



Displaced Latvians Honor Independence Day—Eighty displaced Latvians now residing in Oregon gathered at the YMCA on Sunday to honor the 31st anniversary of Latvian independence established November 19, 1918. Dr. Teodor Starprans, staff member of the Oregon State hospital, was principal speaker. Soviets now occupy Latvia.

Displaced Latvians Enjoy Independence Banquet

Songs in the Latvian tongue, and food prepared as in their native land were enjoyed by more than 80 displaced Latvians who gathered at the YMCA Sunday to observe the 31st anniversary of Latvian independence.

They came from various parts of Oregon, and some have been in the state for only a few weeks. Some wore Latvian attire and talks were given in their language. Children as well as adults were in the group. Dr. Teodor Starprans, member of the staff at Oregon State hospital, who gave the main address, declared that Latvia would never give up its fight for independence, notwithstanding it was occupied by the Germans and now by the Russians.

Latvia became a republic in 1918, and Dr. Starprans, who gave a history of the country, said it at once took its place in the family of nations, and he declared "its achievements and its culture were the first in Europe."

Dr. Starprans is president of the Latvian Society of Oregon, and expressed gratitude in behalf of his people, for the hospitality accorded them here. Most of them do not care to return to Latvia, he said.

Among guests were pastors of Lutheran churches of Salem, Dallas and Silverton, Claude Kells, former head of the Salem YMCA, and members of a group of Estonian people.

Master of ceremonies for the

Ask Paving Bids On Rural Roads

Bids are to be advertised by the county court on the cost of paving of Brenna and Jelden avenues and 34th street northeast of the city, the first of such bids to be advertised under a new law of the last legislature allowing platted and dedicated roads not county roads but lying outside of cities to be paved at the cost of the abutting property owners.

Already a hearing has been had for property owners at which cost estimates as arrived at by the surveyor and engineer were furnished. When bids are in and before any contract is awarded another hearing will be held at which property owners may express themselves again and if the costs prove to be excessive in the minds of the property owners the court has reserved the right to reject the bids and abandon the proposed improvement.

Some opposition was shown on one street at the recent hearing by a property owner based on the fact that the county will not maintain the roads after they are built.

Amity Sawmill Closes

Amity—The Salt Creek sawmill that has been in operation south of Amity for some time has closed down. The plant will be dismantled and moved to some other place. Several local men have been employed there.

Cease Search For Lost Plane

Air search and rescue operations on a round-the-clock basis were utilized by the state board of aeronautics over the weekend to determine whether or not an airplane had crashed and burned about eight miles from Bridal Veil falls with the result that all further search was ordered discontinued in the certainty that an error in identification had occurred.

George Douglas, of the state bureau, was notified of the supposed crash about 11 o'clock Friday night and was on duty the remainder of the night correlating activities in Oregon and Washington. The bureau equipment includes a teletype machine hooked up with state police, CAA, coast guard and McChord field in Washington. When a plane is reported in difficulty word is carried immediately to all facilities on the network.

Ed Lockridge, area designee with the Multnomah county sheriff's posse, was sent into the district. Thorough investigation led him to believe that what was reported as a burning plane was in reality one of several slashing fires in that territory. Check-up revealed that no known plane in either Oregon or Washington was missing.

between committee members, dairymen, cattlemen and the county court.

Feud Between Chiang and Li Tsung Reaches Climax

Hong Kong, Nov. 21 (AP)—The feud between nationalist China's top leaders—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and acting President Li Tsung-Jen—may have reached a showdown today. Li was in a hospital in this British colony. He complained of a serious stomach ailment. He flew in yesterday without returning to Chungking where Chiang has awaited him for days.

The generalissimo had gone to the nationalist refugee capital, now seriously threatened by the Chinese communists, at Li's request. He found Li gone on inspection tour of the nationalists' dwindling southwestern China domain.

They have had many differences since Li took over the presidency last January when Chiang "retired." Out of these has developed a deepening cleavage over basic conduct of the Civil war against the Reds.

Chiang, still the dominant power in the alling nationalist machinery, has prevailed with a policy of withdrawing before the advancing Reds of trading space for time. He has been represented often as believing a third world war would come in time for the United States to restore his regime to dominance.

Li, on the other hand, has favored risking all on a decisive military stand against the Reds.

Li turned his job over to Premier Yen Hsi-Shan before he entered Taiwou nursing home here. But he said he was not shirking his duty on the pretext of illness and hoped to get back soon "to devote myself to the anti-communist war."

The Hong Kong press had other ideas. The China Mail quoted sources close to Li as saying he might go to the United States soon. The independent Chinese newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po predicted the breach between Li and Chiang had gone too far ever to be mended. The paper added Chiang would openly take over the nationalist government again.

Tribute Paid To Percy Kelly

The Marion County Bar association Monday paid a memorial tribute to the late Judge Percy R. Kelly, for many years justice of the supreme court as well as circuit judge for this district, and resident in Salem for many years.

Admitted to the bar in 1892 he practiced law in Oregon until 1911, serving as deputy district attorney for Linn county, city attorney for Albany and state senator from Linn county for three sessions.

In 1910 he was elected circuit judge in the third judicial district made up of six counties, including Marion and was re-elected three times. In 1930 he was appointed to the supreme court and was re-elected to that office for three terms without opposition.

The memorial to the late jurist points out that in his 38 years



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of service to the judiciary in the state he built a monument for himself in the hearts of his friends, his neighbors and the citizens of the state. Says the document "he was of brilliant mind, of sound judgment, of an understanding heart and keen wit."

Brooks — A Marion county health clinic is scheduled for Brooks, November 28, at 9 o'clock, in Mrs. India Reavis' room for children of the first grade and selected cases in the upper grades. Parents are expected to attend with their child.



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