

### Knowland Asks China Blockade To Force Release of Two

Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 15 (AP)—Sen. William F. Knowland, R., Calif., says the United States should blockade communist China to force the insurgents to release two American servicemen held captive for 13 months. He said such a blockade would spare Mrs. William C. Smith the necessity of staging a sit-down strike in the state department building at Washington. Knowland called on Mrs. Smith to discuss the plight of her navy chief petty officer husband and marine M/Sgt. Elmer C. Bender, Chicago, both imprisoned since their plane crashed in communist-held territory. Mrs. Smith showed Knowland a letter from the Rev. Kenneth W. Wilson, who wrote Dec. 9 from Bellingham, Wash., that he was in Tsingtao, China, at the time Smith and Bender's plane was shot down in communist territory. "I wish to assure you as far as my knowledge extends, there was no cruel treatment or physical injury done to the men of our armed forces who fell into communist hands at the time Mr. Smith was taken," Wilson wrote. "I believe they will clothe and feed the men. I will write to our missionaries who are still in Tsingtao to lend aid to do all they can to listen for news and give hospitality to the men when they come that way." Mrs. Smith said she would send a copy of the letter to Mrs. Bender of Chicago. Knowland asked her for copies of letters and other documents she had on her husband's imprisonment. Mrs. Smith threatened to stay in state department corridors next year until the government "does something" to free her husband. "I believe joining in a blockade of communist China ports would be the safest and most effective method of forcing release of persons held by the communist Chinese," Knowland said. He promised to demand "forthright" action from Washington officials to get the men released.

### National Magazine Features Sharpener

Lebanon — The latest issue of the national trade journal Meat Merchandising carries a full-length feature on an unique knife sharpener invented by Lebanon meatcutter Earl Michelson and produced by the Lebanon Metal Products Works. The article depicts Michelson using his sharpener, which is attached to the revolving screw of a meat grinder, thereby getting double duty out of any ordinary hamburger machine. The article predicted that Michelson's invention would reduce the knife grinding costs of meat markets, and have significant consequences for the professional knife grinder. The article was prepared by the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce office.

### Guests Entertained

Wheatland — Mrs. Richard Jones of Wheatland district assisted by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCollister of Salem entertained a group of Wheatland and Unionvale women at her home. Attending were: Mrs. Lane Davidson, Mrs. Jesse Gilkey, Mrs. Arla Hagstrom, Mrs. Timothy King, Mrs. Orin Lindsay, Mrs. Ray Lupe, Mrs. Charles Baker, Mrs. Ed Clow, Mrs. Victor Geiger, Mrs. Walter Hough, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Mrs. LaVell Patterson, Mrs. John Thien, and Mrs. Louis Steinlicht. Refreshments were served.

### Lebanon Masonic Officers Elected

Lebanon — New officers for the Masonic lodge were elected with installation ceremonies planned January 10. Roster for the coming year is: E. J. Cray, worshipful master; Verne P. Nelson, senior warden; Jack R. Harmon, junior warden; E. E. Hamilton, treasurer; and F. G. Pickford, secretary. The cemetery board consists of J. A. Stuber, Keith Rhodes and E. C. Leckband. Worshipful Master E. J. Cray was installed following the election. Plans were made for St. John's service at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday, December 27. VFW Dances Postponed. Willamina — VFW dances have been postponed until after January 1, when it is expected that the building will be finished. At the Monday night meeting of the VFW, Robert Small was elected to fill the post of Junior Vice Commander.

### Linn Farming Board Named

Albany, Dec. 15 — Results of the annual Linn county production and marketing administration election of committee members and delegates were announced Wednesday by the county counting board upon completing its canvass of mailed ballots from each of the 11 participating communities. Balloting by mail was tried this year for the first time by Linn county, although some other counties have adopted this method, county production and marketing administration chairman George L. Koos announced, and apparently farmers like the mail method better than election meetings as there was a 177 per cent increase over last year in the number of farmers voting. The county PMA committee for 1950 will be elected at the county convention to be held here Thursday. Delegates from the 11 communities will elect the county committee. Community committeemen elected are:

- Albany community: Alvin Carnate, chairman; Robert Grochons, vice-chairman; Carl Barnisch, third member; Roland G. Allen and Don Porter, alternates.
- Brownsville: J. A. Porter, chairman; Glenn F. Ison, vice-chairman; Walter E. Smith, third member; Alfred and W. R. Eagleston, alternates.
- Crabtree: Harold K. Kelley, chairman; A. A. Ayres, vice-chairman; Alfred Woodliss, third member; Walter Kowitz and Leo J. Metcalf, alternates.
- Halsey: George Workman, chairman; Harry Compton, vice-chairman; John Smith, third member; E. E. Carey and M. L. Vannice, alternates.
- Harrisburg: E. F. Krebs, chairman; Ben Christensen, vice-chairman; Gerald W. Detzner, third member; Wade Ison and Vernon Woods, alternates.
- Lebanon: Gale Burkhardt, chairman; W. V. Cate, vice-chairman; Walter Meyer, third member; Arthur Wilson and Clarence Cox, alternates.
- Loomis: W. W. Power, chairman; Ben Voltin, vice-chairman; Paul Horner, third member; John Neal and W. L. Kimers, alternates.
- Sciota: K. N. Westenhouse, chairman; Joe Menhart, vice-chairman; Clarence Merritt, third member; Haskel Huntley and R. C. McDonald, alternates.
- Shed: Byron Hieber, chairman; Kenneth Bradshaw, vice-chairman; Robert Irish, third member; Darrell Danner and H. M. Alberta, alternates.
- Sweet Home: Joseph Yates, chairman; Asa Smith, vice-chairman; Ray Rizza, third member; Wallace Wodtli and L. B. Thompson, alternates.
- Tangent: Harold Jackson, chairman; Pierce Jenks, vice-chairman; George Chandler, third member; Floyd Gulman and Elmer Miller, alternates.

### Club Offers Party

Amity — The Amity Lions club held "Ladies Night" at the high school home economics rooms. Mrs. Edna Strout, home economics instructor, and a group of her students prepared and served the dinner. There were 30 members and guests. A strand of glass fiber 15 times finer than a human hair is stronger than steel.

### Expanded Social Security Urged by Administration

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—New evidence piled up today that the Truman administration will press congress to provide for a greatly expanded federal old age and survivor insurance system during the forthcoming session. The new pressure hint came from Secretary of Labor Tobin yesterday that the present social security system should be expanded to provide benefits and eligibility provisions "which are genuinely adapted to the needs of retired workers and their dependents." This is in line with the urgings of President Truman and others this year. Tobin said he would like to see an approach made to a \$100 million pension for workers covered by social security along with a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$1 an hour. Congress this year raised the minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75 cents. Tobin estimated that under present social security benefits, "a retired worker and his wife now receive on the average less than \$500 a year." Tobin thus made it clear that he wasn't satisfied with the social security measure passed during the last session by the house, although he said he was "delighted" with the progress that had been made. The house bill, which now is awaiting senate action, extends social security coverage to some 11,000,000 additional workers, makes changes both in the rate and base of tax assessment. At present the two per cent tax, one per cent each on employer and employee, is levied against the first \$3,000 of the worker's income. The house bill would increase this figure to \$3,600. Tobin suggested that it would be increased to \$5,100 on the basis of the present national income. The present tax goes to three per cent in 1950, and under the house bill, to four per cent in 1951, with employer and employee each contributing one half.

Teaching Meetings Slated for Stayton — Special teaching meetings will be conducted at the Church of Christ Sunday to Friday, December 18 to 23, at 7:45 p.m. by Teddy W. Leavitt, whose subject will be "The Holy Spirit." Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. In addition to his church work, Leavitt operates a boys' farm in Washington state. During his absence, Mrs. Leavitt is in charge of the farm.

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### Ousting of Locals Arouses Morse

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) today denounced as "high-handed and arbitrary" the expulsion by the International Printing Pressmen of two locals at Washington and Newark, N. J. He noted in a statement issued through his office that the locals' charters were revoked because they insisted on a court-conducted investigation of the estate of George L. Berry, the late pressmen's president. The locals contend that Berry mixed union money with his own in private deals and some of the \$500,000 to \$750,000 he left when he died belongs to the union. Morse said he intends to make

a personal investigation of the whole affair. "In my opinion," he said, "the international officers, by revoking the charters of these locals, have done great injury to the labor movement."

### Santiam Grangers Plan Xmas Party

Lyons — Santiam Valley grange held a special meeting at the grange hall for the purpose of conferring the first and second degree upon the following candidates, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dark, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Draper, and Frank Studnicka. Plans were also made for their regular meeting which will be held Friday evening, December 16. Installation of officers will highlight the evening which will be open to the public, with

### Guam Newspaper Offered for Sale

Washington, Dec. 12 (AP) — Gov. Charles T. Skinner of Guam today invited bids for the purchase of the Guam News, a daily tabloid paper now published by the navy, and separate bids on a three-year supply of newsprint on the island. The bids must be in his office at Agaña, Guam, by February 28. The tabloid has a circulation of 15,000. Subscribers include 5,000 permanent residents. There is no privately owned paper on the island. Bertha Beck as installing officer. Following the meeting they will hold their Christmas party and gift exchange.

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