

# Senator McCarthy Files \$2,000,000 Slander Suit

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### Weather

FORECAST: Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Thickening clouds Thursday with rain Thursday night. Low tonight 42-45. High Thursday near 62. Highest yesterday 62. Lowest this morning 40. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. today, Trace.

### Connecticut Demo Target of Action In Federal Court

#### Lawsuit Outgrowth In Ouster Attempt

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., Wednesday filed a \$2,000,000 libel and slander suit against Sen. William Benton, D-Conn. Benton is author of a Senate resolution asking an investigation of McCarthy's fitness to remain in the senate.

McCarthy's suit was filed in federal district court here. McCarthy later told a news conference that he intends to serve as his own lawyer in the case so that he can cross examine Benton under oath during the trial and in pre-trial examinations.

**Fraud Campaign Alleged**  
Benton accused McCarthy last year of waging "a campaign of fraud and deceit" and of committing perjury during McCarthy's campaign to prove that the State Department is infested with Communists.

Benton last week told the senate he is willing to waive his congressional immunity and accept full legal responsibility for the charges he made against McCarthy.

It was on the basis of this offer to waive immunity that McCarthy filed his libel-slander suit against the Connecticut democrat.

**Defense Claimed**  
In his complaint, McCarthy charged that Benton as a former Assistant Secretary of State has "defended various persons in the State Department against charges of the Plaintiff, McCarthy, that they are Communist and or pro-Communist and that their presence in the State Department is dangerous and detrimental to the interests of the United States."

### Baize Sentencing Slated Tomorrow

Sentencing of Richard H. Baize, 36, of 45 Hawthorne street, has been set for 1:30 p. m. Thursday in circuit court, District Attorney Paul Haviland reported today.

Baize pleaded guilty March 2 to a charge of larceny by embezzlement. The charge involved theft of some \$1,600 in small change from Medford parking meters during a 25-month period between Dec. 1, 1949 and Jan. 1, 1952, when he was a police sergeant in charge of parking meter collection and repair.

At the time of his arrest, Baize waived indictment in the circuit court and Judge H. K. Hanna postponed sentencing in order to allow time for preparation of a pre-sentencing report and to allow him to obtain an attorney.

Baize is represented by Medford Attorney Edward C. Kelly.

### Tunisia Declared In State of Siege

Tunis, Tunisia—(U.P.)—France Wednesday declared a state of siege in Tunisia and arrested Premier Mohammed Chenik, three ministers and his anti-French government and a number of extremist leaders.

The 20,000-man French army was given police powers under the state of siege and full news censorship was invoked. The French resident general, Count Jean de Hauteclocque, told the populace in a radio broadcast that Chenik and the others had been arrested to halt their "disastrous political activities."

### C. E. (Pop) Gates, Civic Leader Here, Taken by Death

#### Served as Highway Commissioner, Mayor



C. E. (POP) GATES Civic Leader Passes

Charles E. (Pop) Gates, 80, longtime automobile dealer here and former mayor of Medford, died last night at Salem. He had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Gates, who had resided here for about 41 years, operated the Gates Auto company, a Ford dealership, retiring from the business at the outset of World War II. From 1919 through 1922 he served as mayor, taking the lead in straightening out city finances during his term.

His public life included service as a member of the State Highway Commission. Mr. Gates also had held the office of vice-president of the Oregon State Motor association. He was a past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge here, a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

**Born in Indiana**  
He was born in 1871 at Burnettsville, Ind., and came to Medford from Noblesville, Ind., where he had been vice-president of the Standard Manufacturing company, maker of plumbing appliances.

The family home here is at 513 West Second street. Survivors are his widow, Leah; a son George, Medford; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Dean, Medford, and Mrs. Marie Judy, Bend; a brother, William A. Gates, Medford; five grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Per funeral home has charge of funeral arrangements.

### Large Narcotics Haul Reported in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—What police described as possibly the largest single narcotics haul in Portland's history—four pounds of opium—was seized on a busy downtown street in broad daylight Tuesday.

City and federal narcotics agents arrested John David O'Keefe, 53, San Francisco. He was charged with violation of the Harrison act which prohibits illegal narcotics sale.

Police said narcotics operatives had been working on the case for two months. When O'Keefe got off a plane in Portland he was followed until he met another man on a street corner and attempted to hand him a package, wrapped like a gift. Agents then arrested O'Keefe.

### Secretary's Secretary Must Be Befuddled

Portland—(U.P.)—Mrs. Mary Kay Fall of Portland figured Wednesday that a secretary in the secretary of state's office in Salem had a male instead of mail on her mind.

Mrs. Fall had mailed her automobile title certificate with a request for a new one. Back came an official envelope. Mrs. Fall opened it. All that was inside was a lock of black hair.

### UN Seeking Compromise on Prisoner of War Deadlock

Panmunjom—(U.P.)—The United Nations command said for the first time Wednesday night that it is seeking compromise in the deadlock over exchange of war prisoners.

Secret meetings appear to have opened the way to progress, it was announced.

**Term Substituted**  
Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, official UN spokesman at the truce talks, said negotiators dropped the term "voluntary repatriation" and substituted "no forced repatriation" about four or five weeks ago.

He said this was in an effort to say approximately the same thing but in terms more palatable to the enemy.

Nuckols said the Allies had adopted a "reasonable attitude" toward a Communist proposal to drop their demand for return of 44,000 "missing" former Nor-

### Russia Rejects Red Cross Offer To Probe Germ Use

United Nations—(U.P.)—Russia Wednesday rejected an offer of the International Red Cross to investigate Communist charges that American forces are waging germ warfare against North Korea and China.

Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik repeated before the United Nations Disarmament Commission the propaganda charge that epidemics had been started by germ weapons used by United States forces fighting for the UN.

**Said Swiss Organization**  
At the end of an hour-long speech, the burly Russian said: "The so-called international committee of the Red Cross, to whom Secretary of State Dean Acheson has appealed for help, is not an international organization, but is a Swiss organization, which has assumed the name of the international organization of the Red Cross. Naturally, such an organization cannot act objectively and impartially as a truly international organization should."

"By insisting on referring this matter to the international committee of the Red Cross under the pretext of the necessity to institute some kind of additional investigation of the facts of the use of bacteriological war by American troops against the Korean and Chinese peoples, the U.S. government at the same time is trying to prevent the consideration of this question by a competent organ of the UN, such as the disarmament commission."

Both the U. S. Defense Department and Gen. Matthew Ridgway, supreme UN commander in Korea, scoffed recently at Communist China's persistent charges Americans had resorted to germ warfare. They argued, instead, the charges were made to cover up widespread epidemics raging out of control north of the 38th parallel.

### Veterans' Bonus OK Brings Phone Calls

Salem—(U.P.)—The green light for state bonuses to veterans of World War II resulted Wednesday in a flood of phone calls to the Oregon bonus division here, Director Hub Saalfeld said.

The bonus division of the State Department of Veterans Affairs already has acknowledged some 70,000 bonus applications and has approved and audited 46,400 claims.

The advisory committee to the State Department of Veterans Affairs will meet here Friday and formally request Department Director William Gaarenstroom to advertise the bond issue of \$40,000,000. Investment houses are expected to give quick response now that the ban has been lifted.

### Controls Act Favored For Year's Extension

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate banking committee voted Wednesday in favor of continuing the controls act for one year. President Truman had asked for two years.

The present Defense Production act, which provides for wage, price, rent and materials controls, expires June 30.

### HIGH WATER REPORTED IN CENTRAL OREGON, EUGENE RIVER REGION

By UNITED PRESS

One man was drowned as a "flood" hit central Oregon's normally arid plateau region but the weather bureau Wednesday promised relief from strong winds in eastern Washington and high water in the Willamette valley.

Goldie Summers, about 60, who operates a ranch two miles north of Burns, Ore., was drowned Tuesday afternoon when he attempted to strengthen a reservoir dam with some boards and fell in. His body had not been recovered.

Sections of two central Oregon highways crossing the "high desert" were under water. U.S. highway 395 was flooded over a nine-mile section in the Wagonire area where the road dips from highlands into the bed of Alkali lake, normally dry. Heavy runoff in the Gap ranch area resulted in water over the central Oregon highway in Harney county.

### Top Mobilization Officials Battle Over Steel Issues

Washington—(U.P.)—Top mobilization officials split into warring factions over steel prices and wages Wednesday as direct union-management contract talks resumed after a three-month break.

The CIO United Steelworkers, who have called a nationwide strike for April 8, demanded that the steel industry accept the Wage Stabilization Board's recommendation for a 17 1/2 cent hourly wage increase, plus 8 1/2 cents in fringe benefits.

**Secret Sessions Sought**  
Union officials planned to press the demand at closed-door sessions with the United States Steel Corp. At Pittsburgh Wednesday, and in contract talks with other steel companies later this week.

But government officials expected little real bargaining to develop unless or until the industry is assured of substantial price increases to compensate for higher wage costs.

**Strike Seen on Schedule**  
Some officials predicted gloomily that the strike will come off on schedule, and knock defense production schedules into a cocked hat. They said the government's ability to make peace in the dispute is seriously impaired by the "family fight" among its own mobilization agencies.

The backstage row broke into the open Monday night when Defense Mobilization Charles E. Wilson denounced the Wage Stabilization Board's settlement recommendations as a "serious threat" to the year-old effort to curb inflation.

**Board Members Angry**  
Wage board members bristled with anger, and steelworkers President Philip Murray struck back with a bitter statement accusing Wilson of trying to reverse the board in favor of an "industry-dictated" settlement.

Wilson tried to make peace with the board and the union Tuesday by issuing a placatory statement in which he acknowledged that the board's recommendations should serve as a "basis" for the forthcoming wage negotiations.

While he denied that he was eating his earlier words, union officials regarded his statement as a "retraction."

### April 15 Is Deadline For Registration Of New County Voters

Residents of Jackson county who will have their 21st birthday between April 15 and the primary election on May 16 can register to vote up to the registration deadline on April 15, they were reminded today.

Those whose birthdays fall after the election will not be eligible to vote in it.

All other residents who are of voting age, and who meet other qualifications, also have until April 15 to register. Those who voted in the primary or general elections in 1950, and who have not moved out of their precincts since, are still registered.

Voters who have changed precincts, however, must re-register. A list of local registrars appears on Page 5 of today's Mail Tribune, and voters in any section of the county can register at the county clerk's office.

### Wisconsin Primary Becomes Scramble By 3 Candidates

Madison—(U.P.)—The Wisconsin primary Wednesday developed into a scramble by three Republican presidential candidates to recruit support from partisans of Gens. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur.

Neither of the five-star generals is listed on the ballot, and election officials have declared flatly that write-in votes will not be counted.

**Taft Supporters Active**  
And so supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio have set out to get the votes of MacArthur backers, while the camps of Gov. Earl Warren of California and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota are wooing the Eisenhower adherents.

Stassen made the boldest move of all Tuesday night by announcing that he would turn over half of his still-to-be-elected Wisconsin delegates to Eisenhower on the first ballot at the GOP convention next July.

It was widely regarded as an all-out bid for votes from Eisenhower backers in the primary next Tuesday.

**Greeted With Silence**  
Eisenhower's campaign managers in Washington, who have refrained from any endorsement in Wisconsin, greeted the Stassen announcement with silence, but it drew a scattering of comment in the Midwest, much of it unfavorable.

State Sen. Warren Knowles, a Stassen backer in 1948 who helped draft Wisconsin's presidential primary law, said the move "ran counter to the spirit of the law."

Knowles said the statutes never contemplated "one man running for another — it contemplated bonafide candidates for president."

Stassen himself did not explain how he planned to release half his slate of 30 delegates to support Eisenhower on the first ballot, but he dodged a direct question on whether it meant he was faltering in his own candidacy.

"What I have to say is in my speech," he said. "Draw your own conclusions from that."

### Allied Infantrymen Repulse Red Attacks

Seoul—(U.P.)—Allied infantrymen with bayonets fixed drove off two enemy platoons in a hill battle on Korea's eastern front Wednesday.

The dawn raid was west of the Red-infested Mundugni valley. The infantrymen, in three groups, edged close to Red bunkers in the shadowy morning light, then charged with hand grenades and rifle fire.

On the western front, Communists occupied one United Nations-held position for 4 1/2 hours before they were driven out by attacking Allied troops.

Fighter-bombers, meanwhile cut Communist railroad lines in Korea another 94 times.

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay—confined to bed himself with the flu—issued a statement Wednesday designating next Sunday as "shut-in-day" in Oregon.



**NEVADA SNOW POSES PROBLEM**—Nevada's worst winter in 60 years presented major problems throughout most of the state for the past several days. In upper photo a Navy C-54 cargo plane of the Military Air Transport Service drops bales of hay (arrow) over ranch near Elko, Nev., to aid livestock (left) starving in the deep snow. An estimated 600,000 head of livestock face possible starvation on range land choked under the heavy snow blanket. In lower photo, deer tamed by hunger more intense than their fear of man stare at photographer who took this picture along the highway near Reno. —(Acme telephotos)

### Detectives Explore Chance Bandits Had Key to Armored Car

Danvers, Mass.—(U.P.)—Detectives explored a theory Wednesday that three bold bandits had a key to the cab door of an unattended armored car which they looted of \$681,000 in a daring daylight robbery.

The thieves broke into the parked truck while its three guards sipped coffee Tuesday in a drug store on busy Danvers square.

**Bandits at Large**  
The fast-moving bandits, whose cash haul was the largest in the east since the unsolved \$1,219,000 Brink's holdup in Boston January 17, 1950, were still at large.

Two badly-wounded former convicts were regarded as "definite" suspects. They were shot by a state trooper shortly after the robbery when they abandoned a stolen automobile in a field and attempted to flee to a wooded sector north of this city.

The men—Norman Viele, 25, of Boston and Joseph William Kelley, 32, of Woburn, Mass.—were in a state of shock at a Dover, N.H. hospital and could not be questioned.

**Auto Has No Clues**  
There was nothing in the abandoned automobile to link Viele and Kelley with the robbery, but New Hampshire state police Supervisor Ralph H. Caswell said "there's a possibility they were a part of it."

The three armored car guards—Lawrence K. Johansen and Dennis Walsh, 40, of Boston and Joseph Rahilly of Revere, Mass.—told police they had locked the cab door before entering the drug store for their customary cup of coffee.

**No Marks on Lock**  
But police doubted that the thieves would have had time to pick the lock during the lightning operation. They said the men apparently entered the cab quickly, pressed a button to open the rear door and fled in a black sedan double-parked beside the armored car. There were no scratch marks in the county courthouse.