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FURNAS SUCCEEDS PORTER AS MAYOR

Behind Washington Headlines

By H. R. Baukhage Copyright 1937, by The North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc. EUROPEAN PEACE AIDED BY TOKYO'S CHINA CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Surprising as it may seem, Japan's invasion of China has served to boost the state department's chances for bringing about an international economic conference and preventing a war in Europe.

As a result, the moment has been seized upon to reverse the former United States procedure, or widely publicized meetings with foreign statesmen at the White House, to an intensive, undercover campaign abroad on the part of state department officials.

Meanwhile, unofficial reports from Great Britain indicate that Foreign Minister Eden's radio talk favoring a trade pact with the United States was the result of public sentiment in Great Britain.

While there is still an unbridled gulf between the economic policy of the Reich and that of the United States, the nations without raw materials, are vital to an international economic program.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The American Legion's 20 years after pilgrimage to the battlefields of France started today when 1000 Legionnaires sailed for Europe on the Cunard liner Queen Mary.

Tom Flann and H. C. Galey trying to sell each other life insurance on a Medford street corner.

Robert Price sporting a shiny new Chevrolet and high-topping his pals.

Frank Reinhardt herding a group of Rotarians into George Hunt's citadel of the cinema to see pictures of the Shanghai war.

PORTER RESIGNS DUE TO PRESS OF PRIVATE AFFAIRS

Furnas, Vice-Mayor, Takes Helm — Has Had Long Experience in City Affairs — Deuel Now Chairman

George W. Porter, mayor of the city of Medford for the past three years, one month and 18 days, last night resigned his office despite earnest pleas from all members of the city council that he reconsider and serve out the remainder of his unexpired term.

Mr. Porter, in tendering his resignation to the council at its regular weekly meeting in city hall, stated that "the press of business interests for the balance of the year is going to demand so much of my time and attention that I feel I could not handle the important position as mayor of this city and do the office justice."

Furnas Successor Councilman Charles C. Furnas, vice mayor and chairman of the council, was unanimously elected to the office of mayor for the balance of the term. H. S. Deuel, was unanimously elected to the position of chairman of the council.

Although not entirely unexpected, Mr. Porter's resignation brought a wave of requests that he remain in office. To the man, members of the council expressed the wish that Mr. Porter reconsider his decision to resign.

It took fully 10 minutes for the motion to be made and carried that the "chair of mayor be declared vacant." Councilman Larry Schade, after heartfelt pleas directed to Mr. Porter that he change his mind, finally made the motion.

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Japs Ignore Protests -- Rail Death on Nanking

Vice-Mayor Takes Helm



George W. Porter (left), who last night resigned as mayor of Medford to be succeeded by Charles C. Furnas (right), vice mayor and a member of the city council for seven years.

BASEBALL National CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Before a record crowd of 41,875, the New York Giants today rocketed back to their two and a half game National league lead as lanky Cliff Melton shut out the Cubs, 6-0, in the second contest of their crucial three-game series.

RUTH ROLAND OF FILM FAME DIES HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Ruth Roland, San Francisco-born star of the silent movies, died this morning at her home here, having been ill for a long time.

RECKLESS DRIVER GIVEN \$35 FINE Harold C. Sutherland, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$35 and costs in justice court yesterday by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman.

LEWIS B. HALL, 77, OF GRANTS PASS PASSES GRANTS PASS, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Lewis B. Hall, 77, died of a heart attack today at his home. From 1905 to 1936, he was an officer of the First National Bank of Southern Oregon, serving half that time as its president.

F. R. Trying to Avoid War, Borah's Assurance POCAHELLO, Idaho, Sept. 22.—(AP)—William E. Borah, United States senator for 31 consecutive years, brought back to his home state—Idaho—today assurances that President Roosevelt is striving earnestly to keep America out of the Sino-Japanese war, which he predicted will be prolonged.

LEGION SELECTS LOS ANGELES AS CONVENTION CITY

Green Urges Closer Cooperation between AFL and Vets Organization; Warns of Nazism, Communism

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The American Legion today selected Los Angeles as the city of its 1938 convention.

NEWARK MINISTER IS REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR JERSEY GOVERNOR NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 22.—(AP)—State Senator Lester H. Clew, Newark clergyman, won the Republican nomination for governor today and with it a pledge of support from Governor Harold G. Hoffman and Senator Clifford R. Powell, the man Hoffman backed to succeed him.

LOGSDON HELD IN TRAFFIC TRAGEDY John Howard Logsdon of Fort Klamath, Ore., is held in the county jail on an open charge, as the result of the death of Mrs. N. A. Atchison of Portland, from injuries sustained in an auto accident, on the Pacific highway, seven miles south of Grants Pass, Monday.

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PEAR MARKETS CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—U. S. Dept. Agr.—Pears: Nine cars California, 3 Oregon, 1 Washington arrived; 18 on track; 13 sold.

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OAKLAND PICKETED TO BRING CLIMAX IN AFL-CIO FIGHT

Teamster Officials Hope to Force Controversy to Head — Ask Maritime Union to Observe Lines

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—(AP) Picket lines were placed along the metropolitan Oakland waterfront today by teamster officials in efforts to bring the AFL-CIO controversy with longshoremen to a head.

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Cows Get Nervous When Soprano on Milk Barn Radio

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SALEM, Ore.—A picket patrolling a boxfactory found his way out of a legal dilemma on a bicycle.

OVER 50 PLANES DROP BOMBS ON FLEEING CHINESE

Over 200 Casualties—Straw Huts Burn Like Tinder—Lives of Americans Dangered by Falling Missiles

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