

Russia Insists On British Withdrawal From Greece

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with showers tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.
Highest Yesterday 43
Lowest this Morning 26

Fortieth Year

COLEMAN, CARTER CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY JUDGESHIP

Incumbent to File Within Short Time—Vern Smith Enters Race for Sheriff.

Interest in county politics began to build up this week with the announcement that both George R. Carter and Judge J. B. Coleman would seek the Republican nomination for county judge, that two candidates, Vern Smith and Howard Gault will be in the race for the county sheriff's nomination and that both Frank Van Dyke and O. H. Bengtson will file for re-election to the house of representatives.

Carter, who has been county clerk since 1933, filed for the judgeship nomination today and this morning Judge Coleman stated that he planned to file for re-election within a short time. The judge, who is completing his first term in that office, added that his campaign would be "on my record in public office." Two more years remain in Clerk Carter's tenure of office.

Billings Silent

In spite of persistent rumors for several weeks past, Ralph Jennings, Democrat, and former county sheriff, stated this morning that he had not even considered the possibility of running for judge.

Ralph Billings, Ashland Republican, and a former county commissioner, declined to make a statement today regarding reports that he has been urged to file for the judgeship nomination.

Smith, deputy sheriff who yesterday announced his resignation, stated this morning that he would file as a candidate for the sheriff's nomination within a few days. Smith is a Republican. Howard Gault, present sheriff appointed to the position last summer after the death of Syd Brown, has already announced his intention of seeking the Republican nomination for office.

Representatives To Run

State Representatives Van Dyke and Bengtson, both Republicans, have both signified their intention of seeking re-election. Van Dyke, Ashland attorney, expected to file this afternoon while Bengtson stated he planned to file some time soon.

Commissioner William Perry of Eagle Point has stated that he will file for re-election. Also expiring is the term of Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna and it is expected that he will be a candidate for re-election to this non-partisan office.

Ickes Embarrassed by Question, Admits Pauley Tried to Squelch Oil Land Suit

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes testified today that Edwin W. Pauley once told him California oil men would contribute large sums to the democratic party if Ickes dropped a suit for federal title to oil-bearing tidelands.

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Edwin W. Pauley said today it was "not true" that he told Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes California oil men would enrich the democratic party treasury if Ickes dropped a suit for federal title to oil-bearing tidelands.

Ickes testified before the Senate Naval Affairs committee which is studying Pauley's nomination to be undersecretary of navy.

Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., questioned him about the tidelands suit. The issue is now pending in the Supreme court.

Answer Is Yes

"Did Mr. Pauley," Tobey asked, "ever tell you that filing of the government suit would be bad politically and that several hundred thousands of dollars could be raised from California oil men if they could be promised that the suit would not be

Denies Philippine Marriage



Maj. Arthur Wermuth, Bataan's "One Man Army," denies story of Olivia Josephine Oswald, Philippine native, that they were married in Manila. Wermuth claimed wedding picture produced by Olivia was made at a party.

1,500,000 IDLE AS TRUMAN, BOWLES SET CONFERENCE

By United Press

The number of strike-idled U. S. workers edged over the 1,500,000 mark today as President Truman scheduled a conference with Price Administrator Chester Bowles, reportedly to consider the nationwide steel strike.

Meantime, the deadlocked steel industry wage dispute brought further work cutbacks to related industries, beset by a growing shortage of steel products.

May Up Steel Price

Mr. Truman summoned Bowles back from a South Carolina vacation for the conference at the White House tomorrow.

Washington observers expressed belief that possible steel price increases would be discussed.

The U. S. Steel Corp., principal target in the 12-day strike, has contended that wages cannot be raised 18½ cents an hour, as proposed by the President, unless prices can be increased more than the \$4 a ton suggested by reconversion director John W. Snyder.

President Truman scheduled a conference for late today with his steel fact-finding panel, which has been gathering cost-wage-earnings data.

At La Grange, Ill., there was a flurry of violence at the strike-bound electro-motive division General Motors Corp. plant near La Grange, Ill. Police reported that two automobiles were overturned when massed pickets halted a back-to-work move led by two war veterans.

Asked whether Pauley's statement was "accurate," Ickes said it was not. He added that, like the other, the question was of the "embarrassing type."

Speaker Sam Rayburn, D., Tex., also testified about Pauley's interest in the tidelands. He said Pauley had arranged for William F. Clary, an assistant attorney general of California, to visit him. Clary supported legislation to give the states title to tidelands.

But the conversation was brief, Rayburn said, because "we both agreed."

Rayburn Uninfluenced

As to whether Pauley and his associates influenced him on the legislation, Rayburn said: "Nobody could influence me in 1945 because my mind was made up years ago."

Ickes strongly criticized Max Easton Thornburg, a former State department adviser on petroleum, who testified yesterday that Pauley tried to swing an oil deal with Mexico which,

Cougar Killed In Applegate Region By C. P. Hunters

A cougar measuring seven feet two inches in length was brought to Medford today after being killed yesterday at the head of Star Gulch in the Applegate district by Lester Lewis, government hunter from Central Point.

The cougar, which was brought down by a shot from a .22 calibre rifle, is believed to be the one which has caused considerable trouble to stockmen in the district during the past few months, according to Fred and Bob Bean, Central Point, who aided in the hunt.

Seven of the best trained bear and cougar dogs in the state participated in the six and one-half hour chase which led the party through country covered with snow measuring one-half to two feet deep, the men said.

The same pack of hounds rearsponsible for killing of the cougar led hunters to a large black bear in the Evans Creek district last fall.

45 MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED DURING JANUARY

Marriage licenses issued in Jackson county during January totaled 45, three more than in December. Divorce actions during the same month totaled 34, two less than in the previous month. A goodly share of the marriage licenses were to discharged veterans.

DIME BOTTLE THIEF GIVEN SIX MONTHS

Portland, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Forty-eight-year-old Elmer H. Fetterly of Portland has been sentenced to serve six months in jail for stealing a "March of Dimes" bottle from a Portland business house.

Thornburg said, would have been a virtual "steal."

The interior secretary declared that Thornburg, a former vice president of the Standard Oil company of California, was motivated in fighting the Pauley project by interests "other than those of the U. S. government."

Asserting that Thornburg was "dealing some cards under the table," Ickes said the former State department official was interested in getting the Pauley contract disapproved because he hoped to open the way for reentry of U. S. oil company property expropriated by Mexico.

The secretary testified, however, that he, too, finally opposed the contract terms proposed by Pauley.

F.D.R. Uninformed

Tobey asked Ickes if he believed the late President Roosevelt lacked specific knowledge of the terms when he sent the contract to the State department for approval.

"That's right," Ickes said.

Tobey asked if he felt there was political pressure from the democratic party to have the Pauley contract approved.

"I couldn't say," Ickes replied.

Earlier, Tobey had charged that Pauley falsely represented to the Mexican government that President Roosevelt was backing the deal.

American Legion After Scalp Of Veterans Administrator

TRAGIC FAILURE IN VETERAN AID IS CLAIM OF LEADER

Replacement of Bradley with Seasoned Businessman Sought by Organization.

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—The American Legion today demanded a congressional investigation of the Veterans administration under Gen. Omar N. Bradley and his replacement by a "seasoned businessman."

The Legion's national commander, John Stelle, accused Bradley of failure to utilize all available hospital beds and said there was a "tragic breakdown" in processing of veterans claims and mail.

Promise Unfulfilled

"It is apparent that the great promise of our government to the returning veteran... is not being fulfilled," Stelle said in asking the investigation in letters to members of congress.

"What we need in charge of the VA is a seasoned business man, not a soldier, however good a soldier he may be."

Bradley has been in office less than six months. He was called by President Truman from command of the 12th army group in Europe after a congressional probe of VA that is still to be wound up.

The house committee on veterans legislation is currently writing its verdict on charges of malpractice in Veterans hospitals. Bradley's first effort was to revamp the medical program.

The Legion's blast punctured a six-month "honeymoon" in which all veterans organizations had backed Bradley in his announced effort to overhaul the agency.

Bradley Criticized

Stelle's charges reportedly followed a heated conversation in which he criticized Bradley for a recent suggestion that hospitalization of non-service connected veterans cases be temporarily suspended, to lighten the hospital load.

The proposal has been abandoned at the request of the White House.

Stelle said a reorganization of the veterans agency ordered by Bradley had proved "wholly inadequate." He said emphasis should have been placed on establishment of more regional offices.

(Bradley, announcing the reorganization plan a month after taking office, said it could not be fully effective in less than a year or possibly two years.)

Stelle said VA's handling of insurance was confused; that incompetent help had been used to process mail; and that VA activities had been scattered "all over Washington and New York."

Hospitals Unused

"There has been an apparent unwillingness on the part of the Veterans Administration to utilize the staffed hospital beds available in army and navy hospitals... and to service those in need of hospitalization in this emergency," Stelle said.

"Measures for emergency hospitalization should be adopted at once, the authorized program for hospital construction launched immediately and the unjustifiable and unwarranted delay in processing claims for benefits be eliminated."

Stelle said a half million applications for disability payments lie unprocessed. He called the delay "unjustifiable and unwarranted." More than 7,000 applications for hospitalization await action, he asserted.

Applications Wait

Stelle cited a backlog of 102,830 unprocessed applications for GI education; 20,411 pending claims for waiver of insurance premium; 18,847 undisposed death claims; and 287,000 unanswered letters.

"The American Legion feels that the time has come when it must speak positively of the dereliction of the Veterans Ad-

Mailman Retires After Plodding 200,000 Miles

Salt Lake City, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Hugh Nation, 66, retired today after 42 years as a mail carrier, 41 of them on the same downtown Salt Lake City route.

During those years, Nation: Walked an estimated 200,000 miles.

Wore out 15 leather mail bags.

Wore out 15 uniforms.

Saw Salt Lake City's Main street change from "an overgrown mud puddle" to a wide, paved business artery.

DAUGHTER KILLED TO HIDE MURDER OF MOTHER, CLAIM

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Police Chief Richard Van Til said today witnesses had convinced him the Reverend Frank E. Siple killed his pretty 17-year-old daughter "because she knew too much about her mother's death."

Siple told police he poisoned the daughter, Dorothy Ann, six and a half years ago because she was mentally incompetent.

However, Van Til quoted Mrs. Lyle Doan, wife of an elder of the Church of God where Siple formerly was pastor, as saying she was told by "two reputable pastors" of the church that shortly before her death Dorothy Ann had accused her father of murdering her mother, Mrs. Bessie Siple, in 1929.

"The pastors said the girl told them at a church encampment at Oregon, Ill., shortly before her death that she did not want to return to Grand Rapids because she feared her father," Van Til said.

They said she told them point-blank her father had murdered her mother. They said he flew into a rage when the daughter said she did not want to return to Grand Rapids.

Siple pleaded guilty late yesterday to what he insisted was a "mercy killing." Judge Leonard D. Verrier remanded him to jail for sentencing after Siple's attorney asked for a sanity examination.

As police probed deeper into the cause of Dorothy Ann's death, the stern-visaged, 55-year-old prisoner sat in his cell reading passages from his Bible. Attendants said he ate heartily, slept soundly and "showed absolutely no signs of remorse."

BUILDING PERMITS RECORD FOR CITY

January was the largest month for Medford building permits on record, according to a report today from the office of the city superintendent. Eighty-four permits, amounting to \$266,865, were issued by the office and included 46 residence construction permits, \$167,500; three non-residence constructions, \$840; six new businesses, including two motels, \$66,000; and 29 permits for alterations, \$32,525.

Applying yesterday for permit to erect a residence and garage at 635 Pennsylvania avenue, at a cost of \$2,500, was W. E. Beelby, 408 South Grape street. A. E. Bunnell, route 1, applied for permit to erect a \$3,000 business building at 944 South Central avenue.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Salem, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Oregon State Highway commission has issued the following road report: Santiam Pass: Snowing lightly; chains advised.

Willamette Pass: Total snow 132 inches; packed.

administration in order that our people will see to it through their representatives in congress that their government keeps faith with those who sacrificed in its defense," Stelle told congress.

PLANE HUNTERS USE SNOWMOBILE ON WYOMING PEAK

Blizzard Drives First Searching Party Back; Temperature Reaches 30 Below.

Elk Mountain, Wyo., Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Four mountain men, traveling in a "snowmobile" and carrying snowshoes and skis for use when the going gets rough, fought their way toward the top of Elk mountain today, in search of a United Air Lines plane which was believed to have crashed with 21 persons aboard.

They left the Elk Mountain Coal company mine near the base of the 14,000-foot peak shortly before noon, according to Robert Bowlby, office manager at the mine.

Blizzard In Night

The sun was shining on the base of the mountain, but the towering peak was shrouded in clouds which indicated that the blizzard which drove another searching party off the mountain last night might still be in progress.

The quartet which braved the snow, icy winds and temperatures which ranged last night down to 30 degrees below zero was led by Joseph R. Hicks, 29-year-old shovel operator at the coal mine.

It was expected to be some time tonight before the four men reach the spot where the airliner was believed to have crashed and caught fire about 3 o'clock yesterday morning while on a flight to Denver from Portland, Ore., and Boise, Idaho.

The plane was carrying a crew of three and 18 passengers, including 12 military personnel who were being deployed from the Pacific to the eastern seaboard.

M'NUTT WARNS OF ISLAND DISASTER

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt warned today that disaster in the Philippines was inevitable unless the United States moved quickly to provide economic aid.

In a statement released on his arrival here from the Pacific, McNutt said "the people of Manila cheered and danced in the streets when American bombers appeared overhead, and were jubilant when the Americans returned."

"Now the rosy promises we gave the Philippine people through the war years have faded away. Their cities are still in shambles; their economy is in ruins. We have failed to provide the necessary economic climate for a productive economy. That economy is based on free trade with the United States."

Hitler Mute and Deaf After 1944 Assassination Attempt

Nuernberg, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler was mute and deaf for "several weeks" after the attempt to assassinate him on July 20, 1944, Marshal Wilhelm Keitel was revealed today to have told allied officers.

Keitel and Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl, both defendants in the war crimes trial, also were injured seriously enough to require corrective operations, according to information made available to the United Press.

"There was a blinding flash and resounding explosion," Keitel told allied officers. He was hurled backward by the blast which wrecked a temporary frame hut in which Hitler was



Capt. W. P. Briggs, pilot of New York-bound United Air Lines Mailer, missing between Boise, Idaho, and Denver, Colo. Plane carried 18 passengers and crew of three.

2 HOSPITALIZED IN G. PASS FIRE

Grants Pass, Feb. 1.—Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 damage was caused to the Hotel Del Regue and the Sequin Club, in connection with the hotel, when fire of unknown origin broke out about 3:10 a. m. today.

Fire Chief Homer Grable was confined to a hospital this afternoon, having been overcome by smoke while combating the blaze. R. S. Levins, Grants Pass, was released from the hospital today after jumping from his third story window to a roof one story from the ground.

Seventeen rooms in the south wing of the hotel, owned by Rex Godding, were damaged, most of them by water although fire and smoke did considerable damage. None of the other rooms were damaged, it was reported. All rooms in the hotel were occupied.

The blaze broke out in the foyer of the Sequin Club, spreading quickly to the ante room and the club proper, which was practically destroyed.

Gambling Devices Banned At Bend

Bend, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Deschutes county law enforcement officials have banned all forms of gambling, including slot machines and amusement devices suspected of payoffs in the county in an unheralded surprise move.

The order affects all so-called men's resorts, clubs and fraternal organizations with club licenses.

15 CENT WAGE HIKE ACCEPTED AT GENEVA

New York, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Hourly-rated employees of the Geneva Steel Plant, Geneva, Utah, have voted to accept an offer of a wage increase of 15 cents an hour offered by United States Steel Corp. It was announced today.

holding a staff meeting, and Hitler was thrown into his arms. "For some reason that day the fuhrer decided to hold a noon conference in the frame hut rather than the infirmed concrete shelter where it normally would have killed us all. "But the flimsy wooden walls simply splintered and burst into the air, permitting the blast force to escape."

Keitel said Hitler's arm was injured, his hearing and power of speech destroyed temporarily. Some five months later Hitler underwent an operation by the same surgeon who operated on Keitel and Jodl, and the fuhrer's hearing was restored.

REIGN OF TERROR BEING FOSTERED IS WORD TO UNO

British Helping Greek Monarchist Factions Is Claim; Bevin in Quick Answer.

London, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Soviet Delegate Andrei Vishinsky told the United Nations security council today that Russia "insists on the speedy and unconditional withdrawal of British forces from Greece."

In a cold dispassionate denunciation of Britain's policy in Greece, Vishinsky said that the presence of British troops in that country was "entirely unjustified."

He said Greece was threatening the new-found peace of Europe and that the British were helping Greek monarchist factions create a "reign of terror."

Bevin Replies

British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin rose immediately to challenge the Russian delegate's remarks and said bluntly that he believed the situation was interpreted by Vishinsky called for more rather than fewer British troops in Greece.

Vishinsky's long speech about the "terror" in Greece and the lack of law and order, Bevin said ironically, "points not to a necessity for withdrawal of British troops but to the imperative necessity for putting more there."

Bevin opened his defense of British policy by admitting the soviets had brought up the question many times, but always "as a counter-attack by the Russians whenever we discussed other parts of Europe."

Stalin Satisfied

He said Generalissimo Stalin was satisfied with the British explanation given during the Yalta conference and quoted Stalin as saying he had complete confidence in the British policy in Greece.

Vishinsky spoke for more than an hour in presenting the Russian demand for prompt withdrawal of the British from Greece. He quoted profusely from anti-British protests made recently by left-wing Greek leaders and warned the present government of Greece that it was "making a mistake in not measuring the consequences of the presence of foreign troops."

Then he dropped a veiled hint of "mysterious circumstances" surrounding the sudden resignation this week of the head of the Greek delegation to the UNO, John Sofianopoulos.

Then he stated his government's view that the British should leave Greece as quickly as possible because their presence was being "used by reactionaries" as an excuse for further internal fighting.

The Greek issue was brought before the council after UNO financial experts had recommended adoption of a provisional UNO budget for 1946 of \$24,978,000.

SLIDE BLOCKS S. P. NEAR WEST FORK

Service was restored on the Southern Pacific line between here and Roseburg today after workmen removed a slide from the tracks at West Fork near Glendale, according to Robert Holmes, district traffic agent for the company. Holmes reported that the track was covered eight feet in depth for a distance of about 50 feet.

Passengers on the northbound train last night were transferred to buses at Grants Pass and put on the train again at Roseburg, Holmes reported, and the same procedure was followed with southbound passengers this morning. Express and mail were hauled by truck.

VET SERVICE OFFICER IN LIBERTY BUILDING

Jack Murray, veterans' service officer for Jackson county, has opened offices in rooms 407-408 in the Liberty building, Main and Grape streets. The office is fully equipped with all the necessary blanks. Murray recently returned from Portland where he underwent a course of instruction.

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