

FACT BOARD ADVISES OIL WAGE BOOST



WALTER A. NORBLAD
Elected to Succeed Mott

Republican is Victor Over Spaulding, 2-1

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Walter A. Norblad, Astoria Republican, was swept into a House of Representatives seat today by a 2 to 1 victory over his Democratic opponent, Bruce M. Spaulding.

Returns from 355 of the First Congressional District's 500 precincts gave Norblad 16,878 votes to Spaulding's 8,195.

The 37-year-old former state legislator and son of a former Oregon Governor was carrying all of the district's ten counties. Norblad, a recently discharged Air Corps captain, will fill the unexpired term of the late Rep. James W. Mott. He must run for reelection in this year's primary in order to remain in Congress after next January.

At Astoria, Norblad was warmly appreciative of support. "I want to thank all who voted for me," he said. "I promise that I will serve the First District voters and the state conscientiously."

The First Congressional District was true to its tradition of never sending a Democrat to Congress.

Spaulding, a Salem attorney and former Polk County district attorney, trailed in returns from both Marion and Polk. He had

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SHOOTING ceases in China after an apparently spectacular meeting between Chiang Kai-shek and General Marshall. (At this meeting, Chiang announces cryptically, "seemingly unsurmountable obstacles were cleared away.")

WITH the shooting finally stopped, events move swiftly.

Chiang opens the long-pending Chinese political consultation conference, and announces that the government (his government) will:

1. Grant the people freedom of speech, conscience, person, publication (free press) and association (free assembly) and will safeguard them against illegal arrest and trial.
2. That ALL political parties will hereafter be equal before the law and may hereafter operate openly within the law.
3. That local self-government will be actively promoted in all places and that free popular elections will be held.
4. That political prisoners, except traitors and those committing definitely injurious acts against the government, will be released.

GENERAL CHOU EN-LAI, the No. 2 communist leader, approves these four points and says

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Strikes in Three Industries, With 4th One Due Monday, Worry Residents of Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—(P)—Seattle today was a city of aching arches, no newspapers and curtailed telephone service as a strike of bus drivers set many afoot, a strike of printers went into its 56th day and picketing by Western Electric installers kept many telephone company workers off the job.

It was one immense traffic jam through most of the daytime working hours yesterday and a strangely silent place at night as every available automobile was called into service to haul folks to stores and offices and left at home in the evenings.

Still a fourth strike was in the offing. Officers of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) said 750 employees of two Seattle steel plants planned to leave their jobs Monday in line with a nationwide dispute.

The bus drivers, who seek an hourly wage of \$1.37 and have rejected commission offers of \$1.22 with a cash bonus of \$138,

Gripes of GI's Still Pour in On Congress

Thorny Demobilization Problem Will Be Aired By Eisenhower, Nimitz

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(P)—GI heat kept Capitol Hill uncomfortable and warm today, despite the promise of a speedy airing of the whole demobilization situation.

Announcement that Gen. Eisenhower and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz would discuss the thorny problem before a joint congressional session next Tuesday brought no immediate halt in the flow of angry cables and radiograms from overseas personnel.

"When the blazes is a tuba player considered essential for a fighting army?" one GI cabled a senator.

Messaged another from Guam: "Don't let the Pentagon become the center of American life."

And from Munich: "We want home quick with none of the damned excuses."

The War and Navy departments are so desirous of talking back that they requested the joint House-Senate session be arranged to hear Eisenhower and Nimitz.

Training Period Cut

Meanwhile, the Army cut the training period for new recruits in order to step up the flow of replacements to relieve long service men overseas. The training period was reduced from 17 weeks to 13.

Eisenhower also was reported to have cautioned all commands against giving veteran troops any retakes in basic or other elemental training just to keep them busy. There have been loud GI gripes about such a made-work routine.

A cross-section of other GI demobilization gripes was made public by Senator Johnson (D-Colo.), chairman of the Senate military subcommittee assigned Thursday to investigate the en-

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New Distribution Of Tax Funds Made

Further distribution of 1946 taxes was announced today by County Treasurer Oliver L. Johnson. The total, in this third distribution to cities, schools, and union high schools, was \$134,306.06.

Disbursed to schools was the largest amount: \$96,155.44; to cities \$28,159.61; and to union high schools, \$10,191.01.

Myrtle Creek schools stood second to Roseburg in the amount of funds received: \$10,522.67; Roseburg schools got \$25,641.96. Other large amounts disbursed to Douglas County schools included: \$9,030.46 to Riddle; \$10,044.36 to Gresham; \$4,993.12 to Reedsport; \$4,261.99 to Dillard, and \$4,467.69 to Sutherlin.

Union high schools received, at Yoncalla, \$4,410.27, and at Drain, \$3,868.54.

Disbursements to cities were smaller than to schools. Roseburg was allotted \$14,861.06; Oakland, \$2,342.71; Myrtle Creek, \$2,360.89; Sutherlin, \$2,044.32, and Reedsport, \$2,082.88.

Demonstrations Damaging American Prestige Abroad, Gen. McNarney Tells Troops

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 12.—(P)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. commander in Europe, took up personally the problem of demobilization with his troops today and asked them to discontinue their demonstrations because he felt they were damaging American prestige in the eyes of other occupation powers in Germany.

Returning from a meeting of the four-power Allied council in Berlin, the European commander in chief summoned representatives of all his Army units to explain the reasons for the slow-down in shipments home.

During his absence GI's massed on three successive nights in front of his headquarters here, booing his name and that of Secretary of War Patterson.

The numbers attending the demonstrations dwindled last night, however, after 50 representatives of 22,000 soldiers in the Frankfurt area held a question-and-answer session with McNarney's chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Harold Bull.

The protest, however, spread last night to Third Army headquarters at Bad Tölz, where 400 soldiers held an orderly meeting, aired their grievances and voted to send a petition to Congressmen and others.

Cease Firing Order Goes Forth in China's Truce

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12.—(P)—A three-member commission created to implement the truce in China's civil strife plans to fly to Peiping tomorrow to establish executive headquarters. The commission has ordered all government military units to cease fire before midnight Sunday. This much leeway was given to enable the order to reach remote points. Similar orders have been issued by the Communist high command at Yenan.

A time limit is to be set for disarmament of Japanese troops in China. Estimated 200,000 are still armed, including a number "surrounded by Communists."

Rep. Ellsworth announced the action today and said that when the engineers send the project to Congress he would introduce legislation to provide the \$273,000 estimated cost.

The engineers believe the proposed improvements will confine future floods within the bank levees through channel improvements of nine miles of the creek which passes through the city.

Six Nations Named to Security Council Seats

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(P)—Overriding Russian efforts to postpone the balloting, the United Nations assembly today elected six nations to non-permanent seats on the important security council along with a five-power permanent bloc.

Australia, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, The Netherlands and Poland were chosen to non-permanent membership on the council, which will control the proposed world police force. The United States, Britain, Russia, China and France are the permanent members of the 11-nation body.

Court Sets \$300,000 Bail For Cline, Murder Suspect

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(P)—One of the highest bond demands ever made in San Francisco was set yesterday for Alfred Leonard Cline, elderly mystery man who has been questioned by police of four states as they investigate the deaths of several elderly women.

Three new charges were filed against Cline yesterday — two counts of forgery and one of grand theft — and the total bail set was \$300,000 bond or \$150,000 cash.

Scheduled Steel Strike Not to Affect Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(P)—The steel strike scheduled for Monday will not affect any Oregon plants, Alfred F. Hartung, regional CIO director, said today.

Oregon steel mills here and two metal plants have contracts with the CIO United Steel Workers, but were not included in last November's strike vote.

Oregon steel mills have a separate contract with the union, now under negotiation.

Ruling Upholds Transfer
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—Attorney General Neuner ruled today that the Benton County Court acted within its rights in transferring \$500 of county emergency funds for the maintenance of the Justice of the Peace office in District 9 of Benton county.

Army Paper Placed Under Military Rule

Manila Medium of GI's Views Made Subject to Officer's Supervision

MANILA, Jan. 12.—(P)—An Army officer exercised supervisory judgment today over material carried in the Army newspaper, Daily Pacifican, including its popular "Mail Bag" column in which soldiers air their views.

Col. W. E. Waters, heading the information-education section of Army forces, Western Pacific (AFWESPAC), said the policy had for its aim building up rather than undermining the Army.

In an earlier statement, staff members of the newspaper whose judgment hitherto had been final in what was carried said "our hands are now bound."

The new policy in the case of the Daily Pacifican was instituted the same week that the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, at Honolulu was cautioned by Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Mid-Pacific Army commander, against printing derogatory references to Army authorities as individuals. Richardson emphasized that the newspaper was free to express its views, and those of its readers on subjects such as demobilization but must observe the caution or face punishment under the articles of war.

"Freedom Restricted"
The statement by the staff of the Daily Pacifican issued yesterday, said, "new restrictions on freedom of expression imposed from above no longer enable us to bring the full news and the

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Murder Charge Faced by 81-Year-Old War Vet

KALISPEL, Mont., Jan. 12.—(P)—The second victim of a shooting at Montana's soldier's home died yesterday as County Attorney Ambrose G. Measure prepared to file murder charges against Frank Ross, an 81-year-old Spanish-American war veteran, in the death of Vencel Stibhal, 55.

Mrs. Stibhal, wounded at the same time her World War I veteran husband was shot Wednesday, died today.

Measure, who previously charged the aged veteran and bridge-room of two months with murder, said he would file a second murder charge "if Ross doesn't plead guilty to the first count."

Meanwhile, Ross was being held under \$5,000 bond.

OPA Strives to Block Boost in Butter Price

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(P)—W. H. McCargar, district OPA food specialist, served notice today that the OPA will do "everything in its power" to keep the price of butter from going up.

He declared a higher price on butter would not solve the shortage. It would only inflate cream prices and make things difficult for processors who use cream in cheese, evaporated and condensed milk, and other products, he said.

Butter makers are in an awkward position, McCargar said, because lack of ceiling prices on cream enables other manufacturers, with different ceilings, to pay higher prices for cream.

Wait for Altered GI Bill Before Buying, Vets told

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(P)—Veterans who want to buy homes, farms or businesses were advised today to wait for the improved freedom in the GI Bill of Rights which, officials predicted, probably will be ready in March.

Robert B. Hurd, chairman of the Oregon Bankers' Association Committee on veterans' affairs, said the amended act would make loans much simpler and has more liberal terms. He forecast a "landslide of loan business" when new forms and regulations are complete.

Burning of Sawmill Entails \$25,000 Loss

PHILOMATH, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—Charles M. Hampton, Philomath, operator of the Ellis & Mann sawmill 15 miles west of here at Summit, estimated loss at \$25,000 today after a fire nearly destroyed the plant.

Philomath firemen, who arrived too late to save the mill, blamed the blaze on an exploding diesel engine.

Hampton said half the loss was covered by insurance.

Purple Heart Added to Decorations Received by Sgt. Wesley C. Little



Official Photograph U. S. Navy.
Sgt. Wesley C. Little

At a presentation at Seattle Friday, December 14, Platoon Sgt. Wesley C. Little, USMC, was given the Purple Heart award by Capt. F. R. Moore (MC) USN. Little, whose home is Roseburg, was recently released from a prisoner of war camp in Shanghai, China.

In the Marine Corps since March, 1933, Little participated in actions on Bataan and Corregidor at the outbreak of the war. In addition to the Purple Heart, he has received the Silver Star, the Presidential Citation, the Distinguished Army Citation and the Good Conduct Medal. Little attended Roseburg High School. Later he was employed by the Union Lumber Company at Fort Bragg, California.

Navy Dept. Vetoed Scouting Plan, Says Admiral Kimmel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(P)—Pre-Pearl Harbor plans of the Pacific fleet for scouting an island chain where the Marines later had heavy losses were vetoed by the Navy Department. Congressional investigators were informed today.

Admiral Husband E. Kimmel said he wanted to survey the Gilbert group which includes Tarawa, but Washington instructed him not to take fleet units "anywhere near" those islands in pre-war days.

Tarawa and other islands in the Gilberts were taken by U. S. amphibious forces in hard fighting during November, 1943, as the westward offensive across the Central Pacific was launched. A British possession, the Gilberts were seized by the Japanese after the outbreak of the war and strongly fortified.

Kimmel said the reason given by the Navy Department for vetoing the projected survey was "that we should not evince any interest in the Gilberts because the Japs might find out that we were interested."

The former Pacific fleet commander's recital came to light as Senate-House committee members examined testimony Kimmel gave in three previous inquiries as a prelude to his personal appearance before the Congressional group next Tuesday.

Eligible Marines Given Order to Return Home

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(P)—The Marine Corps yesterday ordered the immediate return home from Pacific transient centers of all marines who are eligible for discharge under the point system.

Marines at transient centers include men en route from one assignment to another. The order is designed, the corps said, to prevent any delay in release of eligible men until they report for their new assignments.

Clatsop County PUD Sought in Petition

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—Petitions were filed in the office of the State Reclamation Commission here Saturday for the creation of the Clatsop County People's Utility District.

The district would include the cities of Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart and Seaside and would embrace 308 square miles with a population of 20,000 and assessed property valuation of \$11,000,000.

PROPOSED 18 PCT. INCREASE 'FAIR,' SCHWELLENBACH SAYS; CIO WORKERS ASKED 30 PCT.

Government Seizure of Packing, Steel Industries Appears Likely; GMC Spurns Pay Boost Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—A Presidential fact-finding panel today proposed a general 18 per cent wage increase for CIO oil workers involved in a three-months-long pay dispute with a major portion of the industry.

Settlements already have been reached between the union and several individual companies on that basis.

The proposed increase would boost the average hourly pay of the 25,000 workers involved from \$1.20 per hour to \$1.40 per hour.

The CIO oil workers had demanded a 30 per cent wage boost.

The Navy, which took over 53 refineries and pipelines on Oct. 4 when government conciliation efforts failed, still is in control of 36 plants and pipelines of 23 companies.

Settlements were reached in cases affecting the other facilities.

Threats Against Judge Fail to Ease Penalty

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(P)—Federal Judge St. Sure, under protection of bodyguards after getting threats against his life, yesterday refused to soften the one-year sentence he passed last November on Robert L. Quisenberry for selling a car to a U. S. seaman at \$450 above the ceiling price.

The judge made it clear he was ruling without regard to a possible connection between the Quisenberry case and Everett A. Young, who was named in a warrant charging attempted intimidation of a federal judge. It was filed after St. Sure reported mail and phone threats from a man who identified himself as E. A. Young, and said, "I know you. I know you and I'm going to kill you."

Sack Shortage Threatens Production of Flour

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—A critical flour sack shortage threatens to slash production of Pacific Northwest flour mills. R. D. Lytle, secretary to the North Pacific Millers' Association, said today.

Firms making up the organization reported they are without bags for their output from February on, he said. Distance from the source of supply makes the situation worse here than in other parts of the country, Lytle declared.

He recommended that sheeting allocated for export be diverted to bag manufacturers. Other nations would still get the sheeting, he said, but in flour sack form.

Three Killed, Four Hurt in Three-Car Collision

Ellensburg, Wash., Jan. 12.—(P)—State Highway patrolmen reported last night three people were killed and four others were injured in a three-car collision six miles west of Cle Elum.

The dead were identified as Duane E. Walker, 20, driver of one of the cars, and his parents, William Walker, 51, and Mrs. Said Walker, 74.

State police said the accident happened as Manuel Gesselle, 35, Munro, was passing a tank transport truck. Fog enshrouded both vehicles and the Gesselle and Walker cars collided head-on.

Long Phone Service in Portland Still Upset

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(P)—Long distance telephone service still limped badly here today, as communications equipment workers continued picketing three Portland telephone buildings.

With operators declining to pass picket lines, supervisory employees pinch-hit on the long-distance boards, warning callers that only priority or emergency calls would be accepted.

Once Over Lightly
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 12.—(P)—A woman called the Deseret News on the telephone and explained that on a crowded bus she accidentally brushed her

lips against the shoulder of a man standing next to her, leaving a lipstick smudge on his light-colored overcoat.

"He seemed to be such a nice man," the voice said, "that I wouldn't want his wife to think there is another woman in his life. I do hope you'll explain that I'm awfully sorry about the lipstick, and I hope his wife reads the story."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Katsenelson

Northwest millers are complaining of a shortage of flour sacks. So what! A lot of folks can get along with less flour, but they've got to have underwear, even ersatz, during the current icy weather.