

# HOLLYWOOD PICKETING SPREADS

## Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with scattered light showers tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.  
Temp. 59  
Highest Yesterday 53  
Lowest this Morning 33  
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## "Voice" of Mankind United Facing New Court Trouble; Receiver Named for Church

Los Angeles, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Arthur Bell, magnetic "voice" of Mankind United and manager of the fabulous holdings of his Christ's Church of the Golden Rule, today was charged with using his followers' funds to finance his appeal from a sedition conviction.

Bell, still awaiting a ruling of his appeal from the 1943 sedition verdict, was removed by court order as head of the wealthy church, whose followers allegedly surrendered all their property to Bell as a condition of membership.

The California attorney general's office charged the religious leader used \$1,529,093 of church funds for his own benefit and tried to sell \$1,507,000 of church property without authority.

**Receiver Named**  
The church's \$3,600,000 assets were put in the hands of a receiver and Superior Judge Joseph Heckers ordered a show-cause hearing for Oct. 19.

The suit was the latest of the Church and Mankind United, which a California committee on un-American activities charged was a "racket which poured \$4,000,000 into Bell's pockets."

The committee found Bell had claimed that Mankind United would conquer the world with a force of "little men with metallic heads, now waiting in the bowels of the earth with machines capable of making one's eyes pop out."

**Guilty Sedition**  
Bell was accused of advising his followers that U. S. war bonds were "worthless" and the Pearl Harbor raid a result of collusion between the U. S. and Japan. A federal court found him guilty of conspiracy to violate the wartime sedition law and sentenced him to five years imprisonment.

The Church of the Golden Rule was organized in January, 1944, as a cooperative. Its real estate empire includes a 14-story downtown Los Angeles office building, hotels, ranches, laundries, apartment houses, beach clubs and residential property.

The faithful, having surrendered their property to the church, are employed in the organization's various enterprises and depend on it from day to day for food and clothing.

**Salvage Effort**  
"We are not finding fault with the religious character of the organization," Warren Olney III, special assistant to the attorney general who filed the latest suit, said.

"The whole purpose is to make an effort to salvage some of the assets of the church for people who have been exploited by Bell."

Bell, dark and handsome, has faced several court actions on charges of fleeing members of his flock. Mrs. Margaret J. Steele charged last Jan. 30, that

Bell obtained the property of her late sister, Jessie J. Whipple, with the "intention of cheating and defrauding her and her heirs."

Another suit filed in Oakland, Calif., accused Bell and 14 other leaders of his cult of having bilked an elderly widow, Mrs. Ruth Willard Moss, of her \$6,500 home by bizarre threats of slavery and starvation.

Mrs. Moss allegedly was told that unless she joined the organization she would be scrubbing floors for other members who became her masters by giving all their income and property to the church.

## MAGNETIC LEADER HERE RECENTLY TO INSPECT HOLDINGS

More than a year ago business representative of Arthur Bell's Christ's Church of the Golden Rule contacted the purchase of the Hanley ranch in the Lake Creek district, one of the largest ranches in Southern Oregon, and subsequently purchased other property. Later purchases included the Ladrone Produces company cheese factory at Eagle Point, the Galbreath auto court at Eagle Point and the Hillcrest Bulb Gardens at Grants Pass according to N. L. Nagler, business manager for the church's property in Oregon.

Nagler, in Medford this morning on business, stated that he had received a wire from church heads cautioning him against statements regarding the organization.

From another source it was learned that Arthur Bell, head of the church, was in Jackson county a short time ago. He visited the local property of the church, a number of valley ranches and attended the annual 4H club fair, where he purchased a steer. It was stated that he travels Inshogito and was registered in Ashland lodgings under a name unknown here.

Medford people who talked with Bell declare that he has a most magnetic personality and that his beautifully modulated voice and his manner of speaking are both charming and convincing.

## Communist Editor Quits Movement To Rejoin Catholicism

New York, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Louis F. Budenz turned his back on the communist today and his job as president and managing editor of The Daily Worker, the party newspaper, to rejoin the Catholic church.

Budenz was readmitted to church last night in a special ceremony in the baptistry of St. Patrick's cathedral. With him were his wife and his three daughters, who were baptized as converts.

"Reason and faith have led me to this happy step, Budenz said. "I have resigned the managing editorship of The Daily Worker and have severed my associations with the communist movement. Communism and Catholicism are irreconcilable."

Budenz had been a member of the communist national committee for six years. He joined the party in 1935.

## Bobby Sox Chisler Given Five Years

Portland, Ore., Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Rose Marie Moore, 19, a bobby sox brunette, in federal court here today was sentenced to five years in a reformatory for defrauding service men and their relatives by posing as an expectant mother.

"The crime to which you admitted you were guilty is one of the most dastardly schemes ever brought to the attention of this court—preying on the mothers of service men," said Judge J. A. Fee in sentencing her to a term at the Women's Industrial Reformatory at Alderson, W. Va.



Hysterically declaring "I killed him . . . and I wouldn't hurt him for the world," Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt is led from a room in San Francisco city jail where she was informed of suicide of her husband, Dr. John H. Mansfeldt—denouncement to the tragedy in which she killed Mrs. Vada Martin, struck in a jealous frenzy. The nurse, Jean MacLennan, body of Dr. Mansfeldt (left) missing three days, was found in his automobile at self-inflicted death. Apparently of Pedro Point, poison. Photo, made while he was in army, is only known recent portrait of the doctor.

## NURSE'S HUSBAND URGES DEATH FOR JEALOUS SLAYER

San Francisco, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Chief Warrant Officer Wilbur P. Martin, grief-stricken husband of slain Nurse Vada Martin, said today he felt Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt should pay the supreme penalty for his wife's murder.

Martin, who returned yesterday from 22 months service in the Pacific, said he thought re-haired Mrs. Mansfeldt should be sentenced to death as an example to other jealous wives who might be tempted to slay rivals for their husband's affections "on suspicion only."

Mrs. Mansfeldt fired a bullet through Mrs. Martin's heart because she believed the nurse was having an affair with Dr. John Mansfeldt, who killed himself when he learned of the shooting.

**Misconduct Denied**  
Martin insisted his wife was innocent of any misconduct during his absence. After shooting Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mansfeldt herself doubted the grounds for her suspicions until the district attorney's office announced it had obtained evidence that a romance existed.

His peace-time plans for himself and Mrs. Martin blasted, the former superintendent of maintenance at the agricultural experiment station, Beltsville, Md., was pale, tense and obviously affected by the tragedy when he appeared at the police station today. He had flown to San Francisco from the Admiralty Islands to claim his wife's personal effects and arrange to send her body to Maryland.

## Not Flirtatious

Mrs. Martin "wasn't flirtatious," her husband said, and "wasn't interested in anyone else." He said she wrote to him every other day while he was overseas and quoted a letter written on Oct. 1, three days before the shooting. It addressed him as "Dear Peachy Pie" and told of her plans to keep their apartment because "I want a place for my honey to put his little head."

The letter ended with "Come home—please." And was signed "Love as always, Vada."

Mexico has 22 ocean ports, the most important of which are Vera Cruz and Tampico, both on the Gulf of Mexico

## TAX REDUCTION WINS QUICK OK IN HOUSE VOTE

First General Slash in 16 Years Approved 343 to 10; Senate Changes Forecast.

Washington, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—The house gave swift and overwhelming approval today to legislation proposing a \$3,350,000,000 cut in business and individual taxes next year.

The measure offered the first general tax reductions in 16 years. It was sent to the senate where some changes were forecast.

The bill would lower individual income taxes next year by \$2,627,000,000 through increased exemptions from the three per cent normal tax and a four per cent cut in surtax rates.

Individuals also would benefit from repeal of the \$5 automobile use tax and sharp cuts in excise taxes, effective next July 1.

For corporations, the measure proposed a \$1,888,000,000 reduction in 1946 tax liabilities. Only feeble protests were raised against specific provisions in the bill. It was debated under a rule forbidding consideration of amendments.

## MERCURY PRICE UP TEN DOLLARS

New York, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Quicksilver buyers found offerings limited in the local market today and bid up the price an additional \$3 to \$100 a 76-pound flask, a cumulative advance of \$10 over the past few weeks.

Brokers reported an even stronger situation on the Pacific coast, where the market was quoted \$105 a flask, F.O.B. San Francisco.

Fewer imports of Spanish metal, and a withdrawal of Mexican offerings, have been strengthening influences.

## MAJOR JOE FOSS, ACE RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Santa Barbara, Calif., Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Major Joe Foss, first World War II flier to equal Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record of 26 enemy planes bagged, today received his honorable discharge from the marine corps.

The cigar-chewing air ace, whose home is in Sioux Falls, S. D., said he would "stick around" Santa Barbara for a while.

## Aeronautics Law Situation Continues "All Up In Air"

By Eldon Barrett  
United Press Correspondent  
Salem, Ore., Oct. 11—(U.P.)—

The preconception that everybody and his brother is likely to be galavanting around in flying machines in the near future has prompted State Tax Commissioner Joe McKenna to investigate existing government practices and regulations in connection with aeronautics.

In the latest issue of State Government, a nationally circulated magazine of state affairs, McKenna points out more complications than a cop could find on a one-way street jammed with Sunday drivers. In fact McKenna's article would lead one to believe that aeronautics regulation situation is all up in the air.

**Few Solons Prepared**  
"The importance of air transportation has been realized so suddenly," said McKenna, "that few legislators have been prepared to give intelligent consideration to the problems arising."

He lists several problems to be faced during the coming "air age" including: conflict between state and national controls, federal finance, taxation, military rights and the rejection of gov-

## Mac Sending 1,250,000 Home In Next Six Months; 200,000 Remaining To Control Japan

Tokyo, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—General Douglas MacArthur announced today that 1,250,000 American troops will be sent home from the Pacific in the next six months, leaving an occupation army of only 200,000 in Japan and Korea.

At the same time, he directed Japan's new premier at a conference in his occupation headquarters to free the Japanese peoples from centuries of government bondage through adoption of a revolutionary five-point program.

**Freedom Decreed**  
MacArthur told the premier, Baron Kijuro Shidehara, to abolish all government inquisition, break up industrial monopolies, encourage labor unions, institute women's suffrage and liberalize education.

He bluntly informed Shidehara that the program includes elimination of all controls tending to suppress freedom of religion—a move that well may end the state shintoism or compulsory emperor worship.

"In achievement of the Potsdam declaration," MacArthur said, "the traditional social order under which the Japanese people for centuries have been subjugated will be corrected. This will unquestionably involve a liberalization of the constitution."

Thousands of troops already were on the high seas and by the end of October nearly 250,000 will be back in the United States or on the way as part of this month's quota.

**Some Going Back**  
Low-point men will be screened out and re-assigned within the Pacific theater.

By the end of the mass movement in March, the occupation army in Japan will comprise the 11th air-borne, 24th infantry, first cavalry and 25th infantry divisions. The sixth and seventh infantry divisions will remain in Korea, and the 86th, in the Philippines.

Under the new plan, the American division and the 147th

## Chinese Factions Pledge Peace Aim

Chungking, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Chinese central government and themselves leaders pledged today every possible means but the delay in settling military problems is reacting favorably for the government in the negotiations.

A joint statement issued by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's central government and Mao Tse-Tung's communist regime after 45 days of negotiations pledged cooperation in building a free and prosperous China.

infantry regiment will be available to return to the United States in November and the 27th division, in December.

The 41st and 81st divisions and the 138th, 112th and 503rd regimental teams will return in January. The 33rd division and the 161st regiment of the 25th division will embark in February.

Last out, in March, will be the 40th and 32nd divisions, the first Philippines regiment and the 184th regiment of the seventh division.

Meantime, Col. William H. Adams, fiscal director for MacArthur, revealed that Japan was furnishing funds to pay the cost of the American occupation of the Japanese homeland at the rate of \$2,095,238 daily.

Japan already has advanced on requisition from the occupation army \$73,333,000 in yen and has set aside in vaults of the Bank of Japan further American use another \$200,000,000. The Japanese promised that still further sums would be advanced as needed.

## HOME CEILINGS ORDER REVOKED

Washington, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—The War Production Board lifted the last of its controls on construction today by revoking order L-41 which placed sales price ceilings on homes, built under war housing programs authorized by the National Housing agency.

WPB spokesmen said removal of the order had nothing to do with current discussions among government and industry officials of proposals to place price ceilings on new dwellings during reconversion.

Today's action fulfilled the government's promise on Sept. 18 to remove all wartime controls on construction by Oct. 15.

Meanwhile, Price Administrator Chester Bowles is contending that price control should be maintained on homes as an anti-inflation measure during the reconversion period.

## Patton Suggested For Congressman From California

Los Angeles, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Times political reporter, "The Watchman," today said the name of Gen. George S. Patton "had been suggested" as a potential republican candidate for representative from the 12th congressional district.

"The Watchman" admitted, however, there were two questions that would have to be answered—Is Patton a republican and would he be willing to leave the army and wind up his colorful career representing the people in congress?

Patton's official residence is in San Marino, Cal., within the 12th district.

## Peron Voted By Junior Officers

Montevideo, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Junior officers of the Argentine army were reported today to be insisting on the withdrawal of the presidential candidacy of Col. Juan D. Peron.

The junior officers who were said to have sparked the move that brought Peron's resignation as war minister were said to be demanding even more sweeping changes.

It was indicated that the government crisis may not yet be settled.

San Francisco, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—The U. S. maritime commission today announced the United Fruit company has been granted permission to build nine refrigerated cargo ships costing \$2,799,000 each at the Bethlehem-Sparrows Point shipyards, Baltimore, Md.

San Francisco, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—William Melone, state democratic party chairman, was on record today as favoring Senator Sheridan Downey's candidacy for governor in 1946.

## UNIVERSAL STUDIO BESIEGED BY MEN FROM LOCKHEED

Aircraft Plant Workers Leave Own Jobs to Take Hand in Film Makers Struggle.

Hollywood, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Mass picketing in the 29-week old movie strike today spread to Universal Studios as 1500 workers from Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and 350 pickets from already besieged Warner Brothers jammed the gates.

Another 2500 remained at Warner's, where a series of skirmishes in the past six days have slowed production almost to a standstill.

Most workers at Universal were believed to have got inside before pickets arrived, but late-comers were turned back.

**Headed By Flag**  
The Lockheed workers, members of Lodge 727 of the IAM arrived in a 50-car caravan headed by a huge American flag.

Sheriff Eugene Biscaillet sent 235 deputies augmented by about 350 police from Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles to duty at Warner's as non-striking workers faced the enlarged picket lines across a "no-man's land" street.

The mass picketing violated a court order allowing 18 pickets before studio gates and 300 pickets were arrested yesterday on that ground.

Warner's had raised the flag over the studio early this morning, and pickets joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner. The IAM caravan arrived as they were saving the national anthem.

**Union Flag Too**  
Beside the huge American flag heading the parade of aeronautical lodge members was the banner of the AFL machinists' union, which yesterday declared it had no dispute with Lockheed but would keep that plant closed if necessary to aid the film strikers.

Strike Leader Herbert Sorrell was absent from the lines today, declaring he had received word that only leaders would be arrested in the advent of further mass picketing.

Only three studio executives were seen on rooftops of Warner buildings this morning as the combined forces of strikers and IAM marched peacefully back and forth.

**Workers Enter**  
No attempt was made to prevent workers from entering the studio, although few made the trip.

Police moved back to the curbing from their positions between pickets and non-strikers as the caravan arrived.

While practically a holiday spirit prevailed at the studio, a group of 149 veterans of World War II today filed a protest against being "forced to fight now for the right to work in the country we fought to save."

They said "we cannot understand how civilians who enjoy the rights we fought to defend for all of us can tell us now that we have no such rights."

The group, all now employed in film studios, said they felt the spirit of the GI bill of rights is being violated by "the pickets' un-American efforts to prevent fellow-Americans from working and respecting the orders of their own unions."

## 69 Left Dead In Honshu Typhoon

San Francisco, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—A typhoon which has deluged Tokyo with rain for the past three days left 69 known dead, 128 houses destroyed, 81 bridges washed out and nearly 1,000 acres of land flooded in central and southern Honshu, a broadcast quoting the Japanese home ministry said today.

Guthrey Janssen, NBC correspondent, said the sky was clear tonight in Tokyo "for the first time in days."

## Bank of America World's Largest

New York, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Bank of America, National Trust & Savings association, now ranks as the world's largest commercial bank, on the basis of its Sept. 30 statement, but banking quarters here believe that Chase National Bank of the city of New York may regain top place when Dec. 31 statements are issued.

Publication of Bank of America's Sept. 30 figures show that the Pacific coast institution has total assets of \$5,037,500,000 against \$4,965,393,703 for Chase on the same date.

## HEREFORDS BRING HIGHEST PRICES

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Sixty-four head of prize cattle brought a total of \$279,750—probably a national record—at the annual Wyoming Hereford ranch sale here yesterday. Officials of the big event said today. The cattle went to 42 buyers from 22 states.

Average price paid for the animals was \$4,371. The consignment included 28 bulls, which sold for an average of \$5,680 or a total of \$159,050. Top price for a bull, \$27,500, was paid by Dan Thornton of Gunnison, Colo. The ten top head of cattle sold for an average of \$11,810.

## CASUALTIES CUT

Washington, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—U. S. military casualties stood at 1,070,153 today, a postwar bookkeeping reduction of 371 from a week ago. The total included 263,203 dead. It was made up of 922,583 army and 147,570 navy, marine corps, and coast guard losses.