



EXAMPLES OF AMERICAN FIBRE—President Truman congratulates Marine M/Sgt. Harold E. Wilson of Birmingham, Ala. (left), Army Lt. Lloyd L. Burke of Stuttgart, Ark. (second from right), and Army Cpl. Rodolfo P. Hernandez of Fowler, Calif., after he had presented them with Congressional Medals of Honor. The President described the men as examples of "the fibre of the American people." The men were decorated for heroism in the Korean war.

County Officials Will Meet April 26

The fourth district of the Association of Oregon Counties will hold a meeting in Grants Pass on April 26, according to County Commissioner Robert Lytle, Valley View, who is president for the district.

The meeting will be concerned with "resolutions adopted at the last convention which will be reviewed and discussed, and representatives of the highway commission and bureau of public works will be present to discuss road matters," according to F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, executive secretary of the association.

All members of the county court are planning to attend, and also the county engineer, Lytle added.

The fourth district is composed of Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. The state is divided into six districts.

The two strongest earthquakes recorded since the use of seismographs for measuring them became general about 50 years ago were the Assam-Tibet earthquake of August 15, 1950, and the Colombia temblor of 1906.

Secretary of Labor Upholds Presidential Steel Mills Seizure

Berkeley, Calif. (U.P.)—Government seizure of the steel industry was the only way President Truman could keep mills operating "in the interests of this nation's freedom," in the opinion of Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin.

In a speech before the 27th Pacific Coast Management Conference, Tobin predicted "a long and prosperous future in this country" for private enterprise, providing it "recognizes its obligations to the free society in which it exists."

Society Will Insist
But he said, "if private enterprise fails to perform the functions our society requires of it, the society will insist that they be performed by some other institution."

He also condemned "a few unions in this country" which "do not share the allegiance of the main body of American labor in our system of private enterprise."

"It is really a mistake to refer to these organizations as unions," he said. "They are fronts for the Communist party . . . in the labor movement they are outlaws . . ."

"It is important to recognize, however, that . . . they are the exception and not the rule in the American labor movement."

Returning to the government seizure of steel, he said "nobody is happy that the steel dispute

has to be settled this way. But when our society is in a crisis, management as well as labor must sacrifice its own interests in the interest of serving that society."

No Appetite for Seizure
"Neither the president nor anybody else in the administration has any appetite for seizure. But there was no other way to keep the mills operating, as they had to be kept operating in the interests of this nation's freedom."

Tobin criticized the "attack of steel on the integrity of the public members of the Wage Stabilization board" as one of the "most unfortunate acts of the whole controversy."

"The board members are private citizens," he said, "who gave of their time at considerable sacrifice to help their country when it needed them. They deserve something better than the treatment they have received for making an honest decision."

County Budgeters Plan To Report on April 23

Jackson county's budget committee will report back its budget recommendations for 1952-53 on April 23 at 10 a. m. in the county court chambers. The committee met Tuesday with the county court and received

departmental estimates, which it is now studying. After an agreement is reached on budget figures, the court will announce the dates of the public hearing.

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Crash of Superbomber Is Expensive Blow to Defense Department

By CHARLES CORDDRY
United Press Aviation Writer
Washington—(U.P.)—When a B-36 Superbomber and its crew of professionals crash, the Defense Department loses in destructive capacity something like hundreds of bombers of World War II type.

Chances are it also loses a team which had been put through rigorous training for months or even years to smack a specific target in the event of war.

Gloom Spreads
These are reasons that gloom spreads through the Pentagon like wildfire even when there is a report that a B-36 somewhere is in trouble. If the Superbomber crashes, as one did at Spokane Tuesday, the cost of replacing it is conservatively stated as \$3,500,000—aside from the lives lost.

The B-36 is the biggest and one of the most complicated combat airplanes in the world. Its 230-foot wingspan makes a nice contrast with the 120 feet which comprised the entire distance of the Wright Brothers' first flight.

Can Fly 10,000 Miles
Lt. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, strategic air commander, who controls the Superbombers and keeps their crews at peak proficiency, would have them on their way within hours after a war started. They can fly 10,000 miles without landing or refueling and can hit a top speed of 435 miles an hour over a target at close

to 50,000 feet, where fighter interception is a tough proposition. The best jet fighter test pilots will vouch for that.

The B-36's job is atomic bombing. To do it, they are equipped with a bombing system combining optics, mechanics and electronics and costing \$250,000 a copy. The Kremlin would shudder if it knew what Lemay knows about the bombing accuracy of B-36 crews; just as those crews shudder whenever Lemay finds them not quite up to his rigid standards.

Lemay operates the Superbombers under command of the joint chiefs of staff. Many of his staff officers and aircraft commanders are veterans of his World War II 20th Air Force, a B-29 Superfort outfit in the Pacific. He has sought to make bomber piloting an attractive Air Force career and many of his B-36 commanders have had five years experience flying other bombers before stepping into a Superbomber.

They command self-contained air-going battleships, bristling with 16 20-mm. cannon for defense and bomb-bays that will hold enough atomic explosives to do the work of hundreds of conventional bombers of eight years and more ago.

The new Kingdom of Libya is Africa's fourth and largest independent country with no tie to foreign crown or colonial empire. It has joined Ethiopia, Egypt and Liberia in free status.

High Court Upholds Oregon Bar Exams

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Supreme Court took cognizance Wednesday of charges that have been made upon occasion that Oregon's bar examinations are not fair, especially to those who have studied law in out-of-state schools.

After studying the exams devised by the board of bar examiners, the high court said, in an opinion written by Chief Justice James T. Brand:

"Our conclusion upon the whole matter is that the examinations given in Oregon constitute in general as fair a test as is given in any state, and that the recommendations already made by the present board, which have been approved by the court, indicate that the quality of the examinations given as a test of worthiness to practice law in Oregon, will not only be maintained, but will be improved in the future."

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman has nominated veteran diplomat Robert D. Murphy to be the first post war American ambassador to Japan.

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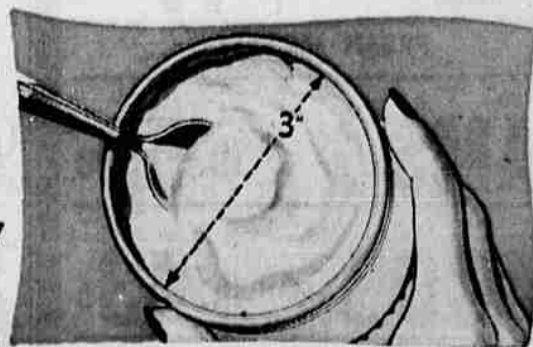


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