

# NAVY AIRPORT PERMIT APPROVED

## Expressmen Slate Strike; Panel Set

By The Associated Press  
President Truman appointed a fact-finding board today in a move to avert a strike of 65,000 AFL railway express employees set for 12:01 a. m. Friday.

Appointment of the board, under provisions of the national railway labor act, normally postpones any strike for at least 60 days. The board, members of which have yet to be selected, will investigate the wage dispute and submit recommendations.

Meanwhile, business at the Detroit railway express terminal was tied up for the third day as 1000 employees failed to show up for work while in New York about 12,000 workers were scheduled to leave their jobs at 12:01 a. m. Thursday, 24 hours ahead of the strike call.

**Delay Probable**  
A delay of the scheduled walk-out for at least 30 days, however, is regarded as probable with the intervention of President Truman in naming a fact-finding board to investigate and recommend settlements in the wage dispute.

The national (railway) mediation board, under railroad labor act procedure, normally sends strike notices to the White House with a request for presidential appointment of a fact-finding board. A formal notice of the walkout was received by the board yesterday from George M. Harrison, president of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Workers.

In Detroit, the employes started leaving their jobs Monday to attend a union meeting to consider the company's offer of a wage boost of 10 cents an hour. The proposal was rejected by the union members, who have demanded a hike of 16 cents an hour.

Similar to demands of other locals, express company officials in Detroit said they did not consider the workers on strike "as yet."

## Death Takes Allen Sloan

Allen Johns Sloan, 67, for the past 48 years a resident of Klamath county and active in his life in public affairs, died suddenly at 8:30 o'clock last evening while working in his garden at the family home, 202 Payne. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Sloan was born at Monticello, Wayne county, Kentucky, February 25, 1879, the son of the late Marion Lafayette Sloan and Rose Ellen Weaver Sloan of Kentucky. The family moved to Missouri and settled in Harrisburg for a time, coming to Klamath Falls in 1898. Later Mr. and Mrs. Sloan moved to Ashland with three daughters but the two sons, Allen and Robert remained here. Robert "Bob" Sloan died in Portland in 1939.

**Tax Collector**  
For several years Allen Sloan was in the abstract business during the early expansion of the city. Later he joined the Klamath county courthouse staff and for years was county tax collector. At the time of his passing he was employed by W. D. Miller company as bookkeeper.

Mr. Sloan was a long time member of the Klamath Elks lodge having joined on October 23, 1913. He was married January 10, 1920, to Madge Clifton, who survives as does one daughter Rosemary, Mrs. Don Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington were in Unity, in eastern Oregon, and on word of Mr. Sloan's death returned here immediately, arriving this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clifton of Berkeley, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Sloan, are expected here tonight.

In addition to Mrs. Sloan and Rosemary, three sisters survive, Mrs. Daniel Hill and Mrs. Jack Boslar of Ashland, and Mary Sloan of Medford.

Final rites will be held Friday at 3 p. m. from Whitlock's chapel with interment in the family plot at Linkville cemetery. The service will be under the auspices of the Klamath Falls Elks lodge. Mr. Sloan leaves a host of friends who mourn his passing.

## Quiz Ordered On Escapade's Hurts

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24 (AP)—The district attorney today ordered a grand jury investigation of how John Drew, 25-year-old convicted slayer recaptured after a jail escape, was cut and bruised.

Drew, when brought back to jail yesterday afternoon by deputy sheriffs, had severe bruises and face cuts. A cordon of deputies and police surrounded Drew and Kenneth L. Teague, 28, who escaped jail with him, a little east of here.

Deputies said Drew "tripped and fell down a couple of times as we were bringing him out of the brush."

District Attorney Thomas B. Handley ordered an inquiry to begin tomorrow after Sheriff Martin T. Pratt said he planned no investigation of Drew's injuries.

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### WEATHER NEWS

April 24  
Max. (April 23) — 78 Min. — 43  
Precipitation last 24 hours — .06  
Stream year to date — 11.75  
Normal — 9.97 Last year — 8.14  
Forecast: Partly cloudy.

## 3 Men Die In Test Flight Crash

### Heads C Of C



JOHN HOUSTON

## John Houston Chamber Head

John H. Houston, former mayor and long active in civic affairs, was elected president of the Klamath County chamber of commerce at a meeting of the newly-constituted board of directors today noon.

Houston succeeds L. Orth Sisemore. The new president served as vice president under Sisemore.

Other newly-chosen officers are William Ganong, vice president; Roy Rakestraw, treasurer, and Charles R. Stark, manager.

Seven men elected to the board in balloting concluded this week are H. P. Bosworth, Malcolm Epley, William Ganong, Richard Hensel, Vernon Moore, Vern Owens and Mitchell Tillotson. Of these, Moore is the only director who has not held that position previously.

The annual meeting of the chamber will be held on May 21 at the high school auditorium. Portland chamber of commerce, which will have a good-will delegation here at that time, will provide the speaker. It will not be a dinner meeting.

## Outlook For Butter Dim

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The government plans to re-enter the butter market about May 1 to buy 60,000,000 pounds to supply the armed services and military hospitals during the next 12 months.

To assure itself of this quantity, the government probably will require manufacturers to set aside a portion of their output during May and June.

Last summer it purchased 325,000,000 pounds under a set-aside order, but later turned 75,000,000 pounds back to civilian markets when supplies became very scarce.

Government buying for the year ahead will be concentrated in the May-June period when butter production normally reaches its peak for the year. By obtaining a year's needs in this period, the government thus eliminates itself as a competitor with civilians during low production periods.

Estimates on May and June production of butter were not available. At last year's production rates for that period, the 60,000,000-pound government requirement would be equivalent to about 18 per cent of the combined May-June production of creamery butter.

But despite the government's plan to secure military needs during the flush production season, the outlook for civilian supplies of butter next fall and winter are not bright.

## Rubber Industry May Top Goal Of 66,000,000 Tires

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Good news for motorists: the rubber industry bids fair to surpass its towering production goal of 66,000,000 new passenger tires this year.

Civilian production officials made this encouraging forecast today, saying the record output drive is being helped by new cotton yarn controls protecting tire cord supplies.

The industry's goal is 13,000,000 tires more than the estimated 53,000,000 passenger casings produced in the previous banner year of 1941.

Despite the present bright outlook, however, OPA officials cautioned motorists that retail dealers probably will continue to run a week or two behind on tire deliveries throughout the summer, catching up with day-

## NAM Rapped For Drive Against OPA

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) took the National Association of Manufacturers to task today for spending \$395,850 in its anti-OPA campaign. He called such spending "out of line."

Mitchell was one of a group of democratic senators who lashed with Robert R. Wason, president of the NAM, when Wason disclosed what the association's anti-OPA drive had cost.

"The average consumer who wants prices held down couldn't hope to duplicate that amount," Mitchell said to a reporter.

Wason testified at hearings yesterday on legislation to extend OPA a year beyond June 30. In the course of the hearing, Chairman Wagner (D-N.Y.) mentioned that he had received 1750 telegrams for continuance of OPA without restrictive amendments such as the house tacked on. Wagner said there were 26 telegrams against the continuance.

**OPA Propaganda**  
"Propaganda machine," exploded Wason. Later the NAM president quoted Rep. M. Vursell (R-Ill.) as having said the OPA has thousands of employees including in propaganda at an annual cost of \$13,000,000.

This assertion was challenged by Zenas L. Potter of OPA who said the price control agency spend nothing on propaganda, and that the \$13,000,000 figure included such things as the cost of printing ration books for every person in the country.

Wason pleaded in his testimony for an end to all price controls on manufactured goods. He said:

"We urge you to give the manufacturers of America a chance to turn out the goods with which to smother inflation."

Wason contended especially that OPA was retarding production. He said it had nothing to do with production except to hinder it.

## Lovness Buys McCollum Firm

Sale of McCollum Lumber, including the plant at Malin and timber holdings in the Bryant mountain tract in northern California and southern Oregon, to Lovness Logging company of Canby, Calif., was made known today.

Lovness took over the plant and woods operation Saturday. The transaction includes the sawmill, planing mill, dry sheds, retail stock and camp buildings at Malin, and the timber. Total consideration will run over one quarter million dollars, it was learned.

Georgios McCollum was owner and operator of McCollum Lumber. His future plans are indefinite. McCollum came to Klamath county in 1920 from Grants Pass and has operated in this area since that time.

Lovness Logging officials said today the company would operate along the lines McCollum operated in the past by retailing their entire cut. Lovness is a California firm and this entrance into the retail field is thought to be the first for that outfit. Lovness has been logging in the Canby section and has provided Ralph L. Smith company at Canby with logs.

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## Mercury Rises To 80 Degrees

The Klamath basin basked in summerlike weather today when the mercury rose to the highest recorded this year, hitting 80 degrees at 12:30 p. m.

The maximum temperature recorded Tuesday was 78 degrees which was the seasonal. The mercury continued to climb Wednesday until it reached the new high shortly after noon. A moderate northwesterly breeze saved the day from becoming oppressively hot and partly cloudy skies with probable showers are forecast for Thursday, according to the weatherman.

### Springtime Comes To Conger Avenue



Edna Killmeyer of The Herald and News staff, admires a Himalaya bush cherry which is now in full bloom in the George Ulrich gardens, 636 Conger. Ulrich planted the cherry 10 years ago and it is an exceptionally fine, hardy shrub for this country. The Himalaya bush cherry is native to Tibet and grows wild at altitudes up to 7000 feet. It is cold proof and bug proof. Ulrich says, and flowers along the branches right to the ground and even on the trunk. After the flowers are gone, the cherry puts out little mulberry-like leaves and then develops a small seeded tart cherry which can be used for pies. It is self-pollinating and as far as Ulrich knows, is the only one in Klamath county where it does very nicely.

## Cline Convicted By Jury On 9 Charges Of Forgery

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (AP)—White-haired Alfred Leonard Cline, whose cross-country trail was marked by deaths and cremations of elderly women, stands convicted today on nine charges of forgery.

The 56-year-old ex-convict and former chair leader, who told the judge in private confid-

## Bund Leader To Be Freed

FRANKFURT, April 24 (AP)—Fritz Kuhn, folkhero of the German American volksbund, will be released by the U. S. army from a German internment camp tomorrow morning.

Chastened by long confinement and troubled by a heart illness, Kuhn declared to be "not a threat" to American occupation forces in Germany.

He was expected to proceed directly to Munich, where his wife and two children live in a bomb-damaged house.

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## Stettinius Will Back Spain Quiz

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U. S. delegate to the United Nations security council, was reliably reported today to have indicated he would support the Australian proposal for a thorough investigation of Franco Spain.

Sources close to Stettinius said he might ask Australian Delegate W. R. Hodgson to clarify the scope of the inquiry but that he was prepared to go along with the growing list of delegates who have lined up behind the proposal.

This would come as the council took a one-day recess after which Soviet Russia lost her battle to have the council drop the Iranian case and announced she would boycott any further discussion of the case.

## Plane Rams Into Side Of Dwelling

BURBANK, Calif., April 24 (AP)—A Western Air Lines transport, on a test flight without passengers, crashed into a house today, killing its three crewmen.

Occupants of the house, Matthew Brychta, 30, his wife, Mildred, and their three children, Ronnie, 5, Janet, 3, and Carol, 18 months, escaped injury. The residence, on busy Lankershim boulevard, was severely damaged by flames.

C. N. (Jimmie) James, vice president of the airline, said the pilot swerved the big plane in an effort to avoid hitting the Brychta home.

"The sacrifice which pilot Fiddler chose to make was in the finest tradition of commercial aviation," James declared. "The pilot crashed the plane in the backyard of the Brychta residence, where it burned with only minor damage to the kitchen and rear of the house."

**Overshot Field**  
A Western Air Lines official said the plane's pilot called Lockheed air terminal tower control with an emergency landing request, reported he was operating on a single engine, then overshot the field on his approach and asked permission to land from the opposite direction. Permission was granted, but nothing further was heard from the plane. Wind was negligible at the time, the tower dispatcher said.

The crash occurred four miles from Lockheed air terminal, transcontinental terminal for major airlines serving the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Western Air listed the plane's occupants as:

Wayne M. Fidroeff, 26, Los Angeles, the pilot. Native of Billings, Mont., survived by widow, Lillian, and father, William.

Marvin Schwartzbach, 25, Roscoe, Calif., the co-pilot, survived by widow, Jeanne, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Schwartzbach, Anaheim, Calif.

Leon A. Turgeon, 36, Hollywood, the mechanic. Survived by widow, Helene, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Turgeon of Pocatello, Vt.

Wives of the pilot and co-pilot were waiting for them at the airport.

## 2 Missing Boys Return To Homes

Steve Custer, 11, and Danny Dedman, 9, for whom the hills back of Moore park and the Upper lake were being searched yesterday, returned to their homes last night.

They were located at Hildebrand when descriptions of the missing boys were broadcast over KFLW and KEJL. Sheriff Lloyd I. Low received a call saying that the youngsters had been seen near Dairy.

By the time the sheriff arrived at Hildebrand the boys had apparently hitch-hiked back to town and gone home.

They had been missing since Saturday afternoon and had been camping out back in the hills.

## Mussolini's Body Claimed Spirited Across River Po

ROME, April 24 (AP)—A mysterious telephone caller told the Milan newspaper Corriere Lombardo today that the body of Benito Mussolini, stolen from a grave in potter's field yesterday, has been spirited south across the river Po.

The mysterious caller said: "This night at 3 o'clock Mussolini's body has passed the Po river at Caorso."

Caorso is near Piacenza. The caller said the body of the assassinated fascist dictator was taken across the river in a boat, but declined to say how many were aboard.

The newspaper said the man was believed to be the same as the one who called it yesterday and declared "a body has been stolen from Maggiore cemetery in Milan." The newspaper refused to believe the story until a communique three hours later told of the stealing of the remains of Mussolini.

Minister of the Interior Giuseppe Romita ordered police to block all highways from Mi-

## City Council Must Act On Matter Next

The city airport commission yesterday afternoon voted to recommend acceptance of the revocable permit offered by the navy for civilian use of the Klamath municipal airport, currently held under lease by the navy.

Action was taken after a week in which civilian fliers were refused use of the airport. They will not be back on the field until the council has acted on the airport commission's recommendation and other steps have been taken.

The council may meet Thursday night in a special session. The revocable permit offered by the navy permits civilian use of the landing facilities and the old municipal hangar. It does not involve the big navy hangars or other naval facilities.

A question of deferred maintenance work which the airport commission has insisted the navy should take care of will be kept separate from the revocable permit matter and may not be decided until the termination of the navy's lease on the field.

**Field Management**  
The airport commission took up the question of management of the field, considering a proposal by five aircraft service operators that they assume management responsibility until July 1, or such time as the city wants to take over the operation. Attorneys for the city and operators were studying a proposed contract draft today.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf indicated that there is still a possibility of management by the city under some agreement with the operators.

At its meeting, the commission recommended a request to the navy for hangars and other facilities which had been prepared by Manager Charles Stark of the chamber of commerce at the request of the city.

At today's chamber of commerce directors' meeting, Mayor Ostendorf in strong terms denied a statement that had been attributed to him to the effect that he had told a navy official that "we don't want the airport."

"I never made any such statement," said the mayor. "I have talked with the navy officials, and they say they do not know where any such quotation originated."

It was voted to have the mayor's statement recorded in the minutes of the directors' meeting.

In the minutes of the chamber directors' meeting for April 10 it is noted that Louis Soukup, local aviation man, had reported the mayor's alleged quotation, which Ostendorf vehemently denied today.

**Pride Weakened**  
"Due to rapid demobilization and frequent changes of station of units and assignments of enlisted men and officers, firm ties of unit pride have been weakened. The traditional constant concern of officers for the welfare of their men and consequent mutual loyalties have been difficult to maintain during this transition period. Teamwork often has been forgotten."

**Six Indications**  
"Indications of this state can be found in:  
"A. Participation in black market activities and indulgence in drunkenness.  
"B. A high absent without leave rate and an excessive incidence of other disciplinary infractions.  
"C. High automobile accident rate.  
"D. Excessive venereal disease rate.  
"E. General lack of smartness in appearance and conscientious observance of military courtesy.  
"F. Complacency in attitude toward constituted military authority and those duties essential to maintain high standards of soldierly efficiency."

## Hunters Face Munition Ban

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The civilian production administration is considering restoration of wartime controls on the sale of ammunition to sportsmen hunters.

An official of the agency who withheld use of his name said today "This may be necessary because of the worldwide critical shortage of lead."

During the war sales of civilian ammunition were restricted during most of the year, to farmers, ranchers and law enforcement officers. Limited quantities were made available to sportsmen during the hunting season.

The CPA official said the agency has been discussing the possibility of reinvoking these limitations, which were dropped last October.

**Baseball Scores**  
NATIONAL  
R H E  
St. Louis ..... 3 6 3  
Cincinnati ..... 2 9 0  
Pollet and Rice; Blackwell, Fox (5), Lambert (8), Hetki (8) and Mueller.

## 2500 Rioting Cons Give Up

MILAN, April 24 (AP)—Twenty-five hundred rioting prisoners in San Vittore prison surrendered this afternoon, after holding out for four days.

However, a small group of gangsters, headed by Ezio Barbieri, leader of the revolt, still held out and boasted they would continue to fight to the end.

More than 30 guards held as hostages by the prisoners were freed without injury, although the death toll among the prisoners themselves rose to eight today.

The surrender came after a tower of the fortress-like prison was half destroyed by shell fire and after military authorities served the rioting prisoners with an ultimatum to deliver the 30 guards or prepare for an all-out assault from tanks and artillery.

## Younger Guards Sought At Pen

SALEM, April 24 (AP)—The state board of control today was trying to find more money to hire younger and more alert guards at the state prison as a means of stopping the current wave of prison breaks. Nine men have escaped this month.

The board asked the state budget division to try to discover some money, and said it might have to ask the state emergency board for an appropriation.

The board went to the prison yesterday and said that the main reason for the escapes is that the guards are too old.

**HOOPER IN NEW DELHI**  
BOMBAY, April 24 (AP)—Herbert Hoover arrived here by plane from New Delhi this afternoon and immediately conferred with the provincial food board on the food supply situation in this area.