman he had spoken the truth about Pauley before a senate committee, had no apologies and asserted the President had no right to pass judgment on his veracity.

Shortly after the White House made the first announcement of the resignation, Ickes released the text of his letter and added details at a news conference in response to reporters' questions.

At last week's cabinet meeting, Ickes related, he informed Mr. Truman that he had been asked to testify. He asserted the President told him, "You must tell the truth, of course."

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Patterson said this was the case even though the army has obtained a record enlistment of 50,000 men in recent months. He pointed out that many of these enlistments came from men already in the service.

He told newsmen at the National Press club that a final decision of extension of selective service would likely come within a month.

## Rev. Hugh McCallum To Head Red Cross

(See Picture On Page 3)

Rev. Hugh McCallum, pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene, and who recently was elected to the executive board of the Lane County American Red Cross chapter, was chosen by board members as the new president of the Lane County Red Cross at a meeting Tuesday night at the Red Cross offices.

Mr. McCallum will replace H. V. Johnson, who, board members pointed out, "served faithfully in the capacity of president during two long, hard, war years."

"Every member of the board is grateful to Mr. Johnson for the service he has given the Red Cross," said Virgil Cameron, vice-president, who was reelected at the Tuesday meeting. "We are happy that he will work with the new president and carry on as a member of the board."

Others elected to office included Mrs. Mary Brookelbank, replacing Mrs. Alice Bissell as secretary, and Frank Armitage, who was reelected as treasurer.

The executive board announced at the close of the meeting that effective Saturday, Feb. 23, the Red Cross offices will be closed Saturday noons except for emergency calls.

Persons with emergency calls may telephone 1226, 4375-W, or 75-F-12 on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, holidays, or evenings. Mrs. Cora Pirie, executive secretary of the Lane County Red Cross chapter, said that emergency calls can be handled any time of the day or night by calling one of these numbers.

## Morse Assails Archaic Rules Of U. S. Senate

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse, (R. Ore.) today declared he would fight to abolish filibustering and proposed to change the "ancient and archaic" rules of the senate so that a "willful minority" could not prevent a majority from acting.

Morse, who stopped here briefly en route from Vale, Ore., to Corvallis and Eugene where he was scheduled to speak, said filibustering threatened the "very foundation" of American government, which is "based solidly on the theory of majority rule and of government built and directed by the voice of the majority."

He said his fight against filibustering was not based primarily upon consideration of the fair employment bill but on the "fundamental proposition that the majority of the senate should not be prevented from considering it by a small minority bulwarked behind archaic rules."

Morse also attacked a senate rule that allowed a committee chairman to kill a measure before his committee by refusing to offer it for consideration.

He advocated that the rule governing committee procedure be changed so any measure before the committee could be considered after a majority vote by the group. Morse also said he favored abolition of the seniority rule under which committee chairmen "grow into their chairmanships by seniority of service on their committee."

Committee chairmen, he declared, should be elected by the committee.

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