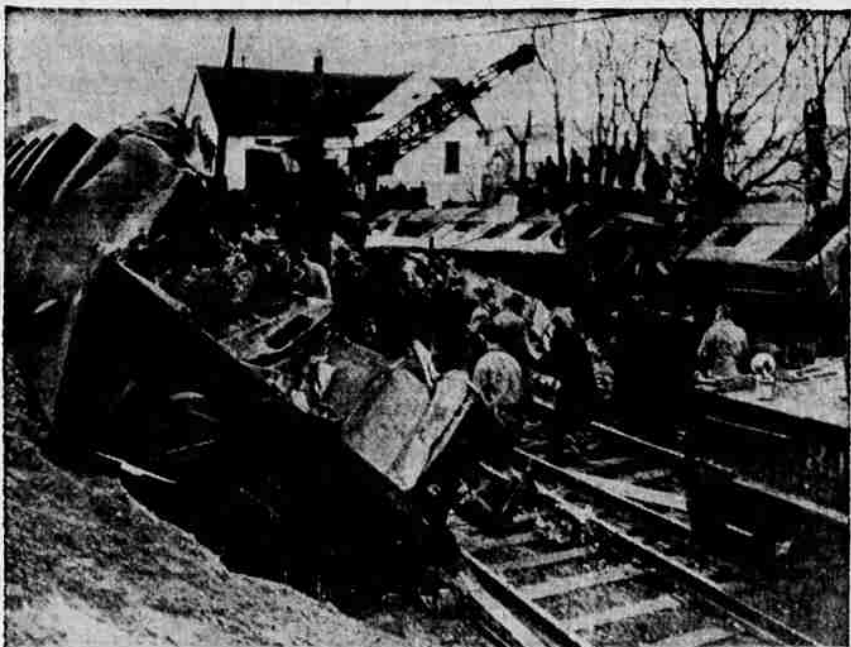




COMMUTER TRAINS COLLIDE HEADON—Railroad wrecking crane in background helps clear the tracks of the Long Island Railroad at Rockville Center, N. Y., where two commuter trains collided head-on when one train sped through a red warning signal light onto a single track. At least 29 persons were killed and 116 injured in the disaster. Motorman of the one train has been charged with manslaughter.

Engineman Dazed After Rail Wreck On New York Line

Rockville Center, N. Y., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — The engineman blamed for the Long Island railroad wreck which killed 29 persons and injured 116 still was so dazed and "grief-stricken" today he could not tell how it happened.

His son said Jacob Kiefer, 55, a veteran of 32 years of railroad work, had only rare "minutes of clear thinking" since the Friday night disaster. He repeatedly lapses into a dazed stupor, his son said.

Arraignment Delayed

Because of Kiefer's condition, his arraignment on a manslaughter charge, originally scheduled for this morning, has been postponed until he recovers himself.

The state public service commission and the interstate commerce commission, and the Long Island railroad meanwhile started inquiries into the disaster. Authorities began to interview all known passengers on the two electric trains which smashed in a head-on collision on a gantlet stretch of track.

Nassau District Attorney Frank A. Gulotta accused Kiefer of running "through a red light."

Liz Taylor To Wed Hotel Scion May 6

Hollywood, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Luscious Liz Taylor, curvaceous 26-year-old screen star, will marry hotel heir Conrad Hilton May 6 in a "big church wedding," her mother announced today, but the actress is disappointed because her announcement party has been spoiled.

"Elizabeth wanted to surprise the girls, poor little thing," said Mrs. Francis Taylor. "We're having a tea tomorrow afternoon and she wanted to surprise everybody," but Mr. Hilton in New York let it out to some columnists. He asked the columnists to wait a couple of weeks, but they didn't.

Miss Taylor broke her engagement to William D. Pawley Jr., several months ago, and previously was reported engaged to army football star Glenn Davis. Her name also was linked romantically with Howard Hughes, but her mother said there was nothing like that.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight with valley fog early Tuesday morning. Increasing clouds Tuesday with some light rain.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	33
Lowest This Morning	33
Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today	.01

'Are You Happy?' Phrase Sparks Fast-Growing Club

"Are You Happy?" was ceasing to be an impertinent query and was becoming something of a catchphrase in Medford today, as the city's newest—and fastest growing—organization continued to collect new members.

More than 300 men have joined the group since it was formed Valentine's day, and President-organizer Joe Neil said this morning that the membership includes men in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Salem, Portland and Seattle.

The slogan of the club—"No women, no dues, no problems, no mail, you stay happy," is catching on like wildfire," Neil said. "There is only one duty which club members must perform, and then only if it makes them happy. They simply say to another member once in awhile, 'Are you happy?' That's all. The other member has the right to answer the question in any way he wishes, taking all the time he wants. Thus he can get any small gripe he may have off his chest—and be happier," Neil explained.

All members of the club are vice-presidents. Even Neil, who is president, is also a vice-president. He explained that there



29 DIE IN RAIL DISASTER—Passengers struggle to get free from tangled seats minutes after two Long Island R. R. commuter trains collided head-on at Rockville Center, suburban town 20 miles from downtown New York City. At least 29 persons were killed, 78 critically injured and scores of other passengers suffered less serious injuries in the disaster that involved approximately 1000.

Gasoline Price War Spreads Over Nation

Los Angeles, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — A budding gasoline price war spread slowly across the nation today and gleeful motorists in the west and middle west were getting the benefit of savings up to five cents a gallon.

A spokesman for one major oil company said competitive price cutting at California gasoline stations resulted from a local surplus. He predicted it was "part of a trend that gradually will affect the entire product."

Four Months Old

A United Press survey shows that price cutting began at some cities four months ago.

In the Indianapolis area, one company has cut 5.4 cents from the price of regular grade. In most affected areas, reductions

Suicide Reported By Coroner Early Today

Herbert M. Hadley, 38, took his own life by hanging early today at his home on Beall lane, according to Coroner Carlos Morris, who said he was told Hadley had been despondent over ill health.

According to Morris, the man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hadley, left the home for town about 8:30 a.m. When they returned about 9:30 a.m., the body was hanging in a closet.

Conger-Morris' funeral home has charge of funeral arrangements.

Alleged Illegal Practices Rapped

Washington, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — The federal trade commission called a halt today to allegedly illegal practices by a group of ladies' wear manufacturers and retail stores.

The order applied to a number of nationally-known stores such as Arnold Constable & Co., Washington, and Best's Apparel, Inc., Seattle, Wash.

The FTC found that the manufacturers were paying the retailers either directly or through two New York corporations for exclusive services the corporations gave to the retail stores.

It said the stores were stockholders in the corporations which provided such services as developing, popularizing and advertising the "Carolyn" and "Jeanne Barrie" trade names. The stores paid the corporation for the services and got the money back from the manufacturers.

FTC said this violated the Clayton act's prohibition against payment of "brokerage" fees.

Fairfield, Calif., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Alexander MacDonald, 71, of Seattle, was held for observation here today after he allegedly threatened the lives of workers on a ranch near Dixon, Calif.

of one to two cents on both regular and premium grades prevailed.

The "price war" is confined in most instances to the big cities and surrounding areas, and oil company spokesmen say that even there it is on a "block-to-block" basis "to meet local competitive conditions."

Metropolitan areas reporting signs of the price war include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, San Diego, Milwaukee, Wis., Miami, Fla., Phoenix, and Tucson, Ariz., Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; Indianapolis and Seattle.

"Very little" price cutting was reported in Chicago, Kansas City, Mo., New York, New Orleans, Portland, Ore., Dallas, Tex.; Omaha, Neb.; and Atlanta, Ga.

Oil company spokesmen were hesitant to forecast a widespread war, and only one company would acknowledge officially that it has become directly involved.

General Petroleum Corp., issued a formal statement saying that it was granting "a day-to-day competitive allowance" to any of its retail dealers "suffering extreme hardship due to price-cutting by competitors in their immediate vicinity."

Other companies were refusing such allowances, and dealers in many instances protested that they were forced to cut prices but were refused any assistance from the manufacturer.

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DIGGERS CONTINUE DEFIANCE OF LEWS

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Hope Gone for 1950 Basin Action

Prospects Dim For Heading Off Telephone Strike

New Mediation Conferences Eyed

Washington, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Government officials said today the prospects for heading off a nationwide telephone strike this Friday "are not too good."

They said spokesmen for the CIO communications workers and the telephone industry may be summoned to new mediation conferences tomorrow.

About 100,000 members of the union have voted to walk out Friday. Another 150,000, whose contracts expire soon, are expected to respect the picket lines.

The strike originally was scheduled to start February 8, but was postponed at the request of Federal Mediator Cyrus S. Ching.

During the "truce" negotiations were held with Bell System companies across the country. Industry and union negotiators as well as federal mediators were to report to Ching today on the status of bargaining efforts.

Ching was not talking about his next move. But other government officials said new meetings with some union and industry officials may be scheduled tomorrow.

The new mediation efforts probably would be directed especially toward the Western Electric company's dispute with installation and sales personnel.

Cal-Ore Holdup Men Sought By Officers

Klamath Falls, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Police in two states today sought a pair of armed gunmen who allegedly held up the Cal-Ore tavern of \$3,000 Saturday and locked up Proprietor Mike May in a refrigerator.

May was released an hour later by an employee who was away when the robbery occurred.

The tavern, situated on the Oregon-California boundary, is 18 miles southwest of here.

May said the two gunmen drove up in a 1938 sedan. One was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, heavy set, wore a mustache and thick-lensed glasses. His companion was six feet tall and weighed about 180 pounds. Both men wore army clothes.

Don Haynes Finishes Year Sealed In Car

Ashland, Feb. 20 — It was a year ago yesterday that Don Haynes — self-styled "Marvel Man" and "Seaman of the Sealed Car" — allowed himself to be welded into an automobile for a stay of more than a year.

Since that time he has traveled many thousands of miles, from coast to coast, in pursuit of publicity. This he has received, and he is thought to be somewhere in West Virginia as part of a nation-wide tour which has included radio and television appearances, conferences with the governors of many of the states and publicity tie-ups with newspapers, magazines and film companies.

Maybe He Should Have Sent Press Agent To Arrange Details

Mexico City, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Movie Star Van Johnson claimed the distinction today of having seen what experts termed the worst bullfight of the season.

The blond actor and his party of six watched yesterday while three top-flight toreros did everything they could to goad six sweet-tempered beasts into a fight.

After the fifth bull met his death with stoic calm, Johnson went impatiently down to the ring to talk with Torador Raul Ochoa.

Movie fans were as lackadaisical as the bulls. None asked Johnson for his autograph.

Death Penalty Asked For Robert Vogeler

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — The state demanded today "the most severe punishment" — death — for Robert A. Vogeler, American business executive, who, in a last statement to the people's court, pleaded for a mild sentence.

Vogeler, 39, assistant vice-president of the International

Telephone and Telegraph company, spoke briefly after the prosecution demanded the extreme penalty for him and six co-defendants in a three-day spy trial.

Sentence Tomorrow

After hearing the last statement of the defendants, court recessed until 1 p. m. (3 a. m. PST) tomorrow, when sentence will be pronounced.

With the evidence in—pleas by the defendants and testimony by nine witnesses, seven of them under arrest—Prosecutor Gyula Alapal summed up. He asked the court to give all seven the "severest penalty," which for espionage is death in Hungary.

A little later Vogeler went to the stand for the customary last statement and said:

Confession Made Freely

"I wish to refer to my statement Saturday (in which he pleaded guilty) and repeat that I regret sincerely my undermining activities.

"I did especially as I was sent by a big country, America, to a small one, Hungary, to undermine the work of reconstruction. I wish to state that I made my confession freely without any pressure or insult.

"I would like also to state that I was well treated during the investigation, and also in the court, and I hope that my confession proved I regretted what I did. I know I have to suffer punishment, but I hope that the court will consider my request for a mild sentence and also the arguments of my lawyer."

Gets Cooperation

The secretary of state also said that he had received "complete cooperation" from the chamber of commerce in Medford, as well as Ashland.

Considerable discussion regarding the location of the building, and the contract to be selected to construct it, ever since announcement was first made that such a structure was planned here. The chamber of commerce here was requested by Newbury to provide a "screening" committee to interview those who wished to furnish the land or the construction.

This committee, composed of Mayor Diamond Flynn, Walter Jones and Otto Bohner, submitted the names of those they felt were qualified, and Newbury made the final selection.

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Next Congress May Take Action, Official Reports

Detailed Steps Taken By Reports Revealed

Hope of approval for the Rogue basin report at this session of congress was completely dispelled today with the public release of a letter addressed to Congressman Harris Ellsworth by C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the department of the interior.

After a recital of all the steps which the project will have to go through, Davidson told Ellsworth that "it is possible, however, that the over-all basin report and one or more project reports would be ready for transmittal to the next congress."

Steps Detailed

First step in authorization of the project is the completion of the so-called information report, Davidson said. A "task force" working on various aspects of this report has promised to transmit its report and recommendations early this month, he continued.

It is hard to anticipate how long it will take us to review the matter here in the department," Davidson's letter continued, although he said that should be completed "within a matter of a few weeks" after the committee report is received.

Following department approval, and any changes which might be made, the report goes to the commissioner of reclamation, who would then send it to the secretary of the interior before it is transmitted to the states and interested federal agencies for review, Davidson explained. These agencies have 90 days in which to make comments and recommendations. After these comments have been "coordinated," the reclamation bureau again sends it to the secretary, and then to the president through the budget bureau.

"Naturally review by the bureau of the budget takes a reasonable amount of time," Davidson said.

If the report is found to be in accord with the program of the president, it is transmitted to congress," the letter stated.

But Davidson pointed out that this report is "an over-all information report . . . and it is not anticipated that it will request authorization of any projects."

It is apparent from the chain of events noted above that it is hardly likely that the information report on the Rogue River basin would be presented to the congress during this session."

In addition, separate project reports, which would carry with them authorization for the work but not appropriations, to pass through the same channels as the information report.

Appropriations would require additional action by congress, after the project reports are approved.

Bonneville Employees Fail In Rescue Try

Bonneville Dam, Ore., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Off-duty employees of Bonneville dam spent several hours yesterday rescuing a young deer from a cake of ice floating down the Columbia river.

The deer was finally roped and hauled ashore when but 30 feet from the dam. But attempts to save the animal, weakened by hunger and exposure, failed. The deer died this morning.

High Court Refuses Occupation Tax Review

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — The supreme court today refused to review a ruling that Washington state's wholesalers' occupation tax is unconstitutional when applied against receipts from orders filled directly from out-of-state stocks.

The previous ruling, made by the state supreme court on September 3, 1949, is now final.

The business and occupation tax is levied on everyone doing business in Washington. For wholesalers it is one-fourth of one per cent of gross sales.

Accepts New Post

Bend, Ore., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — George Simerville, Bend city recorder and treasurer for the past 10 years and prior to then a member of the Bend high school commercial department, has announced his resignation to accept the position of recorder-treasurer for the city of Corvallis.

Workers Beaten By Pickets In Violence Renewal

UMW Sits Tight In Contract Dispute

Pittsburgh, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Striking United Mine workers, defying John L. Lewis "official" order and a government injunction, kept the soft coal mines closed today. Violent picketing was reported.

At Barboursville, Ky., a band of 100 men, carrying arms, raided a processing plant of the Richmond Coal company, beating five workers and wrecking machinery and office property.

Dynamite Used

Pickets also were reported active in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. A mine engine room was dynamited in Mineral county, W. Va., Sunday and in Nicholas county, pickets closed a mine where the UMW local favored ending the two-week general strike.

All major soft coal mines were closed except a few whose operators have met the union's demands and some manned by the progressive miners union. The nation's stockpile dropped to less than a week's supply with a cold wave aggravating shortages in the east.

The miners were determined not to work until they get a contract from the operators, they would lose everything.

"We'll lose everything, if we go back now," a miner in Pennsylvania's Allegheny valley district said. "We're going to stay out and we're going to win."

"Not a darn soul showed up here," a watchman at the Kyle mine of U. S. Steel Corp. in southwestern Pennsylvania said. "I didn't see anybody around when I came down to the mine this morning," a maintenance man at a crucible steel mine at Rices Landing, Pa., reported.

Miners met in the local union halls throughout the week-end to hear Lewis' telegram read. It told them the UMW president "requested and expected" them back to work. No big locals voted to comply. One 125-man group at Victoria, Ill., decided Saturday to work, then changed their minds yesterday.

Wallace Plans To Seek Governorship

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Democratic gubernatorial candidates were beginning to square off in Oregon today for the coming May 19 primary election.

Low Wallace, twice-defeated candidate, announced at Bend that he would run again and that he set off a report in the Oregon Journal that State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson "Will get into the race."

"Voters can be prepared for another (Pearson's) announcement at any moment," the Journal said.

Other Candidates

Two other possible candidates have been mentioned in party circles, including State Sen. Austin Fiebel and State Party Chairman William L. Josslin, who has asked leading democrats whether they will order him "into battle." Josslin said he had received many affirmative replies to his query.

Wallace announced his candidacy at the end of a two-day meeting of the state democratic central committee in the Pilot Butte inn.

The committee voted 2-1 to ask National Committee member Monroe Sweetland to run against Republican Senator Wayne Morse, who will be up for reelection.

GETS DIVORCE

Hollywood, Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Film Actress Marguerite Chapman, 29, got a divorce today from Attorney G. Bentley Ryan on her testimony that he continually criticized her during their year of marriage.

Crawford made no comment during the court hearing.

Crawford was arrested Saturday on an assault warrant sworn out by Hanbury.

Congressman Pays \$25 Fine For Slapping of Employee

Upper Marlboro, Md., Feb. 20 — (U.P.) — Rep. Fred L. Crawford (R., Mich.), ended a two-day sit-down strike in the county jail today by paying a \$25 fine for slapping a former fighter who worked for him.

The 62-year-old congressman pleaded guilty to assault, paid his fine and went home.

Crawford also paid \$3.50 for court costs.

Crawford readily admitted he struck Ray Hanbury, 23-year-old ex-boxer who works for the congressman, in an argument "of a personal nature."

Hanbury said Crawford struck him while he (Hanbury) had both hands on a ladder during an argument Saturday on the