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Block Alliance
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and demonstrations were
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called a Sunday session of
nt to speed debate and
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the pact before the Reds
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by 1000 Communist
students outside Parli-
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anded that the govern-
a special election to test
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Piazzi Colonna, demon-
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s drove them off with-
ous incident. Six demon-
were arrested.
Their Power
and outside the Parli-
building Saturday night
let sympathizers shouted:
Peace! Peace! and "Long
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ing Socialist Pietro Nenni,
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Employment
INGTON — (UP) — The
dness of 435,000
in coal mine and railway
disputes Saturday jarred
ent hopes for a steady
turn in employment.
CIO said in a statement
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lice early Saturday night.

As You Know, It Hasn't Been a Normal Year— Little Plowing So Far, Farmers Need Sunshine

The farmers, like the rest of us, are hoping for more sunshine and warm weather. However, they are looking for it so they can go to work—so they can plow and get the land ready for seed.

Very little plowing has been done, since the ground is still too wet in most cases. The result is that a majority of farmers are a little behind a normal season, when a good portion of the ground turning and some planting has been accomplished by the first week in March.

"But then who can say exactly what a normal season is any more," commented County Extension Agent O. S. Fletcher. He pointed out that the weather has been extremely variable the last few years.

Some of the well-drained bottom land has been plowed, and the better-drained prairie farms are just beginning to dry out enough to receive the plow.

Most of the farmers in the river bottom sections are delaying their plowing until there is less danger from floods. Raging

No Relief in Sight For News Famine

Two Other Unions Now Remain Out

PORTLAND — (P) — There appeared little chance Saturday that Portland's two daily newspapers will get back into operation before late next week—if then.

The shut-down of the papers was in its 23rd day Saturday, and threatened to stretch out much further as publishers and two AFL unions tangled over pay and new working agreements.

One Settlement

Meanwhile the strike that started the shut-down was ended officially. The AFL pressmen, who walked out Feb. 18, signed a new contract Friday.

The AFL Typographical Union, laid off with other employees the day after the strike began, demanded pay for the period they have been idle, plus adjustments in working conditions. The Mailers' Union did likewise.

Both Blamed

Each side blamed the other for prolonging the closure. Publishers said they had attempted to get the unions to return to work, pending conciliation or arbitration of grievances, but the unions refused in a meeting Saturday.

The unions in a statement said publishers had been notified March 1 that adjustments in the working agreement would be re-

Spring Brings Grass Fires

Eugene's first grass fire of the year sent city firemen hurrying to a vacant lot at Grant St. and 18th Ave. W. Saturday afternoon.

They arrived just in time to watch a brigade of about 15 small boys douse the last of the blaze with wet gunny sacks.

"We don't know where they all came from," a fireman said later.

Busy Session Awaits Council Monday Night

Business ranging from canvassing votes to consideration of an anti-soot ordinance will come before the Eugene city council Monday night.

The vote on the special election March 1 will be canvassed and declared official. Thereafter, the Eugene Water and Electric Board can begin expending the funds voted.

From the planning commission will come reports approving the rezoning of three city areas. Approved, but subject to review by the council, are applications from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, to rezone property along Oak St. from 12th Ave. E. to 13th Ave. E.; from H. L. Parmenter for rezoning the northeast corner of 13th Ave. E. and Pearl St.; and from Everett Rarick for the area from Tyler to Polk St., and from 13th to 15th Aves. W.

The requests in the first two cases call for rezoning from multiple family dwelling to central business; the third request asks a change from outer residential to single family residential.

Plan to Control Soot

A proposed ordinance to control soot from "heating plants," (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

Sunny Skies Don't Impress Weatherman

Sunny skies in the Eugene area Saturday afternoon almost convinced some residents that spring had arrived nine days early.

But the weatherman, relying on instruments and weather maps, could see only cloudy weather and slightly lower temperatures for Lane County Sunday.

Saturday's high temperature was 60 degrees at the Mahlon Sweet weather station. A high of 54 degrees was predicted for Sunday.

British Note Charges Breach Of Peace Treaty

Bulgarian Trial Stirs Foreign Office

LONDON — (AP) — Britain charged Sunday that Bulgaria has no intention of living up to her peace treaty guarantees of political and religious freedom.

The charge was made in a sharp protest note against the trial of 15 pro-Communist church leaders. It declared the churchmen's confessions that they spied for Britain were "completely false," and added:

"Religious freedom in eastern Europe is under a deliberate general attack."

Stronger Move Possible

The British note was delivered Saturday to the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry in Sofia.

An informed source close to the foreign office said Britain may "take stronger steps" later.

The peace treaties with Bulgaria and other former Nazi satellite states provide that disputes over violation of the pacts shall be settled by the United Nations if direct negotiations fail.

"Throughout the trial the Bulgarian government has shown itself clearly more interested in the dissemination of propaganda than in the administration of justice," said the British note made public here by the foreign office.

"In order to destroy the liberty of these churchmen it has sought to represent constitutional opposition to the government as criminal, the provision of information implicit in the armistice agreement as treasonable, and normal social contacts between the pastors and members of his majesty's legation as espionage."

Peace Treaty

The note said the trial has convinced Britain that the Bulgarian government "has no intention of giving effect to its solemn obligations under the terms of the treaty of peace to guarantee the fundamental freedoms to its people."

Under the 1944 armistice with Bulgaria Allied missions were sent to the country to see that disarmament and other conditions were carried out. During the armistice period prior to the effectiveness of the peace treaty in 1947 these missions were entitled to collect military and other information.

Buss in a Bus Zone— And It Costs Him \$3

SPRINGFIELD — Harry B. Buss, Box 118, was fined \$3 in municipal court last week for overparking in a bus zone. The bus zone belonged to the city, not to Buss.

Truman Okays Filibuster Deal

George VI 'Proceeding' Well After Nine-Doctor Surgery

LONDON — (UP) — An American-trained surgeon carefully cut a blood-control nerve in King George VI's right side Saturday in an effort to ease a painful circulatory ailment in his legs. At 11:10 a. m. (PST) a bulletin said the monarch's recovery was "proceeding smoothly."

Seven of the nine doctors who attended His Majesty at the operation this morning returned to Buckingham Palace for a conference and issued this bulletin:

"The king has had a restful day. Temperature, pulse and respiration rate have not varied from normal and His Majesty's recovery from the operation is proceeding smoothly."

Palace sources said the bulletin "can be regarded as most reassuring at the end of the first day. Everything has apparently gone quite normally. The King has had some sleep during the day. The Queen visited him in his room where he is now recovering."

The cutting was done by Prof. James R. Learmonth of Edinburgh, Scotland, who received some of his training at the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Another surgeon, Prof. J. Patterson Ross of London's St. Bartholomew's Hospital, assisted.

'Clean Government' Group Breaks Law—

Mayor Charges Wire Meddling

NEW YORK — (AP) — A spectacular plot to learn secrets of city officials in New York and other cities by tapping their telephone wires was reported Saturday by Mayor William O'Dwyer.

One of two men taken into custody coolly duped his captors at city hall and escaped through a window while they thought he was in a rest room.

A subpoena was issued for the attorney. Detectives went to his apartment but he was not taken into custody immediately.

The mayor said the wire taps also were to be placed on lines of officials in Chicago and Detroit.

Kenneth Ryan made his break from city hall about 7 a. m. A half hour later, he was reported to have been seen several miles north boarding a taxicab which took him to New Jersey.

Seek Cooperation

New York police quickly asked New Jersey authorities to watch the Allamuchy, N. J., home of Clendenin R. Ryan, a bitter political foe of O'Dwyer.

"It is believed that (Kenneth) Ryan headed for the home of (Clendenin) Ryan to seek financial aid," a city hall spokesman said.

But Clendenin Ryan declared he did not know the former detective and added: "He's not here."

'Expose' Draft

Clendenin Ryan is a grandson of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the wealthy financier. The younger Ryan announced Thursday establishment of the Good Government Foundation to "expose corruption in public office everywhere."

He said it would function strongly in New York City and eventually would operate throughout the country. He said he was underwriting it for \$500,000.

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Recess Called

The Senate, which has been holding night sessions since Tuesday, recessed for the week-end at 7:51 p. m., EST., and Lucas said then there was a good chance for a settlement with the southerners by Monday.

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Sailors Enrage Cubans, Police Save U.S. Flag

HAVANA, Cuba — (UP) — Infuriated Cubans stoned the United States embassy Saturday and tried to burn the embassy's flag.

The Cubans were enraged by a desecration of the statue of Jose Marti, hero of Cuban's independence, by sailors from the American Destroyer Rodman Friday night.

The flag was saved from burning by the timely arrival of police who fired several warning shots over the heads of the crowd and then charged.

Ambassador Robert Butler, accompanied by Cuban Foreign Minister Carlos Hevia and Oscar Gans, Cuban ambassador-designate to the United States, visited the Marti monument in central park and in the presence of a large crowd placed a floral offering at its base.

He then apologized to the Cuban people for the "unspeakable conduct of the sailors." (The Navy

Oren King, City's New Manager, In Town for a Visit

Oren L. King, who on April 1 will become Eugene's city manager, visited here Saturday and reported that he was "very favorably impressed."

King at present is city manager of Pendleton. He was employed in February by the city council to replace City Manager Deane Seeger, who resigned to become field consultant for the League of Oregon Cities.

Finding a place to live was the topmost matter on King's weekend agenda. He made a tour of the city hall and met most of the persons who will serve under him.

1090 Petitioners in Springfield Want Fire Chief Back and Manager Ousted

SPRINGFIELD — Some 10 petitions carrying approximately 1090 signatures of Springfield property owners or registered voters were filed at the city hall Saturday noon to request the reinstatement of Fire Chief Harry Melson and the removal of City Manager Fred Cheatham.

Russell Goddard, a Booth Kelly employee for 43 years and one of the main petition circulators, said 500 to 800 more signatures could have been secured had there been time. He added that a Springfield attorney had advised him to file the petitions at the city hall before Saturday noon so they could be placed on the agenda at the council meeting Monday.

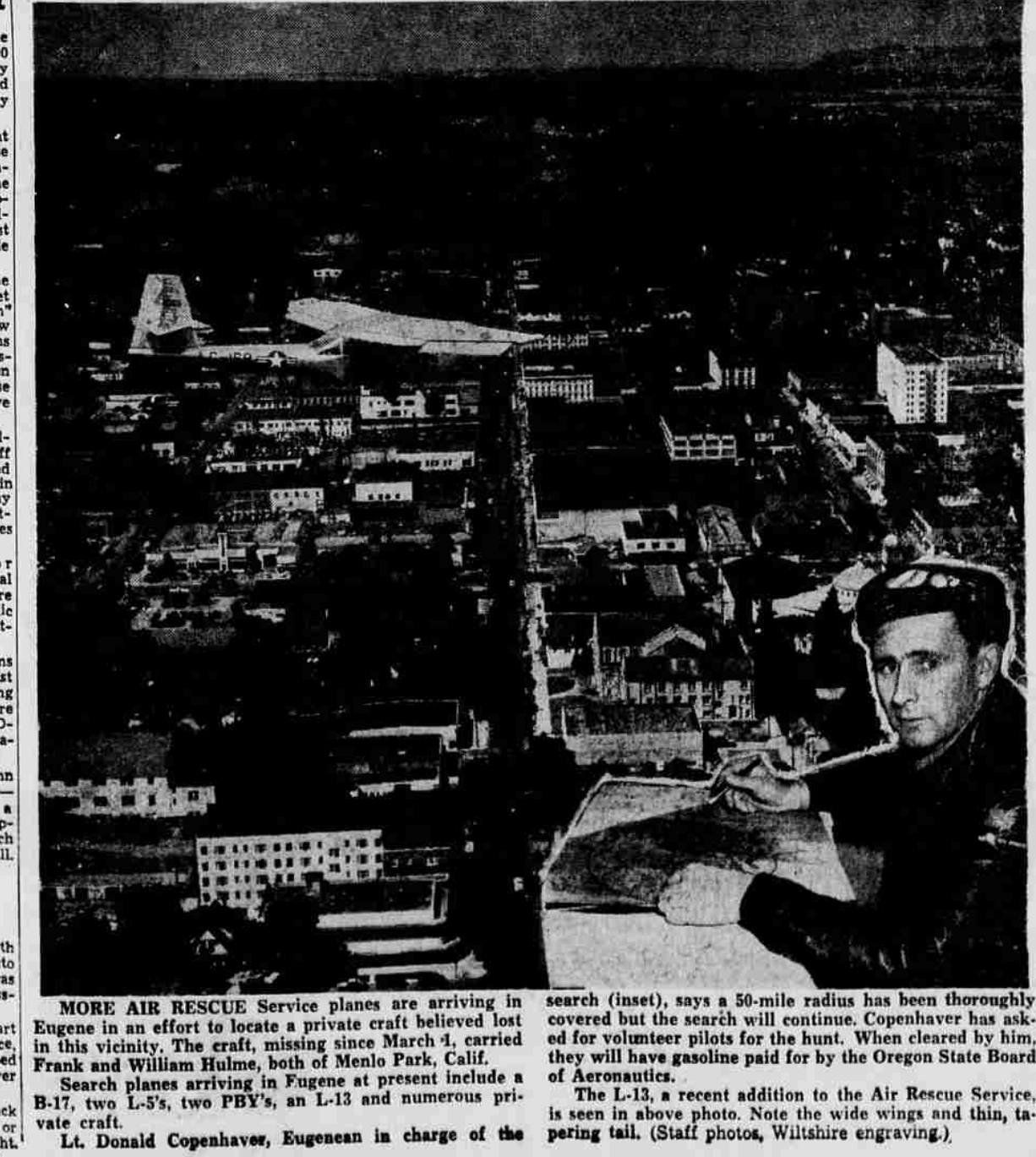
Goddard said petitioners were instructed not to sign unless they were property owners or registered voters. "We could have secured a lot more signatures had not so many Booth Kelly lumber company employees lived outside the city limits," he added.

The lumberman said he felt a great percentage of the local citizens canvassed were not only for Harry Melson but also opposed to any city-manager form of government for Springfield. Goddard declared the mayor-council type of local government would suit present city needs.

It was estimated that the signatures represent more than a third of the property owners or registered voters within the city. The petition read:

"To the Honorable Bernard P. Larson, mayor of the City of Springfield, and to the Honorable members of the city council of the City of Springfield:

"We, the undersigned, being legal voters of the City of Springfield, do hereby demand the removal of Fred W. Cheatham as manager of the City of Springfield, for the best interests of the city, and the reinstatement of Harry Melson as fire chief of the City of Springfield."



MORE AIR RESCUE Service planes are arriving in Eugene in an effort to locate a private craft believed lost in this vicinity. The craft, missing since March 1, carried Frank and William Hulme, both of Menlo Park, Calif.

Search planes arriving in Eugene at present include a B-17, two L-5's, two PBV's, an L-13 and numerous private craft.

Lt. Donald Copenhagen, Eugenean in charge of the