

Claim Strachey Failed to Prove He's Not Communist

London, March 4 (AP)—Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard asserted today war minister John Strachey has failed to prove that he ever "retracted from his adherence to communism as a creed."

Health Group Will Elect

The annual meeting of the Farmers Union Health association will be held at Salem Monday, March 13. The meeting will start at 10:30 a. m. with a no-host dinner served at noon. It will be in charge of President Harley Libbey. Two directors will be elected and several changes in the by-laws will be voted on. The Farmers Union Health association maintains a prepaid medical and surgical service for its members. Membership is scattered through Marion, Polk, Clackamas, Yamhill, Washington, Benton and Linn counties. While the association is sponsored by the Oregon State Farmers Union, membership in the health association is open to everyone. It is said to be the first successful prepaid clinic in Oregon and the work it is doing here is being watched by leaders in the cooperative medical field throughout the United States. Dr. John Goldsmith of Salem is the physician in charge of medical services and Dr. Edgar Fortner is the surgeon.

Sea Monster Washed Ashore

Delake, Ore., March 4 (AP)—An ocean storm washed a grotesque marine animal ashore here, then — before residents could settle arguments on whether it was a sea monster—washed it away again today. Beach walkers found it in the sands this morning, and quickly called the town down for a look. It was described variously as weighing between 500 and 2000 pounds. It had a large, round body shaped something like a turtle, but also had what appeared to be a tail. One man said this was thin and 18 feet long. Another said there were two tails, one 10 feet long, the other eight. All agreed the back was covered with matted hair, perhaps six inches long. There was some disagreement on the underside of the body. Residents were unable to turn the body over. Lloyd Cable, president of the Chamber of Commerce here, said he could only describe the covering there as "feathers." Cable thought it looked like a giant squid. A coastguardman thought it might be a blanket fish. To some it looked like an octopus, to others like a sea lion. One said he had seen jelly fish like it in the Aleutians. Ropes were tied to the what-it, but a high tide snatched the body away before marine life experts could be called.

Dr. Louis A. Wood To Run for Senate

Portland, Ore., March 4 (AP)—Dr. Louis A. Wood, professor emeritus at the University of Oregon, said today he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for U. S. senator. "In the event I should be nominated, Oregon democrats must be allowed the fullest opportunity to challenge Sen. Wayne Morse during the campaign and at the polls," Wood said. "Although professionally a liberal, he has given aid and succor to conservative elements in his party in all sections of the country." Wood is the second to announce for the democratic nomination. Howard C. Latourette is the other candidate.

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This was the Standard's reaction to a public denial by Strachey last night that he is a communist.

Two days after Strachey took office in Labor's reshuffled government, the pro-conservative newspaper said he never has disavowed communism.

Strachey last night cited various writings and public speeches of his since 1940 to refute the Standard's attack. The Standard has quoted from Strachey's books of the 1930s to show his sympathies lay with communism, although it did not charge him with being a member of the communist party. Both the Standard and Beaverbrook's Morning Express raised the question whether Strachey should continue in his key defense post.

Today the Standard insisted that in Strachey's rebuttal he has shown only that: "1. He was sincerely convinced of the need to win the war against Germany, and on this issue fell out with the communist party of Great Britain, of which, though not a member, he had until then been a known supporter and principal theoretician."

"2. He has become sincerely convinced that the totalitarian brand of communism pursued by the present leaders of the Russian regime is a spurious brand."

"3. The methods and reasoning by which he reached these conclusions are Marxist. He remains a Marxist, and has not yet produced evidence that at any time he retracted from his adherence to communism as a creed, although he now violently disagrees with the particular interpretation put upon that creed in Russia and by the organized communist parties outside Russia."

"4. He has endeavored to side-step the gist of the evening Standard's report on him by drawing a veil of confusion over the difference between communism as a theory of society and communism as interpreted by current Russian practice."

The Standard then asked Strachey to answer two questions: "Does Mr. Strachey believe that communism is the ultimate aim for Britain? Does he believe that socialism is only a stepping stone towards this ultimate aim?"

Strachey issued his statement after a talk yesterday with Prime Minister Attlee which may have dealt with safeguarding atomic secrets.

Czechs to Oust All U. S. Missionaries

Prague, Czechoslovakia, March 4 (AP)—Czechoslovakia soon will order all American missionaries to leave the country, the U.S. embassy announced today. Similar actions presumably will be taken against British, French and other western missionaries, it said. This announcement came hard on the heels of a new threat by the communist government of state action against what it calls an anti-state campaign by Archbishop Josef Beran and his Roman Catholic bishops. Deanna Durbin Plans to Leave Hollywood Soon. Hollywood, March 4 (AP)—Deanna Durbin, who hasn't made a movie in two years, today

planned to leave Hollywood "indefinitely."

The singing star said she would sell her home and stay in Europe. She leaves in two weeks.



Steppin' High—Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Betty Garrett, Ann Miller, Jules Munshin and Vera-Allen as they appear in one of the dance numbers of "On the Town," multi-starred new Technicolor musical starting today at Warner's Elsinore Theatre.

Salem Hi Wins Over OSC Rooks

Salem high school's swimming team churned its way to a 44-31 victory over the Oregon State college Rooks in the Salem YMCA pool Saturday morning. Bob Hamblin paced the Viking victory with firsts in the 100-yard backstroke and 1200-yard individual medley events. He also swam on the winning relay team.

Results: 40-yard freestyle—1st, Gray, OSC; 2nd, Sheridan, OSC; 3rd, Hamblin, Salem; 4th, Sheridan, Salem. 100-yard backstroke—1st, Ullman, Salem; 2nd, Carlisle, Salem; 3rd, Gray, OSC; 4th, Hamblin, Salem. 200-yard freestyle—1st, Hamblin, Salem; 2nd, Naab, OSC; 3rd, Sheridan, Salem; 4th, Gray, OSC. 400-yard freestyle—1st, Ullman, Salem; 2nd, Carlisle, Salem; 3rd, Gray, OSC; 4th, Hamblin, Salem. 800-yard freestyle—1st, Ullman, Salem; 2nd, Carlisle, Salem; 3rd, Gray, OSC; 4th, Hamblin, Salem. 1200-yard individual medley—1st, Hamblin, Salem; 2nd, Shaw, OSC; 3rd, Elliott, Salem; 4th, Ullman, Salem. 1500-yard medley relay—Won by Salem team of Hamblin, Ullman, Kinleitner and Sheridan.

Auto Union Asks \$125 Pensions

Detroit, March 4 (AP)—The CIO auto workers are going to demand \$125 monthly pensions and a nine cents an hour pay raise from General Motors. They're major parts of a 31 cents an hour package which the auto union will present to big GM at forthcoming contract talks covering 235,000 workers. As the UAW unfolded its program today, industry viewed it as a possible hint of the pattern which the CIO will try to set up nationally for 1950. Auto and steel have been the standard bearers for CIO's bargaining drives. The UAW also will demand improvements in hospitalization and wage fringe benefits, particularly in Sunday and holiday extra pay.

Heretofore, the UAW announced its intention to get rid of the escalator wage system with GM which ties the worker's pay to to the cost of living. On that point, there likely will be a special fight. GM has spoken in high favor of the arrangement.

The UAW's demands, drawn up by the union's GM conference, will be presented formally to the corporation at a later date.

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U. S. Colonel Looted Mansion

Munich, March 4 (AP)—The U. S. army today reported the sentencing of an American colonel to two years at hard labor for "removing" valuables from a requisitioned German house he occupied in Garmisch, Alpine resort town.

A general court martial also sentenced the defendant, Lt. Col. Richard S. Whitcomb of Worcester, Mass., to dismissal from the service.

Whitcomb pleaded innocent. He removed rare wines, rugs and other property worth about 50,000 Deutschmarks (\$12,500) from the palatial Bavarian home. Whitcomb, a popular officer with his comrades, had been ordnance officer of the Munich military post since last September, when he was transferred from the Garmisch post.

Approximately 30 persons testified in his defense and about an equal number for the prosecution, an army spokesman said. Army agents testified they had found several articles from the Garmisch house in Whitcomb's Munich home after he moved to Munich.

George Muller, German owner of the Garmisch house, said more than 200 bottles of rare vintage wines either were missing or had been filled with muddy water.

Hotel Clerk Sought. Portland, March 4 (AP)—A warrant was issued here yesterday for a hotel clerk who disappeared one day before the loss of \$5,700 was noticed.

The money was left at the Clyde hotel desk by three seamen last Saturday. Clerk Jackson E. Robinson, 45, failed to show up for work Monday. The loss of the money was discovered Tuesday.

Rock Hounds Have Banquet

Friday evening was a gala night for Salem's "rock hounds." The Salem Geological society met at the First Methodist church for its annual banquet, with guests present from Portland and Sweet Home.

Local organizations represented were the Willamette Gem Cutters and the Chemeketas. Tables were decorated with pussy willows, spring flowers and a variety of cleverly displayed specimens, and objects of curiosity from mountains, forests and sea shore. Also on display were four large exhibit tables of minerals and mineral products loaned by local collectors.

Carl F. Smith was toastmaster. The program included music, talks by members and a greeting from Charles Layport who is beginning his second year as president of the society. A gift was presented to Prof. and Mrs. Herman Clark in appreciation of Professor Clark's leadership as work night chairman.

Duets from light opera were contributed by Bob Gwinn and Betty Jean Mullen, and Miss Suzanne Howell, accordionist, played.

Talks were given by Jeff Richardson, Mrs. Theo Olsen, Jerry Farrar, Reynolds Ohmart, Professor Clark, George Moorhead, Mrs. Ted Gordon and Carl Richards.

McMinnville To File Protest

A McMinnville delegation will be in Salem Wednesday to confer with Salem's representative at the United Air Lines West Coast Civil Aeronautic board hearing in Washington later this month or in April.

McMinnville is protesting the proposed removal of West Coast Airlines service from that city. McMinnville arranged the meeting with Salem people for Wednesday morning, and plans to ask the Salem representative to present McMinnville's stand in Washington along with that of Salem on United service here.

At the preliminary hearing held in Salem Wednesday McMinnville and Yamhill county were represented by Glen Macy, Jr. Macy told the examiner of the need for airline service to

his city and the money that had been expended by McMinnville and the federal government so that West Coast might serve that city.

The Telephone Register in its March 2 issue pointed out that the city of McMinnville and the federal government had a combined investment of \$583,000 in the McMinnville municipal airport. It further noted that nearly \$28,000 had been expended to provide 24-hour airport service for West Coast Airlines.

Lanke Files For Recorder

Herman W. Lanke filed his declaration Saturday as a candidate for re-election as county recorder. He is a republican. Lanke, Marion county recorder since 1941, has been a resident of Marion county since 1909. He was raised on a farm east of Salem and educated in Marion county public schools, Willamette university school of liberal arts and law.

He is married and has a 17-year-old daughter and is a home owner and tax payer. He has had over 20 years of office experience, nine years as Marion county recorder. He was former secretary of the Marion county Republican club, Marion county republican central committee, secretary and treasurer of the Clerks and Records association of Oregon. He is now treasurer of the Salem Kiwanis club and, active in Boy Scout work. His slogan is "Actual experience assures the public of efficient, honest and capable service."

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Washington, March 4 (AP)—Here is what the coal miners asked in the long contract dispute, compared with what they finally got from operators who had held out against any concessions at all: Wages—\$15 a day. They got \$14.75, up 70 cents from the old contract.

Hours—Seven and a half hours, with six hours of actual work, the balance to cover underground travel and a paid lunch period. They settled on the old terms—pay for an eight hour day, six and a half hours of which is in actual production.

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