

State Capitol Building Plan Too Elaborate

OLYMPIA, Sept. 25 (UP)—The state capitol committee's plan to remodel the Temple of Justice to make more room for Attorney General Smith Troy's offices ran into a snag today.

When the committee opened bids on the project late yesterday, it was found they were almost double the \$75,000 appropriated by the legislature for the work. It and B. Construction Co., Seattle, bid \$133,900 for the remodeling contract and Brawley Construction Co., Seattle, \$144,500.

Otis Elevator Co. bid \$10,857 for installing another elevator and Montgomery Elevator Co., Collins, Ill., \$11,549.

The committee will meet probably next week to consider the bids. It was expected they would be rejected and a revised plan of remodeling the building drafted.

The project called for moving the state library into the old capitol building downtown and ousting the Soldiers and Sailors club now occupying the ground floor. Considerable opposition to throwing out the service men was raised locally.

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Transport to Hit Water at Tacoma Yard

TACOMA, Sept. 25 (UP)—When a total of 14 merchant ships were launched at six American shipyards Saturday to signal the "Liberty Fleet Day," the occasion will be observed at the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation here with colorful ceremonies focused on the new army transport Frederick Funston.

The \$1,000,000 steamship—first in a series of 26 cargo-passenger vessels of the same design to be built locally—honors the name of the late Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, famed for his capture of Aguinaldo, Filipino insurrectionist.

Miss Barbara E. Funston of the ship's namesake will christen the transport.

Launching ceremonies at 10 a. m. will be highlighted by a recorded address by President Roosevelt which will be presented over a loud-speaker system.

Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, Mayor Harry B. Clin and a number of public officials will attend, as will many military army officers.

When launched Saturday morning, the big new vessel will be approximately one-third completed, according to Walter L. Green, general manager of the U. S. S. Yard.

Sen. Wheeler Denies His Group Stirring Intolerance in U. S.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 25 (UP)—Charges that the America First Committee has stirred up racial and religious intolerance were denied last night by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana isolationist, who said:

"That comes from the other side."

Wheeler spoke before an audience of 5,000 persons—including numerous speakers—in the Civic Auditorium under auspices of the America First Committee. Police ejected one man.

The speaker said he opposed the war because "(1) It is not our war; (2) we have no arms with which to fight; (3) one participation in the war would destroy our democracy."

Silas Bunker Heads State Prison Guards

OLYMPIA, Sept. 25 (UP)—Finance Director David E. Lockwood yesterday appointed Silas E. Bunker of Seattle as captain of the guards at Washington state penitentiary, succeeding M. E. Ridge.

Bunker was chief of police at Cle Elum in 1918, with the U. S. internal revenue department from 1920 to 1925, following which he was assistant warden of the penitentiary for five years.

From 1926 to 1933 he was superintendent of King county jail from 1927 to the present was the U. S. secret service in Seattle.

SIDE GLANCES



"In a few years, Matilda, I suppose he'll be flying an airplane—but I bet he won't be any happier."



Bird Won

Don't pay too much attention to pretty Farmette "Norie Boyer, because it's the bird she's holding that's important. Owned by Joe U. Phillips of Oakland, it was the prize raven pigeon exhibited at the Los Angeles county fair.

Decline of 400 in Registration at U. W.

SEATTLE, Sept. 25 (UP)—Tire-tread registration at the University of Washington so far to date is 4,600, a decrease of 400 from a similar period last year, Registrar Irvin Hoff said today. Much of the decline was attributed to the loss of high-paying jobs in defense industries.

Kills Self at Fair

YAKIMA, Sept. 25 (UP)—Clara M. Payne, about 60, a special deputy sheriff on duty at the central Washington fairgrounds, last night shot and killed herself in a dairy building crowded with fair visitors. An associate attributed her action to ill health.

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Glacier Priest Doubts Alaska Can Be Invaded

RENO, Nev., Sept. 25 (UP)—Alaska is immune from invasion, Father Bernard R. Hildebrand, E. J., the glacier priest, declared on his arrival here last night from Alaska.

Father Hubbard who has studied Alaska for 15 years, will go to San Francisco today to report on Alaska defenses to Gen. John L. Dewitt of the U. S. fourth army.

Father Hubbard took exception to statements that Alaska might be invaded "in any practical way" by an nation.

"The army is doing a fine job of establishing defense lines in Alaska," he said. "The country is such that it is a fellow who can't find a hold out. Our armed forces are very much there now."

"The writing nations of the east may try to invade Alaska, but their troubles would be many. There is a very logical path they must follow. First, they would have to seize Vladivostok. That Siberian port would be the nearest Russian territory to Alaska—and that's as far from Alaska as it is from Seattle to Panama."

"Even if they could conquer Alaska, it would be ridiculous for them to use it as a base for operations to invade the U. S. and Canada. Geographically, such a venture would be hopeless. A few well-placed airfields, submarine harbors and navy bases would block any sea-like move."

G. O. P. Will Return To Power—Martin

RENO, Nev., Sept. 25 (UP)—The Republican party will return to power "after the war," Rep. Joseph W. Martin of Washington, chairman of the Republican national committee, declared here today.

Martin came to Reno for a speech tonight and to confer with Nevada Republican leaders.

"I am confident that the Republican party will return to power after the war," he said. "The party is the only one that has the courage to stand up to the enemy."

Firepower Added to New British Plane

LONDON, Sept. 25 (UP)—The air ministry revealed today its new Hawker Hurricane combat plane was armed with 12 heavy caliber machine guns or four 20 MM cannon, giving it a firepower far greater than that of the latest German Messerschmitt model, the 109.

The Messerschmitt 109 carries one large caliber gun—a 20 MM Mauser—and several machine guns. The 109 and Hawker cannot carry as many bombs as the Hawker cannon shell carries a larger charge of explosive, which makes it more effective.

Alice Faye Soon to Become a Mother

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 25 (UP)—Alice Faye, actress, singer and wife of Hank trader Phil Harris, will settle temporarily from the screen to become a mother, she announced today.

The blonde actress was granted permission by 20th Century-Fox studio to withdraw, although the studio said plans had been made to star her in pictures to cost \$2,000,000. She said she expected the child early next year.

Norse Folk Brave Seas, Reach Britain in Small Skiff

AT A SCOTTSBUSH FORT, Sept. 25 (UP)—A small group of Norwegians, including men and women and three small children, have arrived here after a hazardous voyage across the North Sea in a small, open skiff. They reported that conditions in Norway are "absolutely appalling."

One man who had a daring escape with his wife and young child said that "the Norwegian are starving."

The Nazis take everything in the way of foodstuffs and force young Norwegians to join the army," he said. "Younger German soldiers are being replaced by older German soldiers."

Some of the refugees reported others attempting to flee had been sighted and machine gunned from German planes.

Dr. Hunt Assumes Senior Surgeon Post

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25 (UP)—Dr. Wallace Hunt, Seattle, former King county, Washington, health officer, today assumed his duties as senior surgeon of the U. S. public health service, ninth civilian defense post.

Dr. Hunt said he was prepared to act as an adviser to any community which is organizing an emergency medical service in connection with the civilian defense program.

German Falsehoods About Ship Sinkings Ridiculed by Soviets

MOSCOW, Sept. 25 (UP)—The Soviet information bureau said yesterday that German reports of sinking or damaging 11 Russian warships and merchantmen were false, but that Russian warships recently had sunk 14 German transports and other ships and one Finnish warship.

In addition, the bureau said, 10 German transports and destroyers had been disabled.

"In refuting false reports of the Hitlerites who completely forget to make their 'peace-smooth,' the statement said, 'The German navy has been completely destroyed' the photo U. S. S. R. navy by one strike on Sept. 23 they again, 'sunk' Russian destroyers, destroyers and a battleship and also destroyers."

"Thus the Hitlerite windbags managed to get a moment's time to 'speak' the ships that they had already sunk with their bullets."

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