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GOVERNOR COMING FEB. 8 TO PRESENT SERVICE AWARDS

Selective Service Board Volunteers from Three Counties Will Be Honored.

Gov. Earl Snell will present certificates of service to Jackson, Josephine and Curry county Selective Service volunteers who have given two years or more of service at a meeting to be held in Medford Feb. 8. Arrangements for the gathering are being made by Col. E. V. Wootton, director of Selective Service for Oregon, and E. W. Allen, Jr., secretary to the governor, who are in Medford today.

The presentations will be made during a dinner at the Holland hotel Blue Room, it was stated. Invitations to city and county officials and others will be extended up to the limit of the Blue Room's seating capacity, the two men stated.

To Get Certificates

Certificates will be presented to Guy T. Applewhite, chairman of Jackson county local board No. 1, H. H. Gillette, member, and Henry Niedermeyer, secretary, of board one; to Ernest L. Scott, chairman of Jackson county board No. 2; Roy Pruitt, secretary of board two; D. L. Flynn, William Hammett, Leon B. Haskins, members, and Claud M. Hurd, former member of board two, and to Walter J. Looker and G. W. Neilson, appeal agents for the two boards.

Josephine county men to receive awards will be James T. Chincock, chairman of the Josephine county board; Neil R. Allen, chairman of board of appeal No. 1; E. W. Hughes, former member; W. T. Miller, appeal agent, and R. K. Hackett, former secretary of the Josephine county board. Curry county men who will receive certificates are Phil R. Adams, secretary of the Curry county board, William H. Coughlin, board member, Herbert R. Dewart, Curry county appeal agent, and George R. Dickinson, chairman of the Curry county board.

MORSE PROPOSES NIGHT SESSIONS

Washington, Jan. 23—(UP)—The senate today ended one filibustering maneuver but promptly encountered another as southern democrats continued a week-long attack on a bill to establish a permanent fair employment practices commission.

On the motion of Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., the senate voted 48 to 20 to table an amendment to insert the chaplain's prayer into the official journal of last Thursday's senate proceedings. This technically had been the subject of the debate since Friday.

Senate republicans at a caucus earlier today decided to file a petition for cloture. They conceded, however, that the petition had little chance of stopping the filibuster.

Republican senators reported a wide divergence of views at the GOP meeting, with Sen. Wayne C. Morse, R., Ore., still proposing all-night sessions to break the filibuster.

Weatherman Bob Church enlivened a forecast by remarking that "the wind better not get fresh around here."

Douglas, Wyo., had a 10 o'clock night curfew during the war.

'Too Tired' to Wait in Line



(Acme Telephoto)
Mrs. Loretta Geary, 40, graying mother trusted for eight years with a Los Angeles, Calif., bakery's bank account, explained to authorities that she hid away \$71,000 because she was too tired to wait in line at the bank. District attorney's investigator (left) removes some \$50,000 found in a box in her home, as he accompanies Mrs. Geary (right) to police station for questioning.

BOY 'CONFESSES' SHOOTING WOMAN AT JACKSONVILLE

The story of Preston Kimball, 16, to Los Angeles authorities, that he and another boy, known to him as Jimmie Wright, had shot and killed a woman on the streets of Jacksonville three or four years ago, was branded as "fantastic bosh," by District Attorney George Neilson today.

Young Kimball, also known as Ruff, made a purported confession to a telegram received by the district attorney. The boy claimed that while on a Jacksonville street, "she stepped on my foot and Jimmie shot her." He did not remember the date. The boy said that later the two carried the woman's body in broad daylight, 28 miles into the Applegate, and buried it in the hills.

The district attorney and Sheriff Gault said there was not the slightest evidence to corroborate the story. The authorities believe the boy concocted the wild tale in the hope of being brought back to Jacksonville.

Indian Ward

According to the district attorney's office record, Kimball was born December 3, 1930, and is an Indian ward of the government. He was committed to the state industrial school at Woodburn in December, 1942, when he was 12 years old and released last December. The authorities report he was involved in a number of juvenile escapades before being sent to Woodburn.

Following his release he was returned here and authorities arranged for his passage to Sacramento, where his mother lives. Later he went to Los Angeles and was detained.

The Los Angeles officials have mailed a copy of the alleged confession here.

TOY PRICE CONTROLS

GO OFF JANUARY 28

Washington, Jan. 23—(UP)—OPA will suspend price control on most toys and a score of additional minor food items Jan. 28, it was announced today.

The small number of toys which will remain under price ceilings include tricycles, small automobiles which a child can drive, and wagons longer than 18 inches. Controls will remain on these items, OPA said, until rubber and metal become more plentiful.

New Stay Granted Portland Slayer

Salem, Ore., Jan. 23—(UP)—Gov. Earl Snell today granted a stay of execution for one week to Andrew W. Dennis, 45, Portland railroad man, sentenced to die in the state prison lethal gas chamber for the strangulation murder of his mother-in-law.

Snell said he desired additional information before announcing his decision regarding clemency.

Dennis, three-times sentenced to die for the slaying, was to have been executed Friday.

POLICE EMPLOYE HELD IN MURDER

Los Angeles, Jan. 23—(UP)—A veteran Los Angeles county police employee was held for investigation today in the death of a woman whose headless, handless body was found in the San Bernardino mountains.

Arthur R. Eggers, 55, a clerk at a sheriff's department substitution for 14 years, was questioned all night by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz about the disappearance of his wife, Dorothy Lee Eggers, 41, Dec. 29.

Eggers was taken to San Bernardino county jail early today and booked for investigation of murder. Detectives said he would be taken to the place the body was found later today.

Eggers was arrested yesterday after a long, secret investigation by his fellow workers when their memory of Mrs. Eggers did not fit Eggers' description of his wife in a missing persons report.

The police clerk filed the report shortly after a woman's nude, mutilated body was found Jan. 2, beside the World Highway near Arrowhead Springs hotel.

DRAFT BOARDS HAVE BLANKS FOR SURPLUS

Salem, Jan. 23—(UP)—Veterans' application forms for purchase of surplus government property can now be obtained at any selective service board in Oregon, says Hugh Rosson, director of the state department of veterans' affairs.

In applying for surplus property the veteran must state that he needs the equipment either in his own business or professional or agricultural enterprise, or that he needs it as a condition of his employment.

SOCIALIST GOUIN ELECTED TO TAKE DEGAULLE'S POST

Career Diplomat Will Head Coalition Government; 497 Out of 555 Votes Favor.

Paris, Jan. 23—(UP)—Felix Gouin, socialist chairman of the constituent assembly, was elected president of France today in succession to the resigned Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The assembly elected Gouin, giving him 497 of its 555 votes. Gouin, career diplomat who helped reconstitute the socialist party during the Nazi occupation, will head a coalition government of socialists, communists and popular republicans.

Gouin Reluctant
The assembly started voting as soon as it reconvened at 7:15 p. m. (1:15 p. m. EST). Andre Mercier, communist vice chairman, presided.

Gouin, 61, was persuaded to accept the post over his personal reluctance. At one stage of the bargaining among the party leaders he announced flatly that he was not interested.

His immediate task will be to find ministers to serve in a cabinet under him. As De Gaulle did last November, he was expected to give an approximately equal number of seats to the communists, socialists and popular republicans.

WAR CRIME TRIAL FIGURE STRICKEN BY HEART ATTACK

Nuernberg, Jan. 23—(UP)—Julius Streicher, a major defendant in the Nazi war crimes trial, suffered a heart attack today and was ordered to bed for emergency treatment.

Allied prison authorities announced that the Jew-baiting Nazi Gauleiter was stricken at 1:50 p. m. today. They said he exhibited symptoms "suggestive of a paroxysmal tachycardia"—a violent quickening of the heart beat—which lasted for about 15 minutes.

Sent To Bed
He was given a sedative and confined to bed.

The official announcement said it was too early to form a diagnosis or determine whether the attack resulted from organic causes or the mental strain of the trial.

The war crimes trial, meanwhile, went ahead with the hearing of Streicher's fellow-defendants and took under advisement a request by Rudolf Hess that he be permitted to conduct his own defense for the duration of the trial.

CREDITORS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders of the Southern Oregon Production Credit Association convened at the Holland Hotel this afternoon for their annual meeting following a noon luncheon in the hotel Blue Room.

Otto F. Allgaier, treasurer of the Production Credit Corporation headquarters in Spokane was to address the group and the report of the board of directors and loan committee, secretary's report to stockholders, and election of officers were items of business.

Today's confab was for Jackson and Josephine county members of the association. Meetings were held in Coquille, yesterday, and Roseburg, Monday, for Coos, Curry and Douglas counties.

Ancient Romans made whatever iron they needed in their own homes.

Auto Wrecks Head Jackson County In Accidental Deaths

Deaths by accident and violence numbered 46 during 1945, of which 14 were caused by automobiles, according to the annual vital statistics report of the county health office. Accidental deaths were fewer than in 1944 when the total was 62.

Other violent deaths listed in the order of their number were: suicides 11; accidents in the home, seven; gunshot wounds, four; burned to death, three, and drowning, fall from window, hit by train, and suffocation, one each.

NEW POINT CUTS TO HELP SWELL NAVY DISCHARGES

Washington, Jan. 23—(UP)—The navy estimated today that 191,100 additional officers and enlisted personnel will become eligible for discharge under new point reductions effective March 15 and April 2.

The point cuts, announced last night by Vice Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, chief of the navy personnel, do not affect the marine corps or coast guard.

Point scores of male commissioned officers will be lowered from 39 to 38 on March 15 and to 37 on April 2. Enlisted point scores will drop from 32 to 31 March 15 and to 30 on April 2.

Point scores previously announced for Wave personnel and navy nurses, effective March 2, will not change March 15. Point scores for Wave officers and enlisted women will be lowered respectively to 26 and 21 points April 2.

Navy nurse point scores will be reduced to 26 in April. Male doctor's points will be lowered to 48 points March 15 and 47 points April 2.

BIG FIVE CALLED FOR FIRST TALK

London, Jan. 23—(UP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes called a meeting of the Big Five today for the first formal talk with the chief Russian delegate, Vice Commissar Andrei Y. Vishinsky.

Vishinsky, who arrived from Moscow yesterday, conferred with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain today before meeting other Big Five members. Russia has protested strongly to the security council about British policy in Greece and Indonesia.

CHIANG AND MARSHALL IN LONG CONFERENCE

Chungking, Jan. 23—(UP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek conferred with Gen. George C. Marshall for several hours today following the American ambassador's appointment to an advisory position on the joint Kuomintang-Communist commission studying reorganizing and nationalization of China's armies.

Unusual Capacity For Beer Betrays Identity Of Fraudulent Check Artist

Toledo, Ore., Jan. 23—(UP)—yesterday and spent most of the day in Dussler's tavern boasting and planning to buy ranches, cars and other investments.

Suspicious of the stranger, Dussler found Anderson's description checked with that in the FBI circular and Dussler notified Sgt. W. J. Mulkey of the state police. Mulkey and an FBI agent later arrested Anderson when he went to nearby Toledo to buy a car. Dussler said Anderson's American Legion card from Nevada and his unusual capacity for beer were the tipoff that he was wanted on the check charges.

The Miami charge was based on Anderson depositing a Portland, Ore., check for \$1,800 in the Miami Beach First National bank, then passing allegedly fraudulent checks.

WAR DEPARTMENT WHOLLY AT FAULT SHORT DECLARES

Former Hawaii Army Commander Tells Investigators Responsibility Not His.

Washington, Jan. 23—(UP)—Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short charged today that the War Department in Washington was "wholly responsible" for the fact that the army's Hawaiian defenses were caught by surprise in the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Not Corrected
He said Washington headquarters had a dual responsibility to give him all the information it had indicating the possibility of an attack on Hawaii and to correct any mistake he made in ordering merely an anti-sabotage alert on the basis of information he did receive.

Committee Counsel Sam Kaufman suggested, on that basis, that "although the first error is yours, Washington is partly responsible."

"I would say wholly responsible," Short responded. "But it doesn't relieve you of responsibility, does it?" Kaufman asked.

"Yes, sir," Short insisted, "I reported fully the action I took. The chief of staff (Gen. George C. Marshall) has stated before this committee that I had a right to assume I would be corrected."

Short referred to the fact that he notified the War Department on Nov. 27, 1941, that his forces were "alerted to prevent sabotage" only.

Alvino Rey Band Calls Here Prior To Camp Program

Visitors in Medford today were Alvino Rey, "King of the guitar" and his 20-piece band. The band will broadcast from Camp White at 6:30 p. m. for the "Spotlight Bands" program over the Mutual network with men and officers of the camp as audience. Sponsor of the program is the Coca-Cola Bottling company.

Rey stated this noon that the men were enjoying the visit here even though grey skies made the weather dreary and remarked "this is pretty country."

The band plays tomorrow night in Albany.

ACTOR JAILED

Hollywood, Jan. 23—(UP)—Film Actor Lee Tracy was in jail today because he tarried too long to give an autograph. Police charged Tracy with being drunk in his auto. The actor's wife is arranging bail.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Portland, Jan. 23—(UP)—Seven westside stores in Portland reported broken windows today. Police have arrested four sailors in connection with the smashing.

Agriculture Department Will Run Struck Plants White House Announces

Washington, Jan. 23—(UP)—President Truman moved to prevent an acute national meat shortage today by deciding finally on federal seizure of strike-closed packing houses.

The White House said the Agriculture department on Saturday would seize the strike-bound plants, whose output amounts to about half of the nation's normal meat production. Agriculture will have "the aid of the War department if necessary."

There were indications that the administration hoped to settle the strike of 300,000 CIO and AFL packinghouse workers before the seizure date. This belief was supported by the fact that the White House, for the first time, had announced seizure plans in advance.

100 LARGER PLANTS AFFECTED

The seizure would affect nearly 100 of the nation's largest packing plants. Many small and independent packinghouses are not affected by the strike.

The decision to seize the meat plants had been expected.

SOME UNIONISTS TO RETURN WHEN PLANTS REOPEN

Chicago, Jan. 23—(UP)—The AFL Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen's union today called off its share of the meat strike and ordered its members to return to work Saturday when the government takes over the packing plants.

Earl W. Jimerson, president of the AFL union, issued the back to work order shortly after the White House announced that the department of agriculture would seize the struck plants Saturday.

Some Stand Firm

Meanwhile, the CIO United Packing House Workers union indicated it probably would insist on a wage increase before its members go back to their jobs.

Jimerson said the AFL, back-to-work order would affect 55,000 to 60,000 AFL meat packers. About 300,000 AFL and CIO workers are involved in the dispute. Earlier the AFL union had claimed nearly 90,000 of its members were on strike.

Both the AFL and CIO unions "upheld that the strike would continue until Saturday."

"As loyal Americans, having faith in our government, we are ordering all strikers, members of our international union, in the main and branch plants of the Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Wilson, Kingman and Morrell companies back to work," Jimerson said.

"We see no necessity of continuing the strike with the presidential seizure now a fact and thereby causing the workers in the industry to suffer an additional loss of pay approximating \$12,000,000."

To Get Pay Hike

Patrick Gorman, secretary-treasurer of the AFL union, said his organization had received "confidential assurance from high government officials" that the government would put into effect whatever wage adjustments may be ordered by the fact-finding board now investigating the meat strike.

Officials of the major packing houses said they had received no official indication of the impending seizure and refused to comment until they had seen the government order.

COL. ROOSEVELT SEES BIG BUSINESS PERIL

Los Angeles, Jan. 23—(UP)—Col. James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late president, today termed Attorney General Robert W. Kenny "California's next governor."

In a speech before the Democratic Women's Forum yesterday, Col. Roosevelt praised Kenny. He also assailed big business for a "conspiracy to smash the Democratic party as well as labor unions."

BLAST KILLS

Rome, Jan. 23—(UP)—More than 20 persons were killed and 250 injured when an ammunition train exploded last night at the Torre Annunziata station near Naples. The explosion destroyed the nearby prison customs house and a flour mill and damaged scores of other buildings.

Seizure Saturday

An announcement by the White House said: "The government will seize the closed meat-packing plants on Saturday, Jan. 26. The necessary orders for the seizure are now being prepared by the secretary of labor."

"Seizure will be made by the department of Agriculture, with the aid of the War department if necessary."

"The plants will be operated by the Department of Agriculture."

Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, said these were the only details available at this time.

By waiting until Saturday to make actual seizure, the government seemed to be giving the striking AFL and CIO packing house workers and the management of the packing houses a final chance to get together on their wage dispute.

TRUMAN ACTS TO AVERT TIEUP OF CRITICAL FREIGHT

Chicago, Jan. 23—(UP)—President Truman moved today to avert a critical tie-up of cross-country railroad freight.

The president set up an emergency board to investigate a dispute between three belt railroads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which called a strike for 10:30 p. m.

Appointment of the emergency board automatically postponed the strike for 30 days while the panel finds the facts in the dispute and makes recommendations for a settlement.

The three railroads involved are the Indiana Harbor belt railroad, Chicago Junction railway and the Chicago River and Indiana Railroad company.

T. L. Green, general manager of the roads, said the two belt lines handle about 35 per cent of the freight moving through Chicago from east to west and from west to east. He said the railroads handle nearly all the perishable goods and livestock moving through the city.

James Kirk, 86, Ex-Resident, Dies

James Kirk, 86, former Medford resident, died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William H. Carter, in Lucerne, Lake county, Calif., according to information received here by friends and relatives. Funeral services will be held at Lucerne tomorrow.

Survivors include Mrs. Carter and one son, Thomas Kirk, of Lebanon, Oregon. Mrs. Carter is the former Besse McConechie of Medford.

JOHN J. PHELAN DIES

New York, Jan. 23—(UP)—Maj. Gen. John J. Phelan, 73, long a stormy petrel in the boxing world, died at Polytechnic hospital last night. He had been in poor health since receiving news of the deaths of his son and stepson in action last May.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Thursday with rain tonight, becoming showers Thursday. Mild temperature. Temp. Highest Yesterday — 44 Lowest this Morning — 40 Precip 4:30 a. m. Today — .34