

# TELEPHONE WALKOUT CALLED OFF

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# SPYS SAID TRYING TO STEAL A-BOMB SECRET

## Few Enter Political Races Here Death Of Candidates Reported As Time Limit Nears

This day before the filing deadline finds a dearth of candidates for local political offices and on the basis of the situation today there will be only two local contests at the May 17 primary. Tomorrow is the last day for filing.

The circuit judgeship, a non-partisan affair, and the republican surveyor nomination, are the only contests in sight. There is at least one candidate for nomination to each office to be filed this year, but the field is notably lacking in competition.

Two candidates have filed for the main local office, judgeship of the 13th judicial district. David R. Vandenberg, incumbent, is seeking re-election. Such for a second term and is opposed in the non-partisan voting by District Attorney Clarence A. Humble.

Filing Petition  
W. Lamar Townsend, local attorney, is in Salem today to file his petition for the democratic nomination to congress from this district, and Lowell Stockman of Pendleton has stated that he will be a republican candidate for re-election.

State Senator Marshall Cornett's campaign for the senate presidency appears to be moving along favorably and the Oregon Voter, state political magazine, reports that Cornett has 16 votes pledged for the post. Sixteen is enough for election. Senator Walsh of Coos Bay has seven pledges.

Three persons, Republicans Rose Poole and Troy Cook and Democrat Henry Semon will be in the running for the two Klamath county seats in the Oregon lower house. Mrs. Poole and Semon are now in the legislature.

Commission Post  
Ernest William Massey filed Tuesday with the county clerk for democratic nomination for the one county commission post open this year and the incumbent, Fred Pope, republican, filed several weeks ago for reelection.

Also filing Tuesday was Frank Z. Howard, county surveyor seeking re-nomination as a republican. Wally Hector, county engineer, will also be in the running for the job as a republican.

Newton Nelson, democratic tax assessor, at present is unopposed in his candidacy for a return to that office, and likewise Gary B. Cozad is the only candidate filing for Linkville district constable. Cozad is a republican.

Ed. Davis, Merrill, filed Tulalee district constable, filed today for the democratic nomination to his job again.

## Merchant Seamen Threaten Ship's Officers, Captain

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7 (AP)—Vancouver city police were called aboard a Liberty ship today to quiet a group of merchant seamen who were threatening the ship's officers and had caused the captain to barricade himself in his cabin.

Police collected fire axes and other arms from aboard the ship and took them for safekeeping.

The Norwegian-born captain, Carl Heydahl of San Francisco, blamed the uprising on "minor grievances," such as food, which had arisen during the S. S. James B. Duke's eight months at sea.

"I had been rather expecting a little trouble," Heydahl said. Yesterday, he said, three crew members attacked the chief steward, Albert Rweime, of Holland, as he walked down a Vancouver street.

## Wreckage Of Ill-Fated Airliner



Shattered American Airlines luxury plane, Los Angeles-bound from New York, which ploughed into fog shrouded peak of rugged Laguna mountains near San Diego, Calif., early Sunday morning, killing 27 persons aboard, including passengers and crew. Mountain blizzards at this scene delayed work of rescue party. —NEA telephoto.

## Housing Bill, Stripped Of Provisions, Passes House

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—Stripped of provisions for construction subsidies and price ceilings on existing housing, the administration's housing bill finally passed the house today.

A 357 to 24 roll call vote sent the bill to the senate.

House action followed a week of debate during which administration forces were repeatedly defeated in efforts to retain original administration recommendations.

Nineteen republicans and five democrats voted against the bill. The house earlier had refused the motion of Rep. Jessie Sumner (R-Ill.) to send the legislation back to committee, by a 304 to 76 vote.

Absent from the measure as it headed into a new fight in the senate was any mention of subsidies to spur home construction. The administration had battled vainly for a \$800,000,000 subsidy provision which President Truman had described as "the very heart" of his program to build 2,700,000 homes for veterans during the next two years.

The bill includes a provision for price ceilings on new construction. That the subsidy fight would be renewed in the senate was indicated when Sen. Kilgore (D-W. Va.) assailed the house action as "a serious blow to the nation's economy" in a statement.

Kilgore accused republicans and "short-sighted democrats" of having "seen fit to vote down" a proposal intended to help our homeless veterans and their families obtain decent housing.

Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt said the much-amended bill was in such shape it would not achieve the goal of 2,700,000 new homes.

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—A group of western and mid-western senators opened a campaign today to keep prisoners of war in the United States this spring and summer—as insurance for a full sugar bowl.

A committee was authorized to ask President Truman and the war department to halt the homeward movement of POW's. The same committee will ask the state department to intensify negotiations with Mexico for importation of farm laborers.

This course was decided upon by the senators after they met late Wednesday with Secretary of Agriculture Anderson. Aspects of a threatened acute labor shortage in the sugar beet areas were discussed.

Russia Holds Up Repat Program  
TOKYO, March 7 (AP)—Rear Adm. Charles B. Momsen said today the United States would not know when it could complete the repatriation of almost 6,500,000 Japanese until Russia decides when it will release large numbers of them.

Momsen, administrator of the navy's shipping control authority, said there are 1,700,000 Japanese in Manchuria "as near as we can figure." Others are in the Kurile islands, Sakhalin peninsula and Russia.

## Countries Involved Not Told Spokesman Says Probe Revealed Attempted Theft In U. S.

By CLAIR JOHNSON  
WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—The house committee investigating un-American activities said today foreign agents are trying to steal America's atom bomb secrets.

Chairman John S. Wood (D-Ga.) told newsmen the committee has authorized him to announce that an investigation has disclosed the theft attempt.

He added that the committee is cooperating with "other government agencies, particularly the war department."

Wood phrased his remarks cautiously in discussing the inquiry with reporters. He declined to name the nations involved.

Asked whether the investigation showed any connection between the reported theft efforts here and those recently announced in Canada, Wood replied:

"I don't know. I'm not sure just what agents were at work up there."

The Canadian government has accused Russia of attempting to obtain secret information, including data about the atomic bomb. Moscow has said the data obtained from Canadian citizens was of no special interest to Soviet authorities.

Wood said the committee had authorized him to say:

"We have been conducting an investigation for several months to see if subversive forces are at work against the government in connection with development of atomic energy."

"Information we have secured shows decidedly that there are efforts being made to obtain information that the United States government hasn't authorized to be given out."

"There are influences in this country trying to obtain this information in an illegal way."

"American people may be involved, but it is primarily a foreign attempt."

## Ickes Confab Pauley Issue

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—Edwin W. Pauley said today two other government officials were present during the entire conversation with Harold L. Ickes had charged Pauley with offering "the rawest proposition ever made to me."

President Truman's nominee for undersecretary of the navy told reporters that he, Robert E. Hannegan, democratic national committee chairman and postmaster general, and OPA Chief Paul Porter left Ickes' office together after a conference September 6, 1944.

Ickes has testified Pauley suggested to him at the conference that \$300,000 in democratic campaign funds could be raised from oil men if the government did not press a suit for title to tidelands oil areas. Pauley, who was then democratic national treasurer, has denied this.

Ickes had said the proposal was made after Hannegan and Porter had left and when only Abe Fortas, former undersecretary of interior, was present. Fortas told the committee previously there had been discussion of the tidelands issue and of contributions but he did not remember whether they had been linked.

## Faints In Dramatic Finale To Trial



S/Sgt. Frank Hirt, 31, acquitted by army court-martial of charges that he conspired to commit espionage against U. S. slumps unconscious to floor after hearing verdict read. Capt. Jean Morony, bending over Hirt, attempts to revive the over-worked sergeant who remained unconscious for 10 minutes. His wife, Jean, who sat faithfully in court during two-week trial, sobbed hysterically. —NEA telephoto.

## Runaway Charges To Result From Juvenile Booze Bout

Runaway charges will be filed against three Klamath Falls high school students who were involved in a liquor party and subsequent flight from town 10 days ago, juvenile officials said today.

The trio, two boys aged 17 and 16, and a 15-year-old girl, are now in detention awaiting a court hearing.

Meanwhile, a charge may be filed by the district attorney against a man who allegedly sold the older boy the quart of liquor which began the affair.

A week ago last Friday the older boy went to school and proposed a weekend party at his house, asking the younger boy and the girl to come along. His parents were away for the weekend.

The older boy, who is employed in a grocery store, had a customer get him a quart of whiskey, juvenile officials said.

At the party all three became intoxicated and the girl stayed at the house all night.

Next morning, realizing what they had done, the three left Klamath Falls and went to Chemult where they sought work in order to get enough money to go to Alaska. In the meantime their parents had notified officials that the youngsters were missing.

The younger boy and the girl were found in a Chemult hotel room last Friday night by Faye Lucas, juvenile officer, and the other boy was located near Chemult.

They told officials here they had intended to go to Alaska rather than face their parents and also told who had furnished them the whiskey.

## Robber Slays Baker Woman

BAKER, Ore., March 7 (AP)—Miss Lilah Mack, 40, an employee of the Western Union here for three years, was shot twice in the back, dragged onto the lawn of a Baker home, slashed twice in the throat and died immediately after 9 o'clock last night.

She was returning home from work. Robbery was given by State Police Captain Dunn as the motive for the killing.

A nearby resident reported to city and state police she saw a man dragging a body on the lawn of a home. Police began to comb the entire Baker area for suspects.

Captain Dunn said Miss Mack was not subjected to attack. Her purse apparently was missing. No suspects had been taken this morning, Captain Dunn said.

## Man Found Dead With Throat Cut

YREKA, Calif., March 7 (AP)—A man registered as Dr. Ernest C. Miller of La Grande, Ore., was found dead in a motor court shower room today, his throat slashed and a blood covered scalpel at his side. A hypodermic needle lay nearby.

Deputy Sheriff Brice Hammack said it was evident the man had ended his own life, and that he probably first administered a local anesthetic to his throat. The body had slumped to the floor under a mirror.

## Harry Moves To Head Off Rail Strike

Train Tie-Up Slated To Begin Monday At 6 A. M.

By The Associated Press  
A threatened nationwide strike of telephone workers was called off today, just 25 minutes before the 6 a. m. (EST) deadline, and White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said President Truman would name an emergency board "very soon" in a move to head off a coast-to-coast railroad tie-up set for Monday.

The Brotherhoods of Railway Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers have notified their 300,000 members to start a progressive walkout at 6 a. m. (EST) Monday, which they said would cripple the nation's rail systems.

Respect Government  
However, Alvanley Johnston, head of the engineers, said yesterday that the brotherhoods would "consider any action taken by the government because we have always bowed in respect to the power of the government."

Under the railway labor act, presidential appointment of an emergency board to investigate a dispute is presumed to forestall any work stoppage from 30 to 60 days, until the panel has had an opportunity to review the issues and submit recommendations.

The weekly newspaper "Labor" which is published at Washington by a group of 15 railway brotherhoods, including the engineers but not the firemen, said the chances were "100-to-1" there would be no strike. Some 18 brotherhoods have agreed to submit their wage demands to binding arbitration but the trainmen and engineers dissented and called the strike.

Meanwhile, John L. Lewis, president of the AFL United Mine Workers, and William L. Hutcheson, president of the AFL carpenters union, were called to the White House for a conference with President Truman but neither would discuss the visit. Lewis has filed a strike notice for some 400,000 soft coal miners but there was no indication this was discussed.

Collapse of the scheduled telephone strike came as time pressed for government negotiators who had striven incessantly for 17 hours to avert the walkout.

However, the settlement came too late to prevent interruption of service in several cities where pickets either had jumped the gun or failed to receive word of the agreement before the deadline.

Officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in New York said a survey showed service was normal throughout the country.

## Winema Will Be Remodeled

An additional story and extensive improvements of the lobby and dining room will be undertaken on the Winema hotel this year, owners of the hotel announced today. The enlargements and improvements will cost approximately \$125,000.

When the job is done, the hotel will have four stories and 135 rooms. The additional story will add 35 rooms.

The lobby is to be enlarged to include the present coffee shop. It will be extensively remodeled and redecorated in the most modern fashion.

The large room at the rear of the present lobby, now used as dining room for special occasions, will house the regular dining facilities to be offered by the hotel.

The Winema is owned and operated by a group of local men — T. B. Watters, Merle West, C. A. Dunn and A. M. Collier. They indicated they expect to have plans prepared immediately in order to get construction going in the coming building season.

Anticipating heavy travel and other factors creating a heavy demand for hotel accommodations, the owners said they want to make the Winema as attractive as possible in service and appointments.

## Former Film Funnyman Fath

SANTA MONICA, March 7 (AP)—Grey-hair film funnyman, is a father again. His wife, the 20-year-old Oona O'Neill, became a mother for the second time last night, bearing a son weighing seven and a-half pounds. Mrs. Chaplin, daughter of Playwright Eugene O'Neill, bore her first baby, a girl, in July, 1944. Miss O'Neill married the comic in June, 1943.

## Frank Jenkins

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Ceballos, up in Washington, Farmer surprises thieves were trying to steal his car. They shoot at him and he is killed.

The car is spotted later in a field. As officers approach occupants open fire and flee. Shortly afterward it is seen in a parked car, crashed across the street into a ditch and eventually comes to rest, wrecked.

The injured bandit is taken to the hospital. Another bandit is captured later in the area.

The pleasant little northwestern Oregon city of Baker, 10-year-old spinsters, on her home front work, is shot from the back and dragged to the lawn of a nearby home, where she is slashed twice in the back and dies.

Investigating police name the motive. Her assassin has not been apprehended. This is written.

CHANGE goes on for quiet in some towns in Washington Oregon.

They confirm FBI Edgar's recent warning that there is a bad crime wave in this country.

There has always been crime. It seems likely there always will be. It may be no worse than in the past—which we go on to look back to as good old days. As communications and news-gathering methods improve, we may just see more crimes of violence.

It would be strange if, all these years when kill-people was the No. 1 business throughout a great part of the world, we DIDN'T have a lot of crime.

It tends to grow—including habits of thinking and behavior.

That is the answer? About the only answer that can offer any promise of permanent improvement is regeneration.

It might help if we would ourselves to regard crime as something interesting and thrilling to read about and as something horrible revolting to contemplate.

WASHINGTON dispatches this morning describe a new plan for foreign policy game. U. S. diplomatic officials (used) cite our recent moves against Argentina and Spain as signs that our new, "tougher" foreign policy is not aimed at SSA alone. They point out we talked tough to Argentina and Spain before we began to talk tough to the Soviets.

Of course, fools no longer understand that we can do as much as we please to Moscow and Madrid without getting into any serious trouble.

It does help to take the edge off our new Russian attitude and it leaves a face-saving OUT if something should happen.

His writer has a foolish, private-citizen notion that what democracy really needs is a new technique is more sincerity and straightforwardness.

IDENTALLY, Franco stands in Spain and tells us he doesn't propose to quit just because we don't like him, while Argentina Peron, whom we are to defeat, seems to be using the election in a big way.

The Russians, who are stark mad, will in all probability win from our setbacks in Argentina and Spain the conclusion that our "new and better" foreign policy isn't going to be scared off.

Foreign affairs, as elsewhere, RESULTS are more important than words.

The house of representatives, after stripping the administration housing bill of SUBSIDIES, passes it and sends it to the senate. Democratic Member Kilgore thereupon accuses opponents and "short-sighted democrats" of having "seen fit to vote down a proposal designed to help our homeless veterans and their families obtain decent housing."

Such is the game of politics. The fact remains, however, that the housing bill goes through WITHOUT subsidies the veterans will probably get houses as quickly and will be LESS burdened by taxes in future years when tax money will come from the sale of shoes.

## Shoe Opening!

COULEE DAM, March 7 (AP)—Bureau of reclamation is looking for someone who can repair 8000 shoes in repair. It announced today it would accept offers until March 12 to repair shoes in this community of Coulee Dam. There's room for only one shoe repairer. The operator will have a monopoly on at least 8000 pairs of shoes.