

Lilienthal Favored by Senators Despite McKellar, Poll Indicates

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.) appeared hopelessly beaten Wednesday in his fight to block the nomination of David E. Lilienthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

A poll among the most Senate members of the joint congressional Atomic Energy Committee—which failed to show a single disapproving vote, despite McKellar's repeated charges that Lilienthal was a Communist sympathizer.

Lilienthal won himself high praise from "many committee members Tuesday when he replied to McKellar with a stirring statement of his belief in democracy.

For days Lilienthal had replied calmly as McKellar sought to draw from him an admission that he believed in Communist doctrines and shielded Communist-minded workers when he headed the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Tuesday, however, he pulled himself erect in the witness chair, Lilienthal struck out with an impassioned definition of his political beliefs—and his disbelief in Communism.

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Fire Chases Fire Trucks

BOISE, Idaho — (AP) — Three fire trucks rolled out to an intersection in the business district after an onlooker reported a car on fire.

On arrival firemen learned the motorist had leaped into the blazing vehicle and driven off for the fire station after the alarm was given. In fact, witnesses near the fire station said later, the trucks almost ran him down as they sped out to answer the call.

The unidentified driver then turned his smoking vehicle and followed the engines.

By the time he arrived at the intersection from which the alarm was first given the firemen had returned to the station by another route.

The department is still wondering what happened to the car.

Gunn Will Represent UO in Oratory Contest

Rex Gunn, Rt. 1, Eugene, will represent the University of Oregon in the Peace Oratorical contest here Feb. 10.

Seven colleges and universities will compete along with the university in contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic Assn. of Oregon.

The contest, under the direction of K. E. Montgomery, assistant professor of speech and drama, will be held in the university music building at 7:30 p. m.

Gunn is a sophomore in liberal arts.

Galileo announced in 1610 that he had constructed a microscope.

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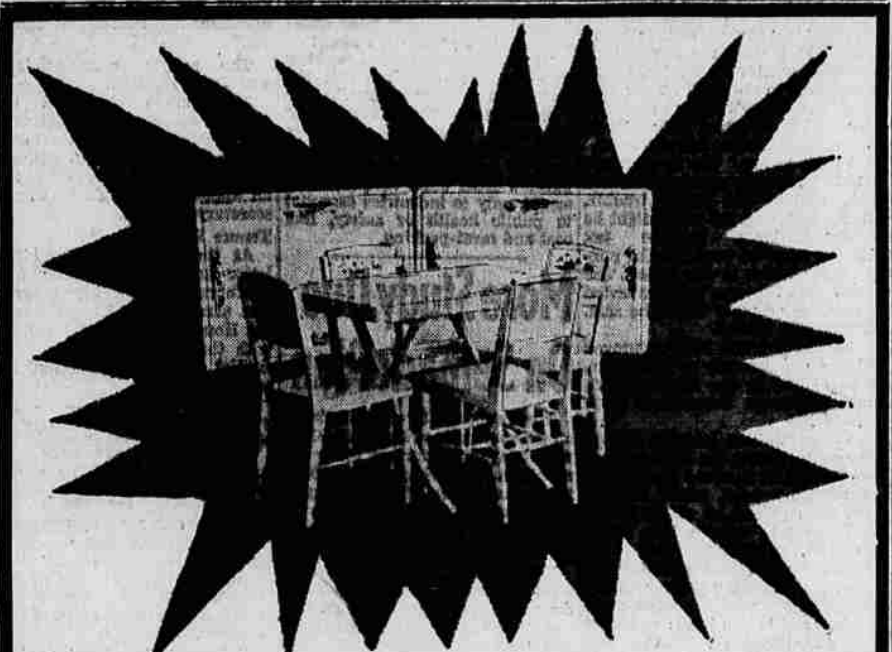
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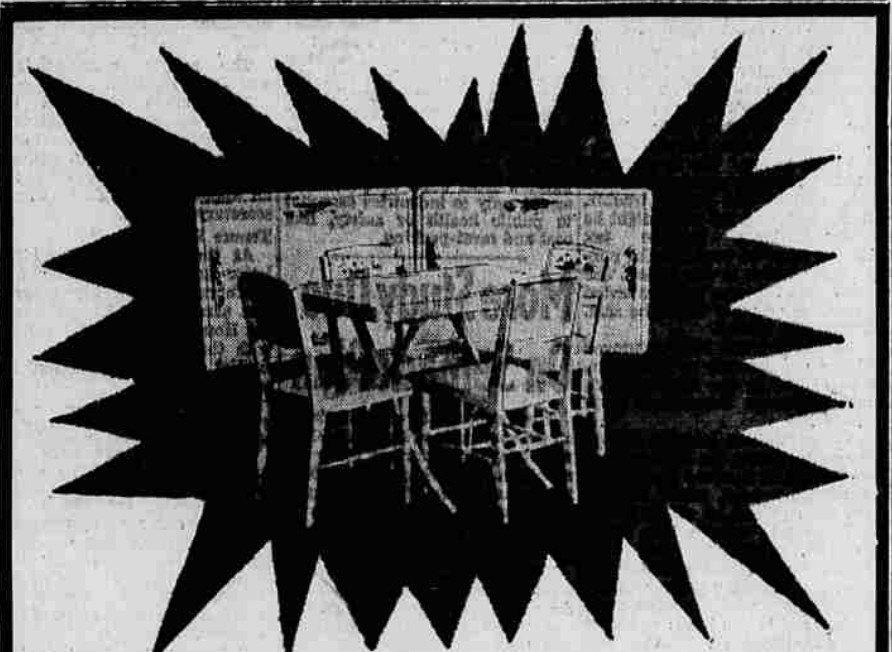
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'Test Tube' Jet Plane Revealed

EL SEGUNDO, Cal. — (AP) — Douglas Aircraft Co. Wednesday announced completion of its D-558 Skystreak, a "supersonic test tube" designed for speeds between 550 and 850 miles an hour.

The Skystreak will make its first speed runs for the Navy at Muroc, Cal., within a few months. Douglas said that the plane, with a projectile-like body, thin wings and high elevators and tail, all polished to mirror smoothness, will be powered by a jet engine which equals the horsepower delivered by the four motors, wide open, of the B-29.

The massive jet occupies most of the fuselage, drawing air around the nose and cockpit to a powerful engine beyond.

The blueprint for its designers was to challenge and surpass the limitations of speed in the subsonic range, the 500-550 mile an hour phase, and yet remain below the known behavior of projectiles above 550 miles an hour.

Engineers, Douglas said, "produced the Skystreak to explore the uncharted transonic region and wrest from nature's own wind tunnel the information that science is determined to obtain."

Two Fatal Tacoma Fires Investigated

TACOMA, Wash. — (AP) — Fires which took two lives within 24 hours were under investigation here Wednesday.

George Fuller, 76-year-old pensioner, died at a local hospital four hours after he was pulled from his flaming bed by a fellow roomer.

Occupants of the rooming house who helped extinguish the mattress fire told investigating officials that Tuesday's fire was the second within the past two weeks that Fuller had started by smoking in bed.

Henry Van Gordon, 45-year-old Indian, died in the flames which destroyed his small shack on the tideflats, 14 hours later. A neighbor who tried to rescue Van Gordon said the door was barred from the inside, and by the time the door was battered down, it was too late to save the victim. Cause of the fire was not determined.

Band Leader Finds Bobby-Sox Waning

CHICAGO — (AP) — Band leader Glen Gray believes bobby-soxers are growing up. They aren't screaming any more, he said.

"Maybe they are just losing their voices, but regardless of the reason, they are at last beginning to keep quiet," he added.

Gray said screaming young girls had been bothering him for 15 years, tearing buttons off his coats, grabbing his handkerchiefs and leaving him black-and-blue.

"The kids used to interrupt our programs when we played in theaters, by dancing up and down the aisles and running up to the stage with presents for the orchestra members," he said.

"It got so the customers who really wanted to listen to our music stayed home."

"Hot swing music is on its way to the dustiest top shelf of the music cabinet," Gray reported, "and along with it is going the bobby-soxer."

The old folks are getting their chance to enjoy life now that sweet music is being played again, he commented.

Gray said that when teenagers first started their antics it was flattering.

"It meant that I was beginning to attract attention," he said. "But I discovered, as did a lot of other people, that they were the ones who were attracting the most attention."

"Apparently, they finally discovered that no one thought they were cute or smart."

"They cost us a lot of money, too. Nobody can play to a bunch of kids who drink milk and pop and make a profit."

GO P Dinner Tickets On Sale in Eugene

Tickets for the banquet of Young Republicans to be held at the Osburn Hotel this Saturday, Feb. 8, are now on sale at 70¢

Check Bounds, Holiday Over

MARTINEZ, Cal. — (AP) — Daniel Roy Jackson, Glendale, Cal., businessman who bought a nightclub party for his friends, wound up with an equally colossal hangover.

Jackson, it seemed, gave Orland J. Giurlani a \$29,700 check for the "49er Club" and then proceeded to throw a four-day party during which the guests drank up more than \$4000 worth of the club's liquid assets.

The party ended when Giurlani reported that the check had bounced like a champagne cork.

Superior Judge A. E. Bray placed host Jackson on five years probation and ordered him to pay Giurlani for the depletion of his liquor stock.

"I can see now," commented Judge Bray, "how they sold the Brooklyn Bridge."

Lumbermen Predict Travel Time Suits

WASHINGTON — (AP) — James P. Rogers, Portland, executive secretary of the Western Woods Employers Assn., told a house judiciary subcommittee that the AFL and CIO planned to "blanket the Pacific Northwest lumber industry with travel time suits."

He said the suits, if allowed, would cost \$175,000,000 to \$200,000,000 for back wages alone, exclusive of overtime pay.

When the lumber industry agreed to its present contract, Rogers said, the employers thought the work day was from the "whistle in the morning to the whistle in the evening, but now they don't know what it is."

In Eugene, George Metzger, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' Assn., with offices in Eugene, said Tuesday that he knew of no travel-time suits filed in Lane County, but that approximately seven had been filed in the Northwest.

"If what you read in the lumber workers' own labor papers (the IWA-CIO International Woodworker, the AFL Register and Oregon Labor Press) can be believed," Metzger said, "then I think it's reasonable to accept Rogers' statement about their plan to 'blanket the industry with suits.'"

Navy Bikini Bombing Movie Now for Public

"Operations Crossroads," Navy documentary film of the Bikini bombing, will be available without charge to clubs and organizations who wish to show it during the week of Feb. 24 to March 1, according to Fred Brenne, Eugene Chamber of Commerce secretary.

Brenne said anyone wishing to make arrangements for showing the film should contact the local Navy recruiting office in the post-office building, or phone 1252 as soon as possible to insure themselves a place on the schedule.

Willamette St., Eugene. The chairman of the scheduled dinner has announced that this has been done to encourage the general public to attend and hear the principal speaker of the evening, Senator Joseph P. McCarthy of Wisconsin.

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Palestine Rule Decision Due

LONDON — (AP) — The government will reach a definite decision on the Palestine crisis within the next two days and a statement on the situation will be made in the House of Commons Thursday, government spokesmen said Wednesday.

There were persistent reports that the government favored the so-called Morrison plan for federation of Palestine—creation of separate Arab and Jewish areas under central British control.

But Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told Arabs at the Palestine Conference Wednesday that the cabinet had neither accepted nor rejected any partition plan and a spokesman for Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee said there was no truth whatsoever in reports that the government had decided to enforce partition.

Fire Boxes Dyed For False Alarms

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (AP) — The Buffalo Fire Department has perfected a way to nab senders of false alarms.

Fire boxes that are the victims of frequent misuse are daubed with a dye that stains the hand or glove of the person turning in an alarm, making identification both easy and positive.

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TOKYO — (AP) — A repatriated soldier who wanted a wife walked into the Japanese government's lonely hearts matchmaking office in a big department store and sat down on a hard bench beside a girl who wanted a husband.

A few minutes later they were bowing low to each other, stolid faced and a little grim in so romantic a moment, the girl in her kimono, the man in his neat western suit. Both were office clerks; she was 24 and he 30.

They simply had applied a few weeks ago for mates. The marriage bureau, consulting its filing system, picked them as a suitable pair.

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They will meet again and after a week or a month they will decide whether they like each other. If they think they can hit it off, they will take three drinks of sake out of red lacquer wedding cups and tell their war office they are married.

The marriage bureau, maintained by the National Welfare Office since 1939, registers at least 70 men and women weekly. But only about 14 of them find mates. One man 68 years old has been hoping since October.

ROSS, 44, died Monday night. .22 caliber rifle bullet wound was self-inflicted. She found in her bedroom by husband.

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