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On GOP Ticket

Wisconsin Backer Says MacArthur Willing To Run

MADISON, Wis. —(AP)— Douglas MacArthur, General of the Army and Supreme Commander for the Allied powers in Japan, definitely has indicated that he would be receptive to the Republican nomination as President of the United States, a prominent supporter said today.

Wisconsin Secretary of State Fred R. Zimmerman said that a message from the General expressed the belief that "there can be no greater satisfaction than such as comes from the confidence reflected in the selection by one's neighbors for public service—no more challenging responsibility than lies in the fulfillment of their trust."

"I am sure," Zimmerman said, "the General meant he would perform any public service he was called upon by the people to render—whether it be as President or in the Army. We who are supporting the General are positive that the General means that he regards any public service a responsibility he would have to fulfill."

General MacArthur, who maintains his voting residence in Wisconsin, made his statement in a message of congratulations on the opening of the State's centennial celebration.

"As I reflect upon the events in this century of effort and progress," he stated, "I am proud indeed that my own life is deeply rooted in Wisconsin's past, for I have trod those same Wisconsin paths which my father and my grandfather once trod, and take great pride in the knowledge that my opportunity for service to country found its origin in Wisconsin's selection and appointment, as did my fathers and grandfathers before me.

"For in the labyrinth of destiny's pattern, there can be no greater satisfaction than such as comes from the confidence reflected in the selection by one's neighbors for public service — no more challenging responsibility than lies in the fulfillment of their trust."

Zimmerman and former Gov. Philip P. La Follette, who served as a colonel on Gen. MacArthur's staff during the war, were included at a meeting yesterday which decided to enter the slate of MacArthur-pledged delegates in the state's Presidential preference primary next April.

GENERAL MacARTHUR

La Follette declined comment on today's message.

Five Dead, 15 Missing

Rescuers Probe Arab Hotel Ruins

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON

JERUSALEM —(AP)— Rescuers dug today into the debris of the Semiramis Hotel for 15 persons missing after the three-story stone structure was leveled by a bomb which police said the Jewish underground had planted. Five persons were known dead.

One informant said the hotel was one of five district headquarters for an Arab military group. The known dead included Manuel Salazar Trasedo, acting Spanish Consul. Some seventeen were injured.

A similar act of violence occurred Sunday in Jaffa, where Arab headquarters were bombed and eighteen persons were killed and about 100 injured. Police blamed the Stern Gang, the most extreme element of the Jewish underground.

Hagana, the Jewish underground defense force, said through a spokesman at Tel Aviv that the Jerusalem hotel attack was executed because "the building was an important meeting place of Arab gangs, where arms were distributed to villages in the Jerusalem area.

"Unfortunately, we cannot hit at the Arab band's (main) headquarters as it is secreted in a mosque," the spokesman asserted.

Arab sources said the hotel was owned by a Greek woman. They described the attack there and at Jaffa as "reprisals" for the rioting last week in a Haifa refinery in which 47 Jews were killed, after Jews had bombed a line of Arabs before the employment office.

At least four persons were brought alive from the hotel wreckage, one a woman who had screamed in pain for four hours before she was saved.

The Jerusalem and Jaffa bombings increased to 56 the number of persons killed in Palestine since the United Nations voted partition on Nov. 29.

The Semiramis — a three-story stone structure—was almost completely levelled. So terrific was the blast that it shook houses miles away.

A slashing rainstorm with a wind of gale proportions hampered rescue workers during the early morning, and screams of the injured still could be heard among the ruins six hours after the explosion. Among those listed as missing was an assistant to the Spanish Consul General.

It was the worst such incident since the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on July 22, 1946, when nearly 100 persons were killed by explosives planted by Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground group.

Details as to the manner in which the hotel was blasted were sketchy. An Arab passerby told police that three men "who looked like Jews" drove past the hotel

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NC Revenue Sets Record

RALEIGH—(AP)—North Carolina's record-shattering income continued its upward spiral during December.

General fund collections totaled $9,321,978 during last month, compared with $7,105,198 in Dec., 1946; the highway fund increased from $6,700,109 to $7,462,622 during the comparable months; and the license fund jumped from $8,535 to $89,888.

This for the first six months of the fiscal year ended last December 31, collections totaled $74,312,587, compared with $62,565,084 for the six month period ended December 31, 1946.

Income tax collections last month totaled $4,600,695, compared with $2,946,147 for December, 1946; and sales tax collections last month were $2,458,347, compared with $3,140,271 in December, 1946.

Asked to comment on the report, Governor Cherry said he had not seen it. Several teacher groups and a number of legislators favor a special session of the Legislature to raise the salaries of teachers and State employees. They cite the rising cost of living and continued increases in State revenue to back up their appeal. The Governor says he has no plans now to call such a session.

Dinah Has Daughter

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Melissa Ann Montgomery is the new member of the family of Singer Dinah Shore and her husband, Actor George Montgomery.

COUNTY AGENTS' ROUNDUP

Beginning today the CAROLINA FARMER extends its coverage of farm news in the Piedmont area with a new series of articles by F. H. Jeter, "County Agents Report." Every week from now on Mr. Jeter will bring you news and the latest developments of County Agents in the Piedmont Carolinas. Don't miss this expanded news feature in the CAROLINA FARMER pages today.

The Charlotte News

Planning Board Launches 1948 Studies

GRAHAM RECORDS SUBPOENAED

Cooperation Of Citizens Is Sought By Planners

Year's Initial Session Today

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Greater citizen co-operation in the development of Charlotte's "master plan" will be sought this year by the Charlotte Planning Board which today launches its 1948 season with further consideration of the overall plan for Charlotte.

Frank Thies, chairman of the board, in outlining the program of discussion at this afternoon's session of the board, said that the "master plan" will be further considered.

Various phases of the "master plan" will require specialized study and on these objects the board will seek the co-operation and assistance of citizens who are versed in the different projects, Mr. Thies said.

The "master plan" includes scores of phases of community development and will be all-embracive in its scope. As many of these special undertakings, such as new school sites, library facilities, auditorium location, additional hospital facilities, expansion of the Museum, and development of a planned housing trial area, services of citizens interested in these particular projects will be sought.

The preliminary studies would be made by these groups, which would submit reports with findings and recommendations to the Planning Board, which in turn would correlate the specific projects with the "master plan."

Such citizen co-operation would tend to widen the planning program and to enlist support for the various suggestions, Mr. Thies pointed out.

Faster progress would also be made in the completion of the "master plan" by having various groups working simultaneously on different phases.

It was expected that all members of the Planning Board, along with J. B. Marshall, the board's consulting engineer, would be present for this afternoon's session.

Ex-King In Switzerland

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — (AP)—Former King Mihai returned today to Switzerland—and a prospective reunion with Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma.

Cries of "down with Communism" and "long live the King" came from a large crowd at the Lausanne station as the abdicated King, unsmiling, left the special train which had brought him from Romania.

He and his mother, Queen Helen, greeted Mihai's uncle, Prince Nicolas, and Queen Helen's sister, the Duchess of Aosta. They then drove to a lakeside hotel where Mihai and his mother stayed last month with Princess Anne, on their way home from the wedding of Princess Margareth in London.

No official representative of the Swiss Government was in the station crowd. The train arrived at 4 P. M. (10 A. M. EST, about seven hours after it had entered Switzerland at the village of Bugha.

Princess Anne, now with relatives in Copenhagen, was quoted last week following Mihai's abdication as saying "I'll follow him wherever he goes."

Maj. Jacques Vergotti of Mihai's staff said that the former king's plans were "very definite," but added that "the Romanian Government has given the king the possibility to return to Romania with part of his entourage."

(In Bern the Swiss Government stated that Mihai had been granted only a temporary Swiss visa, but a spokesman said there would be "no difficulty" if the royal party applied for permanent visas.)

Telephone Book No Longer Savings Bank

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)— Gim Chew's telephone book was like any other in the city today—just a place to look up a number.

Until yesterday the 74-year-old Chinese could look in his book and find $2,000, his life savings. Four holdup men changed all that, they forced Gim Chew at gunpoint to tell them where he kept his money.

Pres. Harrison's Widow Dies At 89

NEW YORK — Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, 89, widow of President Benjamin Harrison, died today.

Mrs. Harrison, who was the second wife of the 23rd President, was a niece of the first Mrs. Harrison, who died in the White House in 1892. She lived in retirement in recent years, making her home in New York with her only child Mrs. James Blaine Walker.

10 Children Killed

Sled Owner 'Thought Track Clear'

ARCHBOLD, O. —(AP)— "I thought the track was clear," Jesse Wyse said today in explaining how the New York Central "Chicagoan" passenger train smashed his farm bobsled, killing ten children of three neighbors and seriously injuring two others, one of them his daughter.

Wyse and his 13-year-old son, John, whom the father believed "too young and inexperienced" to take the tractor-drawn sled out himself, were not hurt. The boy leaped to safety from the rear of the sled.

"I just stiffened in my seat and the boys jumped off the sled. "The train hit the sled, tore it loose from the tractor and hurled it to one side of the tracks."

The bobsled was scattered for a mile along the right-of-way east of this northwestern Ohio town. Two of the victims were ground beneath wheels of the train. No train passengers were injured and it continued to Chicago after a 57 minute delay.

By that time, witnesses said, snow nearly had blotted out all evidence of the crash which occurred at 1:30 P. M. (EST) yesterday.

Wyse planned originally to take the youngsters out Saturday, but was unable to do so until yesterday. His son, John, told state highway patrolmen he begged to take the sled out himself "but Dad said I was too young and inexperienced."

Wyse said he stopped at the crossing and thought the tracks were clear.

"I started up the tractor again and just as it was clearing the tracks, I saw the train bearing down on the sled," he continued. "It was horrible."

The dead were identified by Coroner R. M. Warner of Fulton County as four children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grieser —Gayle, 13; her twin, Charlene; Patricia, 8, and Sharon, 6— Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grieser—Donald, 13; Marlin, 11; Arlene, 10, and Janet, 4—and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Osborne—Jean 12, and Marjorie, 16.

Wyse's daughter, Janice, 7, and another daughter of the Lawrence Grieser's, Shirley, 9, were hospitalized at nearby Wauseon.

D. O. Scherer, of Toledo, engineer of the train, said he saw the sleigh-ride party, whitled frantically but was unable to stop in time. He estimated his speed at 80 miles an hour. Conductor R. L. Snook of Elkhart, Ind., said two of the children leaped before the train struck.

Shirley, taken to a Wauseon hospital with a broken leg, described the "terrible moment" of the tragedy.

"We didn't see the train because we were having so much fun," she related. "All of a sudden we looked up—and there the train was, big as everything and whistling like mad.

"I was so scared I didn't know what to do, so I just sat there.

"Janice Wyse and I were sitting up front in the bobsled. The next thing we both knew we were flying right through the air."

Janice also was hospitalized here. Both her legs were broken.

Ruling Made On Arrest

WASHINGTON— (AP) —The Supreme Court ruled 7-2 today that OPA investigators and a detective had no right to arrest and search a man they found riding in an automobile which they suspected of black marketing activities.

The ruling, an important one in the court's long series on rights of citizens to make arrests, set aside the conviction of Michael Dillo of Buffalo, the automobile-passenger, on a charge of violating the Second War Powers Act. Counterfeit gasoline ration coupons were found when he was searched and he was sentenced to a year in jail and fined $100.

Justice Jackson delivered the majority decision which upheld Dillo's contention that his arrest under the circumstances violated the constitution's guarantee that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated."

Chief Justice Vinson and Justice Black dissented.

Jackson wrote:

"It is said that if such arrests and searches cannot be made, law enforcement will be more difficult and uncertain, but the forefathers after consulting the lessons of history designed our Constitution to place obstacles in the way of a too powerful police surveillance, which they seemed to think was a greater danger to a free people than the escape of some criminals from punishment."

The Dire-OPA case originated during the war when OPA agents were tipped by a man named Reed that Frank Buttitta planned to sell counterfeit gasoline ration coupons to him. Two investigators and a Buffalo detective saw Buttitta's car stop at a street corner.

They found Buttitta at the wheel. Dire beside him, and Reed in the back seat with two coupons in his hand. Reed said he got them from

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Earth Tremors Felt In Virginia

FARMVILLE, Va.—(AP)—Four distinct earth tremors accompanied by rumbling sound waves that rattled windows and crockery were reported today by residents over a 50-mile stretch of southside Virginia.

Four separate shocks between 10 P. M. last night and 1 A. M. today were felt here and in Dillwyn and in outlying areas of Prince Edward and Buckingham Counties. There was no report of any damage.

Ralph S. Halney, area director of the division of War Veterans Claims, said the second shock at 10:20 P. M. was the most severe and that a bracket lamp on the wall of his cottage at Dillwyn was shaken from the wall.

Candidate Speaks

Stassen Outlines Stop-Soviet Plan

NEW YORK —(AP)— Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, outlined today a five-point program which he said "could" by 1950 result in "the inability of the Kremlin to successfully wage aggressive war, and diminishing Communist strength in other nations."

Adoption of the program by the U. S., the former Minnesota governor said, also should show "continued success of the American economic system, marked progress in rebuilding Europe with rising standards of living, and a definite trend toward increased individual economic, social and political freedom."

The five points, as expounded by Stassen, are:

1. To demonstrate the continued success of the American system by "a network of interrelated measures of limited powers in government, of curbs on excessive credit to decrease inflationary pressures, of supervision of exports to avoid too great an impact of world-wide shortages, of limiting of inventories to prevent hoarding, of economy in the civilian activities of government, and of a yearwide Federal fiscal program, all to check booms and avoid depression busts."

He asked also "supplementary action on the housing and health and education shortcomings."

2. Place the Marshall Plan "on a sound and businesslike basis, establishing proper economic conditions to increase its prospects of success, but without any relaxing of effort, insisting on the part that it is, and not permitting quibbling or politics to delay and handicap or cut in half and destroy."

3. "We should maintain a strong military position and increase our air power and enlarge our research."

4. "Stop shipping to Russia heavy machinery, machine tools, electrical devices, and other apparatus and equipment which could become a part of a Communist war machine . . . unless and until the leaders in the Kremlin show by definite agreement and action that they will co-operate in rebuilding Europe."

5. "An extensive world-wide campaign of ideas to combat the propaganda line of the Communists" which "should go far beyond the Voice of America broadcasts."

Stassen said that a positive Republican foreign policy program should include "the calling of a major United Nations convention in 1950 for the purpose of amending and rewriting the charter and strengthening the United Nations for its noble and vital task."

Giving Up Title

Egyptian Princess To Wed Native Of N. C.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — An Egyptian princess is giving up her title to marry an American.

Princess Emina Tousoun, a cousin of King Farouk, disclosed today that she also plans to give up her Egyptian citizenship in order to become the wife of Cornelius Gibson Bretsch, an analyst with the Federal Housing Administration here.

The princess said no date has been set for the wedding.

Bretsch met the princess in Egypt during World War II when he was serving as a lieutenant commander in the Navy. She has lived in Washington since February, 1946.

Bretsch is a native of Raleigh, N. C., where his mother, Mrs. Billie Bretchan Bretsch, lives. He received his master's degree in 1934 from Georgetown University.

The princess, who is fortyish, is the daughter of the late Prince Omar, archaelogist and reputed to be one of the richest men in Egypt. She is also a cousin of the King and Queen of Egypt. She was formerly married to Prince Halim.

Reports that the princess was giving up her title after permission for the marriage was refused by King Farouk were denied by a spokesman for the couple.

The princess and Bretsch met at a party in Cairo in 1943 while Bretsch was attached to the staff of the American commanding general in the Middle-East, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Giles. They did not become engaged until after she came to the United States.

Oil Probe To Be Asked

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Greece is getting 7,000 barrels of petroleum daily from military sources under the U. S. aid program—about a third of her requirements, a member of the Army-Navy Petroleum Board calculated today.

Col. G. H. Vogel, executive officer of the board, made the estimate in response to questions from Senator Wherry (R-Neb.), chairman of a Senate Small Business Subcommittee on oil. Vogel said the 7,000 is a part of our over-all military requirements of 342,800 barrels a day of all types of oil products for all services and occupied areas for civilian use.

The committee is seeking information on the amount of domestic petroleum, particularly fuel oil, being used for export, through both private trade channels and under the Government foreign aid programs.

Outside the hearing, Senator Johnston (D-S. C.) announced he will ask Congress for an investigation of the oil industry at once "to see if there is violation of the anti-trust laws in regard to fuel oil."

"It looks like the big oil companies are holding oil off the market so the people will be scared and they can run prices up," Johnston told a reporter. "It looks like there's a squeeze play going on to hurt the small independent oil dealers.

"If the big companies are doing this—as indicated in my state . . . prosecutions are in order."

Johnston said the Department of Justice is checking on storage and distribution of fuel oil at his request. He said he reported privately to it and to the Senate Small Business Committee today on the situation in South Carolina after looking into it during the past week.

The Senator said he will introduce his investigation resolution tomorrow.

Fuel oil is critically short in some parts of the country and earlier today Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) appealed to the oil industry for an "appreciable" cut in prices as one means of helping out the consumers.

Senator Johnston said he had received reports that "in some sections of South Carolina—Spartanburg, for example, big tanks where pipe lines come in are filled up and yet people are entirely without fuel oil."

"People in many sections of South Carolina just aren't getting any oil," he added. "Some big companies that have furnished oil to small independent companies have cut them off entirely.

"I fear the big companies are holding oil back in order to control the situation both in regard to price and distribution.

"The independent oil dealers are up in the air down there. Some of them will be shutting up if this keeps up."

Session Opens Tomorrow

Vital Questions Await Congress

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON—(AP) — Questions bearing vitally on the future of the United States and most of the world confront the 80th Congress meeting tomorrow for its final session.

Help for Europe and Asia, tax cutting, the high cost of living, rent control and the housing shortage, military preparedness and health insurance are a few of the top issues. And the list probably will grow.

A complicating factor is that this is a general election year. Democrats want to regain the control of Congress they lost to the GOP in 1946. The Republicans hope to put their Presidential nominee in the White House for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt started his first term in 1933.

POLITICAL UNDERTONE

So an undertone of practical politics is almost certain as each party bids for the favor of the voters who will decide the political fortunes next November.

The first week of the new session will be devoted primarily to speech making and strategy huddles by Congressional leaders, with a few committees starting to lay the groundwork for future legislative actions.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee and the House Republican Steering Committee will meet during the week for decisions which will go far toward shaping the majority party's legislative program to counter the proposals President Truman will outline Wednesday in his annual state-of-the-Union message.

The Chief Executive will go to the Capitol in person to deliver that message to a joint session of the Senate and House. His economic report on Friday and his budget message next Monday will be delivered by messenger.

The first actual battle of the session probably will take place in the House, over the GOP-backed tax reduction bill. House leaders want to pass the measure this month so, as Speaker Martin put it, the President will know what to expect.

The tax bill under consideration would cut $5,600,000,000 and about 7,400,000 low income and elderly persons from the tax rolls. It goes further than the two bills Mr. Truman vetoed last year.

While the President has said nothing about his plans if he receives another tax cutting measure, highly placed White House aides expect him to oppose any general slash while the national income is at a record high.

They said the President may serve notice to that effect when he addresses Congress and at the same time assert that he will not approve alterations to make the present tax burden more equitable.

Despite the insistence of House leaders to forge ahead with a tax bill, there is strong sentiment in the Senate to hold up action until the nation's fiscal picture can be seen in the light of contemplated foreign spending and domestic appropriations.

However, Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the tax-writing House Ways & Means Committee declared yesterday that "all talk of holding up consideration until a foreign relief program is disposed of is based on wishful thinking."

"Instead of fitting tax reduc-

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Move Called 'Formality' By Senate Investigators

Committee Gets Pauley's Books

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Senate committee today obtained records of grain trading by Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, President Truman's personal physician, by serving a subpoena on Graham's brokers.

Edward F. McGinnis, Senate sergeant-at-arms, handed the subpoena to Sarah B. Herschel, a Washington representative of Bache & Co., New York brokerage firm.

McGinnis acted for a Senate Appropriations subcommittee which is investigating grain speculation by Federal employees.

Kimball Sanborn and Earl W. Cooper, Committee staff members, took Graham's records to the Capitol for scrutiny by the subcommittee.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif), a Committee member, told a reporter the subpoena was "just a formality" followed because of the firm's reluctance to yield its books on Graham's accounts without an order, although it had agreed to turn them over.

The subcommittee, headed by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich), planned to begin analyzing the records today together with another set of books on the grain speculation of Owen W. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royall.

In response to a committee request made Dec. 11, Pauley turned over his personal records to the appropriations unit late Saturday night. Knowland, Ferguson and committee staff members spent several hours Sunday going over the books.

Knowland said Pauley might be called later this week to give additional details concerning his market activities.

Pauley testified last month that when he became Royall's assistant last Fall he held 500,000 bushels of grain. He said he had disposed of all but 50,000 bushels—and was $100,000 "worse off" as a result— and had promised Royall to sell the rest as fast as good business practices would permit.

Pauley told the committee he never had any "inside" Government information in connection with his trading.

There is nothing illegal about trading in commodities, but Mr. Truman lashed out at speculators last October as partly responsible for driving up grain prices.

A list of Government employees grain traders released by the Agriculture Department last week disclosed that Graham held 50,000 bushels of wheat futures last September.

The General acknowledged this but said he had given his broker a green light to invest his money as the broker saw fit. He added he did not know that he owned any commodities until he checked up when the President cracked down on speculators. He ordered his holdings sold forthwith, he said.

Bache & Co. countered with a statement that Graham knew all about his holdings. The General, however, reiterated his version and added "I lost my socks."

Meanwhile, an FBI investigation of Graham's holdings came to light when Knowland wrote Bache & Co. about Graham and was told by the firm that "the FBI called on us" for information on Graham's accounts. The FBI informed Knowland that this information had been turned over to the Justice Department.

While Senate investigators busied themselves with the books of Graham and Pauley, Chairman August H. Andresen (R-Minn.) of a special

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What Am I Saying?

By FRANK MORGAN

Marriage. . .

Many a girl covers more than one lap in the race to the altar. Which brings me to the thought that marriage is a lot like a boxing show. The preliminaries are sometimes more interesting than the main event!

WEATHER

Continued sunny, cool and windy today and tonight. Tuesday, fair and warmer.

Temperature at 2:00 today	47
High and low last 24 hours	47-23
Sunset today	5:22
Sunrise tomorrow	7:23

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