

Cordon Head Of Hawaii Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate signaled for a start of debate today on a bill for Hawaii, with Democrats seeking to tie in Alaska statehood.

Sen. Cordon (R-Ore), chairman of the territories subcommittee of the Senate Interior Committee, arranged to lead off for Eisenhower administration forces on the measure, passed by the House last year, to make Hawaii the 49th state.

As the bill came up in the Senate, a delegation from Hawaii continued its rounds of senatorial offices seeking to persuade senators to let the Hawaii statehood bill come to a vote on its own merits.

The Hawaii group, including Republican and Democratic leaders in the Territorial Legislature, dis-

cussed the bill at a meeting yesterday in the office of Delegate Farrington (R-Hawaii).

Their consensus was that the Hawaii bill would pass the Senate.

Terrorists Indicted; Bail Set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four Puerto Ricans accused of wounding five congressmen in a wild outburst of pistol fire in the House chamber were under indictments today that carry a possible total sentence of 75 years imprisonment.

Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich), the most gravely injured of the legislators, was still in serious condition, but no longer on the critical list. The others were improving.

Federal prosecutors and a grand jury took little more than the minimum time yesterday to go over the evidence on Monday's shooting.

U.S. Atty. Leo A. Rover used six witnesses, including one member of Congress, Rep. Paul W. Shafer (R-Mich), to present the case in one hour and 45 minutes.

Almost immediately afterward the grand jury voted indictments charging assault with intent to kill and assault with a dangerous weapon against Mrs. Lolita Lebron, 34; Irving Flores Rodriguez, 28; Andres P. Cordero, 29, and Rafael G. Miranda, 29.

All were held in \$100,000 bail each. Police said all but Rodriguez had confessed. Rodriguez was not seized at the Capitol, but later at a bus station. Rep. Shafer told newsmen, before he testified at the closed grand jury session, that he could identify Rodriguez as one of the quartet involved in the shooting.

The shooting had repercussions last night in Havana and Chicago. In Havana, Cuban military intelligence officers arrested for questioning Juan Juarez, foreign affairs secretary of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party. They also seized another Nationalist, Carlos Padilla Perez.

Chicago police picked up five Puerto Ricans in a roundup of local Nationalist leaders. Authorities there declined to say what further action they plan to take.

New U of O Prexy To Arrive

EUGENE (AP) — O. Meredith Wilson, the new president of the University of Oregon, and his family were to arrive here Thursday.

Wilson, a former Utah educator, replaces Harry Newburn who resigned to accept a position with the Ford Foundation.

Wilson also has served with the Ford Foundation as an executive for the fund on advancement of education.

Ecuador, Peru Close Border

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador charged today that neighboring Peru had closed a section of their common border and moved troops toward the frontier.

A Foreign Ministry communique said protests against the actions have been lodged with the Organization of American States and the guarantors of the 1942 Rio de Janeiro Protocol — the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

The Peru-Ecuador border dispute dates back to colonial days. After open hostilities in 1941, the Rio Protocol established a definite Ecuador-Peru border line for the first time, but the area has remained a trouble spot between the two nations.

Boston Hotel Swept By Fire

BOSTON (AP) — Approximately 500 guests fled from the Parker House, three of them down ladders, when fire swept the fifth floor of the 14-story hotel in the heart of downtown Boston early today.

Joseph C. Fitzgerald, 47, of Coral Gables, Fla., was reported to be the only casualty.

He was taken to City Hospital suffering minor burns and smoke inhalation after firefighters assisted him down a ladder from the fifth floor. His condition was reported as "not serious."

Bennett A. Hartley, 39, Baltimore, Md., and Gordon Shillinglaw, 27, Yonkers, N. Y., were also helped down ladders.

Hartley, an engineering consultant with Bethlehem Steel, said he climbed onto a ledge outside his window.

Police in a passing cruiser, apparently unaware there was a fire in the hotel, took him into temporary custody after firefighters brought him down and questioned him in the mistaken belief he had been trying to commit suicide, he said.

Deputy Fire Chief Edward Gaughan estimated damage at \$4,500. He said the fire started among decorative jewelry stacked in boxes on the fifth floor corridor in preparation for a sales show.

New Federal D. A. For Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — Clarence Edwin Luckey, 35, is the new federal district attorney for Oregon.

Luckey, the first Republican to hold the post for 21 years, was sworn into office Wednesday by Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon.

He succeeds Henry Hess, a Democrat, who has resigned to return to private law practice.

Luckey formerly was district attorney for Lane County.

Potatoes Down; Meat, Grain Up

PORTLAND (AP) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported Wednesday that farm produce prices were down in Oregon between mid-January and Feb. 15.

Potatoes and truck crops led the drop, but meat and grain prices were up slightly.

That left the crops index 14 per cent under the same period last year and the livestock index 4 per cent lower.

The index for all commodities was 231-9 per cent below a year ago.

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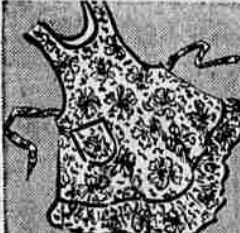
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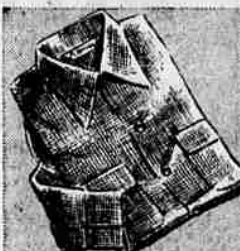
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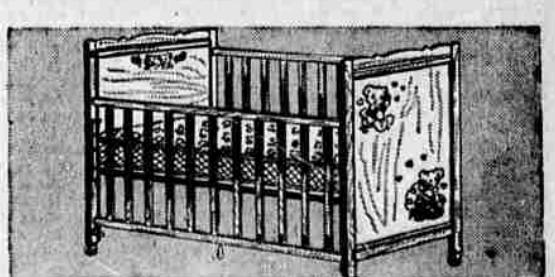
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