

Vast Throngs of Communist Youths Slate 3-Day Meeting in Berlin



BUZZIE TAKES BRIDE—The whole Roosevelt clan gathered at Santa Monica, Calif., today to watch the late president's favorite grandson take Robin Edwards, 21, daughter of a Douglas aircraft executive, as his bride. Curtis (Buzzie) Roosevelt Dall, had to get his mother's consent because he's only 20. They are shown above as they applied for their marriage license.

Strike By Switchmen Subject of Sessions

Washington, May 23—(U.P.)—The national railroad board begins conferences today in an effort to head off a strike set for June 1 by the AFL switchmen's union against 10 western and midwestern railroads.

Walkout Postponed

The walkout originally was set for tomorrow, but the union postponed it last week at the board's request.

Arthur J. Glover, president of

the Switchmen's Union of North America (AFL), was expected to bring three other union negotiations to today's meeting.

Railroad representatives are Daniel P. Loomis, chairman of the western carriers conference committee, and several officials of the roads involved.

The AFL switchmen want a 40-hour week with their present 48 hours pay, plus time and a half for Saturdays and double time for Sundays.

County School Voters Approve Big Budget

Budgeted expenditures three-quarters of a million dollars in excess of the six per cent limitation were approved May 15 by 367 residents in 26 rural school districts. There were 60 "no" votes cast.

The county rural school board is forced to go to the voters each year for approval of the major part of its annual budget to operate the schools in every district except Medford, Ashland and Central Point. Because of an outgrowth levy base of \$237,797 the board's budget for 1950-51, \$951,553.62, the board's budget must always be in excess of the six per cent limitation by several hundred thousand dollars.

Three districts out of the 26 were opposed to the levy in excess of the limitation, but there were sufficient votes cast in other districts to approve the expenditures by a large margin. Voters in the Brownsboro district—two of them—both voted against the measure. It was defeated in Derby by a vote of 6 to 2 and in the West Side district 10 to 6.

Rubber Companies Boost Tire Prices

Akron, O., May 23—(U.P.)—Two big rubber companies announced price increases today of 2 1/2 per cent on passenger car tires and 5 per cent on truck tires "effective immediately."

Following the lead of the U.S. Rubber company, the B. F. Goodrich company and the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, announced the tire price boosts from their headquarters here.

School District Vote On Budget Hare Today

Medford school district residents were voting today on a measure to exceed by \$213,617.60 the six per cent limitation in the 1950-1951 school budget. Polls at the senior high school girls' gymnasium will be open until 9 p.m. daylight time (8 p.m. Pacific standard time).

Alternating Temperatures Reduce Threat of Floods

Portland, Ore., May 23—(U.P.)—Forecasters expected a 25 to 26-foot flood crest on the Columbia at Vancouver, Wash., next month, 10 to 11 feet above flood stage. The river was six inches over the 15-foot flood stage Monday.

At Wenatchee, Wash., the Columbia was 1 1/2 feet below its level two years ago when a disastrous flood was climaxed by the destruction of Vanport, Ore., a city of 18,000 north of Portland.

Bonneville administration officials here said Pacific northwest power supplies would not be affected by the expected 25 to 26-foot crest at Vancouver.

However, John P. Jolliffe, chief of operation, said a 30-foot crest like that of 1948 would reduce peaking capacity by about 200,000 kilowatts.

Czechs Order Further Diplomatic Staff Cut

Prague, Czechoslovakia, May 23—(U.P.)—Czechoslovakia demanded tonight that the United States cut its diplomatic staff here in half within two weeks.

The government asked that the American staff be reduced to four diplomats, seven non-diplomats and one guard.

The official Prague radio said a Czech note to the United States demanded that the Americans affected be out of the country within two weeks.

This was the third demand for a cut in the American staff since April 18. The first was for a cut by two-thirds within a "reasonable time." On May 10 the U.S. was told that the reasonable time had expired, and the persons must leave by May 12, a deadline later extended to May 17.

The reduction demanded today presumably was in reprisal for the American ousting of 22 of the 33 Czech diplomats in the Washington embassy and the closing of the Pittsburgh and Cleveland consulates.

Congress Will Hear Secret Acheson Report

Washington, May 23—(U.P.)—Arrangements were made at the White House today for Secretary of State Dean Acheson to give Congress a secret report next Wednesday on his London meeting with the Atlantic pact nation foreign ministers.

Senate Majority Leader Scott W. Lucas of Illinois said after a talk with President Truman that Acheson would make his report at an executive session of the house and senate in the auditorium of the library of congress.

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RUSSIA ACCUSED OF JEOPARDIZING PEACE

PARALLEL NOTES BY WESTERN COUNTRIES SAY WORD BROKEN

Washington, May 23—(U.P.)—The Big Three western powers accused Russia today of breaking her word and jeopardizing peace by creating an army of 50,000 Germans in the Soviet zone of Germany.

The United States, France and Great Britain in parallel notes demanded that the Kremlin give some measure of plausibility to its purported devotion to peace by promptly disbanding the east German military force.

All Three Nations Accuse Russia of Violations

All three nations accused Russia of violating her repeatedly pledged word to keep Germany demilitarized. The U. S. note expressed this government's "grave concern" over the Soviet action.

The state department, in a statement accompanying release of the American note, said the Soviet trained and indoctrinated East German military force "could form the nucleus of a new German army or an internal security force to maintain communist control."

The three notes said that the East German army is equipped with military weapons—howitzers, anti-aircraft guns, mortars, machine guns and tanks—and therefore cannot be camouflaged as a police force.

Its key personnel, the state department said, are old line German communists who fought with the communists in the Spanish civil war. Its chain of command, the department added, stems "from Major General Petukovsky of the Soviet control commission."

The U. S. note emphasized that the western occupying powers had taken "effective steps" to prevent German rearmament in their zone. All three notes charged that Russia had violated her pledges to take the same preventive action in her zone.

Sen. Flegel Extends Margin Over Wallace

Portland, Ore., May 23—(U.P.)—State Senator Austin Flegel's narrow lead over Lew Wallace of Portland for the democratic nomination for governor expanded slightly today, reports from all but 12 precincts in the primary election showed today.

Returns from 2,005 of the state's 2,017 precincts gave Flegel 58,913, Wallace 57,574, and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson 46,341.

The remaining unreported precincts were scattered in Clackamas, Curry, Grant, Harney, Lincoln and Union counties.

With 2,004 of 2,017 precincts completed, Sen. Wayne Morse's victory over Dave Hoover for the republican nomination for U. S. senator stood at 118,394 to 62,697, slightly less than a ratio of two to one.

Salem, Ore., May 23—(U.P.)—State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson today called upon democrats who supported him for governor to get actively behind Austin Flegel, who won the democratic nomination for chief executive.

Building Inspector Issues Eight Permits

Eight building permits have been issued in the last several days by the city building inspector's office.

Principal projects are an \$8000 duplex residence on 411 Oak street to be erected by William E. Brooks and a \$7,000 house at 1041 West 11th street to be built by Ray Schumacher. Dr. B. Ray Miller asked to make a \$1,000 addition to a house at 127 Valley View drive.

Other projects were Burr E. Tye, \$700 addition to house at 102 Mistletoe street; C. C. Connolly, \$500 repairs to building at 1006 Saling avenue; Don Brenner, \$300 roof repairs at 504 Austin street; James Helgeson, \$200 addition to house at 534 South Fir street and Morris K. Wallace \$45 bathroom at 600 Benson street.

Last Commander Of GAR to Visit Veterans Center

Parade, Dignitaries To Honor Penland, 101

Theodore "Daddy" Penland, 101, last and final commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be guest of honor at "National GAR day" ceremonies at Camp White Sunday, it was announced today.

A long list of state, national and veterans organization dignitaries has been invited to the affair, and many have accepted, it was reported by John L. Kelley, chief of special services at the veterans domiciliary center, general chairman of the event.

A parade in honor of commander will be held at the veterans center at 2 p.m. Sunday, followed by a short talk by a speaker of state-wide prominence, it was reported. The public is invited.

Well Known on Coast

Penland, the sprightly old gentleman who last year sounded the gavel on the final encampment of the GAR at Indianapolis, with only six of his comrades in attendance, is well-known along the Pacific coast. He now makes his home in Vancouver, Wash.

A native of Goshen, Ind., he was born there Jan. 23, 1849, and enlisted in the Union army at the age of 16. He was wounded twice during the civil war, and came west after the cessation of hostilities. After visiting California, Nevada and Idaho, he settled in Portland, where he resided for more than 70 years. He attended the first GAR encampment in Indianapolis 83 years ago, and has attended all but two since that time. More than half a million men belonged to the organization at one time.

Guard of Honor

Penland will arrive at the Medford airport at 10:55 a.m. where he will be met by Mayor D. L. Fynn, officials of Camp White, and an honor guard, ranging in age from 22 to 100, veterans of four wars.

He will review a parade at the camp at 2 p.m., which will include high school bands from Medford and Grants Pass, and possibly from Ashland and Central Point. The Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse will participate, as will a delegation of Cave men from Grants Pass. The Medford Eagles auxiliary drill team may also march. Significance of the event and the place will also be marked by a burro, packed with a pick, gold pan and bedroll. Veterans organizations, their auxiliaries, and members at the veterans center, will also be represented. The Ashland Klity band has been asked to march.

Invitations Sent

Invitation have been sent to Senator Wayne Morse, Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Mayor Flynn, Governor Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl Newberry, David M. Brown, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans; Clyde A. Lewis, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; George N. Craig, national commander of the American Legion; E. E. Carle, adjutant general of the United Spanish War Veterans, and the state commanders of all major veterans organizations and the presidents of their auxiliaries.

It is understood that arrangements have been made for a nationwide radio broadcast of the event, and for newscast coverage, and invitations have been sent to representatives of Time and Life magazines, and to the major press services.

Sheriff's Officer to Return Parole Violator

Deputy Sheriff DeArmond Leigh left here yesterday for St. Paul, Minn., to take custody of Charles Harvey Reigard, 27, who is wanted by Jackson county authorities for parole violation.

Reigard was given a three-year suspended sentence March 23 for attempted burglary and was on probation to the state parole officer. His Medford address is listed as 14 South Bartlett street. He was picked up by St. Paul authorities last month.



GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANT—Mrs. Ana Frohmiller, 58, Arizona State Auditor for 23 years, announced in Phoenix that she would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. During her political career, Mrs. Frohmiller has won 14 races with no defeats. If elected she would be the nation's third woman governor.

Prompt Action by Workers Rescues City Employee

Prompt action probably saved the life of Owen C. Pratt, 60, of 1416 Maple Park drive, when the side of a ditch in which the city employee was working fell in on him about 1:30 p.m. yesterday.

Pratt, according to the city superintendent's office, was making a sewer connection in an eight-foot ditch on South Grape street for the new Myron Root fruit packing plant. Working with him was Ted Alvord, Earth Falls.

A solid chunk of earth five feet deep, eight to 10 feet long and one and one-half to three feet thick cracked off and pinned Pratt from the neck down and was slowly cutting off his breathing, it was said.

Workers from the Myron Root plant came quickly to the scene. They shovelled timbers into the ditch between the chunk of earth and the ditch wall. A chain was put around the timbers and a city truck, which happened to be close by at the time, was used to pull them and relieve the pressure on Pratt, who was then dug out.

Hospitalized For Checkup

Pratt was taken by Conger Morris ambulance to Community hospital for check and x-rays. He was reported resting at his home today.

City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe reported that no such cave-in was experienced last winter during the laying of the sewer to which the connection was being made. The ditch dug for the sewer was much deeper, he said.

Water hand to help rescue Pratt were other public works and water department employees and men from nearby jobs and businesses.

Medford Gideons Visit Klamath Falls Camp

A group of 18 or 20 members of the Gideons' Rogue Valley camp attended a rally sponsored by the Klamath Falls camp Sunday. After a brief devotional and prayer service, members attended 19 different churches and Sunday schools, presenting Gideon work there.

Following church services, the group assembled for a fellowship dinner, followed by a short program. Tom Dryden, state president, addressed the group. The state cabinet attended the session, and there were Gideons from Bend, Portland and other state encampments in attendance.

The celebration marked the fourth anniversary of the Klamath Falls camp.

White Plains, N. Y., May 23—(U.P.)—Don (Creech) Hornsby, 26, composer and pianist, died today of infantile paralysis in Grasslands hospital here.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Tuesday.

Temp. Highest yesterday 82 Lowest this morning 40

Gerhart Eisler Promises Peaceful Week-End Session

Policemen Alerted To Handle Rally

Berlin, May 23—(U.P.)—A three-day meeting of hundreds of thousands of communist youths here next week-end will be carried out peacefully, Gerhart Eisler, propaganda chief of East Germany said today.

Eisler called a press conference soon after the German police of both east and west Berlin had been alerted to handle the rally.

The former communist leader in the United States refused to guarantee that the trunk highway between Berlin and West Germany would be open to allied traffic during the meeting.

To Rid Fear

"I have called this conference to get rid of all the fear that still might be in your bones, and give you a chance to bury the campaign of hysteria launched by the western press," Eisler said.

The rally had been touted for months as certain to generate friction and possibly violence. The big question, still unanswered with the vanguard of the communist youth already streaming in, was whether a march on West Berlin would be undertaken.

Authorities said all policemen in the Soviet sector of Berlin were alerted at 8 a.m. today. Reinforced by police from all East Germany, the number mobilized for the rally was expected to reach 50,000 by the time the first speech is made.

About one-third of west Berlin's 12,000 police were alerted today. The remainder will be ordered to stand by on and after Thursday.

Western allied troops of the American, British and French garrisons, specially trained in anti-riot tactics, were geared for action if the police should allow the situation to get out of hand.

Hans George Urban, deputy police commissioner, said close checks would be maintained on all sector border crossings inside Berlin.

County Budget Still Undergoing Study

Jackson county's budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year is still in a state of uncertainty today, and a date for publication of the final figures is not yet known. Several department heads of the county government were meeting behind closed doors today with the budget committee to thrash out differences and arrive at an equitable allocation of funds that will give each department adequate operating expenses for the next fiscal year.

In spite of the expanding costs of county services, the budget committee has invariably managed so far to keep expenses within the six per cent limitation. Deadline for completion of the instrument is July 15.

Atomic-Age Navy Approved by House

Washington, May 23—(U.P.)—In a burst of defense activity, the house today passed legislation to start work on an atomic-age navy and to spend about \$580 million on top priority military construction at home and abroad.

The construction bill, in different form, already has passed the senate. It now goes back for consideration of house changes.

The navy building program includes plans for an atomic-powered submarine. It now goes to the senate.

SEABEES TO MEET

A special meeting of the Seabee reserve will be held today at 8 p.m. in the Federal building. Lt. Cmdr. Jackson, Seabee reserve officer from Seattle, will be here to answer questions regarding the Seabee reserve and help set up a training program. All former Seabees are invited to attend.

Seattle, May 23—(U.P.)—The coast guard reported today that the cutter Bonham had taken two fishing vessels in tow off the Oregon coast and was en route to Coos Bay, Ore.

Big Earl Shelton Injured By Mysterious Assailant

Fairfield, Ill., May 23—(U.P.)—Big Earl Shelton, last member of a notorious family gang, was recovering today from minor wounds he suffered in a mystery ambush similar to those which killed his two brothers.

Shelton's nephew, "Little Earl," escaped injury in the attack yesterday when three gunmen blasted him with a rifle, a shotgun and a submachine gun as they drove down an isolated road in the Pond creek bottoms to inspect some oil wells on Big Earl's land.

It was just a year ago tomorrow that Big Earl was shot in the back by an unknown gunman as he played poker in a club he owned here. The gunman fired through a window that time, and escaped in the dark.

And Little Earl also has been a target for the mystery men who apparently are bent on wiping out members of the Shelton clan. Little Earl was blasted by eight machine gun slugs last September 10.

Neither Big Earl nor Little Earl would say today whether they glimpsed the men who fired at them yesterday afternoon.

Driving the same car in which Little Earl was shot, they were en route to investigate a report that one of Big Earl's oil wells was about to "come through."

As they drove through the bottomlands, the gunmen suddenly fired at them from a clump of bushes. One slug missed Little Earl, who was driving, and hit Big Earl in the right arm.

Flying glass cut Big Earl's eyes.

Little Earl tromped on the accelerator and the car roared away as the gunmen fired a volley of shots after them.