

Roosevelt Explains Why He Signed Letter He Says He Knew Was Untruthful

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Roosevelt, denying his wife's charges that he committed adultery with 12 women, says he was being blackmailed when he signed a letter admitting nine infidelities.

He says he knew the letter to be false but he signed it to keep his wife from suing for divorce in 1946 and thereby adding to his father's burdens as president.

This was the answer given in a prepared statement yesterday by the eldest son of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He said also that he will decide before April 2 whether he will run for Congress in the 26th District. Some Democratic party leaders have suggested he withdraw. April 2 is the final date on which to declare candidacy.

Mrs. Romelle Schneider Roosevelt made the adultery charges in filing suit for separate maintenance last Thursday. The letter was filed with her complaint. A preliminary hearing on her demand for support payments has been set for Friday.

"My wife has chosen to make the most ugly accusation which it is possible to make against any man," Roosevelt's statement said. "Each and every allegation of misconduct by the 12 persons mentioned with me is completely false and without foundation."

Roosevelt offered "an especial apology to the nine women named in the letter signed by him."

"Each and every one of them is completely innocent of any misconduct with me," he said. "The harm which has been done them I can never repair, but I can and do emphasize their innocence, ask their forgiveness and understanding of this unfortunate incident."

From the very beginning, he said, his wife displayed an "unreasonable demand for material security" and developed "an unreasonable fear and jealousy" of his social contacts. The result was "a calculated campaign" to transfer to her all his material assets "and a constant threat to accuse me of imaginary infidelities," he said.

"This pattern reached its climax in the early part of 1945, when I was repeatedly faced with the demand that I acknowledge these imaginary happenings and, as she put it, 'purge my soul,'" his statement said.

"I was given an alternative. She stated that if I once did this she would forever cease these demands and begin our marital life anew. If I did not, she would proceed with a divorce against all individuals."

This, said Roosevelt, was when he was entering the fifth year of service with the Marine Corps and when he was "very much below par physically," having contracted malaria and other disabilities in the south Pacific. He said he was promised that if he would sign a letter prepared by attorneys it would never be made public and in time would be destroyed.

"That it was blackmail I now recognize, but my desire to keep these innocent people from unjustified attacks while I was overseas and unable to defend myself my desire to make, if possible, a success of my marriage and my desire to prevent any anguish to my own family led me to believe in the sincerity of my wife's statement," Roosevelt said.

Upon his return from service he made every effort to "achieve a successful marriage," and he believed his wife finally was convinced that her charges were imagined when they proceeded to have their three children, the statement said. But, he added, her imagined financial insecurity and various psychological factors involved in the marriage "so affected my wife that she had made living together impossible."

"Threats of divorce or suicide," he said, "were an almost daily occurrence."

Wheat Allotment Quota Cut

CORVALLIS (AP) — New acreage allotments and market quotas may result in a 10 million dollar drop in returns to Oregon grain growers, M. D. Thomas reported Monday.

Thomas, Oregon State College farm economist, said the allotments and quotas would reduce the wheat crop.

Farmers, therefore, may turn to barley. But barley, being more plentiful, will sell at lower prices, he said.

Livestock and poultry producers, heavy grain users, probably will benefit from this situation, Thomas said.

Logging Company Sues in Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — The West Fork Logging Co. of Douglas County has filed a \$237,484 suit against the Multnomah Plywood Corp. here.

West Fork contends in the suit that the plywood firm agreed earlier to pay the cost of roads built to transport logs out of the woods.

West Fork asks \$110,000 claimed due on road construction costs and \$114,484 for logs which it contends have been delivered to Multnomah Plywood but which have not been paid for.

West Fork also asks \$176,000, as profit had logging not been halted.

COLD — With near-zero cold blamed for six deaths here in 24 hours, Paris officials are opening a warm hall in each of the city's wards as shelter for the homeless. Police cars will transport persons there upon request.



Eugene Boy Charged In Dynamiting

EUGENE (AP) — A University of Oregon student, booked last week on an extortion charge, Monday was accused of complicity in a 1952 dynamiting that frightened residents of this city.

He is John D. Dally, 23.

The blast, apparently touched off as a prank, demolished part of the concrete "O" on Skinner's Butte, snapped police broadcasting lines, and set off the city's air raid siren.

Richard Arthur Bray, 22, of Eugene, a senior at the University, and a third student who since has left school, also were accused of touching off the blast. Dally and Bray were released after posting \$50 bail.

Dally also posted \$2,500 bail on the extortion charge. He is accused of threatening a Eugene housewife that he would show embarrassing pictures of her.

The woman refused to pay him the money she said he demanded and notified police.

Sacred Heart Notebook

By MAUREEN RAJCHEL

Another league game was fought and won by the Trojans, Friday night, on Sacred Heart's court. Bly traveled through the snow and cold only to lose to the Academy 37-54. Bill Snider drove in for the Trojans with 22 points while Dino Regalato followed with 13. The Academy lead all the way with a half time score of 28-13. This game brought Sacred Heart to third place in the county standings, winning three and losing two. Pep Club played host to the Bobcats and their fans with a small luncheon after the encounter.

Saturday night took the Trojans to Malin where they lost to the Mustangs, in a non-league game. Sacred Heart Pep Club is planning their annual dance for the last of February. Theme, decorations and other arrangements are still being discussed.

Judith Crawford and Joanne Brandesky, seniors, were chosen to attend the student discussions at Bonanza Wednesday. Two students from each county high school will attend to give their opinion on the chosen topic: "Are price supports desirable in a free enterprise system?" On each of the chosen dates, the school representatives will meet at different schools to discuss and give opinions on the topic of the day.

Juniors are having a field day, trying out for the junior play to be given in assembly this month. Juniors are also in the spotlight as they make and settle final details for the prom. They are still working hard, raising money for the activity. A cup-cake sale is being planned for the latter part of this week or the first of next.

J. Brown is still busy putting the

Quick Action On Ear Saves Beauty

HOUSTON (AP) — When Mrs. Alice Cookston, a teacher, backed her car over Carol Douglas Fowler, 3, she took him to a hospital as quickly as possible.

At the hospital, it was discovered the boy's ear lobe was missing. Mrs. Cookston raced back, found the ear lobe and gave it to an ambulance driver, who sped to the hospital.

The lobe sewed back on, doctors said Carol probably would be all right.

Weed Control To Be Discussed

TULELAKE — Weed control in Siskiyou and Modoc counties is to be considered at a meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 3 in the office of the Tulelake Growers Association.

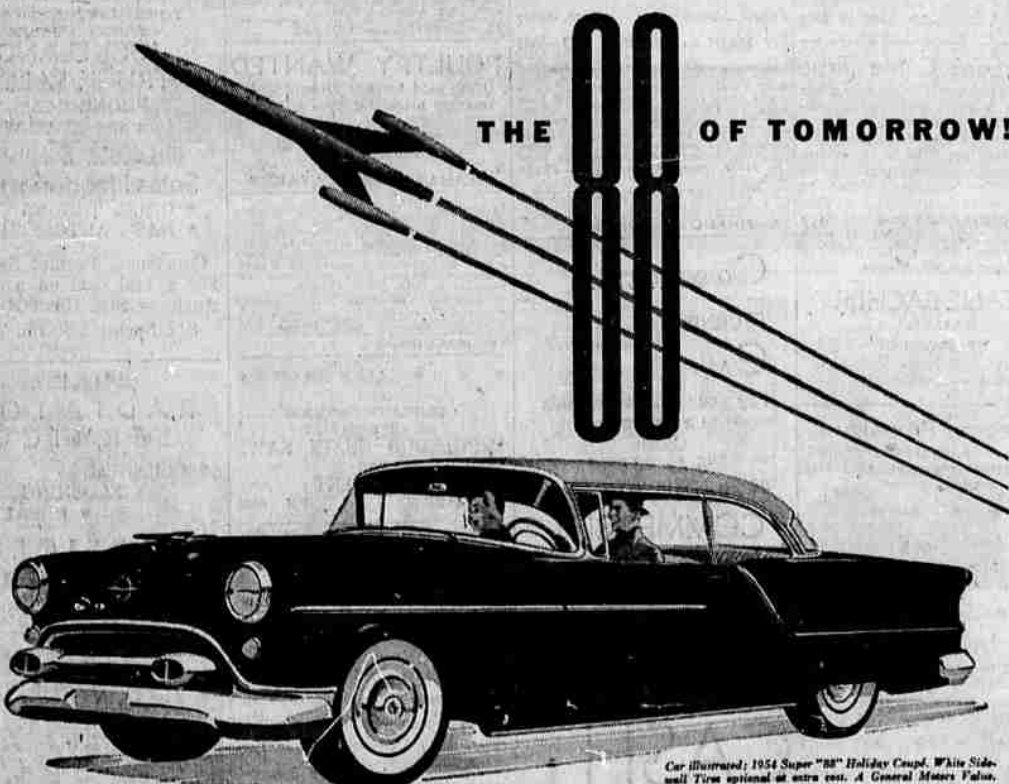
Present will be members of the Growers assn., weed control committee, Siskiyou and Modoc county road officials, reclamation officials and others interested in the program.

finishing touches on the enlarging of the sophomore room. Students are expected to be back in their domain by Wednesday.

Trojans fans: Flash! The Academy will travel to Merrill tonight for a non-league game against the Huskies. Don't forget to back our team.

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