



Navy Ships Visit Istanbul—Her flight deck crammed with planes, the United States aircraft carrier Midway and the USS Bucanan (foreground), a destroyer, rest at anchor in the harbor at Istanbul, Turkey, during a two-week visit of the U. S. Mediterranean fleet. (Acme Telephoto)

### If Hawaii and Alaska Become States Flags Must Be Burned

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Washington, March 14 (U.P.)—The United States may be headed toward the biggest flag-burning since Arizona joined in the Union in 1912.

If the congress decides to grant statehood to Hawaii and Alaska, that means a new flag. A new flag means that it's bad manners to fly an old one anymore.

The only decent thing to do is to burn the old ones. It's against the law to touch an old, old glory to the ground and it's considered unpatriotic to pitch it on an ash heap or sew it up into nightgigs.

All of which poses a lot of problems. . . . I called C. R. Beard, a vice president of Annin and Company in New York. Annin makes more flags than anybody.

Beard was in a great old tizzy. "We don't know," said he, "whether either Hawaii or Alaska will be tacked onto the Union. But if one or the other—or both—are, we've got a big job to do."

Heaven knows, he said, how many flags there in the country—half a billion, maybe. He added that he wasn't too much worried about the new business that would come his company's way if the flag takes on another star, or two. Everybody would have to have a new flag. Adding a star at a time would be fine with Beard, because it would add up to good business—double business.

Beard is a man who looks the future squarely in the eye. He's already got a couple of samples. If only one new state is added it would be comparatively simple, since any college graduate knows that seven times seven equal 49. That would make seven rows of stars.

If both Hawaii and Alaska are added to the union at once, Beard, apparently a math sharp, has that all figured out too.

"We'd have five rows of stars with 10 stars in each row. Both of these flags look mighty pretty—mighty pretty."

Beard said that his company has received all kinds of letters since the matter came up. Some people have suggested putting a little extra space on top of the flag and adding the stars one at a time as we add new states.

Another person proposed that we have the blue space that way it is and crowd in the extra stars. "We still don't know what

we're going to do. The last new flags came out on executive order in 1912, after Arizona was admitted to the union on Feb. 14th.

Here in the capital Arthur E. Dubois, chief of the heraldic branch of the quartermaster general corps, might get the job of redesigning a new flag. He said, however, that nobody yet has consulted him about it. He said the President could create a special commission or assign the job to the fine arts commission—or congress could step in and take over.

Officers of Guard Going to Vancouver  
Several officers of the 41st infantry division, National Guard, from this area will be at Vancouver Barracks the week-end of March 18-19 to attend a Northern Sub-area command post exercise.

The exercise, which is for officers of the 41st division artillery and regimental staffs, is being arranged by the Northern Sub-area of the Sixth army.

Attending from this area will be the assistant division commander, Brig. Gen. H. G. Madison, and Maj. Bill K. Chapman, both of Salem; Lt. Col. Charles M. Thomas of Monmouth, Lt. Col. Arthur L. Lowe of Corvallis, Lt. Col. James D. Allgood of Dallas and Lt. Col. Paul L. Kliever of Lebanon.

Bloodmobile Coming; Dallas Needs Donors  
Dallas — Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Dallas for the first time this year on Monday, March 20 at the First Christian church. Blood will be taken for the whole blood program between 3 and 7 p.m. Quota has been set at 100 donors, according to Rev. Cyril P. Hanney, chairman of the recruitment committee. Prospective donors are asked to contact the chapter office in the city hall, Dallas.

### Astronomer Believes 'Flying Saucer' Probably Is Meteor

Salinas, Calif., March 14 (U.P.)—A "flying saucer" that frightened residents as it frolicked through the California sky probably was a meteor, University of California astronomers said today.

Dr. Alin Eggen of the University observatory on nearby Mount Hamilton said the meteor must have been a "fair-sized one, large enough to get down to earth before burning out."

A score of persons called the sheriff's office and the local newspaper Saturday night to report a bright object in the skies. Some said it dove on their automobiles, others said it was looping the loop and another said it zipped across the horizon.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Amateur Photographer Bette Malles wondered whether she had taken a picture of a flying saucer. She planned to give scientists pictures of a disk-like object she said she photographed in a sunset sky.

Miss Malles said she was about to take a picture of a small plane flying over nearby Hawthorne airfield when she saw something shining closer by. She snapped the shutter on it.

When she developed the film, she found she had exposed a luminous oblong "doughnut" with a dark center, suggesting a hole. Ahead of the disk was a circular blob, somewhat resembling a miniature sun.

Lines of light seemed to project backward from the "sun" toward the "doughnut," and a cone-like faint light connected with the blob to the disk. Another cone of light projected backward from the disk to another blob of light.

The most vivid description of the Salinas "saucer" came from Mrs. Sam Ragundin of Chualar, Calif. She said she was driving south of Salinas when it "swooped down" over her car.

She thought it was a meteor at first, but she changed her mind when it appeared headed for her. "I got scared and stopped the car," she said. "The thing looked like two dinner plates placed together."

"It came down to what looked like about 2000 feet. As it came close, it gave off a strong bluish-white light that hurt our eyes like a welder's torch."

Then, she continued, the saucer seemed to "loop the loop" and whizzed away southwards.

Five minutes later, Market Owner Hiram Don called to report a bright object in the sky. He said it had a fiery tail and was traveling "quite close" to the ground. Other witnesses said the object looked like a meteor or falling star, "although not exactly."

### Charges Denied

Washington, March 14 (U.P.)—Former Judge Dorothy Kenyon of New York said today that "I am not, and never have been," a communist, a fellow traveler, or a sympathizer with any organization she knew to be dominated by communists.

D. H. Mahoney, Washington, D. C., director of the raw products division of the National Cannery association, warned such bargaining would violate anti-trust laws.

Other speakers touched on technical phases of the industry and improvement of fruit quality.

Kenneth E. Frick of Washington and Sid Jones of Oregon, experiment station entomologists, reported lead arsenate spray still is the best known spray to combat cherry fruit flies. They added that their experiments have yet to produce a way of controlling the Mineola worm, which damaged cherries in The Dalles area last year.

T. E. McCaffray, Seattle, was elected president of the Northwest association. Others elected: George M. Martin, Freewater, Ore., first vice president; E. F. Kale, Everson, Wash., second vice president; and Ivan H. Moorhouse, Olympia, to the executive committee. Directors named are S. R. Helfeldt, Bellingham; Walter Hallauer, Wapata, Wash.; and O. E. Snyder, Salem.

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### Story Reviews Rail Progress

The story of Southern Pacific through the first half of the 20th century is told in words and pictures in the current issue of the Southern Pacific Bulletin, the railroad's employe magazine.

Cars and trains of today and 50 years ago are pictured, as are costumes of the era, and such major events as damming the Colorado River break in 1906-07, completing the 32-mile cut-off across Great Salt Lake, troop movement by rail during the two World Wars, inauguration of streamliners and the railroad's speedy "Overnights" in freight service.

In paying tribute to the railroad's employes, the magazine states: "Progressiveness and the ability to get things done are inherent traits of the SP railroader, handed down from the pioneer Central Pacific builders."

Indicating the railroad's growth in 50 years, the magazine points out that in 1900 the company had 7,964 miles of track as compared with 12,454 miles today.

### County PTA Council Guest Brooks School

Hubbard — Mrs. Ben Miller, local P.T.A. president, attended the county council meeting of the Parent Teacher's association at the Brooks school. She was accompanied by Mrs. Roy Barstad, Mrs. F. Dominick and Mrs. Charles Vredenburg. Mrs. Ralph Sipprell president, conducted the meeting. The nominating committee was named, including Mr. Tyler of Woodburn, Mrs. Ben Netter of Aurora and Mrs. Benson of Salem.

Mrs. C. A. Fratzke of Independence, vice president of region 9, pre-viewed the state convention, April 24 to 26, in Portland, with meeting in the Shrine auditorium and banquets, etc., in the Cosmopolitan club. Theme will be "Freedom to Grow." Reports of special projects were made by various organizations. Refreshments were served.



Held—Roy W. Dimock, 50, suspended custodian clerk, was booked in San Francisco March 11 en route to the U. S. marshal on a charge of theft from a jewel shipment valued by its owner, Mrs. Theresa Heyman, 79, a former refugee from Nazi Germany, at \$100,000. He denied having stolen the gems. (AP Wirephoto)

### Doc Snicks Out Bing's Vexatious Appendix

Hollywood, March 14 (U.P.)—Bing Crosby had his appendix removed today and was reported to be "getting along fine" after the operation.

The crooner got as far as the hospital last week and then changed his mind. His brother, Larry, said it had been "bothering him for some time."

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### Silverton Justice Court Gets Cases

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David E. Irving and B. L. Morgan each paid \$10 fine and costs on charges of no operator's license. Joseph Kropeka paid \$2.50 and costs on "no mud flaps" charge.

Louis R. Harvey and Ronald J. Meyer arrested on assault and battery charges, both entering not guilty pleas were released on their own recognizance pending trial the date of which has not been set.

Case of state of Oregon vs. Norma Krebs on a charge of failing to send a truant child to school, has been set for 10 a.m. March 21.

William Ingram, failing to pay fine and court costs and make restitution after having been

founded guilty of larceny, was committed to jail. He was fined \$50 and given 30 days jail sentence.

### Street Lights Shown Sheridan Councilmen

Sheridan — City councilmen and their wives were guests of the Portland General Electric Co. at a dinner at the Dahl House, Oswego, and at a street lighting demonstration following the dinner, in Portland. The company displayed modern street lighting fixtures. Several other towns were also represented. Attending from Sheridan were Mayor and Mrs. Francis G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Pelzer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stuck, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Cole, Lester Haenny, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Holmes.

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