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Some Friction Stirs Officers

Suggests Governor Call Conference to Iron Out Differences

By JAMES D. OLSON

Appointment of a conference committee representing city, county and state law enforceagencies, together with district attorneys, for the purpose of working out better working of working out better working relations between such agencies, was proposed Thursday by At-torney General Robert Y. Thornton, in a letter to Governor Paul L. Patterson

Under Thornton's proposal Governor Patterson would ap-point the committee. Thornton claims some friction

exists between Oregon law enforcement officers. Some Relations Strained

The attorney general, who has been visiting and conferring with law enforcement officers in various parts of the state during the last few weeks, told the gover-nor in the letter that in discussing law enforcement with district attorneys and law enforcement officials, he had found "working relations between city police county sheriffs and state police (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

St. Paul Land **Baron Passes**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (# - Watson Davidson, 83, St. Paul real estate man who had built a fortune through his purchase of Western farm lands in the United States and Canada during the past 60 years, died Wednesday after an illness of 24 hours. He owned extensive business properties here. Surviving are three sons and a

Surviving are three sons and a daughter, all of St. Paul. Services will be here Friday afternoon.

Davidson, through the Oregon and Western Colonization Co., at one time owned 800,000 acres of Oregon land. This was property granted for construction of a wagon road from Linn County, through the Santiam Pass to the Eastern Oregon border.

By Coos Slide

(By The Associated Press)

Slides resulting from heavy claimed one life at a remote County logging operation late Vinesday.

The storm blocked major the ways, the Southern Pacific Press Oregon border.

There was considerable question whether the road ever was built and at least two bills were introduced in Congress to take the land back-much as the Oregon & California Revested Lands were taken hack from the Southern Pacific. However the U. S. Supreme Court held that the road had been built and the land should not be re-

Pearl Meets Power Group

TACOMA (#) — Dr. William A. gPearl, new Bonneville power administrator, was in Tacoma Thursday to meet for the first time with the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee and Mercy Killing review the region's power supply

With Dr. Pearl was William Dougherty, assistant information director for the Department of In-terior. Also attending the meet-ing were members of the Wash-ington State Power Commission.

In addition to reviewing power problems, the group was to deter-mine how to present the regional case for the earliest possible solution to power problems before congressional committees, according to C. A. Erdahl, committee

Hells Canyon **Cost Defended**

WASHINGTON IN-A Reclama mation Bureau engineer defended Thursday his estimate of the cost of moving Union Pacific Railroad tracks in Idaho that would be flooded by proposed Hells Canyon

Oregon side of the Snake River, of W. L.

examination at a Power Commission hearing on the proposal by sion hearing on the proposal by event.

Idah. Power Co. to build three dams in the Hells Canyon area. for the event and a committee where a federal project also has chairman for Salem's first Derby.

Weather Details

Rains Sending Valley Streams Thornton Says To High Levels

No Floods Likely: Mild Temperatures Follow, Melts Snow

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER Mild temperatures, more rain and high water were the features for the valley weather situation, Thursday morning.

Although only a few places look for some flooding in lowlands, there is still a threat of higher river levels in the valley should more heavy rain come. The immediate outlook for Salem and vicinity is for intermittent rain and mild tem-peratures tonight and Friday.

It is any definite turn toward rain in the high mountains, how-ever, that is cause for flood worry

to 13.8 feet Thursday morning, the forecast is for a mark of 18 feet by 7 p.m. Friday. Flood stage here is 20 feet

Santiam at Flood Stage
The Santiam at Jefferson was roaring along at 3.3 feet above flood stage Thursday morning, registering 16.3 feet, and was due to hit 17.5 crest Thursday afternoon. At that mark there is considerable washing in the lowlands and pas-tures adjacent to the river.

Only other flood area listed was for Harrisburg on the Willamette, the river due to hit 13 feet there tonight, one foot above flood stage. All other Willamette stations were below flood levels.

Another inch of rain was dumped on Salem in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, making a total of 2.40 inches since 10:30 a m. Tuesday.

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One Life Lost

Slides resulting from heavy rain claimed one life at a remote Coos County logging operation late Wed-

The storm blocked major highways, the Southern Pacific Rail-road's Siskiyou line, closed lumber operations and many schools But rain and snow let up during the night and conditions over the were generally improved

Thursday morning. Wesley Doley, 56, a logging com-pany employe, died when a slide carried the tractor he was operating into the Coquille River. He and Siskiyou National Forest employes were trying to clear a slide from a logging road. Another slide came

down, hitting the tractor.

The first slide carried a Forest Service worker, Ferris Ford of Grants Pass, and his truck into the Coquille but Ford escaped to safety.

WASHINGTON (# - The Federal Reserve Board reported Thursday

nesday he shot and killed his adopted daughter rather than have her sent to a mental institution. Chester Stanley Purdy, 77, member of a pioneer Roseville family, surrendered to Sheriff Stanley Ward shortly after 24-year-old Nadine Purdy was shot in the back of the head with a 410 gauge shotgun.

duction, the board said, the year as a whole broke by 8 per cent the 1952 postwar record and exceeded any World War II year.

The production figure for the year as a whole was 134 per cent of the 1947-49 base period. The 1952

at Roseville five years ago after from November and down 7 per operating a cattle ranch for years cent from the year's peaks in May near Klamath Falls, Ore.

Bamboo Curtain PANMUNJOM, A - Twenty one singing, chanting Americans and 1 Briton who renounced their homelands to stay with the Com-munists Thursday rolled north-ward toward a life behind the

21 Gls Behind

Anc in Tokyo, the U.N. Com-mand said officially that at least 9 of the 21 were accused as stool pigeons who betrayed fellow POWs to the Communists.

The former Allied soldiers, along with 325 South Koreans, carried Red "peace dove" banners as they marched from their barbed wire compound in Korea's bleak neutral

They sang, cheered and shouted charges of imperialism and germ warfare at the Western world as they boarded big green trucks for the trip north.

It was 15 minutes past noor when the truck convoy rumbled past the final, inexorable northern boundary of the demilitarized zone. Five Allied newsmen saw them

that 1953 ended with a production dip but there are "favorable factors for business prospects."

The board's January bulletin guards, and these factors include tax reductions, high income, readily available credit and the adjustments businessmen have already

1953 saw a steady decline in production, the board said, the year

gun.
"I'd rather see her dead than have her taken away," the rancher said.
Purdy retired to the family home

of the 1947-49 base period. The 1952 figure was 124.

However, the bulletin said production in December was 128 per cent of the base, down two points and July

Barnett New Director 1954 Soap Box Derby

(Barney) Barnett as di Green as treasurer. Oregon side of the Snake River, of W. L. (Barney) Barnell as digreen as treasurer.

That it wasn't necessary to view rector of the Derby and the another from the Idaho side for purposes of his estimate.

He was testifying under cross-examination at a Power Commissexamination at a Power Commission of the Derby Inc., for the local content of the Power Commission of

dams in the Hells Canyon area, where a federal project also has been proposed.

R. P. Parry, Idaho Power attorney, attacked Koessner's estimate that reservoir costs in connection with either the federal project or the three-dam plan would total about 35 million dollars.

for the event and a committee chairmanships were discussed at the meeting with some tentative appointments made but Director Barnett said final decisions would wait until the next meeting of the group in-sabout three weeks.

A feature of the meeting was the showing of a color film of t

A departure from previous years as a sistant directors to supervise committee chairmen. Named as as mittee chairmen Named as assistants were W. H. (Bill) Page
and Lee Stewart Both men have
worked on the Derby as committee members or chairmen for both (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

Ed Koessner, of the bureau's Salem's 1954 Soap Box Derby years of the Derby here. Also office, testified he because the tracks from the Wednesday night with the naming ald Stupka as secretary and Lester

gust 15, it was announced.

Some of the twenty-one singing Americans and 1 Briton who renounced their homelands to stay with the Communists are shown on a truck as it pulled out of the neutral zone today headed for Northern Korca. All of the Americans, who now face life behind the bamboo curtain have been given dis-honorable discharges by the U.S. defense department. (AP Wirephoto)

9 Pro-Red POW Held Chinese Stool Pigeons

their backs on their homeland acted as stool pigeons for Chinese guards in North Korean prison camps, the U.N. Command offi-

Rape-Slayers Hanged, Guam

GUAM In — Two Air Force enlisted men, calmly declaring their innocence, were hanged Thursday for the vicious rape-slaying of 27-year-old Reth Farnsworth five years ago in a Guam jungle. years ago in a Guam jungle. The two—Pvt. Herman T. Den-

nis, 25, of Indianapolis, and Sgt. Robert W. Burns, 36, of Spokane. Wash.—went to their deaths on the

Most Optimistic

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near death in dense jungle Dec. were aboard the bus. Although the last five months of 11, 1948, only two months before 1953 saw a steady decline in pro- she was to leave for the United States to be married.

AMA Opposes Health Subsidy

WASHINGTON (# — The American Medical Assn. (AMA) protested Thursday that "a distorted picture" of the nation's health needs has been drawn in an effort to influence public support for a gov-ernment-controlled medical care

ness, an AMA spokesman urged on administration leader cautioned continued reliance on voluntary that any lost revenue might have health insurance for those who can to be made up by new or increased afford it and direct help from local taxee elsewhere and state governments for the indigent.

Government health "subsidy" is excise or sales taxes now are so not desirable, he continued, and high there is no doubt they imthe problems of the chronically ill pose extreme hardships and are and the poor can be solved without doing much to stifle certain segchanging the "existing mechanism" of free enterprise. "Of course, in view of the fiscal

outlined in testimony prepared for study of excises we would also the House Commerce Committee have to give attention to additional by Dr. Walter B. Martin of Nor-revenues as necessary to offset Committee organization and folk, Va., president-elect of AMA losses, chairmanships were discussed at and a member of its board of Hall-

Four expected to be punished if they returned and were afraid to come back. Five were sent to China during their captivity for further school-Seven were either selected for

12 Kiddies Hurt

BUCKLEY, Wash. (A)-At least anything by executing me."

BurkLEY, Wash. (P)—At least 12 children suffered minor bruises and shock Thursday morning "You are just complying with an order." he told Air Ferce in which they were riding was guards. "You haven't solved the an order," he told Air Force in which they were riding was guards. "You haven't solved the crime."

Miss Farnsworth, a former WAC from San Francisco, was a Navy civilian employe at a curio shop, said approximately 50 children, sho was found badly beaten and near death in dense imple Dec.

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Methodology of the Crack for Neck, Va., soldier than has been made public.

Lt. Col. E. W. Hendrick, appointed attorney for the 23-years of Agriculture Benson said Thurschape include "one specification day it is "high time that thinking very much allied to treason" and

were aboard the bus.

A following bus and several automobiles from the school took the wrecked bus' passengers to the school, where a nurse and doctor began an immediate check to determine the extent of in-juries.

Americans take stock and heed the warning' of President Eisenbower that present farm programs are no in the best interest of agriculture and the nation.

Addressing a farm conference being held by the U.S. Chamber of the compares the COR form other than the same of the compares the COR form other than the same of the compares the COR form other than the same of the compares the COR form other than the same of the compares the COR form other than the same of the compares the core of the core

juries.
Olene identified the bus driver as Walter Gray of Buckley, who also suffered minor injuries.

Drive on to Cut **Excise Taxes**

floor leader, told newsmen many

n" of free enterprise.

"Of course, in view of the fiscal situation of the government, in any

Halleck declined to discuss pos-sible new sources of revenue

Mothers March Tonight

Tonight at seven families willing to make donations to the March of Dimes are asked to turn on their lights and they will be called upon by the Marching Mothers, a large group who have enlisted in the current campaign. Mothers will drive through the residence sections blowing their car horns to alert the people in advance of their house to house calls. They will be assisted by Salem city police

cars.

Mrs. Robert White is chairman and Mrs. William Crothers co-chairman of the Marching Mothers. The effort is county-

ike Sees Speedy Recovery From Brief Business Dip Pledges Use of

Molotov Calls On Disarming

Minister V. M. Moloto proposed to the Big Four Thursday the calling of a world conference this year general reduction of arma-

Western colleagues a resolution

"The governments of the USA "The governments of the USA, United Kingdom, France and the USSR guided by a desire to strengthen peace and reduce tension in international relations, consider it necessary to take measures to relieve the heavy burden of military expenditure borne by the people in connection with the armanuer, race, here agreed that armament race, have agreed that the Soviet Union, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France would take measures within the framework of the Unit-ed Nations to convene in 1954 a world conference on general reduc tion of armaments with the parti-cipation of both the members of the United Nations and the non

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Springfield **Paper Bought**

or promised more schooling in Red China.

Five were considered weak and not sincere in their Communist beliefs.

Five will take over on March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxey will retain ownership of the commercial print-ing business of the News, and their interest in the News building. He also has other business properties in Springfield.

Maxey purchased the News after serving three years as city editor of the Eugene Guard. Prior to that he had served newspapers in Wash-ington, including those at Ellens-burg, Olympia, and in the Yakima Valley. He is a graduate of the University of Washington school of

Heed Warning

of Commerce, the GOP farm chief appealed for public support for a new agricultural program outlined to Congress by the President ear-lier this month. It features contro-versial flexible price supports in contrast to the present program of rigid supports for major crops.

on an over-all, year after year basis. At the same time it proernment-controlled medical care
program.

WASHINGTON A A drive to basis. At the same time it provided for easing the strain on the cushion the economic shocks of illness. an AMA spokeman urged an administration leader cautioned.

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Senate Orders Second Probe For Conference Coffee Prices

WASHINGTON IN — A second investigation of the high cost of coffee was ordered Thursday, this one by the Senate Banking Committee

he would appoint a five-man sub-committee to carry out an inves-tigation proposed by Sen. Beal (R-The Federal Trade Commission,

whether speculative or monopoliswith President Eisenhower's blessing, announced Wednesday it
would probe into the price situation, with particular reference to
whether speculative or monopolisworks even at the cost of new
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whether specimitive or monopolistic practices might be involved.
Coffee industry spokesmen said they welcomed an inquiry.
The price has now gone past \$1 a pound at retail, and to 15 cents

Anti-Picketing Law Held Void

GRANTS PASS ON - Circuit Judge O. J. Millard Thursday de-clared Oregon's anti-picketing law unconstitutional.

In a 40-page opinion, he said that section 17 of the law—the section restricting picketing—"is clearly unconstitutional."

The judge took note, though, that

hs is not the final word:
"We are cognizant of the fact that SPRINGFIELD, Orc. A Negotiations for the sale of the Springfield News to three former resolved."

"We are cognizant of the fact that this is a test case as announced by both counsels and no doubt will be appealed to the State Supreme Court where the question can be resolved."

Springised News to three former Coos Bay newspapermen have been qompleted by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxey, publishers of the weekly paper for 30 years.

Harrison P. Hornish, former executive editor of the Coos Bay Times; John W. Nelson, one-time advertising manager of the Times, now an insurance man, and Frank F. Wiggin, former Times composing room foreman, now a salest representative for Mergenthaler Linotype Co., are the purchasers. They will take over on March 28.

Treason Charge To Dickenson

WASHINGTON (UP)-Cpl. Edward S. Dickensen's attorney dis-closed today the Army's court martial proceedings against the former POW include a charge "allied to treason" and two "al-leged offenses" against fellow prisoners.

The disclosure followed President Sisenhower's news conference remark yesterday that he believes there is more to the court supports of "basic martial charges against the Crack per cent of parity."

two specifications of alleged of AMENUMENT fenses against fellow prisoners

The Dalles Dam to Have a View Point

"The President's program." the secretary said, "chartered a day they invited bids for construction of a safety zone and viewpoint ment" will overlooking the river at The Dalles.

All-Out Investigation

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Federal Trade Commission said today there will be no "dragging of everyone, once and for all, that heels" in its investigation of soarthe coffee producing countries are Disabled Freighter

Of Coffee Prices On

A top ranking official told a re-porter the commission's investiga-tors intend to go "all out" to get

2. Government statistics showed tug

long the full scale investigation from 86 to 91 cents, will take. He said that depends 3. Sen. J. Glenn on what we find," during the course of the inquiry. He also de-clined to discuss what facts already have been unearthed.

there were a flurry

A Depression Eisenhower today termed the na-tion "marvelously prosperous," tion "marvelously prosperous," predicted recovery this year from government's vast powers to com hat a depression if one should develop.

Power to Halt

works even at the cost of new deficit financing. And he gave forceful notice, in

his economic report to Congress that it should take "bold steps" requested in his 1954 legislative

program to "protect and promote economic stability."

The program, he said, includes the protection of millions more workers under unemployment and olc-age insurance, and bigger benefit nayments, federal aid, for mub. fit payments; federal aid for pub-lic works planning; stimulants to housing; tax revision; highway improvement; a new farm pro-gram; and a tariff program to encourage foreign trade.

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All this is "immediately advisable action," Eisenhower said,
adding that if he finds more power

promptly.

Price Support Rapped by Ike

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower said today high gov-ernment price supports are a maj-or cause, rather than a cure, of the present economic plight of

In his economic report to Cor gress, he denounced "high and rigid" price supports in the strong-est terms he has yet used, and appealed for approval of the ad-ministration's new farm program

under which price supports would be flexible, ranging from 75 to 90 per cent of parity. Mr. Eisenhower said farm prices have "shown signs of stabilizing" in recent months after two years of decline. He predicted they will "hold near to their current levels during 1954" unless there is an unexpected drop in demand.

Prices Too High
But he warned that agriculture,
"which is beset with more problems than any other major part of our economy," will never achieve lasting prosperity under present federal farm laws requiring price supports of "basic" crops at 90

fenses against fellow prisoners."
He did not elaborate on the charges or say what defense will be made against them.

WASHINGTON & — Sen. Brick-er (R. Ohio), ticking off the objections President Eisenhower has raised to his proposed constitutional amendment on treaty-making, tabbed one after another as "un-true" and "100 per cent wrong" in a Senate speech Thursday. "Although the President's mo-

tives are, as always, sincere, PORTLAND (UP) - The Dalles advisers have sold him a had bill dam on the Columbia river is to of goods," Bricker said. Bricker told his colleagues he Army engineers announced to had hoped for a time to reach a "mutually satisfactory ag ment" with the White House.

> Discussions now have en Bricker declared, and it is likely that the discussions will re-

Despite the President's objections. Bricker predicted: "A con-stitutional amendment to protect the American people against abuses of the treaty-making power

SEATTLE OF - The Coast Guard reported Thursday that the tug Salvage Chief from Astoria tors intend to go "all out" to get 2. Government statistics answers the facts behind the price spiral that although the price of important that although the pr

Time ship, flying the Honduran flag called for aid last week hesaid he is going to press for a cause of a low fuel supply. The Salvage Chief took over Wednestigation in spite of the FTC inquiry Sen. George D. Alken, (R.VI.) said his Senate Agriculture
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of other developments on the cof-fee front: Committee plans early considers- rive in the Columbia River Feb. fee front: The Aristotelis was on 1 trip i. Colombian Ambassador Dr. market under federal control. from Japan to Vancouver, B.C.