

Intermediate Boy Institution Opinion Due

Emergency Board to Determine if Suit Is To Be Instituted

By JAMES D. OLSON
Members of the state emergency board will consider the possibility of requesting to seek a declaratory judgment opinion from the state supreme court on the legality of using funds appropriated for construction of an intermediate institution in Marion county for purchase of necessary land on which to place the new institution.

Haley to Report
The board, meeting next Thursday, will receive an opinion from Sam Haley, legislative counsel, on the subject.

Haley was requested by the board to determine if, first there is any precedent for purchase of land with funds included in a building appropriation, and if so, what state agency or official should file the suit, and finally if there is any authority under which the emergency board to bring the suit.

The 1953 legislature appropriated \$1,250,000 for construction of an intermediate institution, to be located in Marion county, and to which older boys at MacLaren school and young prisoners at the penitentiary, could be committed.

No Procedure Outlined
However, the legislature, in this connection, did not spell out any procedure for either committing or releasing inmates of the new institution.

In order to have proper recommendations on hand for consideration by the 1955 legislature, the board of control, acting on a suggestion made by Governor Paul L. Patterson, are in the process of appointing a committee to work out a set of operational regulations for the intermediate institution.

This committee, which will probably be announced the board said Tuesday, will include Prison Warden Clarence Gladden, James Lamb, superintendent of MacLaren school for boys, representatives of state association of District Attorneys, Circuit Judges, County Judges, and two members representing the public.

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Report Says Grant Store To Open Here

Large Variety Chain Expected in Salem In Few Months

By STEPHEN A. STONE
From sources considered reliable it is reported that W. T. Grant company, operator of the third largest chain of variety stores in the United States, will open a store in Salem this year or early in 1955. The location has not been made known.

Other new units to be started in the Northwest in the next year or so, it is said, will be two stores in Spokane and one in Yakima.

The W. T. Grant Company operates stores in 39 states, and opened its 500th unit in September, 1953. The largest number are in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Among stores to be opened this year is a 100,000-square foot unit in Philadelphia.

Sales by the Grant stores in 1953 are estimated to have totaled \$300,000,000, and the company expects to duplicate that figure this year.

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CHURCH WRECKED IN QUAKE

Front of this old stone church in Petlancingo in southern Mexico was wrecked by quake which shook area Friday morning. Priest, only person in church at time, was slightly injured. Trembler left 5,000 families homeless but apparently caused no deaths. Four villages were reported virtually destroyed. (AP Wirephoto)

5000 Families Quake Victims

MEXICO CITY—Fears of a heavy death toll in the earthquake-shattered region of Chiapas state in southern Mexico, diminished today as new reports trickled in from the remote mountain region. But 5,000 families were believed homeless following the severe shock Friday.

The quake centered in a 50-mile-wide coffee producing area 60 miles west of the Guatemalan border. Four towns were reported devastated.

Chiapas state Gov. Efrain Aranda Osorio said yesterday telephone reports from four mayors in the hardest-hit region did not list any fatalities.

Officials said the light construction of village houses probably accounted for the lack of heavy casualties although damage was estimated at 20 million pesos (23 million dollars).

Jimmy Goes To See Mother

LOS ANGELES (UP)—James Roosevelt flies East tonight, possibly to see his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, as behind the scenes attempts were underway to settle out of court his bitter separate maintenance battle with his estranged wife.

The eldest son of the late President was not available for comment on his scheduled two-day trip, but his brother, Elliott, said "it is entirely possible Jimmy will see mother—after all, that's where she lives." Elliott said he did not know whether James would meet with brother Franklin, Jr., a New York congressman.

Mrs. Roosevelt, according to reports from New York yesterday, was on a speaking engagement out of the city but her son is not scheduled to arrive at New York's Idlewild airport until tomorrow morning via Trans-World Airlines.

Roosevelt, charged with wholesale adultery in a suit filed by his wife, Romeike, cancelled a speaking engagement tonight and said publicly only that he was "called East."

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300 Fired as Security Risks

WASHINGTON, UP—Scott McLeod, top State Department security officer, said today that 300 "security risks" resigned or were fired from the department last year.

The former FBI agent, a controversial figure in the administration, also said that much of the criticism aimed at him was caused by the "generous endorsement that my friend Joe McCarthy gave me right after my appointment."

"As you know, there is an almost pathological hatred of Senator McCarthy in some quarters," McLeod said in a copyright interview with U.S. News & World Report, a weekly magazine.

He said McCarthy (R., Wis.) had "absolutely nothing" to do with his appointment, which he said was made on the recommendation of Undersecretary of State Donald B. Lourie.

Sizzling Heat In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Southern California's winter heat wave continued riding desert winds today and threatened to equal yesterday's sizzling 88 degrees, the highest of the eight day hot spell.

The mercury in Los Angeles soared to its record high for Feb. 7 at 1:25 p.m., after rising from a minimum of 55 degrees, recorded at 7:05 a.m.

Culver City recorded 92 degrees, making it the hottest spot in the nation.

Coastal cities from Santa Barbara to San Diego reported that temperatures in the high 80s attracted thousands to the beaches and hundreds into the surf. County lifeguards made 25 rescues at Hermosa, Redondo and Manhattan beaches.

Locate Diesel In Deschutes

MAUPIN, Ore. (UP)—Railway officials think they have located a huge diesel locomotive unit which plunged into the Deschutes River last week after crashing into a landslide.

The bodies of two men, engineer Ernest Barton of Portland, and fireman Earl Sutton of Wishram, Wash., are believed imprisoned in the 125-ton engine.

Divers have not been able to enter the river because of its swift current. On Saturday an electronic device that indicates the presence of metal was swung out on a boom over the river. It registered at a point about 200 feet downstream from the scene of the crash.

Workers, using probing bars, were swung out over the area and they reported they had found scrapings of paint similar to that used on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle engine.

A freight car, loaded with canned goods, is believed to be about 300 feet downstream from the diesel.

SP&S officials reported Sunday they probably will have to build a coffer dam to get the engine out of the river.

U.S. Gamblers Tax No Bar to Local Penalty

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Supreme Court split 5-4 Monday in upholding the bookmaking conviction of a Californian who claimed his purchase of a \$50 federal gambling tax stamp barred city police from prosecuting him.

Rescue Crew on Grounded Ship

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UP)—The Panamanian freighter Harry Lundberg ran aground off Lower California early today, forcing its crew to abandon ship.

The Coast Guard reported that the S. S. Flavia of the Grace Line picked up all men from the stricken ship shortly after they took to life boats. The vessel was reported "a total loss."

The Flavia and several small Mexican fishing boats approached the scene within an hour after the Lundberg sent out a wireless that it was "taking water."

The Flavia was within five miles of the Lundberg when it went aground on shoals located in the Cape of San Lucas. Number of men aboard was not immediately known.

Coast Guard spokesmen here said the Flavia and several small Mexican fishing vessels were standing by until the Coast Guard cutter Perseus, en route north from Acapulco, Mexico, arrived on the scene.

Idle Ships for Grain Storage

ASTORIA, (UP)—Capt. E. E. Thorne, superintendent of the reserve fleet at Cathlamet Bay here, said today he had been notified by the Maritime Commission at Washington that ships here and at Olympia, Wash., had been approved for storage of surplus grain from Pacific Northwest wheat fields.

Capt. Thorne said approval also had been given for dredging a mooring basin to accommodate the ships.

Some 100 ships in the Astoria reserve fleet and 35 at Olympia will be used for storing the grain, according to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce which said it got the figures from the U. S. department of agriculture. Each ship would store about 400,000 bushels of grain.

Convicted Pastor Not a Methodist

PORTLAND (UP)—Church officials pointed out Monday that the Rev. Edwin L. Beem, who was convicted here of statutory rape, was a pastor in the Christian Church, instead of the Methodist Church, as erroneously reported by the Associated Press Feb. 4.

Formerly at the Corbett, Ore. church, he was sentenced last week to three years in prison. The case involved a 15-year-old girl of his congregation.

Austria invited by Big 4 To Peace Treaty Parley

Indict Onassis For Fraud Deals In Surplus Ships

WASHINGTON (UP)—Joseph E. Casey, former member of Congress, and Aristoteles S. Onassis, Greek-Argentine shipping magnate, are accused of conspiring to defraud the U.S. government in multi-million dollar surplus ship deals in an indictment opened in U.S. District Court Monday.

A grand jury returned the indictment last Oct. 13 but it was kept sealed until Onassis was within the jurisdiction of the court.

Fabulously wealthy and a world power in shipping, Onassis is a native of Greece but lives in Argentina and is a citizen of that country.

Headquarters of his shipping interests are at Monte Carlo. Three years ago he bought the casino there for business offices.

Promises to Surrender
Onassis came to the United States last week. Apparently he came knowing he would be confronted with the indictment. It was learned that soon after his arrival his attorneys telephoned the Justice Department and said they understood he was wanted.

Informed that was true, the attorneys said Onassis would surrender in court at any date appointed.

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Dean Remains Korean Peace Special Envoy

WASHINGTON (UP)—The State Department said Monday "there is no basis in fact" for published reports that Arthur H. Dean will be replaced as special ambassador for Korea peace talks.

A department spokesman read a written statement to a newsman when asked for comment on a dispatch by The New York Herald Tribune Monday saying that Dean is being replaced.

The statement said: "There is no basis in fact for the report that Ambassador Arthur H. Dean is being withdrawn from his assignment."

"Ambassador Dean is prepared to return to Panmunjom for a resumption of the negotiations toward a peace conference provided that the conditions which he has laid down for the resumption of the conversations are met by the Communists."

"The department holds the highest regard for the exceptional ability Mr. Dean demonstrated during the negotiations at Panmunjom."

Figl Plans to Come to Berlin From Vienna

BERLIN (UP)—The Big Four foreign ministers decided Monday in secret session to invite Austria for the opening of the Austrian independence treaty discussions this Friday at the latest.

The decision was announced after a four-hour session of the ministers and their closest associates behind the locked doors of the Allied control authority building in the American sector.

The foreign ministers also discussed point 1 of the order of the day, under which Russia had proposed a five-power conference including Red China and a general world disarmament conference.

While it was not specifically mentioned in the communique issued after the meeting, a spokesman for the ministers said France's Georges Bidault had been authorized to invite Austrian representatives to sit with the Big Four. The communique gave no indication of any decision taken, any part of point 1 nor was there any reference to point 2, covering discussion of the German question. Austria is point 3.

It was expected that the program calling for discussion of the German question Tuesday would go on as usual in the semi-public session.

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NAM Opposed T-H Proposals

WASHINGTON (UP)—The National Assn. of Manufacturers Monday opposed several of President Eisenhower's proposals for changing the Taft-Hartley law and asked a secret strike vote only when one of the parties specifically requests it.

George W. Armstrong Jr., chairman of the NAM's industrial relations committee, said in a statement prepared for the Senate Labor Committee: "We believe that such a ballot (secret strike vote) should result from a request made by either of the parties, that it should not be mandatory unless one of the parties does make such a request."

Eisenhower asked Congress to write into the Taft-Hartley law a new provision compelling unions to submit to a government-conducted secret strike poll whenever a labor dispute enters the strike stage. Failure of a majority of employees to vote for the strike would make it an unprotected activity.

Demo Ticket In California

FRESNO, Calif. (UP)—Richard Graves for governor, and U. S. Rep. Samuel W. Yorty for U. S. Senator lead the organization Democratic ticket in the 1954 state elections.

The slate was selected with an eye to "electability" at a weekend convention of the California Democratic Council, new campaign arm of the party. It marked the second time since 1909, when the direct primary law came in, that the Democrats have got together to make pre-primary endorsements. The endorsements are unofficial and in effect serve as recommendations to the electorate.

Graves, 47, of Lafayette, long time the executive director of the League of California Cities, weathered criticism as a "40-day Democrat" and Yorty, 44, a second term congressman from Los Angeles, overcame opposition that finally failed for lack of another candidate, to oppose Republican Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel.

A Republican for many years, Graves re-registered as a Democrat only last December.

Reds Seize All Hunting Guns

BERLIN (UP)—The East German Communists have ordered the confiscation of hunting weapons in fear of an uprising by rebellious workers, it was reported today.

Weapons possessed by hunters and even those of forestry officials are being seized, the anti-Communist "Free Jurists Investigating Committee" said. The committee gets its reports from refugees and other sources.

Advice from the Soviet Zone said that workers had started slow-down movements in factories in protest against Russian moves in the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference to keep them under the Communist yoke.

In addition to previous reports precautionary Soviet troop movements, it was reported today that Soviet tanks had been concentrated near Fuerstenwalde, 20 miles southeast of Berlin.

The slowdowns in factories were reported by the West Berlin "fighting Group Against Inhumanity," which said the leaders were the same men who led the anti-Communist uprising last June.

Reds Hit Near Laos Capital

LUANG PRABANG, Laos (UP)—Communist spearheads today struck within 15 miles of this beleaguered capital of Laos. Military dispatches said the fast moving Red columns had reached the Mekong River north of the city.

The Communist spearhead had slashed 21 miles through the rough jungle terrain since its position last was reported late yesterday.

The advance indicated that the important river junction stronghold of Pakse had been overrun or abandoned.

News of the rapid Red advance was received here as French Defense Minister Rene Pleven was flying to Indo-China from Paris in an attempt to save the deteriorating situation.

The French position in Laos became desperate after one arm of a three pronged Communist attack suddenly swept to Pakse, in a move apparently designed to outflank the right wing of the French defense arc.

Airforce Nominations Sent to the Senate

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower Monday sent a series of Air Force nominations to the Senate, including selection of Gen. Otto P. Weyland to be commander of the Tactical Air Command.

Eisenhower nominated Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge to be commander of the Far East Air Forces. He also recommended that Partridge be promoted to the rank of full general.

Partridge would succeed Weyland in that post. He has been serving as deputy to Weyland.

Weyland, as chief of the Tactical Air Command, would succeed Gen. John J. Cannon, who is retiring.

Mystery Veils Slayings Of Bodenheim and Wife

NEW YORK (UP)—Maxwell Bodenheim, sensational writer of the 1920's who in his later days sometimes had to beg to eat, was found slain Sunday with his third wife. Their bodies were sprawled in a dingy, furnished room on the fringe of the Bowery, not far from the Greenwich Village where he lived most of his bizarre life.

On a dresser was a sign saying, "I am blind." Neighbors said the 63-year-old Bodenheim sometimes wore it on the streets.

Police sent out a 13-state "pick-up" for Harold Weinberg, 25, described as a scar-faced "fast talker," for questioning in connection with the killings.

Police said they also were questioning persons in Greenwich Village who participated in "sadistic orgies" which Bodenheim attended.

Bodenheim's death had none of the beauty which he foresaw in a poem "kisses of death, like scented rain" coming to him as he strolled down life's road.

His body lay on the floor, a bullet in the chest. His brunette wife, the former Ruth Fagan, 35, lay nearby on a cheap cot, fatally stabbed.

Both Bodenheim's poetry and his convention-defying novels, brought him a spectacular, controversial career. By 1935, he was on the skids, and led a band of hungry writers into relief headquarters seeking money for food and lodging.

Lately, he had taken to making the round of Greenwich Village bars, peddling manuscripts of poems for 50 cents or a dollar.

Police said that Weinberg, the man sought for questioning, was one of the ne'er-do-wells with whom he spent his days.

Chief of Detectives Thomas A. Nielson said "this is definitely not a robbery murder" but did not disclose what other motive might be under investigation.

Red Suspects Found in Oslo

OSLO, Norway, (AP)—Norway's government says it has rounded up a group of spy suspects in the Oslo area. The newspaper Aftenposten reported today that 10 to 20 persons were picked up on suspicion of selling secrets to the Soviets.

The government in November arrested five farmers in the Arctic Finnmark province, near Norway's 130-mile border with the Soviet union, on espionage charges.

A communique last night said the security police for some time had suspected a "small group of persons in the Oslo area of illegal intelligence service for a foreign power."

The announcement said a number of arrests had been made and added: "As the investigations are expected to become very extensive and require some time, further information will not be given out."

Pull Jap Ship Out of Muck

ASTORIA (UP)—The Japanese freighter Showa Maru was pulled free Sunday night after getting stuck in the mud while loading logs at pier 2 of the Astoria Port Dock.

Port engineers Monday began taking soundings to determine the depth of the pier slip. They said silt apparently washed in from this winter's storm and reduced the depth.

The Japanese vessel was to have taken on 800,000 board feet of logs before heading home but after getting stuck the captain decided to load only 65,000 feet. The ship was being moved to another pier Monday.

Sunny Skies, Frosty Nights Continue

Salem and the valley enjoyed sunny skies again Monday, and the prospect is for more of the same through at least Tuesday.

Nights continue cold, however, the thermometer reading being at 26 for the Monday morning minimum, the Sunday minimum reading 25 degrees. Another low mark is due tonight but the forecast calls for fair weather through Tuesday.

So far, February has not registered a drop of rain in Salem and the normal precipitation total to this date is 1.43 inches.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 55; minimum today, 26. Total 24-hour precipitation 0.0 for month; normal, 1.43. Season precipitation, 25.41; normal, 25.52. River height, 7.7 feet; normal, 25.52. Weather Bureau.

Senate Opens Probe of High Cost of Coffee

WASHINGTON (UP)—A senate subcommittee opened formal hearings today on soaring coffee prices but Sen. J. Allen Frear, Jr., said American housewives are the real key to the problem.

"Housewives can do more than we can ever hope to accomplish if they will use more coffee substitutes and milk," the Delaware democrat declared. "The coffee people know it and it worries them."

Frear, a member of the special Banking Subcommittee handling the investigation, suggested that Americans eliminate coffee from at least one or two meals daily as the sure fire way to drive prices down.

Subcommittee Chairman J. Glenn Beall (R., Md.) called Gustavo Labo, Jr., president of the New York Coffee Exchange, as the lead off witness at today's hearings.

Benson Asserts Farm Plan OK'd

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Monday he believes a "big majority" of the Republican members of Congress and some Democrats favor the administration's new farm plan.

The GOP farm chief told a news conference he is confident the bulk of the plan will become law. It features controversial flexible price supports for major crops, to replace the present mandatory high level price props.

Benson said information reaching the department from farming areas indicates increasing support for the program President Eisenhower laid before Congress last month. He said the administration will give whatever help Congress may ask in drafting new farm legislation, but that it will not use "high pressure methods" on the lawmakers.

Shopping News Discontinued

PORTLAND (UP)—The Portland Shopping News, a free weekly newspaper established in 1924, will cease publication after its Feb. 25 issue.

In making this announcement, Walter L. Schade, general manager, said the suspension was the result of "high publishing costs and stiff competition from two fine city daily newspapers."

The Shopping News, with a circulation of more than 100,000, has 15 fulltime employees and about 400 carrier boys. It is printed at the Vancouver, Wash., Columbian plant.