

Probers Hear Washington Solons Held Red Meets

SEATTLE, Feb. 3 (AP)—Testimony that Washington legislators belonging to the communist party held communist "faction" meetings in the state capitol during the 1939 legislative session highlighted testimony presented yesterday before the un-American activities committee.

State Rep. H. C. (Army) Armstrong of Seattle, now in his seventh term, told the committee that eight other legislators attended the "faction" meetings which were announced on the floor of the house as a meeting of "the committee on ethics, drains and ditches."

On a few occasions, he said, the sessions were attended by Morris Rapoport, northwest organizer for the communist party; at other times, a rapport would be represented by a party spokesman from Seattle.

Armstrong, one of the few King county legislators to be re-elected in 1946, said he was re-elected against the opposition of communists whose wrath he had incurred.

"They have even whispered around that I was a communist, something they never did when I was actually a member of the party," he testified.

Armstrong said he joined the party in 1936 and left it in 1940 after a violent scene over his joining in a seven-legislator protest to President Roosevelt against the Russian invasion of Finland.

He was summoned to a home, he said, for a conference with Rapoport. "It was there for five hours," he testified. "It was the most tremendous verbal hearing I ever took in my life. Rapoport appeared almost insane at times. When he couldn't get me to react by abuse, he finally pleaded with me to do it."

Armstrong said this was his last communist meeting and the end of his affiliation with the party.

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Drunk Fires Shot At Church Choir

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 3 (AP)—A self-appointed music critic heard the choir of the First Methodist Episcopal church, disapproved of it and expressed his opinion with pistol shots.

The choir was holding a pre-service rehearsal last night when a quavering tenor joined them in a hymn. Investigation disclosed the unruly chorister was a bloke profound, leaning below a blown window.

The choir resumed its singing when the inebriate shouted: "No, no, that ain't the way it goes." So Chorister Joseph Farrer slammed the window shut.

The drunk emptied a pistol through the window. Nobody was hurt but the intruder disappeared before the police arrived.

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Extension Unit News

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Road Damage In Flood High

PORTLAND, Feb. 3 (AP)—Highway damage during the January flood in Oregon totaled \$274,835, almost half of it involved in temporary installations and repair of a bridge spanning the Umpqua River.

The highway commission was told yesterday that cost of installing two Bailey bridges near Roseburg was \$30,000 and that repair of the damaged span will be \$90,000 or more.

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New Manager



M. "Mickey" Stone, above, has been named manager of Harwin's jewelry store at 701 Main street, by Carl Harwin, owner. Stone, who has been associated with Harwin's for several years, took over his new duties this week.

Youth Dies Under Upset Tractor

NORTH BEND, Feb. 3 (AP)—Twelve-year-old Clifford Charles Davis was crushed beneath an overturned tractor on the family farm Sunday and authorities said today the boy died almost instantly.

Arnold Jalo, 10, riding with his companion on the tractor, said the machine struck a bump on a road and went out of control. The tractor plunged down a 20-foot brush-covered embankment. The youngster's body was found by his father, Charles Davis, under a wheel.

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Girls' Group Plans Party

Camp Fire Girls (not Blue Birds) will hold an all-city "Sno-Party" on Sunday afternoon, February 8. The party will be held beyond Fort Klamath, just at the entrance to Crater Lake National park.

Each Camp Fire group is making arrangements for its own transportation and all parents are invited. The girls will meet at Crater Lake park about 12 o'clock. Each girl and parent is asked to bring three wieners and whatever else they want for their own lunch. Hot chocolate and coffee will be served.

All girls should dress warmly, including mittens, head-scarf and overshoes or boots.

Descendant Of J. Q. Adams Dies

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 3 (AP)—The great granddaughter of President John Quincy Adams is dead at 77.

Mrs. Edith Valda Rutan died yesterday in Hahnemann hospital here, born at Wymart, Pa. Mrs. Rutan was a daughter of the late Franklin H. and Ida Adams Weed. She is survived by a son, Guy, of Plainfield.

Hit-Runner Takes Younaster's Bike

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 3 (AP)—It's a dirty trick, says 9-year-old Dick Ogle.

He wasn't hurt much last night when a hit-run driver bounced him off his bike in the dark. But it still makes him pretty sore today—now that he's back on his feet.

Dick says the car's bumper snagged his bicycle, and that darn hit-run driver kept right on running with it.

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Divorce Holds Narrow Margin

Marriages and divorces in Klamath county ran neck-and-neck through the month of January, a survey of courthouse records reveals, with divorces getting the decision at the end of the month, 17 to 16.

The 17 final decrees—14 as usual, divided unequally—were going to wives and only three to husbands.

During the month 20 petitions for divorce were filed with the circuit clerk, 17 by wives and three by husbands. In 19 of the 20 instances, cruel and inhuman treatment was the allegation. The other was a suit for annulment on grounds that a prior divorce for one was not final when the current marriage was performed.

FATAL ACCIDENT

DALLAS, Feb. 3 (AP)—Collision of two logging trucks west of Buell was fatal yesterday to Vilas Preston Hantze, 24, McMinnville, who was pinned in his cab by a shifting load of logs.

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Morgan Chief Passes At 77

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—Thomas W. Lamont, 77, a country clergyman's son who became head of Wall Street's famed "House of Morgan," died last night at his winter home in Boca Grande, Fla.

Death of the board chairman of J. P. Morgan and company, was announced in New York early today by R. G. Wasson, a vice president of the banking firm.

"His heart finally gave out," Wasson said. The financier and philanthropist had been in poor health for more than a year. He had been in Florida since early January.

Wasson said the slight, genial banker died peacefully in his sleep. At his bedside were his wife and two of their four children, Corliss Lamont and Mrs. C. C. Cunningham.

Lamont's almost legendary role in the financial world began in 1903. Then 33 years old, he became secretary and treasurer of the newly-organized Bankers Trust company. His reputation as a shrewd organizer and astute financier spread rapidly and eight years later, J. Pierpont Morgan invited him to become a partner in J. P. Morgan and company.

With Morgan's passing, Lamont succeeded him as chairman of the board and senior officer of the firm.

Negro Student Kept Separate

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Feb. 3 (AP)—A negro will be admitted to the University of Arkansas if he completes enrollment today, but he will attend classes separate from those of white students.

The negro, Silas Hunt of Texas, began enrolling for the spring semester yesterday as a graduate student in the law school after his application was accepted.

The university announced last week it would admit negroes who are qualified graduate students and provide them with regular instruction apart from white students. At the same time Herberg Thomas, chairman of the board of trustees, said it was doubtful that undergraduate negro students would be accepted because of insufficient facilities.

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