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## ASSASSINATE JAPANESE LEADERS



By PAUL MALLON  
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Those mysterious men who have been crowding the dark corners of the capitol for conferences the last few days are engaged on a minor matter.  
It is not supposed to be mentioned aloud, but congress voted last year to pay the Philippines for a gold standard reserve in the form of silver and other dollar certificates deposited with American banks. He has quietly introduced a bill to withdraw the \$23,000,000 payment.

At least, an eminent congressional banking authority, Senator Adams, has discovered that the so-called Philippine gold reserve was apparently in the form of silver and other dollar certificates deposited with American banks. He has quietly introduced a bill to withdraw the \$23,000,000 payment.

This has caused consternation. Government officials made reports to a senate committee last year recommending the payment. Unless those reports are returned or the Adams viewpoint is rejected by congress, they will look bad and feel worse.

At any rate, senators are having \$23,000,000 worth of fun watching the corner negotiations.  
Note—The corner controversy also has been pushed less conspicuously into the White House itself. There, President Roosevelt is supposed to have looked at the quagmire and observed: "Well, well." From that and other subsequent expressions, the advocates of the Adams repeal argue the president favored repeal.

Confusing announcements which have been made about a new housing bill accurately reflect the complete misunderstanding underneath.  
For instance, several interested officials poured out of a recent conference with the president. They announced the president agreed to back a bill carrying \$250,000,000 to \$400,000,000 annually. The president said no decision had been reached. The third day one of the officials amended the announcement, by saying the appropriation for the first year would be no more than \$100,000,000 for slums clearance.

The second and third day announcements appear to have been the correct ones. For several good and sufficient reasons, the president apparently is against any such extensive housing program as Senator

### Young Militarists Spread Terror in Attempted Coup

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Governmental quarters viewed the Tokyo military coup today with dismay, expressing apprehension that should the movement succeed it will seriously jeopardize five north China provinces and probably hasten war with the Soviet. Should the terrorist drive on the Chinese provinces may be followed by military preparations in Manchukuo as soon as the weather relents.  
An immediate clash with Russia was not expected inasmuch as it was felt the military, if it gains control, will need time to consolidate its position and prepare for action.

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TOKYO, Feb. 27.—(Thursday)—Three of Japan's most distinguished leaders were assassinated in a snow storm before dawn yesterday by young army officers who said they wished "to remove corrupt influences from around the throne."  
They killed the liberal premier, Keisuke Okada; the lord keeper of the privy seal and former premier, Admiral Viscount Makoto Saito, and the chief of military education, Gen. Jotaro Watanabe.  
They wounded Korekiyo Takahashi, minister of finance, and Admiral Kantaro Suzuki, lord chamberlain of the imperial court.  
Others killed and wounded several lesser personages, together with policemen, body guards, and personal servants in this sudden attempt at a coup d'etat.  
(A Japanese consular source in London stated unconfirmed reports from Japanese newspapers said 80 persons had been killed in all. Rihchi Takahashi, son of the minister of finance, said in New York he had received a cable stating his father was dead.)  
All other members of the cabinet escaped unhurt and one of these, the minister, Fumio Goto, head of the home office, was made acting premier by Emperor Hirohito. Goto is a nationalist.  
Tokyo Quiet.  
Under strong military precautions, the streets of Tokyo were quiet early today and the government declared the whole nation was calm.  
This correspondent personally met (Continued on Page Ten)

**ENRIGHT ACCUSED ON HOTEL BILL**  
T. J. Enright, attorney, charged with defrauding an innkeeper, in a sufficient reason, the president apparently is against any such extensive housing program as Senator

**DRAW BALLOT TITLE FOR TEN DOLLAR TAX LIMIT**  
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 26.—(UP)—Attorney-General VanWinkle today wrote the ballot title for a constitutional amendment sponsored by a group of Portland war veterans which would provide for a flat tax of 10 on all real property assessed up to \$2500.  
Sponsors have until July 1 to file signatures of 18,000 voters to put the question on the November ballot.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
by TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Les Gilman strolled with his milk truck, alternately looking at a flat tire and producing startling invectives against the mail which had rendered it so.  
Gene Riebe creating consternation at the dinner table with the following retort: "If you don't think that's a horse meat, just try to keep swallowing it while somebody yells WHOA!"  
Al Smith still looking for those horses he can't find, but rejecting the suggestion to go up on the Applegate and catch himself a couple wild ones, with the remark that they'd be wilder than home brew.  
Francis Patrick Peck describing a beating he once took at the hands of a cigar-smoking fan: "Every time the other wrestler would get me down, the fan would sit there smoking a pair of old sex at me. I almost strangled."

**BIG WARD HOWELL QUILTS UNIVERSITY**  
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 26.—(P)—Ward Howell, six-foot-six basketball transfer from Southern Oregon Normal, dropped out of University of Oregon because of scholastic difficulties. It was learned today.  
He was leading scorer in the northern division coast conference early in the season, and has been a starter in most of the games.  
Dave Silver, tall sophomore, will take Howell's place as forward.

**PEARS MOVING FAST TO EASTERN MARKS**  
Pears are moving from storage to market at the rate of eight to ten cars per day. Southern Pacific freight officials report. Ten cars were dispatched Tuesday, seven to New York City, one to Philadelphia, and two to Portland.  
Pear shipments for the season to date total 237 cars packed and 25,000 bushels, and 185 cars of apples.

### Duffy Suicides After Murder Attempt

**Assassins Toll**  
By the Associated Press.  
Twelve presidents, kings or premiers, three of them Japanese, have been assassinated since 1920.  
The list follows:  
1920—President Carranza of Mexico.  
1922—Michael Collins, chief of the provisional government of the Irish free state.  
1922—L. Narutowicz, first president of the Polish republic.  
1928—President-elect Alvaro Obregon of Mexico.  
1930—Premier Yuko Hamaguchi of Japan.  
1932—President Paul Doumer of France.  
1932—Premier Tsuboyoshi Inukai of Japan.  
1933—President Sanchez Cerro of Peru.  
1933—Premier I. G. Duca of Rumania.  
1933—King Nadir of Afghanistan.  
1934—Premier Engelbert Dollfuss of Austria.  
1934—King Alexander of Yugoslavia.  
1936—Premier Keisuke Okada of Japan.

**JAPAN LONG BESET BY FEUD BETWEEN MILITARY, LIBERALS**  
Editor's Note: In the following dispatch Miles W. Vaughn, for nine years Far East manager for United Press, explains the background of the present coup d'etat in Tokyo. Vaughn covered the coup of May 15, 1932, in which Premier Tsuboyoshi Inukai was assassinated when soldiers and sailors of the Tokyo garrison temporarily seized the city.  
By MILES W. VAUGHN  
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NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(UP)—The present military outbreak in Tokyo unquestionably has its roots in the long struggle between militarists and parliamentarians for control of the Japanese empire.  
It was a struggle which has persisted through hundreds of years—and which has become acute since the military virtually seized power in the series of events which led to the undeclared Chinese-Japanese war in Manchuria and creation, by the army, of the independent empire of Manchukuo.  
The tradition of Japanese feudalism—a tradition which placed the samurai, or knights, above all law except the emperor, and which propounded the theory that the armed forces are "the receptacle of the imperial tradition."  
This theory, in plain English, means that the army and navy are the state.  
The theory has been challenged by Japanese parliamentarians for a generation.  
Prince Ito, "father of the constitution," was one of the first of the challengers.  
He was assassinated by pro-militarist "anatics."  
Premier Inukai, in 1932, challenged again—and he too, was assassinated. And now Korekiyo Takahashi, ven-

**TRUANT SEA LION DUMPED IN OCEAN AFTER LAND VISIT**  
NELECOIT, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—The churning Pacific hid Oregon's land-going sea lion today but state troopers who released the mammal here have their belligerent ward fresh in memory.  
The troopers dumped the animal, commonly known as "Mrs. Pinggan," on the beach here late yesterday after a trying trip from Canby 130 miles inland. And "Mrs. Pinggan" made haste to give herself again to the sea. Troopers said she "should be bellowed out by this time."  
The sea-lion was captured in a grain field near Canby, a mile from the nearest water. It appeared in the Willamette river at Portland last week, booted itself over the falls at Oregon City and disappeared—until yesterday when startled farmers heard his bellowing in the field.  
Scout ropes and patience, aided by a hook and tackle, finally led to its safe deposit in the truck. "Mrs. Pinggan" suffered the indignity of a shobgun charge early in her visit in the Oregon City area. She lost an eye and her hide was bullet-riddled. But her defiance remained undimmed.  
The 2-foot animal, estimated to weigh 1200 pounds, traveled further in Oregon's interior than any other normally sea-going beast on record.

**MEASLES PREVAL IN MANY SECTIONS**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health officer, reported today that cases of measles are prevalent in many parts of Oregon.  
Physicians reported 642 cases in Oregon last week. Portland reported 318 cases.  
Washington county was second with 65 cases, followed by Columbia with 30, Benton 27, and Josephine and Hood River with 25 each.  
Influenza was second among communicable diseases reported over the state, 148 cases being announced.

**NORTH CALIFORNIA FLOODS RECEDING**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Respite from 15 consecutive days of rain and slow recession of valley flood waters brought relief today to a storm-harassed northern California.  
Several hundred thousand fertile acres still lay submerged from levee breaks or diversion of the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Merced and Stanislaus rivers, however, and scores remaining homes. Health officials renewed warnings against possible typhoid infection from contaminated water.  
A fresh storm is brewing off the coast, weather bureau officials forecast, but current low temperatures in higher altitudes may prevent heavy mountain run-offs.

**GEORGIA DICTATOR STRIKES NEW SNAG**  
ATLANTA, Feb. 26.—(P)—Attorney General M. J. Yeomans turned against the financially harassed "dictatorship" of Governor Eugene Talmadge today and suggested calling of a special session of the legislature to reopen postal and banking channels to the fiscal offices of Georgia.  
His statement came soon after the Fulton National bank, a state depository, refused to cash a \$100,000 check presented by J. B. "Tope" Daniel, defacto treasurer.  
"I have never advised anyone," the attorney general said, "that the financial affairs of the state can be operated legally without an appropriation act."  
"A session of the general assembly now would relieve the tension, doubts and uncertainty and the state would function normally."  
Talmadge announced Monday, the day he suspended Treasurer George B. Hamilton and Comptroller General William B. Harrison for refusal to honor a \$100,000 warrant on 1935 funds, that he was acting on the opinion of the attorney general.

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Attorneys said the verdict means Miss Willis must be committed to an institution for treatment.

**AMERICAN DANCER TO PAY FINE FOR 'OUTRAGING' FRENCH**  
PARIS, France, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The court of appeals today confirmed the 50 franc fine levied against Joan Warner, American blonde dancer, for "outraging the morals" of Paris by her nude dances.  
The court said the fine was proper punishment.  
The fine was assessed against her last July when a judge ruled "Mlle. Warner's dance is artistic but too naked. Stark nakedness is not permissible in public, however artistic the dance."  
The dancing costume, held in an ordinary envelope, was filed in evidence when the dancer appeared her case.  
The fine amounts to approximately \$30.

**PUT PRESSURE ON HUNTERDON D. A.**  
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 26.—(P)—Prosecutor Anthony M. Hauk, Jr., of Hunterdon county, one of the men who helped convict Bruno Richard Hauptmann, said today he had "heard" he might be superseded if he did not bring a perjury action against Willard Whited, state witness at the Flemington trial.  
Hauk was expected to confer with Attorney-General David T. Wilentz, chief of prosecution, who returned from Florida last night with the Whited phase of the case and Hauk's own procedure in the matter to be prime matters for discussion.

**INCOME SHARES**  
Maryland fund, bid, \$18.70; asked, \$20.52.  
Quarterly income, bid, \$1.52; asked, \$1.87.  
There are more money cars per capita in Nevada than any other state—one to every 2.92 percent.

### ROOSEVELT VETOES SEED LOAN BILL; TAX NEED CITED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Oregon delegation in congress pressed along two fronts today in the state's long battle to win recognition in the army and navy defense program for the Pacific coast.  
The delegation moved for a hearing before the house naval affairs committee in an effort to win its approval of early establishment of an active naval operating base at Tongue Point.  
Contacts also were being made with the army high command in the interests of modernizing Fort Stevens near Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia river. Until last year, when the war department authorized an increase in personnel, the fort was classed as inactive for 15 years.  
Hearing in Week  
Senator Steiwer (R-Ore.) said the hearing on the naval base question probably will be held within a week. Steiwer, Senator McNary (R-Ore.), other members of the delegation, M. R. Chessman, Astoria newspaper publisher, representing the Columbia defense league, and W. D. B. Dodson, Portland chamber of commerce representative, are expected to appear before the committee.  
The present objective, it was explained, is a \$1,000,000 appropriation to construct barracks, hangars, and other facilities to make Tongue Point

**INVOKED HABITUAL CRIMINAL ACT IN HOYLMAN'S CASE**  
For the first time in the records of Jackson county, the Oregon habitual criminal act, which provides life imprisonment as a penalty, will be invoked, the district attorney's office reported today. The defendant will be Raleigh H. Hoylman, now under a nine year sentence in state prison, who has served more than a third of his 30 years in prison. His besetting sin has been forgery.  
A district attorney's information charging Hoylman as an habitual criminal, has been filed. He is now held in the county jail awaiting delivery to state prison on his last convictions.  
Hoylman has been a resident of Grants Pass for several years, and has relatives living in Josephine county. The federal bureau of investigation (Continued on Page Two)

**OREGON'S BUTTER CHAMPIONS NAMED**  
CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Richard Trout of Portland and Jack A. Wright of Carlton are co-champions in butter making for Oregon this year. It was announced at the silver anniversary of the Oregon Butter and Ice Cream Makers' association here today.  
Samples of butter made by these men for both cold storage and fresh butter contests showed the same average scores. It was the opinion of the judges, over whom Percy Murray of Klamath Falls presided.  
Delegates plunged directly into discussions of how to better their business and their products, objectives which President G. W. Peavy of Oregon State college told them are steps in general human progress.

**FOUR BADLY INJURED IN 2-CAR COLLISION; CHARGES THREATENED**  
SALEM, Feb. 26.—(P)—Four persons were in the Salem hospital today with severe injuries, the result of the worst automobile accident in this district in many months.  
The head-on collision between two cars occurred Tuesday afternoon on the Pacific highway at Brooks, 10 miles north of here.  
The injured were:  
Paul C. Hinkel, Mt. Angel, driver of one car, chest crushed by steering wheel.  
William H. Chapman, Salem, compound fracture of one knee.  
Burdolph Butts, Salem, suffered only lacerations and was released from the hospital last night.  
Jack O'Neil, Portland, driver of the other car, compound fracture of left leg.  
Borson Mathis, Portland, internal injuries and cuts about the head.  
Robert Orr, Salem, was the only passenger of either car to escape without injury.  
O'Neil, who was driving with Mathis, announced he would file reckless driving charges against Kinkel, who he said was driving on the wrong side of the road. State police corroborated his statement.

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**PROBE EXPOSED IN HAGOOD EXILE**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—A resolution proposing a senate investigation of the removal of Major-General Hagood as commander of the eight corps area was introduced today by Senator Metcalf (R-Id.).  
Shortly before Hagood's exile after a criticism of WPA spending, was depicted in the house as "disgraceful persecution" and defended by an administration leader as the penalty for disloyalty.  
The investigating resolution was referred, at Metcalf's request, to the military affairs committee.  
It proposed a five-man committee to make a four-phase investigation to learn:  
Whether the removal constituted suppression of free speech.  
Whether it was in conformity with usual terms of army discipline.  
What persons were responsible.

**WASH. STATE CHIEF HOME FROM GAS HEARING**  
SALEM, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Frank G. McCulloch, public utilities commissioner, returned here today from participation in an interstate commerce commission hearing at Washington.  
The hearing involved proposed reductions in gasoline rates on the Southern Pacific lines from San Francisco and Portland to Southern Oregon points.  
The proposed rates were protested by truck operators, who maintained that adoption of the new schedule would put them out of business.  
The new rates on gasoline were said to have been requested to meet competition with those between Crescent City, Cal., and the Roseburg, Medford and Grants Pass districts.  
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### LIFE OF WOMAN IS SPARED WHEN GUN MISSES FIRE

Police Find Body Hanging in Woodshed On South Central Ave.—Estrangement of Couple Is Cause  
A search by state and city police and sheriff's officers, for Harold A. Duffy, 26, of 627 North Central avenue, in connection with an assault with a pistol upon Mrs. Stella Stephenson, ended shortly after 12:30 o'clock this afternoon when the man's body was found hanging in a woodshed at the rear of Marie Reynolds' home at 615 South Central avenue. Two previous attempts to end his own life had failed.  
Police were called to the Stephenson home at about 11:30 this morning, when it was reported that Duffy had hit the woman over the head with a heavy pistol. It was learned that Duffy's wife, who was attempting to obtain a divorce from him, was living with Mrs. Stephenson. Police said Duffy went to the house this morning and conversed, in all cases, with them most of the morning. Apparently upset by the impending divorce, he leaped up, pointed the revolver at Mrs. Stephenson, and pulled the trigger, she told police. The gun did not explode, and he hit her with the weapon, and then fled the house.  
Police immediately took up the search for him, but found no trace until Dick Green, Mail Tribune assistant pressman, en route home to lunch, reported that a man had run in front of his car with the evident intent of committing suicide. A search of the neighborhood finally revealed the body, hanging in a stumped position on top of a woodpile, strangled by a length of light nemp box-shook rope and a piece of wire.  
Blood in the building showed that Duffy had tried to kill himself with an ax lying nearby, but had succeeded only in inflicting a slight scalp wound, after which he had put his (Continued on Page Seven)

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