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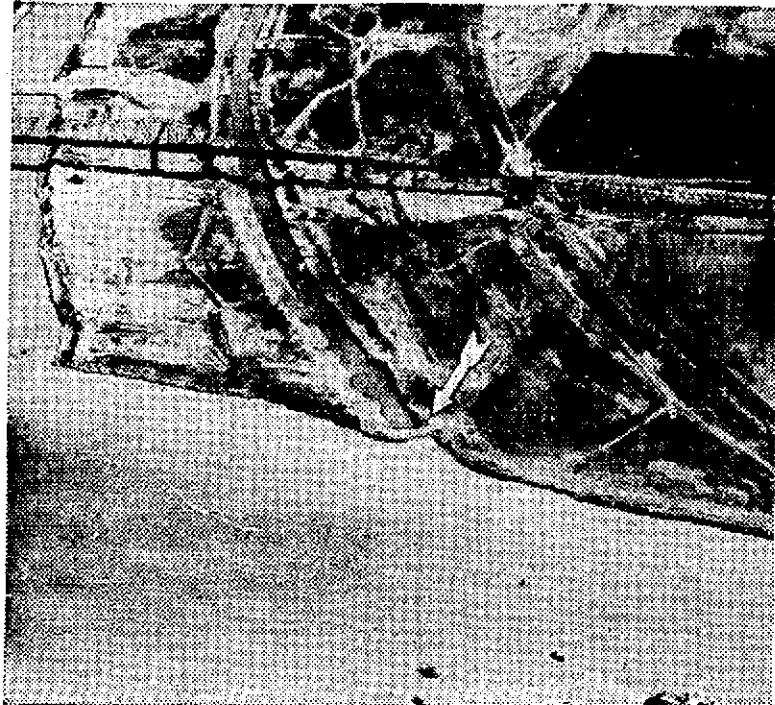
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Delays Action On Power Increase

NEW CHANNEL BLASTED OPEN ON MISSOURI RIVER, FLOOD LEVEL LOWERED



Arrow points to "plug" protecting new Missouri river channel. "Boom" go 720 lbs. of dynamite And water surges through, to cut river boat trips by 4.7 miles.

OPENING OF THE LIBERTY BEND CUTOFF in the Missouri river 10 miles below Kansas City, Mo., takes a kink out of the river and lowers Kansas City's flood level by one foot. It's a new link in flood control measures taken along currently flooding "Old Mo." (International)

Gathers Support To Postpone UN Censure of Trials

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — UP — The United States lined up strong support today for its bid to have the United Nations postpone drastic censures and investigations of Hungary and Bulgaria over the trials of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty and other church leaders.

The American plan submitted to the UN's Ad Hoc political committee seeks a vote of approval of American-British moves to first invoke the Hungarian and Bulgarian peace treaties on grounds the religious trials violated human rights and freedoms. The church issue would be held over until fall for further action by the UN if the peace treaty machinery fails to sway the satellite nations.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia intend to ask the UN to modify its 1946 ban against accrediting ambassadors and ministers to Franco Spain. The Spanish question comes up for consideration tomorrow in the UN's top political committee.

Already backed by Britain, Belgium, Bolivia and other nations, the U. S. plan on the Balkan church trials would kill a Cuban effort to have the UN appoint a 15-nation commission to go to Hungary and Bulgaria to investigate the trials and sentences.

While sternly condemning Hungary and Bulgaria, U. S. Delegate Benjamin V. Cohen said the Cuban proposal might be ignored by the satellites, stiffen their resistance to treaty mediation, and endanger the imprisoned churchmen.

Poland, leading off the arguments against UN action, said the American and British diplomatic missions in eastern Europe were partly responsible for Mindszenty's plight since they had become "hot beds of intrigue and espionage."

There were these other UN developments: ITALIAN COLONIES — Italian Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza said proposals that Italy be excluded from administering at least part of her former Africa colonies were "idiotic and hypocritical." He leaves for Rome today.

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Endurance fliers Bill Barris and Dick Riedel were less than 200 hours away from their goal of 1,000 hours in the air as they cruised over southern California today.

The pair completed 825 hours in the air at dusk yesterday and sent down word from their Sunkist Lady that they felt confident of setting the 1,000-hour mark next week.

Barris and Riedel last Thursday broke a 10-year-old mark of 726 hours in the air.

Dick Riedel, 35, is first cousin to Jack Theobald, cashier at the Oelwein State bank here. Riedel was the first person to give Theobald a plane ride. Riedel's father, Dr. C. C. Riedel, a veterinarian, once lived here for a short time.

One of Riedel's first flying jobs was with the Austin Daily Herald, Austin, Minn., as a flying photographer. He has two children, and has been flying since he was 14. During the war, he instructed R. A. A. F. pilots in California.

Council Postpones Decision 2 Weeks

The proposed Interstate Power company's increase in rates for the city of Oelwein failed to materialize last night.

The move by the city council last night, which met for the second time in its new tenure of office, postponed a council ruling on the issue until two weeks from today.

Three power company representatives met at a special session with the council yesterday afternoon in an attempt to justify the rate increases. The increases, effective May 15, was asked two weeks ago.

The council, then, said it would take the matter under advisement and confer with M. C. Stebbins, C.P.A., to see if the power company's financial statement justified the rate increase.

Last night, however, Councilman Art Schneider proposed that the "council postpone action on the increase until its next meeting when it could discuss the facts given them by the power company earlier in the afternoon."

The resolution was seconded by Sidney Ramsey and passed unanimously. Mayor Regis Harrington, all six council members, City Attorney L. H. Sanford, and City Clerk H. C. Spoo were present.

The council, too, heard a request from Theo. Olson, superintendent of motive power and equipment of the C.G.W., to "modify" a water bill as a "good will gesture" toward the railroad regarding a broken water main, which caused the railroad's water bill for a two-month period to be increased about \$800.

The water main was said to be located near the tunnel on the railroad property. The council took the request under advisement and there was some indication a compromise might be reached.

Police Chief Paul Galer appeared last night to ask a police wage increase, and the council's help in stopping the city's speeding car drivers. A proposal for extra men was made and will probably be acted upon.

The council at the same time discussed parking violators and contemplated action against Oelweinites who do not observe parking rules or having the front wheels of their automobiles parallel with the parking meter. One council member registered a complaint of "too many people have been parking and using two parking spaces instead of one."

Dog catchers were another item discussed at the busy session last night.

Mayor Regis Harrington, considering complaints of the many Oelweinites who have started plant or flower gardens, issued a proclamation asking that from April 20, until July 15, each dog owner in town should confine his dog indoors.

Failing to do this, the proclamation continues, "it shall be the duty of the Marshal and his deputies to kill any animal of the dog kind running at large."

Another item on last night's council calendar was a representative of a company which had investigated both of Oelwein's water towers and which had called portions of them in "very doubtful condition."

His company, he said, would estimate the job at about \$1,874, but which would guarantee the tanks for two years on the outside and four years on the inside. Council told him it would give him an answer by Monday.

Communists Shell 2 British Ships

NANKING — UP — Artillery on the Communist-held north bank of the Yangtze river shelled two British warships today. One man was killed and an estimated 20 casualties aboard. The other was driven off after it had returned the shore fire.

The battered sloop Amethyst beached itself on Rose island in the Yangtze east of Nanking after it was shelled. The destroyer Consort raced to its aid in a running battle with shore guns but was unable to help because of the continued shelling. British officials said it proceeded to near-by Kiangyin with 15 casualties.

The river battle was fought as Chinese Communists, their surrender ultimatum to the Nationalists rejected, attacked at several points along the river. They seized a number of islands, possible springboards for the long threatened river crossing and a general offensive to crush Nationalist China.

British naval officers reported that both the 1,430-ton Amethyst and the 1,710-ton Consort were damaged. The officials, as well as Chinese Nationalist authorities, said the field guns along the river were manned by Chinese Communists.

The British embassy estimated that a score of casualties resulted from the shelling of the Amethyst. The term was not broken down as to dead and injured. Other British sources reported casualties aboard both British ships, without estimating the total number.

Official sources confirmed reports that the Consort replied to fire from the north bank of the river. The destroyer was reported under constant fire as it steamed to the aid of the Amethyst, and to have made "effective reply" with its four and a half inch guns.

Later a British assistant naval attaché reported that the Consort was unable to stop and give aid to the Amethyst when the destroyer reached Rose island, some 80 miles east of Nanking.

It proceeded to Kiangyin, where it was joined by the 1,470-ton frigate Black Swan, which steamed from Shanghai with doctors and medical supplies.

Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, flag officer second in command of the British far eastern fleet, was speeding to the area of hostilities aboard the cruiser London.

The 10,000-ton cruiser was expected to reach Kiangyin tonight. Radio communications with the Amethyst were cut off this morning, soon after the ship reported heavy casualties aboard.

A radio gram from the Consort suggested that planes drop relief materials to the Amethyst, and a Royal Air Force plane was ordered up from Shanghai to investigate.

Gillette Recommends Two For Judge Seat

WASHINGTON — UP — Sen. Guy M. Gillette, D. Ia., said today he is recommending two candidates for the vacant federal judgeship in the southern Iowa district. They are William F. Riley, Des Moines, and Edward C. Halbach, Clinton, Ia.

Gillette said his appraisal of 23 lawyers was "unusually difficult because of the uniformly high caliber of men desiring to be considered for the appointment." He said he also had recommendations of county bar associations and the American Bar association.

He sent his recommendations to the justice department which will advise the president.

17-Year-Old Boy Admits Shooting Mother To Death

ROCKWELL CITY — UP — Calhoun county authorities said today that 17-year-old Dale Junior Post has admitted shooting his mother to death in their home at Farnhamville, Ia., but that his motive was still obscure.

Young Post was arrested at Fort Dodge, about 30 miles from Farnhamville, last night several hours after the body of Mrs. Erwin L. Post, 48, was found in her kitchen.

He was returned to county jail here. Sheriff George Dahlke said a murder charge probably would be filed later today.

Dahlke said the boy admitted the shooting was intentional after insisting earlier that his shotgun was discharged accidentally as he threatened his mother with a refusal to give him the keys to the family car.

However, the sheriff said the youth offered "no real motive." He said he doubted that a dispute over car keys figured in the slaying.

Both Dahlke and County Attorney Lewis Hendricks denied that young Post told them he slew his mother during a quarrel over his attentions to a Fort Dodge waitress.

Senate Approves \$2,450,893 For Educational Improvements

DES MOINES — UP — The Iowa senate today passed and sent to the house a bill appropriating \$2,450,893 for capital improvements at state board of education institutions during the next two fiscal years.

The senate adopted the figure recommended by its appropriations committee.

The figure, recommended by the senate appropriations committee, compared with \$4,000,000 recommended by Gov. William S. Beardsley and \$32,000,000 asked by the board of education.

The present biennial appropriation is \$3,280,000. The appropriation approved by the senate includes \$1,239,000 for Iowa State Teachers college; \$560,000 for the University of Iowa; \$96,000 for Iowa State college; \$275,893 for Oakdale sanatorium, including \$25,893 to cover an overdraft; \$180,000 for the school for the blind at Vinton; and \$100,000 for the school for the deaf at Council Bluffs.

Meanwhile the house concurred in a senate amendment raising to \$250,000 a year the appropriation to soil conservation districts. The house had cut the requested appropriation from \$1,020,000 to \$50,000.

However, the house refused to decide from its amendment limiting exemptions from the five-mill money and credits tax to \$5,000 in bank deposits and checking accounts. The senate has voted to include other types of monies and credits in the exemption.

A conference committee was appointed to try to iron out the differences between the two houses on the bill.

The house passed a senate bill appropriating aid to handicapped children after cutting the appropriation to \$647,500 a year. The measure now goes back to the senate, which voted \$750,000.

Today's action came as the legislature entered the mop-up stage of the 1949 session after making all but certain that Iowa income tax rates won't go up for another two years.

The senate was expected to begin action today on a departmental appropriation bill approved by the house last night in the first night meeting of the session. It calls for an outlay of \$7,870,333 a year for operating the state government during the next biennium, a cut of about \$25,500 from the bill originally introduced.

Home Construction In Iowa Declines

DES MOINES — UP — The home construction and remodeling of present houses in Iowa's 16 first class cities declined last month from the corresponding month last year, the state public health department said today.

The department's division of public health engineering reported construction was started last month totaling \$1,872,923 compared to \$2,001,107 in March, 1948. There were 240 permits for construction issued last month compared to 268 in the same month last year.

The department said there were 344 permits for remodeling totaling \$265,037 issued last month compared to 355 totaling \$199,122 in March, 1948.

100 Reported Ill During Experiment With 'Death Smog'

DONORA, Pa. — UP — Parents were urged to keep their children home from school today as 100 persons were reported ill at the nearby town of Webster from the experimental reproduction of the "death smog" which took 22 lives here last October.

Shifting winds cleared the yellowish smoke clouds from Webster's streets early today, but the Society for Better Living in Webster, an anti-smoke organization formed after last fall's disastrous "smog" said:

"A danger does exist and the society strongly urges Webster to recognize it and to take appropriate action."

At least 25 persons asked for medical attention in Webster across the Monongahela river from Donora, as strong winds kept the smoke clouds from settling on Donora as they did last year and piled them up on the small neighboring town. Seventy-five others reported ill effects from the smog.

"A hell of a condition is developing here," said Abe Celapino, president of the Society for Better Living, who reported that Louis Lentz, a merchant, had closed his store and posted a sign that he was leaving the town for the duration of tests which began yesterday and were scheduled to continue through tomorrow.

The furnaces of the American Steel and Wire company's zinc plant, which stepped up production 20 per cent to simulate conditions of last October, continued to belch clouds of acid smog for study by a group of scientists under the supervision of the U. S. Public Health service.

Frisky Pup Peps Life Of Girl, 5

GRAND LEDGE, Mich. — UP — A frisky three-month-old puppy brightened the life of little Bonnie Lee Kirchen today as she looked forward to the day she could have a seeing eye dog.

The five-year-old blind girl was promised a guide dog by John L. Sinykin, veteran trainer of the master eye foundation of Minneapolis, during ceremonies honoring Bonnie yesterday.

More than 800 people gathered on Main street of this little Michigan town to see Bonnie receive the puppy, the gift of foundation president, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago.

The Bishop's present resulted from a United Press story of how Bonnie was disappointed when she learned she couldn't get a guide dog by saving cigarette wrapper bands. Townspeople had helped save tin wrappers only to find the story false.

Bishop Sheil promised to send Bonnie a guide dog anyway when she is old enough. The puppy, untrained in guiding blind persons, was sent for the years in between.

Sinykin, who specializes in training dogs for blind youngsters, said he would try to teach Bonnie to use a seeing eye dog when she is 10 years old.

He has never taught a child that young, he said, but believes it can be done "if the heart is willing." Normally, children are not capable of using the dogs before they are 14, he said.

The puppy's name is "Symbol." Sinykin sold Bonnie as he handed her to dok that he is a "symbol of light and of what a dog will mean to you later."

Bonnie smiled and hugged the little dog as townspeople cheered. She couldn't see the tears of happiness in the eyes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kirchen.

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Antes Gives Decree Hart-Ishman Case

Three thousand dollars plus interest and court costs will be paid by Harry B. Hart to Edward E. Ishman, in a court decree handed down by Judge W. H. Antes, Fayette county district court, yesterday.

The case arose out of Ishman's claim he sold an insurance business back to Hart by oral agreement made Jan. 30, 1948. Hart denied the contract.

Ishman now lives at Bellflower, Cal., and works for Douglas Air Craft.

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SUMNER (Special) — Funeral services for a Sumner returned war dead will be held at 1:30 p. m., Thursday, at the Berg Funeral chapel here, with the Rev. Walter Dimmlich officiating.

Clair Binning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Binning, will then be buried in Wilson Grove cemetery. He was 20.

Binning died on April 25, 1945, of wounds received in action in the Pacific theatre of war. A navy motor-mechanic mate third class, he was born in Randallia and later moved to Sumner.

\$40,000 Blaze Threatens Town

EARLVILLE — UP — Damage was estimated unofficially at \$40,000 today in a fire that destroyed the two-story Wendt and Lillibridge Implement company building yesterday, threatening the whole town for a time.

Equipment destroyed in the 60 by 100-foot frame building included machinery, washers, deep freeze units, refrigerators and electrical appliances.

Gardeners Breathe Easier Now; City Hires Dog Catcher

A dog catcher for the city of Oelwein has at last been found, and Oelwein gardeners can breathe easier.

For several days now the city has been receiving calls from various disgruntled Oelweinites worried over the excessive number of dogs in town. Today, announced City Clerk H. C. Spoo, a new program goes into effect.

A mayor's proclamation requests dog owners to keep their dogs indoors, whether licensed or not, from today until July 15. If they don't, there's good chance the dogs might be shot.

And any Oelweinite can get prompt action when he has a dog problem. He can call 1319-J and the dog catcher will answer.

Hold Funeral Rites For Craft Sunday

HAWKEYE (Special) — Funeral services for Arthurs Craft, 61, who died in his sleep at his home here, April 15, were held at his home Sunday at 1:30 p. m., and at the Methodist church at 2:00 p. m. The Rev. E. J. Starr, pastor, officiated.

Burial was made in the West Union cemetery.

He is survived by three sons, John, on the home farm, Myrtle, who lived with his father, Roger, Cedar Rapids, and one daughter, Mrs. Millard Keith, Cedar Rapids. He was a member of the Odd-fellows and Rebekah lodges.

Alderson Pupils Provide Program For Rotarians

Four talented students of Marcey F. Alderson, Oelwein, distinguished piano instructor, provided the program for Oelwein Rotarians at their regular dinner meeting at Mealey hotel this week.

They were Janet Brant, Oelwein; Ann Hamilton and Jean Rinehart, Elkader and Stella Wittenbaugh, Wadena.

Miss Wittenbaugh is a student at Upper Iowa university and Miss Rinehart has received a special scholarship from Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, which she will enter next year as a sophomore.

Many of the numbers were contest winning numbers including state and national competition. All of the students showed brilliance of interpretation and execution, each playing two different numbers, all of which were memorized.

They were escorted by program chairman Karl Lindwood and introduced by John Hamilton.

Several Rotarians and wives plan to attend the district conference at the Mealey hotel next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. The purpose of this meeting is to make better sales people of the Coast-to-Coast employees.

Attend Sports Show, Mastercraft Meeting

Gerald Vavter and Bud Lyon of the local Coast-to-Coast store will leave Friday to attend the northwest sports show at Minneapolis. They will also attend the annual mastercraft club meeting sponsored by the central organization of the Coast-to-Coast stores. The three-day meeting starts April 24.