

# Todd Acquitted On Manslaughter Charge

## Autumn Vote Endorsed For Manager Plan

City manager government for Klamath Falls was unanimously recommended last night at a meeting held in the council chamber at the city hall and attended by the mayor, members of the city council, the city budget committee, the planning commission and interested citizens. It was the second of a series of discussion meetings, the first having been held a week ago.

The change, it was recommended at last night's meeting, should be submitted in the form of a charter amendment to the voters of the city at the general election to be held in November of this year. There will be no state primary election next spring, and the city has no funds in its budget for a special election. So, unless the measure can be submitted at the election this fall, it will have to go over until the spring of 1948 unless a special state election should be called.

The recommendation last night was for city manager government in its simplest possible form, with the mayor and council merely authorized to employ a manager, fix his compensation and define his duties.

**Committee To Be Formed**  
A committee to reduce these recommendations to more definite form will be named by the mayor and the council. The committee is expected to include about 10 members, chosen so as to provide a representative cross section of opinion in the city.

Sentiment for employment of a city manager at last night's meeting was based on the belief that in this way much more effective administration of the city's affairs can be secured. It was repeatedly asserted in the course of the discussion that no private business could operate without such an administrative head for the coordination of details.

There was general agreement that the change, if made, should interfere as little as possible with the existing form of city government.

Mayor Ostendorf was present at the meeting, and said he favors a city manager and believes that under such a system efficiency in city government can be materially increased.

## U. N. Delegate Firm On Peace

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Senator Austin (R-Vt.) today joined Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) in declaring that the United States will not be "coerced" into international decisions.

"The sooner the world learns that, the better," added Austin, who has been named by President Truman to represent this country on the United Nations security council.

Thus Austin forecast the same sort of firm United States stand in the UN council that Vandenberg said Secretary of State Byrnes took at the Paris foreign ministers conference.

The Vermont senator's declaration came in approving what he called the "frankness" of Vandenberg's appraisal of the accomplishments and failures of the big four meeting.

Noting that there was "appalling disagreement" among the major powers over the immediate and long-range future of Germany, Vandenberg called on Russia to help replace with dependable friendship the distrust and suspicion he said now exist between Washington and Moscow.

The Michigan senator added in a formal report to his colleagues yesterday that the Soviets must learn that the Americans "cannot be driven, coerced or pressured" into decisions and "will not bargain in human rights and fundamental liberties anywhere on earth."

The purely political implications are plain.

Ericksen is apparently a GOOD, NEW MAN. Wheeler has been in the senate a long time.

New blood in congress MIGHT have been an issue in the voters' minds.

CIO's United Auto Workers union calls a MEAT STRIKE today. It is to last seven days. UAW's president, Reuther, addressing a mass meeting in Detroit, says the purpose of the strike is to "restore reasonable prices and to terrorize profiteers."

UP in Portland, something less spectacular but even more important seems to be happening.

H. E. Carlson, secretary of the Independent Grocers and Meat Dealers association, says: "Housewives here seem to be sticking to their budgets, and although (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

## Army Air Force Adopts Sea Mile

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—The army air forces and the navy got together today on a standard mile.

In the future, all navigation by the AAF and the navy will be based on a nautical mile, approximately 6080 feet, which is some 800 feet longer than the statute mile.

The nautical mile is the distance of one 60th of one degree at the equator and its use facilitates plotting in aeronautical work.

# The Klamath Falls News

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Forecast: Clear today, Thursday.

## Mihailovic Dies Before Firing Squad

BELGRADE, July 17 (AP)—Gen. Draza Mihailovic, once acclaimed by the allied world as the organizer of the Yugoslav resistance movement, died before a firing squad at dawn today—less than 48 hours after his conviction on charges of treason and collaboration with the Germans.

Eight other men who were convicted with the former Chetnik leader were executed at the same time.

The executions were carried out privately.

Official Yugoslav comment this morning was that "since the presidium of the Yugoslav parliament rejected the appeals of the accused men, all the death sentences have been carried out."

The capital apparently lost all interest once the death sentences were passed. Authorities were diffident about issuing any statement regarding the executions, and the attitude was that news of the executions were unimportant.

**Convicted Monday**

Mihailovic and 23 co-defendants were convicted last Monday by a Yugoslav military court. He and 10 others were sentenced to death, and the remaining 13 to prison terms ranging from 20 years to 18 months.

Two of those sentenced to death and eight of those sentenced to prison were convicted in absentia.

The trial of the Yugoslav parliament yesterday rejected appeals for mercy.

The trial of the Serbian-born Chetnik leader and his fellow defendants began June 10, and was marked by partial "confessions" on the part of some of the principals. Mihailovic, however, maintained that he was innocent of collaboration and that he had fought to drive the nazis from Yugoslavia.

## Russians Fail To Find Yanks

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 17 (AP)—Russian authorities have told the United States that two United States officers who supposedly disappeared into the Russian zone of Berlin cannot be located. It was announced here officially today.

The missing men are Capt. Harold Cobin of New York City and New York, and Lt. George Wyatt, of Oklahoma City. They were last seen on July 4 boarding a train for Oranienburg, a Russian provision headquarters 20 miles north of Berlin.

The Russians yesterday released two other missing Americans, Warrant Officer and Mrs. Samuel L. Harrison, and the Americans released three Russians, two of them army officers, who had been held on suspicion of espionage.

An army public relations officer said the Russians had asserted that they "have been unable to locate Cobin and Wyatt and that to the best of their knowledge they are not being held in the Russian zone."

## Meat Buyers Strike Begun By Reuther's CIO Workers

By The Associated Press  
The CIO United Auto Workers projected a meat buyers' strike today to which they invited the participation of all America's consumers.

Fighting the climb in living costs, the big labor union which helps to set up the nation's postwar wage structure sought to mobilize the public against "exorbitant" meat prices.

The UAW-CIO, calling for cooperation from its own 800,000 members and all other organized labor and consumer groups, ordered its strike to start today. It is to last seven days.

## Telephone Men Wade Through Maze Of Wires



When telephone service was disrupted early yesterday afternoon with the cutting of a cable serving the south suburban area, workmen were faced with the terrific task of tagging 400 pairs of lines. Here some of the crew are matching the pairs. With back to the camera, James E. Weddell, and left to right, Don Reverman, Bob Haggerty, all of Medford, and Norm Smith, this city. The emergency crew was made up of three from Medford and three from Klamath Falls.

## Industrial Survey Reveals Only Few Price Increases

By The Associated Press  
The nation's manufacturers said today the price tag on such items as refrigerators, electric toasters, safety razors, automobiles and many other manufactured products had remained at OPA levels.

The National Association of Manufacturers said it asked 64 factory heads "have you increased any price since June 30 when OPA ended?"

The NAM said six answered affirmatively, and of these, three said loss of subsidies made an increase necessary on meat and food products. The NAM said two others replied they had been selling below cost under OPA restrictions and the sixth said higher costs of raw materials forced him to raise prices.

The NAM said its survey included lumber, metal products, electrical appliances, auto parts, floor furnaces, petroleum, cordage, paper, refrigerators, fiber products, chemicals, air conditioning equipment, farm machinery, food products.

In New York City, the Commerce and Industry Association said that of 141 companies responding to a questionnaire 92 per cent said they had not hiked prices above June 30 OPA ceilings.

In Boston, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts listed as unchanged the prices of industrial paints, safety razors, blank books, waterproof clothing, perfumery, oil, gasoline, machine tools, screws, sheet metal products.

In Massachusetts, Retail Grocers association said its 5000 store operators had not changed prices on dry groceries, canned fruits and canned vegetables.

The nation's automobile capital, Detroit, reported new car prices unchanged since OPA was killed. The OPA staff there said a check showed prices unchanged on most clothing, paper, furniture and electrical appliances. Detroit's Retail Merchants association found that textiles and shoes generally have held.

In Portland, Ore., the Jantzen knitting mills said swimming suits, sweaters, snow suits, foundation garments and similar items were being sold at the old price level, including orders for future delivery.

T. H. Banfield, president of the Iron Fireman company, manufacturers of heating equipment, reported no price changes except those on parts authorized by the OPA before it expired.

C. G. Frantz, president of the Apex Electrical Manufacturing company, said in Cleveland that "there has been no change whatsoever" in prices of vacuum cleaners, electric washing machines and ironers since the end of OPA control. He said manufacturers of these items were retaining OPA prices while awaiting final action on the OPA bill.

John Porter, assistant branch manager at Kansas City of the Associated Industries, reported that a survey of retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers throughout the state showed that about nine to one expected to hold price lines except for increased costs which could not be absorbed.

## Redin Wins Freedom On Spy Charge

SEATTLE, July 17 (AP)—Russian Naval Lt. Nicolai G. Redin was acquitted by a federal court jury today on espionage and conspiracy charges.

The 30-year-old former Soviet purchasing commission representative here was found innocent on government charges that he purchased secrets about the USS Yellowstone, a new type destroyer tender, from Herbert G. Kenney, shipyard engineer.

The jury of seven men and five women brought in the verdict on the 22nd day of the trial. They had been out since 1:18 p. m. (PST) yesterday.

Indictments against Redin accused him on four counts of espionage and on one count of conspiring with "unknown persons" to obtain secret information.

**Deliberated 8 1/2 Hours**  
The jury had actually deliberated about 8 1/2 hours, not including time for meals and sleep.

After the verdict, Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman told the court Redin would like to say a few words. The Russian officer stepped forward and in a low voice, smiling slightly, said: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, your honor, I'd like to thank you for this fair trial in these United States of America."

Judge Lloyd L. Black then discharged Redin formally on the two indictments, and exonerated his bail and bond.

As the jurors stepped down and came through the courtroom door Redin shook hands with each of them and thanked them personally.

Friends surrounded Redin, offering their congratulations. Mrs. Redin was not in the courtroom when the verdict was returned.

## Ambush Fatal To U.S. Soldier

TRIESTE, July 17 (AP)—Unknown machine-gunsners ambushed an American army jeep before midnight killing a soldier and wounding two others, headquarters of the U. S. 88th division announced today.

The Americans were attacked four days after a United States patrol killed two Yugoslav soldiers in a brief skirmish near the Morgan demarcation line, which divides the occupation troops of Yugoslavia to the east from American and British forces in the west.

While the Americans were being ambushed, Belgrade dispatches told of a crowd of 50,000 persons marching in the Yugoslav capital, chanting the names of Russian Prime Minister Stalin and Yugoslav Premier Tito. The crowd shouted, "We ask for a revision of the Paris decision on Trieste," "Trieste to Yugoslavia" and "Yugoslavia as an ally demands justice from the allies."

Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore, commander of the 88th division, told of the American casualties last night but gave few details. The announcement said the driver of the jeep was killed outright by a burst of fire from a sub-machinegun. Another soldier was wounded and a lieutenant was injured when the vehicle cracked up after going out of control.

The shooting occurred at about 11:30 p. m. near Largo del Bargo, 14 miles south of Gorizia.

## Prime Cattle At New High

CHICAGO, July 17 (AP)—Against strong resistance which affected lower grades of beef animals, a new price pinnacle was set for prime cattle today at Union stockyards—\$26.25 a hundred pounds for Iowa fed steers weighing about 1400 pounds average.

Lower grade steers and other slaughter cattle declined 25 to 50 cents from yesterday's marks. Hog prices vaulted to a new modern record price of \$22.00 at mid-session after having broken through yesterday's new roof in early sales at \$21.50. Reaction set in then, however, and most of the \$1.50 to \$2.00 advance evaporated in later sales. The top price yesterday was \$20.00.

## Lapham Victor In Recall Move

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17 (AP)—Roger D. Lapham still is mayor of San Francisco. A recall movement to oust the former steamship company executive failed in light ballot yesterday—73,673 for the recall, 105,742 against.

The recall movement, dating back to the Lapham-approved increase this spring of street car fares from seven to ten cents, was sponsored by a group led by Henry F. Budde, publisher of neighborhood weekly throw-away newspapers.

Budde early last night conceded the recall attempt had failed.

Lapham is a 62-year-old former steamship executive who left a \$30,000 a year job to take over the mayoralty at \$10,000.

**Still Mayor**



ROGER D. LAPHAM

## Redin Loses In Poker Game

SEATTLE, July 16 (AP)—The luck of Russian Lt. Nicolai G. Redin wasn't good last night.

During the long vigil while a federal court jury was deliberating on the espionage-conspiracy charges against him, newspaper reporters started a friendly small stake poker game in an ante-room. The Russian defendant joined in the game for a few hands, but the newsmen said he lost consistently.

## Baseball Scores NATIONAL

| Team  | R  | H  | E |
|---|----|----|---|
| Boston  | 0  | 6  | 1 |
| Chicago   | 10 | 13 | 0 |
| Sain, Wright (1), White (1), Johnson (8) and Masi; Chipman and McCullough, Scheffing (9). |    |    |   |
| New York  | 5  | 10 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh  | 8  | 12 | 3 |
| Trinkle, Kress (1), Gee (5); Thompson (7) and Lombardi; Strincevich and Lopez.            |    |    |   |

## Baseball Scores AMERICAN

| Team   | R | H  | E |
|--|---|----|---|
| Chicago  | 1 | 7  | 0 |
| Boston   | 3 | 8  | 1 |
| Lopat and Tresh; Dobson and Partee.                |   |    |   |
| St. Louis  | 2 | 3  | 2 |
| New York   | 3 | 6  | 0 |
| Galehouse and Mancuso; Bevens and Robinson.        |   |    |   |
| Cleveland  | 8 | 10 | 1 |
| Philadelphia                                       | 2 | 5  | 1 |
| Reynolds and Hegan; Knerr, Griffith (9) and Rosar. |   |    |   |

## Arms Combine Secretary Tells Of May Phone Calls

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Eleazar Hall, a former secretary in the Washington office of a midwest munitions combine, testified today that she once listened in on a telephone conversation in which she said Rep. May (D-Ky.) asked the combine's Washington representative: "What about that \$3000?"

Mrs. Hall was formerly employed here by the Erie Basin Metals Products company of Elgin, Ill., and the Batavia Metal Products company of Batavia, Ill.

She told the senate investigating committee she quit this job because of "very shady business."

She told the committee that in one of frequent telephone conversations between May and Joseph Freeman, Washington sales agent, she was asked to listen in and take notes. May, she said, had originated the call to Freeman.

"As I recall," she testified, "it was a conversation about lumber—something about length and

## Fire Checked At Pinehurst

The little settlement of Pinehurst, long known to Klamath residents as the half-way mark between Medford and Klamath Falls on highway No. 86, was threatened by fire Tuesday when a four-acre blaze started behind the buildings. Before the fire could be brought under control it had destroyed six cabins and an automobile. The main building, at one time used as an inn, was undamaged.

The flames, which quickly spread through four acres of small pine trees, were spotted at 9:45 a. m. by the Parker mountain lookout. Although the fire was in the Medford district the Klamath Forest Protective association sent fire fighters to the scene. The Panny Springs and Weyerhaeuser fire crews joined the Medford crew in fighting the fire.

The blaze was brought under control at 10:55 a. m. The exact amount of damage was not estimated by the Klamath Forest association as the fire was out of its district. Origin of the fire is not known.

## Frost Injures Grain In Tulelake Fields

TULELAKE, July 17—Some grain damage, due to recent frosts and cold nights, has been reported from the Tulelake area by growers. It is too early to determine the amount of damage, but it is considered fairly heavy.

Coldest night in early July sent the thermometer down to 27 degrees, it was learned, and not only has grain felt the damage but growth to potato vines has been retarded in spotted areas.

Grain harvest is expected to start in mid-August.

## Judge Says Prosecution Case Faulty

Clyde Edward Todd, 38-year-old former Southern Pacific special agent, was found not guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a circuit court jury which deliberated about 30 minutes last night. He was under indictment in the fatal shooting of Ross Simmers on January 25.

Judge David R. Vandenberg yesterday turned down a lengthy motion from Todd's attorney for a directed verdict, and presented the case to the jury, although he said today that he was certain that if Todd had been found guilty the case would have been appealed and this court reversed.

The defense attorney, J. C. O'Neill, said that he would have appealed if his client was found guilty.

One of O'Neill's points in asking a court dismissal of the case was that there is no such crime recognized in Oregon law as "voluntary manslaughter," and the judge upheld him in that although denying the motion.

**Judge Cites Law**  
This morning Judge Vandenberg pointed out that the indictment against Todd referred to section 23-405 of the Oregon law code, and that section reads "... if any person shall, without malice express or implied, and without deliberation, but upon a sudden heat of passion, caused by provocation apparently sufficient to make the passion irrestible, voluntarily kill another... such person shall be deemed guilty of manslaughter."

"The prosecution's evidence in this trial, he said, showed no heat of passion and no flight between Simmers and Todd, but witnesses testified to "kidding" and a "horseplay" scuffle.

"The prosecution lists the crime as manslaughter, not voluntary manslaughter.

The judge said that the state's evidence in this case would have (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

## Early Action Looms On OPA

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Optimism that the price control deadlock may be broken before nightfall was voiced by Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky today after a senate-house committee canvassed the possibility of compromise.

Senator Downey (D-Calif.), another member of the 14-man committee, told reporters "there is a possibility" an agreement can be worked out "before the day ends."

The White House made public today a declaration from the war reconversion advisory board that abandonment of price control will leave the nation unprotected "against a dangerous rise in prices in the interval before normal economic forces are working."

"Proper provision should be made to extend the life of OPA for a period not to exceed one year," the board said in a report to President Truman.

It advised that this was the unanimous sentiment of the board as embodied in a resolution adopted yesterday. The board includes representatives of business, agriculture and labor.

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