

# TRYGVE LIE GOING TO MOSCOW



BABY KISSES POLITICIAN—Senator Claude Pepper of Florida tries hard for 3-year-old Freddie Calvert's vote, but seems to be making out better with 4-year-old Regina Crawford, who reverses the usual procedure and kisses the senator. Kids had been attending rally for Pepper with their mothers.

## Pepper States' Defeated in Florida Election; Rights Group Leads in Alabama

### Veteran Senate Member Concedes To Rep. Smathers

Outcome Seen Trend Toward GOP Principles By United Press President Truman's staunch supporter, Sen. Claude Pepper, was resoundingly defeated for renomination in Florida's democratic primary yesterday by Rep. George Smathers, an outspoken opponent of Mr. Truman's "fair deal" program.

In Alabama, the outcome of a primary test between Truman democrats and states' rights democrats still was in doubt. The issue was whether or not democrats affiliated with the national party will regain political control of the state from the democrats who succeeded during the 1948 presidential campaign.

Pepper conceded Smathers' victory over Pepper, a veteran of 14 years in the senate, was so positive Pepper conceded soon after midnight. With returns almost complete, Smathers' victory margin was approximately 65,000 votes.

### Lattimore Scorns New Attack Made By Hickenlooper

Washington, May 3—(U.P.)—Owen Lattimore told Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Ia.) today that an attempt to attack him through his wife "strikes a new low."

Hickenlooper, one of the senators investigating charges that Lattimore is a communist, asked the far eastern expert about a lecture made by Lattimore's wife in 1943. In reply, Lattimore snapped:

"I think this attack on me has set many a new low in American political life. I consider an attempt to attack me through the activities of my wife strikes a new low."

## Battleship Missouri's Three Top Officers Lose Promotion Numbers

Norfolk, Va., May 3—(U.P.)—The three top officers of the battleship Missouri were set back on the navy's promotion list today for running the big Mo aground on a Hampton roads sandbar last January 17.

Capt. W. D. Brown, the skipper who accepted "sole responsibility" for the grounding, suffered a loss of 250 seniority numbers, which had the effect of placing him behind 249 other officers on the navy's promotion list.

Cmdr. John R. Millett, operations officer, was sentenced to lose 100 numbers in his grade. Lt. Cmdr. Frank G. Morris Jr., the navigator, lost 350.

The three officers had been court-martialed on charges of culpable negligence and neglect of duty. Their sentences were announced by Rear Adm. Allen E. Smith, commander of cruisers, Atlantic, who ordered the courts. Brown pleaded guilty while his two subordinates pleaded innocent.

Smith said the court had sentenced Brown to a loss of 300 numbers but because of a recommendation of clemency he reduced the sentence by 50 numbers.

Experienced naval officers said the severe loss of numbers actually would work in Brown's favor. They explained the loss knocked him out of the promotion zone for captains and apparently eliminated the chance that he might come up for promotion in the next two years to be passed over and forced into retirement.

Smith said he ignored a recommendation for clemency for Millett because he felt "the sentence imposed is inadequate as punishment for the offenses found and proved."

### McCarthyism Shadow Described as Threat

Lattimore went before the senate foreign relations subcommittee for the second day to defend himself against charges by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) that he is a communist and a Soviet spy.

In another biting criticism of his accuser, Lattimore said the "shadow of McCarthyism" hangs over all public figures and threatens American with Russian-type sneers.

The Hickenlooper-Lattimore exchange was set off when the senator asked Lattimore about a lecture delivered by Mrs. Lattimore before the Tom Mooney labor school in San Francisco in 1943.

Lattimore replied that the United States was at the height of its efforts in 1943 and that he and his wife were asked to speak "all over the place." He said they were voicing strong support for the Chinese war effort and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Then he described the attack as a "new low."

Hickenlooper retorted that he thought the facts were pertinent "in putting the pattern together" regarding Lattimore's attitude toward communism.

"In putting the pattern together," Lattimore asked, "is it the audience where one speaks or what one says?"

Hickenlooper noted it was not until 1947 that the California legislative committee on un-American activities had described the labor school as a school for instruction in communism.

Lattimore commented that maybe it was "a good thing" for the members to be exposed to what the Lattimores were saying in 1943.

## Intermountain West Under Snow Blanket

Salt Lake City, May 3—(U.P.)—One of the heaviest spring snowstorms on record covered most of the intermountain west today, just about completed the destruction of Utah's \$3 million fruit crop and killed one person.

Melvin Cullens, 17, high school student at Hooper in Weber county, was fatally injured late last night when a car in which he was riding struck a concrete overpass abutment. The driver, Vall Beus, 16, said a snowstorm had reduced visibility to zero.

Depth of the snow in the heavily-populated central valleys of northern Utah ranged from two inches in downtown Salt Lake City to eight inches in Logan. In the Wasatch mountain winter sports centers, usually about closed this time of the year, the fall was much heavier.

The bureau of agricultural economics reported that sub-freezing temperatures during the last week already had caused a complete loss of all budding fruits except apples in Salt Lake, Davis and Box Elder counties. In Cache county, around Logan, the damage was over 50 per cent, while in Utah county, near Provo, the loss to fruit crops was estimated at 60 to 85 per cent.

Last year, the harvest in these counties of apples, peaches, pears, apricots and cherries was worth \$3,350,000.

Experts said that today's heavy snowfall had bowed tree limbs to the ground and—if followed by expected low temperatures—"would ruin what little is left." Early plantings of tomatoes and sugar beets were also wiped out in many areas.

Extensive damage was also reported in southern Idaho, where loss in fruit orchards—particularly cherries—was "tremendous."

Forecasters expected at least a partial clearing tomorrow.

### Need for Water, Fire Bonds Told

At its April 28 meeting, the Medford Realty board unanimously approved a resolution urging voters to approve bond issues for improvement of the city's water system and fire department at balloting to be held concurrently with the primary election May 19.

In a statement made public today, the board said "the city of Medford faces an increase in fire insurance rates. It seems that the present fire insurance rates were established in 1933.

At that time the city had an auxiliary source of water supply from Fish Lake. This supply has been discontinued. Inadequate water supplies in summer, at times when fire danger is greatest, together with increased number of risks due to population increase, and without a corresponding increase in fire fighting equipment and personnel, has made an increase in insurance rates necessary."

The board said that if the increase in insurance rates should be ordered by the Oregon fire rating bureau, it would mean an average hike of 20 per cent in insurance costs.

Fire rating bureau officials have indicated they will not take further action in the matter pending the outcome of the election, the board reported.

### Woud Cut Excise Tax On Cheaper Cigarets

Washington, May 3—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee voted tentatively today to cut the excise tax on cheaper, so-called economy brand, cigarettes by an estimated \$90 million a year.

This, coupled with a \$4,500,000 reduction approved by the committee in the tax on plug and twist chewing tobacco, brought the total excise tax cuts okayed by the committee to date to about \$1,065,000,000.

The excise reductions are subject to committee reconsideration later and must be okayed by both houses and the president to become law. The cuts go far beyond President Truman's recommendations.

In its action today, the committee voted to reduce the manufacturer's excise tax on the cheaper brands of cigarettes from the present \$3.50 per thousand to \$2.45 per thousand.

### Volunteers Work to Stem Canadian River

Winnipeg, Man., May 3—(U.P.)—Soldiers, sailors and civilian volunteers worked desperately today to build more dikes to stem rising flood waters of the rambling Red river.

The flood crest poured tons of brownish water on Emerson, 70 miles south of here, and was reported descending on the small town of Morris, between here and the United States border.

With an inch more of rain predicted before tonight, the crest was expected to reach Winnipeg some time tomorrow. A light rain had been falling here since yesterday afternoon.

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## Ex-Mayor Advocates Home-Building Rules

Adherence to minimum lumber grade restrictions, more adequate inspection of housing construction and establishment of a minimum size for residential building lots were advocated for the city of Medford by former Mayor James C. Collins in a presentation at the city council meeting last night.

Pointing to growing pains that have hit Oregon harder than any other state, Collins said that housing here is "starting to slop over." He said he wished to see housing controlled.

Collins, owner of the Brown and White real estate agency, declared that he was "sick and tired" of the appearance of some of the houses that are up for sale here. He maintained that because of poor grade or wrong kind of lumber, houses start to deteriorate within a few years and are a detriment to property around them.

The condition was caused by the war, Collins said, but the war is over and the condition should be corrected.

Inspections Said Improper He stated that building is not being inspected properly, probably because the city does not have sufficient funds. Building permit costs should be doubled he proposed, to provide additional inspectors and enable closer checks on building.

Collins said that he desired to see a halt to cutting up of residential lots. Such practice, he brought out, lowers value of adjacent property and classification of the residence area. He rapped the construction of more than one dwelling structure on small lots.

The building code should be amended to prohibit construction of a residence on lots of less than 7,500 square feet unless the lot is platted and the project approved by the planning commission, he proposed. According to the plan, there could be only one house for each 7,500 square feet on a lot larger than that minimum.

Councilmen told Collins that the problems are being worked on and referred the matter to the building committee. They said legislation being prepared calls for a 6,000 square-foot lot limitation. It was reported that a marked improvement in inspection should be seen soon because of completion of other work to which men in the building department have been assigned.

Action of the council last night included the appointment of Charles Champlin as police lieutenant. He will be in charge of the department when Chief of Police Clatous McCredie is absent. Champlin has been a detective sergeant.

## United Nations Plane Attacked by Israeli

Cairo, Egypt, May 3—(U.P.)—A United Nations plane fired at by Israeli fighters was flying the regular air corridor to Cairo when intercepted and forced to land, American crew members said today.

A Tel Aviv report said the plane was forced down yesterday because it was flying outside the normal corridor for neutral craft. The DC-3 was permitted to continue after landing at Lydda airport, Israel.

Crew members said co-pilot Capt. Jesse E. Washburn of Racine, W. Va., reported the incident by telephone to United States Marine Brig. Gen. William Riley, UN conciliator in the Middle-East.

The plane was en route from Beirut, Lebanon, to Cairo with 12 passengers, mostly Americans, the crewmen said. They said two Israeli air force P-51 Mustangs buzzed the plane several times and then fired at least six bursts of machine-gun fire.

HAIL PELTS VALLEY Hail stones pelted the valley yesterday afternoon and were particularly heavy to the northeast of Medford but County Agent C. B. Cordy said he doubted if there was any commercial damage to the valley's fruit crops. The stones were comparatively soft and were mixed with rain. The hailstorm was general over the entire region.

China Said 'Sold Out to Russia'; Comeback Under Chiang Not Likely Hong Kong, May 3—(U.P.)—Top-level American observers evacuated from communist China said today the country has been "sold out to Russia lock, stock and barrel."

They arrived in Hong Kong aboard the General Gordon after months of harassment and inability to obtain exit permits. They said most of the initiative in the "sell out" seems to have come from the Chinese Reds.

Russia Giving Little Russia, they said, is only too glad to cement the deal but is giving as little in return as possible.

Asked about the possibility of a nationalist comeback, they said: "Not under Chiang Kai-shek." The Gordon brought out 735 evacuees, including all American diplomatic personnel remaining in China. There were 127 Americans aboard. The rest were stateless persons, British, French and other nationalities.

## Snowbound Marial Sends Appeal for Aid

Grants Pass, Ore., May 3—(U.P.)—An appeal for aid from 14 snowbound families at Marial on the lower Rogue river was under investigation today by Siskiyou forest service officials and the Red Cross.

Red Cross offices here and in Portland have received letters signed by Marial Billings Packdock, Lawrence J. Daw and Edwin Swinney urging immediate delivery of supplies for the isolated community.

"We have been snowbound since December 12, and have had no delivery of supplies for man or beast since. Poultry and livestock have been killed because of lack of food. There is about seven miles of packed snow."

Siskiyou Forest Supervisor H. V. Obye said that the postman who serves Marial had reported that the community was short on coffee and some staples but did not indicate they were in serious trouble.

Marial becomes snowbound each winter. The road into the area is a forest trail. Obye said the road would be checked and opened "if we have enough funds to do so."

## Banks Here Report April 24 Deposits

In answer to the April 24 call of the comptroller of the currency, the two Medford banks reported a total of \$30,027,811 in deposits. Slightly more than half of that total was on deposit at the First National bank where \$16,347,425 was reported. At \$13,680,386, the States National bank deposits totaled \$13,624,189.02.

The loan figure for the First National was \$6,732,878 and at the United States National there was \$4,979,819.32 out on loan at the time the call was answered.

## Timber Sales Up Five Times Over Last Year

Portland, May 3—H. J. Andrews, regional forester, said yesterday that nearly five times as much forest service timber was sold in the northwest during January, February and March this year than during the same period in 1949.

A total of 287,605,000 board feet of timber, valued at \$3,186,096, was sold during the quarter from the forests in Oregon and Washington. Comparable figures for last year were 59,001,000 feet sold for \$718,860.

Average prices dropped between last year and this. Andrews said— from \$12.20 per thousand board feet to \$11.08. Sales in Oregon topped those in Washington, he said.

## Democrats Outnumber GOP In Oregon Registration

Portland, Ore., May 3—(U.P.)—The democratic party in Oregon has passed the republicans in voter registration for the May 19 primary election, the Oregon Journal said today.

The newspaper said a survey of all counties showed this score: Democrats, 355,072; Republicans, 345,687.

The Journal's figures give the democratic party a lead of 9,386 voters as the political parties go into the final lap of campaigning.

Dave O'Hara, elections chief of the secretary of state's office, said he was "pretty sure" it was the first time that democrats have taken a lead in Oregon.

Democrats showed their biggest gains in Multnomah county but also demonstrated new strength in every other county. There are 15 counties in which the Democrats are in the majority and 21 in which Republicans lead, the same score as in the November election of 1948.

Throughout the state democrats piled up a gain since 1948 of 20,288 new registrations while republicans registered only 1,389 new voters.

Including independents, progressives, socialists and others, there are 711,722 voters registered throughout the state.

## Mayor D. L. Flynn To Be Candidate For Reelection

Mayor Diamond Flynn announced at the city council session last night that he will be a candidate for re-election in the November general election.

He indicated that the early declaration of his plans was prompted by the inquiry and concern of friends and by the desire to carry out the work that his administration has begun.

Flynn was elected mayor in November, 1948, and took office on Jan. 4, 1949. His public service includes duty as city councilman, budget committee member, civil service commissioner and selective service board member.

When James C. Collins was named mayor following the death of Mayor C. A. Meeker in late February, 1948, a Medford resident more than 50 years, Flynn was in the electrical business for 35 years before becoming mayor.

## \$200,000 for Winner In Alaska Ice Pool

Nenana, Alaska, May 3—(U.P.)—"Ice fever" gripped Alaska today as the frozen Tanana river neared the cracking point.

When the ice goes out, lucky persons who guessed the exact break-up time will divide the "Nenana ice pool," which Manager Slim Avery said contained more than \$200,000.

Two of the territory's acknowledged experts predict the ice will break in the river tomorrow. Sourdough Avery believed the toll-tale tripod set in the middle of the river would move to tomorrow afternoon, tripping a clock mechanism that determines the exact time.

The other expert, Weatherman David Burt of Fairbanks, predicted the ice would break up exactly at 4:45 p.m. (7:45 PDT.)

"But," explained Burt, "I'm prejudiced. I've got a dollar on that minute." Burt's \$1 may net him several thousand dollars.

Last spring, four persons divided a \$164,000 jackpot when the ice went out at 12:39 p. m. on May 14.

## Hood River Woman Named Oregon Mother

Salem, Ore., May 3—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ruth Elliott Crooks, Hood River, was named today to succeed Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud of West Linn as Oregon mother of 1950.

The selection was made by the Oregon Mother committee. Gov. Douglas McKay, who announced the choice, explained that Mrs. Roe Cloud had automatically vacated the title of Oregon mother when she was selected as American mother of 1950, under longstanding procedures of the American Mothers committee of the Golden Rule Foundation.

Mrs. Crooks has four sons: One a vice president of radio inventors, and assistant professor, school of journalism, Columbia university; another an advertising writer; a third, a research chemist; and the fourth, an insurance representative.

## Named Editor

Corvallis, Ore., May 3—(U.P.)—Bob Young of Beaver Creek in Clackamas county has been appointed editor of the Daily Banner, Oregon State college student newspaper, for the next year.

## WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Light freeze tonight. Warmer Thursday.

Highest Yesterday 47  
Lowest this Morning 31  
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .28

## United Nations Secretary-General Will Visit Stalin

Paris, May 3—(U.P.)—United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie announced today he will go to Moscow next Wednesday and confer with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin in an attempt to end the East-West cold war.

Lie also rejected by implication former President Herbert Hoover's proposal that the UN be reorganized without Russia and her satellites in it.

Although he did not mention Hoover by name, Lie said proposals to split the world permanently into two camps sooner or later would lead only to a third World War.

Lie already has talked with President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson in Washington, with British Premier Clement R. Attlee in London, and with French Premier Georges Bidault in Paris in his quest for a cold war truce.

He announced his decision to visit Moscow at a press conference here. Besides Stalin, he is expected to talk with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky.

Lie first disclosed he was considering a trip to Moscow several weeks ago. But he indicated he would not go if his talks with western officials convinced him the trip would be useless.

Truce Hope Revived His decision to go revived hope he may find some basis for an East-West truce.

Constantin Zinchenko, assistant UN secretary-general for security council affairs and a Russian citizen, will accompany Lie.

"I expect to be in Moscow for several days and to see Soviet leaders," Lie said. "If Premier Stalin is in Moscow and it can be arranged, I hope to see him."

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