

PORTLAND ASKS ACTION ON FRANCO

Tunes From The Gay Nineties



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Egert, Klamath county pioneers, play a concert roller organ before donating it to the Klamath Museum commission. (See story on page 2).

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WEATHER NEWS	
April 10	40 Min. 34
Max. (April 9)	40 Min. 34
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	11.75
Normal	5.54 Last year 8.10
Forecast: Wind and rain.	

Spain Said Threatening World Peace

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Poland asked the United Nations security council today to take action against the Franco regime in Spain on the ground that it has already threatened world peace and is a haven for Nazi assets and German scientists "devising new means of warfare."

The Polish appeal, filed by Ambassador Oscar Lange with Secretary General Trygve Lie, piled up another big political issue for the peace-enforcement body even before it had struggled out from the weight of the Iranian case.

The next round in the Iranian case will come at noon Monday, a secret meeting of council members decided today, when Russia will urge and the United States a new Britain oppose prompt dismissal of Iran's complaints against Russia.

Lange cited as evidence of the threat to peace and of the "international friction" which he said were caused by Franco's government the fact that on February 26, 1946, the Spanish-French frontier was closed and next day the Spanish regime "ordered the concentration of troops at the border of France."

Moreover, he said, the Spanish government has given haven to Nazi assets and personnel and to "war criminals and Nazi leaders who continue their activities" for Spain.

Also, said Lange's letter, the Franco administration "allows and promotes scientific research by German scientists engaged in devising new means of warfare."

Lange did not say exactly what the council ought to do about it but he urged "adoption of such measures as are provided for in the charter."

He took sharp issue with the official American position, as stated in state department notes on Spain, that the situation revolving around Franco is an internal one for the Spanish people to handle. He sought to show that the United Nations charter bolstered his position.

Women Trek To Polls In Jap Election

TOKYO, April 10 (AP)—Twenty-five million Japanese—led by a surprisingly large number of women who lined up early at polling places—today elected a postwar government in their first free election in generations.

Four parties were arrayed in the election of 468 members of the house of representatives—the liberals and progressives, representing the conservatives in Japan's political life, and the leftist social democrats and communists.

The few issues were those of conservatives versus the left-wing. The communists alone plumped for elimination of the emperor system.

There was no indication of trend. First reports of the count are expected by late Thursday.

Political experts earlier had forecast victory for conservatives, but with no single party winning a majority of the seats at stake.

The Tokyo vote was between 65 and 70 per cent of those eligible for slightly higher than the confused and semi-restricted 1937 election but considerably less than the 86 per cent under the Hideki Tojo coercion that marked the 1942 voting.

A slightly higher trend was perceptible in several nearby rural communities.

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Many who asked for ballots were unable to vote because of mixed records and poorly coordinated registration, partially due to recent population shifts.

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Carry Out Victim In Quadruple Slaying



The body of Mrs. William C. Irwin, 38, one of the victims of a quadruple slaying at Des Moines, Ia., is carried from her home by hospital attendants. The body of the family dog, Dan, lies in the grass (arrow) where he, too, was slain. Other victims included Mrs. Irwin's two small children and her mother-in-law, William G. Irwin, newspaper printer, 41, was slightly wounded in a gun battle with police. Detective Chief Paul Castellone said Irwin told him: "... God had ordered me to kill my family."—AP wirephoto.

Redin Will Stand Trial In Seattle

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10 (AP)—Nicolai Gregorovich Redin, Russian naval lieutenant charged with espionage against this country, agreed here today to return to Seattle for trial.

Appearing before the U. S. commissioner for preliminary hearing, the 29-year-old Russian declared "I am absolutely innocent. I did not object to removing the case to Seattle."

At the brief hearing, Goodman released a statement to the press reporting Redin's assertion that "this whole thing is a build up for political purposes" and urging the American people to suspend judgment until the Russian presents his case in the courts.

Arrangements were made to change Redin's \$10,000 bond to be returnable in Seattle. That, U. S. Commissioner Robert Leedy said, has the effect of waiving the preliminary hearing.

Redin said he would leave today or tomorrow for Seattle with his wife and child.

When Redin and his attorney appeared before the commissioner this morning, they were asked if they waived the preliminary hearing.

Goodman said "No."

Mason Dillard, assistant U. S. district attorney, presented the indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Seattle. He also called one witness, Robert G. Lawrence, special FBI agent at Seattle.

Plunge Of Semi-Nude Blonde Termed As Suicide

FRANCISCO, April 10 (AP)—A blonde Virginia woman, whose body clad only in a bikini, was found on a hotel balcony after a gay weekend. She had succeeded in a attempt at suicide. Police for Alvin Corrasa said she was 21-year-old.

Dairy Farmers Ask Abolition

EM, April 10 (AP)—A group of dairy farmers demanded today that the OPA be abolished. They said it has been "demanded beyond a doubt that OPA has been unable to bring prices in the dairy industry to promote necessary production of dairy products."

The group met last night at the headquarters of the Dairy Cooperative Association and adopted a resolution, sending it today to the congressional delegation.

The resolution also charged that the OPA price policy is "discriminating against dairy farmers out of the country, and will result in milk prices that are higher than those of other countries. They also demanded equalization in the price of butterfat between the United States and other countries, and that Portland producers receive no more than a pound for a pound of butterfat."

Dorris, Tule Vote Heavy

Voters of the nearby California towns of Tulelake and Dorris held municipal elections yesterday with unusually heavy voting in both places.

At Dorris, two write-in candidates were elected to the city council, along with one incumbent. The newcomers to the council are Charles M. Floberg, a mill superintendent, who received 189 write-in votes, and Howard Beeson, an oil company agent, who received 119 votes. Harry N. Sieman, incumbent, was re-elected to the council with 148 votes.

The Dorris voters defeated Herman N. Johns, incumbent councilman, with only 52 votes, and C. E. Baldwin, another incumbent, with 48.

Floberg, Sieman and Beeson ran on a campaign promising action on civic improvements.

At Tulelake, Clarence Schott, the mayor, was re-elected to the council with 129 votes. Other councilmen chosen were William Ziegler, with 120 votes, and Al Porter, incumbent, with 132. Defeated for council were A. A. Rogdenberger and Charles Card. Harold Roath defeated Sara Welch for city treasurer. Victoria Thayer was re-elected Tulelake city clerk.

The Tulelake voters defeated a measure to make the position of city clerk appointive instead of elective. The vote was 65 yes, 105 no.

In Dorris the total vote was 170, while at Tulelake a total of 192 votes were cast.

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City Voted Oregon Map

PORTLAND, April 10 (AP)—A new city to be named Sisters, was voted yesterday's election, in an all-day snowstorm, with 115 to 61 in favor of Sisters. The town, 22 miles east of here, has 389 voters.

Extension Of Draft Pushed

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The house leadership signaled today for double-quick action on a bill for straightway continuation of the draft until February 15, 1947.

Almost as soon as the house military committee decided in favor of this nine-month extension, the measure was given a preferred place on the chamber's calendar, with debate scheduled for Friday and Saturday and a vote hoped for before the weekend recess.

The present law is due to expire exactly five weeks from today—May 15, and that space leaves congress with comparatively scant elbow room should legislative tangles develop between house and senate over details of the measure to be enacted.

Indications were that the bitter battle which preceded the committee's 15 to 8 extender recommendation late yesterday would be renewed on the house floor.

But supporters of continuing selective service viewed with comfort the fact that the house vote, when it comes, probably will be a roll-call and on the sole issue of extension. Many members, they believe, are fearful of voting on the record in an election year against a proposal which army and administration have backed so strongly.

Finney Starts Timber Falling

Timber falling operations started today on the Finney Logging company sale at Rocky Point and logging is expected to start in about two weeks, according to John Sarginson, district forest ranger, who made a trip there yesterday.

F. D. MacPherson of the engineering department of the U. S. forest service regional office in Portland, is in Klamath Falls for a couple of days checking over engineering features pertaining to timber falling operations. It is planned to bring in four sets of power saws for falling, using eight men.

N. I. Lewis is contractor for falling and V. J. Lovness, contract logger.

Forestry operations are generally hampered in most areas of the district, Sarginson said, by slow melting of snow, but it is possible Big Lakes Box company will start operations within the next couple of weeks.

Bulletin

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee's office announced that the British cabinet reached a decision at a special meeting tonight to ration bread if the United States would do the same.

Gasket Price Lift Brings Short Joy To Casket Men

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The OPA casket man is very sad today.

"Things around here are pretty awful," said Ralph Shults. "Isn't it strange what one little letter can do?"

On Monday the OPA lifted ceilings on dozens of items, including gaskets. The Associated Press hustled this news along to a breathless world, but alas, in transmission the "g" became a "c."

And casket makers from coast to coast were as happy as meadow larks.

But not the OPA.

"The calls we've had," sighed Shults, "from Cleveland, from Chicago, from New York, just seeking confirmation that we've lifted the ceiling. And the things they said when we told them that we hadn't."

Shults explained to a reporter that casket makers long have insisted that ceilings should be abolished.

The OPA said no. It still said no even after 200 congressmen wrote the OPA to check on casket ceilings.

The OPA's position, as explained by Shults, is that if ceilings are removed, prices will soar.

Shults said he thought everything had begun to quiet down. And then the transmission error bobbed up.

"One parting thought," said Shults. "Don't say anything about caskets having nothing to do with the cost of living. I've heard that gag too many times before."

Young Found Not Guilty

A circuit court jury deliberated only 50 minutes yesterday afternoon before bringing in a not guilty verdict in the case of Manson James Young, retired transfer and storage operator indicted for negligent homicide.

The trial was the result of an accident which fatally injured William H. McPherson, Klamath Falls second hand dealer, at Plum and 6th in September, 1944.

The prosecution maintained that Young was negligent in driving an automobile with the knowledge that he was subject to attacks of epilepsy and might "black out" while at the wheel.

Young's attorney, J. C. O'Neill, based his defense on a ruling made by the California supreme court in a similar case that a person who commits a crime while unconscious, and has no knowledge of the commission of the crime, cannot be found guilty.

The defendant's testimony was that he could not remember any of the circumstances of the accident and witnesses said that Young, immediately following the wreck, appeared to have had a stroke or he was in a daze.

The jury took the case at 4:08 p. m. yesterday and announced that they had a verdict just before 5 o'clock. Noel Turner was foreman of the jury.

Salt On Tail Snares Sparrow

WAUKESHA, Wis., April 10 (AP)—Three-year-old Geraldine McClurg's wish, as she watched some birds in her back yard yesterday, was that she had a bird for a pet.

Geraldine's aunt suggested she would go into the back yard and sprinkle a little salt on the tail of the bird she wanted.

"Then," she told Geraldine, "you'll be able to catch it."

The youngster took a handful of salt and went to the back yard. In a few minutes she came running into her house, shouting, and carrying a bird.

As she proudly exhibited a sparrow to her aunt, Geraldine told her she had followed her instructions to the letter.

Dock Dispute Probe Slated

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The labor department said today a fact-finding board appointed to investigate a dispute involving Pacific coast longshoremen's pay will start work here Friday.

The CIO Longshoremen's union had threatened a strike of 15,000 workers for April 1 but postponed it at the request of the labor department pending the outcome of the fact-finding panel's inquiry. Such a strike, the department said, would seriously hamper west coast shipping.

The dispute involves a union demand for a basic wage increase from \$1.15 to \$1.50 per hour, overtime and vacation provisions and retroactive pay.

The labor department said Harry Bridges, union president, and Frank P. Foise, president of the Pacific Coast Waterfront Employers' association, will attend the board's first meeting.

James L. Fly, former chairman of the federal communications commission, is head of the board. Other members are Fowler V. Harper, Indiana university law professor, and Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black of Washington state.

Service Pay Hike Proposed

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—A house military subcommittee recommended legislation today to give a \$400 yearly pay raise to all members of the armed forces.

The boost would be given to officers and enlisted men alike. The proposed increase is the same amount the house approved last week for federal employees.

The \$400 raise was proposed by Rep. Harness (R-Ind.) as a substitute for army and navy recommendations of a flat 20 per cent boost in pay and allowances of service personnel.

Army spokesmen earlier this week told the military committee the overall cost of the Harness plan would be \$668,000,000 yearly on the basis of the planned strength of the armed forces for July 1, 1947.

Scottish Custom Sends Cake To U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—An old Scottish custom brought the bottom layer of a wedding cake from Scotland to the United States, and its travels aren't ended yet.

The custom was explained by Home Mohr, 24, navy technician, who stepped off a transatlantic plane at National airport yesterday with his 20-year-old Scotch bride, Barbara.

"The Scottish custom is that the bottom layer cannot be cut until the christening of our first child," said Mohr.

Arriving In U. S.

By The Associated Press
Leonard F. Barker, T/Sgt., Klamath Falls, arriving on Lewiston Victory due in New York April 11.

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Dredge Lack Delays Salvage Of Ingots

TOKYO, April 10 (AP)—Inability to obtain dredges and other equipment has delayed the salvaging of what is reported to be \$2,000,000,000 worth of precious metals from the floor of Tokyo bay, Maj. D. A. Sanders of the first cavalry division reported today.

The cache of platinum, gold and silver ingots, dumped from a pier by the Japanese last summer, was discovered Saturday.

The source and ownership of the cache is being investigated.

8 Perish, 5 Others Hurt In Boston Back Bay Blaze

BOSTON, April 10 (AP)—Eight persons, including a mother, father and three small children, perished and five others were injured today in an early-morning fire that swept a four-story brick Back Bay apartment house and brought swift investigation by fire and police officials.

The investigation included two other fires which started within a ten-block radius while firemen were battling the flames in the apartments in Belvedere street, where the deaths occurred.

The police listed the dead as: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wassell and their children, Suzanne, 5, Linda, 3, and Peter, 2; Napoleon LaPete and his sister, Verma, and Patrolman Robert Mahar, 45.

Suzanne Mahoney, 23, was injured critically. Physicians said Mahar, who was in the area when the fire started, died from severe burns and a possible leg fracture.

Bodies of three members of the Wassell family were huddled near a window in their upper floor apartment. The others were sprawled in other parts of their home.

Thirty-three other tenants fled from the building in which the fire was burning fiercely when the first fire apparatus arrived. Other families left their homes in an adjacent building, but a fire wall prevented spread of the blaze.

The fire department, which sent members of its arson squad into action, listed the damage at \$10,000.

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Hollywood Horror Man Gets Divorce

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 10 (AP)—Boris Karloff, Hollywood horror star, was granted a divorce yesterday from Dorothy Pratt on grounds of mental cruelty. He sued under his real name, William Henry Pratt.

Custody of their daughter, Sara Jane, 7, was awarded Mrs. Pratt. Of a property settlement, the actor said: "My wife and daughter have been well taken care of, financially."

Harry Will Veto Basic Wage Bill

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—President Truman reiterated today that he will veto a pending minimum wage bill if it contains a new agricultural parity formula.

Rep. Outland (D-Calif.), chairman of a special house steering committee pushing the minimum wage bill, told reporters of the president's stand after a White House call.

Outland said Mr. Truman advised the group to fight for house passage of the bill "without crippling amendments."

"He said that if it contained the Russell amendment which the senate tied on to it, he would have to veto the measure," Outland said.

The bill would raise the present 40-cents an hour minimum wage requirements to a new scale starting at 65-cents and graduating over a period of years to 75.

An amendment by Senator Russell (D-Ga.) would require the inclusion of labor costs in a new farm parity formula. Administration leaders contend it is inflationary.

LA Women Draw One-Year Terms

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (AP)—Two married sisters, convicted on charges of luring teen-age youths to their home for immoral purposes, were sentenced to a year in jail each today by Judge Clement D. Nye.

The women, Mrs. Audrey Rightmeyer, 29, and Mrs. Goldie Lowell, 27, announced they would appeal after the court denied their motion for a new trial.