

### Navy Carrier Sent to Pacific

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP)—The navy said today that it soon will strengthen the Pacific fleet with an additional escort aircraft carrier.

Only last Tuesday, it had announced plans to add two cruisers and six destroyers to the forces in that ocean.

An escort carrier is a particularly useful vessel for anti-submarine service.

Russia's principal naval strength in the Pacific is in submarines.

The navy said the 11,000-ton escort carrier Sicily will be shifted from the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific fleet in mid-April.

The Sicily is now being overhauled at the Boston naval shipyard. After its move to the Pacific it will be based at San Diego, Calif.

### Unionism Bug Virus in Bridges

San Francisco, Feb. 2 (AP)—A Catholic priest testified at Harry Bridges' perjury trial today that the waterfront labor leader is "infected with a virus—the bug is trade unionism."

"I don't think he will ever rest until everyone—white collar workers and all—is in unions," said the Rev. Paul W. Meinecke, defense witness who earnestly expressed his belief that Bridges is "no communist."

It was on cross examination, for which the slender priest was recalled by the government today, that he said "there is a bug in him."

A moment before Chief Prosecutor F. Joseph Donohue had asked the priest if he knew Bridges had followed the communist party line, early in the war, of opposing lend-lease, the United States draft and "the Yanks are not coming."

"I do not know whether he was for or against these things," the priest answered.

The Eureka, Nev., priest added that if he thought Bridges was a communist he would not be testifying for him.

"I'd be with you—I wouldn't give aid to the enemies of our country," he said.

The government accuses Bridges of lying during his 1945 naturalization hearing when he said he was not, and never had been, a communist. Two of his union aides are on trial with him on charges of fraudulently conspiring to help Bridges obtain citizenship.



### \$2 Billion for Columbia Basin

Seattle, Feb. 2 (AP)—The Times Washington, D. C., bureau said it learned today that presidential approval has been given and a go-ahead is expected soon on the coordinated \$2,000,000,000 Columbia River Basin development.

The Times quoted Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) as saying the president's views on the 20 year plan are clarified and will be made known by the head of the bureau of budget.

Magnuson said the plan approved is substantially the same as in his senate bill introduced last year to authorize a coordinated plan of development agreed upon by the bureau of reclamation and the corps of army engineers.

He said, however, he expects some modification of the program set up in his bill.

The plan, he explained, is separate from the proposed Columbia Valley Administration, but approval of the project gives weight to the demand for a CVA.

The senator said presidential approval paves the way for congress to approve a program that will transform the Columbia river into the greatest hydroelectric source in the world.

The ultimate power developed by the dams envisaged in Magnuson's bill would total approximately 4,500,000 kilowatts. The maximum ultimate power potential of the Columbia has been set at 20,000,000 to 23,000,000.

### Imports From Canada Menace U. S. Lumbermen

Portland, Feb. 2 (AP)—The lumber industry in Oregon and Washington may be "ruined" by increasing imports from British Columbia, the West Coast Lumbermen's association said today.

In a letter to Sen. Guy Cordon, H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the association, said British Columbia producers were able to under cut American lumbermen because of labor wage scales, the devalued Canadian dollar, transportation restrictions, and excise taxes.

"Canadian mills, taking advantage of ocean freight savings, savings on transportation tax and their discounted dollar have sharply increased their shipments by water to the United States Atlantic coast," Simpson wrote.

He pointed out that lumber produced in British Columbia is of the same species as that produced in western Oregon and western Washington, under similar conditions.

But the wage minimum in Oregon and western Washington is \$1.45 per hour, compared with \$1.07 1/2 per hour in British Columbia.

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### Judge Warns to 'Quit Arguing'

Portland, Feb. 2 (AP)—Federal Judge Claude McCulloch warned the chief government counsel today to "quit arguing with me" today as he shut off one aspect of the government's anti-monopoly suit against Oregon's organized medicine.

Dr. John H. Besson of Portland was on the stand. He was testifying on his former association with the Multnomah Medical Service bureau—which later became affiliated with the defendant Oregon Physicians Service—and was asked to look over a long memorandum.

Government Counsel Philip Marcus was told by the judge to get on with his questioning but Marcus wanted Dr. Besson to read the memorandum. Thereupon the judge stopped that part of the testimony temporarily by ordering Dr. Besson from the stand.

"This procedure is dragging," he said. The trial started in October, was recessed after a month, then took up again two weeks ago.

While still on the stand Dr. Besson said he once was connected with the Industrial Hospital association, but gave it up when called before the Multnomah County Medical society board of censors.

There wasn't any coercion or conspiracy—the government charges that there was a conspiracy to put private pre-paid medical plans out of business—he said. Rather, he explained:

"If I have done anything against any pre-paid medical plan it would only be in the way that Meier & Frank does something against Lipman Wolfe (Portland department stores) in the way of competitive business. My allegiance was to the Medical society organization which was established to furnish pre-paid medicine to the people and I felt we had a better type of goods to offer the people and I was promoting and pushing it and I was trying to get business before the competition did."

### Flying Mystery Over Arizona

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 2 (AP)—An object which flashed noiselessly over Tucson at an estimated 30,000-foot altitude remained a mystery today.

Thousands witnessed the long black plume of smoke that trailed over the city about 6:30 p.m. yesterday, but no one had the answer on its cause.

Sighted by the control tower operator at Davis-Monthan Air Force base, the object was first believed a plane with engines afire.

First Lt. Roy L. Jones, Jr., of the second air force refueling squadron, piloting a B-29 bomber, was instructed to attempt to intercept.

"Whatever it was, it was going too fast for me to catch," radioed Jones.

The object had zoomed out of the east across Tucson municipal airport and quickly disappeared behind a range of mountains to the west, leaving its funnel-shaped trail of black smoke hanging in the sky.

Theories that it was a meteor or a stray rocket already have been blasted.

Dr. Edwin F. Carpenter of the observatory at the University of Arizona here, said a meteor would not leave a vapor trail.

"A meteor trail is usually invisible," he said.

A spokesman at the White Sands proving ground in New Mexico said the object could not have been a rocket fired from there. He said there was no firing yesterday.

The object was sighted while the evening sky was still light.

### Gunman Frees Asylum Patient

Waltham, Mass., Feb. 2 (AP)—A young gunman bluffed his way into a mental hospital last night to free an ex-convict undergoing tests prior to his trial on robbery conspiracy charges.

The gunman—armed with a pistol and long-bladed knife—locked two attendants in a third floor office of Metropolitan State hospital before walking out leisurely with Atwood White, 24, of Boston.

White was committed to the hospital after his recent arrest on charges of conspiring to commit armed robbery, transporting a stolen auto and unlawfully possessing firearms.

The break was enacted in the presence of 80 mentally ill patients, none of whom became alarmed.

The gunman, accompanied by two others, asked Superintendent Maurice Hovey for permission to visit White.

Hovey denied the request because it was after visiting hours. He relented, however, when the spokesman told him he was White's brother and that bad driving conditions delayed his arrival.

Hovey permitted the spokesman a five-minute visit. The other two returned to their car parked at a side entrance.

In the five minutes allotted him in White's ward, the visitor, armed with a gun in one hand and a knife in the other, forced Attendant Francis Gannon into an office, took his keys and locked him in.

He repeated the process when another attendant, Salvatore Lisacki, appeared on the scene.

With the two attendants out of the way, White and his visitor fled from the third floor ward. They got away in the waiting automobile.

### France Ratifies Bao Dai Regime

(By the Associated Press)

The French upper house of parliament today ratified an accord giving the Bao Dai regime of Indo-China partial self-government. This paved the way for early recognition by the United States, Britain, and other western powers.

East and west were thus lining up on opposite sides on the explosive case of Indo-China, potential communist doorway to southeast Asia.

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### Hydrogen Bomb Scares Europe

London, Feb. 2 (AP)—The British press expressed hope today the hydrogen bomb may shock the world into atomic disarmament. In Berlin a Soviet-licensed newspaper called the H-bomb a "big bluff" and said the U.S. will have no monopoly over it.

Newspapers of all political leanings in Britain agreed that the threat of the new horror weapon must cause new soul searching in capitals of both the free west and communist east.

Said the independent London Times: "It is the inescapable duty of the western powers at least to seek agreement with Soviet Russia on atomic control, however remote the possibilities must appear."

"The Russians must be told frankly that their mania for secrecy makes it almost impossible for any democratic government to resist pressure for more powerful weapons . . . only a system of international control could put an end to this fearful competition."

The conservative Daily Telegraph saw a chance there will be a change of heart on the part of the Kremlin before it is too late. "Look for example at the change in temper between Napoleonic France and France today," said the Telegraph. "Russia may change, too."

The Tabloid Daily Mirror, which supports the labor government, declared "The H-bomb is the answer to nothing . . . the dangers of an arms race must be as clear in Moscow as in Washington. No real contribution towards settlement has ever come from the Kremlin. There has not been realism but only cynicism and a seeking of propaganda advantages. When there is sincerity in Moscow the rest of the world will listen."

### U N Police Corps Held Necessity

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP)—Two senatorial advocates of United Nations reform asserted today that unless UN creates an international police force, the communist drive for Asia may touch off "a final bloody struggle" between the United States and Russia.

They also said at a senate foreign relations subcommittee hearing that the time is "now" for strengthening UN by curbing the big-nation veto power. The subcommittee is seeking an answer to:

"What's wrong with UN and what can we do about it?"

Sen. Paul H. Douglas, (D-Ill.), proposed a plan to unshackle UN from the Russian veto and give it power to act against aggression. Such action would require a two-thirds vote of the general assembly and acquiescence of three of the "big five" nations.

Douglas said the UN should have "on call" land, air and sea forces which could be sent into action after such a vote.

This plan also is sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, (D-Utah).

Douglas said Russia has won a "great victory" in China and that a communist drive into Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, Thailand and Indo-China is "almost certain." He told the subcommittee that this would mean that:

"A final bloody struggle would become almost inevitable in the near future in which the weight of the world's population would be thrown against us."

### Broker Kills Wife, Daughter, Then Self

Wenatchee, Wash., Feb. 2 (AP)—James E. Fraser, prominent northwest fruit broker, fatally wounded his wife and 14-year-old daughter and then killed himself in his expensive suburban home, detectives reported today.

A school girl found the bodies when she stopped to accompany the Fraser girl to school.

Sheriff Cleo Allen said Fraser had been ill and showed signs of fatigue and overwork.

### Senate Passes Bill For Court in Eugene

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP)—A bill to authorize a term of federal district court at Eugene, Ore., has passed the senate and will be sent to the house.

The court now sits at Medford.

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### Pierson Talks Youth Training

The vocational education program of the Salem schools was sketched for the benefit of Salem Lions club members Thursday noon by Theo. K. Pierson, coordinator at the high school.

The program is two fold, said Pierson: One that involves trades and industries and one that provides training for future salesmen, receptionists, cashiers and similar lines of endeavor.

The vocational education department is anxious to train youth in the habits of work, said Pierson. He added that any community is just as strong as the young people who reside there.

The young person, who through necessity is compelled to work part time, is being given every consideration in the training program. In Salem the project was inaugurated in 1931.

Pierson, a relative newcomer to Salem, praised the schools and the programs being carried out.



Accused by Reds—Douglas S. Mackiernan, 35 (above) U.S. vice consul in Sinkiang province, China, has been charged by the Chinese communist radio with being a spy who tried to organize bandits in the far western province. State department officials said they have not heard from him since September 27 last. His wife, Mrs. Peggy Mackiernan, resides in Fairfax, Calif., with twins, a boy and a girl, born since she was evacuated from China in 1948 and which her husband has never seen. (AP Wirephoto.)

### Presses Action On FEPC Bills

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP)—President Truman said today that he is doing everything he can to get congressional action on fair employment practices legislation (FEPC).

That was his reply when a reporter asked at his news conference if he had any plans to get House Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.) to recognize Chairman Lesinski (D., Mich.) of the labor committee to bring up the FEPC bill.

Then he hinted that he has been putting some pressure on Rayburn. He said that if reports could sit in on his weekly meetings with congressional leaders they would know how hard he is working to get FEPC action.

He added that the question of recognition of Lesinski is a matter for Speaker Rayburn.

On FEPC, the house situation is this:

The bill has been approved by the labor committee but the rules committee, which has general control over the legislative program, has refused to send it to the floor for a vote.

Under house rules, there are certain days when it could be brought up anyhow. But in order for that to be done, Speaker Rayburn would have to recognize the labor committee chairman to make a motion to consider FEPC.

### 18 U S Hospitals To Be Closed

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson ordered 18 military hospitals in the U.S. closed or changed in status yesterday. He estimated the move will save \$25,000,000 a year.

The hospitals affected by Johnson's order include:

Army—Madigan General hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., to be reduced initially to an operating allocation of 850 beds, later to 500.

Navy—Corpus Christi (Tex.) Naval hospital, to be reduced to an operating allocation of 100 beds.

Mare Island (Calif.) Naval hospital, to be closed. Of 900 patients now there, 850 are to be transferred to nearby Oak Knoll. The naval shipyard at Mare Island is to be given an operating capacity of 50 beds.

Long Beach, Calif., Naval hospital, to be closed.

Johnson said that, wherever a change is made under today's order, there are facilities for the medical care of military personnel and their dependents. This care will be provided, he said, by joint and more effectiveness of facilities remaining in these areas.

His announcement said the order will be carried out over a period of five months so as not to interfere with medical care of patients.

Johnson said some of the hospitals to be closed can be used for veterans administration patients.

Amity Schools Closed

Amity—No school here so far this week though there has been sunshine most of the days with a north wind. There is not much thawing except on the east side of buildings.

### Ingalls Retires; Son Succeeds

Corvallis, Feb. 2 (AP)—The Corvallis Gazette - Times, 88-year-old publication in this city, today was under new directional hands for the first time in more than 30 years.

The company announced the principal owners, Publisher C. E. Ingalls, and News Editor Myron I. Myers, were retiring from active day to day participation and would be succeeded by their sons, Robert C. Ingalls and Bruce K. Myers. Robert Ingalls has been business manager and now takes over the editorial page as well. Bruce Myers has been sports editor and assistant news editor.

C. E. Ingalls, who first came to Corvallis in 1915, has been in ill health for a number of years although he continued to write most of the editorials in the paper. For many years he conducted a fiery editorial page known for its staunch republicanism.

Myron Myers became news editor of the Gazette-Times in 1923 and has served continuously since that time.

Both of the sons have been connected with the paper for some time. Bruce Myers since his graduation from the Stanford university school of journalism in 1935 and Robert Ingalls since he was graduated from Oregon State college in 1937. Both are World War II veterans, Ingalls serving nearly five years and Myers four years as army officers.

The paper also announced the appointment of Hal Wehmeier of Corvallis to be sports editor, and Mike Bradley, a staff member for three years, as assistant news editor.

### Old Oregonian Block To Be Torn Down

Portland, Feb. 2 (AP)—The old Oregonian building, constructed in 1892, will be torn down—presumably to be succeeded by a new structure.

Store Properties, Inc., Los Angeles, who bought the nine-story structure after the Oregonian newspaper moved into a new building, notified the city that they would begin wrecking the structure by the end of February.

The city had threatened to condemn the building, after some of the masonry came loose and fell to the sidewalk.

Store Properties did not say what they planned to do after the demolition is completed. The site is a commercially-desirable one in the heart of Portland.

Lafayette—A dance was held in the school gymnasium to raise funds for the March of Dimes. Due to the cold weather there was a much smaller crowd than was anticipated.

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