

## 'Purge' Orders Cause Turmoil

TOKYO — (AP) — A Japanese government order widening the purge of public officials to include "small fry" militarists and ultra-nationalist sympathizers has provoked a Japanese cabinet crisis, an informed source said Tuesday.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida has been dissuaded from resigning, for the time being at least, and present indications are that his cabinet will remain until the new Japanese constitution takes effect May 3, 1947, this source said.

The crisis was provoked when the government followed last January's purge directive with an order barring "undesirable" minor officials from public life. The latest order had the sanction of Allied headquarters.

An Allied headquarters source estimated the number of minor officials to be affected by the purge might run as high as 250,000.

This source pointed out it was a logical step following the January purge directive which touched only high government officials.

## Comment Set On UO Paper

The Oregon Daily Emerald, student newspaper at the University of Oregon, is getting a sample of its own campus-sampling habits.

The Emerald, which frequently conducts polls of student opinion on campus and national questions, is itself the subject of an opinion poll this week as journalism students of Professor Warren C. Price endeavor to determine the attitude of the student body towards the publication.

A cross-section of polling purposes has been established on a pattern adapted from the Gallup poll. Intensity questions to determine feelings were derived from methods used by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Denver.

Mrs. Thomas Wright, Eugene, is among the students conducting the survey.

## Daylight Thief Gets 25 Sacks Money

PORTLAND — (AP) — A daylight robber who held a handkerchief to his face as if he merely was going to blow his nose, suddenly brandished a pistol at two S. H. Kress & Co. employees here late Monday and escaped with \$1500 to \$2000.

He forced the two 10-cent store workers to hand over 25 bags of money, which he deposited in a shopping bag and fled out onto the busy downtown street.

Leonard Wolfer, Portland, and Dorothy Wanaker, Oregon City, told police they were headed for the office after collecting the money when they were accosted on the main floor. Forcing them at gunpoint back to the basement landing, he ordered Wolfer, who was carrying the money, to place it in the shopping bag he tossed at Wolfer's feet.

After ordering the pair to "look toward the kitchen," he fled out a door marked "employees only."

The robber was described as 25 to 40 years old, 5 feet 10½ inches tall, weighing 150 to 160 pounds and wearing a light hat and gray gabardine overcoat.

## Railroad Assn. President Dies

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, died Tuesday in Doctors Hospital. He was 68.

Close associates, however, were surprised by news of his passing. An official of the association said his information as late as this morning had been that he was "coming along fine."

Pelley was born at Anna, Ill., May 1, 1878. Educated in public schools there, he took special work at the University of Illinois and began his railroad career as a station clerk for the Illinois Central in 1899.

He was president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford from 1929-34.

He had been with the Association of American Railroads since 1934.

During the war, he was decorated by the government for his work in gearing the nation's railroads to the war effort.

## Runaway Boys Play As Return Awaited

Four little boys who had decided to roam because they "didn't like to work for our shoes" were playing marbles in the city police station Tuesday.

The four were hitchhiking south Monday when they were picked up near Albany by Erling Kneabe of Jefferson, Ore.

They told Kneabe they had been abandoned by their parents in Salem, and that now they were headed home to Yreka, Calif. Under Kneabe's questioning they finally admitted they had run away from the Indian school at Chemawa. So Kneabe brought them to Eugene to await school authorities.

Tuesday morning two policemen (they decided it would take two of them to keep the despondent characters in line) broke up the marble game which was in full swing on the detention room cot, and ushered the desperados out on the town for breakfast.

## Police Seek Thieves Of Car, Bike, Camera

Eugene police were on the look-out Tuesday for a 1934 De Soto five-passenger coupe, Oregon license 286-402, reported stolen from Stanley Maser, 75 Nineteenth Ave. E.

A Zeiss Ikon camera, valued at \$250, was reported stolen from the automobile of its owner, Jack Steele, 1145 Tenth Ave. W., while the car was parked at 1939 Hilliard Sunday.

Theft of a red and blue Royal bicycle, Monday was reported by Mrs. Willard A. Ayres, phone 1537-W.

## Eugene Student Finalist In Speech Competition

John Jensen, Eugene, and Warren Miller, Volga, S. D., will vie Wednesday for the right to represent the University of Oregon at the state extemporaneous speaking contest at Pacific University, Dec. 10, according to Kurt E. Montgomery, assistant professor of speech and dramatic arts in the university.

The two students will speak on U. S. foreign policies. The winner will compete with representatives of other universities and colleges of the state at the Pacific.

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ETHAN NEWMAN and GRETCHEN PARKER play leading parts in the Very Little Theatre's production of "Blithe Spirit". Newman plays the part of Charles Condomine, while Gretchen Parker takes the role of Madame Arcati, the English medium. The play will be presented for the remainder of the week at the VLT playhouse, with curtain time at 8:15 p.m. (Kennell-Ellis photos, Wiltshire engravings.)

## Vets Have Dividend Due On National Life Insurance

By ROWLAND EVANS, JR. WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration (VA) has announced that virtually all former and present holders of National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) are entitled to a dividend.

The NSLI fund out of which non-service connected death benefits are paid has a surplus. The surplus belongs to holders of NSLI policies.

But VA officials are scared to death that news of the dividend will bring a flood of mail. VA's insurance staff is already loaded with work.

VA statisticians must check 15,000,000 policies held by the 15,000,000 servicemen and veterans. That will take at least a year. When the computations have been

completed dividends will be mailed out. VA points out that each letter asking about the dividend will delay the computations, because each letter must be answered. It takes time that might be put to figuring the dividends.

The amount of the dividend will depend on three things:

1. The amount of insurance taken out.
2. The age of the insured.
3. The length of time the insurance has been carried.

VA will not attempt now to estimate the amount of the dividend, but says it will be about equal to dividends paid by commercial mutual companies.

The dividend is payable not only to veterans and servicemen whose insurance is in good standing, but also to holders of lapsed policies. Ten million veterans allowed their NSLI to lapse. Almost all these will nevertheless come in for at least a small dividend.

## Dickson Tells Views On Highway Project

Earl Dickson met with the highway committee of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Monday night at the Eugene Hotel to discuss the state highway development at Springfield Junction which he objects to because it makes it more difficult for cars from Eugene and the south to reach his market building there.

Dickson said two cuts, in a highway divider and in a traffic diversion island, would relieve the situation. The highway committee, of which Ed Turnbull is chairman, reiterated its position that the junction project was designed by state engineers to move traffic more smoothly and that the committee will continue to support the state highway department in its efforts to achieve this objective.

It was suggested that the proper place for Dickson to seek changes is before the State Highway Commission. Dickson was accompanied by his brothers, Roy of Eugene and Elbert of Salem.

## CPA Grants Permit For \$3000 Alteration

The Portland office of the Civilian Production Administration Tuesday approved the application of Dietz Newland, Eugene, for a permit to make \$3000 worth of alterations in a laundry building.

A petition of P. J. Leavitt, Springfield, to construct a \$17,879 storage building was denied.

The Northwest Oil Co., Cottage Grove, appealed a recent decision denying it a permit to build a \$3000 repair shop.

## That 'Warm' Air Was From California

By ASSOCIATED PRESS A wedge of warm air from California saved western Oregon from a plummeting thermometer Monday night, the Weather Bureau reported, but despite that aid temperatures generally were below freezing.

Eastern Oregon, with no southern help, reported 19 degrees at Baker, 20 at La Grande, 25 at Bend and 26 at Pendleton.

Klamath Falls reported 28 degrees, Medford 27, Eugene 28, Roseburg and Salem 30, and Portland 34.

## YOUTH CALLED UP

MOSCOW — (AP) — The labor organ Trud announced Tuesday that the government had launched a nationwide drive to recruit youths for industrial training to provide a large pool of skilled workers for fulfillment of the new five-year plan.

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## Minority Parties To Try for Truce

NANKING — (AP) — Minority party leaders announced Tuesday they will make a last attempt to mediate the differences between Chinese Nationalists and Communists but all indications were that their efforts would be doomed to failure.

China's political situation remained tense despite Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's decision to postpone opening of the National Assembly until Nov. 15. Communists have announced they will not participate in an assembly until peace negotiations have resulted in settlement of the civil war and reorganization of the government.

Meanwhile, Communists and American commissioners attached to executive (truce) headquarters scheduled a meeting Wednesday morning to discuss the practical working out of Chiang's cease fire order, the Peiping social welfare daily reported. Nationalists delivered copies of the cease fire order to the Communists and the Americans Monday.

Observers believed that the Kuomintang's decision to call the assembly would split the "third party" front, composed of minority parties, some of which are considered pro-Kuomintang and others pro-Communist.

## Hope of Food Fund Seen Disappearing

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — Reported United States opposition Tuesday virtually ruled out any likelihood that the United Nations would approve a proposed \$400,000,000 emergency food fund to help meet Europe's food deficits after the expiration of UNRRA.

Shortly after Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson indicated in Washington that the United States would oppose the proposal put before the United Nations Monday by F. H. La Guardia, director-general of UNRRA, informed quarters said members of the U. S. delegation to the General Assembly also were opposed to the plan.

Although the delegation took no formal decision as to how it would vote on the issue, the members were understood to have taken the position that any further aid to Europe after the expiration of UNRRA should be handled on a national rather than an international basis.

This was interpreted as meaning that the United States would in the future handle her own relief distribution in Europe, even though the government might be willing to receive international advice as to where relief should be allocated.

Under La Guardia's proposal the United States would be expected to contribute 49 per cent of the total \$400,000,000 or approximately \$200,000,000. It was generally agreed that the plan would not be put into effect if the United States refused to take part.

## COUNTRIES TO MEET

PORTLAND — (AP) — The annual convention of the Assn. of Oregon Counties will be held here Dec. 9-11, Frank Shull, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners chairman, said Tuesday.

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Two trips have been scheduled for Obsidian Club members Sunday. Paul and Helen Weiser will lead a trip to the Florence-Yachats area on the coast, leaving Eugene about 8 a. m.

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## Grenade Blasts Home Of Movie Non-Striker

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — An explosion which police said apparently was caused by a hand grenade blew in a window and severely damaged the home of a non-striking film technician Tuesday, in another violent outbreak attributed to the movie strike.

Other developments in the nearly two-month-old jurisdictional strike included the production shutdown and suspension of mass picketing.

Meanwhile, discussion of arbitration formula brought a statement from strike leaders that "additional talks were agreed upon."

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