



### Curran Says Ruling Is Red Aid

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—Joseph Curran, head of the National Maritime Union, said today that the supreme court's ruling on union hiring halls would give the communists "a field day" in the maritime industry. The supreme court refused to review a lower court decision which outlaws union hiring halls which discriminate against non-union members. Curran was informed of the decision as he left President Truman's office. "That is a pretty kettle of fish, isn't it?" Curran exclaimed. "It is a very unfortunate situation," he continued. "It is the best instrument to create chaos in the industry and play into the hands of elements whose only interest is to disrupt the industry. We have had these things happen before and we get no help in trying to clean up the industry. Now the communists will have a field day. This thing will set us way back and it certainly won't promote peaceful labor relations." Curran was accompanied on his White House call by John Green, president of the CIO shipyard workers and Hoyt Hadcock, secretary of the CIO Maritime committee. They called on the President primarily to ask him to have the Maritime Commission halt the transfer of American ships to Panamanian registry.

**Appear at Fuchs Hearing**—These four men, three of whom were witnesses, appeared in London's Bow street police court at the preliminary hearing for Klaus Fuchs, 38, German-born scientist, charged with passing Anglo-American atom secrets to Russia. Left to right are: Wing Commander Henry Arnold RAF-Ret., security officer at the Harwell atomic plant; Security Officer William James Skardon, who was present at Fuchs' arrest; Michael W. Perrin, deputy controller of atomic energy technical policy for the ministry of supply, and Lord Portal, leader of Britain's wartime air force. Lord Portal was not a witness. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London)

### Middle Grove Scout Troop Sponsors Plan, Has Dinner

Middle Grove, Feb. 14—The Salem Civic club players will present their new play "Manhattan Honeymoon" at Middle Grove school house Friday night at 8 o'clock. It is being sponsored by the Middle Grove Associated clubs association as a benefit for the new club house fund. Miss Beulah Graham directs the play and Mrs. J. H. Lucas is business manager. The public is invited. A covered dish dinner will precede the play. Observing National Boy Scout week and celebrating their 10th anniversary with an alumni dinner at the Mayflower hall was a full program for members of Scout troop 42 of Middle Grove. The invocation for the evening was given by Emory Goode followed by the dinner and the following events: flag ceremony led by Dean Way, and Weldon Chamberlain; words of welcome by the general chairman, John Van Laanen; response by a former scout member, Robert Wagers, Jr.; roll call by Robert Wagers, Sr., the present scout master; introductions by John Van Laanen; a stunt by Eagle patrol led by Marvin Cage; accordion musical numbers by Delbert Botten; a stunt by Swallow patrol led by Jack Wikoff, Jr., the leader; electrical guitar numbers by Gordon Fromm; stunt by Panther patrol led by Pewis Paterson, Jr., as leader; several musical numbers both instrumental and vocal by members of the Future Farmers of America of the Salem chapter; musical numbers by Marvin Cage, Dale Van Cleave, Edwin Stahl, and Lewis Paterson; presentation of the new charter by Mrs. Jack Wikoff, Sr. The court of honor was held with Cleo Keppinger presiding, and the following awards made; promoted to second class scouts were Marvin Cage, Weldon Chamberlain, Edwin Stahl, and Pat Wilson; one member, Donald Bassett one life membership, a bronze palm to Eagle Scout Ralph Wagers, Sr.; merit badge to Richard Bye, Marvin Cage, Weldon Chamberlain, Wayne Goode, Edwin Stahl, Dean Way, and Jack Wikoff, these were for several different projects; Donald Bassett made a first class scout and a merit badge to Robert Wagers, Sr. The awards were presented by special guests, Gordon Gilmore and Clifford La Vine and several of the committeemen. A rededication ceremony to the scout law and scout oath was led by Donald Bassett, assistant scoutmaster and taps with Dale Van Cleave as bugler. The history of the troop began with a neighborhood patrol of three boys, James Madox, Lee Wagers and Kenneth Munson in 1940. About a year later the regular scout patrol was formed with Robert Wagers, Sr., scout master, and five boys joined the others: Robert Wagers, Jr., Lynn Barker, Garry Keppinger and Wayne Alt, for the first regular troop. When the scout master, Robert Wagers, Sr., called the roll it was for every man and boy whose name had been listed as a member in the past 10 years, as a complete record has been kept by him throughout the years, and 49 answered to roll call. There were over 125 relatives and friends present for the evening. The dominance of armored knights in warfare was broken when the leaders of a French chivalry were slaughtered by British bowmen at Crecy in 1346.

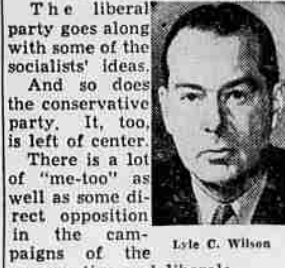
### Where Do We Stand With Russia? Group Makes Study

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Truman administration was reported today to be taking a new, overall look at American foreign policy to determine just where the United States now stands in the conflict with Russia. The study is being made by the national security council. This agency embraces the state department, the defense department and other government agencies. Responsible officials said that the aim of the present review, which is the latest in a series of such studies to keep President Truman and the cabinet currently informed of "Where We Stand," is not expected to produce any new turn in the direction of major foreign policy. It may, however, lead to some answers of questions raised by the long argument over the projected hydrogen bomb, its possible uses and its impact on world affairs. Other questions are said to include: Whether the United States is more powerful in relation to Russia as the result of the H-bomb possibilities, how long it may be expected to hold any edge it has, what effect the possible new weapon will have on this nation's strategic planning and how the bomb should be used. Informed authorities regard the question of use as one of the most difficult. It involves the determination — that actually may not be firmly settled for a long time—of whether as a matter of high policy the United States should reserve so devastating a weapon for use in retaliation only or whether it should use the H-bomb like any other weapon as soon as that became strategically desirable following the start of a war. Pope Pius Slightly III Vatican City, Feb. 14 (AP)—Vatican sources reported that Pope Pius XII was confined to his apartment today with a slight attack of influenza. The papal audiences for today have been cancelled, they say.

# Britain's Choice Is for More or Less Socialism

(Editor's Note: Here is another dispatch by the Washington manager of the United Press, who is in Britain to cover the general election. Today he tells what the rival political parties are promising the voters.)

By LYLE C. WILSON  
London, Feb. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt used to say that his new deal was "a little left of center."  
In Britain, the choice is whether to have a great deal more socialism or less of it.  
The labor party, now in power, is far left of center.



Lyle C. Wilson

The liberal party goes along with some of the socialists' ideas. And so does the conservative party. It, too, is left of center. There is a lot of "me-too" as well as some direct opposition in the campaigns of the conservative and liberals. The bitter charge against the government is that its nationalization, controls, subsidies and bureaucracy have seriously reduced individual liberties. The conservatives say that more socialism surely will destroy freedom in the United Kingdom, including the freedom of the trades unionists who are the labor party's voting backbone. The opposition adds that the labor government has been extravagant and incompetent. During the time socialism ruled the roost in the old parliament, the labor government had 390 parliamentary seats, conservatives 203, liberals 10, and national liberals 13. The rest were scattered among seven other parties. Some 30 parties will enter candidates. Labor, liberals and conservatives all favor participation to some degree of workers, consumers and even government in the management of some industries. Labor would have management decisions made by a partnership of government, management and workers. It invites consumers' councils to help run business. The CIO at home has been promoting a similar idea for some years. Conservatives propose voluntary joint consultation among labor and management in making some decisions of industry. The liberals are for joint consultation and "co-partnership" between workers and management. The conservatives not only promise to maintain the medical service but to improve it. They hint at economies, too, but

cause costs of that service have been twice the government's expectations.

The labor and conservative parties have practically full seats in the field for the 625 common seats to be filled. The liberals might aspire to a balance of power and enter the government in a coalition.

Socialism is an issue dividing the parties here chiefly as related to nationalization of industries, rigid controls over some matter of personal conduct and rationing.

The conservative and liberal parties stand near together, while the labor party proposes next to take over the steel, cement, cold storage, wholesale meat, insurance and perhaps the chemical industry. Net losses in government operation of industries nationalized so far is estimated at \$126,800,000.

The conservatives promise a full stop to nationalization. They would repeal some measures. Nationalization has not provided the workers with the easy boss and big incomes they expected. The government holds a tight management rein from London and the labor party itself has had to freeze wages.

The parties are divided on controls. Labor says controls will have to be continued. Conservatives and liberals say they would reduce them to a minimum as soon as possible.

Controls cover such things as working in a job you may not like because the government will not give you a permit to transfer to another. Although infrequently imposed, this authority is on the books.

Controls are rugged. Most of Western Europe is off rationing now and living much better than people live here. They sometimes ask who won the war. Aneurin Bevan is labor minister of health and one of the socialist party's tough guys in their campaign to continue rationing. It was he who called the conservatives "lower than vermin." To hecklers the other day he shouted:

"The next one who interrupts me will be out on his neck. This meeting is being spoiled by a few loud-mouthed jackasses."

### Suggests Japan Be 49th State

Tokyo, Feb. 14 (AP)—Masao Kume, a leading Japanese novelist, said today Japan should be annexed by the United States and become the 49th state. Writing in the magazine Senkai Shunju, Kume said U. S. annexation would be better for the country than independence through a peace treaty. He said Japan does not have

the ability to maintain her independence let alone permanent neutrality.

Kume said Emperor Hirohito could be kept under the American president as a "symbol of devotion."

**Small Craft Warned**  
Seattle, Feb. 14 (AP)—The weather bureau today ordered small craft warnings raised at 8 a. m. from Tatoosh to Cape Blanco. South to southwest winds of 20 to 30 miles an hour, occasionally reaching 35 miles an hour, were predicted.

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### Town Chosen to Test TB Vaccine

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 14 (AP)—The nation's first mass testing ground for a new anti-tuberculosis vaccine has been set up with a community of 100,000 as guinea pigs. Columbus and Muscogee counties pioneered in use of the vaccine in 1947, following an X-ray survey for traces of TB the previous year. The new drive is to determine how effective the drug-tagged BCG — is when used on a large scale. Beginning this week, all residents of Muscogee county and Russell county, Ala., will be offered X-ray examinations and vaccinations with BCG, if they show no signs of TB. If infected, treatment will be provided.

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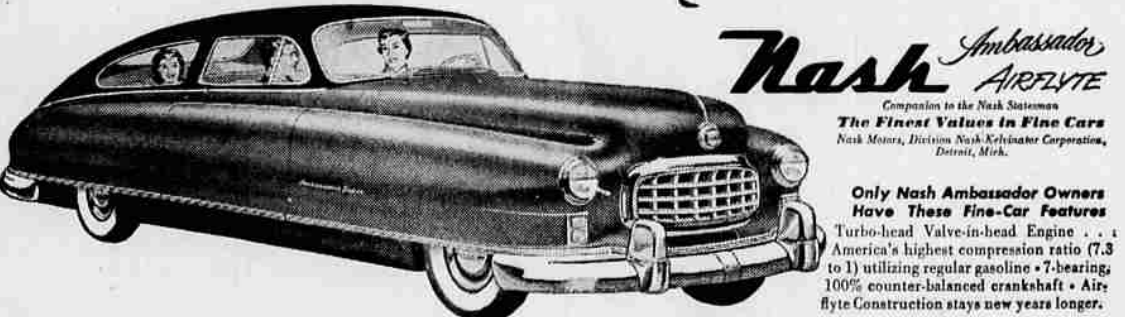
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