



Posed with Commander Jack Dempsey during his visit here last week in the interests of the Victory bond sale drive are four candidates in the American Legion-sponsored contest for victory queen.

SCHOOL BUS PLUNGES INTO LAKE

15 OR 20 PUPILS CARRIED TO DEATH IN DEEP WATERS

Machine Hurtles Into Lake Chelan After Striking Dislodged Rock On Highway

First Creek, Wash., Nov. 26—(U.P.)—The Washington state patrol reported today that between "15 and 20" school children lost their lives when the bus in which they were riding plunged into Lake Chelan one mile from here.

The reduced death toll—at first feared to reach as high as 50—was announced by Assistant Patrol Chief Jack Whittall at Olympic state headquarters. He made the announcement after talking with Patrol Sergeant Joseph McCauley, who assumed charge in the accident scene pending the arrival of Captain F. H. Morgan from Spokane, area supervisor.

In Deep Water "The bus," Whittall said, "rests in between 150 and 200 feet of water. As far as we can ascertain now, between 15 and 20 school children are still aboard the bus. Seven students and one adult—Mrs. Ted Brown—escaped through a window."

"McCauley told me," Whittall said, "that Mrs. Brown, who lives along the bus route, was riding the bus today. When the accident occurred, she pushed seven children through a bus window and then escaped herself."

"The children are of all ages," Whittall said. "They range from grade school to high school students. In some families, the death toll will reach as high as three persons."

"Patrolmen on the scene still have not located the school bus. But they are trying to locate it with improvised grappling material."

McCauley told Whittall that the bus was driven by Jack Randall of Chelan. "His body is still in the bus," Whittall said.

Bus Hit Rock "Mrs. Brown has told us," he said, "that the bus did not skid. It struck a rock which had been dislodged by a heavy snowfall. Immediately after striking the rock it plummeted from the road into the lake."

State Patrolman Bill Sugden, phoning over an emergency line from the crash scene placed the death toll at "between 15 or 20" children but said that the complete death list would not be available for some time.

Chelan high school secretary Ruth O'Keefe said school officials had hoped that the bus which normally carried a heavy load of children, had been lightly loaded at the time of the crash "because it was near the start of its run."

Support the Victory Bond campaign and you will aid in the peace.

To the People of this Community

Everybody has a personal post-war plan. You talk about it almost as much as you discuss the weather. Mark Twain once said everybody talks about the weather but nobody seems to do anything about it. Mark Twain lived in an era when Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn could go fishing without worrying if an atom bomb was loose in the vicinity.

When you talk about your post-war plan you can do something about it. For one thing, you can buy Victory Bonds which pack as much future in them as the stars above you tonight. Whether you plan to buy new machinery for the farm, open a little business, send your child to college, go off on a trip to the tropics or the northlands, or whether you just want to go fishing some day, the Victory Bonds you store up today supply the power.

Every \$3 you put away today in Victory Bonds will come back to you in 1955 grown \$4, which you then can convert into the thing you most desire for yourself and your family. For your own good, buy as many extra Victory Bonds as your pocketbook can stand.

THE EDITOR



Signing up for a free chest X-ray, when the mobile unit arrives this week are: Left to right—Don Stansell, president of the Southern Oregon Central Labor Council; Mrs. Kenneth Denman, committee worker; Mrs. O. A. Eden, Jackson county chamber of commerce secretary; Mayor C. A. Meeker of Medford, V. W. Kengla of Timber Products Co., A. G. Thompson, Henry Feller and Robert Peebler of the Labor council; Mrs. Jacques Lenox, president of the Medford Business and Professional Women; seated—Fitzhugh L. Brewer of the California Oregon Power company and Mrs. Dwight Findley, county chairman of the drive.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS IN IRAN PROPOSED BY U.S.

Notes To London and Moscow Urge Recall By Jan. 1—Russian Actions Cited

Washington, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—The United States has proposed to Russia and Great Britain that all troops of the three nations be withdrawn from Iran by Jan. 1, the state department announced today.

The proposal was made by means of notes sent to London and Moscow.

The United States notes recalled the Tehran agreement of Dec. 1, 1943, between Premier Josef Stalin, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the late President Roosevelt, on the maintenance of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran.

The note said that "The fulfillment of these assurances requires that the government of Iran should have full freedom, without interference from Soviet, British or American military or civil authorities, to move its armed forces through Iran in such a manner as it may consider necessary in order to preserve its authority and to maintain internal security."

This country suggested that Soviet commanders in northern Iran may have been acting without the sanction of the Soviet government in preventing the free movement of Iranian forces.

If that is the explanation of Iranian charges that recent uprisings there were Soviet-inspired, the note said, this government is assuming that the Soviet government is issuing new instructions in keeping with the Tehran declaration.

POET REINDICTED ON TREASON ACTS

Washington, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Erza Pound, 60-year-old American poet, was re-indicted today on charges of committing 19 acts of treason as an expatriate in Rome when this country was at war with Italy.

Pound was first indicted on treason charges in July, 1943. The new indictment, returned by a federal grand jury here, contains more details than the old one.

The treason charges are based on broadcasts Pound made in Italy during the war.

Pound is a native of Hailey, Ida., where he was born Oct. 30, 1895. He recently was flown here from Italy. The Justice department said his trial, in U. S. district court here, would be held as soon as possible.

RIBBENTROP MAY ASK SUMMONING OF V. M. MOLOTOV

Certain Russian General Also May Be Sought For Testimony in Nazi's Trial

Nuernberg, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Counsel for Joachim Von Ribbentrop said today that they were considering asking the war crimes tribunal to call Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov and "a certain Russian general" to testify in Ribbentrop's defense.

Ribbentrop's attorneys said that the request had not yet been submitted to the court but was under consideration. They said they wanted Molotov to testify concerning Russo-German relations in the period between the signing of the non-aggression pact in August, 1939 and the German attack on Russia, June 22, 1941.

The French and British prosecution staffs take a position that the court can not require the presence of witnesses who are outside of Germany. However, the American and Russian prosecutors hold that witnesses anywhere may be subpoenaed on a showing that their testimony is relevant to the defense.

The court itself has not yet ruled on such witnesses.

Sidney Alderman, assistant U. S. prosecutor, charged before the court today that Germany and her leaders were responsible for Pearl Harbor.

He based his charge on the minutes of Adolf Hitler's conference with Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka in April, 1940, at which Hitler promised Japan full German support in event of a Japanese-U. S. war.

Alderman said that Hitler's promise to declare war on the United States the moment hostilities opened in the Pacific had encouraged Japan to make the Pearl Harbor attack.

Alderman's charge was made after the tribunal had granted the defendants permission to call various witnesses, including witnesses desired by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht in an attempt to prove that he tried to overthrow Hitler in 1938 and participated in the abortive plot on Hitler's life in July, 1944.

Lesnevich Crown Not To Be Up In Fight With Kahut

Portland, Ore., Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Joe Kahut's nine and three-quarter pounds overweight today reduced the forthcoming Kahut-Gus Lesnevich fight here to a 10-round affair—without the Lesnevich 14 1/2 heavyweight title at stake.

Matchmaker Joe Waterman announced it would not be fair to either Kahut or the fight fans to have Kahut make the required 175 pounds for a title match.

Japs Hit Pearl Harbor At Very Time Grew Trying To Deliver Last Minute Peace Plea

Washington, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Joseph Clark Grew, last U. S. ambassador to Japan, said today that Japan broke off diplomatic relations and attacked Pearl Harbor at the very time he was trying to deliver a last-minute appeal for peace from the late President Roosevelt to Emperor Hirohito.

Grew described in detail for the Pearl Harbor investigating committee those last hours in Tokyo before the sneak attack on Dec. 7, 1941, which started the Pacific war.

He said he still was trying to get an audience with the emperor to deliver the president's note, dispatched the day before Pearl Harbor, when he was told that the Washington negotiations were ended. The attack had occurred four hours earlier. He learned about it later in the newspapers, Grew said.

Grew was preceded before the committee by former Secretary of State Hull who testified that: 1. Basing the U. S. fleet at Pearl Harbor in 1940 and 1941 was "thoroughly justified" (The fleet commander had opposed it.)

SPRUANCE TAKES FLEET COMMAND; NIMITZ RETURNS

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, new U. S. chief of naval operations, hauled his five-star flag down the stubby mast of a submarine Saturday and relinquished command of the Pacific fleet with a pledge to maintain the greatest fighting force in the history of naval warfare.

In a strictly formal 10 minute ceremony, Nimitz turned over command of the Pacific fleet to Adm. Raymond Ames Spruance, one of the fleet's ablest subordinate commanders and known to fellow officers as a "cold blooded fighting fool."

The whiteclad be-ribboned admirals were piped aboard the USS Menhaden which Nimitz selected for the occasion because "I'm a submarine sailor." On Dec. 31, 1941, he hoisted his flag aboard the submarine USS Gray in Pearl Harbor and then carried it victoriously across the Pacific.

With Spruance taking command of the world's greatest fleet, Nimitz declared that as chief of naval operations he would maintain the efficiency and striking power of the mightiest naval armada ever to enter combat.

Jacksonville Grange Jacksonville Grange will meet Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p. m. at the hall. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Federal Agency Fund Slash Also Hits At Strike Ballots

Washington, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—A congressional committee voted today to end the right of labor unions to hold strike elections under the Smith-Connelly act.

The action was taken by the house appropriations committee in recommending a \$1,131,552,312 deficiency appropriation for federal agencies during the fiscal year ending next June 30—a slash of \$576,142,136 from the original budget bureau request.

The committee attached to the appropriation legislation a rider prohibiting the national labor relations board from using any of its funds to conduct the strike elections authorized by the Smith-Connelly act.

Legislation for outright repeal of the Smith-Connelly act has been approved by the house rules committee and is now awaiting house action.

The committee rejected the entire budget bureau requests of \$158,320,000 for expansion of veterans' hospital facilities, \$128,475,000 for flood control and rivers and harbors projects, and \$24,500,000 for temporary veterans' housing.

All of these requests should have further study, the committee reported. To take care of the hospital situation, it inserted a provision authorizing the veterans' administration to take over army and navy hospitals not needed by those services.

In knocking out the flood control and rivers and harbors projects previously recommended by army engineers, the committee said they would be reconsidered when the regular appropriation bill is brought up in January.

Major appropriations recommended by the committee included: Federal Security Agency, \$25,042,000; NLRB, \$646,000; Veterans' administration for national service life insurance, \$928,000,000; Agriculture department, \$18,000,000; Bureau of Reclamation, \$77,206,000, and State department, \$10,840,000. Funds totalling \$14,000,000 were approved to continue the importation of foreign farm labor.

AUSTRIAN VOTERS HIT COMMUNISTS

Vienna, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Partial returns from Austria's first free election in 14 years showed that the communists had suffered a defeat so severe they may not win a single seat in the new parliament.

The conservative people's party appeared to have won a small plurality over the socialist party, but reports were lacking from many rural districts.

There was no question that the voters, who turned out in exceptional strength, had dealt the communists a stunning blow.

PRISONERS OF JAPS WELL FED IS CLAIM

Manila, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Shiyoku Kou, who had charge of prisoner of war and internment camps on Luzon, testified today that he personally visited all camps and "found everything good."

He said the inmates had better food than the Japanese soldiers in Manila.

EDNA SKELTON WEDS

Hollywood, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Edna Skelton, former wife of Comedian Red Skelton, was back in Hollywood with Motion Picture Director Frank Borzage today following their marriage in Las Vegas, Nev. They will have to postpone their honeymoon, they said, until after Borzage completes his current picture.

AFL LUMBERMEN URGED TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE HIKE

End of Crippling Strike Foreseen—15 Cent Hike Accepted By Committee

By United Press An end to the crippling strike of 60,000 AFL lumber workers in the northwest was foreseen today following a compromise settlement reached by 25 Tacoma AFL locals and operators.

An announcement that labor leaders were urging other locals to accept the wage rates agreed upon.

These were developments on the Pacific coast labor scene: Lumber—Chairman John Christensen announced the northwest strike policy committee of the AFL had accepted a 15-cent increase offered by Tacoma operators. He urged other locals whose strike in five northwestern states has hampered production to agree to similar terms.

5 Cents Under Goal The compromise rate is 5 cents under the \$1.10 industry-wide minimum asked by the union, and 3 1/2 cents above the CIO settlement of 12 1/2 cents an hour reached several weeks ago.

Food—The San Francisco retail grocer's association was expected to discuss at a meeting tonight a proposal that all the city's grocery stores close in support of 78 Safeway stores which cannot open because striking bakery wagon drivers are picketing them.

Newspapers—Local 202 of the AFL typographical union announced it would stand by its original demand for a \$2.95 daily increase, as Seattle's newspaper strike entered its second week. Conciliation efforts have failed to bridge the gap between demands of the ITU and publishers of the Post-Intelligencer, Star and Times. The publishers have offered \$1.65.

17 FAMILIES GET VACATION NOTICE

Seventeen families living in 11 apartments and homes on South Riverside and South Central avenues recently purchased by Sears Roebuck and company have been given the required 90-day vacation notice according to Mark Goldy, realtor, and bids on the sale and removal of the building have been advertised. The firm has announced erection of a store building on the site.

Successful bidders on the buildings may either remove them from the site or tear them down, the realtor states, and this is to be done between March 1 and April 1, the contracts to state that the ground must be cleared by the latter date.

Auto Buyer Held On Larceny Count

Kenneth Walker, route 2, was confined to county jail Saturday under \$500 bail following preliminary hearing in Justice court charged with larceny by bailie.

Walker, who is to appear later in Circuit court, was charged by L. W. Collingwood with leaving the state in a car Walker was reportedly buying from Collingwood.

CIO ASKS HELP OF GOVERNMENT IN G. M. STRIKE

467,000 Idle In Labor Turmoil—Ward Employees Plan Strike Resumption

By United Press The CIO United Auto Workers today awaited a reply to their bid for government intervention in the General Motors strike, and another CIO union began a one-week "demonstration" work stoppage against Montgomery Ward and Company.

Across the nation 467,000 workers were idle as the result of strikes. The General Motors strike alone accounted for 175,000. Union leaders claimed the Montgomery Ward walkout already had affected at least 9,500 workers and predicted that it would spread to 75,000.

UAW Vice President Walter Reuther asked General Motors representatives to meet with union spokesmen and the U. S. Conciliation service to reopen negotiations on the UAW's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Reply Today The company promised a reply "sometime today."

The United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees (CIO) began picketing Montgomery Ward units in Chicago, Denver, Albany, N. Y., and Barre, Vt., this morning.

Other Wards units scheduled to be struck today are located at Amsterdam and Jamaica, N. Y., Trenton, N. J., and Kansas City. Union leaders in Detroit, Dearborn and Royal Oak, Mich., said workers in those cities would join the walkout tomorrow.

The demonstration was called after Sewell Avery, militant board chairman of the big mail order house, refused to agree to arbitrate contract differences, union executive vice president Leonard Levy said.

Ford Motor company announced that strikes at 15 firms making automotive supplies would force it to close its huge River Rouge plant and some subsidiary plants tomorrow night.

BRITISH BATTLE INTO JEWISH TOWN

Jerusalem, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—British Airborne soldiers with fixed bayonets forced their way into a Jewish village against resistance today while thousands of angered Jews milled and shouted in the dusty streets.

A number of villagers were injured in a tussle with soldiers in the communal dining room of the village named Shefayim.

With virtually the entire Palestine coast under curfew, the British were trying to smash a new outbreak of violence started by the bombing of two police stations near Telaviv yesterday by Jewish extremists.

They also sought to break the illegal immigration of Jews who were coming ashore from small blockade-running boats. Yesterday's attack was believed to be in revenge for British seizure of a boat.

ESTHER WILLIAMS WEDS Hollywood, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Film Actress Esther Williams, 24, and Ben Gage, 27, radio announcer just out of the army, were preparing today to honeymoon to Mexico. Miss Williams and Gage were married yesterday at the Westwood Hills Congregational church.

There are 9,335 radio stations in the United States.

NOVIKOFF OUT Wichita Falls, Tex., Nov. 26—(U.P.)—Luu Novikoff, the "mad Russian" of baseball, is on his way out of the army air forces under a dependency discharge clause, according to the Sheppard Field Public Relations office.