

Capitol Democrats Rap Naval Committee Heads For Anti-Merger Stand

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Democratic whips of both the house and senate said today it was "presumptuous" of the two naval committee chairmen to advise Secretary of the Navy Forrestal against a merger "compromise."

Senator Hill and Rep. Sparkman, the party deputies from Alabama, declared that in effect Senator Walsh (D-Mass.) and Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) were telling Forrestal to disregard President Truman's views on army-navy unification.

And they added to a reporter that the two chairmen were presumptuous, too, in their assertion that congress will pass no merger bill.

Both Hill and Sparkman expressed emphatic belief that unification legislation will be enacted this year. They are members of the military committees of their respective chambers.

The congressional tempest was touched off by the latter, made public last Sunday, which Walsh and Vinson sent Forrestal on the merger issue. The letter asserted no such legislation will be passed by congress and advised Forrestal to avoid "any compromise" on the subject with Secretary of War Robert Patterson.

President Truman has directed the two secretaries to compromise their differences and agree on merger legislation.

Hill is co-author of the merger bill now on the senate calendar, calling for an over-all defense secretary and a separate under-secretary for each of the three services. It won approval of the senate military committee, 13-2, and Hill predicted it could be passed. "I don't think they or any other two members can speak for the whole congress."

"It seems to me, too, that the president's orders should take precedent over those of congressional committee chairmen. After all, the president is commander-in-chief of the armed forces."

Catholics Ban Marxist Votes

VATICAN CITY, May 23 (AP)—An episcopal letter of the Umbrian (central Italian department) bishops in L'Osservatore Romano today told Catholics that voting for Marxists or "laicist" parties in Italy's June 2 elections exposed them to "sanctions of Canon law."

(A Catholic authority said that "laicist" in the Italian and continental sense meant an anti-clerical party which advocated complete separation of church and state to the extent that the church would not have any influence even on moral questions.)

Simultaneously, the bishops of Calabria, in southern Italy, told their communicants that there was "irreconcilable opposition between Christianity and Marxism." They instructed their members to vote only for candidates undertaking to "respect and defend all those principles which are the basis of a healthy Christian concept of the state."

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Tidal Wave Victim Buried By Comrades

SEATTLE, May 23 (AP)—Buddies of Paul Ness, young coast guardsman killed in the tidal wave which engulfed Scotch Cap lighthouse in the Aleutians in April, buried him "the best we know how," they told his father, the Rev. H. H. Ness of Seattle.

They made a wooden casket and dug a grave six feet deep on a mountain 100 feet above the sea on bleak Unimak Island. They made a cross of two-by-fours and painted it white and fastened upon it a brass plate inscribed with the youth's name.

"Reverend, we did the best we know how," they told the father, although they had neither chaplain nor church.

KF Store Given Liquor License

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—The Oregon state liquor control commission granted 20 beer licenses and suspended five licenses at its session yesterday.

Oregon Sportservice, Inc., Salem, was granted a retail beer class "C" license, and Harold Newton McMahon, McMahon's Food store, Klamath Falls, a package store class "A" license.

In a rehearing, the commission rescinded a former decision and granted retail beer class "B" and package store class "B" licenses to O'Donnell's cafe, Heppner.

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OPA To Increase Prices On Shoes

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—An OPA official said today a price increase averaging about 10 per cent for low and medium cost shoes will go into effect soon, probably about June 1.

The purpose of the increase, said this official who asked to remain anonymous, is to stimulate production of shoes which sell at retail for around \$5 or less a pair.

The present plan is to limit the increase to shoe models which were made in 1942. By doing this OPA hopes to divert materials from production of higher priced shoes, to which the agency says many manufacturers have turned.

Pendleton Man Heads County Health Units

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, Pendleton, was named today as director of the division of county health units of the Oregon state board of health.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said Dr. Wilcox will assume the position July 1 and relieve W. H. Aufranc, who is also head of the venereal disease control division.

Tavern Owners Sue For Libel

YREKA, Calif., May 23—The Siskiyou Daily News, its editorial staff and others were named defendants in a \$100,000 libel suit filed in superior court here Tuesday by Michael Reddy and James P. Conrad, owners and operators of a bar room, The Sportsman's Club.

The suit is the outgrowth of a council meeting and story written by members of the Siskiyou Daily News staff concerning alleged conditions at the club. Also named in the suit were John Kersch, a Yreka barber who is said to have made a complaint to the council involving The Sportsman's Club, the town of Yreka, its mayor, George Wacker, Councilmen W. O. Andrews, Adair Wilson, Isidore Riffle and Matt D. McNeil; William G. Bailey and Albert Wedin, co-publishers of the Siskiyou Daily News; George O. Curtis, N. A. Bedsworth, reporters, and 10 others, Iris Lindbergh Nelson, formerly of The Herald and News staff, Klamath Falls, and now reporting for the Yreka paper, is a member of that organization.

At a meeting of the city council the night of May 16, Kersch

appeared before the group. He said a drunk Indian had run into his home and Kersch charged that drunk persons were served liquor at The Sportsman's Club. A member of the council is said to have termed the club "a festering hole," and other liquor dispensers of Yreka came in for sharp criticism from the council.

In addition to the \$100,000 sought by Reddy and Conrad, the plaintiffs also asked for suit costs, etc.

Fire Destroys Flax Industry

SALEM, Ore., May 23 (AP)—The Scutching and Tow buildings and machinery and stock of the Santiam Flax Growers plant near Jefferson was destroyed yesterday afternoon by fire which leveled the buildings in a few minutes, burning several workmen.

Five workers who had attempted to fight the flames while women employees escaped were treated for burns. The men fled the building a few minutes after the structure was doomed. Damage and loss was estimated by Plant Manager Alfred Lentschner at approximately \$100,000.

Cause of the fire was unknown. Lentschner reported the equipment was not likely to be replaced, but the retting of flax would continue in other buildings.

Browder Talks On Soviet Trip

MOSCOW, May 23 (AP)—Earl Browder, describing Soviet-American relations as the most important thing in the world, told French correspondents today he was in Moscow to arrange details for opening a New York office as the American representative for Soviet book publishers.

"The trip here was entirely my own idea—a perfect example of private enterprise," said the former leader of the American communist party. "I am out of political life and I came here as a writer. They seemed to know me, I had no trouble with the visa."

Browder said Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov had received him and that a deputy American minister, S. A. Lozovsky, was helping him see the book publishers he wished to meet.

"My visit with Mr. Molotov was just a brief courtesy call," Browder said. "Mr. Lozovsky has been very kind in facilitating my contacts, but he is a very busy man and has not too much time for me."

Tulake Resident Dies At Age Of 82

YREKA, Calif., May 23—Andrew Jackson Dean, 82, resident of the Tulake area for the past 20 years, died at Siskiyou County General hospital early Wednesday morning following complications due to his age. Mr. Dean had been a patient at the hospital for the past three weeks. His wife died in Merrill, Ore., in 1933.

Final rites for Mr. Dean will be held from the Girdner Funeral chapel Friday at 2 p. m. with interment at Evergreen cemetery in Yreka. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. R. Ratliff, Malin; Mrs. Agnes Doern, Merrill; Mrs. Marjorie Sutherland, Medford; Mrs. Beulah Christian, Medford; two sons, William Dean, Tulake, and Jot Dean of Merrill.

During the 1945 fiscal year the coast guard conducted more than 10,000 investigations, a mong which were 562 accidents involving loss of life, and 8680 vessel accidents without such loss.

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Man In Hospital After Auto Wreck

J. B. Bowles, 47, route 3 box 235L, Klamath Falls, was in Klamath Valley hospital today suffering from facial lacerations received in an automobile accident early Wednesday morning. Bowles was admitted at 4 a. m. His condition is reported good. Bowles is employed as fireman at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company power house and has been with the firm since October 13, 1942.

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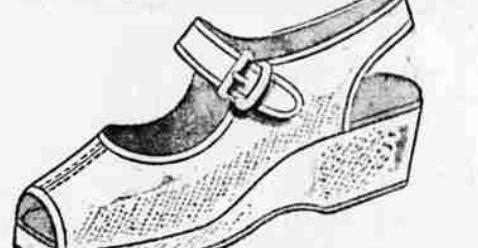
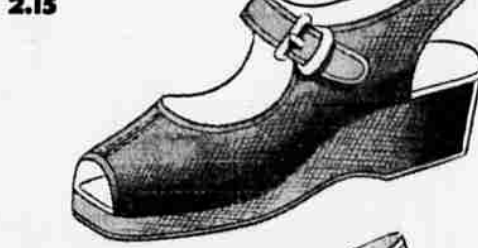


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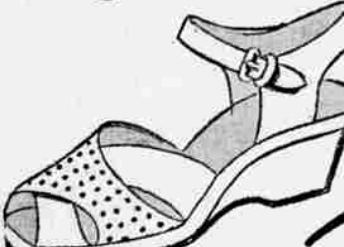
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