

## SCHOOL STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

Instead of striking for a 40-hour week, the more than 200 custodians of Seattle's 80 public school buildings were at their posts today, after agreeing last night to let their negotiating committee try to obtain the work week they demand.

The custodians met for three hours last night before deciding to put off striking at least until their negotiating committee has time to work for the 40-hour week in their behalf, a request which has been refused by the Seattle Board of Education.

The negotiating committee planned to open negotiations immediately with the School Board, armed with membership permission to call out the workers at any time on an eight-hour notice, if efforts to obtain the demands again fail.

There are 210 regularly employed custodians in the public school system, and 78 part-time custodial workers. Today, more than normally, these workers were vital to the school system to provide heat for the comfort of the thousands of school children.

When the cold wave first descended upon Seattle, the custodians, although threatening to strike, voluntarily went to their stations Saturday night to do what they could to prevent a freeze-up.

Many employees of the Seattle school system work only a 40-hour week, including members of the maintenance crew, plumbers, employees in machine, carpenter and paint shops, and other workers. Custodians now work 44 hours a week.

### Duncan Makes Appeal

James A. Duncan, president of the School Board, spoke to the custodians at their meeting last night and appealed to them not to strike, but "to find some other way out."

Duncan recommended that the custodians withhold strike action long enough to permit their negotiating committee another opportunity to meet with the School Board.

"I recognize the value that you put on the 40-hour week and I am not complaining about it," Duncan said to the custodians, all members of Operating Engineers' Local 699. School officials pointed out today that the custodians have been granted a pay increase of \$22,000—along with the general increase given other school employees Friday—but they are not entitled to both a pay increase and a shorter work week.

### 60-Day Truce Proposed

Dietrich Schmitz, Seattle banker and member of the School Board, suggested that no action be taken until after a 60-day or 90-day period, during which time the custodians would try to work out a plan suggested by school officials.

According to this plan, custodians who wanted to work only 40 hours would work only that long. Those who wanted to work an additional four hours Saturday could be paid overtime out of the \$22,000. Remaining work would be done by new employees, if such could be found.

After payment of such new workers, and payment of overtime to regular custodians working Saturdays, the balance of the \$22,000 pay increase then could be divided among the custodians, so they would have both a 40-hour week and a pay increase.

At a meeting of the School Board Friday, \$146,550 in salary increases was granted to all groups of school employees, greater increases being granted to the lower-paid employees.

## Chelan Flyer Is Killed In Bomber Crash

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 18.—(AP)—One crew member escaped with a broken arm and shoulder injuries and ten were killed in the crash of an Army heavy bomber ten miles southwest of here early Saturday.

The crash had been announced earlier, at which time it was believed only nine had been killed.

Listed by the Gowen Field public relations officer as dead were: 2nd Lieut. Paul C. Painter, 25, Mount Vernon, Ohio, pilot; 2nd Lieut. William W. Reed, Jr., 25, Cashmere, Chelan County, Wash., co-pilot; 2nd Lieut. Raymond Hayes, 21, Clarendon, Tex., navigator; 2nd Lieut. Howard H. Norton, 22, Tulsa, Okla., bombardier; Staff Sgt. Rollen H. Eubank, 25, Allen, Okla., Sgt. Pasqualino P. Patri, 20, Netcong, N. J.; Staff Sgt. William J. Griffiths, 27, Oxford, Ind.; Staff Sgt. Ray A. Etherton, Jr., 21, Ellenswood, Kas.; Staff Sgt. Christian F. Weinhold, 22, Oaklin, N. J.; Sgt. Arthur P. Mayer, Brooklyn, New York.

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## Japs' Ouster Based on Lies, Mrs. Farquharson Charges

The policy to evacuate the Japanese from this area came about "largely because of propaganda not based on facts," Mrs. Mary Farquharson, former state senator and Seattle representative of the Civil Liberties Union, told the congregation of Plymouth Congregational Church last night at its international forum.

The case of Gordon Hirabayashi, University of Washington student, who refused to be evacuated with other Japanese on the contention that the order was a denial to American citizens of the civil liberties to which they are entitled, was "re-told" on the forum hour.

Mrs. Farquharson took the defense and Dr. Walter G. Hiltner the case for the government.

Hirabayashi was convicted in October of violation of the exclusion order. He now is in King County jail awaiting the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, which will hear his case January 30 in San Francisco.

"We were congratulating ourselves on the loyalty of the Japanese until six weeks after the Pearl Harbor attack, and then there came a barrage of propaganda in regard to sabotage and espionage in Hawaii during Pearl Harbor," Mrs. Farquharson went on. "All of those stories have been declared false from the official standpoint."

Aid of Japanese Told  
Mrs. Farquharson quoted the Hawaii chief of police as saying the Japanese there helped bring in the wounded and stood in line to give transfusions to wounded Americans.

Mrs. Farquharson disagreed with Dr. Hiltner's contention that (1) the Japanese are being well fed in their camps and are contented; (2) the Army should have such unprecedented authority over American citizens; (3) Americans should not question what their government does.

Mrs. Farquharson said the propaganda had been "deliberately put out by special interests groups" and suggested that "all of us can think of fishing interests here that have been, for many years, agitating to get rid of the Japanese."

Dr. Hiltner's contention was that the exclusion order was best for the safety of Japanese here, and that most of them realized what

The crime wave which struck Seattle last month had gone "Pfft!" today, judging by police records. Sixty-two persons were arrested for major crimes—murder, robbery, narcotic violations and burglaries—between January 1 and January 15. Last week-end only one robbery and half a dozen burglaries were reported, compared to week-ends in December when there were a dozen or more robberies, several attacks on women, and 50 or 60 burglaries.

"The Police Department and the weather pulled sort of a double play on crime," one policeman said. "We combined and made criminal life top tough."

Detective Chief Claud C. Fortner said that, as a result of the police drive, one man was held without charge in the city jail after confessing he had shot three persons, killing one of them; one man has confessed to a criminal assault on a woman; one was shot attempting to escape arrest; 24 were arrested in connection with "rolling" drunks in the South End; one man surrendered loot valued at more than \$3,000; three were arrested in connection with liquor store burglaries totaling more than \$5,000; nine others were arrested in other burglaries.

The morals detail, under Detective Lieuts. E. A. Dickinson and George O'Brien, hold in custody 16 men who have confessed to either approaching or beating women on the street.

## Japs May Sing 'Home, Sweet Home'—and Do!

Chicago Daily News Foreign Service  
CHUNGKING, Jan. 18.—Murder on a mass scale is being perpetrated in Japan against American jazz, which the government has pronounced "decadent and barbaric." Since the official order went out last week for exterminating Anglo-American music, tens of thousands of jazz records have been surrendered to the government or voluntarily smashed.

Now the Japanese government thinks the anti-fun program is going too far. The Tokyo radio warned the public today that it must not think that the order included all Anglo-American tunes. An exception is made of "healthy popular folk songs, well assimilated with Jap sentiment."

Among the songs which the Japanese can sing are "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Last Rose of Summer." Another song which has been passed is "Home, Sweet Home," which, rumor has it, is popular with Jap soldiers on Sanananda Beach in New Guinea.

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## Train Kills 5 War Workers in Auto

TULSA, Okla., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Five Douglas bomber-paint workers were killed today in the collision of their automobile and a Frisco passenger train at a city crossing, the State Highway Patrol reported.

A grade-crossing watchman said he stood in the path of the automobile, waving a red lantern, but the driver apparently did not see the signal.

The patrol listed the victims, as Clarence Webb, 25 years old; A. L. Harris, age not given; Thomas A. Hill, 25; Thelma Page, 25; Alfreeda Gans, age not given.

## STEVENS PASS ACCIDENT FATAL

A Snohomish County resident, Leroy B. Weaver, 55 years old, was killed early yesterday when the automobile he was driving ran off the Stevens Pass road five and a half miles east of Snohomish.

Weaver evidently was killed instantly, according to State Patrol officials.

Jerry William Carson, 21, of Silver Creek, was in Harborview County Hospital today after a three-car collision at 5:30 o'clock yesterday. Hospital attendants said his condition was "satisfactory." The other drivers were William B. Fotheringham of Seahurst and Albert L. Shoul of South Seattle.

Frank Baker, 76 years old, of 818 Tenth Ave., who was struck by an automobile last Wednesday in Broadway at East Pine Street died yesterday morning in Harborview.

Baker, a pedestrian, was struck by the automobile of Georgene D. Peterson, 1020 Seneca St.

## Rickenbacker Aide To Be Here 3 Days

Lieut. James C. Whittaker, co-pilot with Capt. William T. Cherry of the Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Pacific flight adventure, will arrive in Seattle Friday to speak at a meeting planned by the Civilian War Commission and the Washington State Defense Council.

All civilian-defense workers, whether in the commission's civilian-protection or war-services branch, have been asked to attend but the meeting is open to the public, in the Metropolitan Theatre.

Lieutenant Whittaker, who will be here for three days on his tour of the Pacific Coast, will speak before meetings of war workers which are being scheduled by the commission's war-labor section under Harry L. Carr. At the conclusion of his public appearances in this state, Lieutenant Whittaker will return to active duty in the Air Transport Service.

A photoelectric phonograph has been developed which transmits sounds that it reproduces over a light beam.

## LELAND STOWE TO SPEAK HERE

Leland Stowe, war correspondent, will describe his experiences in covering the news on seven major fronts when he speaks at a lecture February 10 at the Washington Athletic Club.

Stowe's talk, "No Other Road to Freedom," will be for club members only. He is the only foreigner, either war correspondent or military attaché, to spend a week with the Red army on the Russian front.

Army Wants Man, Pigeons  
ORLANDO, Fla., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Harry Carter, an Orlando carrier-pigeon trainer, recently was classified 1-A. He wondered what would become of his birds. The Army soon took care of that, too. The pigeons were registered and also are awaiting duty.

Snell, Painter, Dies  
NEW HOPE, Pa., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Henry Bayley Snell, 84 years old, internationally known painter and art teacher, died late yesterday.

### Meridian Club to Meet

J. A. Humphrey will speak on "The Cultivation and Care of Trees and Shrubs" at the meeting of the Meridian Improvement Club at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at 2214 N. 56th St.


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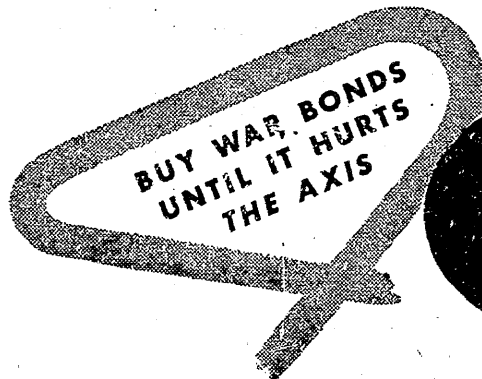
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