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Air Force Chief Clears Airman of 'Guilt-by-Kinship'

Quarles' Decision Ends Proceedings

Washington (U.P.)—Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles Saturday personally cleared Airman 3-C Stephen Branzvich of Farrel, Pa., of "guilt-by-kinship" security charges.

Quarles' speedy action in the case of the 22-year-old reserve enlisted man whose father was alleged to be a Communist, left the Navy and the Coast Guard with two similar cases to dispose of.

The Air Secretary's decision ended Air Force proceedings to give the young airman a dishonorable discharge from the reserve. Branzvich was fighting the action. Quarles said the airman's continuation in the reserve is consistent with the interests of national security.

When informed of the Air Secretary's action, Branzvich said he was "very grateful to the American people, to the VFW, to the American Legion and to all those people who had a part in helping me."

The young reservist told newsmen he planned to return to Youngstown university night school at Youngstown, O., "to finish my studies."

Branzvich said he had not received official word on his clearance but expected to be notified at any moment.

His case is similar to that of Merchant Seaman Eugene D. Landy and Norman Pierre Gaston, of San Francisco, Coast Guard apprentice seamen. They have been refused Navy and Coast Guard commissions because of security charges involving their fathers.

The House committee on un-American activities has scheduled a closed meeting Monday to hear Mrs. Deborah Landy, mother of Eugene. She has said she once was a Communist but quit after her son's insistence.

Stassen, Sobolev Discuss Arms Meet

United Nations (U.P.)—Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's special adviser on disarmament, conferred Saturday with Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev in preparation for Monday's United Nations Disarmament conference.

Delegates of the United States, Britain, France and Canada also met at the headquarters of the American U.N. delegation for nearly two hours. A U.S. delegation spokesman said "there was a completely harmonious discussion" of all facets of the disarmament problem.

Sobolev called on Stassen at noon in his Waldorf-Astoria hotel suite for a private conference. Sobolev will be chairman of the first session of the U.N. Disarmament subcommittee which is meeting on the call of the Big Four Chiefs of State.

Rayburn Pledges Tax Cut for 'Little Fella'

Washington (U.P.)—Speaker Sam Rayburn, who lost one tax cut fight this year, vowed Saturday that "the little fella" will not be left out of any cut which Congress may pass in the 1956 election year.

The Texas Democrat's promise was made as a tax reduction fight, which is certain to cross political party lines, began shaping up months in advance of the next Congressional session.



FACES CHARGES—Lt. Col. Paul V. Lies of Birmingham, Ala. faces charges of collaboration while a POW in North Korea. He is shown at Fort Lewis, Wash. with his wife and three children, Donald, 6 (left), Priscilla, 1, and Paul Jr. 8.

10,000 Rebels Quit In French Morocco

Casablanca, Morocco (U.P.)—An estimated 10,000 rebel tribesmen surrendered with their arms and families to French troops Saturday but thousands of other nomad warriors fled deeper into central Morocco in defiance of capitulation orders.

Saturday's surrenders brought to 20,000 the number of tribesmen who have bowed to French force in the wake of the North African uprisings that took a toll of more than 2,000 killed.

The hold-out nomads have until next Friday to lay down their arms and pay allegiance to the French. The French were using jet fighters and heavily armed troops to hasten the surrender of the rebels.

Record Audience Of 1,137 Crowds Festival Theater

The largest audience in the 20-year history of the Oregon Shakespearean festival, some 1,137 people, saw the final performance of "All's Well That Ends Well" last night at the Elizabethan theater in Ashland.

More than 100 others were turned away at the doors. Actually, last night's audience was 38 more than the theater's seating capacity of 1,099, and some of the spectators were seated on the grass at the rear of the open air theater.

The festival's previous record attendance, of 1,064, also was set this season at the Aug. 13 performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The size of the audience last night came as a surprise to festival officials, who had not expected "All's Well" to draw as well as some of the other plays, and had scheduled it for only six nights.

The festival continues tonight with "Henry VI, Part 3." "Timon of Athens" is scheduled for Monday night, "Macbeth" will be Tuesday night, and the season will end Wednesday night with "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Search Under Way For Murder Suspect

Palm Springs, Calif. (U.P.)—A statewide search was started Saturday for an ex-convict and his wife wanted in connection with the brutal robbery-slaying of Palm Springs city building inspector Donald E. (Dutch) Graham, 60.

Sheriff's deputies identified the couple, parents of four children, as Robert K. Miers, 29, a bakery truck driver, and his wife, Michel, 26, of Baldwin Park, Calif.

Excavation Work At Four Mile Lake Said 'Well Along'

Excavation work on facilities for the Four Mile lake reservoir are "well along," John Hatch of the Bureau of Reclamation's Medford office stated yesterday after a visit to the project.

Hatch said that at the present time work consists of removing the old spillway. He added that the work looked satisfactory at the present stage but that it was "too early to forecast" when the job would be finished.

The project, being done by R. K. Construction of Roseburg, has been allowed 120 days from the contract's ratification date to be finished. The work consists of replacing a concrete spillway and the construction of a parapet wall along the crest of the dam. Fish lake work, also included in the 120-day contract, consists of riprapping the upstream face of the earth and rock fill dike, and a new concrete spillway. The fish lake work has not been started yet, Hatch stated.

A 10-hour, six-days-a-week schedule has been ordered by the company in order to complete the two-lake work before the time deadline and the setting in of bad weather. A small crew of not more than 10 men and a bulldozer, steam shovel, compressor, drills and other equipment was thought to be presently employed by the constructioners, Hatch added.

Ike Approves Plans For October Meet

Denver (U.P.)—President Eisenhower approved plans Saturday for an Oct. 25 conference at Washington to map further steps toward eliminating racial and religious discrimination in government contracts.

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell announced the conference after a 40-minute talk with Mr. Eisenhower at the summer White House on Lowry Air Force base recently.

He said Mr. Eisenhower was "very pleased" with plans for the conference, which will bring together government contractors, labor officials and the President's committee on government contracts. Mitchell is vice-chairman.

Mitchell also reported to the President on his department's role in the flood disaster relief program in the Eastern states.

The labor secretary told reporters at a news conference later that as much as \$1,000,000 a week in federal-state unemployment insurance may be paid to workers thrown out of work by flood damage to industrial plants and businesses in the east.

Dolly Beach, S. C. (U.P.)—The FBI captured fugitive killer Elmer Francis "Trigger" Burke in the wan glow of a streetlight here Saturday night as the self-professed New York killer headed towards town "to get supper and a bottle of beer."

Reports of Imminent War in Middle East Said Behind Ike's Offer of Guarantees

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower was prompted to make his dramatic offer to guarantee the security of Arabs and Jews by intelligence reports that the middle east might go up in the flame of war, officials said Saturday.

Calls for No Demo Attacks On Foreign Policy

Accuses Eisenhower Of Misrepresentation

French Linck, Ind. (U.P.)—Former President Truman called on Democrats Saturday night not to attack the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy.

He said it is proper for campaigners to tell what they plan to do in the field of international relations, but they should not criticize the opposition's program.

Mr. Truman took the hands-off foreign policy stand at a news conference preceding what was billed as a "give 'em hell" speech. A sellout crowd of 1,300 Indiana Democrats assembled to hear him.

In his speech, Mr. Truman accused President Eisenhower of "misrepresentation and demagoguery."

Mr. Eisenhower, he said, "has never missed a change to be fuddle the real issues in every speech he reads."

Mr. Truman, in the first of his "give 'em hell" speeches, leading into the 1956 campaign charged that the Republican administration is "dominated and controlled by big business—which it allows to plunder our natural resources."

The GOP administration, he said, is "infiltrated with servants of the special interests—those who put the interest of the few ahead of the welfare of the many."

A sell-out crowd of 1,300 packed the French lick springs hotel for Mr. Truman's banquet speech before the Indiana Editorial association.

Mr. Truman's attack on the President was reminiscent of his 1952 campaign speeches which led to an open break between the one-time close friends.

He charged that Mr. Eisenhower "went so far as to use misrepresentation and demagoguery in his message on the state of the union in January, 1953."

Then, he said, the GOP Administration and Congress "began tearing down the New Deal and Fair Deal wherever they dared and as fast as they dared."

The President's Administration, he said, "has contributed little to the art of government except perhaps in its use of publicity and advertising techniques."

Manila, Sunday (U.P.)—Civil Aeronautics officials today ordered the crew of an impounded DC-3 airplane, operated by Fleetway, Inc., of Burbank, to remain in the Philippines until the case is "satisfactorily cleared."

Indiana Blast, Fire Loss Reaches \$10,000,000 Mark

War-time Priorities Invoked by ODM for Flood-Hit Industry

Defense Plants To Receive Aid

Washington (U.P.)—The Office of Defense Mobilization Saturday invoked its wartime priority powers to channel materials, equipment and other items to flood-stricken defense industries.

ODM Chief Arthur S. Flemming said the priorities will be used "only when voluntary efforts fail to achieve desired results."

The priorities will apply to more than 200 industries which produce goods needed for defense.

Flemming also authorized the General Services Administration to sell copper from the government's defense production inventory where it is needed for disaster rehabilitation work.

The greatest use presumably would be in the reconstruction of power and communications facilities.

The action will not affect the national stockpile of critical materials which is separate from the defense production inventory.

Flemming's action was announced after Lt. Gen. S. D. Sturgis Jr., Chief of Army Engineers and coordinator of federal flood relief activities, warned flood-stricken communities in the northeast that government aid is designed to supplement—not supplant—local self-help.

Sturgis told them that the \$100,000,000 federal relief program does not mean Washington has accepted "all responsibility for rehabilitation work in affected areas."

An ODM spokesman said government priority orders will be used when any defense or defense-supporting industry can not get the materials, equipment or services it needs. Services include such things as power, water and transportation.

Hurricane Expected To Miss Mainland

Miami (U.P.)—Hurricane Edith swung its 100 mile an hour winds toward Bermuda Saturday and the Miami weather bureau said the raging storm should pass close to the luxury resort tonight but veer away from the U. S. mainland.

The weather bureau located Edith about 330 miles due south of Bermuda in a 6 p.m. EDT, advisory, moving at five to six miles an hour along a north-northwest to north course.

Top winds of 100 miles an hour howled in squalls over a small area near the center, the weather bureau said, while hurricane force winds extended outward 100 miles to the north and northeast and 40 miles to the southwest.

The tropic blow flung gales 200 miles to the north and east and 100 miles to the southwest.



E. H. HEDRICK Longtime Superintendent

New Junior High Named by Board For E. H. Hedrick

Medford's two junior high schools officially have been named for E. H. Hedrick, longtime Medford school superintendent who retired recently, and for Dr. John McLoughlin, the "father of Oregon."

The new junior high school on East Jackson st. will be known as E. H. Hedrick Junior High school. Hedrick retired Aug. 1 after serving for 30 years as superintendent of the Medford schools.

The school board's decision in naming the E. H. Hedrick Junior high school was an easy one, according to Edward Branchfield, chairman of the city school board. Branchfield noted that the board received many requests to name the school for Hedrick.

"Hedrick's record with the local school system was a notable one," the chairman declared. "During his long tenure, he directed the building of Washington and Jefferson schools, the senior high school, and the new junior high school."

"Hedrick also supervised the construction of one or more additions on all of the other Medford schools," Branchfield noted. "His far-sighted policy through the years in securing additional school sites in anticipation of future requirements has enabled the school district to have optimum sites at reasonable costs, as needed."

Recognition to McLoughlin

Selection of the name of Dr. John McLoughlin for the old junior high school "gives additional recognition to one of the outstanding figures in early Oregon history," Branchfield declared.

Dr. McLoughlin was chief factor of the Hudson's Bay company during the period of early American migration to Oregon. On retirement in 1845, he settled at Oregon City and became a citizen of the United States.

Mt. McLoughlin, east of Medford, bears his name. Dedication of the new E. H. Hedrick Junior high school is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18. Ceremonies at the school auditorium will be followed by an open house display of the school plant.

Former AEC Employee Jailed in Colorado

Grand Junction, Colo. (U.P.)—John Partow Kellogg, a former Atomic Energy commission employee, was arrested Saturday on a charge that he used secret AEC information to stake out uranium claims with a possible value of \$9,000,000.

Kellogg resigned his position with the AEC operations office here June 1, 1954. The U. S. attorney's office at Denver said that two weeks before that, he arranged to have 370 uranium claims staked in the White Canyon area on the Colorado plateau, which he knew the AEC considered to be valuable uranium property.

Homes Evacuated In 48-Block Area; Two Reported Dead

No Lights, Smoking Allowed Due to Gas

Whiting, Ind. (U.P.)—A raging gasoline-fed fire touched off by an explosion that sent jagged chunks of steel hurtling into surrounding homes swept a refinery tank farm Saturday endangering 48 blocks of homes and causing damage estimated at more than \$10,000,000.

At least two persons were killed, one of them a child, as the chain reaction explosions filled the air with shrapnel-like chunks of steel.

At least 24 persons, 11 of them children, were given hospital treatment. The Red Cross reported that 35 persons were injured and Mayor Michael Blastic said the injured could be counted in "hundreds" if minor burns suffered by fire-fighters and emergency workers were included.

The original explosion, felt nearly 100 miles away, shattered a 26-story processing plant into an unrecognizable mass of metal and spread death and ruin over a three-acre area.

Cascades of flame jumped a mile in the air as the fire poured from tank to tank. Clouds of smoke, mushrooming 12,000 feet into the sky, appeared like a giant thunderhead to watchers in the Chicago Loop nearly 18 miles away.

The flames roared through the huge Standard Oil Company (Ind.) tank farm in a series of "whooshing" explosions, then jumped across a highway into an adjoining field housing about 30 tanks of crude oil. Firemen succeeded, however, in pushing the blaze back across the highway.

Police said 48 blocks of nearby residential areas were ordered evacuated as the flames still raged out of control more than 17 hours after the first explosion. Thousands were driven from their homes.

Three companies of Indiana National Guard troops, about 220 to 240 men, were mobilized mainly to prevent looting in the evacuated areas. Police said six men were caught looting in a residential section adjoining the plant.

Fire officials warned that gas and gas fumes had seeped into Whiting sewers. They issued a general warning to avoid smoking or the use of electric lights.

Dr. Robert E. Wilson, Standard Oil board chairman who flew here from Pennsylvania, said damage to the plant "will probably exceed \$10,000,000." He said all plant damage in excess of \$1,000,000 was covered by insurance. He estimated about 10 per cent of the plant was destroyed.

At Washington, the Red Cross put its estimate of damage at more than \$100,000,000. Wilson said the company would "act quickly" to compensate families of dead and injured and to repair plant damage.

The first explosion virtually demolished a huge, new processing plant known as a fluid hydroformer, where low-octane gasoline is converted to high.

The blast hurled jagged chunks of steel hundreds of feet through the air. The steel went slicing into homes "like it was cutting paper."

One huge fragment sailed about 350 feet, cutting a swath of destruction through seven houses. Another fragment crashed into another home, killing a three-year-old boy. The other victim was a company employee who died of a heart attack brought on by exertion in fighting the fire.

Sports Bulletin

Pendleton (U.P.)—The West came from behind in the fourth quarter to edge the East 7-6 in the fourth annual East-West Shriners Hospital All-Star "B" football game here Saturday night. The victory gave the West a 3-1 series edge.