

Gen. Dodson Air Guard Chief

G. Robert Dodson, who since the organization of Oregon Air National Guard in July, 1946, has commanded the 142nd fighter group of the Air Guard, Wednesday was named chief of Staff of the Oregon Air Guard.

With the appointment Dodson received the promotion from the rank of colonel to brigadier general in the Oregon National Guard.

Dodson, who in civilian life is the manager of the sweater division of the Janzen Knitting Mills, is a native of Portland, Oregon. A pilot for 18 years he was a veteran of the last war. The first entered the National Guard in the state of Washington, June 8, 1938, and was assigned to the 321st observation squadron. April 18, 1941, he transferred to the 123rd observation squadron of Oregon's pre-war National Guard.

With Oregon's National Guard Gen. Dodson entered federal service September 16, 1941. After serving with the 123rd observation squadron, the 70th observation group and the 89th reconnaissance training wing in the States he left for the China-India-Burma theater in July, 1944. Gen. Dodson remained in that theater with the Third Combat Cargo group flying the Hump until October, 1945, when he was returned to the States and separated from the Air Force.

The new chief of staff of the Oregon Air Guard has the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two clusters.



Plucky—Little "Mike" Reiter, 4, who for more than a year amazed doctors with his brave fight against burns which seared 70 per cent of his body, is back on his feet with the help of a hospital walker in Washington. Doctors all but gave up hope for Mike when his cowboy suit caught fire Nov. 12, 1948, but skin grafts, careful medical attention and the boy's courage pulled him through. (Acme Telephoto)

East Germany Minister Ill

Berlin, Dec. 8 (AP)—Otto Grotewohl, prime minister of the communist East German government, has been stricken with a serious illness, it was learned officially today.

The information office of Grotewohl's government confirmed the report that the prime minister was in a hospital. "A statement may be made later about the prime minister's illness," a spokesman said. The nature of the illness was not described. West German sources said Grotewohl has had a nervous breakdown and is confined to a Russian army hospital on the outskirts of Berlin.

Russian guards surround Grotewohl's quarters, the British-licensed newspaper Telegraph reported.

Heuss Decries German Army

Bonn, Germany, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Theodor Heuss declared today current speculation over a west German army is dangerous to Germany's future. He said he is against a West German army even if the allies should want one.

In this he was at variance with his own chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, who recently said that while he does not favor formation of an army by West Germany, he would be willing to form one if the allies insist and if it were to be part of a larger European army.

Heuss, leader of the conservative free democratic party, said in an interview he did not believe all the reports about rearmament in the East German state set up under Soviet auspices. "After all, they are Germans, just like us," Heuss said. "Frankly, I cannot see the (East Zone) people's police waging an SED (communist party) crusade to conquer and subdue democratic West Germany, just as I cannot see the west fighting men from the Soviet zone. This would not be the German way of handling internal political matters."

In any event, Heuss added, "Germans are not prone to waging civil wars. It is not reasonable for Germany to have an army today," he said.

Supper with Bazaar
Mill City—The annual Presbyterian Missionary society bazaar will be held Friday in the church recreation room beginning at 2 o'clock. From 5:30 until 7 a tamale supper will be served to an expected 150 or more persons.

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Florida Tourist Praises Oregon Road Signs
A Florida resident wrote to the Miami city manager that he thinks Oregon has the best system of highway signs. The Miami official sent the letter on to State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.
The tourist said he got lost in Washington state because of too few signs. But he said Oregon was a paradise as far as signs are concerned. He never got lost here once.
He said California had good signs, too, but not as good as Oregon.

Hard to Secure Polling Places

Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith, who has charge of handling ballot boxes and their distribution for the sheriff's office, at a conference with the county court Thursday stated there are four or five of the precincts inside the city of Salem where the chances for securing polling places are exceedingly difficult and in some of them some very real problems may be presented as to where voting will be had at the primary election next May.

These new precincts, he said, were so organized they are left without public or semi-public buildings which might be available for polling places and owners of residences are as a rule loath to loan their homes for that purpose.

The number of precincts in the county has grown to 110 and in the city to 39, with increasing difficulty being found for polling places. Even some churches which have been used for that purpose are being closed against it, or are threatening to be closed. One complaint from churches is that cigarette butts are left strewn over the floor and smoking indulged in in the edifice which doesn't meet with approval either from the pastor or many of the parishioners.

"It may be that the voting machine will have to be the answer," commented County Judge Grant Murphy. "With the voting machine the election will not only be expedited, but now we have twice as many precincts as would be necessary if we had such machines."

Canada Shipped Reds Uranium

Ottawa, Dec. 8 (AP)—Trade Minister C. D. Howe said today that a shipment of Canadian uranium oxide and uranium nitrate went to Russia in May, 1943.

In a statement to the house of commons, Howe said the shipment was valued at \$2,445 and made through normal commercial channels by Eldorado Gold Mines, Ltd., a private firm which sold its uranium-producing property to the Canadian government in 1944.

He said it was treated as a "normal" transaction. Few people knew then that tests leading to the atomic bomb were under way and it was considered wise not to call attention to the project by refusing orders for metals, he added.

The policy in 1943 was to give all possible aid to warring Russia, Howe said.
He said the Russians asked in the normal way for 500 pounds of black uranium oxide and 500 pounds of uranium nitrate to be used in the prosecution of the war. The oxide was to be used in production of armaments, the nitrate for medical purposes.

Maestro Declines Life Senatorship

Rome, Dec. 8 (AP)—Maestro Arturo Toscanini's refusal to become a life senator of the Italian republic drew sharp words today from a part of the Italian press.

President Luigi Einaudi appointed the noted conductor in recognition of his musical accomplishments. Toscanini called his refusal from the United States, saying the appointment "was in contrast" with his feelings though he was "always ready to serve the fatherland."

In the senate, where Toscanini's cable was read by Senate President Ivanhoe Bonomi yesterday, there was no comment. But the independent newspaper Memento termed it a refusal that had "some discords."



'Lucky' Motorist Watches Car Burn—Chandos A. Rypinski (left) watches Hollywood, Calif., fire department fight a blaze that ruined his automobile. Rypinski said the car went out of control and crashed into a lamp post, bursting into flames. He emerged unhurt and observed "I guess I'm lucky." (AP Wirephoto)

Conner Dazed Over Murders

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8 (AP)—An automatic plea of innocent was recorded today for John S. Conner who killed his three children because he didn't want them to suffer the mental agonies which have tortured him.

The \$7,000-a-year engineer stood in dazed silence at his police court arraignment on triple murder charges until Judge James R. Duncan asked if he wanted a lawyer to defend him. "No, I don't think so," Conner replied.

Because he appeared without an attorney, an automatic plea of not guilty was entered for Conner, and he was held for action by the Alexandria grand jury.

Duncan indicated a lawyer would be appointed for him despite his apparent desire to make no defense.

Conner had told police he killed his children for fear they had inherited mental taints that periodically plunged him into fits of depression. At his arraignment today—after a night under close watch in the Alexandria jail—he appeared worried and dazed but displayed no other signs of emotion.

Psychiatrists have said that expert treatment might have saved him from the mental slump that made him slay his son and two daughters.

Crime Comic Books Banned by Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 8 (AP)—There will be fewer thrills for the kids in Canada. Parliament has banned crime comic books.

The senate last night passed a bill banning the publication, distribution or sale of comic books that depict "the commission of crimes, real or fictional."

The house of commons previously had passed the bill unanimously.

Supporters of the bill said lurid crime pictorials stimulated juvenile delinquency. Violators can get up to two years in prison.

Diamond Lake Snowed In
Bend, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Diamond lake cutoff is closed for the winter.
The route, which crosses the Cascades between Diamond and Crater lakes, is blocked by snow, and will not reopen until spring.

New Standards For High Schools

Spokane, Dec. 8 (AP)—Revised standards for rating high schools will be released in 1950, D. A. Emerson of Salem, Ore., said today.

Emerson, assistant superintendent of the Oregon state department of education, spoke today at a meeting of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. He is president of the association.

"The new revisions will be an attempt to further the use of uniform standards," Emerson told 200 delegates attending the conference. "The first edition of Criteria was published in 1940. The new edition will be the result of research and experimentation during the past three years."

The organization serves schools in Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine islands and seven western states.

Delegates discussed the possibility today of changing the organization's name. Although it bears the name "Northwest," it actually serves an area beyond the northwestern limits.

Catholic Education Unit Elect Officers

Spokane, Dec. 8 (AP)—Delegates to the new northwestern unit of the National Catholic Education association elected the Rt. Rev. Raphael Helder, president of St. Martin's college at Lacey, to head the unit during the coming year.

Other officers include Sister Idamae, dean of studies at Maryhurst, Ore., college, secretary-treasurer.

Polk County Judge, Chairmans Drive

Dallas—County Judge C. F. (Jack) Hayes has accepted the chairmanship of the annual Red Cross fund drive, slated for March, 1950, according to Dr. Earl W. Benbow, chairman of the Polk county chapter.

Cold Wave in Central States

(By the Associated Press)
Storm clouds bearing sleet and snow mushroomed north-eastward out of the southwest today. They headed toward north central states already in the icy grip of a cold wave from Canada.

Sleet and freezing rain were forecast for Thursday afternoon and night in Oklahoma, and light snow was expected in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

The center of the frigid air mass was in North Dakota this morning. Velva reported 24 below zero.

South central states felt the chill. The outer edges of the cold air front dipped into Texas and Mississippi.

Snow flurries and general cloudiness extended eastward from the Great Lakes to Pennsylvania and New York.

Low temperatures early today included 15 above at Chicago, 32 at Louisville, 8 at Des Moines, 22 at Kansas City, 29 at Oklahoma City, 12 at Omaha, 25 at Amarillo, 40 at Vicksburg, 61 at New Orleans, and 60 at Tampa.

Denfield Undecided On Quitting Navy Job

Westboro, Mass., Dec. 8 (AP)—Admiral Louis E. Denfield, ousted chief of naval operations, said today he will not retire unless he decides it is best "for the navy and national defense as a whole."

The tall, bespectacled admiral confessed he is having a hard time trying to make up his mind whether to quit the navy or stay on and accept a new command in European waters.

"It's a tough problem," he said in an interview. "I'm torn between two things. But I'm going to do whichever is right for the navy and national defense as a whole."

Prince Aly Khan Flies Crib

London, Dec. 8 (AP)—Prince Aly Khan, husband of Movie Actress Rita Hayworth, flew back to Paris today with a baby's crib.

Negro Flogging 'Part of His Job'

Rome, Ga., Dec. 8 (AP)—The man whose name has run thread-like through the case of seven flogged Negroes said today it all resulted from doing his job.

It was his job, said Deputy William Hartline, to build a cross.

Likewise, he added, it was his duty to go patrolling through Hooker, Ga., the night of April 2—the night the Negroes were flogged.

The 55-year-old sheriff's deputy took the stand this morning in the mass civil rights trial here of ten Dade county men before Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper.

Hartline said he had been given the job of cross building by Ku Klux Klan Kleagle Walter Arp the night before.

Though he denied membership in the Klan, Hartline admitted attending a meeting of the provisional Klavern in Dade county and accepting instructions from Arp for the cross building.

He said he not only built the cross but delivered it to Hooker hill.

It was at Hooker, the government charges, that the seven Negroes were placed under false arrest by the Dade officers and surrendered to a KKK mob for beating.

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