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REPUBLICANS ASK INVESTIGATION OF WASTE AND GRAFT

High Government Officials Used Military Security as Cloak, Is Declaration.

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—Republican members demanded today that the senate investigate reports of "graft and corruption" by high officials of the government carried on "under the cloak of military security."

They mentioned reports of "fantastic waste and graft" in connection with such projects as construction of the Alcan and Latin-American highways and charges of "corruption" in the U. S. Maritime commission.

Sen. Edward V. Robertson, R., Wyo., started in with a speech demanding that the senate investigate the two highway projects. He cited reports by Radio Commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., which he said indicated "fantastic waste and graft" in their construction.

Biddle Blamed Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., interrupted to express the hope that the Senate War Investigating committee, of which he is a member, could begin hearings on this subject shortly.

He went on to say, however, that the justice department had not looked into some of the things charged "because they happened in Latin-America."

Then he declared that retiring Attorney-General Francis Biddle had "failed" in his duty.

Sen. George Aiken, R., Vt., said that "within the next few days," he intends to present to the senate facts on the "corruption which exists in the United States Maritime commission."

Aiken charged that five reports on misuse of funds in the commission sent to congress by Comptroller-General Lindsay C. Warren had been ignored.

Aiken cited five ships, originally valued at \$358,000, which he said were sold by the Maritime commission before the war for approximately \$200,000—and then re-purchased after the war began for more than \$3,000,000.

Robertson told of D-8 Caterpillar tractors—valued at \$8,000 each when new—rented at \$775 a month apiece "throughout the life of the contract, whether the tractors are working or not."

"The price of a new tractor" is paid for every 11 months," Robertson said.

"However," he added, "if the tractor is actually working and puts in more than 240 hours for the month, it draws overtime in addition."

"If it doesn't even have an engine in it, it still draws \$775 a month."

He added that "a five-ton truck valued at \$3,500, with a monthly rent of \$500 a month, pays for itself every seven months."

Ferguson said the War Investigation committee had looked into a similar case early in its history "and now find that the same thing is going on and nothing has been done."

Brewster said President Truman, then head of the committee, had commented that "the only action of the military services seemed to be promotion of the men involved."

Pellet-Picker



Three months with an AWOL soldier in wilds of Washington state were enough for Mary Jane Young 19, who surrendered to Kent police on burglary charges.

One deputy sheriff almost got them, and his shotgun blast caught Mary Jane. Her soldier friend dug the pellets out of her legs with a hunting knife, she said, but some still remain in her back.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS SEEK REELECTION

Both Otto Frohnmayer and John Moffat, directors of the Medford school district, have signified their intention of running for re-election at the school election set for June 18 according to E. H. Hedrick, school superintendent.

Frohnmayer was appointed to serve until election upon the resignation of Marc Jarmin, Sr., who recently left Medford to reside elsewhere, and is now up for election for the remainder of Jarmin's term, which is one year. Moffat is completing a regular five-year term.

Other members of the board are Dr. R. E. Green, Eugene Thorndike and N. H. Franklin.

Voting is to be at the senior high school between 2 and 7 p.m. June 18. The law states that directors in a first-class school district shall be elected for five-year terms with one elected each year, the superintendent states.

Volunteers Needed By Ration Office

Volunteer workers are needed at the local office of the war price and ration board according to L. L. Ternahan, executive secretary, to help with seasonal work. Ternahan said that the issuance of new "W" gasoline ration coupons and fuel oil coupons for next fall has placed a burden on the few volunteers who help out regularly. It is necessary to issue the fuel oil now in order that residents may avail themselves of the summer fill-up program, he said.

Klamath Mistakes Indians For Japs

San Francisco, June 14.—(U.P.)—A report that seven Japanese had escaped from the Tule lake relocation center was denied today by the war relocation authority, which said no internees were missing from the center.

A WRA official said he had investigated a Klamath Falls report that several internees had been seen outside the camp. He said apparently some Klamath Indians had been mistaken for Japanese.

BRITAIN IN BID TO END STRIFE FREES INDIANS

Congress Party Leaders Released From Internment; Cripps Offers Renewed.

London, June 14.—(U.P.)—Britain, in a sweeping bid to end political strife in India, announced today that congress party leaders were being released from internment and proposed to turn over the viceroy's executive council to the Indians except for a single post.

The conciliatory British moves were disclosed by introduction in commons of a white paper on the Indian situation. Leopold S. Amery, secretary of state for India, submitted the paper to the parliament about to be dissolved preliminary to a general election.

Meets Indian Hope Observers viewed the proposals as Britain's nearest approach to Indian aspirations and demands for a national government since Sir Stafford Cripps failed in his mission to India three years ago.

Amery told the house that Field Marshal Lord Wavell, viceroy of India, on a nine-week visit to London recently received the government's authority to try to effect a complete Indianization of its executive council.

The only exception to Indian membership of the council, according to the proposal, would be retention of the war minister's portfolio by Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck.

Experts studying the white paper said the essence of the proposals represented a renewal of the Cripps offers to India. The paper made it plain that those offers still stand.

SCHOOL DISTRICT SELLS PROPERTY

Sale of the property on the corner of Riverside avenue and Fifth streets, on which the American Automobile association tourist information center was located, to H. C. Witham was announced today by E. H. Hedrick for the Medford school district. Purchase price was \$13,500, the superintendent said.

The irregularly shaped lot has 140 feet of frontage on Riverside avenue and 176 feet on Fifth street. This tract is the balance of the old Junior high school site, Hedrick states, part of the land having previously been sold to the Safeway Stores for a building erected two years ago.

Father Whips Baby With Heavy Wire

Reno, Nev., June 14.—(U.P.)—Charles Payton was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail yesterday by Judge Harry Dunsen of the justice court for allegedly whipping his two-year-old daughter with a heavy wire.

Payton was said to have visited his family while his wife, from whom he is divorced, was at work.

LIQUOR PRODUCTION MAY START JULY 1

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—Americans were offered the prospect today of uninterrupted liquor production beginning July 1.

Up to now distillers have been required to use their entire facilities to make industrial alcohol, needed in munitions and synthetic rubber manufacture.

DEANNA WEDS Hollywood, June 14.—(U.P.)—Deanna Durbin and her producer, Felix Jackson, started on a 10-day honeymoon today during which they planned to mix romance with the business of discussing the bride's next picture.

"Little 45" Gird For Final Fight Against Big Five Veto As Conference Nears Windup

San Francisco, June 14.—(U.P.)—The United Nations conference pushed to adjournment today as the "little 45" nations prepared for a final battle against the big five's proposed power to veto amendments to the contemplated world charter.

Commission 1—One of the four major commissions into which the conference is divided—met in open session to receive a report from its committee on the proposed preamble of the charter and its first two chapters, covering the purposes and principles of the world security organization.

One Of Series The meeting was one of a series being held this week and next in which various sections of the charter are being considered and approved one by one. Final approval by a plenary session of the full conference is expected to be sheer formality.

The preamble recommended by the committee sets forth that "we the peoples of the United Nations" are "determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrows to mankind."

It then lists other determinations including "faith in fundamental human rights," respect for international treaties and obligations and promotion of "social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom."

To accomplish these objectives the preamble proposes that member nations will practice tolerance "and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors"; "unite our strength to maintain international peace and security"; not use armed forces except in the common interest, and use "international machinery for the promotion of economic and social advancement of all peoples."

Purpose Cited Chapter 1 presented the purposes of the organization as maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, and achieving international cooperation in the solution of international problems.

Chapter II sets forth a slate of principles, such as sovereign equality of members and pledges to fulfill obligations under the charter.

Close Votes Farid Zeineddine, Syrian delegation adviser, reported to the commission meeting on behalf of the committee. He recounted at some length the numerous disputes in which the committee had become involved before it finally agreed on language of the three sections, and pointed out that there had been close votes on several issues.

On the Yalta voting formula, the little nations conceded they had lost their fight to soften the basic formula but were prepared to stage a showdown fight against the big five veto amendments to the world charter.

Thinning of Pears Started in Valley Thinning of pears is now underway in the orchards of the valley. Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy states the "drop" was extensive among D'Anjou, with other varieties having a normal drop. There will be a good crop of Bartlett's, first of the pears to be harvested.

It will be three weeks or a month before local cherries are on the market, except for a few of the earlier varieties. There is a light crop according to Cordy. Local strawberries and local grown early vegetables are now reaching the market.

Sgt. Humphries Given Discharge Sgt. Joseph S. Humphries, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Humphries, 322 East Twelfth street, has received an honorable discharge from the army on the point system after three years and six months in the service. Humphries spent 32 months overseas with the Fifteenth air force in England, North Africa and Italy.

He wears the European, North African and Middle-East campaign ribbons with three battle stars, the good conduct medal, and a unit citation received by his group for outstanding service.

MRS. IDA BLITON DIES WHILE ON YREKA VISIT Mrs. Ida Bliton passed away in Yreka, Calif., this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Dodge, where she spent several days ago for a visit. The body is being shipped to the Conger-Morris Funeral parlors here and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mrs. Bliton, widow of the late A. S. Bliton who at one time published the Medford Mail Tribune and was later an employee of the California Oregon Power company, had been making her home here with another daughter, Mrs. E. H. Thomas, 708 West Tenth street.

Seventh War Loan Drive "E" Sales to Date \$440,851 Quota \$1,087,000

TRUMAN TO VISIT OLD HOME TOWN AFTER TRIP WEST

President Plans Attendance At Independence Homecoming Late This Month.

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—The White House today announced plans of President Truman to attend homecoming celebrations at Independence, Mo., and Kansas City later this month.

The president will be in Independence, his home town, on June 27 and in Kansas City on June 28.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said it was possible that the president's homecoming trip might become a part of his journey to the United Nations conference at San Francisco and a visit to Olympia, Wash.

West Next Week The date for the San Francisco trip depended on when the conference ends. The west coast trip now seems probable for some time next week.

The president planned to fly to Kansas and Missouri. His trip to the west coast also will be by plane.

With the announcement of the trip to Independence and Kansas City, the president had before him a busy travel schedule for the next 60 days.

First will be the flight to the west coast, then the trip to his home at Jackson county, Mo. Almost immediately after the Missouri trip an appearance is scheduled at the governors' conference at Mackinac Island, Mich., July 3 and 4, if no pressing business in Washington develops.

Then comes the big three meeting scheduled for overseas sometime in mid-July.

Battle-Wearry Jeep Faltering In Middle of War Bond Parade Portland, Ore., June 14.—(U.P.)—A battle-wearry jeep limped up the war bond parade in honor of two Iwo Jima flag-raising heroes appearing in Portland.

Crowds cheered Pfc. Rene A. Gagnon as he passed along at the head of the parade in his jeep. Then the "old reliable" stalled and no amount of tinkering would start it. The paraders shuffled uneasily and onlookers chuckled—but not too audibly for the perspiring soldier mechanics to hear.

Finally another jeep swung in behind and pushed the Gagnon vehicle along the remainder of the route.

THIEVES TAKE CAMERA AND HIDING EQUIPMENT Two thefts were reported to police yesterday. George W. Nichols reported that a building used to store furniture and riding equipment and located on Sunrise avenue, was broken into sometime between 9 p. m. Tuesday and Wednesday noon, according to state police. Saddles, lariets, and other riding equipment are reportedly missing.

City police reported that a German-made camera and leather case were stolen Tuesday night from a car belonging to Floyd A. Kazmir, of Los Angeles, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. Raymond Fish, 825 West Eleventh street. The auto was parked in front of the Fish residence, police said.

Czech Revolt Against Nazis One Of Bloodiest War Phases Prague, June 14.—(U.P.)—On the morning of May 5, 1945, the outside world heard a Czech voice break into a program of German martial music on radio Prague, shouting: "Send help. We have risen against the Nazis."

Then for five days there was silence, while the bloodiest uprising of World War II boiled through the streets of the enslaved Czechoslovak capital.

First Complete Story This is the first complete story obtained from eyewitnesses of the revolution in which the men, women and children of Prague fought behind barricades and in their homes against the 200,000 German garrisoning their city.



Robert S. Farrell

FARRELL COMES FOR FRIDAY TALK

Oregon's secretary of state, Robert S. Farrell, who arrived in Medford this morning for a series of three talks in southern Oregon, will speak Friday noon at a luncheon meeting of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce.

This will be the regular board meeting but in order that other members of the chamber and valley business men may hear the state official, the meeting will be in the Holland hotel Blue Room. Reservations are to be made with either the hotel or the Chamber of Commerce office.

Farrell went on to Klamath Falls for a noon meeting there and is returning tonight to speak at the Medford Elks' club in observance of Flag day.

Timely state problems and the proposed post-war building program of the state will be discussed by Farrell at the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

BAKERY OWNER SUFFERS INJURY

Michael Beck, owner of Beck's Bakery, is a patient in Sacred Heart hospital here recovering from injuries suffered yesterday when his head became entangled in the machinery of a bakery oven.

His attending physician reported that Beck had his left ear badly torn, severe injuries to the left side of his neck and head and had also suffered burns. He was reported resting today.

The accident occurred when Beck and two employees were endeavoring to repair the oven, which had broken down. In some manner one of the three switches which operate the oven was connected and the machinery began to move, catching Beck's head. Only the fact that the switch was shut off at once saved the bakery owner from more serious injury, employees stated today.

WICKARD ATTACKED BY FORMER CHIEF OF REA Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—Claude R. Wickard is "a joke" as an administrator and should not be confirmed as head of the rural electrification administration, former REA Administrator Harry Slattery said today.

Slattery, who resigned from REA last November because of differences with Wickard, told the agriculture committee that Wickard as secretary of agriculture created "a hopeless political muddle" in REA.

SEATTLE, BREMERTON FACE MEAT FAMINE Seattle, June 14.—(U.P.)—Strike threats by Seattle and Bremerton independent retail meat dealers brought both cities to the verge of complete meat famine today, with 90 Bremerton independents prepared to walk out within two weeks unless meat supplies are increased.

The strike threat was issued by B. T. Renard, president of the Bremerton-Kitsap Meat Dealers Association, at Bremerton.

"We are ready to cut off the Bremerton meat supply—and not an ounce will get through—until we get some relief," Renard said.

50,000 POUNDS BEEF DESTROYED BY BLAZE Red Bluff, Cal., June 14.—(U.P.)—Fire yesterday destroyed the packing plant of the Minch Wholesale Meat company—and with it 50,000 pounds of beef just slaughtered.

Firemen believed the blaze was started by an overheated motor. The total loss was estimated at \$100,000, including \$10,000 worth of hides as well as the beef.

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