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Registry Influence Charged, Denied

Democratic Party Chairman Assails 'GOP Registrars' 'It's a Dirty Trick,' Mrs. Mary Kelly Says

Charges that registrars are using undue influence to persuade voters to register as Republicans were made today by Mrs. Mary G. Kelly, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee.

Mrs. Kelly said that County Clerk George Carter has appointed only Republican registrars in Medford—most of them active organization workers in the Republican party including Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, head of the county Republican organization. Her repeated protests to the county clerk, a Republican, have resulted in no change, she said, and added that she and others in past years have appealed to the clerk for appointment of "walking registrars" through some such group as the League of Women Voters.

But he has denied the request as making for inefficiency, Mrs. Kelly said. She added, however, that some active Republicans have been named registrars, and have gone to individuals' homes to take their registration.

She named specifically Col. Ben Stafford, who is manning a registration booth at Barker's Men's store this week, and Dick House, who, she said, has been taking home registrations.

Her demands that Democratic "walking registrars" be appointed have been denied, she said.

"I don't feel that Mr. Carter is dishonest," she said, "but I do feel they have 'put it over on him' through overwhelming him by desperate partisan enthusiasm. I think he is an unwilling victim of the situation."

She said that Republican block workers are "steering" those registering to partisan registrars where they are unduly influenced to register Republican.

"I think it's a darned dirty trick," she said.

Idea Presented for Money Questionnaires

Washington—(U.P.)—House corruption hunters Friday considered using financial questionnaires like those which figured in the double-firing of J. Howard McGrath and Newbold Morris.

The idea was advanced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, R-Calif., as a House Judiciary subcommittee questioned Morris about his angry feud with McGrath that blasted both men out of the government.

Morris offered a new explanation Thursday night as to why he was fired. Appearing on the Mutual Broadcasting System's Reporter's Roundup radio program, he said he had seen the axe falling when President Truman announced he would not seek reelection.

Morris said it was "probably a fair supposition" that Mr. Truman wanted to "escape a possible revolt in his own Cabinet" because of Morris' investigative methods.

Victoria, B. C. — (U.P.) — Residents reported here Friday that "sharp" earth tremors had been felt in areas surrounding the city. No damage was reported. The quake occurred before 6 a. m.

HST's Civil Service Plan For Postmasters Opposed

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Walter F. George said Friday that President Truman's plan to put 21,000 postmasters, customs officials and federal marshals under Civil Service would "concentrate more power" in executive departments.

The Georgia Democrat said he didn't favor the plan "at all" and didn't believe Congress would go along with him.

George led an unsuccessful fight to block the President's reorganization of the Internal Revenue Bureau last month. He said tax scandals prompted Congress to agree to Civil Service instead of political appointment of revenue collectors.

But, he said, no reason has been shown to change the meth-

CITIZENS IN PIERRE STUNNED BY DISASTER OF SWIRLING WATERS

Pierre, S. D. — (U.P.) — The tragic stillness of disaster hung over Pierre.

The muddy waters of the Missouri river boiled waist-deep down its main street and almost one-third of its population was homeless.

Traffic Light Winks
An automobile traffic light winked its amber warning down on a street where only boats could travel. Policemen in fishermen's waders directed the boats shuttling the stunned residents around their ruined city.

Everywhere was the muted sound of gurgling water. It

San Juan, P.R. — (U.P.) — A four-engine New York-bound Pan-American Airways plane with 69 persons aboard was ditched in the Atlantic off San Juan harbor Friday. Coast Guard ships and planes picked up 23 survivors and counted at least 10 dead.

The Coast Guard reported that it had picked up five bodies and counted five others in the water. **Some Critically Injured**

Some of the rescued were injured critically and were flown here in amphibian planes. Other injured persons were brought in by Coast Guard vessels.

The plane was ditched in the open sea about five miles northwest of the entrance to San Juan harbor. High seas made rescue work difficult.

The pilot of the plane was identified by Pan American as Capt. John C. Burns, husband of singer Jane Froman whom he rescued from the ocean after a plane crash off Portugal in 1943.

Aided Singer's Rescue
Burns was co-pilot of a plane carrying a USO troupe to Europe in 1943. The plane ditched in the water off Lisbon while coming in for a landing. Burns supported the beautiful singer for hours in the water until they were rescued, despite his own severe injuries.

Miss Froman was confined to a hospital and a wheel chair for seven years recovering from her multiple injuries and married Burns March 12, 1948.

Federal Action Seen In Thefts of Gravel

Federal action will be taken against persons who are believed to have stolen gravel from government-owned pits near the Military bridge over the Rogue river, it was reported today by Henry Gault of the special services administration.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been called in on the case, Gault said, and while he stated that he could not divulge further details at this time, he added that prosecution through the federal courts is expected soon.

Light Patrol Clashes Mark Action in Korea

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — Light patrol clashes in rain and fog marked Good Friday's ground action on the Korean battlefield.

A UN patrol early Friday charged up a Communist-held hill west of Yonchon, killing four of the enemy and wounding five others. Then the patrol withdrew under a furious mortar attack by the Communists.

BULLETIN

Washington — (U.P.) — Steel wage negotiations recessed Friday until Monday with the wage-price deadlock apparently still unbroken. Representatives of the CIO Steelworkers' union and management refused to comment on the talks which have been under way since President Truman seized the steel industry Wednesday.

Favoritism Denied By County Clerk; Reports Said False

No Affiliation Questions Asked

County Clerk George Carter today heatedly denied charges by the head of the county's Democratic party, Mrs. Mary G. Kelly, that he had shown favoritism in appointing registrars.

He also said he had checked on reports that individuals were being registered in their homes, and found that the charges were untrue, except in one or two isolated cases where shut-ins were registered as permitted by law.

No Influence Used
Carter stated that he had checked with both Col. Ben Stafford and with Dick House regarding Mrs. Kelly's charges, and both had assured him they were not using undue influence to persuade voters to register Republican — in fact they had made no efforts at all to suggest with which party the voter should register.

Carter, in appointing registrars, has in all cases told them that it is a violation of law "even to suggest" what party to register with, he said. As a matter of fact, he added, he has never asked anyone his political affiliation when appointing him a registrar.

"Had Little Joke"
"Two years ago," he said, "I appointed a woman as registrar at the request of Mary Kelly. I did not ask to which party she belonged. But afterwards, the woman told me she had a little joke on Mary Kelly, because she was a registered Republican," Carter said.

"I like Mary Kelly," Carter stated, "but I haven't done one single thing for the Republicans that I wouldn't have done for the Democrats. Now she comes in at the tail end of things with a list of proposed registrars, when we have more registrars than we've ever had before."

"There's not a word of truth in her charges," he concluded.

Easter Egg Hunt Prizes Increased

Chairman E. K. Peterson today announced an increase in the number of major prizes that will be offered in the annual Medford Kiwanis Easter egg hunt which is scheduled for 9 a. m. at Hawthorne park tomorrow, "rain or shine."

He said that there will be 24 major prizes, including a grand prize and first, second and third prizes, for a boy and a girl in each age group, in addition to 270 minor prizes. Youngsters of Medford and vicinity, ages 1 to 3, 4 to 6, and 7 to 9, will hunt in three roped-off areas. Special help is planned for toddlers unable to find eggs.

Concerning the mystery "super" grand prize, Peterson said that the object involved may prove difficult to find and may take days to locate, but all boys and girls in Jackson county 15 years of age or under are eligible to participate for this special prize.

Legal Eagle Doubts Legality of Wedding Of Abner, Daisy Mae

Olympia — (U.P.) — Leave it to the legal mind to think of things like this:

Lyle Iverson, bachelor assistant attorney general, says he seriously doubts the legality of the comic strip marriage of Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae.

"I know doggoned well he didn't have a marriage license,"

SOLDIER RETURNS
The United Press said today that Sgt. Phil H. Blood, Medford, Ore., was one of 1,432 other passengers aboard the Navy transport USS Antokan which landed in Seattle today from Korea. No one by that name is listed in city directories in Medford, and the sergeant is not related to the only family named Blood in the Medford telephone directory.

Blood Donors Sought For Next Visit Here

An appeal for blood donors for the visit of the mobile collection unit here next week was issued today by those in charge of the American Red Cross collection program in Jackson county.

They said that the response to the request for donors has been slow. A goal of 250 has been set. The blood collection unit will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 3 p. m. Tuesday and 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Wednesday. Appointments may be made by telephoning 3-3813.

Members of the Osteopathic association reportedly will go in a group to give blood.

Dishman, Wash. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Sarah R. Freels, 66, died from burns Thursday night after she fainted and fell into a bonfire at her Spokane valley home.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness through Saturday. Widely scattered showers Saturday and Sunday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 35-38 and high Saturday 40-52.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 74
Lowest this Morning 34



GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
Resignation as NATO Head Told

General Requests Relief From Duty On First of June

Early Return to States Expected

Washington — (U.P.) — The White House has announced that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had asked to be relieved June 1 as supreme commander of the Allied powers in Europe.

Eisenhower sent a request dated April 2 to Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett, asking that he be relieved by June 1 and placed on inactive status upon his return to the United States.

Return Date Not Told
The general, however, did not give the date when he expects to return to this country and take an active hand in his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Presumably he would return in early June.

The White House announcement at noon Friday was made on the day and hour selected by Eisenhower.

Successor Not Made
White House Press Secretary Joseph Short said President Truman is not yet ready to announce the selection of a successor.

"I don't know how long that will take," Short said.

The White House disclosed that on April 10 Lovett, acting with the approval of the President, sent this brief reply to Eisenhower:

"Dear General Eisenhower: 'In accordance with your request contained in your letter of 2 April and with the approval of the President, I am taking appropriate action to secure your release from assignment as supreme commander, Allied powers Europe, effective 1 June, and have you placed on inactive status upon your return to the United States.'

Ample Time Left
Eisenhower in his letter to Lovett said his request for relief conformed with an understanding he had when he accepted the original appointment in Europe, in December, 1950.

He said the June 1 relief date would leave "ample time for the appointment of a successor and for any preparation and counsel that he may desire from me."

Eisenhower stated that he felt the specific purposes for which he was recalled to duty in 1950 and sent to Europe had been "largely accomplished."

Paris — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will announce Saturday his plans to return to the United States, his headquarters said Friday after the White House announced his resignation.

Eisenhower knew the announcement would be made but declined to make any comment before Saturday's press conference.

Indian Land Office Employees Suspended

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman Friday suspended two employees of the Portland office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on charges involving the sale last August of 800 acres of Indian timber lands in Oregon.

The suspended employees are Clyde W. Flynn, area land officer at the Portland office, and Francis L. La France, assistant area land officer there.

Chapman would not specify the charges. He said the investigation has not been completed.

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Control has formally accepted the new tuberculosis building at Oregon State hospital here.

TAX DEADLINE NEAR
State income tax officials today reminded that Tuesday, April 15, is the deadline for filing state income tax returns. Representatives of the Oregon tax commission will be in the first floor of the county courthouse on April 14 and 15 to aid in preparation of returns.

Russ War Threat Warning Doesn't Inspire Big Three

Washington — (U.P.) — Officials said Friday Russia's warning that incorporation of German troops in the Atlantic Pact Army could "engulf Europe in a third world war" failed to inspire any enthusiasm for a Big Four conference on a German peace treaty.

The Kremlin, in a note given to American, British and French envoys in Moscow on Wednesday, said Germany should be allowed to build its own army rather than "create in West Germany hordes of troops... headed by Fascist-Hitlerite generals."

Note Calls for Talks
Aiming directly at inclusion of West German troops in the Allied European Army, Russia called for prohibition of German participation in any "group of powers directed against any kind of peace-loving state."

The 1,000-word Russian note was made public by the State Department Thursday night. It

again called for Big Four talks on Germany, but did not mention the Allies' demand for free German elections as a condition for a German peace conference.

The Kremlin accused the Western powers of stalling a decision on the treaty. It said now is the time to decide whether Germany shall be "reestablished as a united, independent, peace-loving state" or whether the occupation will continue "and with it the threat of war."

Commission Suggested
The only new thing Russia came up with was a suggestion that the United States, Britain, France and Russia set up a commission to study the chances of holding free, all-German elections.

U. S. officials said this was the tip-off that Russia still apparently is unwilling to lift the Iron Curtain in Eastern Germany to permit creation of a free, unified German government.