

Mrs. Sigrist, Active in Salem Library Founding, Tells of Life

By STEPHEN A. STONE

Caroline L. B. Sigrist of Portland, who told in yesterday's Capital Journal the story of the beginning of Salem Public Library, has been a student and a woman of books all her life. She has traveled considerably.

After reading her manuscript about the library, Cornelia Marvin Pierce asked her to furnish a sketch of her eventful career.

She holds degrees in medicine and in law and is a graduate librarian. Wherever she has lived, she has given of her time and energy and money to the community good. She cared for a family of three adopted children, and when in Salem did the family laundry herself so she could give more money to the young public library.

Mrs. Sigrist's family name was Bristol. She was born in West Sand Lake, Reno county, New York, on a September 21 in the decade of the '60s.

She was graduated from Albany State Normal school, then entered Cornell university at Ithaca with the class of 1888. She graduated a year ahead of the class in 1887 with a Ph.D. degree and with honors for general excellence. She was awarded a scholarship in Cornell on an examination given by the county school commissioner.

She wanted a medical career, so entered Woman's Medical college in Philadelphia in 1887 on a scholarship of \$200 a year for three years, and was graduated as an M.D. in 1890. She was the only one to graduate from the college in three years because of a typhoid epidemic from which four of her class suffered. Miss Bristol was ill seven weeks at her home where she was nursed by a sister.

Upon recovery, she entered as an interne the Women's and Children's hospital at Roxbury, Mass., just out of Boston. She took the state civil service examination for doctors and was appointed woman's assistant physician at St. Lawrence State hospital at Ogdensburg, N.Y. After two and a half years there she was transferred to Willard State hospital at Seneca Lake.



Supercarrier 'Scuttled for Good' Says Louis Johnson

Washington, March 15 (AP)—Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, who scuttled the navy's proposed supercarrier last April, said today that as far as he is concerned the big ship was scuttled for good.

"The considerations which supported my original decision are still controlling, and I can see no prospect of being able to recommend its construction in the immediate future," he said.

The defense secretary reaffirmed his verdict against the proposed 65,000-ton flush deck carrier in a letter to congress. In it, he expressed opposition to a bill to name the big ship, "when and if" it is built, the James V. Forrestal in honor of his late predecessor.

Johnson pointed out that with one exception—the Franklin D. Roosevelt—carriers never have been named for persons. Ordinarily, he said, personal names are used only on destroyers and transports.

Aside from that, he said, establishment of a proper memorial to the late defense secretary is under study by the James Forrestal memorial committee. He suggested that action on any memorial await the committee's decisions.

Johnson reiterated his own high opinion of Forrestal. He was an outstanding patriot, citizen and government servant whose "fine work" should be recognized in every appropriate fashion, Johnson wrote.

But he said he was "particularly anxious that my views on the question of a supercarrier and on a memorial to Mr. Forrestal not be linked together."

Johnson said that although the bill does not specifically authorize construction of a supercarrier, it "implies" that at some point one will be built. He said his views on this are well known and that they haven't changed.

Diamond Shoals, off the coast of North Carolina, is called the "graveyard of the Atlantic" by sailors.

Manila and back to San Francisco. Mrs. Sigrist now spends her time quietly at her Portland home, "reading books from the public library and listening to the radio."

Coalition Aim of Finn Leader

Helsinki, Finland, March 15 (AP)—President Juho Paasikivi asked agrarian leader Urho Kekkonen, speaker of the Finnish parliament, today to become premier at the head of a new coalition cabinet containing communists.

The move to include communists—out of the government since July, 1948—in a national unity cabinet was viewed as a move to answer recent Russian charges that Finland was pursuing an anti-Soviet policy and lining up with the west.

Paasikivi immediately began conferences with leaders of various political parties to see if he could get agreement for a broad coalition government.

Formation of a broad coalition hinged on agreement by the social democrats of Karl-August Fagerholm, who followed Finling after Paasikivi was installed as president for a second term on March 1. Some social democrats were talking of staying

outside the coalition and acting as the principal opposition party in parliament.

If the social democrats refused to join a coalition government, political observers thought that Kekkonen also would exclude the communists and try to form a cabinet containing only moderate parties.

Both Paasikivi and Fagerholm had been under bitter fire from the Soviet press. Russia also sent diplomatic notes accusing Finland of harboring Soviet war criminals. The notes were viewed by political observers here as being timed to bring pressure in support of the Finnish communist party during the recent election campaign.

When Paasikivi was sworn in to office after his re-election he announced he would work unswervingly for good and trustful relations between Finland and the neighboring Soviet union.

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