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Maragon Described As 'Brazen Fixer' By Senate Probers

Truman's Aide Rapped For Helping Maragon

Washington, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Senate investigators today described John Maragon as a "brazen outright fixer" whose friendship with Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan made possible his "incredible" activities in dealing with government officials.

In a 36-page report to the senate on its five per cent investigation, the senate investigating subcommittee said that it is "incredible" that the Greek-born Maragon, now under indictment for perjury, could have operated as long as he did.

But the fact that Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, "personally interceded with government agencies on behalf of Maragon," it said, were among factors that "made it possible for Maragon to use the great prestige of the White House for his own personal advantage."

The report sharply criticized Vaughan for calling government agencies and giving them the impression he was acting on behalf of the president.

"The subcommittee recommends that the practice be discontinued," it said.

The group said it could not discuss Vaughan's relations with Maragon in detail because of the impending perjury trial against the one-time bootblack and White House intimate.

The report was signed by all seven members of the subcommittee—four democrats and three republicans. It was the subcommittee's first official conclusion on last summer's hectic inquiry into Washington's influence industry.

Russians Walk Out Of Allied Council

Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—The Russian delegation walked from a meeting of the allied council for Japan for the third consecutive time today to avoid questions about 370,000 Japanese prisoners of war still held in Soviet territory.

American Chairman William Sebald said after the walkout that the U. S. state department had received no reply from Moscow to a note protesting the detention of Japanese prisoners and requesting an impartial investigation.

The Russians left before the U. S. and Britain could air their charges that Russia had allowed the prisoners to die or become "permanently enslaved."

Soviet Delegate Lt. Gen. Kuzma Derevyanko told Sebald that "for reasons I have stated earlier we do not deem it possible to take part in the discussion subject which is on the agenda of today's meeting."

Road Conditions

State police said this morning that two-way traffic on highway 93 between Weed and Redding, Cal., had been resumed but that pilot cars were leading traffic both ways.

Siskiyou pass on highway 99 south was bare and highway 99 north over Sexton mountain and Canyon creek pass had some spots of ice. Highway 66 was clear to Tub Springs from where the snow pack extended to Keno vicinity and chains were advised.

The Redwood highway was bare except for some pack on Oregon mountain and Hayes hill and chains should be carried, police said.

United Press said snow was falling on Willamette pass which was blocked between Goshen and Oakridge by fall-on trees. Chains were required on Santiam pass.

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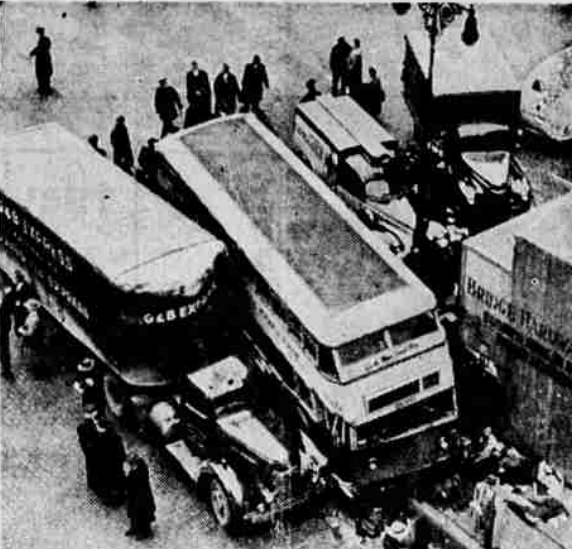
Burda's body was found 115 feet underground by weary rescuers at 11:30 a.m.—an hour after they came across the new canvas gloves he was wearing when the mine gave way last Friday.

The body was not immediately brought to the surface. When the discovery was made the news was relayed by word-of-mouth up the shaft by the 17-man rescue crew.

A Catholic priest was summoned immediately and went down the slope to administer the last rites of the church before the body was disturbed. He was accompanied by a deputy coroner.

Beneath Debris Burda was buried beneath an avalanche of loose coal and debris which hurtled down the slope when the cave-in occurred last Friday. Morgan estimated that it would take two to two and a half hours before rescue workers would be able to remove the body.

The coal-blackened rescuers, who had been hacking through solid anthracite a foot-an-hour for five days, reached the spot where Burda was buried just after 10:30 a.m. Morgan said.



FATAL CRASH—Two persons were killed and 36 others injured when this bus ran out of control in New York City and crashed into two autos and a trailer truck. Brake failure caused the bus to sideswipe a car (not shown) and ram a second car (hidden by bus) into a lamp post.

Nationalist Bombers Hit Canton, Shipping

Hong Kong, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Waves of Chinese nationalist bombers roared over the south China mainland and bombed Canton for five hours, reports from the mainland said today.

The raid on Canton yesterday was the heaviest aerial attack since the communists occupied the city in October, the reports said. The raiders also attacked communist installations and shipping in the sea approaches to south China.

Other planes strafed a Kowloon-Canton freight train and Pearl river shipping.

On Straits Mission The first air raid alarm in Canton was reported to have been sounded at 1 p.m., when several planes appeared over the eastern outskirts on a low-level strafing mission.

Communist guns threw up a heavy ack-ack barrage, reportedly without any visible results. The planes later were reported to have swung out toward sea, scoring several bomb hits on ships and smaller vessels anchored at the waterfront.

Second Wave Appears A second wave of raiders appeared at 3 p.m. and a third about 5:30 p.m., the reports said, with each raid lasting more than 40 minutes.

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Reports from Formosa said that a nationalist military spokesman had admitted for the first time that armed communists were operating on Hainan.

The weather bureau gave this picture of the situation: The Rogue river rose 5.32 feet between 8 p.m. yesterday and 10 a.m. today at Grants Pass, and was continuing to rise slowly. Flood stage there is 15 feet, and the measurement today was 6.95 feet.

At Gold Ray dam, four feet of water was going over the spillway. Six feet is considered flood stage.

The Applegate river is rising, but is not over its banks.

Reservoir Controls Bear creek is largely controlled by Emigrant reservoir, which now has 2,978 acre feet in storage. Total capacity is 8,000 acre feet.

The Rogue was still rising slowly at Gold Ray and Prospect, but there is still "plenty of slack" before flood stage is reached. Snow is still containing falling rain, which has not started a serious runoff.

The rains, falling in above-freezing temperatures, were continuing to melt snow at lower elevations, and many Medford streets were gutter high with water. Dirty snow remained in piles where scraping operations had left it yesterday morning.

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2 Dead, 29 Injured In Fire-Ravaged Colorado Region

Volunteers Battling Numerous Small Fires

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Casualties from a wind-blown brush and timber fire that ravaged a 20-square-mile area, including portions of an army camp and the exclusive Broadmoor hotel region, climbed to two dead, 29 injured and three missing today.

The second victim died from burns. He was a soldier, as was the first. No identification has been made of either man, pending notification of kin. The announcement was made by Lt. R. A. Geiger, public information officer at Camp Carson.

Of the 29 injured, 10 were reported in serious condition and the other 19 were bed patients. They are all being treated at the Camp Carson hospital.

Meanwhile, an extensive search is underway this morning for three persons believed missing possibly in the fire area. The names were not released. It was not known if they were men or women.

Winds, which made fire fighting impossible yesterday, died down during the night allowing about 6,000 soldiers and volunteers to quell the blaze in the army camp and spread over the 20-square-mile area to put out numerous small fires. A total of 33 army structures were consumed by the flames.

Early today three fires were still burning on Cheyenne mountain, closely the point where the blaze started early Tuesday. Volunteers were called to relieve the weary fire fighters who had been on the mountain all night.

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Commissioner Lytle To Seek Reelection

County Commissioner Robert R. Lytle, Ashland republican, yesterday declared himself a candidate for the nomination to that post again in the May 19 primaries. He was the first candidate to file for a county office this year.

Lytle, whose term expires in December of 1950, stated that if re-elected to his job, he would "continue to serve the best interests of all the people of the county."

The deadline for filing declarations of candidacy for the May primaries is March 10.

Polish Counselor Asks Asylum In United States

Lake Success, N. Y., Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—The counselor of the Polish delegation to the United Nations has resigned and asked Secretary of State Dean Acheson for asylum in the United States because "freedom has disappeared in Poland."

Aleksander Rudzinski, a key figure in the Polish UN delegation since 1946, broke with the Polish government over its support of Russia's walkout from the security council and other UN organs in the last few days. He resigned from the Polish UN staff and from the Polish consulate in New York.

CHECKS ARRIVING Today's early mails brought the first trickle of GI insurance dividend checks to Medford veterans of World War II. Postmaster Moore Hamilton said this morning. Though the brown-enveloped checks look the same as all checks from the treasury's disbursing officer, Hamilton said mail handlers had spotted a few of the dividend payments in the mails today.

Lewis Orders End To Holdout Strike Effective Monday

Reinforced Patrols Sent To Coal Fields

Washington, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Labor Board General Counsel Robert H. Denham, announced today he is asking the federal court here to prohibit the United Mine Workers from calling any strikes until they drop several allegedly illegal contract demands.

Denham said he considers the current three-day week in the coal fields a strike. He wants the court to issue a temporary injunction to put all coal miners on a five-day week.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—John L. Lewis has ordered the violence-marked holdout strike of 89,000 United Mine Workers ended by Monday.

UMW District 5 President John P. Busarello today disclosed the new version of the UMW chief's "suggestion" that the miners go back to work. Lewis' Pittsburgh district lieutenant said UMW officials will go into the fields with the message:

"The order is to go back to work Monday—that's John L. Lewis' order."

The new order came as one mine picket was killed in Ohio when a coal truck crashed into a roadblock and new violence threatened in Pennsylvania, where mine equipment has been dynamited and buildings and trucks stoned.

Pennsylvania state police sent reinforced patrols into the coal fields this morning when picketing was reported in virtually all districts.

Heavy police forces also cruised the fields of Ohio and West Virginia.

Coal shortages spread. One steel company already has ordered a 25 per cent production cut and other companies said they would have to curtail unless the coal situation improved.

Duquesne Light company, serving the Greater Pittsburgh area, notified 2,000 industrial customers that unless the coal situation changes, their power will be cut off Friday midnight.

Busarello said no attempt to end the walkout this week would be made, because the UMW-imposed three-day week ends today. However, he said local meetings will be called throughout the district during the remainder of the week to spread the back-to-work order.

Active Duty Available For Air Force Vets

Portland, Jan. 18.—Veterans may now apply for extended active duty with the air force in the same grade in which they were discharged under a new plan announced today by Lt. Col. J. W. Lewis, commanding officer of the 2343rd air force reserve training center, stationed at the Portland airport. The new program, known as Category, assures those accepted the opportunity to spend the full three year period at the Portland airport.

The offer applies to enlisted personnel only. Men accepted will train with regular air force personnel, and receive the same pay and benefits.

Complete details are now available at headquarters of the 2343rd AF RTC, Portland airport, Portland, Oregon.

SNOW AT LAKE

There are 28 inches of snow in the resort area at the Lake O' Woods, the soil conservation service station there reported to Medford this morning. It was raining steadily there at the time the service crews at the lake made the radio report.

30 Tygh Families Threatened By Flood

The Dalles, Ore., Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—An ice jam which forced the White river over its banks today threatened 30 families at the Tygh Valley lumber company's mill, 30 miles south of The Dalles.

In response to a call from the mill, the army engineers were preparing to send an explosive expert into the Tygh valley to try to blow up the ice jam and free the water backing up into the camp where 30 families of mill workers live.

Wheeler Rucker, resident army engineer at The Dalles-Celilo canal, and a powderman expected to leave for the mill site as soon as national guard transportation was available.

The engineers and national guardsmen were scheduled to leave for Tygh valley last night, but the local national guard trucks were stalled by freezing weather and huge snow drifts.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

Nearly every school in the county has reopened, with the exception of Prospect which will remain closed until January 23, the county school superintendent's office said this morning.

School bus drivers in the Evans valley area in the Rogue River school district reported bad road conditions due to melting snow but said they negotiated their routes without trouble. Ashland schools reopened today.

WEATHER

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

Highest Yesterday 37
Lowest This Morning 33
Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today 1.32

Council OKs Garbage Rates, Regulations

New residential garbage collection rates with charges by the can rather than by the house hold were authorized for City Sanitary service last night by city councilmen. They are effective on February 1.

New rates will be \$1.25 per month for a 30-gallon can and \$1 for each additional can if the pickup is made at one location. A charge of 50 cents per can additional will be made if collectors must climb stairs or go into basements.

Legislation regarding new rules and regulations for garbage collection passed first reading. The streets and roads committee was delegated to study the matter of whether or not patrons will be permitted to place cans in alleys.

It was reported that City Sanitary service has asked lease of all or part of the old garbage disposal area south of Medford where the company has a house and contemplates construction of additional facilities.

R. A. Glibe, general manager of Health's Drug store and McLab's Drug centre, asked the council to consider establishing a taxi-stand at the Medical Center building in order that a cab can be available immediately at all times for patients of doctors in the building.

He indicated that such service is desired by medics and dentists for their patients. The proposal was referred to the council safety committee.

Glibe said this morning that the two drug stores will be open on a 24-hour basis starting Monday.

Petitions Presented Petitions opposing the Sunday closure of auto agencies as asked by a number of dealers were presented. Because of this remonstrance there was no discussion last night. The special committee of the council is reviewing the proposal.

Since plans are being revised for a park storage structure under the Main street Bear creek bridge, previous bids on the work were rejected and the park committee was empowered to call for new offers.

Planning commission's recommendation that council institute proceedings to vacate an alley in block 72, original town, was reported. There was no action last night.

A civil aeronautics administration request for a report on usage of property acquired by the city from the government at the municipal airport was submitted to Airport Manager John Applegate through City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe.

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Wild Ducks Stranded In Willamette Slough

Independence, Ore., Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Cold weather that froze their feet in an ice sheet stranded more than 100 wild ducks in a Willamette river slough two miles south of here Tuesday.

Independence Police Chief Ray Howard said the weather tragedy was reported by Arthur Wilson, whose farm is near the slough three miles south of here.

Waldron told Howard that he noticed the ducks futilely flapping their wings in an attempt to free themselves.

He said thousands of other wild fowl in the area were swimming unconcernedly in icy ponds, streams and feeding areas where the water was not frozen over. Howard said he notified state police of the plight of the ducks.

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Administration Fights To Retain Control

Washington, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Administration leaders sought to crack the whip over faltering democrats today in their fight to retain control of the house.

Speaker Sam Rayburn said he would try to bind all members at a party caucus to oppose the scheme of an anti-Truman coalition to grab life-and-death power over most of President Truman's legislative program.

Mr. Truman got into the fight himself. He told a civil rights delegation that his leaders in congress are ready to battle "all summer" if necessary to get a vote on his civil rights program.

At stake in the house was not only the civil rights program—especially the controversial fair employment practices bill—but much of the rest of the president's program of social legislation.

Reds Give Reason For Closing U.S. Consulate

Tokyo, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Radio Peking said today the Chinese communists closed the American consulate in Peking because the Americans were building military barracks in it.

The broadcast, reported in Tokyo, also accused Holland and France of operating military establishments on consular compounds.

The closing order was issued January 6, effective seven days later.

2,000 Volunteers Battle Rampaging Wabash River

Vincennes, Ind., Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—More than 2,000 volunteers and soldiers worked without rest today, striving desperately to save the city from the relentless floodwaters of the Wabash river.

Women and children worked beside their menfolk, attempting to build an auxiliary wall of sandbags 1½ miles long to retain the water if it came over the city's big concrete seawall or crash through it.

Reward Of \$150,000 Spurs Search For Nine Masked Men

Armored Car Service Victims Of Robbery

Boston, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—A stolen Cadillac sedan, which may have been one of the getaway cars used in last night's \$150,000 holdup, was found today in the garage of an unoccupied house in suburban Newton.

The discovery came soon after the search for the nine Halloween masked bandits was spurred by a promise of a reward of \$150,000 by Brinks, Inc., the armored car service which was robbed, and the Commercial Union Assurance company, Ltd., which insures Brinks against loss.

Detectives sped to Newton, examined the car and dusted it for fingerprints. The 1949 sedan, stolen yesterday from Israel Cohen of Newton, bore Massachusetts registration plates 156-533. These had been reported stolen previously from Mrs. Eunice L. Burns, also of Newton.

Reports Discounted Finding of the automobile in Newton caused police to discount reports from New York that a Cadillac resembling the getaway car had been sighted in the Bronx.

Other developments in the investigation of New England's biggest robbery were:

A tip received by police that the bandit gang had a hideout near Lawrence.

A salesgirl at a Bromfield-street joke shop reported that a middle-aged woman bought seven rubber masks, of the type used by the bandits, from her Saturday.

Shortly before noon, Boston police seized a 25-year-old Charlestown man described as a "good" suspect. He is free on \$18,000 bail in connection with a recent Somerville laundry robbery. Police said the bail was posted by a man who figured in a big jewel robbery at Hot Springs, Ark., about three years ago. The suspect, known to be "broke," recently had \$693 in cash on him when arrested.

Bureau officials said that during the 20-minute holdup a buzzer sounded, causing the robbers to speed their work. But for this officials indicated, the bandits might have spent more time and cleaned out an additional \$100,000 that was there. The buzzer apparently was sounded by a Brink's employee seeking assistance.

Three auditors were busy checking Brink's accounts today and officials said that tonight or tomorrow they expected to be able to fix the exact amount of the loot.

Brinks offered a \$100,000 reward for the bandits, "dead or alive." The insurance company offered a reward of five per cent of the cash loot recovered. If all the stolen cash is recovered, that would be \$50,000.

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Northern California Rivers Over Banks

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Three northern California rivers, topped or neared flood stage today after a series of snow and rain storms which drenched the area during the past 10 days.

Skies generally began to clear today, although the U.S. weather bureau said occasional rain would fall north of San Jose-Stockton line today and Thursday.

The rivers, all reported at or near flood stage, were the Eel in Humboldt county; the Van Duzen, a tributary of the Eel and the Snake river in Del Norte county. In addition, Redwood creek burst out of its banks 42 miles north of Eureka and flooded the town of Oriskany.

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