

HOPES SHATTERED

Olympia (U.P.)—Washington's hopes of bettering the all-time low for traffic deaths in a year were shattered yesterday when two traffic deaths boosted the state's annual toll to 395, or two above the record low set in 1943.

Mississippians Vote Today on Proposal For Segregation

Jackson, Miss.—(U.P.)—Segregation conscious Mississippians vote today on a proposed constitutional amendment which would allow the state to abolish public schools to preserve racial separation in classrooms.

Adoption of the amendment would authorize the state Legislature to abolish public schools by a two-thirds vote of its members or by districts on a simple majority vote.

No provision as yet has been made for setting up a private school system which would replace the present public school system. The Legislature would have to work that out should the U.S. Supreme Court attempt in future mandates to force the state to abolish its present practice of maintaining racially segregated classrooms.

Similar To Georgia's
The amendment is similar to one adopted Nov. 2 in Georgia which authorized the legislature to allocate state funds to private pupils and institutions.

South Carolina has removed a requirement for the state to provide public schools, and Louisiana has adopted a law allowing the state to use police power to keep the classrooms segregated.

An anticipated light turnout, about one-third of the state's eligible voters, was anticipated because of lack of local contests and the busy Christmas season. Fair warm weather was forecast for the state.

Search Resumed for County Prosecutor

Coupeville, Wash.—(U.P.)—Search resumed today for Island County Prosecutor Alden B. Whelan now officially listed as missing by the Island County sheriff's office.

The prosecutor's family last saw him Sunday morning. His car was found abandoned on the Deception Pass Bridge, 18 miles north of here early yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Fred Murray said a note found in the car said Whelan had been suffering from migraine headaches.

Rita, Studio Said Nearing Agreement

New York (U.P.)—Actress Rita Hayworth and Columbia Pictures are close to an agreement which would pay the red-haired star \$1,000,000 in settlement of past financial arrangements and set the stage for her return to motion picture work, it was reported today.

The settlement would bring to an end a suit brought by Miss Hayworth against the film company for an accounting of funds in the Beckworth Corp., a producing group in which she held 49 per cent interest.

There were reports that Miss Hayworth would return to work, on a straight \$150,000 to \$200,000 per film salary, in "Joseph and His Brethren," which is scheduled to go into production soon.

Reports said also that the settlement included provision for employment by Columbia of Miss Hayworth's husband, Dick Haymes, but this was not confirmed.

Man Is Arraigned On Theft Charge

James Brown, 49, of 24 North Orange st., was arraigned in district court this morning on a charge of concealing stolen property, and was jailed after failing to post bail set at \$1,000.

The charge involves a power wrench stolen Dec. 4 from Rogue Service and Supply. The wrench is valued at \$130, according to city police.

Brown has given police a signed statement admitting that he sold the wrench, but has denied that he was involved in the theft or that he knew the wrench was stolen. He told officers he bought the wrench from another man.

In court this morning, Brown waived hearing and counsel, and was bound over to the grand jury.

Committee Chairman Tells Probe Limits

Washington (U.P.)—Rep. Francis E. Walter said when he becomes chairman of the House Un-American Activities committee next month he will fire any investigator who takes secret documents from the government.

The Pennsylvania Democrat said he will see to it that "only legitimate channels are utilized for obtaining information from government agencies."

He said "surreptitious methods, or the outright pilfering of files from security agencies, will not be tolerated by the committee."

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President of U. S. Chamber Advocates Slash Spending

Washington (U.P.)—The president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has advocated that government spending be slashed by one-fourth.

President Clem D. Johnston said he had been around government agencies for "a good many years" and knows of none that "couldn't do an adequate job on 25 per cent less expenditures than they are now making."

Johnston, participating in a radio panel discussion on the national economy said reduced spending would mean lower taxes.

Savings In Defense
He said even the Defense Department could stand some cutting in appropriations but "without any essential impairment of our defense effort."

He cited as a typical example of "fat" the needless spending of \$45,000,000 a month now being paid in extra veterans benefits under the Korean GI bill of right.

The government is expected to put veterans' benefits on a peacetime basis soon to reduce such payments. Youths entering the Army now can still get, on discharge, benefits originally intended only for those who served during wartime.

Johnson also said the government spends needless extra money in letting Army personnel instead of civilians run Army commissaries. He said it costs \$10,000 a year to keep a man in uniform and that soldiers ought not to be wasted on an Army commissary job that a civilian could handle for much less cost.

Waste On Salaries
There is also waste, he said, in the salaries of federal supervisors. He said supervisors are paid, under civil service regulations, not on the basis of their efficiency, but according to the number of employees under them.

Johnston also said:
1. He will support President Eisenhower for a second term and feels the "average businessman" would do the same.

2. That 1955 should be "the best year in our economic history" despite some "soft spots."

3. The current stock market boom should not be compared with the one immediately preceding the 1929 market crash. He said business is not "over-extended" now as it was then.

West Dependent on Water, McKay Says; Approves Compact

Salem (U.P.)—Development water, and that is a matter of the West is dependent upon concern to the West, because consumption has increased more than five times in the last several decades while the water table has decreased, Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said today.

McKay is in Salem to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. He said an increased water supply is the most serious matter facing the West, as well as the rest of the country.

Approves Compact
McKay said he was happy over formation of the Columbia River Compact between the seven western states, and he expressed confidence that the legislatures of these states would ratify the compact.

The secretary observed: "Oregon and Washington do not own the Columbia river. Each of the seven states has an interest in the river as does Canada. If the representatives of our seven Western states can set up the ground rules for use of Columbia river water, the United States and Canada will be required to work out an amicable agreement for the use of Columbia river water in which the two nations have a dual interest."

"The proposed compact will give the local people of the seven states through their representatives serving on the compact commission the say about development of the Columbia, decisions that will not be left to the bureaucrats in Washington."

Truck Drivers Perish In Warehouse Fire

Montreal (U.P.)—Four truck drivers perished in a raging warehouse fire early today when one of them got stuck in a smashed skylight and blocked their only chance for escape.

The fire broke out on the ground floor of a cement block warehouse owned by Paul Guilbeault Transport, Ltd. in the east end of the city. It spread quickly through the building and up into a second floor office where the victims and two other drivers were sleeping.

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Funeral Arranged for Millionaire Sportsman

Englewood, N. J.—(U.P.)—Arrangements for a private funeral were made today for millionaire sportsman Alexis Thompson whose colorful life was cut short at the age of 40.

The handsome, thrice-married Thompson, who inherited at the age of 14 the \$3,500,000 Inland Steel Co. fortune left by his late father, David P. Thompson, collapsed and died alone in his swank apartment here yesterday. Cause of death was listed as a heart attack.

Thompson, one-time owner of the Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers professional football teams, was found dead

in the foyer of his six-room apartment.
Thompson's third wife, television actress Joanne Tree, was believed to be in California.

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