



REFUSING TO DIE, case of Maj. Irving M. Peress, promoted, given honorable discharge after taking refuge behind Fifth Amendment, continues to occupy center of Washington's stage. Former Army Counselor John Adams (right), denies taking part in "conspiracy" to call off hearings. Senator McCarthy (R), Wis. (left), defends James N. Juliana (right), against charges he testified falsely about Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker during earlier hearings. (International)

Employee-Owned Firm Formed To Buy Wood Products Plants

Formation of Western Products Corporation, an employee-owned firm, was announced here last week. It was incorporated on March 14, and has established an office at 1016 North Riverside.

The incorporators announced that the firm was organized to purchase and operate one or more plants for the manufacture of veneer and plywood, and other wood products.

One of the proposals which is being considered is the possibility of purchasing the assets of the Medford Veneer and Plywood Corporation. Officers of the new company, after organization is complete, plan to contact stockholders of the Medford Veneer firm to see if negotia-

tions for such a sale are possible.

Medford Veneer and Plywood's assets include the veneer, plywood and moldings production of the firm, and two wholly-owned subsidiary companies, Medford Door company and Pacific Veneer company, Crescent City, Calif.

The officers of the cooperative-type organization are Jack E. Rowbotham, president; Paul H. Bodenhamer, vice-president, and Everett Stokes, treasurer, all of them now employed at Medford Veneer, and Bernard A. Fetzer, secretary.

Fetzer said the corporation has been organized along the lines of other cooperative, worker-owned corporations recently

formed on the Pacific coast.

Stock will be sold only to persons willing and qualified to be employees of the company, he said, and added that it is felt the success of such a venture depends upon as many workers as possible owning shares. No shares should be owned by those not contributing to the success of the operation through their work, he said.

Authorized capital of the company is 3,000 shares of stock at a par value of \$100 each, or a total of \$300,000. Shares will be sold only in units of 15, with each shareholder limited to one unit, which will entitle him to employment preference.

Application for clearance for sale of stock has been filed with the security and exchange commission and with the Oregon corporation commissioner, and no stock will be sold until clearance has been given.

Since no one not qualified to work for the company will be sold stock, the firm will require employment qualification statements from those wishing to buy stock. These statements may be obtained and filed at the company's office.

Such statements are not commitments to purchase stock, and acceptance is not an offer to sell nor a solicitation to purchase stock, Fetzer said, and such sale will be done only under regulations of the SEC and the corporation commissioner.

Fetzer indicated that a number of present employees of the Medford Veneer and Plywood Corporation have shown an interest in participating in the new firm.

Low Income Group Tax Cut Predicted By Joseph Martin

Washington — (U.P.) — House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., said Saturday that if President Eisenhower is able to recommend an income tax cut next year "low income groups" will benefit the most.

The GOP leader said Mr. Eisenhower will not propose a cut unless the budget is balanced or "brought close" to balance. Mr. Eisenhower previously has stated that as his position.

Counting on Balanced Budget The administration apparently is counting on a balanced budget in the 12 months starting July 1, 1956, barring "untoward" international incidents.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey reported this week that there is a "very good opportunity" to achieve the administration's first balanced budget.

In holding out hope for cuts for low income groups, Martin said in an interview that he did not see how the Democrats could develop a tax issue that would give them "political advantage" in the 1956 election campaign.

The Massachusetts Republican spoke out in the wake of the collapse of the fight by House Democrats to cut everybody's income taxes next Jan. 1. The House-approved plan, which would have reduced taxes next year \$20 for each taxpayer and an additional \$20 for each dependent, was killed Friday in a Senate-House conference committee.

The Senate then promptly passed the administration measure to continue corporation and excise (sales) taxes at current rates for another year.

In giving up the fight, Democrats expressed confidence they could make taxes a major political issue next year. They contend the Republican administration favors a "trickle down" tax policy in contrast to the Democratic policy of helping low income groups.

Guard Pilot Tells of Debris, Oil Slick at Scene of Crash

Portland — (U.P.) — A National Guard captain who flew his jet plane over the wreckage of a Pan-American plane in the Pacific off the Southern Oregon coast said the aircraft left a great deal of debris and two oil slicks on the water.

Alerted by Tower

Capt. W. L. Parks of the 142nd Fighter-Interceptor group said he was ready for a take-off at the Air Base here when he was alerted by the airport tower and asked if he could escort a disabled strato-cruiser into Portland.

"I was told the plane had an engine out," he said. "I was advised to proceed under Air Force radar control. I was sent southwest and out over the ocean. It was overcast and I was on instruments."

Instructed to Search

"They sent me to the last plotted radar echo from the disabled plane. When I entered the area on the radio scope where the plane was last seen they let me down through the overcast with instructions to search to the south."

"I was cleared for a turn to 180 degrees. As

I started to turn, I saw the two oil streaks on the water. I then saw another plane, a constellation, coming up from the south."

Saw Smoke Flare

"I dropped from a 15,000-foot elevation to 10,000 feet and saw what looked like fire coming from part of the wreckage. It turned out to be a smoke flare from a life raft. On determining it was a smoke flare, I continued my let-down and noticed smoke issuing from two large life rafts tied together."

Capt. Parks said he made one circle over the wreckage, which consisted of floating debris and the larger of the two slicks. "By that time the constellation had started circling. I was running short on fuel."

Flying Boats on Way

"After I found out for sure that Air Force rescue flying boats were on the way I had to start back to Portland. By that time I was very low on fuel. I climbed back up and returned to the base."

Capt. Parks piloted an F-86 Sabre jet of the Oregon Air National Guard.

Child Safety Conference Findings Show Parents' Responsibility Training Needs

Ashland — More than 100 persons attended sessions of the first Southern Oregon Regional Child Safety conference held here all day Friday.

Group discussions, panel meetings, reports and demonstrations took up most of the day, which was climaxed by a banquet at Susan Homes hall in the evening, when summaries of the days activities were given.

As the conference ended, most participants agreed on three conclusions, as stated by conference reporters:

1. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children, both through protection and training.

2. Accidents are the biggest single cause of death and disability among children.

3. Education, both of parents and of children, through all possible media, is the only hope of bringing down the death toll.

Dinner Speaker Dr. Harry F. Dietrich, Beverly Hills pediatrician and child safety authority, was the dinner speaker, and illustrated his discussion of child safety problems with slides.

Dr. Dietrich compared the death rate of children in 1900 (about 2,000 per 1,000,000 population) with that of today (about 150 per 1,000,000 population). This decrease points out sharply, he said, the influence of medicines and drugs, and also brings accidents to the fore as a leading cause of death for children. Deaths of children are about the same now (50 per 100,000 population) as they were a half-century ago.

Accidents cause more children deaths than the next six causes combined, he pointed out. "There is no vaccine against accidents," he said.

Suggests Plan

He gave what he said is a "reasonable plan" to prevent deaths of children, which parents can follow. It has three points, based on the fact that in the first six years the problem changes from one of complete protection of infants, to one chiefly of education and training. His three points were:

1. Forethought. Check a child's abilities and interests, and devise methods whereby the child can be protected, and trained to care for himself.

2. Time. It takes time to do this job, but the necessity is

vital—second only in importance to feeding the child.

3. Discipline. The child must know the limits beyond which he cannot go.

A combination of these will do much to aid parents in protecting their children from accidents, he said, and he suggested that parents keep in mind the three ways in which children learn.

The most effective is participation; next is by example, and finally, the least effective is by rote, he said.

Discussion Reports

Six discussion groups reported their findings at the dinner. Elliott Becken reported on the fire safety talks, and recommended (1) that fire departments encourage home inspection and that publicity be used to encourage the reception of inspectors; (2) that arrangements be made for widespread showing of the film, "Too Young to Burn;" (3) that first aid classes be emphasized in schools; (4) that home construction standards, particularly in fringe areas, be raised, and (5) that more complete statistics on fire deaths would aid in solving the problem.

Lee Ragsdale reported on pesticides, recommending that parents become informed on the danger, that they keep children away from the poisonous chemicals and keep the pesticides out of the children's way, that such be properly labeled as poisons, and that the use of electric vaporizers for pesticides be discontinued as hazardous.

Russian Leader Warns Capitalism

Moscow — (U.P.) — Soviet Marshal Kliment Voroshilov said Saturday that it will be the capitalist system and not world civilization that will be destroyed in the event of another World War.

Voroshilov, who is president of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., spoke at the final session of the Russian Federation Socialist Republic Supreme Soviet.

"We cannot be intimidated by (claims) that in the event of a new World War civilization will perish," he said.

Mrs. T. E. Daniels Is 337th Flight Patient

Mrs. T. E. Daniels, 1805 East Main st., yesterday became the 337th patient to be carried by planes of Mercy Flights, Inc., when she was brought home from Palm Springs, Calif. She suffered a broken knee and a leg in a fall while there. The twin engine ambulance plane arrived at the Medford airport at about 10 p.m. yesterday. George Milligan and Cecil Davis were pilot and co-pilot on the trip.

A Tribute To GOLFERS

TODAY is the final day of the Oregon Open Golf Tournament here and upon this occasion we extend to all who participated . . . both amateurs and professionals . . . the gratitude of this community for making it an outstanding success. We hope our visiting golfers had a wonderful time, and will come back again soon to play the fine Rogue Valley Country Club's course.

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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — A century ago in the nation's capital housing wasn't much of a problem.

There was plenty of ground where a man could put side boards and a roof, and if he couldn't afford that he could rent a place cheap.

An advertisement in one of the papers 100 years ago this week mentioned a "very reasonable home for rent." It was on Missouri ave. between 3rd and 4½ sts. There were "10 to 12 rooms." There were two parlors on the first floor, a dining room and a large kitchen in it, equipped with a pump with "excellent water."

Almost apologetically, it seemed, the owner, P. W. Browning, said that he would have to get \$400 a year for his place.

Business in the two houses of Congress had simmered down to little that caught the eyes of the editors. There were squabbles, pro and con, on the question of slavery. Also the Indian problem came in for considerable talk.

The postmaster general of the day published a notice about the new postal law. The man was a little disturbed. He said:

"Under the new law, all materials must be prepaid and if not, after a decent waiting period, things must go to the dead letter office. Hundreds of thousands of letters are mailed without any direction whatsoever, and many more have the wrong address on the cover."

The postmaster general suggested that people ought to take their letters and packages to the window of the post office "while the window is open and they can get some advice."

Papers had a habit of picking up items from fellow editors around the country, and in fact the world.

There was one item from Boston relating that the paying teller of the Merchant's Bank there

had hanged himself in the bank cellar. "His accounts, so far as is known," the dispatch said, "were in order."

A man, also from Boston, who apparently was in business, got a letter to the editor in the Washington prints. Same letter in three papers.

He said: "I promised to inform you of the effect of a remedy recommended to me. I have taken one bottle and am now a well man. I thank you a thousand times. This preparation is the exclusive property of the writer."

Then the writer signed his name.

A correspondent from Key West, Fla., wrote in to say that the growth of shrubs, flowers, and vegetables down thataway "now is luxuriant, and as far advanced as in mid-summer back home. We daily have on our table, beans, peas, lettuce and celery. The sweet potato flourishes in our soil, but the Irish potato does not."

Churchill Planning Stay in Parliament

Woodford, England — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill Saturday told the voters he has represented in parliament for more than 30 years that he hopes to continue to be their spokesman for some time to come.

Churchill's speech in his "home" district neither confirmed nor denied reports he plans to retire as Prime Minister within the next two weeks. He can continue in parliament as long as Woodford elects him, whether as Prime Minister or merely as a rank-and-file member.

Apart from the passing reference to his hopes of continued service, the Prime Minister's speech was devoted to general comments on political responsibility, with an occasional dig at the Laborite opposition thrown in.

Carl H. Blair Fined For Assault, Battery

Carl Hogan Blair, 39, resident of a local hotel, was fined \$25 and assessed \$5 costs in district court Friday on a charge of assault and battery. He entered a plea of guilty, according to a court report. Blair was accused of assaulting Wendell Sipes.

Robert Keith Wilburn, 24, Fresno, Calif., was sentenced to 60 days in jail on a petty larceny charge involving theft of gasoline from Highcroft orchard, court records disclosed. He pleaded guilty. The court said that Wilburn may be paroled after 10 days "for good cause."

Red Chinese Trade Delegates in Japan

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The advance party of a Chinese Communist trade delegation arrived Saturday for talks with Japanese industrialists anxious to sell their wares to Red China's 500,000,000 "customers."

The Red Chinese were invited by the International Promotion association and the China Trade Promotion diet members league. While the negotiations will nominally be private, they have the endorsement of Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's government.

Japanese business groups hope that negotiations with the Reds will double exports to Red China in 1955. Japan imported \$46,172,000 worth of goods from Red China last year while exporting only \$19,900,000 worth.

However, industrialization of China, Communist political and trade restrictions, the UN strategic goods embargo and problems of payment have caused Japanese government leaders to look for only slight expansion in trade.

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