

G. M. Co. Representatives Quit Fact-Finding Hearings

Weather

FORECAST: Continued cloudy with rain tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	47
Prec. To 5 A. M. Today	34

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MEDFORD WOMAN FATALLY BURNED BY FLAMING OIL

Mrs. Elmer E. Willis, 44, Dies After Kindling Fire In Stove With Kerosene.

Mrs. Elmer E. Willis, 44, died yesterday evening in a local hospital from third degree burns over her entire body suffered when fire damaged the family home at 1618 North Riverside about 4 p. m. yesterday. The blaze reportedly started when Mrs. Willis tossed kerosene on a fire to get it started. The interior of the house was completely destroyed, firemen said, with nothing being saved. The family had been residing in Medford four months.

At the time of the tragedy the Perl ambulance was on a call to Jacksonville and the Conger-Morris ambulance also was out on a call. Several minutes were unavoidably lost in getting the victim to a hospital.

George Davis, employe of the Perl Funeral Home who took Mrs. Willis to the hospital, said when he arrived he found Mrs. Willis had been wrapped in a blanket in which a large hole had been burned beneath her body. Upon arriving at the hospital Davis said he found the blanket was still smoldering.

Services, in charge of the Perl Funeral Home, will be announced later.

Fire Razes Convalescent Home



Hoses play on blazing Hartford, Conn., convalescent home where 15 died in Christmas Eve fire thought caused by defective wiring at Christmas tree lights. Fanned by strong wind, building was gutted, with only walls left standing (upper photo). One of four victims is carried from structure by rescue workers (lower photo). Four employes and many firemen were injured.

TRUMAN RETURNS FROM HOLIDAY IN MISSOURI HOME

President Signs Pile of Bills and Plans Cruise on Yacht Until January 2.

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.) President Truman will make a radio report to the nation on his legislative program at 7 p. m. (PST), Thursday, Jan. 3, the White House announced today.

The White House said the broadcast would take about half an hour. It will be made over all networks.

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.) President Truman returned from his Christmas holiday in Missouri today to plunge into an accumulation of tasks which will be climaxed by a radio speech to the nation Jan. 3.

The President's four-engine transport, the "Sacred Cow," landed through murky weather at the National airport at 2:30 p. m. EST.

After signing a pile of bills on his White House desk—including legislation adjusting World War II veterans' allowances and establishing a department of medicine in the veterans administration—the President planned to board the yacht Williamsburg for a cruise that will end Jan. 2.

The President will be accompanied by staff assistants and others and will spend most of the cruise at work.

UNO HOME CHOICE NARROWS DOWN TO BOSTON, NY AREAS

Secret Meeting Eliminates Other Proposed Locations in Northeastern U. S.

London, Dec. 28—(U.P.) The permanent headquarters of the United Nations organization will be located in either the New York or Boston area, it was announced officially today.

The UNO interim site committee voted at a secret meeting to eliminate all other proposed headquarters locations in the northeastern United States and limit its final selection to the general area of New York and Boston.

The late President Roosevelt's Hyde Park estate in New York State was one of the main possibilities around which speculation had centered since the committee voted to locate on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

The Big Three agreements in Moscow were regarded in UNO circles as setting the stage for a speedy and hopeful inaugural session of the assembly next month.

FIND NINE ALIVE IN BURNING MINE

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 28—(U.P.) Rescue workers inside the No. 1 mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek coal company flashed back word today that nine of the miners trapped in the mine by an explosion Wednesday morning had been found alive.

The company immediately commandeered all telephones to call ambulances to the scene and cleared the highway from here cleared of traffic to speed the men to hospitals.

No report came from the shaft on the condition of the men or whether the other 22 had been found dead or alive.

Brutality Denied By Camp Officer

London, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—A U. S. army major who was flown back from the United States as a defense witness for 11 guards charged with beating American guardhouse prisoners at a Lichtfeld camp testified today that he saw no evidence of brutality during his tenure as inspection officer of the camp.

The witness, Maj. Herbert W. Blumh, flatly denied all the court martial charges made against the two accused American officers and nine enlisted men by Prosecutor Capt. Earl Carroll.

Congressmen Hail Big Three Plan For Atomic Weapons Control; Some Criticize Giving Russia Veto Power In Jap Rule Policy

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Members of congress today hailed the Big Three plan for control of atomic weapons, but some sharply criticized our agreement to give Russia veto power in developing control policy for Japan.

There were expressions of concern over the possible effects of the veto arrangement on effort of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander in Tokyo, to establish a "democratic Japan."

Some diplomatic quarters wondered if it would not result in the divided authority that now prevails in Germany.

The veto agreement was revealed last night with the release of a communique on the Moscow conferences between Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov.

The 3,500 word communique also revealed that the Big Three had agreed to turn over to the United Nations organization the most fearful problem facing the world today—the atomic bomb. A commission operating under UNO's security council will seek means to outlaw atomic armaments. Until that day arrives, the atomic powers—the U. S., Britain and Canada—will hang on to their bomb-making secrets.

Russia agreed at the conference to come into new far eastern policy-making machinery under which she, the United States, Britain and China would have veto power on fundamental questions concerning Japanese control.

Could Stay Decisions MacArthur as supreme allied commander in Japan, would have "sole executive" powers in implementing policy. But Rus-

Give and Take At Big Three Confab

London, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Moscow and many other quarters hailed the foreign ministers' conference today as proof of new amity among the Big Three, but some sounding boards reflected sharp disappointment, notably over failure to solve the thorny problem of Iran.

Reaction in London, Moscow and Washington to the Big Three communique made it plain that it was a give and take conference of compromise and adjustment. All three capitals reported reason for new hope that cooperation among the Big Three would underwrite enduring world peace.

China or Britain could demand that certain of his decisions be held up pending full allied review.

Sen. Kenneth Wherry, R., Neb., strongly objected to this weakening of American authority in Japan and the new curbs placed upon MacArthur.

"We won the Japanese war and there is no reason why we should make any concessions to anyone," he declared. "MacArthur's hands should be left free of any council or commission control and particularly any veto power. He should be given a free hand to establish democracy in Japan."

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., said MacArthur had been "doing a good job" under the present arrangement and opposed foreign vetoes over him.

Two Control Organs Under the Big Three agreement, there will be two organs for Japanese control. They are: 1. A revised 11-member far eastern commission, with Russia

HEAVY BUILDING PERMITS REVEALED IN ERMIT LIST

\$637,221 Total Granted for Past Year; Shortages of Material, Labor Factor.

Building permits numbering 497 on construction valued at \$637,221.50 have been issued by the city of Medford thus far in 1945, tabulations at the city superintendent's office show.

Outstanding permit issued was to C. A. Winetrot for his 500-000 garage and business being erected at 35 W. Main street.

Residential repair permits totaling 213 are the main type granted while 95 are for new residences and 19 for new businesses. In the estimated valuation new residences lead with \$313,700, nearly half the total, and new businesses follow with \$156,884.

Permits in 1944 totaled 185 with valuation of \$163,148.50.

Construction stymied Most of the permits were obtained during the summer and early fall months, and because of the lumber strike and material shortages, much of the construction remains to be completed. September, when 61 permits were granted on buildings estimated at \$154,200, was the peak month. Sixteen in January were the least issued during any period of the year and valuation fell to \$10,350 in April.

Fifty-four applications on building estimated at \$113,125 have been granted so far in December.

Number of permits and construction valuation listed by type is as follows: New businesses 19, \$156,884; remodel and repair business, 38, \$43,845; new residences, 95, \$313,700; repair residence, 203, \$69,675.50; remodel residence, 32, \$16,110; new garages, 64, \$23,020; repair and remodel garage, 21, \$7,157; woodsheds, greenhouses, misc., 15, \$1,830; church repair, one, \$200 and moving business or residence, five, \$4,800. Four permits were granted for building demolition.

Continued Rain Is Outlook For Southern Oregon

No let-up in southern Oregon's rainy period is seen for at least two days, according to reports from the local U. S. weather bureau. In the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a. m. today, 1.34 inches of precipitation had been measured by the bureau. Measurements taken this morning showed a total of 3.11 inches of rain has fallen during the month, making an excess for the month.

Some flooding of irrigation ditches and small creeks is expected but streams are only three-fourths full thus far, the Soil Conservation Service informed the bureau.

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Walter Gordon Merritt, company attorney, said in a 10-page statement that the UAW had not met the first condition urged by the president when he appointed the panel. This condition was that the union should call off the strike while the panel went about its work.

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Young Mother Kills Love Rival Suspect

San Bernardino, Calif., Dec. 28—(U.P.)—A young mother, who admitted lying in wait for the school teacher she suspected of stealing her husband's affections, said today her hand shook so when she saw them together that she killed her rival by accident.

The victim, Mrs. Ruby Clark, 24, physical education teacher at a fashionable Glendora girls' school, died of a bullet in the chest in the arms of her slayer's husband.

Merritt said that it is not a question of facts and figures, of examining books and records. "It is an issue of ideology and national policy which really belongs to Congress," he said.

Chinese Await Big Three Text

Chungking, Dec. 28—(U.P.) The Chinese government is awaiting receipt of the full text of the Big Three foreign ministers' Moscow communique before making any comment. Minister of Information K. C. Wu said today.

Wu, however, said regarding the section of the communique referring to Korea that "we've always advocated full independence for Korea."

Three on the need for a unified and democratic China under the national government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and the withdrawal of American and Russian troops from that country "at the earliest practicable moment."

2. A statement by the Big Three that they are prepared to give King Michael of Romania the advice for which he has asked in the broadening of the Romanian government.

3. The Soviet Union will give "friendly advice" to the Bulgarian government to bring other democratic elements into its ranks. When this is accomplished, the United States and Britain will recognize the Bulgarian government.

4. The Big Three agreed on plans for the establishment of Korea as "an independent state," which envision a five-year trusteeship by a joint commission of the United States in the southern part and Russia in the northern part.

In addition, the United States, Russia and Britain arrived at a formula for drafting peace treaties with Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland. A general peace conference will be held not later than May 1, 1946 to complete the work.

Girl Ork Leader Stands By Guns On Fraternalization

Shokohama, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Yakov Rogers, the all-girl band leader whose unqualified condemnation of G. I. fraternalization with Japanese girls brought a big beef from servicemen doesn't take back a thing.

Furthermore, 12 members of her orchestra and four other girls doing specialty acts with the troupe are solidly behind her on the fraternalization issue.

"I had no idea I was being quoted," Miss Rogers said in referring to a recent Stars and Stripes story, "but I certainly wasn't misquoted."

"I don't see anything wrong with G.I.'s — and I mean officers, too — dancing with Japanese girls, but I think it ought to end there. But it doesn't. It certainly doesn't."

DIRECTORS NAMED BY COUNTY C. OF C.

Results of the annual election of directors for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce were announced at a meeting of the board held today noon. Named were Herb Grey, retiring president; Floyd Hart, S. M. Bullis, Glenn Jackson, Diamond Flynn, John Moffat, B. L. Nutting, Tom Wray and Mark Goidy.

Hold-over members of the board are H. L. Brown, A. S. Cummins, Eugene Thorndike, Karl Janouch, George Frey, William A. Gates, B. E. Harder, E. H. Hedrick and A. C. Pierce.

Report of election results was made by Brown who stated that in many instances the members were elected by but one or two-vote margins.

CROSBY'S CROONING TOPS AT BOX OFFICE

Hollywood, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Bing Crosby's crooning and easy acting enticed more money out of movie-goers' pockets than any other star in 1945, the nation's exhibitors said today.

It was the second straight triumph for Crosby, first leading man ever to be voted the biggest money-making star.

Van Johnson, freckle-faced idol of the bobby-soxers, was right behind Crosby in second place. The 1945 Motion Picture Herold pool of exhibitors named as the third biggest money-maker red-haired Greer Garson, who's been making the cash registers ring since 1942. She ranked in the sixth spot last year.

3 MORE TICKETS SOUGHT FOR S. F. EAST-WEST TILT

A decision of Medford high school officials and business men, service clubs and lodges providing funds to send football players to the New Year's Day East-West game in San Francisco, to send the six players named as alternates has resulted in the need for three more tickets, Bill Bowerman, athletic director, said today.

Bowerman said three tickets had already been obtained from persons who had previously purchased the tickets and then found they could not use them but three more are needed. Anyone having a ticket who finds he will not be able to use it is asked to contact Bowerman, telephone 5061. The regular admission price on the ticket will be paid, Bowerman stated.

The team will leave Medford high school at 5 a. m. Monday by special bus, arriving in San Francisco Monday evening. They will return Jan. 2.

BATTERED CRUISER BRINGS RETURNEES

New York, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—The battered cruiser Portland arrived today with nearly 1,000 returning American soldiers, including two who were killed when the vessel was buffeted by a violent Atlantic storm 10 days ago.

Twenty-two soldiers who had been severely injured in the storm arrived at Mitchell field here earlier today in an army C-54 transport plane from the Azores islands. They had been transferred from the Portland to a small boat, which took them to the Azores for hospital treatment.

Nazi Commander Faces Execution

Aurich, Germany, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Kurt Meyer, ex-commander of a Nazi elite guards division, was condemned to death by a Canadian military court today for the killing of 48 Canadian prisoners during the battle of Normandy.

The court took 25 minutes to reach a guilty verdict on three of the six murder counts against Meyer.

COMPANY BALKS AT CONSIDERING ABILITY TO PAY

Truman's Panel to Continue Work Despite Withdrawal of Auto Makers Counsel.

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—General Motors Corp. withdrew today from the government's fact-finding efforts to settle the G. M. strike.

President Truman's fact-finding panel announced, however, that it would proceed with its work in the absence of company representatives.

General Motors bolted the hearings because the panel refused to reverse its announced intention of taking into account the company's ability to pay in considering the CIO United Automobile Workers' demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

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General Motors does not propose voluntarily to blaze a trail in this direction. If our system of free enterprise, of competition under our anti-trust laws, and of reward for efficiency, productivity, invention, and progress, is to be abandoned, it must be by act of Congress and not by act of General Motors Corp."

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NORBLAD PAPERS PLACED ON FILE

Salem, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Certificates of nomination for Walter A. Norblad of Astoria as a candidate for congress in the 1st Oregon district were filed with Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Thursday. One certificate was filed by the 1st district republican congressional committee. The other was filed by the assembly of voters held in Astoria Wednesday night.

As a result of this double nomination, Farrell said, Norblad's name will appear on the special election ballot followed by the designation, "Independent-republican."

Civilian Clothing Will Be Hurried

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—The civilian production administration took steps today to meet the tremendous veteran demand for civilian clothing.

It announced a program calling for the production of 3,500,000 low and medium-priced men's and boys' suits during the first three months of 1946 in addition to 1,500,000 overcoats and topcoats and 7,000,000 pairs of trousers.

WRC TO ATTEND All members of the Women's Relief corps are asked to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Mulhollen which will be held Saturday at 1 p. m. at the Conger-Morris Funeral Home.

NO PAPER TUESDAY In accordance with past custom the Mail Tribune will not publish on January 1, New Year's day.