



Wave of Resentment Refuses to Down Following Tax Ouster

By JAMES D. OLSON
Nothing of a political nature in Oregon in years has resulted in the wave of resentment throughout the state following the ouster of Earl L. Fisher and Wallace S. Wharton, tax commissioners, by a coalition between republican Secretary of State Earl T. Newby and democratic State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

These two officials, over the vehement protest of Governor Douglas McKay, last Monday replaced the two veteran tax commissioners with Ray Smith, Portland lodge secretary, and Robert MacLean, Lincoln county commissioner and rancher.

Adverse expression to the action of the majority members of the board followed speedily. First came editorials in both metropolitan and upstate newspapers unanimously protesting replacement of the long-time experienced men on the commission with untried, inexperienced political appointees.

Then State Senator Frank H. Hilton dispatched a letter to Gov. McKay pointing to a section of the Oregon code relating to qualifications of tax commissioners. This section requires that "each commissioner shall be skilled and expert in matters of taxation."

Hilton implied that neither of the appointees could meet this qualification and suggested that Gov. McKay obtain an opinion from the attorney general with a view of estopping the two men from taking office on June 4.

Even the possibility of a recall against Newby and Pearson has been suggested. Hector MacPherson, former professor of political science at Oregon State college and a member of the state legislature in four sessions, is considering possibilities of sponsoring a recall movement against Newby and Pearson. MacPherson said that he was checking around the valley to get the reaction of various political figures and indicated that he would not proceed unless he was assured of a reasonably large backing.

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Nevada Divorce Granted to Wife Of Roosevelt Jr.

Minden, Nev., May 21 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., today divorced the son of former President Roosevelt. The decree was granted by District Judge Harry Watson on Mrs. Roosevelt's charge of extreme mental cruelty. The court approved an agreement, dated March 19, determining custody and support of two children and property rights.

Mrs. Roosevelt, the former Ethel Du Pont, had no comment whatever. The private hearing before Judge Watson was brief. Mrs. Roosevelt wore a brown suit and a small brown hat.

Her attorney brought the case to this town, 50 miles south of Reno, to avoid publicity. "May Be President"

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here April 8, under an assumed name. But her identity soon became known. She had hoped the divorce would escape public notice. Young Roosevelt then was in the midst of his first campaign for public office, climaxed this week by his election to congress from the late Sol Bloom's district to New York.

Yesterday, her attorney, Geo. Springmeyer, asked the press to treat the divorce with "decorum." "After all," he told a news conference, "Mr. Roosevelt some day may be president of the United States."

(Because the son of the late president was born in Canada, there is a constitutional question whether he could be president.)

Held Not Eligible That question of eligibility, however, has never been ruled on, it was pointed out today by experts in the law library of the U.S. supreme court.

Springmeyer appeared horrified when reporters greeted him as he walked into the courtroom. Fifteen minutes after the hearing ended, Mrs. Roosevelt remained secluded behind the courtroom doors while the attorney argued vainly trying to persuade reporters to leave.

The 34-year-old Roosevelt married Ethel DuPont at her family mansion at Greenville, Del., in June, 1937, at a time when his president-father was being criticized as a "soak the rich" advocate.

Maintaining the tight-lipped silence she has displayed with but one exception since her arrival six weeks ago, Mrs. Roosevelt had no comment to make about her divorce. In fact, she had nothing to say about anything.

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Legion's 40 et 8 Annual 'Wreck' Staged in Salem

Salem streets were turned into a medley of wild action early Saturday afternoon, as the state American Legion's 40 et 8 "wreck" made its annual Salem invasion.

Pranks and horseplay were flourishing recklessly, with no signs of a letup until some time in the night.

The helpless males, dressed in all sorts of weird costumes and being ordered around by a hard-boiled gang of overseers among the "goofs" who will be formally initiated into the 40 et 8 honor group of the Legion, Saturday night.

Banquet and Induction Formal induction ceremonies will take place in the armory following a banquet at 6.30. But first each "goof" must go through the less organized initiation ordeals, which, judging by some of the stunts staged in previous years, is quite a test of endurance sometimes.

An American Legion member becomes a "goof" when he is accepted by his local post into its 40 et 8 vulture. And he remains a "goof" until he formally takes the 40 et 8 oath at services conducted by a ritualistic team at a state meet.

30 "Goofs" Taken In Provided they survive the initiation exercises being handed them Saturday afternoon, about 30 "goofs" will stand before the ritualistic team to become full-fledged member of the 40 et 8 during tonight's services in the armory.

Posts from throughout the state have sent their "goofs" to Salem for initiation. All in all over 300 delegates are on hand for the 12-hour session which began at noon.

The grand cheminots, the state executive committee of the 40 et 8, will conduct a breakfast meeting at the Legion club Sunday morning.

Officials of Wreck One member of Salem's Capital Post No. 9 will become a member of 40 et 8 Saturday night. He is Marion Lamb, who has devoted much time to local Legion affairs since World War II, especially in serving on the food committee.

Serving as general chairman for this year's wreck is John Wood. Committee chairmen are Sephus Starr, finance; Chet Zumwalt, tickets; Ted Brabeck, banking; John Olson, banquet; Ethan Grant, publicity; Walter Kirk, housing; A. J. Fielen, distinguished guests; Lawrence Osterman, law and order; Jess George, refreshments; F. W. Poorman, goofs; Kelly Owens special events; Art Johnson, ritualistic teams.

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Academic Juvenility—Faculty members at Parrish Junior high school agreed to dress like and somewhat emulate the activities of their pupils during Friday. Shown are some of the teachers in the school gym practicing a yell under the leadership of Carl E. Ashenbrenner, principal. Front row, from left: Fred Perin, Ralph DuMetz, Roy Foster, Margaret Simms, Gretchen Kremer, Mabel Carder and Kay Groghan. Second row, from left: Georgia Rowell, Wilma Wright, Fannie Douglas, Leona Goltz, Frances Dix, Marjorie Johnson, Etta White, May Hole, Rosemary Wiles and Florence Emerson. Third row, from left: Albert Johnston, Marjorie White, Anne Smedley, Maybelle Burch, Constance Weinman, Marjorie White, Anne Smedley, Maybelle Burch, Constance Weinman, Madalene Suiko, Doris Ranson, Helen Cherry, Loraine Meusey and Maxine Heringer. Fourth row, from left: Charles Owens, Clay Egelston, Bob Voigt, Karl Theisen, Neil Brown, Henry Landis, Mary Robinson and Vernie Schachtler.

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Knights of Columbus Open State Convention

The first contingents of delegates to the annual Knights of Columbus convention in Salem arrived early Saturday for registration and pre-assembly meetings at the Marion and Senator hotels.

Nearly 50 of an estimated 600 to 700 convention delegates were registered before noon, and a fourth degree assembly, held in conjunction with the conference, opened at 2 o'clock.

Other pre-conference procedure, including the naming of convention committees was scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

The social highlight of the three-day meeting in Salem is scheduled for Sunday night when Judge Frank Lonergan is expected to address the assembly with a speech on the American heritage.

Among the list of church and public leaders who have been invited to the Sunday banquet are Archbishop Edward D. Howard of Portland, Governor Douglas McKay and other top state officials.

A buffet luncheon at the Mayflower hall Saturday night will close the organized activity for the first day.

A Knights of Columbus mass will be sung at St. Vincent de Paul's church Sunday morning, and the convention will formally open at 1:30 p.m.

A tour for delegates has also been arranged for Sunday afternoon and a formal tea for wives has also been listed as a Sunday event.

The convention will convene for its final sessions on Monday with the opening set for 10 a.m. and the closing expected late in the afternoon.

The convention will be in charge of Sylvester Smith, state deputy from St. Paul.

Dan Hay, national convention chairman for the 67th annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus, is expected to be one of the speakers on the Sunday program in Salem. (Pictures on Page 2)

Buckley Inspects Salem Naval Unit

Flying here from Seattle, Capt. A. E. Buckley, USN, commanding officer of the Naval Air Reserve training unit at Sand Point, Seattle, stopped at McNary field briefly Saturday morning to inspect the Salem naval air facility.

Buckley, a graduate of the U.S. Naval academy at Annapolis in 1927 and active in naval aviation for 20 years, March 18 replaced Capt. C. F. Greber as commander of the unit at Sand Point.

After a short conference in Salem with Lt. Cmdr. Wallace Hug, Capt. Buckley left Salem for Astoria, planning to arrive there before noon.

Fort Stevens for Sale Astoria, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Historic old Fort Stevens was up for sale today. The fort, only continental United States bastion to be under attack since the War of 1812, has been transferred by the army to the War Assets Administration for disposal.

Senate Boosts Detroit Funds

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Farm Labor Camp Reopens Monday

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Preliminary Session Held By Big 4 Prime Ministers

Paris, May 21 (AP)—The foreign ministers of Britain, France and the United States met here today to forge a common front in preparation for Monday's Big Four conference on the future of Germany.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson of the U. S. and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain met in French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman's office in company with their top experts on Germany problems.

They had before them a detailed plan for German policy drafted by their deputies during the week.

The deputies' recommendations are secret and probably will remain so until after the Big Four conference starts. Well-informed officials, however, predict that the ministers will approve it quickly. It was worked out under guidance of the ministers themselves.

Well-informed French sources said the report embraces a project for a provisional, semi- unified German regime, which would maintain some liaison between a newly-formed West German state and a regime in process of formation in the Soviet occupation zone.

The plan also is said to contain provisions for exchanging West marks and Soviet zone currency, and arrangements to stimulate trade between the two sections of Germany.

The western powers are expected to urge extension of the West German constitution to all of Germany, but will offer semi-unification if Russia refused to put the Soviet zone under the constitution.

The foreign ministers' conference will open Monday afternoon at an hour dependent upon the arrival of Russia's foreign minister Vishinsky.

Sea Lane Menaced As Fire Blazes Across Whangpoo River

Shanghai, May 21 (AP)—Shanghai today was cut off by air, her sea lane was menaced, and great fires blazed across the river to the east and north where Red besiegers are on the attack.

One of the fires burned at the Standard Vacuum depot on Gough island, eight miles north of downtown Shanghai. At least one tank was ablaze at this biggest oil installation in east Asia.

Lungwa air port, five miles to the south, suspended operations. The menace of nearby Red artillery was too great. Officials said, however, flights might be resumed later in the day.

Plane Lands Under Fire Despite the suspension, a Chinese National Aviation corporation plane from Tokyo made a two-minute landing to the crackle of small arms fire nearby.

It hastily discharged A. S. Brown, Peekskill, N.Y., new fiscal officer for the U.S. consulate, John Stutesman, Mendham, N.J., the vice-consul, then got aboard and the plane roared off for Hong Kong. Stutesman is headed for home on leave.

Three Chinese civilian planes at the airport were commandeered by the military. They were standing by to take out biggies (high Chinese officials still in Shanghai).

Fighting Ebbs and Flows The garrison commander ordered all but military traffic off the Whangpoo—Shanghai's sea lane—during afternoon hours. Red small arms fire has been hitting junks and sampans on the river.

The fighting ebbed and flowed around Potung, the industrial district across the Whangpoo from Shanghai. It raged through the night. It continued under soggy skies this morning.

At one time last night, 27 fires could be counted in and beyond the Pootung district.

Break in Levees Floods Land

Rosser, Tex., May 11 (AP)—The rampaging Trinity river broke through its levee near Rosser, Tex., early today and flood waters rolled out over 11,000 of the richest acres in Texas.

C. F. Swenson of the U. S. engineers in Fort Worth said a 38-foot rise spelled curtains for the levees that hundreds of farmers and volunteers had worked so hard to defend.

The levees at Rosse are about thirty-seven and one-half feet. Shortly after midnight, the swollen river topped the levees.

Since Thursday night, hundreds of men had toiled wearily sandbagging the threatened levees.

Farm equipment and livestock had been moved to high ground. So rich is the land being flooded that it is called "The Texas Valley of the Nile."

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Wartime Air Ace Dies in Jet Crash

Maupin, Ore., May 21 (AP)—A young wartime ace credited with downing 23 German planes died yesterday in the flaming crash of his F-84 jet fighter on the Bleak tableland near here.

The armed forces information service in San Francisco identified the pilot as Capt. Ray H. Little, 25, whose widow and young son live at Hamilton Field, Calif. His mother, Mrs. Martha Liehtnegger, makes her home at Altamora, Mo.

East Berlin Rail Men Demand Payment In Western Marks

Berlin, May 21 (AP)—Twelve thousand striking railway workers fought young communists east today in nearly a dozen stations of Berlin's elevated railway.

Hundreds were injured during the fighting, which raged through the morning. The outbreak shut off rail shipments to western Berlin and threatened to force the city back to the austerity of the blockade period.

An elevated passenger train was set ablaze during one melee. Clothing was torn from women who got into the fight.

Demand Western Marks Western Berlin police said Maj. Gen. Pavel Kvashnin, transport chief of the Soviet zone, was insulted and threatened by a group of strikers at the Tempelhof elevated station in the American sector.

The police said they gave Kvashnin protection from the strikers and he was able to drive away in his staff automobile without physical injury.

This is the crux of the situation: The Soviet-appointed reichsbahn management controls both zonal railroads and Berlin's entire elevated line. Railway workers went out on strike early today to enforce their demand for payment of wages in west marks instead of east marks. West marks are four times as valuable as the Soviet zone currency. East marks are banned in the west.

Fighting broke out when the Russian-controlled management sent squads of militant young communists, including teen age girls, into the western sector of the city to "recapture" elevated stations seized by the anti-communist strikers.

The strikers outnumbered the communist strike breakers. Both sides fought with clubs, showers of stones and their fists.

Western Berlin police fought side by side with the strikers against the communists and Soviet-controlled railway police. In breaking up one fight the policemen fired their pistols into the air. That was the only shooting.

Western allied officials maintained a hands-off attitude in connection with the walkout but were sympathetic toward the strikers.

Greek Crisis Before Big 4

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Diplomats said today the United States and Britain may hold the door open to further behind-the-scenes discussions of the Greek situation with Russia—if the Soviets are still interested.

They said there is some doubt Russia would engage in such talks, following the flat stand taken by the two western nations on Soviet proposals for settlement of the Greek civil war. And they predicted further that the west will reject any Russian suggestion which could give the communists a strong new foothold in Greece.

The state department stressed yesterday that any actual settlement will have to be handled within the United Nations, where Greece can sit in on the discussions. But western officials apparently are ready to hold informal talks on the matter any time the Russians want to do so.

In any case, the next step is up to the Russians—unless officials here and in London devise some new move to resume the three-power talks which were disclosed yesterday.

Loucks Heads Hospital Drive

Alfred W. Loucks, Salem civic leader and fuel oil distributor was selected today as city manager of the \$300,000 general gifts campaign of the Salem hospital program.

The announcement was made by Charles A. Sprague, spokesman for the drive steering committee, who said that Loucks was asked because "this important committee must be headed by a person who is able and well versed in management with a record of outstanding community service. The Salem hospital drive is the type of project that comes once in a lifetime and it is imperative that the program be placed in able hands."

Loucks is vice president of the Salem Community Chest he served that organization as advance gifts head in 1947 and general chairman last year. He is on the board of directors of the YMCA and the Salem Shrine club.

Other civic activities include service on the committees of the Freedom Train, governor's reception, Blood Memorial auditorium, blood program and Salem Breakfast club. He serves as deacon in the Presbyterian church and is a member of Kiwanis.

The advance gifts solicitation is now in its fifth week and is progressing satisfactorily, according to reports from Ford Watkins, who is general chairman for the campaign. Other leaders in the drive are Dr. James Sears who heads the doctors' division, and Thomas McNeill, rural chairman.

The members of the steering committee of the hospital program are Mal Rudd, Tom Windishar, Loyal Warner, Clair Brown, James Walton, Paul Wallace, W. L. Phillips, Sr., Leo N. Childs, Carl Hogg, C. A. Sprague, Linn Smith and Ford Watkins.

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Polk County Voters Reject Proposed Road Tax Levy

Dallas, Ore., May 21—Thirty of the 36 precincts in Polk county rejected a proposed 10-mill road tax levy by more than a two to one vote at a special election Friday which resulted in a vote of 1351 to 717 against the proposal with but one precinct, South Falls City, not yet reporting.

Approving the road tax were the following precincts: Salt Lake (Perrydale), Jackson (Ballston), Spring Valley, Pedee and Rock Creek (Valsetz). The favorable votes were cast in sections of the county hardest hit by the severe winter, Ballston approving the tax by a vote of 43 to 1.

Independence and Monmouth went strongly against the tax, one Independence precinct standing 73 to 3 against it while the total vote was 216 to 21 against, a margin of ten to one. Rejection of the special tax virtually eliminates \$240,000 that had been included for use of

the Independence bridge over a 12-year period.

The special levy was designed to raise \$480,000 over a three-year period for the general improvement of county roads. Though the vote was adverse, some money will be available for this purpose under the 6.3 mill road tax still paid by rural taxpayers. Under the proposal this would have been increased 3.7 mills to bring the amount to the 10 mills set for city residents.

Voting throughout the county was comparatively light, Sheriff T. B. Hooker estimating it at 30 percent.

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Voters Approve School Budget

Approximately 800 voters out of a possible 22,000 went to the polls Friday afternoon to pass judgment on a Salem district school budget of \$2,085,000. The vote was necessary because the budget exceeded the 6 percent limitation by some \$700,000 which the voters approved 434 to 358.

Incorporation of Salem Heights and the Pleasant Point schools within the consolidated Salem district was approved by all three sections involved, 496 to 358.

The east section of the Salem district, involving suburban territory went against the budget which carried by a favorable majority within the city proper.

The vote by precincts on the budget was: East—50 for, 63 against; West—42 for, 38 against; North—230 for, 186 against; South—112 for, 71 against.

All Salem precincts voted 496 to 270 for the incorporation of the two additional districts; Pleasant Point voted 20 to 2 in favor of consolidation and Salem Heights 130 to 80 for inclusion.

Gatch Speaker for Memorial Day

Plans for the annual observance of Memorial day are progressing with Don Madison, president of the Federated Patriotic Societies, announcing that Vice Adm. Thomas Gatch, RNR and former resident of Salem, the principal speaker.

Military and patriotic organizations planning to take part are asked to notify Col. Carl Abrams, who will also be grand marshal of the parade, which