

TRUMAN BACKS PAULEY TO LIMIT

Chief Says Nomination Will Stand

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Truman said today he intended to back Edwin W. Pauley to the limit in his fight for confirmation as navy undersecretary.

The president told his news conference he usually backed any man he was for, when asked whether the suggestion of Senator Stewart (D-Tenn.) that Pauley should withdraw would change his attitude.

A reporter, repeating a question that has been asked of the president at two previous news conferences, wanted to know whether Mr. Truman intended to withdraw Pauley's nomination. The president gave a flat no.

"Does that mean that Pauley will have your full support if he insists on fighting it out?" a reporter pressed.

The president replied that when he gets behind a man he usually stays behind him.

Pauley, meanwhile, brushed aside demands that he ask Mr. Truman to withdraw his nomination.

With the senate naval committee's investigation of his qualifications in recess until next Tuesday, Pauley told a reporter he wants his name to go to a senate vote because he is confident he will be confirmed.

A second legislator today urged Pauley to withdraw. Senator Morse (R-Ore.), told reporters he had just returned from a speaking trip which took him through several states and that "this Pauley case has the country rocked."

Should Withdraw
"He (Pauley) professes loyalty to the president," Morse said. "If he's really loyal he ought to withdraw and save the president embarrassment."

Senator Stewart (D-Tenn.) in a formal statement yesterday demanded that Pauley withdraw "out of common decency," asserting the democratic party is "seriously split" over the nomination.

Called to testify next Tuesday are T. S. Petersen, vice president, and H. D. Collier, member of the board, of the Standard Oil Company of California and Vic Rossetti, president of the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Los Angeles.

Edwin Pauley opens his brief case preparatory to taking the witness stand at the senate naval affairs committee meeting where his nomination as under secretary of navy is being heard.

5000 Trucks Idle In China
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP) Brig. Gen. T. M. Osborne reported today there are 4000 to 5000 new trucks standing idle in China, but disclaimed army responsibility for them.

Osborne was asked by members of the house expenditures committee about reports that "miles and miles" of surplus trucks are being junked.

The officer, attached to headquarters of the army service forces, said the army had the trucks sent to India for relay to China over the Lido road.

The trucks were to be transferred to China under lend-lease procedure, he said, but this was prevented when such transactions were halted at the end of the war.

Egypt Scene Of Wild Riot
CAIRO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Swarms of demonstrators, shouting "down with England," attacked the All Saints Anglican Cathedral, attempted to invade a British army barracks, burned military stores and touched off riot, disorder and gunfire in Egypt today.

Responding to a call of student and union leaders for a general one-day strike in Egypt's principal cities as a demonstration of their determination to have British troops withdrawn from all the Nile valley, from 100,000 to 150,000 persons roamed the streets and squares of Cairo. The city's shops and factories were closed.

The crowd attacking the cathedral in Cairo looted the bishop's house and set fire to the cathedral hall.

Another throng set fire to an RAF storehouse in downtown Cairo and guards who opened fire wounded three.

Septuplet Claim Another 'Duck'
PARIS, Feb. 21 (AP)—News men concluded today that it must have been a touch of spring that prompted a Parisian to report in an English news agency the birth of seven children yesterday to a woman of tiny Rue Grande.

Their investigation along the left bank of the Seine convinced them the reported birth of septuplets was another "duck," as the French say for a false report

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LANCASTER STRIKE ENDS

Lewis Calls Meeting Of UMW Group

Huge General Motors Walkout Remains Deadlocked

By The Associated Press
John L. Lewis today called a meeting March 11 of the United Mine Workers policy committee—the body which has authority to reopen the union's contract with soft coal operators—and transit workers voted to end their 16-day walkout at Lancaster, Pa., which had snowballed into a general AFL sympathy strike call.

These were the day's major developments along the labor front: 1. Lewis made no announcement of his intentions after a day and a half of conferences with his district presidents. The present UMW contract expires April 1 provided either side gives notice to that effect within 30 days prior to that time.

2. Bus and trolley operators at Lancaster ratified a union-management agreement which they said provided a 12-cent an hour wage increase. The strikers originally had demanded 20 cents.

No Agreement
3. The CIO United Auto Workers in Detroit reported the union was "as far apart as we were 10 days ago" in reaching agreement with the General Motors corporation on the issues of wages and promotion preference on a seniority basis.

4. A power strike in the vital Pittsburgh industrial area was set for 12:01 a. m. February 25 but negotiations for a settlement of a wage dispute will continue until the deadline. The independent employees of the Duquesne Light company conducted a 19-hour work stoppage earlier this month, affecting 1,500,000 consumers.

Union and management representatives reached an agreement in Lancaster early today to end the 16-day transit strike which had seriously interfered with business in the Pennsylvania community of 60,000, but the agreement was to be submitted to the AFL union membership for ratification.

Terms of the settlement in the dispute involving wages and other issues were not immediately disclosed nor was it known definitely when the 220 strikers, trolley and bus workers of the Conestoga Transportation company, would return to work. They struck on February 6 for hourly wage increases of 20 cents and 25 other demands.

English Wife Of KF Man Arrives

Mrs. Joyce Lucy Patty, wife of Thomas E. Patty of Klamath Falls, was one of six English war brides to arrive in Portland today to meet their American servicemen husbands.

Patty was in Portland to meet his wife whom he had married in England while he was in service as a technical sergeant with the army air force. They are expected here this weekend. Patty is employed in the engraving department of The Herald and News and is the son of Floyd Patty, well known Klamath resident. Mr. and Mrs. Patty will live at 741 Alameda.

Faulty Indictment Tosses Arson Case Out Of Court

A faulty indictment yesterday freed Alva W. Downs, former city building inspector who for six months has been in the county jail on a charge of arson.

Downs was released immediately after the case was thrown out of court. The trial against the former inspector started Wednesday morning and two witnesses, D. L. Mosier and Mrs. Mabel Shearer, were put on the stand by the prosecution before the noon recess.

At 2 o'clock, when the jury returned to the box, R. F. McLaren, Downs' attorney, informed the court he had a motion to present and the jury was excused again.

McLaren then pointed out that the indictment against his client, as drawn up, did not conform to the Oregon arson law code in that nothing was said about the house burning.

The indictment read:—

Two Die In Equator-Crossing Initiation



Two San Francisco youths, LeRoy Robert Bragg, 14, (left) and Stanford Fluitt, 16, died as result of equator-crossing initiation aboard SS Frederick W. Galbraith January 26, off coast of Ecuador, and another barely survived ordeal. Shipboard tragedy occurred when the sailors drank a potion consisting of pound and a half of saltpeter mixed with gallon of water, as part of Neptune's rites, according to letters received by relatives of the boys.

British Troops Clash With Seamen In Waterfront Riot

BOMBAY, Feb. 21 (AP)—British troops and striking seamen of the royal Indian navy battled near the Bombay waterfront today while warcraft of the mutineers maneuvered in the harbor. Bloody civilian riots broke out in the heart of the city tonight.

Police fired repeatedly on street mobs after failing to break them up with lathes. Spectators said there were many casualties. Three street cars and three buses were halted and set afire after the passengers were forced out. Gas lights were extinguished and, in the confusion rioters smashed windows and a theatre display case and looted some jewelry shops and restaurants.

Auto Plunge Kills Admiral

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21 (AP) Vice Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson, attached to the joint chiefs of staff in Washington, D. C., drowned today when his automobile plunged overboard from a Norfolk-Portsmouth ferryboat on the Norfolk side of Elizabeth river.

His wife, Mrs. Catherine Wilkinson, escaped from the sinking car by breaking a window and was taken to General hospital where she was being treated for shock and exposure.

Coast guard divers recovered the admiral's body. Mrs. Wilkinson was rescued by ferry company employees. Employees of the ferry company said the admiral's car was first to board the ferry at the terminal here and that it ran the entire length of the boat and plunged through the safety gates and into the water without stopping.

Col. Brooks To Leave Barracks

Col. Charles T. Brooks, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, said today he plans to leave here about February 23, and will be attached to the department of the Pacific headquarters of the corps at San Francisco.

Members of the Kiwanis club, of which he is an associate member, paid tribute and said farewell to the colonel at luncheon today. Capt. Lowell T. Coggeshall, chief medical officer at the Barracks, said he will remain here for at least several more weeks.

Crew Struggles To Free Miners

HERFORD, Germany, Feb. 21 (AP)—Rescue workers dug through debris today in an effort to reach hundreds of German miners and three British technicians trapped by an explosion in the Grimberg pit near Kamen.

In 24 hours, the squads were able to bring out only 52 men alive and nine dead. The workings employed 480.

The director of coal production in the Ruhr said he had established that some of the 437 men still in the pit were alive. Their shouts were heard today from a shift 900 yards deep. It may be days before rescuers can reach them, authorities said.

Reds Admit Obtaining Atom Data

Anti-Soviet Canadian Attitude Blasted By Russia

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Russia said today its representatives had obtained "insignificant . . . secret data" in Canada and its press accused the Canadian government of using the espionage expose for "an unbridled anti-Soviet campaign."

The Moscow newspaper Pravda, organ of the communist party, charged editorially that Canada made the statement to distract attention from the "political failure" of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin at the United Nations assembly meeting.

A Canadian spokesman commented in Ottawa: "The Soviet statement started out as an admission of guilt sufficient to cause the withdrawal of its military attaches, and then proceeded to minimize the whole matter and sought to make political capital by imputing the motives to the Canadian government."

The Canadian government was under increasing pressure to lift the news blackout on the investigation into the alleged spy plot.

While the wordfest continued across the Arctic wastes, a survey in Washington showed that the top secrets of the atomic bomb remained with the United States exclusively.

These included the industrial process for mass production of the bomb material; the component parts of the completed bombs, and the precise information on pressures, radioactivity, heat and other characteristics of the explosion.

Vanport Vets College Eyed

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—State board of higher education officials held without comment today two letters suggesting use of the war-built Vanport housing area as an extension college for war veterans.

Dr. Willard Marks, board chairman, said last night he had no comment when asked about the report that the proposal had been made to the board.

Letters from the Portland housing authority and the Vanport school system outlining facilities available were given the board, but no action was reported after this week's session. The board at the present time is considering taking over the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks for use as a veterans' school.

County Offices To Close Friday

Offices and buildings which will observe Washington's birthday by closing Friday include the Klamath county courthouse, all banks, city hall, Oregon liquor control commission store, post office, United States employment service, U. S. bureau of reclamation.

Stores, city and county schools and the library will remain open as usual.

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VA Wants Dispensary At Barracks

Plan Would Not Block College Proposal, Belief Here

Veterans administration has requested authority to utilize the dispensary at the Marine Barracks plant for a 150-bed general medical hospital for veterans, it was learned today.

It is understood here that this proposal is for use of the hospital facility only at the Barracks, and that this plan will not interfere with proposed state use of the general plant for a veterans' educational center. The two programs would be compatible, one official said, and presence of the VA program on the project might well prove most helpful to the state in its proposed activity there.

Request Submitted
The VA has submitted a request to the federal bureau of hospitalization for use of the dispensary, which is a well-equipped facility originally set up as the hospital feature of the marine activity at the Barracks. It is ready for immediate use for the new purpose.

Opinion expressed in official quarters here was that use of the Barracks dispensary for immediate veterans hospital purposes will not affect the announced VA intention to construct a veterans hospital at Klamath Falls. The dispensary at the Barracks does not meet the fireproof specifications and other requirements for a permanent veterans hospital, although such a hospital might be built on that site, making use of utilities and other facilities there.

It is possible that if the state shares the Marine Barracks plant with the veterans administration, maintenance and operations costs will be lightened for the state and it will have federal cooperation and help on the physical plant program that it might not otherwise receive.

Visit Planned
Meanwhile, plans were on foot for visits to Klamath Falls Saturday of Governor Earl Snell, and some members of both the state higher education board and the state emergency board, for a first-hand inspection of the Barracks in connection with its possible use as an educational center.

The state board of higher education has declared the plan feasible from the standpoint of educational program and physical set-up, but has said that new funds will have to be made available if the operation is attempted. Emergency funds are controlled by the state emergency board.

Truman Mum On Ickes Job

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Truman said today he is not ready to announce a successor to Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes and spiked reports that a cabinet shift is in the making.

He told a news conference he had discussed with the interior post board of higher education Justice William O. Douglas, but left up in the air whether Douglas would get it or even whether he had been offered the job.

At one point, he appeared to have ruled out Douglas because he said he did not want to have two cabinet members from Washington state. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, secretary of labor, is from that state.

Man Cleared Of Shotgun Slaying

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—James R. Phelps, 31, of Lakeview, Ore., was acquitted yesterday of the shotgun slaying last August of John Harder, 52, of Long Beach. Phelps was returned here from Oregon several weeks after Harder's body was found in a vacant lot.

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It is close to us, the problem of getting our industrial machine out of the mud-doubt and suspicion and finally into which it has been sinking deeper and deeper as the days pass has our attention here on the practical extension of world affairs.

At the moment, this strictly domestic problem seems a long way from a solution. In the world front, however, is being again.

It is always a cloud on the horizon, is quarreling with the motives back of the darkly into detail that body had stolen or bribed some atom bomb (without charging) the culprit admits today that her

It is to Russia's interest to promote the idea that she has, or is ABOUT TO have, the atom bomb secret. This bolsters her position in water on her wheel. It is surprising that she

It is also obvious that Russia is engaged in a diplomatic battle, each charging the other with "undemocratic" practices—Russia pointing the shambler at British activities in Greece, Indonesia, etc., British retorting by calling attention to Russian enterprises in the Balkans, Poland, the states and elsewhere.

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