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PLANS ARRIVE FOR P. O. REMODELING

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MURPHY SAYS F. R. WON'T QUIT PARTY CHANGE FIGHT

LEFT-WING BANISHMENT NOW BELIEVED UNLIKELY

SEEK STRONGER TIES WITH LABOR, FARMERS

PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES CABINET REORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The first seeming disclosure of the president's post-election mood was made the other day by Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan, after a long White House visit.

Mr. Murphy deprecated third party talk, and declared that "progressives" should continue to work within the Democratic party.

He said that the president will, in his opinion, be "frightened into the arms of the conservative Democrats. He will press forward, and let the devil take the consequences."

The circumstances of the Murphy visit must be remembered. He flew down, after seeing the major third party proponent, Mayor F. H. La Guardia, in New York.

He came as a lame-duck, benten for re-election by middle class revolution against the New Deal's intellectual liberalism, which was what he meant by "progressivism."

While in Washington, he also conferred at length with precisely the New Dealers whose great object is the transformation of the Democratic party into a New Deal or "progressive" party.

At present, it is being widely forecast that the president will exile his left-wing advisers and abandon his effort to transform his party. It is pointed out that the hands of orthodox Democrats have been vastly strengthened by the election returns.

And yet Murphy, after a long chat with the president, declared that the fight to transform the Democratic party must go on.

The inference, that the president will concede to lead the fight himself, is too obvious to need laboring.

Perhaps the president will change his mind, when his congressional leaders and men like Postmaster General James A. Farley are able to present their views to him.

Probably there will be no final showdown between the Democrats and the New Dealers, for the president does not love show-downs.

But, unless the president decides Frank Murphy's disappointments are in store for those who hope for the banishment of Harry Hopkins and his friends, and those who hope for peace within the Democratic party.

Far from being demoralized by the election, the New Dealers are inclined to minimize its meaning.

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\$240,000 PROJECT WILL START EARLY COMING SUMMER

Complete Remodeling and Addition Proposed for Medford Federal Building — Project Long Sought

Construction of Medford's enlarged federal building will be under way by early summer, it was stated today by William Plath, a postoffice inspector of Washington, D. C., who arrived this morning to confer with local postal executives.

With Mr. Plath was W. O. Bender, an architect in the treasury department, who brought a set of initial plans for the enlarged building. Mr. Bender was to remain here several days, making changes in the plans as suggested by Medford postal executives to conform with local needs.

Mr. Benson will return to Washington with the revised plans and from there will be drawn the final work plans and specifications. Mr. Plath explained. As soon as the final plans and specifications have been completed, bids will be called for, he said. That will probably be in early spring, he stated.

Complete Remodeling The plans call for a complete remodeling of the present building and an addition thereto. The addition will extend from the rear of the present building to within 20 feet of the rear property line.

It will be as wide as the present structure lacking one foot on each end, a set-back being provided for, he related. The addition will be the same height as the present building. No additional land will be purchased, Mr. Plath said.

The entire project involves the expenditure of about \$240,000. The front of the present postoffice will be changed, the stone stairway being removed for a more graceful and beautiful approach, Mr. Plath said.

Work Long Sought Enlargement of the federal building has been sought here for at least 10 years. The building has been long since outgrown and it is able to accommodate only a few of the federal agencies having offices here.

Not long ago the U. S. forest service had to move the administrative headquarters of the Rogue River national forest to rented offices in the Liberty building. The Crater Lake national park staff has always been crowded and has had to move to the basement every time federal court has held a session here in the fall or winter.

Other federal agencies are scattered over town. Mr. Plath was to leave tonight for Seattle, Wash. He and Mr. Bender were conferring with Frank DeSouza, postmaster, and Roland G. Beach, assistant postmaster, on the plans.

CIO MOVES TO FUND NEW MEMBER DRIVE

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The C. I. O. convention quickly completed today adoption of a constitution, establishing the union as the congress of industrial organizations and giving broad powers to the leadership, after John L. Lewis warned against attempts to delay acceptance.

The constitution provided a revenue for the new labor group that, based upon its claimed membership of 3,650,012, could amount to more than \$2,000,000 annually to push forward a new organizing drive which leaders told the convention was the "paramount" question, here.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The 17-year-old boy who started the German anti-Jewish violence was "on his own" for the first time when he disappeared to shoot a German embassy secretary, he told police.

Unnerved and fearful after he learned of the Nazi anger at the death of the secretary, Ernst Vom Rath, the youth said he had been sleeping on parks and banks of the Seine for two weeks before the attack on November 7.

He had been trying to get a job. Here is the story told by the boy, Herschel Grynszpan, slender, dark-haired of medium height: He was born at Hanover, Germany, March 18, 1921, of Polish parents. His father, a tailor, became a naturalized German.

He came to Paris two years ago because there was no opportunity for one of my race to remain in Ger-

many. I obtained permission from my parents to come to France because I could not continue to be treated like a dog and because I hoped to live and work like other people and not like a hunted beast.

Until two weeks before the shooting of Vom Rath, Grynszpan lived with his aunt and uncle who conducted a small tailor shop in Paris. He decided to earn his own living. They gave him 3,000 francs (about \$75) sent him by his father.

He was vague about the two weeks up to the night of November 6 when he registered at a hotel. He bought a gun next morning and shortly before 9 a. m. went to the German embassy. The assault followed.

His immediate resentment, he explained, was because his parents were ordered to leave Germany, without possessions, under a government order expelling many Polish Jews.

Lewis Hits Jew Oppression



Speaking in front of a placard bearing his image, John L. Lewis, militant leader of the Committee for Industrial Organization, opened the first constitutional convention of the CIO in Pittsburgh with a slashing denunciation of the forces of industrial unionism and of the oppression of the Jews in Europe.

Five hundred delegates greeted him with thunderous cheers.—(AP Photo.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—John T. Pace of Detroit, who said he was a Communist party member from 1931 to 1934, told house investigators today. "It seems to me the Communists have about got control" of the C. I. O. convention at Pittsburgh.

A witness before the committee investigating un-American activities, Pace said he was willing to predict the Communists would "split up" the United Automobile Workers' union, a C. I. O. affiliate, because out of every struggle Communists want to build up the party in preparation for an eventual revolution.

"They are not figuring on revolution today or tomorrow," he added, "but they are preparing for it when it does come. They won't have anything to do with any movement they can't control."

Although he no longer is a Communist, Pace said he had been one for so long he could see readily how Communists were operating now.

The main concentration of the Communist party is in the heavy industries and in the army, he asserted.

U. S. POPULATION NOW EXCEEDS 130, 000, 000

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The census bureau estimated officially today the population of continental United States exceeded 130,000,000.

Based on birth and death statistics for the first half of 1938, the bureau figured 130,215,000 persons lived in this country July 1. This number did not include an estimated 62,700 in Alaska, 405,000 in Hawaii, 1,068,000 in Puerto Rico, 32,800 in the Panama Canal zone, 22,000 in the Virgin Islands, 22,700 in Guam and 11,700 in Samoa.

With competition here, cents, prices ranged from 20 to 25¢, cents from some and 21 to 22 cents for hens.

Autoist Killed in Head-on Collision

MARSHFIELD, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Samuel E. Cox, Portland, was instantly killed yesterday in a head-on automobile collision which injured six persons on the Coast highway three miles south of here.

Mrs. Cox was injured. Most seriously hurt was Mrs. Anna Ekblad, 64, Cooson. She was given but slight chance for recovery. She was riding in an automobile driven by her son, Jenner, with Mrs. Jenner Ekblad, her son, Darrell, 4, and Mrs. Oren Ekblad.

Vicar Improves PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Physicians reported today the Rt. Rev. Anthony Hillsbrand of Oregon City, vicar general of the arch-diocese of Portland, probably would be able to leave the hospital within a few days. He suffered a heart attack three weeks ago.

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Memory Expert Goes On Trial

BEND, Nov. 16.—(AP)—R. Kenneth Jubb, described as a former Portland memory expert, went on trial today on an indictment accusing him of murdering Delmont Lawrence, an old-time jockey, in the Bend jail last June.

Locate Body of Indian Woman

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Indian Officer Thurman Wilson discovered the body of Beatrice Dickens, 45, Indian woman missing since October 17, in the Sprague river four miles east of Beatty yesterday.

JEWIS IN GERMANY IN FEAR OF MORE NAZI OUTBREAKS

Statesmen of Four Countries Against Giving Back German Colonies Lost in War — U. S. Protests

By the Associated Press

Jews in Germany feared further anti-Semitic outbreaks today while that issue and Germany's colonial demands occupied statesmen of four other countries.

Premier Daladier of France, Colonial and Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald of Great Britain and Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, commander of the Union of South Africa's World war forces, all declared against giving back Germany's war-lost colonies.

U. S. Sends Protest The United States embassy in Berlin sent a note to the German foreign office protesting last week's destruction of American Jews' property. The United States government reserved the right to take further action in the matter.

A bitter Nazi newspaper attack on what it termed the American government's concessions to American Jewry followed President Roosevelt's statement he "could scarcely believe" anti-Jewish violence in Germany.

The state department in Washington announced after months of negotiation trade agreements would be signed tomorrow with Great Britain and Canada.

No Cessions Daladier declared in reply to anxious questions the French government had not even considered the cession of colonies to Germany.

MacDonald told the house of commons his government authorized the announcement it "did not contemplate the transfer of any territory under British administration."

The Union of South Africa, said General Smuts, would fight before relinquishing her mandate over Southwest Africa, which he called a "sacred trust." He spoke at Maritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

The Nazi commissioner for Austria, Joseph Buerckel, told Steyr workers the person next attempting to damage property would face a shooting squad.

"The news of the past two days from Germany has deeply shocked public opinion in the United States,"

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Teacher to Give Slacks Airing in Higher Court

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Schoolteacher Helen Hulick, having offended a municipal court's dignity by wearing slacks, waited today to find out what the superior court thinks about it.

Miss Hulick spent an hour or so in jail—and blue denim—yesterday after Municipal Judge Arthur Guerin sentenced her to five days for contempt because she appeared in his court three times, despite his objections, attired in what he called "pants."

She won her release on a writ of habeas corpus signed by Superior Judge Clarence Kincaid, who set hearing tomorrow. Miss Hulick's attorney, William Katz, said she would appear in slacks "just to be consistent."

As a possible precedent, it was recalled a year ago Ann Siegel came to white silk pajamas to ask a divorce from Bert Siegel, and Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke commented:

"In my father's time such attire might not have been appropriate for court wear, but since pajamas are now worn so frequently on the street, they may be accepted as suitable for wear in court."

Judge Guerin, sentencing the 28-year-old kindergarten instructor, said "your appearance here in mannish attire is contemptuous."

Katz, in defense, argued: "She is a young woman of ideals. If she wore dresses she would have to wear silk stockings. To her, a pair of silk stockings mean a dead Chinese."

Katz also asserted his client was not seeking publicity, to which the judge replied: "Miss Hulick has been posing all over the place, and seems to be enjoying it."

The original purpose of her court visit, almost hidden by her slacks, was to testify against two negroes accused of robbing her home. They were held for trial.

MEDIC ATTEMPTED HORRIBLE TORTURE IS STATE'S CLAIM

Companions in Kidnaping Thwarted Efforts, Declaration of Prosecutor in Opening of Berry Trial

OLYMPIA, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Prosecutor Smith Troy said today the state would prove Dr. Kent W. Berry, 50, attempted to inflict the "most horrible sort of torture that can be perpetuated upon a man" upon Irving Baker near here one night last August but by Berry's companions "through forcible intervention" thwarted his efforts.

The prosecutor, in an opening statement in the torture abduction trial of Dr. Berry and three other men, related at length incidents the state charged occurred the night of August 19 after Baker, retired coast guard officer, was taken from his home.

With a jury of eight men and four women finally seated late yesterday, the prosecutor opened the state's case today before a crowded courtroom.

Motives To Appear Troy said, concluding, that the "alleged motives" for the kidnaping and attack upon Baker "may appear directly or indirectly" during the trial. Previously, the prosecutor has described the motive as Dr. Berry's changes that Baker was intimate with his 27-year-old attractive wife after a July Fourth house party.

"I may say the state is not fully aware of the motive or motives which actuated the defendants in the commission of the crime charged, but in the course of the trial, the alleged motives may appear directly or indirectly," the prosecutor said.

"The state is not concerned with the motive," he said.

Dr. Berry's co-defendants are William K. McAlloon, former Montezano night marshal; Robert H. Smith, 32, a Brady drycleaner, and James Reddick, 27, Olympia cab driver.

Describing what the state will attempt to prove of the torturing of Baker, Troy said:

"As Baker lay helpless on the ground, securely tied so he could make no resistance, Dr. Berry, with the assistance of a flashlight held by Reddick, commenced to inflict the most horrible sort of torture that can be perpetrated upon a man."

Doctor Unmoved During the statement, Baker sat very tense and his wife beside him shed several tears. Dr. Berry and his wife gave no evidence of emotion.

The defense waived the right to make an opening statement and the first witness, Chris Harriage, a Montezano warehouse foreman, was called.

Harriage testified that on or about July 11 Dr. Berry called him on the telephone and asked him to come to Olympia on "some very important business," offering to pay the hire of a car. He arranged to drive here with Albert Beaulieu in Beaulieu's automobile.

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KING CAROL ASKS AID FROM GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—King Carol of Rumania today made a public plea for British financial and economic help in guiding his country along a path of "peaceful understanding."

Ruler of a Balkan country under threat of possible German domination, Carol made the first public speech of his state visit.

Grange Leader

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SIDE GLANCES

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Delay Brown bemoaning the fact she had lived in Medford for 27 years and never had her moniker in this pillar of playfulness, she desiring to be a regular customer.

Patsy Smith refusing to divulge to a reporter a bunch of news with a romantic flavor.

Phil Gitstrap in a quandary over whether to tux or not to tux for the opera ballet this evening.

Louise Day wondering why a guest hadn't appeared at her party, she finally figuring out that she had forgotten to invite her.

Wallace Woods collecting his hat which another person had picked up by mistake, he not even being angry about it or desiring a reward.

Charlie Wing appearing in town with a new Golden Guernsey mustache.

Aut how is Herb Strong today?