

Draft Of New Japanese Constitution Strips Emperor Of Military Command But Allows Japan To Retain Throne

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (AP)—The government has drafted tentatively a new constitution stripping the emperor of his military command but specifying that Japan shall retain the throne, the newspaper Mainichi said today.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Wataru Narahashi denied, however, that the constitutional revision published by Mainichi was the one which the government was considering. Mainichi's report might have been compiled from reference material, he told Kyodo news agency, but "it is entirely separate from the one being decided by the cabinet now."

Omitted in the text quoted by Mainichi was the clause "the emperor is sacred and inviolable." There was little other change, however, in the first four articles dealing with the throne. The newspaper noted these other changes in the proposed draft:

Legally Equal
The Japanese people were declared legally equal, and feudalistic rights of the few were eliminated.

Freedom of religion was provided, and special rights given to Shinto shrines were abolished.

Rights and obligations of the people were recognized and the right and duty of every person to work was established.

Election of the house of representatives by secret ballot was specified.

Ministers were made responsible to the diet instead of to the emperor, and the diet was given the right to change the constitution.

A deliberative body was established within the diet to consider urgent imperial ordinances while the diet is not in session.

The reported draft makes no reference to armed forces, and deletes present authorization of the emperor's command over the army and navy, and his right to declare martial law.

Remains Sovereign
The emperor remains sovereign, although without his military command and with no mention of his legendary divinity, Mainichi said.

Kyodo news agency commented that the government "was disregarding the trend of public opinion" in its revisions. Quoting State Minister Joji Matsumoto as seeing no need for sharply altering imperial rule, Kyodo predicted "strong opposition from civilian quarters. All political groups except the progressive party" it added, hold that sovereignty rests with the people.

Russia meanwhile nominated two jurists to represent her on the international tribunal which soon will try Japan's highest-ranking war-crimes suspects.

Named were Maj. Gen. of Justice I. M. Zaryanov, of the military college in Moscow, supreme court; and Minister S. A. Golunsky, director of judicial sciences.

Japanese General Sentenced To Hang

MANILA, Feb. 1 (AP)—Japanese Lt. Gen. Hikotaro Tajima was sentenced by a U. S. military court commission today to hang and 13 other Nipponese officers drew lesser sentences for the execution of three U. S. Navy fliers in November, 1944, on Batan island off northern Luzon. The American fliers, whose names were withheld, were bayoneted and beheaded.

APPOINTED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Appointment of John Province, formerly of Red Lodge, Mont., as assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, was announced today by Secretary of Interior Ickes.

Fire Damages Sequin Club

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 1 (AP)—Fire of unknown origin badly damaged the \$30,000 Sequin club early this morning, and had started eating into the Hotel Del Rogue rooms above when the city fire department brought the blaze under control within a short time after it was discovered.

The fire started shortly after the club closed early this morning. It began in the small lobby, spreading into the cloak room and gutting both the lobby and the cloak room. Burning through the ceiling of the lobby, the fire burned into the club proper and destroyed some of the ceiling there.

Most of the damage within the club proper was caused by smoke and water, while an estimated estimate of the damage to the club and to the hotel had not been made this morning.

The Sequin club was opened just before New Years by Rex Godding, owner of the Hotel Del Rogue in which it is located, and was probably the most modern night club in southern Oregon.

Talk Held On Spud Acreage

MERRILL, Feb. 1—A round table discussion on the 1946 anticipated potato acreage and a report of the activities of the grange agriculture committee on "The Goal For Postwar Farm Commodities," by J. Leonard Pope, chairman of that committee, highlighted the January 28 meeting of the Merrill grange in the Odd Fellows hall.

Percy and Marjorie Bush were initiated and Mrs. Bessie Aubrey was appointed chairman of the committee to remember those who are ill.

"Resolutions for the good of the grange" were presented by E. E. Kilpatrick in the absence of Mrs. Kilpatrick, lecturer, who was ill.

Members voted to be hosts at a get-together and social evening, Monday, February 11, when all farmers and their families in the Merrill community are cordially invited to be present. The party, to be held in the Odd Fellows hall, is not limited to grange members. There will be no business session. Entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Mary Pope is planned and refreshments will be served.

Woman Ordered To Remain At Home

MILWAUKIE, Feb. 1 (AP)—A woman shipyard worker was freed of a 60-day jail sentence today provided she quits her job and takes care of her daughters.

Mrs. Edith Buchholz was sentenced to 60 days and fined \$20 for allowing her 12-year-old daughter to stay out of school to care for a little sister. The woman's husband testified the family had sufficient means without her working.

Justice of the Peace G. W. Thiessen said he would not impose either the sentence or fine if the woman remained at home.

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News Notes and Comment

By JOAN O'NEILL

The Pelican basketball squad left this afternoon for Ashland where they will play a game both Friday and Saturday night. The Pels had several games with Ashland earlier in the season here.

Scholarships Offered To Seniors
Seven scholarships have been opened to the senior class members. Mills college, Pomona college, the Purdue university school of pharmacy have offered scholarships to the seniors. Harvard and the University of Chicago are both offering a chance to qualifying students.

There are two other scholarships which are from outside interests. One of them is for any Oregon school and the other is given by the Pepsi-Cola company. This one is a four-year scholarship. Each of the scholarships carries its own special qualifications. Exact information may be obtained from the office.

Faculty Attends Banquet
At the Klamath Teachers' association banquet which was held last night, several of the KUHS teachers rendered their bit to the program in the form of a male quartet. Paul Deller, Fred Goodwin, John Best and Wendell Smith sang several songs that were in a light-hearted vein. Charles Woodhouse helped with his piano accompaniment. The banquet was given for all city teachers. Houston Robinson, KUHS faculty member, is president of the group.

And Incidentally
Next Tuesday the Klamath Basin league is putting on a basketball game in Pelican court for the March of Dimes benefit. Student tickets are 30 cents and adult tickets are 60 cents. This is not a school affair and season or student body tickets will not admit patrons.

Stanley Woodruff, principal, signed a check the other day that went to the government for taxes. The check was for taxes on the basketball tickets and so forth. It was written for the amount of \$8051.

Several more members of this year's senior class are leaving. Don Gourley, Dick Foust, Jack Fossum and Ivan Thompson have contacted Stanley Woodruff and told him of their intention to join the navy.

The polishing agent in many toothpastes is dibasic calcium phosphate.

3 Birds Reported Killed Illegally

Three birds, all types protected by state law, were seen Wednesday strung up on a fence on the Rocky Point road.

The birds, one bald eagle and two hawks, a red-tail and an American rough-leg, had evidently been shot, Mrs. F. O. Small who saw the birds, said.

Whoever killed the birds must not have known that there is a state law against molesting them, Mrs. Small said. These birds are beneficial to farmers as they feed on field mice, grasshoppers and locusts in the summer time, she said.

Hackett Joins Faculty Staff

TULELAKE, Feb. 1—Donald Hackett, recently discharged as a lieutenant in the navy, has been added to the faculty of the Tulelake high school. It was announced this week by Eugene Kile, high school principal. A graduate of the University of Illinois he played for four years as a drum major in the university band. He was discharged at Alameda, January 11. Before entering the navy he taught industrial arts at St. Louis, Mo.

He will reorganize and teach the Honker band and tentative plans include evening classes for band students twice a week. He will instruct also in photography, electric-radio, mechanical drawing and shop. With Mrs. Hackett he has moved into one of the newly completed teachers' apartments.

Kile announced also dates for the end of the school year, with baccalaureate services scheduled for June 2, commencement June 5, and the official end of the year on June 7.

Monday marked the end of the first semester and students received cards Thursday.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Columbia Highway Reopened

SALEM, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Columbia River highway, which has been closed for several weeks at the east city limits of Astoria, was reopened today to normal traffic, the state highway commission announced.

Traffic has been detouring around the closed section, going through the Tongue Point naval base.

Other road conditions were changed only slightly, with more snow falling on the mountain passes.

The daily road report: Santiam Junction—30 degrees, snowing lightly. Packed snow on road. Four inches new snow, total at summit 116 inches, at junction 69 inches. Chains advised.

Odeil Lake—Overcast, 25 degrees, total snow at summit 132 inches. Packed snow east of milepost 47.

Siskiyou Summit—Packed snow. Road Sanded
Klamath Falls—16 degrees and cloudy at Sun mountain pass, 103 inches total snow, road sanded. Temperatures 10 on Greensprings and 12 on Quartz mountain, cloudy at both places and roads sanded.

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Astoria—One-way traffic on Coast highway at Manzanita. Pendleton—Pavement wet.

Meacham—Overcast, 31 degrees, five inches new snow, total 45 inches. Packed snow on road.

La Grande—Snowing lightly, 5 to 6 inches new snow, packed snow on road.

Baker—Half inch new snow, pavement slick.

Burns—Overcast, total snow 5 inches.

John Day—One inch new snow.

Astoria—11 inches new snow, total 54 inches, snowing hard.

Red Colonel Assassinated

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Bucharest radio said today that Lt. Col. Peter Nekrasievitch, Russian member of the allied control commission in Romania, had been assassinated.

The radio said that at funeral services, held Wednesday, the Russian ambassador to Romania declared that Nekrasievitch was killed by "fascist remnants still active in Romania," who were "resorting to terrorist acts."

The radio report gave scant news about the colonel's death, but said only that he "has fallen victim to a base attempt on his life on his return from a mission to Pitesta."

Police Check Man Before Sentence

PORTLAND, Feb. 1 (AP)—Pre-sentence investigation of Virgil Cramer Lewis, 23, charged with stealing 25 blank money orders from the Wauna, Ore., post office and cashing some here, was underway today.

Despite his plea of innocent on grounds of insanity, he was found guilty on each of five counts. Two others who pleaded

guilty to a similar charge—Dorothy Louise Wright, 19, Broken Bow, Okla., and Frederick Leroy McIntyre, 26, Los Angeles—also will be sentenced later.

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