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EARLY START SISKIYOU ROAD ASKED

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"LOYALTY" ISSUE SPURS "NO DEAL" WAR GILLETTE

IOWA SENATOR REFUSED TO SPEAK FOR REORGANIZATION

WILLING TO VOTE "YES" BUT BARKLEY ASKED MORE

WITHSTOOD "THIRD DEGREE" PRESIDENT'S PHONE CALL

WASHINGTON, June 5.—On St. Bartholomew's eve, Catherine De Medici's test for her victims was their rejection of papal authority. And in the massacre of democrats planned for the primaries by the White House, the chosen victims are those who have rejected presidential authority.

That is what it boils down to, as the case of Senator Guy Gillette proves. The simple, pleasant, unmarked Iowa senator has been marked for destruction. The vast federal resources of pap and patronage are being lavished on his opponent, Representative Otha D. Wearin, and the Iowa Democrats have been told that, in the Monday voting, a Wearin vote is a vote of confidence in Roosevelt.

Gillette might have put himself right with the White House on the reorganization bill. He had the chance to do so; indeed, he was almost dragged by the hair to the mourners' bench. Now that the massacre is on, the story is worth repeating. In some degree, it clarifies the issues at stake.

Early in the reorganization fight, it became obvious that the president's prestige was involved. The first crucial vote was on an amendment by Senator Wheeler of Montana, diluting the proposed presidential powers to the vanishing point. Gillette was known to favor the amendment.

The White House forces were rallied by telephone. Governor Kraschel of Iowa, called Gillette, and urged him to go along with the president. Iowa's Democratic national committeeman actually journeyed to Washington to help put the heat on Gillette was told that his party loyalty was in question. He was reminded that he must soon seek re-election. Finally, he was so thoroughly upset that he took his problem to Wheeler.

Wheeler, a far more practical politician than the troubled Iowan, told him not to think twice about it. "Make up your mind what will help you most, and do that, for God's sake," said Wheeler. "This thing isn't as important as all that."

As unfortunate as all that, Gillette was either convinced by the propaganda against the reorganization bill, or he believed that a majority of his constituents had been convinced. He voted for the Wheeler amendment, but he announced simultaneously, as a sop to his tormentors, that he would also vote for the bill.

Gillette's promise of his vote was not enough, however. Even after the Wheeler amendment failed, the bill was still in danger. The strategists of the administration decided that a speech for the bill by a moderate like Gillette would have an excellent effect. Accordingly, Gillette was summoned to the basement office of Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley.

In Barkley's office, he went through something very like a third degree. Senator Barkley and the manager of the reorganization bill, Senator James P. Byrnes of South Carolina, pleaded, exhorted and threatened until Gillette's head was turning. But he did not really approve the measure. He considered his vote concession enough. He flatly refused to speak. After a dreadful quarter-hour, the others gave up, and Gillette returned to his own chambers, completely exhausted.

A little later, the telephone rang. Gillette's secretary excitedly warned him that the president was on the wire. Gillette scarcely had time to say "hello," before the president began. He had just heard, he said, that his great friend Guy would speak for the reorganization bill. He declared that no better news had come to him for months. He expatiated at length on the importance of the issue involved, and made some reference to past differences, now forgotten. While the president spoke, poor Gillette was choking with embarrassment. But, whenever he tried to interrupt, the president talked firmly on.

At last Gillette managed to blurt out that the president was mistaken. He declared that he would not be speaking on the bill. The president said coldly that he was sorry, and that was the end of the conversation.

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NO COMMITMENT HIGHWAY BODY TO ADVANCE PROJECT

Content Expenditure Must Be On Schedule—Re-Survey Pass—Roseburg Road Sought, Resolution.

Meeting with representatives of southern Oregon cities in the Hotel Medford last night, the state highway commission made no commitment to advance completion of the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou, contending that expenditures must be allotted in accordance with the present schedule.

The Association of Southern Oregon Chambers of Commerce, however, voted to press for an earlier completion of the Siskiyou project than is now contemplated by the commission. Resolutions adopted at an afternoon meeting of the association's general committee are to be put in writing and formally filed with the commission.

After the committee meeting a dinner was held with about 40 present. Persons interested in highway improvement and tourist travel were present from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Gold Hill and Canyonville. The highway commission met with this group.

Present for the commission were Henry F. Cabell, chairman; Devere F. L. TouVelle, commissioner; H. G. Gilvray, secretary; J. M. Jeger, counsel; R. H. Baldock, chief engineer; K. D. Lytle, division engineer; J. W. H. Gosh, maintenance engineer, and E. H. Smith, construction engineer.

The commission pointed out that at a meeting in Portland yesterday a project was approved for the completion of the Siskiyou route before June 30, 1941, appropriations to be included in the budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 1939. The chamber association, however, asked that the work be undertaken earlier.

At the afternoon committee meeting three resolutions were adopted, providing that (1) definite request be made of the highway commission for the allotment of at least \$320,000 to begin work on the Siskiyou project immediately after July 1 of this year; (2) that the commission be requested to make additional allotments in 1939 for the completion of the Siskiyou project; and (3) that a re-location survey be undertaken in the immediate future for the elimination of curves in the Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Roseburg. A. C. Marsters of Roseburg, chamber association president, presided.

At the session with the commission, Mr. Marsters, A. S. V. Carpenter, C. H. Demery of Grants Pass, Judge Earl B. Day and W. A. Gates presented the association's objectives.

At the conclusion of the hearing a motion was adopted thanking the commission for attending.

Finished by 1941

PORTLAND, June 4.—(AP)—The state highway commission said Friday an \$800,000 link in the Pacific highway, from the Siskiyou summit to the California line, would be completed before June 30, 1941.

A \$100,000 section has been completed. A resolution specified the appropriation would be included in the budget for the biennium starting July 1, 1939, and ending June 30, 1941, creating the possibility the work might be finished before the indicated date.

The action was in conjunction with the California highway commission, which agreed to reconstruct about two miles of highway on the southern side of the border.

The \$800,000 Oregon project will cover about 6 1/2 miles. The completed section was over on a three-quarter mile strip.

In addition to the \$100,000 already expended, \$320,000 has been budgeted, leaving \$380,000 to go in the program later.

The two states will join the artery about 850 feet west of the present crossing at an elevation of 3,900 feet. Work will proceed on a desert cañon near Brothers, on the Central Oregon highway, the commission said.

Oregon Share

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Oregon's major share of federal road funds authorized by congress to be expended in the 1940 and 1941 fiscal years would be \$4,563,000.

SOCIALIST CHIEF SMEARED BY EGGS AT NEWARK RALLY

Small Mob And Brass Band Break Up Meeting—Police Escort Thomas Away

NEWARK, N. J., June 4.—(AP)—Tall, gray-haired Norman Thomas, long-time leader of the Socialist party in this country, was shelled by rotten eggs and cucumbers late today when about 100 men and a brass band broke up a Socialist rally in mid-city Military park.

Marching four abreast through a crowd of about 500 persons, the anti-Thomas contingent shouted Thomas down with the help of the band's blaring instruments and finally forced police to escort the former presidential candidate from the scene.

Many of the marchers wore war veterans' overseas caps and carried American flags. Others bore signs assailing "reds." Plats flew as Thomas sympathizers and foes clashed. Mounted police, in uniform, pistolmen and detectives wielded night sticks to break up the melee. The temporary American flag-draped platform, on which Thomas stood, was smashed.

Thomas, his hair and face streaked with egg yolks, stood on a park bench during a drama-packed half hour and pleaded for a chance to speak. When he started, the band played hymns and the yells increased. Finally, Deputy Chief Police Phillip Sebald stood up beside Thomas inside a cord of police and announced:

"On my advice, this meeting is disbanded."

Thomas said later the adjournment was at the police direction—not his. "I was escorted by a big squad of police on horseback and foot—they marched down the middle of the street. Thomas went to Socialist headquarters and there lashed out at the police and charged the opposition force was mobilized through the influence of Mayor Frank Hague of nearby Jersey City with whom he is engaged in a "free speech" controversy.

The police, he charged, were "either indifferent, or inefficient or in collusion with the small mob."

"The signs, he added, "came from Jersey City and I think the inspiration and money for the band came from Jersey City or perhaps allies of Jersey City."

PORTLAND HOLDS BONNEVILLE DAM POWER TOO HIGH

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4.—(AP)—Charged by the Portland Chamber of Commerce that rates proposed by J. D. Ross, Bonneville dam administrator, are far too high, were re-estimated today by findings in two tentative studies made by experts employed by the chamber.

The chamber has already complained to the federal power commission that the proposed switchboard rates are too high. The two new studies are said to show that rates proposed within reasonable transmission distances of the dam also are too high to attract industry.

Portland chamber officials indicate that they will fight for lower rates for the entire area as a result of this information. An effort is being made to get more time from the power commission so that the chamber can complete its studies.

One study made for the Portland chamber indicated that the switchboard rate for prime power could be made \$8.50 a kilowatt year and for secondary power \$4.25. This compared with the \$14.50 and \$9.50 rates proposed by Ross.

On the basis of this study it was explained the transmitted rate for the first zone bounded by Eugene on the south, The Dalles on the east, Astoria on the west and Keno and Longview on the north would be \$12.10 a kilowatt year for prime power and \$7.85 for secondary power as opposed to the Ross rate of \$17.50 for prime and \$11.50 for secondary.

"I have nothing against Mr. Roosevelt personally, but his ears are stuffed with cotton unless he wants to listen to something he believes in," Dr. Townsend declared.

His plan for borrowing money to build dams and other public works is simply bleeding the American public to pay the bill with interest. Our present administration's chief idea seems to be to borrow money from us to go into competition with individual and private business.

"That is no way to national recovery."

Held In Slaying



Police Chief Howard Gillette said Duncan M. Johnston (above), former mayor of Twin Falls, Idaho, was taken into custody for questioning in the slaying of George Olson, Salt Lake City jewelry salesman. Olson's body was found in Twin Falls, Johnston, a jewelry store owner, formerly lived in Boise.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, June 4.—(AP)—Two World War buddies—comrades on the Western front 20 years ago—were in jail tonight while state attorneys drafted a complaint charging them jointly with the gruesome murder of George L. Olson, Salt Lake City jewelry salesman.

The prisoners are Duncan M. Johnston, 39, former two-term mayor of Twin Falls, and William Lavonde, 58, one-time city police desk sergeant.

"We plan to file a complaint Monday, charging Johnston and Lavonde jointly with murder," said Prosecuting Attorney Edward Babcock.

"The defendants will be arraigned immediately."

The complaint would charge, he said, the four degrees of murder, first-degree, second-degree, involuntary and voluntary manslaughter.

First degree murder is punishable by hanging.

Olson, 35, and father of three small children, was shot to death with a .25-caliber pistol about May 21. His body, badly decomposed, was found in his locked sedan parked beside a hotel here May 24.

Police Chief Howard Gillette of Twin Falls reported "thousands of dollars in jewelry" had been taken from the salesman.

Johnston, permitted for the first time today to see newspapermen, said: "There's some dirty politics mixed up in this affair."

Lavonde has not been permitted to talk to the former mayor and one-time candidate for congress on the Townsend ticket. Johnston owns a jewelry store here.

THIRD PARTY IN STATE URGED BY PENSION LEADER

Formation Before November Election Favored By Dr. Townsend—F. D. R. Policies Hit.

LEBANON, June 4.—(AP)—Dr. Francis Townsend, old age plan leader, speaking before several thousand persons and Townsend club representatives of the Willamette valley, intimated today he favored formation of a third party in Oregon to carry out pension ideals at the November election.

Townsend spoke before a crowd gathered here for the final day of the 29th annual strawberry festival. He told his listeners that a plan similar to the one now progressing in California must be followed unless the support of national candidates in existing parties was "definitely favorable."

YOUTH, 16, SLAYER SWEETHEART, 18 BACK WITH FOLKS

Experts Hold Same Now—Children Told Parents Know Best—Future Not Definite.

NEW YORK, June 4.—(UP)—Donald Carroll, 16, who last March 24 killed his sweetheart, Charlotte Mathiesen, 18, after they agreed death was "the beautiful way out" when they found she was pregnant, returned home free tonight with their parents know best.

He was declared sane by Bellevue hospital psychiatrists, received a release signed by the judge who heard his trial for murder, was reunited with his own parents and those of his dead sweetheart, and gave reporters an interview, all within a few hours.

He was acquitted of murder charges last week but the jury verdict necessitated mental examination to determine his status. He went from jail to his attorney's office, where he met the Carrolls and the Mathiesens and the newspapermen.

"After what I've been through," he said, "I finally realize that the trouble with kids, including myself, is that they don't appreciate their parents, who to them appear not to be able to understand, are their best friends."

"No matter what the trouble may be," he should be confined in to find the solution. Boys and girls now think their parents have no brains.

"Gee, I wish I had done what I told you the other kids should do."

"What are your plans for the future?" he was asked.

"I haven't any," he replied. "There's time enough for that. It's up to mother anyway."

Carroll's defense was that he was temporarily insane at the time of the killing.

The verdict was simply "not guilty by reason of insanity" and so a sanity examination was necessary before his freedom could be restored.

LINFIELD CAMPUS REAFFIRMS FAITH AFTER 'RED FUSS'

McMINNVILLE, June 4.—(AP)—The board of trustees of Linfield college meeting here adopted a resolution reaffirming "its unalterable belief in and loyalty to the principles of government established by the founders of this nation."

Although it did not mention the incident by name, the resolution followed some 10 days upon what Dr. Larsell, board president, described as a "fuss on the campus about communism and other matters."

The "fuss" arose after a New York evangelist who lectured at the college asserted that some students with communist tendencies had threatened to boo his talk about Russia if he persisted in delivering it. He also claimed a small group in his audience had refused to raise hands as evidence of a belief in Christ.

"We recognize the freedom of thought essential to any democracy," the resolution read. "Any deviation from these honored and well known principles by faculty or student body will not be tolerated."

"We reaffirm our loyalty to the religious beliefs upon which this institution was founded and developed."

Fair and cooler week's outlook

SENATE APPROVES LEND-SPEND BILL BY 6 TO 1 VOTE

President Given Free Hand In Disposition Of Billions—Program Now Up To Congress Conference.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—The senate voted six to one for a \$3,723,000,000 spending-lending program Friday at midnight—and handed the Roosevelt administration the purse strings.

The 70 senators who remained for the finish of the two-week battle over the bill divided 60 to 10 for the measure. Seven Republicans and three Democrats voted up against it.

Opponents lost every attempt to write restrictions into the bill. As passed, it would give President Roosevelt an entirely free hand in the disposition of the huge appropriation.

Twice the senate turned down proposals to forbid political activities by employees in executive agencies. Opponents of the amendment contended this would deny employees freedom of speech and opinion.

By substantial margins, administration leaders defeated proposals to earmark more than \$500,000,000 of PWA funds for specific purposes.

The spending-lending program now goes to a joint senate-house conference committee for the adjustment of differences between measures.

The senate bill totaled almost \$600,000,000 more than the house measure. The senate increased by \$175,000,000 the house allotment for the WPA, but provided that the sum should run the agency until next March 1. The house had voted \$1,250,000,000 for work-relief to last until February 1.

Other senate increases included \$212,000,000 for farm beneficial payments, \$300,000,000 for additional slum clearance loans and \$1,000,000 for administrative costs of the rural electrification administration.

Last-minute amendments attached to the measure included: A provision that President Roosevelt can override, in the event of an emergency, a provision requiring the WPA to allocate its funds so they will last for the period covered by the appropriation.

Exemption of projects tied up in litigation from the requirement that PWA projects must be "substantially completed" by September 30, 1940.

A restriction limiting costs of relief administration to 5 percent.

A proposal by Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) to establish a minimum \$40-per-month wage rate for WPA workers.

On the administration-opposed earmarking amendments the senate rejected 43 to 29, a proposal by Senator Copeland (D., N.Y.) to set aside \$25,000,000 of PWA funds for flood control and river and harbor projects.

DEATH COMES TO POPULAR CITIZEN

H. D. Reed, died of the peace at Gold Hill, just at noon yesterday in a Portland hospital.

Known popularly as "Johnny," Mr. Reed had been ill about two months. News of his death was contained in a telegram received by Gold Hill friends from Mr. Reed who was with him in Portland.

Mrs. Reed's telegram indicated that his body would be brought home for funeral services and burial. A complete obituary will be published later.

Whirligig Of Life

CHICAGO, June 4.—(AP)—Matthew R. D. Owens, 71, sold \$1,125,000 worth of insurance in 1926. His body was found after a plunge today from his firm's 18th floor offices in a La Salle street building.

The police found three notes in his desk, one of which said: "I cannot seem to find any business. I am out of funds and in ill health."

RISING MERCURY IN STATE BRINGS FIRES IN WOODS

Port Orford Menaced By Flames Before Checked—Josephine County Mill Destroyed.

(By The Associated Press)

Weeks of warm weather, climaxed by temperatures yesterday which soared high, began reaping their toll in a series of dangerous fires throughout western Oregon.

The most serious blaze appeared to be burning some 25 miles southeast of Astoria. There, in the Coast-Western lumber operations, flames which broke out Thursday had whipped out of control as dangerously readings slipped down humberously from 35 per cent to 28. The fire was in the timber and weather conditions gave no hope of assailing fire crews.

The fire warden at Jewell did not indicate that there was any immediate prospect of controlling the blaze, which was only several miles from the Northrup creek grazing plot, where 600 head of livestock were pastured.

Another fire that for a time menaced Port Orford on the southern Oregon coast was brought under control late yesterday, alternately dying down and breaking out afresh. Keith Young, Coos county fire patrol warden, said 100 men were being kept on fire lines after every available man from Port Orford and logging camps had succeeded in holding the blaze three miles from Port Orford on the north bank of the Elk river. About 150 acres had been burned.

In the Siskiyou national forest fire protective area on Mt. Emily, near the Chetco river, fire blazed forth the Casquet camp in northern California. The situation had not been reported last night.

At Elmira, 18 miles from Eugene, a fire which threatened for a time to destroy the village, was checked after raising a home. A \$10,000 fire destroyed the Borland Lumber company sawmill near Grants Pass. Seven men at work all escaped. The cause of the blaze remained undetermined.

JAP AIR RAIDERS KEEP UP BOMBING OF CANTON AREA

CANTON, June 4.—(AP)—Japanese air raiders continued their heavy bombings of this industrial city today with two devastating attacks.

Officials feared casualties would exceed those of a week ago when they estimated 750 persons were killed and 1,300 wounded.

Today's raids marked the sixth day of attacks on Canton in the last eight days. Only on Wednesday and Thursday were there respite.

(In Tokyo, Domei Japanese news agency, said a "well-informed source"—the usual designation for official opinion—indicated British and American denunciations of air attacks on civilians would not alter Japanese tactics.)

(It referred to a foreign office statement in which the May 28 bombing of Canton was described as having been confined exclusively to military establishments.)

RELIEF SPENDING BEFORE CONGRESS PASSES AID BILL

W.P.A. Speeds Attack Upon Depression—To Buy Surplus Farm Stuff, Create 2,000 Projects.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—The administration has started its lending-spending attack on the depression although congress still has a week's work to do on the \$3,723,000,000 bill that will supply most of the ammunition.

Officials disclosed today that the WPA was using funds already on hand to create additional work-relief jobs at the rate of approximately 30,000 a week.

If congress today approves the \$1,425,000,000 which the lending-spending bill now carries for WPA, they expect an average of 2,800,000 persons to be given work relief employment in the next seven months. This could compare with an enrollment of 2,679,656 on May 28 and an officially-expected winter peak of 3,000,000 or more.

Most of the additional jobs provided since May 28, it was said, were in large industrial communities where the unemployment situation was most acute.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace also has taken steps to put the administration's relief program into effect without waiting for congress to finish action on the big lending-spending bill.

He directed the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation yesterday to canvass needs for food and clothing among persons on relief. With funds already available, the corporation is to expand its purchases of surplus farm products for distribution free to the needy.

If the pending bill goes through in its present senate-approved form, \$50,000,000 more of new WPA money may be used for such purchases.

The Reconstruction Finance corporation already is receiving applications for long-term loans for business and industry, and officials of the public works administration are getting ready to start new WPA projects as soon as the pending appropriation bill becomes law.

PWA engineers said they intended to recomput allotment of funds for more than 2,000 projects, estimated to cost in excess of \$60,000,000, at the outset of the new program. Only \$300,000,000 in federal grants and \$60,000,000 in federal loans would be required for these projects, the remainder of the cost being met by local contributions.

FATHER CONVINCED KIDNAPED SON IS DEAD, AFTER WEEK

PRINCETON, Pa., June 4.—(AP)—It was a full week ago tonight that kidnapers snatched slumbering James Bailey Cash Jr. from his bed and his father, commenting publicly for the first time, said today he and his wife had abandoned hope they ever would see their only child alive again.

Agents of the federal bureau of investigation, with Director J. Edgar Hoover personally on the ground, doggedly pushed their examination of clues.

M. F. Braxton, 50-year-old Princeton carpenter who was taken dramatically by G-men from a crowd near the Cash home Wednesday, had not returned to his bungalow here and his son-in-law, Ray Rayburn, was absent from his home so it was presumed they still were being held.

Willard Campbell, one of those questioned and released, told the Miami Daily News in a copyrighted interview that "the Braxtons figured they were being held because they had a little difficulty with Bailey Cash—it was something about a debt they owed Bailey."

NO REAMES VOTE SPEND-LEND BILL

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R., Ore.) voted against the president's lending-spending bill yesterday. Senator Reames (D., Ore.) did not vote but was announced as approving the bill.

Fifty-three Democrats, four Republicans and one independent, one independent and one progressive, totaling 60 votes, favored the bill, while three Democrats and seven Republicans voted against it.