

KC's Demand Federal Aid to Parochial Pupils

Portland, Aug. 18 (AP)—The Knights of Columbus convention was prepared today to adopt a firm policy of insisting on federal school aid to parochial pupils if such aid is given public school pupils.

Delegates were planning to write a stinging condemnation of the Barden bill now in congress. Supreme Knight John E. Swift, Boston judge, had made the topic the theme of his address to the 87th annual gathering. He was reelected yesterday and was expected to have a hand in writing the resolution today.

Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles said yesterday that the slogan—"Separation of Church and State"—being used to fight federal aid for parochial schools had no meaning. He said it was a "bug-aboo designed to effect legislation that will bring about the compulsory education of our children in public schools."

Referring to the slogan and any possible state church, the archbishop said "If we may judge from the reaction to the recent controversy over the Barden bill, the conclusion would be that the union certainly would not be with the Catholic church."

"It is a slogan that has crept into even the supreme court," he said. He referred to the McCollum case, which involved releasing children from school for religious education, and said: "The court, or at least a minority of it, endeavored to introduce personal opinions into the law, using a figure of speech for a rule of law, and using the first amendment as a springboard."

The archbishop said the constitution says only that "congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Elevator Girl Heroine of Fire

Pittsburgh, Aug. 18 (AP)—A woman elevator operator braved a \$15,000 fire today to carry scores of terrified persons from the upper floors of a burning office building.

Two persons were burned and a third was treated for hysteria. The flames were confined to a jewelry firm's office on the second floor of the six-story Buhl buildings in downtown Pittsburgh.

The elevator operator, Sally Rahn, 32, made two trips until heat forced her to take over another elevator. Then she made two more trips with near-paunched passengers until smoke and heat caused her to abandon the car.

Meanwhile, scores of other persons who were working or visiting offices in other parts of the building raced down stairways to the street.

Hawaii Stalled In Dock Strike

Honolulu, Aug. 18 (AP)—Hawaii stalled today in the drive to reopen its strikebound ports. The apparent government attitude: wait and see what Harry Bridges does.

The stall was in effect on two firing lines in the 110-day CIO stevedore strike—the courts and the Honolulu waterfront.

Action depended upon territorial Attorney General Walter D. Ackerman, Jr., and Ackerman, a high official said, had been told to lay off.

The word was that nothing was to upset direct union-employer negotiations aimed at settling the tieup. But peace talks, now in the third day, weren't getting very far.

This was the situation: Bridges and his CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union leaders were talking with representatives of the islands' seven struck stevedoring firms.

By mutual agreement, they were to call in U.S. Conciliation Service Chief Cyrus S. Ching if the negotiations failed to get down to brass tacks by tonight. So far they hadn't even come to grips with the issue—the union's demand for a 32 cents raise in the \$1.40 hourly longshore wage.

No Bad News in Kirk's Stalin Report

Washington, Aug. 18 (AP)—There was no bad news in Ambassador Alan G. Kirk's report on his conference at Moscow Monday with Premier Stalin. President Truman said today.

The president said it was the usual courtesy call that an ambassador always pays on the head of a state. He would not comment on what took place at the conference, but said Kirk reported fully to him.

A reporter asked if there was "any bad news" in the report, and Mr. Truman replied in the negative. He did not elaborate.

Secretary of State Acheson said yesterday that Ambassador Kirk mentioned Russian jamming of "Voice of America" broadcasts, and lend-lease settlement, in his talk with Stalin.

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Senate Confirms Clark, McGrath

Washington, Aug. 18 (AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark was confirmed by the senate today to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

The vote was 73 to 8. By voice vote, the senate then unanimously confirmed without objection the nomination of Senator J. Howard McGrath (D-R.I.) to succeed Clark as attorney general.

McGrath's successor in the senate will be named by Democratic Governor John O. Pastore of Rhode Island.

McGrath, who also is democratic national chairman, has said he will resign that post Aug. 24.

Republicans cast the only votes against Clark. Those who voted "no" were: Senators Donnell and Kem of Missouri, Ferguson of Michigan, Flanders of Vermont, Taft of Ohio, Vandenberg of Michigan, Watkins of Utah and Williams of Delaware.

Approval of Clark came after a blistering, last-minute attack on the attorney general by senator Ferguson (R-Mich.). Among other things Ferguson accused him of "gross mismanagement" in connection with the flight of Gearhart Eisler, a top communist, from the country.

Senators Tom Connally and Lyndon Johnson, democrats from Clark's home state of Texas, also spoke in his behalf.

Col. Winecoff Arrives Here

Arriving in Oregon early this month to take over his duties as a special instructor for the Fourth 105 mm Howitzer battalion, Marine Corps Reserve, was Lt. Col. J. L. Winecoff, coming to his new position from Camp LeJeune, N. C.

The colonel, who Wednesday paid a brief visit to Salem which has one of the units of the Fourth 105 Howitzer battalion, is a veteran of 15 years of service with the Marine Corps.

Prior to coming to Oregon and taking over his new duties at the office at Swan Island in Portland, he had spent three years at Camp LeJeune. For two of the years that he was there he was with the Second Marine division and the last year was at the marine barracks as camp provost marshal.

During World War II Winecoff was on duty in the Pacific for all but one year of the war and participated in four major battles, among them being Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Okinawa. In the time that he was in the Pacific he commanded an infantry battalion, a field artillery battalion and served as executive officer for an infantry regiment and a field artillery regiment.

Sears' Officials Visit New Store

Salem was paid a brief visit early Thursday morning by a group of the top executives of Sears, Roebuck & Company, from the main office of the company in Chicago.

The men came into Salem by plane (the plane was the private plane of Gen. Robert Wood, head of the company), from Seattle where they had been attending an area meeting. They were paying their first visit to the new store here, which is the company's newest store in the nation.

Met at the airport by the manager of the local store, J. F. Mosolf, the group headed by Charles Kellstadt, retail sales manager for the company, went immediately to the Salem store and after a two-hour stay left for Los Angeles, where they are to attend another area meeting.

Others in the group besides Kellstadt were D. L. Odell, retail sales manager for radio and television; A. J. Natemeyer, sales manager for building materials; C. Kresl, sales manager for floor coverings; G. A. Baehr, sales manager for plumbing; J. A. Hurley, sales manager for appliances; H. B. Van Valkenberg, sales manager for sporting goods; T. M. Dunlap, sales manager for

Short Interest in Stocks Tops Record

New York, Aug. 18 (AP)—The short interest in stocks on the New York stock exchange topped 2,000,000 shares on Aug. 15 to reach its largest total in almost 17 years.

The exchange reported the total at the close of business Aug. 15 was 2,008,119 shares, an increase of 161,806 shares in the short interest since July 15.

This means that number of shares have been sold in the expectation that the sellers will be able to buy a similar number at lower prices later.

Memorial Group To Elect Officers

Officers for the coming year will be elected at a meeting of the Salem Memorial Auditorium association to be held at the Chamber of Commerce this evening.

Nominated for the offices by a nominating committee at a meeting of the committee held earlier this week are: President, Bruce

Fleming Raps House Probers

Washington, Aug. 18 (AP)—A house expenditure subcommittee prepared today to pass judgment on the maritime commission. The committee itself was accused of conducting a "browbeating" and "utterly unfair" investigation of the commission's grants of ship subsidies.

Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, new maritime commission head, leveled the charges at the committee last night as it closed a 10-day inquiry.

The committee is investigating charges by Comptroller Lindsay C. Warren. He said that not less than \$25,000,000 of subsidies the commission granted for construction of a \$70,000,000 superliner and five other ships "must be considered as excessive due to various irregular procedures, inaccurate calculations and unjustifiable liberal interpretations of statutory language."

Called before the committee to justify the \$80,000,000 in subsidies involved in the \$150,000,000 total construction cost of the six ships, commission officials complained repeatedly that Gordon Peyton, committee counsel, and committee members would not let them give their complete answers to questions put to them.

Rear Admiral C. D. Wheelock, of the bureau of ships, appealed to the committee not to disturb the subsidies. It might cause the private lines to stop the purchase of ships, he said.

Bids for Painting Asked OCE Buildings

Bids for painting buildings in the veterans' village at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth have been called for by the state board of control.

The bids will be opened at 2 o'clock August 25 in Salem. Two coats of paint are to be put on the roofs and walls of 11 buildings.

Shingled sidewalls will be sprayed with one coat of aluminum paint. Other surfaces will be brush painted. An alternate in the call for bids provides for omitting painting of the roofs.

19 Thoroughbreds Destroyed in Fire

Raton, N. M., Aug. 18 (AP)—A fire swept three barns at La Mesa park race track on the edge of Raton early today.

Nineteen thoroughbred horses burned to death. Two men were injured. Damages were placed from \$80,000 to \$125,000.

Fire Chief W. D. Moore said a lucky change in the wind and action of firemen, jockeys and trainers with garden hoses saved the rest of the \$200,000 plant.

Heaviest single loss was the stud, Lu Bre. Howard Lackey of Raton bought the stallion recently from C. S. Howard for \$10,000.

Probers Reply To President

Washington, Aug. 18 (AP)—President Truman accused senate "five percenter" investigators today of keeping secret most testimony favorable to his military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, and drew a quick retort that an aide of Vaughan himself once vetoed publicity on the evidence.

Chairman Hoey (D., N. C.) of the investigating committee, said in a statement that the group has "attempted at all times to be fair to all concerned."

At the same time he released the hitherto secret testimony on Vaughan's activities in relation to businessmen's dealings with the government.

The released testimony was given by Harry Hoffman, Milwaukee advertising man; Albert J. Gross, Milwaukee, whose firm made the freezers and Robert

Quirk, Cudahy, Wis., vice president of a firm supplying Gross with freezer cabinets. Hoey disclosed in his statement that Vaughan had asked for a copy of the testimony.

He said the committee decided that it would release it to Vaughan but only on condition that the subcommittee could release it to the public at the same time. The statement added: "At that time General Vaughan's representative informed us that the general did not desire the subcommittee to release the testimony in question."

"The committee has attempted at all times to be fair to all concerned. It regrets that this effort be scrupulously fair in this instance may have appeared to be an attempt to unfairly withhold testimony."

Taylor Wants Probe of Bridges

Washington, Aug. 18 (AP)—Senator Taylor (D., Idaho) disclosed today that he has demanded an investigation of how Senator Bridges (R., N.H.) has spent his \$35,000 a year pay as trustee of the miners' welfare fund.

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WU Alumni to Hold Picnic Aug. 25

Plans for a picnic for all Willamette university alumni in the Salem area on Thursday, August 25, were announced today by Ervin W. Potter, president of the newly formed Salem alumni of Willamette university.

The outing will be at Paradise Island for alumni, faculty and families. The no-host dinner will be at 6 p.m., with coffee furnished. Sports are planned, with contests for the children, followed by dancing.

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