

PORTLAND CLUB 7 WITHDRAWS FROM TOWNSEND LINEUP

Head of Unit Hopes National Headquarters Will Purge Oregon State Headquarters of Self-Seekers

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—Withdrawal of a Townsend club of 1100 members and demands for a "cleansing process" of the state pension group presented new difficulties today to John H. Weir, Townsend trouble-shooter.

M. K. Wigton, president of Portland club No. 7, returned the unit's charter to State Manager James Logan with the statement "we shall go on as loyal Townsend workers and trust the O. A. R. P. Ltd., national headquarters, will see fit to cleanse the state headquarters of its self-seekers who are wrecking the movement."

Wigton also said "we positively refuse to recognize the leadership and policies of the present state leaders."

State Manager Logan earlier this week cited officials of club 7 to explain why orders to bar Luther Eggertsen as Townsend speaker were ignored. A substitute sent by Logan to a club meeting was denied the floor.

Officials of the club declined to attend a scheduled meeting with state leaders.

Wigton, in his letter to Logan, expressed the hope "we will be again invited to join when the cleansing process is finished."

Logan replaced Charles Hansen as state manager a month ago. Since that time, controversies over endorsement of candidates, club speakers, leadership and campaign funds led regional headquarters to send Weir from Los Angeles to straighten out the difficulties. Weir termed the controversies due to "unavoidable confusion."

Held In Kidnaping



Dallas, Tex., police arrested Lloyd "Blackie" Doyle (above) of St. Louis, sought since 1935 in connection with the kidnaping of aged August Luer at Alton, Ill. Doyle was nabbed as he and a woman rode in an automobile in a residential section. (Associated Press Photo)

Logan said that headquarters "discussing what to do about the situation at No. 7."

"We haven't reached any decision yet but we probably will shortly," he added.

NAME MARJORIE KELLY AS REGIONAL ADVISOR

PORTLAND, April 17.—(AP)—Nan Wood Heneyman, vice chairman of the Democratic state central committee, selected seven women today to act as regional advisors. They are Mrs. U. S. Burt, Corvallis, Miss Gladys Everett, Portland, Mrs. C. L. Larcom, Baker, Mrs. Harry Burke, Astoria, Miss Marjorie Kelly, Medford, Mrs. C. P. Becker, Bend, and Miss Eva Nelson, Pendleton.

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tical pressure from Capitol Hill. They do not like it at all.

The army crowd seems to feel that it was bad enough to fire Hagood for confidential testimony before a congressional committee, but worse to have Democratic senators get a substitute job for him.

There is no doubt in their minds that this is exactly what happened. Senators interested in the Hagood case spread the word of his restoration two days before it was announced, and before he had accepted the Chicago post.

Note—What happened technically was this: Chief of Staff Craig notified the president he had two posts open for Hagood, the sixth corps area at Chicago or the seventh at Omaha. By seniority, he deserved the second, at Governor's Island, but that is a choice post. Mr. Roosevelt called Hagood to the White House and told him he could have either Chicago or Omaha. Hagood wanted neither, so he took Chicago.

Latest Italian raids in Ethiopia are really peace-able maneuvers. Mussolini's men have now gone beyond their communication and supply lines much too far for military safety. They will probably withdraw a considerable distance before the rains start. By that time the league will have decided either to do something or nothing. This, of course, is the major objective of the raiding campaign.

Italian successes are due primarily to the failure of the Ethiopians to stick to their original defense plan, conceived for them by smart foreign military advisers. Their plan was to keep out of the way of the advanced Italian army, to catch small Italian detachments off guard and wipe them out by overwhelming numbers. The Ethiopians followed it at first and it worked perfectly. Italian commanders were worried.

But then Halle Selassie's men became foolishly overconfident and considered themselves a match for the Italians in direct modern warfare. This was their big mistake.

Nobody knows, but the best guess here has been that the British would fail to get the league to do anything. Oil sanctions will not stop Italy now. The only thing that would stop her would be to close up the Suez canal. That is war, and our best people doubt that Sir Anthony Eden is capable of it.

Diplomatic advisers indicate the smaller nations have had sufficient of the league for the present. Britain and France are using it as an instrument of policy and nothing else. France wants sanctions against Germany, but not against Italy. England wants sanctions against Italy, but not against Germany. France thinks only of the Rhine, England only of the Mediterranean and Lake Tana. This makes everything pleasant for Hitler and Mussolini.

rites SATURDAY FOR SQUIRES INFANT SON

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning for Henry Merseal Squire, two-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Squire of 325 Crater Lake avenue. The little boy died at the family home yesterday.

He is survived by his parents, and by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruch of this city. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Peril Funeral Home, with interment to be in the Siskiyou Memorial cemetery at 11 o'clock Saturday.

The Rev. Clifton R. Pond, chaplain of the Medford CCG district will officiate at the funeral services. Pallbearers will be CCG men from headquarters detachment. The baby's father is employed at CCG headquarters here.

COQUILLE, April 17.—(AP)—The Oregon Coast Highway association will open its annual convention here today with a dinner, hearing of officers' reports and the appointment of committees. The meeting ends tomorrow.

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MORE WASHINGTON WPA OFFICIALS TO GET HOPKINS BOOT

Half a Dozen Under State Administrator Gannon to Follow Superior Because of War Chest Soliciting

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—A half dozen more officials of WPA in Washington state were slated today for dismissal by Harry L. Hopkins on charges that "political skulduggery" mingled with relief in the state.

Declaring he would not "stand for political activity" in relief, Hopkins yesterday announced the removal of George H. Gannon, Washington administrator. Hopkins said unnamed persons had collected \$3000 to \$4000 in campaign contributions from the WPA staff and that he had held Gannon responsible because he was "running the show."

Gannon in Dark
Gannon, described by Hopkins as a democrat, said in Seattle: "I don't know entirely what it is all about." George E. Starr, democratic state chairman, said he knew nothing about the alleged solicitation of funds, while Republican State Chair-

man Jay N. Emerson expressed the belief Gannon had nothing to do with such solicitation. Gannon, former state senator and banker, recently tendered his resignation as state administrator, but it was not due to become effective until June 1.

Declaring he did not know just what the money was collected for in Washington state, Hopkins announced that it had been returned to the contributors. He sent R. C. Jacobson, San Francisco WPA official, to Seattle to take charge, with instructions to fire "five or six" persons accused of political activity.

"WPA Political Machine"
The Hopkins announcement came about the time that Representative Clifford (R-Mass.), in a house speech, was declaring that WPA was a "vast and powerful political machine." A previous statement by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) that it would be better to return the administration of relief to the states was disputed by Hopkins yesterday. Such a move, he said, would mean "increased political influences."

POLICE, FORESTRY RADIO IS SOUGHT

PORTLAND, April 17.—(AP)—The state highway commission moved today to install a state-wide radio system for the state police and forestry bureau at an estimated cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The commission will ask a 45 per cent grant from the PWA and will request a franchise from the federal

communications commission. The system would enable state police headquarters to keep in constant touch with its various agencies and would be available to the highway

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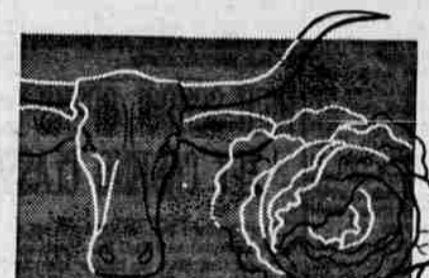
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