

# OLSON SHAKES HORNET'S NEST WITH PAROLES

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SACRAMENTO, Dec. 8 (UP)—Governor Olson really touched off a hornet's nest when his parole board freed the three union labor leaders who were convicted in 1936 in connection with a shipboard murder.

Earl King, Ernest Ramsey and Frank Conner were the three men for whom labor demanded freedom, much in the same manner that the "free Tom Mooney" campaign was waged.

The results of the pardon have been several. The Tenney legislative committee on subversive activities swung immediately into an investigation. Attorney General Earl Warren declared the paroles were "an outrage to public decency." Many anti-Olson interests seized the opportunity to criticize him. Labor forces were jubilant. The governor said he was satisfied with the action of the board, of which the two man majority is Olson-appointed.

Booth B. Goodman, new chairman of the board, said the case was handled exactly as any other would be of less prominence. He explained the men were model prisoners.

Even Westbrook Pegler, the militant columnist, took up his cudgel in New York to denounce the paroles, charging the men were radicals.

The King-Conner-Ramsey case is more likely to be remembered in the 1942 elections than the Mooney case, which is now three years in history. The anti-Olson forces can be counted on to keep the case active if possible, to embarrass the governor in his bid for reelection.

From labor's standpoint, the governor should get strong support from the unions in repayment for his sympathetic policies on labor matters. He has backed labor solidly on Mooney, his veto of the hot cargo act, various other pro-labor actions, and now the shipboard slaying paroles.

Warren's forceful condemnation of the case might be the lever to get him out in the open on his political aspirations for 1942. There are republicans who insist he may take a crack at the governorship. If he should, the shipboard case will give him a flying getaway because he prosecuted the cases and was unalterably opposed to their release.

Warren has remained discreetly silent on his plans, many feeling that he will run for reelection as attorney general, an almost cinch campaign. There are reports he has his eyes on a United States senatorship and is wary of possible defeat in a gubernatorial contest.

No sooner had the paroles been announced, incidentally, than the campaign started for a complete pardon from the governor. The Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Waretenders and Wipers association, said: "Justice has finally been done to three innocent men. The labor movement looks forward to a full and complete pardon from Governor Olson, which is the least the state can do to make up to these men the five valuable years they spent in prison."



Frank Blackmer, right, president of Klamath Falls Police Beneficiary association, presents a check for \$100 to Mrs. Robert Odell of the Santa Claus Clan. The money is part of the proceeds received from the annual police ball. Left to right, Officer Clay Sample, Officer "Bob" Elder, dance chairman; Mrs. J. Truman Runyan of the police judge's office and secretary of the clan; Mrs. Odell, Officer Clifford Milhorn and Officer Blackmer.

## More Fun for Klamath Kids

### PARALYSIS FIGHT TO BE LED BY RICE

Grantland Rice, noted newspaper, radio and movie sports authority, again has agreed to lead the sport world's fight against infantile paralysis. Keith Morgan, national chairman of the committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, stated that he was happy to have Mr. Rice serve in this capacity for the fourth time, and announced that on January 30, 1942, the president's sixtieth birthday, would be known throughout the country as the President's Diamond Jubilee Birthday celebration.

Bob Considine, who again will serve as vice chairman of the sports council, will attend a meeting of the chairmen of the 48 state birthday committees in Washington Tuesday, December 2, to outline plans for the vast sports drive to raise funds to fight the dreaded disease.

In accepting this chairmanship, Mr. Rice issued the following statement:

"Above all other years this is the important time for carrying out the purpose of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in connection with the celebration of the president's diamond jubilee birthday.

"Statistics show us that the last three years have been among the worst in the epidemic history of this killing or crippling disease, leaving over 26,000 new cases in its wake.

"It is absolutely essential that the country give its full support to this cause. There can be nothing more vital than the care and preservation of the health and condition of the youth of this nation for those who are young now must be ready to face immense problems later on.

"We will more than appreciate the help that one and all can give for the purpose of checking this scourge."

Mr. Rice will surround himself with an executive committee composed of outstanding writers in each sport and an advisory board comprising well-known editors from coast to coast. With their aid, Mr. Rice will enlist every sports fan, writer, coach, promoter, athlete and radio announcer in the sports war against infantile paralysis.

Fifty per cent of the birthday gifts by the sports world will remain in the county in which they are raised to be administered by the county or state chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The remainder will be sent to the committee for the celebration of the President's Birthday for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The raven was the first bird to be sent out from the ark by Noah. When it failed to return, he sent out a dove.

from the office of your county home demonstration agent, Winnifred K. Gillen, 208 Federal building. Plays and pageants are loaned from the state office.

### Here's An Example Of Tax Reduction

TACOMA, Dec. 8 (P)—Robert J. Corkery, deputy collector of internal revenue in Spokane, said today he wondered whether he should stop coming to the annual internal revenue school here or build a larger house.

On November 14, 1940, while attending the tax school here, he received a telegram that he had become the father of a boy.

Friday he was in class, and by coincidence was being used before the class as a living example of how, by using the optional income tax plan, the income tax payer could obtain a \$400 deduction for a child.

While he stood before the class, Corkery received another telegram.

It was a girl this time.

### BLANKS READY FOR LIGHTING CONTEST

Estle Affleck, chairman of the Junior chamber's Christmas home lighting contest, announces that entry blanks will be out today and urges all residents to sign one of the slips and return at once to the school child that solicits them. Every public school child within the city limits will be given a supply of these blanks and it is through them that this program will be brought to the public. A separate contest for the children bringing in the most confirmed entries is also part of the program with two bicycles, one each for a boy and girl, being the grand prizes.

The public is asked not to sign more than one entry blank as this will disqualify both the contestant and the child or children receiving the entry. Each PTA chapter in the city has given their full support and cooperation in this program and are acting as judges for all entries. There will be one full week in which the public may sign the slips, from December 8 until December 15, the deadline being 1 p. m. on the latter date. Judging will start December 20 and all lights must be lit from that date until December 25 inclusive from 6 p. m. until 10.

### LEADERS TRAINING HOLDS DISCUSSION

Husband and wife relationships were discussed at the leaders' training meeting of the family relations discussion groups Wednesday, December 3, at the Methodist church parlors.

This is the second in a series entitled "Living Together in the Family." Questions on husband-wife relationships such as: "What has a husband or wife a right to expect of his or her mate? And what characteristics and qualities make living together happier?" will be discussed at the study clubs meetings during December.

Leaders from the following discussion clubs were present at the meeting Wednesday which was led by Winnifred K. Gillen, home demonstration agent; Mrs. L. E. Reeves of the Altamont Study club; Rev. E. V. Haynes of the Mills PTA mothers' council; Mrs. Robert McCambridge of the Shasta-Homedale Study club; Mrs. W. B. Bickers and Mrs. William Heckman of the Modoc Point Study club; Mrs. F. O. Freuer and Mrs. Pete Holzhausen of the Poe Valley Study club; Mrs. Grover Yantis, Mrs. G. M. Finnell and Mrs. W. S. Hendrickson of the Pelican PTA Study club, and Mrs. Fred Ruck and Mrs. S. A. Barnum of the Bonanza PTA Study club.

The next leaders' training meeting will be January 7 at 10 a. m. in the Methodist church parlors.

### URGENT DUTY

CHICAGO, (P)—An agitated soldier dashed into the East Chicago avenue police station after the announcement of hostilities in the Pacific and pleaded with policemen to give him a squad car to rush him to the quarter-master depot.

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### Christmas Plays for Season Available

Five Christmas mimeographs and a Christmas drama kit are available for use in planning Christmas programs and parties according to Miss Izola Jensen, extension specialist in community social organization at the Oregon State college, Corvallis, Ore.

The mimeographs are: Christmas suggestions, readings and pantomimes; Christmas songs, their origin and music; Christmas plays, non-royalty; Christmas plays, small royalty, and Christmas parties.

The Christmas drama kit includes thirty-seven non-royalty plays and pageants. Twenty-eight of them are for mixed group, six for women or girls and three for children. Several small royalty plays are also included in the holiday drama kit.

Holiday plays and pageants are loaned, five at one time, for the period of three days. Information about the number of characters, playing time, type of play, the publisher, the synopsis and author are given on the mimeographs that list the Christmas plays.

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## FOURTH ARMY SAYS DEFENSE IN OPERATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (P)—The fourth army headquarters said today that every prearranged emergency precaution was in full operation "from Dutch Harbor and Alaska to the Mexican border."

The statement, issued by a spokesman for the fourth army and the commanding general of the western defense command: "We have taken all action called for under plans prepared for the defense of the Pacific coastal area in the event of such an attack as this today.

"The plan covers the entire Pacific coast from Dutch Harbor and Alaska to the Mexican border.

"All leaves and furloughs have been cancelled. All units have been placed on the alert.

"Interceptor and air raid warning services have been placed in action.

"Anti-aircraft artillery has been turned over to the army air force for disposition.

"Harbor defenses are in position. Army troops which are earmarked for interior guard—that is, railroad bridges, munitions plants, shipyards, aircraft factories and other vital industries — have been turned over to the commanding general of the ninth corps area for disposition as he sees fit.

"That disposition has been carried out. Places have been taken orderly and efficiently."

## Marine Recruiters Hit High Record

Marine corps recruiting sergeants, Carl K. Cook and Walter R. Chesley of the Klamath Falls sub-district, hit the highest record in the western division during the month of November. This honor was revealed by Colonel D. M. Randall of San Francisco as he inspected the Portland district recruiting office Saturday. The western division includes 11 states.

## CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS CALLED UP IN OREGON

SALEM, Dec. 8 (P)—Under a state of unlimited emergency, Oregon mobilized civilian defenses today against possible Japanese air raids and sabotage attempts.

Governor Sprague, proclaiming the emergency last night, ordered Japanese and other aliens to remain in their homes until further instructions, authorized organization of a state guard and expanded the state police system.

Thousands of volunteers reported today for duty as air raid wardens, fire fighting and police auxiliaries.

Key industries were under guard, and armed soldiers and police patrolled bridges and docks in the Portland harbor.

The government's giant Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams, producing power for shippings, aluminum and chemical plants, were under a doubled guard.

FBI agents rounded up some Japanese agents, although wholesale arrests among Oregon's 3000 Japanese were not expected.

Portland officials discussed defense plans at Mayor Earl Riley's call last night. Riley said air raid warning sirens would be sought at once.

Portland also closed to the public two municipal parks containing reservoirs.

Sprague, after discussing the Japanese attack with other state officials, said a state guard, authorized by the last legislature, would be organized under command of Brig-Gen. Alvin C. Baker, former commander of the national guard's 180th Infantry.

Superintendent Charles P. Pray of the state police will take general charge of police and guard duty throughout the state and sheriffs and local police will guard essential structures and hold enemy aliens under surveillance, the governor announced.

He ordered civilian defenses

## COLLIER SPEAKS TO LION CLUB LUNCHEON

Alfred D. Collier, secretary of draft board No. one of Klamath county, was the speaker at the Lions club luncheon, Tuesday noon. He explained how the selective service functioned and answered all questions, asked by members of the club.

One of the most interesting features of his talk, was the letters and cards received by the two local draft boards, from the boys who have been inducted into service from here. He read quite a number of these and each one expressed his appreciation of how the local draft boards had handled their cases. All of the boys were interested in army life, and were receiving good treatment and excellent food.

Major Sandy, state rehabilitation and reemployment officer, also spoke to the club. He explained his job which is to take care of the boys as they are discharged from the service and see that they are reestablished in civilian life. Major Sandy spoke very highly of the work being done by the two local boards. He said that not one case had been appealed from this county.

Major T. D. Case, clerk of the two boards, and C. O. Dryden, chairman of board number one, were also at the speakers' table. Fred Heilbonner, chairman of board number two, was the chairman of the day.

Next Tuesday, December 9, the club will be entertained by a program of songs presented by a chorus of city grade school pupils, under the direction of Miss Darby.

The Lions club will hold its annual Christmas party Thursday, December 18, in the basement of the city library. A dinner will be served followed by dancing.

## Belgian Inventor Aids Flax Harvest

PORTLAND, Dec. 8 (P)—A Belgian inventor who escaped ahead of the Germans, speeded Oregon's largest flax harvest this year.

The inventor, Maurice A. Soenens, who carried a design for a tractor-drawn flax puller in his head, set up a factory in Canada, then came here to demonstrate the machine.

The Inter-Continental Trade company, Portland, said that 38 of the machines were used in the Harrisburg and St. Paul areas, each covering about 100 acres in the short growing season.

## on the alert at once and asked members of the American Legion and other veterans' organizations to report to civilian defense coordinators.

"I shall, as governor, take further steps as developments may warrant," he added. "I request the people to proceed with their normal occupations and assure them that federal, state and local authorities, will be vigilant in the protection of their lives and property."

"We must not rest until the menace of Japanese aggression in the Pacific is definitely ended," Sprague said.

Columbia river defenses were ordered to fire on "any enemy ship on sight," and Tongue Point naval air station and the coast guard maintained a vigilant watch on the coast.

Sheriff Paul Kearney of Clatsop county posted guards at all strategic points in the Columbia's entrance.

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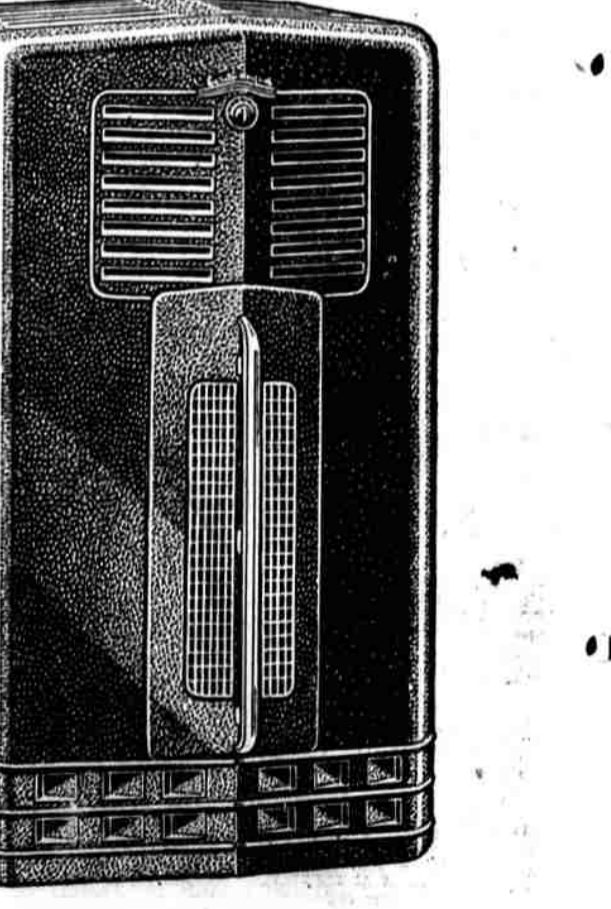
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