

State Auditor Criticizes County Commissioners for Latest Budget

Ray C. Johnson, auditor of public accounts for the state of Nebraska, and George Kolzow, state accountant, severely criticized the Cass county commissioners Monday morning for the amount of money spent on the expenditures set up in the county budget.

Johnson declared, "Out of 93 counties in the state of Nebraska, Cass county is the only one we have examined recently where expenditures were greater than collections."

In his summary of the audit report of Cass county, Kolzow states, "We call particular attention to the large number of claims for the Monarch Engineering company which total more than \$66,000. We call particular attention to a claim dated November 1, 1943 for the amount of \$100 paid from Drug No. 1 Fund for moving grader eight miles. We call further attention to the requirements as set up in the new budget for the fiscal year which provide for extremely large expenditures and no provisions for a reserve for future requirements."

received several complaints from citizens living in Cass county about the deplorable condition of the roads in the county which have nothing to show for the amount of money spent on them. Copies of the auditor's report are on file in the county clerk's office, Johnson said, and may be reviewed by the public upon request.

Brunings Start First Day in New Business Here

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruning started their first day in business in Plattsmouth this morning as proprietors of the Bruning Drug Company at 522 Main street. Bruning has been a registered druggist for 25 years.

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SHANGHAI (UPI)—Two navy officers and three men Monday boarded and captured six heavily armed sea-going junks with nearly 100 escaping Jap troops aboard.

The navy men, only Americans on a coolie-manned steam launch—the smallest U. S. navy "task force" in history—came upon the junks as they waited for a turn of the tide to put out to sea from the confluence of the Whangpoo and Yangtze rivers.

Lt. Edward B. Martin, 36, San Diego, California, was the stocky sandy-haired skipper of this tiny force. Since taking command of the craft a fortnight ago he has seized more than a dozen enemy craft attempting to reach the open sea, presumably bound for Formosa or Japan but capture of the six ship flotilla was by far his biggest haul—and the most frightening.

Martin received a tip that the group of Japanese, possibly including some wanted war criminals, were preparing to escape. His laboring launch barreled down the Whangpoo from Shanghai against strong tidal currents just at dawn. The navy men found the junks hove to awaiting the outgoing tide, one of the swiftest in the world.

Martin signalled to the lead junk he was coming aboard. Then began a few breathtaking moments before the ships were safely in U. S. hands.

The Japanese crew immediately manned a pair of 75 mm deck guns which could have blown the launch into nothingness with little or no trouble. (Turn to Page 4, Number 2)

American Couple Married in Tokyo

TOKYO (UPI)—Maj. Frederick Vollmer, Baltimore, Md., and Lt. Margaret Kennedy, Cadville, N. Y., tonight were to become the first American couple to be married in Tokyo since the Japanese surrender.

Both bride and groom are original members of the 42nd general hospital detachment and have been overseas three years and five months. The wedding, scheduled for the unit's chapel here, was previously postponed in Brisbane and Manila.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Kennedy, was to be given away by Col. George H. Yeager, Baltimore, commanding officer of the unit. She selected as her maid of honor Lt. Rebecca Schmidt, Long Green, Md. The best man was Maj. George Canavise, Indianapolis.

Remaining Nazis Will Be Purged

General Patton's headquarters, Bavaria, Oct. 1. (UPI)—Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, newly-appointed minister-president of Bavaria, said today that the remaining 470,000 nazis holding civil offices in Bavaria will be purged "within months."

Fifty-thousand other nazis already have been removed, Dr. Hoegner said, and most of those remaining hold minor offices. The purge originally was scheduled over a period of possibly years, but will be speeded immediately "now that we know how to do it," he said.

Dr. Hoegner is responsible only to Gen. George S. Patton, military governor of Bavaria, who was ordered last Friday by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to clean out all nazis in his province immediately "regardless of government efficiency."

Patton had hesitated earlier to discharge all nazis for fear it would disrupt government services, but Dr. Hoegner said he believed even small-fry nazis could be removed without impairing efficiency.

Dr. Hoegner also said he intended to divorce the Catholic church from politics in Bavaria, with elimination of confessional schools from the educational system as the first step.

"The church should practice more active christianity than politics," he said.

Though baptized a Catholic, Dr. Hoegner said he professed "no particular religion." He was named by Patton to succeed Dr. Friedrich Schaeffer as minister-president immediately after Patton's return from his conference with Eisenhower. Schaeffer's cabinet also was discharged.

Boyington Has Hope For Missing Men

OMAHA (UPI)—Lt. Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, the marine ace, had some comforting words yesterday for a Bellevue, Neb., couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Dustin.

Boyington en route to Washington where he will receive the medal of honor and the maycross from President Harry Truman Friday, stopped at Omaha briefly. At the airport to greet him were Mr. and Mrs. Dustin, who sought some word of their son, Capt. J. Cameron Dustin, reported missing in action in December, 1942. Dustin was a member of Boyington's famed Pacific black sheep squadron.

Boyington expressed belief that "they'll be finding people in those islands for a long time." The marine ace said that "we haven't gotten all of the prisoners out of Japan yet."

Stolen Cars

CHICAGO (UPI)—With the opening of school the number of cars stolen in Chicago was cut in half, according to city police.

From a peak of more than 19 cars stolen a day during the summer vacation, the total dropped to approximately 10 in the first school week, police records show.

Truman Pays Visit To Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, (UPI)—President Truman Monday paid an unprecedented visit to the opening session of the supreme court and saw his first nominee to the high bench, Harold H. Burton, of Ohio, sworn in as an associate justice.

Court attaches said the visit was the first made by a president in the 155-year history of the high tribunal.

Mr. Truman, attired in a gray business suit, slipped quietly into the court room from a side entrance 7 minutes before the session opened at noon.

Surprise Party Held For Mrs. Tritsch

Saturday evening a group of friends held a surprise party for Mrs. Lena Tritsch honoring her 60th birthday.

The evening was spent in playing bingo and pinocle. Prize winners were: first prize, Miss Minnie Kraeger; second, Miss Sophie Kraeger; and third, Mrs. Pearl Meier. A luncheon was served by Mrs. Ed Tritsch and Mrs. Lester Meisinger.

Those who were present to enjoy the evening were: Mrs. Ed Tritsch, Mrs. Lester Meisinger and children, Mrs. Pearl Meier, Mrs. John P. Meisinger, Mrs. L. D. McKinney, Miss Sophie Kraeger, Miss Minnie Kraeger, Mrs. Perilla Gopen and children, Mrs. Lena Hild, Mrs. Eva Stoehr, Miss Helen Horn, Katie Meisinger and Mrs. Josephine Ulrich.

Mrs. Tritsch received many lovely gifts and cards from her friends, who congratulated her on her birthday.

Weather

High—62. Low—44. Nebraska Forecast—Fair, with clearing east; warmer Monday; high Monday upper 60's; west, to upper 50's; east; fair Monday night and Tuesday; little change temperature Monday night and Tuesday; slightly warmer east Tuesday.

Big Three May Meet Soon to Break Deadlocks

LONDON (UPI)—Diplomatic observers speculated today President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin may meet within two months in an attempt to break deadlocks that have stymied the foreign ministers' conference.

The foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China were scheduled to meet again tonight, probably to approve an official summary and the final communique at their three-week conference.

The 60-page summary will be locked away in the secret files of participating governments, but the final communique of 10 to 15 pages may be released late tonight.

Reliable sources believed the communique would disclose several decisions of which the public has had no inkling to date. There still was no indication, however, that the five foreign ministers had been able to agree on Balkan peace treaties and European waterways, two of the main subjects under discussion.

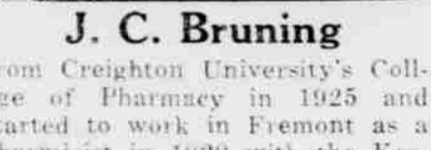
It was these deadlocks that led to reports a new Big Three meeting might be called. The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Express said that Whitehall also was considering the possibility French provisional President Gen. Charles DeGaulle and the Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek would be invited.

The foreign ministers of the Big Five met last night until 1 a. m. and emerged weary but apparently cheerful. The session was believed devoted to the wording of the final communique and official summary. Russian delegates particularly have been meticulous over the wording of official documents.

Tokyo Newspapers Given New Freedom

TOKYO (UPI)—The newspaper Nippon Times today prominently displayed Gen. Douglas MacArthur's directive ordering a cessation of restrictions on the freedom of the press.

The newspaper also front-paged a story quoting Home Minister Iwayama, in an interview with Japanese newspapers Saturday, as stating that the Japanese government will "guarantee freedom of the press and public opinion." It was Saturday that the home ministry banned distribution of some newspapers carrying an account of the emperor's interview, which led to MacArthur's directive.



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WASHINGTON, (UPI)—Republican members of the house ways and means committee demanded Monday that Elliott Roosevelt and his former wife, Mrs. Ruth G. Roosevelt, be compelled to pay a tax on the unpaid portion of his much-publicized \$200,000 loan. The unpaid portion was \$196,000. The man who made the loan, president John A. Hartford of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company received only \$4,000 in settlement and was allowed to deduct the \$196,000 as a "bad debt" in his 1942 income tax return.

The Republicans quoted Hartford as saying that he had made the loan to Elliott only because "his father (the late president) practically asked me to." They said Hartford did not press for a larger settlement because he did not want to "embarrass" the president.

"Clearly, as the case now rests, the federal treasury stands to lose the tax on \$196,000" the Republicans said. That must not be permitted. If Hartford is entitled to a deduction of \$196,000 on his gross income, positive steps should be taken to collect the tax on \$196,000 from Elliott and his former wife (Mrs. Ruth G. Roosevelt)."

Republicans made their demand in a minority report to congress on the house ways and means committee investigation of the loan transaction. Their views were made public shortly before the majority report. The Democrats voted to reply that they did not feel justified in challenging the treasury action in allowing a \$196,000 deduction.

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