

OREGON

L. J. - P. & G. Wed., Oct. 29, 1947.

A triple tragedy for the State of Oregon;—Governor Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert Farrell, and Senate President Marshall Cornett, found dead in the wreckage of a private plane, crashed into a tree thirty-six miles southwest of ~~Lakeview~~ *— in southern Oregon.* Lakeview Near Dog Lake. <sup>^</sup>The Governor and his companions set off late yesterday on a hunting trip in the wild mountain country east of ~~Lakeview~~ Klamath Falls. But they failed to arrive at the small landing field where they were scheduled to stop, and immediately a search *began,* ~~was instituted.~~ <sup>^</sup> Army and private planes winging out over this famous goose hunting country looking for signs of the missing plane, criss crossing the mountain <sup>s,</sup> <sub>^</sub> without results. <sup>TP</sup> Lumber trucks, a convoy of thirteen ~~jeeps~~ jeeps and a score of private automobiles continued the hunt on the ground, the search ~~being~~ directed by state police superintendent ~~Mr.~~ Mason who flew from the state capital at Salem. For hours there was no news. And then late this afternoon one search-pilot reported that he had spotted

wreckage of a plane scattered in the snow six miles north of the California-Oregon border, on the edge of the great Fremont National Forest. That the plane seemed to have fallen near a clipped-off pine tree.

Sheriff Cassidy of Lakeview immediately rushed State Police and forest rangers who finally reached the wreckage and made the tragic discovery. All three of the prominent Oregonians, and their pilot, killed in the crash.

Governor Snell was chosen for a second term in Nineteen Forty-six. Next in line for succession to the governorship would be Secretary of State Robert Farrell who also perished in the crash. And so now the governorship will pass to Representative John Hall, speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

## INDIA

Late news from the Vale of Kashmir.

The word tonight is that Indian Army troops, flown from New Delhi to the relief of ~~in~~ Kashmir, have been pushed back some miles by the invading Afridis. The dispatch states that the Delhi ~~force~~ force consists of two troops of Sikhs. After losing a few of their men, and their commander, in their first contact with the invaders, the Sikhs pulled back to prepared defenses twenty-six miles ~~from~~ from Srinagar, the capital.

( Indian government sources say that both India and Pakistan are <sup>sending ~~troops~~</sup> ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ troops to this undeclared war in Kashmir, which followed last week's announcement by the Maharajah that he intends to have Kashmir unite with the Dominion of India. )

Tonight we hear that a large army, made up mainly of Afridi tribesmen, well-officered and well-armed is advancing on Srinagar, burning and looting as they go.

(Mahatma Gandhi came out today in favor of the Delhi government's support for Kashmir. "I have not enough data to judge on the merits of the case", said Gandhi, "but it was right for the Union government to rush troops to Srinagar". And then he added that is difficult to believe the Afridis could have penetrated into Kashmir without some help from Pakistan.

ROMANIA

Another spectacular Red trial got going today - in Communist Romania. Before a military tribunal at Bucharest, the charge of treason was brought against <sup>75 year old</sup> opposition leader Maniu and eighteen other defendants.

~~Seventy five year old Maniu was head of the peasant ~~and~~ parties in other countries dominated by the Reds.~~ In Hungary, the Premier, chosen by the farmers - had to flee for his life. In Bulgaria, the leader of the peasant party, Petkov, was put on trial and executed. In Poland, the chief of the Agrarian Party, has disappeared, a fugitive from the Reds apparently. So now Romania - with peasant leader Maniu put on trial for his life today.

The charge is that he conspired with an American military mission sent by our government to Romania. Two United States Army Lieutenants are mentioned as having aided a plot by the Romanian peasant party to overthrow the Communist government. The American military mission is further accused of having enabled two peasant party leaders to get out of the country - providing them with a plane. The British ~~XXXXXX~~ are accused too, along

with the Americans - the liberal democracies of the west  
being made a target in this latest of Communist courtroom  
spectacle.)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

There's bound to be nationwide discussion of the report made today by President Truman's committee on civil rights. The President himself, upon receiving the document, stated: - "I'm going to read and study this report with great care. I recommend to all my ~~fell~~ fellow countrymen ~~th~~ that they do the same thing."

The committee consists of fifteen prominent citizens, headed by Charles E. Wilson, President of General Electric. They made an eleven months' study, and find that in the practice of American democracy there are what they call - "serious ~~fl~~ flaws." The flaws, according to the committee, consist mostly of discrimination against negroes, Jews and other minority groups. For example, racial segregation ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the South is ~~criticized~~ severely - though the committee recognizes that ~~the~~ racial conditions in the South ~~exist~~ are the result of historical factors, which must be taken into consideration.

The committee on civil rights recommends a whole series of measures, and urges congress to enact

as many as twenty new laws - "to bring the United States closer to its historic goals of human freedom and equality. says the Committee. Among the new laws proposed are bills already before Congress to outlaw ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> poll tax, enact a federal anti-lynching law, and establish a ~~permanent~~ permanent commission for fair employment practices.

The committee points to the dangers of what it describes as the "near hysteria" over Communism. This "near hysteria" is called - "the most immediate threat to the right of freedom of expression." <sup>R</sup> The committee recognizes the totalitarian threats of Communism, the Red menace to freedom, and states:- "it is natural and proper for good citizens to worry". But out of this worry may come a danger to liberty and civil rights. So what does the committee propose we should do about Communism? The answer is given in the following ~~max~~ words:- "The principle of disclosure is the appropriate way to deal with those who would ~~subvert~~ subvert our democracy by revolution." In other words, expose the Reds.



## MASEFIELD

Last night we had the poem written by Mrs. Minnie Brown for the occasion of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. We were told also of a wedding ode written by the poet laureate, famous John Masefield - and our surmise was ~~xxxxx~~ that the <sup>el</sup>fusion of Britain's Mrs. Minnie Brown was probably different from the verses of John Masefield.

Today's news confirms that point, sending along the stanzas of the poet laureate, ~~xxxxx~~ entitled - "On the coming marriage of her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth." Masefield always has a grand sweep and ring, and now he uses the wedding as an occasion to confirm the tie between the British Crown and the far flung British Empire. Here are two lines that set the theme:

"For those dear lands still calling 'Home,  
the Crown is still the link of Britain's past."

HOLLYWOOD

~~Today in Washington,~~ Two Hollywood screen writers testified that they ~~are~~ are not Communists. This would seem to be news after the noisy series of movieland scenarists refusing to state they are not ~~Communists.~~ *Communists.*

*in Washington today,*  
Called to the witness stand, ~~was~~ film writers Emmett Lavey and Dore Schary, both ~~of whom~~ denied vigorously that they are or ~~have~~ *have* ever been members of the Communists Party. Emmett Lavery who is President of the Screen writers Guild, stated that he had, under threat of a ~~libel~~ libel suit, made a Hollywood film publication print a two page retraction, after having called him a Communist. Moreover, he has brought a million dollar libel suit against Mrs. Lela Rogers, mother of movie star Ginger Rogers, because she called him a Communist in a ~~xxxx~~ radio broadcast.

Both of the two writers, who answered the committee question today, gave emphatic denial to charges that the screen writers Guild is dominated by Reds. They belittled the whole notion that Communists have any real

influence in movieland.

However, there was no lack of Hollywood personalities who refused to answer what the committee investigator calls "The sixty-four dollar question". There were four more:- Screen writer Samuel Ornitz, writer-producer Adrian Scott and Directors Herbert Biberman and Edward Dmytryk raised the usual uproar when asked the ~~sixy~~ sixty-four dollar question. They refused to deny they were Communists; which brings the total up to eight - that ~~mkh~~ many who defied the committee, leaving themselves open to punishment for contempt of Congress.

Today Committee Chairman Congressman Tarnell Thomas of New Jersey issued a blast against other leading lights of Hollywood who are attacking the investigation of ~~the~~ screenland Communism. He declared: "We have not and are not violating the rights of any American citizens, not even the rights of Communists, whose first allegiance is to a foreign government." And the Chairman promised a new burst of sensational disclosure tomorrow.

ADD HOLLYWOOD

Meanwhile, there is much debate about the equity of the committee proceedings, with charges that names have been dragged in unfairly. For example, I am told that an injury was done Lowell Mellett, one of the wartime heads of the O.W.I. because of the statement that he helped persuade movie star Robert Taylor play a role in the film "Song of Russia," which is being denounced as Communist propaganda, and in which Robert Taylor, himself was reluctant to appear. Former Cabinet Member Paul McNutt who represents the motion picture companies at the hearing, informs me that Mellett had little to do with the Song of Russia affair, had only a brief talk with Robert Taylor - who, by the way, vigorously denied that he had been forced to play in the Song of Russia.

~~was~~ The procedures of Congressional Committee hearings long have been criticized on the ground that if abused, they could result in a lynching of reputations. There was complaint for example, back in the days of the banking investigation, during the

depression, when the banking business was pilloried - though I don't remember that the Reds or Pinks did much protesting about that.

On the other hand, a Congressional hearing is an institution for informing Congress and the public, and some of the great investigations did most effective work - like the oil inquiry back in the days of Harding, which brought to light the oil scandals of that era.

TRIAL - PAINTER

In an Amsterdam courtroom they are trying a defendant who had a hard time pleading guilty. The case is a sensational affair in the world of art - in the realm of priceless paintings, old masters. (The defendant is a gray haired painter, Han<sup>s</sup> Van Meergeren, who for years made headlines in art circles by discovering a series of masterpieces of the Dutch school, paintings by Vermeer and De Hooch. Hooch would seem to be an appropriate ~~xxx~~ word in view of what happened.

(After the war, the painter, Van Meergeren, was accused of having dealt with the Nazis, of having aided them in looting art treasures of Holland. Nazi number-two man, Goering, for example, acquired masterpieces of the Dutch School.) This made things look bad for the painter. So in desperation he had to resort to a defense that was a shocker. (He stated that the old masters he had enabled the Nazis to procure were really fakes. He himself had painted them. This confession put him in a class with <sup>the</sup> <sup>est</sup> great art fakers of history.)

The trouble was - the experts didn't

*You can see how*  
believe him. <sup>^</sup>the confession put them in a bad spot, they having proclaimed the masterpieces to be genuine, ~~those~~ pictures the painter faked. For example, the Rotterdam Museum had paid one-hundred-and-eighty-five thousand dollars for an old master, which was now called a fraud.

So ~~x~~ what could the painter do? He was either a war criminal or an art faker. They were executing war criminals, while the charge of fraud meant a maximum of two years in prison. He had to do something -- seeing how the experts refused to believe ~~thxxx~~ that his fakes were really fakes.

What he did was eloquent and decisive. (He sat down and painted an old master, a Vermeer. The art critics were dumbfounded.) They had to admit that the fake possessed what they called - "A startling similarity."  
So the art faker had his way, and today <sup>he</sup> was on trial; *no final verdict, yet.*

KIMMEL

It was disclosed today that at Pearl Harbor, Admiral Kimmel was hit by a Japanese bullet. Admiral Kimmel, who was exonerated of all blame in connection with Pearl Harbor, by Admiral Halsey, recently, never mentioned the Jap bullet. But a report came out about it and today he confirmed it. So here's the story told by the Commander of the fleet at Pearl Harbor, when the Japs made their surprise attack.

"I was standing near a window at my headquarters," relates Admiral Kimmel, "when a stray Jap fifty calibre machine gun bullet came through and hit me. Fortunately, the missile was spent, and did no damage except to leave a small black and blue spot, it didn't pierce my skin - and didn't even pierce my clothing Admiral Kimmel concludes. He says he didn't think the incident worth mentioning at the time; of no strategic importance -- merely dramatic.



## BUBBLE\_GUM

Among the many things to be viewed with alarm these days -- bubble gum. We have a warning from a conference of dentists, who state that the vogue of bubble gum threatens to make us a nation with buck teeth.

The conference of odontologists, as the tooth doctors are called, is being held in Pittsburgh, where they stated today that bubble gum tends to distort the jaws and molars of its addicts. When kids blow those gummy bubbles, it tends to force the teeth out and make gaps between them. In other words, buck teeth.

So Nelson, let that be an odontological warning to you and your little ones.