

INVESTIGATION OF AGRARIAN UNREST ASKED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—President Truman has asked Paul V. McNutt, Philippine high commissioner, to make a prompt investigation of agrarian unrest in the islands.

McNutt was asked especially to look into the activities of "a guerrilla army" which "threatens the stability of government," the White House reported today. The president's letter to McNutt, requesting the inquiry, was one of a series made public by the White House. They were sent to various government departments and suggested specific steps for rehabilitating the Philippines.

Sharecroppers Organize
"In the provinces near Manila thousands of sharecroppers organized some years ago to demand a more equitable division of the product of their labor. For several years there was no effective solution of the problem.

During the war the tenants organized a guerrilla army which reportedly did good work against the enemy. "After the enemy was defeated in the localities, they did not disband and today they constitute a special problem which threatens the stability of the government.

"On the other hand, their legitimate claim to fair treatment and the assistance they rendered in resistance to the enemy require that they be not dealt with in a ruthless manner.

"I therefore request you to order a prompt investigation of agrarian unrest in the Philippines with the cooperation of the commonwealth government, and to recommend the remedies or reforms which ought to be taken by the commonwealth government and by the United States government."

400 FFA To Attend State Convention

PORTLAND, Oct. 26 (AP)—At least 400 Future Farmers of America will flock to the group's state convention in May, the state executive committee predicted at a two-day meeting here. Site was not announced. Oregon will send two carloads of boys to the national session next year in Kansas City, expected to draw 17,000 delegates, said Earl R. Cooley, Salem, state vocational agriculture director.

Officer training schools will be conducted in the Willamette valley next week by state FFA officers. Speaker at a Gresham banquet last night was Secretary Leonard Perlich, Salem.

Officers On Prowl For Two Convicts

WOODBURN, Oct. 26 (AP)—Officers were on the prowl today for two Portland convicts who escaped from a state penitentiary road gang two miles east of here yesterday.

The men, working on a wood-cutting gang supervised by one guard, disappeared into the brush, Isaac Vernon Craig, 30, was serving four years for obtaining money by false pretenses. Clyde Miles, 30, was serving two years for burglary.

Flashes of Life

MOONSHINE FUEL
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 26 (AP)—Benson Hamlin, engineer for the Bell Aircraft corporation, Buffalo, says jet-propelled planes can run on corn liquor.

"The fuel used at present is kerosene, but any volatile substance, including Kentucky corn liquor, can be used," he told a meeting of Albany chapter, Society of Professional Engineers.

HE LOSES
SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 26 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Holland McVeyre loses a bet if a name in this sentence reads M-e T-y-e-i-r-e. The colorful marine officer, here for a Navy Day address, told reporters he'd wager his middle name wouldn't appear correctly in print because proof-readers just won't believe it.

MASS INVITATION
MILWAUKEE, Oct. 26 (AP)—Kenneth Seitz, who is going to marry Sheila Benton, a Marquette university co-ed next month, is wondering about the 15,000 people who have been invited to the church where the wedding will take place.

The Marquette alumni publication published a story inviting homecoming grads to attend a memorial mass in Gesu church at 9 a. m. November 3—the place and time for Seitz's wedding. The publication unintentionally invited the alumni to the church instead of to the chapel.

Wheat Crop Could Have Been Larger

CORVALLIS, Oct. 26 (AP)—Oregon's 1945 wheat crop could have been larger than 21 million bushels except for losses from hot winds, cold weather, drought and hail, the state director of the federal crop insurance corporation said today. Willis C. Boegli reported that more than 20 per cent of the insured farms in the two counties that qualified for insurance on 1945 spring wheat collected for losses.

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STALIN WILL RETURN TO HEAVY DUTIES

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Russian people expect Generalissimo Stalin to return to his heavy duties in the Kremlin about two weeks hence, refreshed by a vacation.

Dispatches circulated abroad that Stalin is ill have not been repeated here. The presumption among the Russians is that their 65-year-old leader, who left the capital October 9 for a destination never announced, will be back in time for celebration of the November 7 anniversary of the revolution.

The usual length of a soviet vacation is one month.

OPA Files Suit To Recover Overcharges

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—An OPA suit on file in circuit court against the West Oregon terminal is said to be the first attempt to recover overcharges on "war emergency" transactions.

Charles Kaufman, OPA enforcement attorney, accused the terminal of overcharging \$121,214 during the war for storing lend-lease materials bound for Russia.

Because the government desperately needed the storage space, it did not "haggle over rates," he said, but trusted terminal companies to follow regulations.

Stalin customarily has delivered an address on the eve of the November 7 holiday, and it is assumed that he will speak again this year.

Stalin's constitution is strong. He had several colds during the war which kept him in bed a few days, but they were nothing serious.

As a young revolutionist he experienced a difficult life, being arrested eight times and sent to Siberia seven times. Despite all that, he was never seriously ill.

If Stalin were seriously ill, precedent for an announcement was established during Lenin's last serious sickness. At that time the press carried details of Lenin's condition, his doctor and who called on him.

One of the last pictures of Lenin showed him with Stalin at Lenin's vacation spot near Moscow, the village of Gorki.

The last foreigners to see Stalin before he left on vacation were members of the "Finland USSR society," a group of

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Advisory Committee Named By Riley

PORTLAND, Oct. 26 (AP)—Portland's housing authority has a newly-appointed advisory committee—25 civic leaders named by Mayor Riley.

They will help the authority decide when and how to remove war housing, also what to do with occupants.

11 Drunks Appear In Police Court

City police had a big day in court this morning. Eleven drunks, one vagrant and three drunk and disorderly cases appeared in court. One drunk bailed out and three traffic tickets were paid off.

Two minor accidents were reported to police yesterday.

Committeemen Talk Veterans' Problems

EUGENE, Oct. 26 (AP)—Thirty farm security administration committeemen from Jackson, Cook, Curry, Douglas, Josephine and Lane counties today wound up a two-day discussion of veterans' problems in returning to farm work.

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