



LAST RIDE—Convicted child murderer Fred Stroble waves goodbye as he leaves for a Los Angeles railroad station and probably the longest and last train ride of his life. His destination is the gas chamber at San Quentin prison where, if the State Supreme Court upholds his sentence, he will be executed for the sex slaying of six-year-old Linda Joyce Glusoff. Stroble's fellow prisoners, Alwyn Lane (left), forger sentenced to a 1-to-14-year term, covers his face from the battery of flashbulbs.

Public Program To Aid Marines Being Planned

A two-day public training program sponsored by the Medford unit of the marine corps reserve will be held in the near future, it was announced today by Harry B. Wales, who has been named civilian coordinations chairman for the event.

Tentative plans call for a two-day showing of marine corps motion pictures, a display of captured enemy war materiel, active recruiting for the reserve unit, a public open air program of music and speeches and other attractions.

Plans also call for a parade which will include military and naval units, veterans organizations, civic and fraternal divisions, floats, a labor union section and a teen-ager section.

Prizes will be offered for Medford businesses which create the most appropriate show windows during the event, and an essay contest will be offered to students in public schools.

Exercises will be met through a military ball given under the auspices of the Medford detachment of the Marine Corps league and other entertainments. Profits will be used to provide uniforms for members of the local marine volunteer training unit, and for assisting in the formation of a uniformed Medford municipal band. The local unit also has plans for improving and decorating spots of historical interest in the county.

Groups Invited
Veterans, civic and fraternal organizations have been invited to participate actively in the plans for the affair, Wales said, and to assign one representative to serve as an ex-officio member of the "operations detail."

As plans progress, additional details will be announced, Wales said.

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general of the baby state highway program.

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IDLE MINERS—"No contract, no work" is the byword among these miners in Neffs, Ohio, as they drink beer to pass the time away. They promise an immediate return to work "when we know what we're working for." Until then, neither troops nor the Taft-Hartley law will get them into the ground is their pledge.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Robert Vogel, whose "confession" in a communist court the other day followed the grewsome, shivery, out-of-this-world pattern the communists have used so long against those they are determined to destroy, is convicted and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

The breath of clammy air from the graveyard is even clammy and the shuddery touch of spectral fingers is even more shuddery after that.

What are these communists? Are they human?

WE BREAK diplomatic relations with Bulgaria, another communist stooge, that has just accused our minister to Bulgaria of plots and espionage. History marches on.

HERE is a dispatch from Washington which small business men should read and ponder:

"Out-foxed by the republicans on one POLITICAL issue, senate democratic leaders tried to rally their forces today... they were called into caucus after the republicans came out on top in a bit of political maneuvering yesterday over establishment of a small business committee."

"With the help of 25 democrats, 30 republicans pushed through a resolution by Senator Wherry of Nebraska to set up a special committee of 13 to handle

small business problems. Wherry and the GOP thus became the temporary champions of the small business men, as previously the senate had voted down a similar proposal by Democratic Senator Murray of Montana."

AS ONE small business man, I want no part of any scheme to create a federal Santa Claus for small business. It makes no difference to me whether the scheme is democratic or republican. I just don't want it.

If small business ever ceases to stand on its own feet and begins to accept handouts from the federal government, it will be a gone goose.

BACK east, icy blights howl down out of the frigid north at the exact moment when the supply of coal above ground is beginning to fail.

That brings the coal strike to the grim stage.

BACK of the coal situation in this mid-century year of 1950 lies the strange personality of John L. Lewis.

I don't blame the miners for backing him to the last chip. He has done a great job for them. When John L. took hold of the business of mining coal, it was a grim affair. Wages were low. Living conditions were squalid. Safety precautions were bad.

Over the years, Lewis has changed all that. He has done a great work for his men.

What he has done for them has changed the whole picture of their lives. I can understand their loyalty to their leader. They would be ingrates if they didn't give him their loyalty.

BUT the situation has changed. I don't think Lewis himself has changed. The change that has come over him is the change that comes to nearly ALL men who hold too much power in their hands too long. I fear John L. has come to think too much in terms of POWER and too little in terms of what is best for the coal industry and the men who work in it and are a flesh and blood part of it.

That is always a bad situation.

'Miracle' Saves Life Of Jet Test Pilot

El Segundo, Cal., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Test Pilot Maj. Charles Tucker said today only a "miracle" saved his life when his twin-jet plane exploded in the air and fell flaming into an oil reservoir.

Tucker was catapulted from the disintegrating XF-89 Scorpion by an automatic device at such speed that his parachute apparently was torn open. He didn't open it himself.

Flight Engineer Arthur Turton, 30, Redondo Beach, was found dead in the wreckage.

The plane hit a road next to the Standard Oil company refinery and part of the wreckage struck a ground-level oil reservoir, setting it afire.

The flames were kept from other tanks, but firemen ordered families in six square blocks of low ground nearby evacuated.

"I remember opening the canopy and flying out of the cockpit," Tucker said. "The chute

Here's a traffic rule to remember: If you run into the rear of another vehicle, you are always at fault. If you cannot stop in time to avoid collision, you are following too closely. Leave plenty of room between you and the car ahead in case of sudden stops or turns.

opened, but I didn't open it. I'll never know how it happened. It was a miracle."

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

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