

TYDINGS' CHARGE IGNITES QUARREL

Senators Clash Over FBI's Stand On Owen Lattimore

McCarthy Doubts Tydings' Announcement

Washington, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Sens. Millard E. Tydings (D., Md.) and Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) clashed sharply today over the FBI's stand on Owen Lattimore.

Tydings, chairman of a senate foreign relations sub-committee investigating communists in government, touched off the quarrel by announcing publicly that FBI records "cleared" Lattimore of McCarthy's charge that he is a communist and a Soviet spy.

McCarthy, obviously irritated by the statement, promptly announced that Tydings "either hasn't seen the (FBI) files or he's lying."

"I stand on my reputation for accuracy," Tydings replied. He said McCarthy's remark "is a completely self-serving statement."

"It is significant," he added, "that no members of the committee contradicted it (Tydings' statement) when I made it in the presence of the committee."

Tydings told Lattimore that "the FBI put you completely, up to this moment, at least, in the clear."

"Nothing in File" He said he made the statement on the basis of a "complete summary" of Lattimore's record which was shown to four of the five sub-committee members by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

He said all four members agreed that "there was nothing in the file" to show that Lattimore was a spy or a communist.

Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Ia.) was out of town when the others saw Hoover's summary. Tydings arranged for him to see it later and Hickenlooper said he would do so soon.

McCarthy said that although he is not a member of the committee he knows "what's in the (FBI) files" on Lattimore. He said he wondered if Hoover had included in the summary results of telephone wire taps and other evidence that could not be used in prosecuting a "criminal case."

The sub-committee's investigation is in recess. Members will meet in closed session Tuesday to learn if McCarthy can produce any witnesses to back up his charges against Lattimore.

Scores Questioned in Kansas City Shooting Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 7—(U.P.) Police questioned scores of hoodlums and bigwig politicians today, racing against time to find the expert assassins who killed Democratic Boss Charles Binagio and his henchman, Charles Gargotta.

Five state and local law enforcement agencies cooperated in a drive to learn the killers' identities. The investigators feared that unless the gunmen were found quickly, Kansas City might be in for a political and gang war in which many others would be killed.

BUDGET HEARINGS SET Reservations are now being made at the county school superintendent's office for final hearing on rural school district budgets before the county-wide rural school board. C. R. Bowman's office is assigning hearing times for next Wednesday and Thursday. After differences are resolved at the hearings, the budgets will be considered final and will undergo no further change.



TRUCK-TRAIN CRASH FATAL TO TWO—Shown above is all that remains of the truck cab in which Mr. and Mrs. Amos Franklin Wyatt were riding when it was struck by a northbound Southern Pacific passenger train shortly after noon yesterday south of Medford. Wyatt was killed instantly. His body is shown covered with a blanket in the above picture. Mrs. Wyatt died two and a half hours later. Their four-year-old son, Frank Jr., survived. In the foreground of the above picture can be seen the engine of the big logging truck, and beyond Wyatt's body the smashed and splintered truck cab, which was torn from the rest of the truck by the impact.

American Citizen, Family Ask For Refuge In Czechoslovakia

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—George S. Wheeler, 42, of Rolling Bay, Wash., asked the communist government today to allow him and his family to remain in Czechoslovakia as political refugees.

Wheeler did not make clear whether he intended to renounce his American citizenship, but he said he would not return to the U. S. as long as the Truman administration remained in power.

Fostering Gestapo Revival He told a press conference that he and his wife, a former New York journalist, decided to ask for refuge here because the United States is fostering the revival of "gestapo and nazi methods in Germany."

Asked whether he intended to give up his citizenship, Wheeler said: "Of course I could return to the United States and someday I expect to, but at the moment Truman's administration would not receive me very favorably."

"But I don't think the Truman administration will be any more eternal than the Hoover administration was. In the meantime, I welcome Czechoslovak hospitality."

Wheeler, a student and professor of economics at Prague's Charles university, said he was an economist in the U. S. war department during the war.

Later, he said, he was head of the demilitarization branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American zone of Germany.

While in Germany, he said, he met constant interference from military government authorities who "never aimed at uprooting the remnants of gestapo and nazi methods in Germany."

"On the contrary," he said, "I met with opposition from those officials who were sent into the administration with other purposes than to carry out the policy agreed upon by the three powers at Potsdam."

Typical Spring Weather Expected on Week-End; Showers and Sunshine

Typical spring weather—showers with intermittent sunshines—were forecast for Saturday and Sunday by the Medford weather bureau station today. A low pressure area was expected to continue hovering off the coast and sending precipitation inland.

The forecaster said there probably would be about equal periods and amounts of sunshine and showers the next two days.

File-and-Forget Seen for Truman's Jobless Pay Hike

Washington, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Congress today appeared likely to consign President Truman's proposal for expanding the unemployment compensation program to its file-and-forget basket.

Although many of Mr. Truman's supporters in congress voiced sympathy for his plan, they said that time and the pressure of other business probably would prevent action at this session.

But members who expressed these views believed a sudden slackening in business and employment, with a consequent increase in unemployment, would bring much greater pressure for boosting unemployment benefits.

Such conditions, they said, could result in quick action. In a special message to congress yesterday, the president asked that unemployment compensation coverage be extended to another 6 million workers, that benefits be increased, and that workers in all states be authorized to draw unemployment benefits for at least 26 weeks.

Mr. Truman did not ask congress to disturb the present federal-state relationship under which states are primarily responsible for their own programs. He recommended only that congress establish a floor below which the states could not go in distributing benefits.

The present federal unemployment compensation program is part of the social security law. Revision of that act is under study by the senate finance committee.

Ward's Employees Plead Guilty to Larceny Charges

All four Montgomery Ward employees who were arrested at the store here yesterday morning on larceny charges, have pleaded guilty, the district attorney announced today.

The other three were charged with grand larceny in circuit court. They pleaded guilty to a district attorney's information.

The body was taken to Pierce Brothers mortuary in Beverly Hills and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Walter Huston, Veteran Hollywood Actor, Succumbs

Hollywood, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Walter Huston, veteran actor, died today. He was 66 yesterday.

Huston, who won an academy award last year for his part in "The Treasure of Sierra Madre," died of an aneurism, a blood clot. He died at the Beverly Hills hotel.

York Rite Masons To Gather Sunday

More than 300 dignitaries of the Masonic lodge are expected to converge on Medford Sunday from all over Oregon for the annual state convocation of York Rite bodies that will be held here April 9 to 13.

Contract To Sell KMED Signed Here This Afternoon

Corporation Formed by Six Medford Residents

A conditional contract was entered into this afternoon for the sale of radio station KMED, it was announced by representatives of the prospective purchaser, Radio Medford Inc. Mrs. W. J. Virgin Handle is the present owner.

Radio Medford Inc. is a corporation recently formed under the laws of the state. Its office is in Medford, and owners are H. B. Murphy, Dr. Dwight H. Findley, Vern J. Robinson, Dr. B. L. Lageson, J. L. DeArmond and William M. McAllister.

Officers include Robinson, president; DeArmond, vice-president, and McAllister, secretary. According to the announcement this afternoon, the sale of the radio station is contingent upon approval of the federal communications commission, and transfer of the license to the new corporation, which is expected to be granted in approximately 60 days.

Until the transfer is completed, the station will be operated by the present owner. No sales price was disclosed by the purchasing corporation. The announcement confirmed rumors current in recent weeks that the recently announced sale of the station to a partnership comprised of Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Harlow Carpenter and Garland Jones had not been completed. Amount of the sales price in that transaction was announced as \$280,000.

Corporation spokesmen said that no plans regarding the future management of the station would be announced until the transfer has been completed. The conditional sales contract was signed shortly after 2 p.m. today.

Accident Injuries Claim Mrs. Wyatt

Mrs. Osie Helen Wyatt, 25, wife of Amos Franklin Wyatt who was killed instantly when a Southern Pacific train hit the logging truck he was driving yesterday noon, died at Community hospital at 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

The couple's son, Frank Jr., four, was reported to be somewhat improved by hospital attaches today.

Funeral arrangements for both Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt are in the care of Conger-Morris funeral home.

No plans have yet been revealed for the care of the Wyatt youngster, but it was believed that he would be cared for by relatives.

Mrs. Wyatt was a native of Halsey, Neb., and came to the Rogue valley in 1936. Surviving are the boy, and a daughter, Amanda Karene; Mrs. Wyatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McAllister, Grants Pass, one brother, Clad, Dallas, Ore., and five sisters, Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Mrs. Jess Spicer and Mrs. Edward Milner, all Grants Pass; Mrs. Carl Knapp, Vale, Ore., and Mrs. Ben Venell, Scio, Ore.

Revote Expected for School Consolidation

The county school superintendent's office said today it is expecting petitions to be filed within the next few days or two calling for a revote on the proposed consolidation of the Little Applegate school district with the Ruch-Sterling district.

The merger was turned down at a recent election while the districts of Uniontown, Forest Creek and Watkins approved the consolidation with Ruch-Sterling Little Applegate. Residents said they believed the adverse vote in their district was the result of a misunderstanding and are now circulating petitions in an effort to get a new election.

Key West, Fla., Apr. 7—(U.P.)—President Truman today nominated Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman for reappointment as customs collector at Portland, Ore.

County Road Crew Starts Repair Work

Although Jackson county roads suffered heavy winter damage this year, County Engineer Paul Rynning said a 140-man crew is busy putting roads and highways back into shape. Rock crushers have been sent to the Missouri Flats, Ashland and Applegate areas so that roads in those vicinities can be graveled and Rynning said conditions of three more roads have improved to the point where wintertime load limits can now be lifted.

Restrictions have been lifted from the Wagner Creek, Modoc Creek and Sardinia Creek roads. After stop-gap repairs are completed, permanent improvement projects will be started as funds permit. No paving projects are planned.

Policing Methods, Slot Machines in Medford Attacked

Vigorous criticism of Medford's police force methods and attacks on lack of enforcement of the state laws prohibiting the operation of slot machines, were voiced at a meeting of the Jackson County Property Owners association last night.

George Goodman, parking lot operator and recently-appointed member of the city budget committee, assailed what he called the "open operation of illegal slot machines" in the city. "Will Have No Part" "The old excuse is that revenue from the machines is needed for city purposes," Goodman said, "but this actually is a very small proportion of the city's budget."

As a member of the budget committee, I am going to have no part of passing a budget of which illegal funds are a part. "I've made a few word-of-mouth statements about this recently," Goodman said, "and as a result most of the slot machines in the city have signs on them saying 'out of order' or 'for amusement only.' But the operation goes on just the same," he said.

Cite "Front Street Mess" Goodman's remarks about slot machines met with general approval from the 19 members and observers attending. The discussion also covered what was termed the "Front street mess," with arguments being heard as to the best method of "cleaning up" the "winoes and bums" who are habitués of the street's establishments.

Goodman maintained that it is a matter for police supervision and authority, saying the solution to the problem is to "move 'em along—get 'em out of Medford."

Training Challenged "The police could clean the whole situation up," Goodman said, "if they really wanted to. They could clean out the slots, and stop the houses of prostitution which are again operating here." He challenged the type and amount of training given police officers, and suggested that a trained, qualified young man with scientific aptitude and background be brought in as chief to "give us a decent police department."

"We've had two unsolved murders and 20 unsolved robberies off of Front street, Goodman charged. Only opposition to Goodman's arguments were voiced by W. M. Dawes, who said that the best method of dealing with the situation is to keep the "drunks, prostitutes and psychopaths" in an area (Front street) where they can be supervised, and not "drive them into the residential areas."

Best Control Proposed Other discussion centered around problems of soot, smoke and sawdust control, and Acting Chairman E. E. Gore said that progress is being made with mill owners, reporting that Timber Products corporation has agreed to install burner control similar to those used successfully at Elk Lumber company.

"We have the authority to demand an abatement of the soot and sawdust nuisance," Gore said, "but we have found that a 'request' is best at first. Later, if the situation is not improved, we can move in on the violators," he said.

Methods of enforcing their demands mentioned at the meeting included a suit for abatement of nuisance, and suits for damages, which one orchardist said had been used successfully. He did not specify the case he mentioned.

No PTA Report A scheduled report from a representative of the Medford Council of Parents and Teachers regarding alleged inefficiencies in the District 49 school system was not heard, and Gore had indicated that a representative had told him the group had no authority to make reports before

Water Supply To Be 'Good' in This Area Klamath Falls, Apr. 7—W. T. "Jack" Frost, Medford, hydraulic engineer with the federal-state cooperative survey, said today that the water supply outlook for the summer of 1950 in the Klamath, Rogue and Umpqua basins is "good" or "very good."

A meeting of 14 snow forecasters and others interested in summer water supplies held here today. The prediction was the result of their pooled information. In the Medford and Rogue River areas water supplies will be ample for irrigation uses, Frost said, and in the Talent area there will be enough for all purposes unless this summer is as dry as the summer of 1949.

Frost is conducting a series of similar meetings throughout the state this week and next.

Aerial Dogfight Over San Francisco Brings New Order for Air Raid Drills

Oakland, Cal., Apr. 7—(U.P.)—The 61st fighter wing of the California air national guard was under orders today to let everybody know about its next air raid drill in advance. The order resulted from a "dogfight" over San Francisco Wednesday.

The unannounced raid began when two "enemy" bombers roared in from the Pacific to be "intercepted" over Golden Gate park by a squadron of P-51 fighters from the 61st.

At the same time, more than 900 guard officers and men left their jobs in the bay area and rushed to previously assigned posts without a word of explanation to their employers. The 61st ordered the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to "clear the wires." The phone company got in touch with guard headquarters in Sacramento. Officials there knew nothing of an "emergency."

WEATHER FORECAST: Showers and continued cool tonight and Saturday. Highest Yesterday 58, Lowest this Morning 32, Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today, Trace

other organizations. The function of the PTA, Gore said he had been told, is to aid and assist teachers and administrators in their work, and that many improvements have already been noted in regard to matters which have been criticized in PTA meetings.

Most of the meeting was devoted to discussion of these problems, and the only action taken was to approve appointment of a committee to attend all city council meetings and report back on matters of interest to the group. Named to the committee were Goodman, G. L. Robinson and Ed Good.

Petitions Seeking Ashland Officials' Recall Filed Here

Petitions asking the recall of Ashland's Mayor Thomas Williams and City Councilman Elmer Sheldon were filed at the office of County Clerk George Carter this morning.

John B. Austin, city recorder at Ashland, had been handed the petition by the citizens' group which had circulated them, and brought them to the clerk's office today where they will be checked to see that there are sufficient valid signatures to place the recall on the election ballot May 19.

A total of 493 valid signatures are required. The petition asking the mayor's recall had 388, Austin said, and there were 595 signatures on the petition attacking Sheldon.

Charges Cited Basis of the petitions were allegations that the two officials were "dictatorial" in their methods and "incompetent" in their performance of duties. The mayor was also assailed at a meeting which originated the recall campaign for "lack of accomplishment" during his administration.

If sufficient signatures are validated, it will be the second recall election in Ashland city politics within little more than a year. Three councilmen were recalled in March, 1949. Additional petitions are still being circulated to increase the total of signatures, according to Harry Morris, citizens recall committee chairman.

Mayor Williams' term has another two years to run, and Sheldon was appointed for a term expiring December 31 this year.

15-Person Family Guests of Police

There was din in the boiler room at the city police station last night, where police played host to a needy family of 18 persons.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Goodenough and their 13 children, ranging from 18 years to three-months, were en route from California to Salem, continued toward their destination this morning in the family car after receiving donations of food and money.

The Goodenoughs reportedly had left their home in Salem for California where the father had promise of work, but the job did not materialize. Goodenough reportedly has work on a farm in the Salem area where he was employed a number of years.

Police saw that the youngsters get haircuts and took up a collection for the family. There were three sets of twins in the group, and the Goodenoughs reportedly have two other children.

Voters in the Shady Cove school district Monday approved a \$20,000 bond issue for the construction of a combination assembly hall and classroom building. It was the second vote on the issue.

Ski Conditions

If present conditions hold, skiing at Crater Lake national park should be excellent over the week-end, rangers said today. There have been three inches of new snow in the past 24 hours and there is now a dry, powdery surface over a firm crust. Total snow pack on the ground in the park is 154 inches. All roads are open but chains are required for travel from park headquarters to the rim of the lake.