

Permit Priests To Marry Reds

Vatican City, Aug. 16 (AP)—A decree published by the holy office today allows Roman Catholic priests to perform marriage ceremonies for communists, if the communists promise to raise any children of such union in the Catholic faith.

The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, said the decree would allow the marriage of a militant communist to a professing Catholic and would also permit marriage of two communists who might want to be married by a Catholic priest.

The recent decree of excommunication published by the holy office July 13 placed militant communists in a special status of excommunication pronounced by the pope. It had said further that those who exposed themselves to the doctrines of communism knowingly would risk punishment by the church involves the denial of the sacraments, of which matrimony is one.

L'Osservatore said the marriage of militant communists with professing Catholics will require the same guarantees as the marriage of a Catholic to a non-Catholic.

In such cases the church asks a formal promise that children of such a marriage will be baptized and reared in the faith and that the non-Catholic spouse will not interfere with the religious life of the other.

The marriage is not celebrated in the church but in the chapel of the parish house, without an accompanying ceremony of the mass.

Canton Nearing By Chinese Reds

Canton, Aug. 16 (AP)—Radio contact was lost today with the defenders of Kanshien, about 200 miles northeast of this nationalist provisional capital.

An army spokesman virtually admitted loss of the important rail center to advancing communist troops.

Many foreigners fled Canton aboard the British steamer Wuseh as private reports placed communist troops only 155 miles northeast of Canton. The Wuseh sailed from Hong Kong tonight loaded with foreign residents getting away from here.

At the same time authorities here said American naval planes would evacuate Americans from this nationalist provisional capital if other facilities proved inadequate to get them out ahead of the Reds.

There are about 73 Americans here. They include 15 in the embassy, 19 in the consulate general and most of the others in the joint commission on rural reconstruction.

Bethlehem Refuses 4 Wage Increase

New York, Aug. 16 (AP)—President Arthur B. Homer, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., told a presidential fact-finding board today his company "cannot and will not be a party" to a fourth round of wage increases.

"This is no time for further concessions," Homer declared. "The facts do not justify any more wage increases, and, in the national interest, the ruinous inflationary spiral of wages and prices must come to an end."

The head of the nation's second largest steel concern was the opening witness as the industry began its fourth day of testimony before the three-man board.

Independence Youth Takes FFA Honors

Independence—Conrad Hamann, president of the Independence FFA and senior in the Independence high school, won second place honors in the Upper Willamette district better farming contest. Dale Miller, Silvertown high school, placed first, and Donald Bossert of Salem, third.

The Better Farming contest is sponsored by the Oregon Kiwanis clubs and is based on the students' supervised farming program.



Shirley Lands in France for Swim

Calais, France, Aug. 16 (AP)—Shirley May France arrived here today to prepare for her attempt to swim the English channel.

The 17-year-old Somerset, Mass., girl came ashore with her friend and traveling companion, Mary Lou Walsh. She had made the trip from England with her coach, Harry Boudakian, after a brisk hide-and-seek game with reporters.

The party had attempted to give reporters in England the slip, but they trailed Shirley May to the docks.

CIO Secretary Shot to Death

Astoria, Aug. 16 (AP)—A union secretary was found shot to death and a pistol in his hand, in his home near here last night, shortly after he had reported the loss of more than \$1500 in union dues.

The widow returned from a movie to find Leo Meadows, 41, financial secretary of the Wauna CIO-International Woodworkers of America, dead in the living room of their Taylorville home.

He had been shot through the head. The widow told Sheriff Paul Kearney that a 38 caliber pistol was in his hand.

Meadows earlier had reported to Kearney that the money had disappeared from his home Friday. He said he last saw it at 1:40 a.m. Friday, when he finished working on union books.

He left the sheriff at 7 p.m. yesterday. A neighbor girl reported she heard a shot at 9:30 p.m.

Meadows had held office since January, 1948. Previously he had worked at the Wauna sawmill.

Survivors include a 12-year-old son and a daughter who was married last Friday.

MacNaughton to Be Moderator

Portland, Aug. 16 (AP)—The American Unitarian association today nominated E. B. MacNaughton, 68, Portland banker, publisher and college president, as its moderator.

His election at the association's annual business meeting in Boston next May is expected to be a formality. The present moderator, titular head of the loosely knit Unitarian churches, is Dr. George D. Stoddard, president of the University of Illinois.

Among policy matters under discussion by delegates here is transforming the association into a central denomination body, creating — in effect — "what might be called the Unitarian Church of America," the planning commission report said.

The report favors the action. If delegates approve it, the matter will be presented to the 350 Unitarian churches. At present the association is an advisory body to the churches' 14 regional associations.

Silvertown—Mr. and Mrs. Dan E. Geiser were home hosts at dinner complimenting Mrs. Joe Stayner of Bremerton, Wash., and Mrs. Bertha Morley, on the occasion of the birthday anniversaries of the two women.

Foreign War Vets And Auxiliary Picnic

Silvertown—The members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary and post are announcing the annual family picnic at the Silvertown city park, Wednesday evening August 17, with supper served promptly at 6:30 o'clock. If the weather is not favorable the picnic will be held at the armory.

The post is announcing their regular business meeting at 8 o'clock following the picnic and the auxiliary is to observe its regular quarterly social evening after the supper.

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McEwen Waives Murder Hearing

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 16 (AP)—Edward C. McEwen, 32, an ex-convict, has waived preliminary hearing on a first degree murder charge in the slaying of Charles T. Shoop, 45, local citrus rancher.

In company with sheriff's deputies, McEwen appeared in Scottsdale, Ariz., justice court before William L. Smith.

The ex-convict will be arraigned next week in superior court here.

The Maricopa county attorney said McEwen has admitted strangling Shoop last May 11. Officers, in company with the accused, found the rope with which the man claims to have choked his victim. McEwen was captured after stealing and smashing a hearse.

He said he met Shoop in a bar and the killing followed an argument, the county attorney reported.

In the early morning of August 3 McEwen stole a hearse from the W. T. Rigdon company and wrecked it in an embankment at the end of Chemeketa street. Some days later he was arrested on another charge and admitted the hearse theft. Arizona officers heard of the arrest and wired Sheriff Denver Young to hold McEwen as a murder suspect. He later confessed to the Arizona officers who came here to investigate.

Tribute Paid to Ethel Barrymore

Hollywood, Aug. 16 (AP)—The president of the United States, the only living former president, and a former prime minister of England think Ethel Barrymore is pretty wonderful—but her brother Lionel is not impressed.

Miss Barrymore, distaff ruler of America's royal family of the theater, was 70 years old yesterday. In honor of the occasion, a nation-wide broadcast last night carried tributes from President Truman, Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and scores of other great personalities.

But at a luncheon yesterday Lionel Barrymore could think of nothing more to say than: "Well, Ethel, I'm awfully happy you are with us and I wish you many happy returns."

Studio head Louis B. Mayer, who gave the luncheon for Miss Barrymore, said: "Gosh, that's a heck of a speech. You can say more than that."

"I'm sorry," replied Lionel, "but my writer has gone to San Francisco."

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Power Policy Issue Delayed

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—The senate temporarily put aside its controversy over public power policy today.

Debate probably will be resumed Thursday, after the senate acts on resolutions disapproving two government reorganization plans proposed by President Truman.

Senators listened all day yesterday to pros and cons of the question whether public funds should be spent to build transmission lines for the distribution of public power.

The issue is presented in the \$508,000,000 appropriations bill for the interior department. The senate appropriations committee recommended deletion of house-approved funds for certain transmission lines in the west, southwest and northwest.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) addressed the senate nearly four hours in support of the committee amendments. He said consumers would get lower rates if the power is distributed by private utility companies.

Dissenters included Senators Kerr (D., Okla.), Hill (D., Ala.) and Murray (D., Mont.). All said failure to build government transmission lines would give private power companies a monopoly.

Thomas and Kerr spoke specifically on committee amendments reducing funds for the southwestern power administration from \$9,000,000 approved by the house to \$3,874,020.

Beery Leaves \$2 Millions

Los Angeles, Aug. 16 (AP)—Three quarters of a million dollars in cash was left in a safe deposit box by Wallace Beery, an accounting of his \$2,000,000 estate shows.

Government bonds worth more than \$800,000 also were listed in the inventory, ordered by superior court to determine inheritance taxes.

The actor, who died April 15 at the age of 64, left the bulk of his estate to his adopted daughter, Carol Ann, 18, his brother, William and his nephew, Noah Beery, Jr.

Claims against the estate include those of his former wife, Mrs. Mary Areta Foyt, who seeks one half; and Gloria Schumm, film bit player, who contends Beery was the father of her 8-month-old son. She has asked for \$104,135. Beery denied paternity and specifically disinherited the infant in his will.

Lee Stoll Recovering
Oregon City, Aug. 16 (AP)—Lee C. Stoll, chairman of the Portland labor-management committee, is recovering here in a hospital after a surgical operation.



Order Canton Embassy Shut

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—The United States has ordered its embassy in Canton closed if the city is threatened with occupation by Chinese communist forces.

This country maintains an embassy as well as a consulate in the Chinese nationalist capital.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White told a news conference it had been decided to close the embassy, if communists approach, because he said Chinese communist authorities have failed to protect American diplomats.

He said American consular officers in communist-occupied areas generally have been unable to perform "their normal functions, particularly protection of American nations and their interests."

This government has 76 diplomats in Canton headed by Consul General Karl Rankin.

White indicated at least part of the American diplomatic mission there would follow the Chinese nationalist government to any new capital they might establish.

"We certainly are going to continue to maintain diplomatic relations with these Chinese nationalist government," he said.

He also said that American citizens in the Chinese provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Kiangsi and Hunan are being advised of the decision in order that they may prepare to leave if they wish.

Langlie Offers Strike Services

Olympia, Aug. 16 (AP)—Governor Langlie stepped into the strike against North Coast Greyhound lines today.

He ordered the services of his office in an attempt to mediate the differences, settle the strike and resume service.

H. P. (Dick) Everest, the governor's assistant, disclosed union leaders will meet with the governor before noon, management after noon.

Everest said the governor hopes "to work out some plan whereby the employers and employees can mediate this thing, and perhaps operate the buses during the mediation period."

The nine-week-old strike continued today as union headquarters announced an overwhelming rejection of the company's latest offer.

More Money for Voice of America

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—The house appropriations committee today recommended more money for the "Voice of America" after hearing that the program is hurting the Russians "and hurting them badly."

It also approved funds to start work on a long-range guided missile proving ground in Florida and for loans for construction of farm housing.

Money for those and numerous other projects were included in an omnibus \$75,590,521 supplemental appropriation bill sent to the house floor for debate this week. The total is \$14,174,499 less than the president requested.

For the "Voice of America," the state department's foreign broadcast activity, the committee recommended \$11,400,000. This supplements money previously given the project for the current fiscal year, ending next June 30.

The extra allotment, the committee said, is for construction and improvement to international radio broadcasting stations, including facilities to overcome "jamming" of U. S. broadcasts to Russia.

During its hearings on the

bill, the committee said, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, director of psychological warfare for the army, testified: "A condition has been recently created by the Russians with reference to jamming that will require accelerated and expanded activity on our part. We have received numerous reports from good sources that would indicate that we are hurting them and hurting them badly."

Mac Refuses Trip to Capital

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has formally declined an invitation to return to the United States to give congress a report on the far eastern situation.

The senate foreign relations and armed forces committees had voted 13 to 12 to ask MacArthur to come home from Tokyo to testify in connection with the administration's \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms aid bill.

Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson today made public the text of a reply from MacArthur in which the general said: "For the best reasons set forth in my public statement of August 11th, I believe I can best serve the national interest by remaining at my post of duty here."

Johnson had forwarded the request of the senate committees to MacArthur and Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger, also wanted for testimony on the far eastern situation.

Johnson did not order either to return.

MacArthur in his reply to Johnson said that this statement of Aug. 11 was as follows: "I could not help but be appreciative of the honor reflected in the desire expressed by certain distinguished members of the U. S. senate that I proceed to Washington to give my views for consideration by the congress on the issue of United States arms aid to the government of China."

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