

Need for Control of 'Fringe' Seen

Governor's Committee Inspects County, Finds Bad 'Slum Area' in Glenwood

By ROCH BRADSHAW

Eugene, Springfield and their adjacent areas were toured by a "fringe committee" named by Gov. Earl Snell. The group, headed by Commissioner William Bowes of Portland, is gathering data in Oregon cities on which to base a law enabling people in fringes around cities to have a say in the type of developments in their territory.

The City Manager Deane Seeger of the committee and a member of the committee and leaders of Springfield met in Eugene Hotel Monday evening to discuss the problem of unincorporated areas such as Glenwood. That district the group saw as a fringe area in surface pools and from the septic tanks. The establishment and drove to a shack town which said was as much a slum as any in Oregon.

The dinner Mayor Earl L. welcomed the visitors, and Manager Fred M. Brenne of the committee handled introductions. He explained the proposed law would be only an enabling law which would allow cities to regulate areas which could be as bad as they wished in residential areas. The law would be from the fringe developments. The board, said, would have to be from the fringe areas.

The purpose would be to encourage areas to regulate themselves. "Let's not have areas like the one here in Springfield, where there are as many as five houses per lot and there is a resulting development problem. Let's have a law where people can live there."

He explained how such things you don't want in a city just over the line there is no way to regulate. So many encroachments to your city are junk yards, wood yards, junk yards—areas such as between Eugene and Springfield.

They are not trying to destroy areas, industrial or residential. We are trying to give stability and protect reality against the wrong type of development. Somebody has to bring out of the chaos existing. Such regulation won't hurt.

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Caught Burglary

3-year-old Navy veteran was caught Tuesday afternoon in a burglary at Elmira Junction, 3 and 4 held at gun point by the owner until city police arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradway, live in the rear of the store, a noise about 2 a. m., they Ray Dickinson, store owner, found Norman Eugene Moore carrying a slab of meat out of the store.

Whether told police he had stolen the meat, he was taken to the police station. He said he had been since leaving Yakima, and was coming back to the store by removing a screen in the store.

He was cooking meat and eggs on a grill, he went into the part of the store where the meat and beans. He change in the cash register not touched, police said. Whether is being held pending investigation by city detectives.

atorium on Federal Projects in Effect

Public Works at Virtual Halt

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government's \$1,600,000,000 public program ground to a virtual halt Tuesday.

Public agencies—under presidential edict—set about choosing \$100,000 worth of construction to defer at least until Spring.

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Three Chicago Murders Solved By Confessions

CHICAGO—(AP)—William Heirens confessed formally Tuesday to three of the most savage crimes in Chicago's history—the kidnapping of Suzanne Degnan, the "lipstick murder" of Frances Brown and the fatal throat slaying of Mrs. Josephine Ross, 43-year-old widow.

The strapping 17-year-old University of Chicago student, State's Attorney William J. Tuohy said, made the confessions voluntarily in a conference arranged by his own attorneys.

The attorneys were reported to have arranged the confessions as a move to avoid a possible state recommendation for death in the electric chair but Tuohy made no announcement immediately of any "deal."

Heirens, after a tearful conference with his parents in his county jail cell Monday, told Tuohy he strangled the six-year-old Degnan girl with his fingers as she lay in her bed. Then he took her body to the basement of a nearby apartment building and cut it to pieces.

Tuohy said Heirens followed up this confession with admissions he killed Miss Brown and Mrs. Ross. The prosecutor arranged for Heirens to reenact the Degnan kidnapping killing later in the day.

The "lipstick" slaying of ex-Wave Frances Brown took place less than a month before the Degnan killing, on Dec. 10. Miss Brown, 33, was shot, then stabbed to death in her North Side apartment and the killer left this message scrawled in lipstick on the wall:

"For heaven's sake catch me before I kill more. I cannot control myself."

Miss Brown's nearly nude body was found draped over a bathtub. She had been shot twice and a 10-inch steel knife pierced her throat from ear to ear.

The nude body of Mrs. Ross, 43-year-old widow, was found on her bed June 3, 1945, her throat slashed. Her apartment was only four blocks from where Miss Brown was slain.

Eugene plumbers will return to their jobs Wednesday morning as the result of an agreement reached Monday evening between Local 481 and the Master Plumbers Assn.

Jim Gunn, retiring business agent of the local, said masters agreed to pay the \$1.87 1/2 per hour rate which the union members had asked.

The previous rate had been \$1.62 1/2 cents an hour. Temporary lapsing of OPA regulations and differences in interpretation of their effect over the wage increase caused the short dispute.

Plumbers union members had left their jobs Monday morning, pending a settlement of the issue.

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POINTING TO QUAKE-CAUSED CRACK (arrow), citizens of Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, show their relief at having been spared further injury from the geological disturbance which took place in the ocean depths and sent tidal waves against the northern shore of Santo Domingo Island. Reports say two towns were virtually flattened by the waves. (AP Wirephoto).

Drone Bombers Make Successful Hop from Hawaii

MUROK, Calif.—(AP)—Two Army B17 drones landed at this army air base at 10:51 and 11:09 a. m. (PST) Tuesday completing a 2400-mile flight from Hilo, Hawaii. It was the longest totally unmanned flight in aviation history. The drones were controlled by one mother ship each.

The flights were completed in approximately 15 hours and 40 minutes. The flights were made at 150 and 165 miles per hour and about 6500 feet altitude. Both drones took off in a drizzle and had to climb through thick cumulus clouds to reach altitude. They were flown on automatic pilots operated by remote control from accompanying mother planes piloted by Capt. Ragner Carlson of Mt. Shasta, Calif., and Capt. Gordon Barrett, Pittsfield, Mass.

Four persons were reported dead. Broken communications delayed a check of casualties, and the toll may run much higher.

In the stricken communities buildings collapsed. Railroad tracks were twisted like strands of steel wire. Roads were torn up. Villagers passing a sleepy Sunday afternoon in the excessive heat jumped up and ran for open country.

Then came the tidal wave. With a swelling roar it rolled up the bay and smashed against the towns. Dwelling and shops were swept away by the waves. Slabs of walls and roofs were hurled inland from the shore.

A U. S. Navy pilot from Puerto Rico who flew over Matanzas said the tidal wave seemed to have destroyed most of the town.

Apparently the center of the earthquake was a spot nearly 10 miles below the Atlantic Ocean surface off the coast.

Controversial Cases Up Before City Planners

Applications for rezoning, including the controversial Byers case, will be up for consideration at the first regular meeting of the new city plan commission at 7:30 p. m. tonight at city hall.

The application of Dan H. Campbell, who has constructed a garage on Highway 99 South, also will be considered. The state highway department has erected a barricade to prevent Campbell from using his garage without a curb out. Campbell has applied for a change from residential to business zoning.

Army Calls for Bids On McKenzie Bank Job

PORTLAND—(AP)—Bids for reconstruction of the right bank of the McKenzie River immediately downstream of the Coburg bridge northeast of Eugene were called Tuesday by Portland district Army engineers.

Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, said the project calls for 1900 cubic yards of excavation and 5000 cubic yards of quarry waste blanket. Bids will be opened Aug. 16.

Baseball

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Fowler, Griffith (8) and Rosar; Hughson and H. Wagner.

Fight Over Voting Issue Grows Hot

Missouri Vote Holds National Political Cue

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Missouri's Fifth District voters marked ballots Tuesday in a congressional race that promised an insight, by proxy, into the administration's popularity in one segment of President Truman's home state.

The race, involving an attempt by Rep. Roger C. Slaughter (D) to win renomination despite public opposition from the President, drew only a small segment of the voters participating in the day's six primaries—in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Virginia and West Virginia.

But because Mr. Truman said that if Slaughter was right in his fight against White House legislative proposals, the President was wrong, the contest took on an element missing since the late President Roosevelt aided in the 1938 defeat of Rep. John J. O'Connor, New York Democrat. Mr. Roosevelt's efforts, however, failed to unseat four other Democrats that year.

Like O'Connor, Slaughter incurred the presidential wrath because of his actions as a member of the powerful House Rules Committee.

Enos A. Axtell, Mr. Truman's choice, and Herome Walsh, former OPA attorney, fought it out with Slaughter for the Democratic nomination while the President watched.

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Heavy Draft Calls Foreseen

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Army and Selective Service officials said Tuesday that the recent drop in voluntary enlistments will force the drafting of 25,000 men when conscription is resumed Sept. 1.

They said July enlistments averaged only 9500 a week—well below the goal of 25,000 a week.

Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson recently announced that the Army had hoped to obtain all needed men through voluntary enlistments. But despite the 50 per cent pay increase recently granted servicemen, the recruitment drive fell far short of expectations.

Army officials attributed this failure to increased business opportunities in civilian industry, the stoppage of Negro enlistments and abandonment of a number of recruitment inducements July 1.

The Army halted Negro enlistments in July because, it said, they were far outnumbering enlistments of white men and, if continued, would upset the Army ratio of Negro and white soldiers.

The limit of Negro manpower in the Army is determined by the ratio of Negroes to white persons in the civilian population.

Turkish Leader Attempts To Form New Regime

ANKARA—(AP)—Recep Peker, who fought beside Kemal Ataturk 23 years ago in the successful revolt against the sultans, undertook Tuesday to form a new Turkish government replacing that of Premier Sukru Saracoglu, which resigned Monday night in the face of heavy opposition to its domestic policies.

Saracoglu's resignation represented one of the greatest upheavals in Turkish politics since Ataturk died in 1938 and Ismet Inonu followed him as president. It was the result of popular dissatisfaction with domestic affairs, particularly the high cost of living.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity—Partly cloudy today, becoming fair and slightly warmer Wednesday, Oregon—same. Gentle moderate west to northwest winds off coast.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 4 degrees; low Tuesday morning, 51 degrees; 24-hour precipitation ending at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, trace; total rainfall for month, trace; normal for month, 47 inch; total since Sept. 1, 42.10 inches; stage of Willamette at 7:30 a. m. Tuesday, minus 2.15 feet; wind direction and velocity at 11:30 a. m. Tuesday, north northeast, 9; prevailing direction and average velocity Monday, south, 6.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Wednesday, 5:06 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Thursday, 5:08 a. m. and 7:27 p. m.

Low 4:40 a. m. 5.2 ft. 3:30 p. m. 5.5 ft. High 6:40 a. m. 5.8 ft. 8:30 p. m. 6.2 ft.

President Takes Daughter to Cast Her First Ballot

INDEPENDENCE, Mo.—(AP)—President Truman Tuesday took his daughter to the polls for her first lesson as a voter.

Standing side by side in adjoining booths they marked their ballots in Missouri's Democratic primary.

Entering the auditorium, the President and 22-year-old Margaret smiled at applauding neighbors and at a battery of photographers lined up for the occasion.

Spotting the President, Olney Burrus, gray-haired attorney, voting in one of the other of the four booths, shook his hand. "Harry," he said, "vote it straight."

Mr. Truman grinned, replying simply "Hello, how are you?"

Peasants Battle Italian Militia

ROME—(AP)—Four policemen and "many more" peasants were reported killed Tuesday in fighting near Palermo between Carabinieri and Sicilian peasants in revolt against consigning their crops to the government's "granaries of the people."

The fighting broke out Monday when police attempted to enforce the wheat decree, the Italian news agency Ansa said, and women were reported fighting side by side with men against the Carabinieri, who used tanks and armored cars in their efforts to smash the revolt.

The fighting was said to be centered in the town of Caccamo, which dispatches said was surrounded by police.

Sicily has lagged far behind most other parts of Italy in the granaries program, which the government instituted in an effort to smash the black market and assure an equitable bread ration.

Latest reports said the Sicilians had turned in only 12.8 per cent of their goal of 178,184 tons of wheat.

At Bari, police opened fire when a crowd of 3500 unemployed stormed the palace of the prefect. Six of the crowd and eight policemen were injured in the fighting.

At Milan, a crowd of 700 unemployed demonstrated in downtown streets, forcing several stores to close. A general strike was reported at Codogno, near Ferrara, in protest against continued unemployment.

Higgins' War Deals Probed

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Andrew J. Higgins, whose famed Higgins landing boats carried American GI's onto dozens of beachheads during the war, was under investigation Tuesday for alleged war profiteering, it was revealed by federal court officials.

U. S. Attorney Herbert Christenberry said Higgins, two associates and the Higgins Industries would be investigated by a federal grand jury. He classified the group as suspect in alleged war profits frauds.

Named with Higgins were Morris Gottesman and Milton P. Chaney. Two other members of Higgins' once-vast manufacturing empire—Higgins Aircraft, Inc., and Higgins Plastic Corp.—were also said to have been brought into the investigation.

Committee Unwilling to Force Testimony

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Some senators were beginning to doubt Tuesday that ailing Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) ever will tell the Senate War Investigating Committee how he became "guardian angel" of the Garsson munitions combine.

Committee members who declined use of their names said the committee was shying away from forcing the 71-year-old congressman to return from his Prestonsburg, Ky., home to take the witness chair.

These committee members said they did not want to be in the position of appearing to endanger May's health.

May's home town physician, Dr. John Archer, says his condition is critical. And without clearance from May's attorneys and doctors, the committee was not expected to try to subpoena May to testify about his dealing with Dr. Henry and Murray Garsson, who ran a letterhead into a 16-firm Midwest munitions syndicate which received \$78,000,000 in government contracts.

The committee Chairman James M. Mead (D-NY) apparently pressing for prosecution as a result of the Garsson inquiry, scheduled conferences Tuesday with Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Internal Revenue Commissioner Joseph D. Numan, Jr. Mead

American, Russian Delegates Exchange Fruitless Arguments

PARIS—(AP)—The rules committee of the Paris Peace Conference adjourned in a tangle over procedural questions Tuesday and a British spokesman said the possibility had been raised that the entire Russian bloc might leave the conference.

The committee bogged down over the question of whether the committee could pass by simple majority rule on whether a simple or two-thirds majority vote would be required to approve matters before the full conference.

A dinner recess was decided upon when Yugoslavia served notice she would not be bound by any committee decisions reached by less than a two-thirds majority.

A British spokesman interpreted Yugoslavia's action as raising the possibility that Russia and her Slav satellites might leave the conference unless they succeeded in getting a rule for a two-thirds vote.

Two sessions, morning and afternoon, proved to be rough give-and-take affairs, with U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov the chief antagonists.

Byrnes Makes Charges
U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes accused Russia of attempting to dictate to the conference through the council of foreign ministers, and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov replied that the Big Four was an American idea. He accepted Byrnes' challenges to have the American's remarks published in Russian newspapers amid charges and counter-charges of inconsistency.

The committee voted 11 to 8 to proceed to a vote on various proposals concerning the majority that will be required in the full peace conference. Immediately Molotov declared that the amendments establishing conference voting procedure were matters requiring a two-thirds majority for adoption in committee.

Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, rules committee chairman, pleaded for an agreement to permit the conference to start on its main task.

Tells Of "Surprise"
Byrnes, debating again with Molotov, declared he was "really surprised" by the Russian's attitude.

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Bids for Seats In UN Debated

NEW YORK—(AP)—China demanded Tuesday that action on Outer Mongolia's application for membership in the United Nations be delayed for at least a year to give members of the organization time to learn more about the Soviet-supported government.

Consideration of Albania's application was shelved temporarily after some members had asked for more information from the Albanian government.

Russia and Poland were reported backing Albania's bid without qualification. The United States and Great Britain reserved judgment, although both have leveled sharp criticism at the regime of Premier Enver Hoxha.

An American delegation spokesman said Hoxha had refused to give Washington assurance that his peoples republic would non- or treaties negotiated between the United States and the previous Albanian government before the war, thus raising a question as to Hoxha's readiness to accept the obligations of U. N. membership.

Britain also questioned the peace-loving qualities of Albania on several counts.

Firebug Makes Good Escape

ROSEBURG—(AP)—The incendiary who Sunday started a string of blazes in the forest lands southwest of Canyonville has made good his escape, Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective Assn., said Tuesday.

The 160-acre fire which merged from 14 separate "sets," was reported under control, as the State Forestry Department Arboretum crew returned to Corvallis after relieving the association's fire fighters Sunday night.

Two teams numbering 40 men are preventing further spread of the flames.

The firebug was spotted by aerial observers in the act of lighting the last of 14 fires in a mile-long string at the edge of an old burn on Silver Butte. Ground crews were summoned by radio, but they failed to nab the fugitive.

Fires on Reservation Now Under Control

WADSWORTH, Ore.—(AP)—The Warm Springs Indian Reservation fires were under control Tuesday after blackening 1800 acres of timber and 5000 acres of grassland.

A crew of 125 men bulldozed trenches around the two blazes, which broke out during a period of low humidity Sunday. The cause has not been determined.

The timber blaze, most difficult to check, started near the Warm Springs Lumber Co. operations, Forest Supervisor Nick Walter reported.