

# BERGDOLL LIKENS OWN CASE TO THAT OF CAPT. DREYFUS

## Draft Dodger Says President Cleveland Also Evaded Military Duty — Puts Trust in President

WEINBERG, Germany, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the American war-time draft dodger, said today his conflict with the United States authorities is "another Dreyfus case."

He cited President Cleveland as an example of a great patriot who was also a draft evader and took sharp issue with Attorney General Cummings, who said his case was a matter for the adjutant general of the army.

Bergdoll said his offer of surrender in return for a civil trial, in which the court martial proceedings by which he was ordered to be struck out, was made to President Roosevelt as commander-in-chief of the United States army. He said he hoped Pres-

ident Roosevelt would handle his plea personally.

He knows the law. Bergdoll's statement follows: "I have just read of the statement made by Attorney-General Cummings relative to my case. In reply, I will say the attorney general's statement, 'only the adjutant general of the army can dismiss court martial proceedings,' is incorrect and misleading.

"Every American knows the president is the commander-in-chief of the United States army and, as such, can dismiss court martial findings any time he chooses. It follows therefore, that it is up to the president alone to grant or refuse my pardon on a military charge.

"Furthermore, my last offer was not addressed to the attorney-general, but to President Roosevelt as commander-in-chief of the army.

"I am not aware that the attorney-general, whom I have never asked for a pardon, is the official spokesman for the White House, and therefore I cannot accept Mr. Cummings' statement as a reply from President Roosevelt. Until I receive a decisive reply from the president, I shall deem it my prerogative to continue making offers of pardon pleas."

Would Surrender "If."

"I am open to Cummings' suggestion that I surrender to the federal court in Philadelphia. I will surrender immediately to the federal authorities, provided President Roosevelt orders the military to keep their hands off me until the United States supreme court can decide the validity of my claim that the military have absolutely no jurisdiction in my case. This is a fair enough offer to all parties involved.

"The whole question of my guilt or innocence then rests with the United States federal court and the president is relieved of deciding for or against my pardon. No one can expect me to make a more generous offer than this.

"It now rests alone with the president to accept this proposition, since he is the supreme head of the military. By trying my case in federal court, I will have the opportunity of proving my innocence from the beginning. The result is sure to be vindication. It will be a second Dreyfus case.

Authorities Can't Win.

"The authorities cannot hope to benefit by continuing with me in the role of martyr, no one ever held a grudge against President Grover Cleveland because he was a draft-evader during the civil war."

Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish officer in the French army was convicted in 1894 on forged papers of treason and sentenced to Devil's Island.

His conviction was reaffirmed in 1899 at a second court-martial, but the public and government were satisfied he was innocent and he was pardoned, restored to rank in 1906, and decorated.

He died July 12 at the age of 75 years.

The Republican party charged, when Grover Cleveland first ran for the presidency in 1894, that he had hired a substitute to take his place in the Union army, when he was drafted for service during the war between the states.

At that time, such a procedure was countenanced under the law.

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# Bourbon Leaders of County Meet

The Democratic central committee held a meeting last night and engaged in some preliminary gliding of lions for the 1936 campaign. There were 22 county precinct committeemen present headed by William Prebrenner of Ashland as county chairman. Plans for the coming battle were discussed, the "New Deal" uprising and places pointed out where their political fences need fixing.

Judge E. E. Kelly told a couple of stories and a general good time was had by all.

It was urged that the committeemen be firm in the faith and not permit their Democracy to curdle.

Regarding the report that even at this early date there were 12 tentative Republican candidates for sheriff next year, skepticism was expressed there were that many Republicans left in the county.

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# TRIO GET SPECIAL TRUCKING PERMIT

According to Marshall E. Nauman, field supervisor of the motor transport department of the secretary of state's office, only three special permits to haul pears have been granted in this district so far this year. This is in keeping with legislation passed during the last session of the state legislature ruling that seasonal hauls are to be made by regular PUC carriers at all times possible.

There have been several who have planned hauling fruit for neighbors, harvesting their entire crops. These are doomed to disappointment, Nauman stated, unless an emergency arises where the regular haulers are not able to handle the entire crop.

# FIRE SITUATION NOT EXCEPTIONAL

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# Portuguese Envoy Sees Crater Lake

Jopo A. Blasch, minister plenipotentiary of Portugal to the United States, was a visitor at Crater Lake today, accompanied by his wife. The Portuguese official is on a tour of western national parks from his home in Washington, D. C., and left Crater Lake after lunch to drive to Crescent City.

# Bonneville Work Takes More Men

BONNEVILLE, Ore., Aug. 21.—(AP)—About 200 more men will be added this week to construction work on the Bonneville power and navigation dam, officials of the Columbia Construction company said today.

The announcement followed arrival of a train load of construction equipment from Boulder dam. The Columbia Construction company, largest Bonneville dam contractor, is expected to have a payroll peak here of 2500.

# Blind School Worker Sent to Penitentiary

SALEM, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Chifford Creson, employe of the state blind school here, was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling here late yesterday.

Creson had pleaded guilty to a charge of auto theft, after renting a car from a local taxi company a week and a half ago and failing to return it. He turned up at the Spokane, Wash., police station saying he had lost his money.

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# AL SMITH SMITES RELIGIOUS POLICY MEXICO, GERMANY

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Delegates to the 53rd annual supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus went into the final sessions of their meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria today after hearing former Governor Alfred E. Smith denounce the religious policies of Mexico, Germany and the Soviet Union.

The principle speaker at a "Victory dinner" last night, the one-time candidate for president said of Mexico: "Almighty God is all-wise, all-just and all-merciful and I don't see why he does not strike dead the men there who are filling the minds of the children with their propaganda and poisoning their faith."

"In Germany," he said, "—well, a Jew isn't a man, although his people send the Redeemer into the world. A Catholic is not a man, either, although in his veins flows the blood of the king of kings. A man there is one who has the blood of barbarians in him."

"In Russia a man exists only to amass wealth for the state. His identity is lost as completely as a drop of water in a glass of wine.

"In Russia there is no great difference between an animal and a man."

# Bomber Officers Guests Thursday at Joint Banquet

Practice tests over Eugene near where they turned back, and other points on the way. The planes had been expected to reach Salem both yesterday morning and today, and it was reported here that crowds awaited arrival of the squadron on both occasions.

Dinner Visted

The second mission this morning, clearing the ground here at 9:15, proceeded to Dunsmuir for a simulated attack, then flew north over Kinnath Falls, Lake of the Woods and Crater lake. The squadron returned to Medford without visiting Grants Pass.

Officers of the squadron stated that the maneuvers are proceeding very satisfactorily under excellent weather conditions, the planes taking advantage of still air in the mornings for all practice flights. Maintenance work and blind flying tests are conducted during the remainder of each day.

Major Smith announced today that Lieut. Col. L. Tinker, group commander stationed at Hamilton field, San Rafael, Cal., is expected to arrive tomorrow for a general inspection of the practice base. City and county officials are arranging a reception committee.

City officials, heads of the Chamber of Commerce and business men were guests of the officers of the squadron at lunch this noon. Those present were Mayor George Porter, H. A. Thieroff, A. H. Banwell, Floyd Hart, W. H. Mulhead, E. K. Norris, Fred Schiefel, O. O. Alexander, Herb Grey, Fred Erickson, Fred Heath, Tom Culbertson, W. S. Bolger, Verne Shangle and W. H. Fluhrer.

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# MEDFORD COUPLE FRIENDS OF POST; REGRET PASSING

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith of Medford feel, perhaps more than anyone else in Medford, the loss to the country sustained by the tragic death of Wiley Post, who crashed to his death with Will Rogers in Alaska last week. While stationed at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, N. Y., where Mr. Smith was in charge of the Pangborn-Herdon plane which flew from Tokyo to Wenatchee, they lived in the same hotel with Post and became fast friends with the then comparatively little known flier.

In the months of anxious waiting for favorable weather that preceded the Post and Gatty takeoff for the flight around the world, many pleasant evenings were spent with Post the guest of the Smiths for little informal parties. Before leaving on the trail-blazing round-the-world dash, Post, anxious to do something for the Smiths in return for their friendship, asked if he might give Mrs. Smith a purse. This he did, an autographed one, after his return from the flight, and Mrs. Smith, who is the daughter of W. L. Greenleaf of the Old Stage road, still proudly carries the souvenir.

Post she describes as one of the most unassuming men that she has ever met. Great friends before he was catapulted into the public eye, he remained a great friend after, and frequently remarked that the old friends were his best friends.

An interesting sidelight on the friendship of the Smiths for the Post is the fact that before leaving on his historic flight he had no idea what he should take along for food, and it was the Smiths who selected and prepared this important item.

Mrs. Smith today offered a tribute to Post, which follows:

To the Editor:

We have lost one of our most competent and valuable airmen and furtherer of aviation in Wiley Post. Our personal friendship with Wiley Post is a very pleasant memory.

As a man Wiley Post was quiet, unassuming, and of a very kindly nature.

We knew him well on Roosevelt Field, where Jerry was mechanic in charge of the Pangborn-Herdon plane. The latter took off for their Tokyo-Wenatchee flight the day following Post and Gatty's takeoff for their globe-girdling flight — around the world in ten days. Both planes took off from the Roosevelt Field (June 23 and June 24, 1931).

Our personal friendship with Wiley Post is a very pleasant memory. It was not Wiley Post's wish to gain publicity through the handicap of an old accident to an eye. My husband and I had known him well for some time before we were aware of this handicap. In fact, it was not general known till after his famous around-the-world flight when a new publicity manager insisted upon the globe-girdling flight — around the world in ten days.

For those who knew him well, as we did, it is easy to understand the bond between him and Will Rogers, as Wiley too, possessed the elements of greatness and loyalty to old friends under a simple almost small-boyish shy demeanor.

We shall always cherish the souvenirs he gave us that had been carried by him on his around-the-world flight. We deeply feel the loss we have sustained in both these men. Post and Rogers.

Knowing Wiley Post as we did, we cannot refrain from adding a tribute to his memory—a great flier and a great man.

MRS. JERRY SMITH.

KEEP COOL and ENJOY meals and fountain service at the What Not New air conditioner.

# THRONGS INSPECT BOMBING PLANES

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon approximately 1000 persons were at the municipal airport inspecting the 51st bombardment squadron of the United States army air force stationed here for practice. Open house was being conducted from 1 to 5 o'clock with nine huge Martin bombers lined up on the field, and one roped off for individual supervised inspection.

The public was being allowed to watch the regular ground crew carrying on maintenance work about the ships, and the operation and capabilities of the planes were explained by the officers in charge.

Indications were that the opportunity of seeing a complete unit of the army air force's bombers at first hand would attract more than 1500 during the afternoon.

# Forest Creek

FOREST CREEK, Aug. 21.—(Sp.)—Mr. and Mrs. John Black and family and Lee Black were Sunday visitors at the Nelson Bennett home at Beagle, August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sleck and family moved August 16 to Coquille, where they will make their home. Best wishes for success are extended by the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Madsen and daughter Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Louisa Culy and small children of Roxy Ann district visited here August 10.

Miss Hazel Davies, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, sister Susan and small niece, Patricia and Louella Davies, made a pleasant trip to Myrtle Point, August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearce and family returned from Portland last week, where they had been attending the Adventist camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hill of Phoenix and Isabella Black visited at the home of Lee Black, August 18. Donald and Lottie Jean Hill remained for a visit with their grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crump and sons, Merton and Mauden, returned to Sterling, August 19, where they expect to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Ivan Davies is working at the Bear Creek packing house in Medford.

Geologists say that within a few years, due to the sediment borne monthwards by the Yangtze river, China, the rocky islands which stand in shallow water at the mouth of the river will be surrounded by rice fields.

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