



HE WAS INNOCENT—Communist Hungary admitted that former Foreign Minister Laszlo Rajk (above) and four other Red leaders were "innocently tried and executed" as traitors in one of last great Stalin era purges. Rajk was one-time police boss in Hungary.

Ashland Firms Low On Armory Bids; Federal Study Set

Salem — Wiley company and L. C. McLaughlin, Ashland, was apparent low bidder for construction of the Oregon National Guard armory at Medford, Lt. Col. William H. Adams, guard contracting officer, has announced.

Wiley and McLaughlin submitted a basic figure of \$338,988 for the job in which the federal government will participate, and \$61,541 for work the state will finance.

Claiming error in his bid was S. Ferche, Roseburg, who figured \$385,445 in each category. He contended that the figure was for the entire job rather than for separate portions.

H. G. Carl Construction company, Salem, bid \$356,283 for the federal aid portion and \$63,054 on the state portion. Donald M. Drake company, Portland, asked \$358,600 for the federal aid work and \$61,000 for the state portion. Jones and Brooks, Medford, bid \$377,600 and \$63,500.

Largest alternate was one on the state work list for elimination of folding bleachers. All five bidder firms offered to deduct from \$51,500 to \$52,000.

Plans were prepared by Keeney and Edson, Medford architects. The bids, including Ferche's statement, will be considered by the federal government.

Brundage Sworn in As Budget Director

Washington — (UP) — Percival F. Brundage was sworn in today—his 64th birthday—as director of the bureau of the budget.

He succeeds retiring Rowland R. Hughes, 60, who resigned because of "personal obligations." Brundage moves up from the bureau's deputy director's post to the \$17,500-a-year job.

Brundage is the sixth director since 1946 of the budget bureau and the third in this administration. In his new post, one of the most demanding in government, he will supervise the spending of billions of dollars each year by dozens of government agencies.

Brundage, of Long Valley, N.J., declined to discuss his views on his new post with reporters.

Alcoa Workers Get Increase in Wages

Pittsburgh — (UP) — A new wage pattern, granting increases of from seven to 30 cents an hour, went into effect today at plants of the Aluminum Company of America.

The wage pattern affected nearly 17,000 Alcoa workers and will cost the company \$1,528,000 a year. It was based upon current wage brackets and job classifications negotiated for the basic steel industry several years ago.

The new Alcoa program contains 27 wage brackets ranging from \$1,745 to \$2,905 an hour. About 11,000 employees received wage hikes of seven to 30 cents an hour retroactive to last Aug. 1.

The other 6,000 employees either are now receiving above-scale rates or have already been granted the new pay increases.

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