

# AGREEMENT AVERTS TELEPHONE WALKOUT

## The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight;  
partly cloudy Friday.

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## Alien Agents After Secrets Of Atom Bomb

Attempted Theft Bared By Investigation, House Committeeman Reveals

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The House Committee investigating American activities said today foreign agents are trying to steal America's atom bomb secrets.

Chairman John S. Wood (D., Cal.) told newsmen the committee had authorized him to announce that an investigation has disclosed the theft attempt.

He added that the committee is cooperating with "other government agencies, particularly the War Department."

Wood phrased his remarks cautiously in discussing the inquiry with reporters. He declined to name the nations involved.

Asked whether the investigation showed any connection between the reported theft efforts here and those recently announced in Canada, Wood replied:

"I don't know, I'm not sure just what agents were at work up there."

The Canadian government has accused Russia of attempting to obtain secret information, including data about the atom bomb. Moscow has said the data obtained from Canadian citizens was of no special interest to Soviet authorities.

Primarily Foreign Effort

Wood said the committee had authorized him to say:

"We have been conducting an investigation for several months to see if subversive forces are at work against the government in connection with development of

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RUSSIA still holds the foreign news spotlight — partly, it must be remembered, because of the news Washington is releasing to BACK UP its new and "tougher" Russian policy.

It must always be kept in mind that diplomats tell the people only what THEY think it is good for the people to know.

FOR example:

Agriculture Secretary Anderson (not a diplomat, but related to the State Department as a member of the cabinet) says cryptically in discussing the world food situation: "Normally we'd expect China to be able to go into Manchuria and take out soybeans for food, but we have reports that those soybeans have been LIBERATED from the area."

Asked if he was referring to Russia, he answered: "Not primarily, as either of several factions among the Chinese could have taken the beans." But his statement is certainly an intimation that the Russians are expropriating Manchurian food as well as Manchurian machinery, and that we don't like it.

WASHINGTON has known these things all along. It is making them public now in order

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## Government to Buy Dressed Poultry in Plan to Bolster Prices During Flock Thinning

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson yesterday announced that the government would buy dressed poultry in an effort to bolster producer prices during the scheduled thinning of poultry flocks.

A shortage of grains is making it impossible for poultrymen to obtain sufficient feed to maintain flocks at present high war time number. The grain shortage reflects, in part, heavy government purchases of wheat for shipment abroad.

Anderson said that the department would buy dressed chickens, except young chickens weighing 3½ pounds or less, and have a substantial portion of them canned for (1) future resale into consumer channels, (2) shipment abroad, (3) for military and other governmental needs, and (4) for use in school lunch programs.

Prices paid by the government will be designed to reflect a U. S. average farm price for live chickens or not less than 80 per cent of parity. Currently this will mean not less than an average farm price of 18.3 cents a pound,

## Roseburg's Industrial Pace Handicapped by Shortage of Houses, Prices Rules of OPA

To housing and prices was laid the blame by Roseburg industrialists yesterday for the difficulties facing business in this area. These and similar complaints were told a group of news reporters who are touring Oregon industrial sites under sponsorship of the National Association of Manufacturers.

## Churches Renounce Race Segregation

COLUMBUS, O., March 7.—(AP)—The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America yesterday renounced race segregation and recommended that the 25 denominations in its membership do likewise.

The council, meeting in special session to deal with postwar problems of its 25,000,000 churchgoers, adopted without dissent a long report calling "special attention to the un-Christian character and unfortunate results of the segregation pattern."

Although not all the 500 delegates present raised their hands when the affirmative vote was called for, none voted in the negative.

Earlier, the council appealed to Protestants throughout the nation to open their homes to homeless persons, especially war veterans, in the current housing shortage.

The council adopted a resolution recommending that every local church sponsor a "share the housing" program by March 15.

The resolution came after President Truman had remarked that if only four persons in each church or synagogue congregation in the United States would take in somebody unable to find a home, the emergency would be relieved.

## Farm Groups Ask Govt. Aid to Prevent Crop Loss

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—(AP)—Two California farm groups appealed yesterday for federal intervention to save Northern California's huge fruit and vegetable crop, threatened with loss due to a jurisdictional dispute between AFL and CIO cannery unions.

President Ray B. Wiser of the California Farm Bureau Federation issued a plea urging 40,000 growers to telegraph their representatives in congress to act now to prevent wastage of crops expected to produce 55,000,000 cases of canned fruits and vegetables—a third of the nation's total pack.

He recommended either that the National Labor Relations Board amend its recent order to permit canneries to extend their former contract with AFL teamsters pending a new collective bargaining election, or that President Truman direct government operation of the canneries under the war powers act.

## Oregon Teacher Shortage Expected to Get Worse

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—A warning that about 10 per cent of Oregon school teachers outside of Portland are expected to resign this spring was reported today by the Oregon State Teachers Association.

The warning based on reports from 70 per cent of the upstate schools and from 57 per cent of the state's teachers was made at a time when school officials revealed they already needed 600 instructors.

The report showed 1164 of 4556 teachers questioned were holding emergency certificates, indicating about 25 per cent of Oregon public school teachers lack normal minimum qualifications to hold their positions.

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## German Device May Prove Boon to Radio Industry

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The Commerce Department reported today it was bringing to this country "an ingenious German machine which may revolutionize the manufacture of condensers for radio, radar and other electric and electronic equipment."

The department said production costs of condensers could be reduced by 20 per cent through use of the German equipment.

The machine was developed by the Robert Bosch Company of Stuttgart, Germany, and turns out paper condensers in which the filament foil is replaced by a "very thin, vaporized zinc coating, applied directly," the department said.

## Oregon Jobless Benefits Reveal Huge Increase

SALEM, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Unemployment compensation benefits in Oregon in the first two months of 1946 totaled \$6,024,810, more than the total for any preceding 12 months period, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said today.

The largest year's total had been \$5,916,399 paid in 1938.

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## Moscow Not Sole Target Of Blunt Talk

General Aim of American Diplomacy Also Directed At Spain and Argentina

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—This country's newly-stressed emphasis on blunt talk in world affairs has some American diplomatic officials worried lest the policy appear aimed exclusively at Russia.

Acknowledging their concern privately today, these officials made a point of noting that the sting of frank words has been felt in diametrically opposite camps—that is, in Spain and Argentina, as well as in the Soviet Union.

The whole idea, they say, is based on the hope that a straight-from-the-shoulder approach will succeed in forcing a quick yet friendly showdown where traditional hush-hush diplomacy might only add to suspicion.

These officials, who must remain unnamed, said critics of American foreign policy should remember that American notes protesting Russia's plans in Manchuria and Iran were preceded first by an indictment of Argentine action during the war and by a three-power denunciation of Franco's Spanish government for collaboration with the Axis.

Decisions Impend

Meanwhile, the State Department: 1. Awaited Russian reaction to its note protesting the presence of Red Army troops in Iran after the March 2 deadline for their withdrawal.

2. Weighed the effect of a likely Persian victory in Argentina's election and the effect it might have toward postponing the Rio Conference of American Republics to write a hemisphere defense alliance.

3. Expected to disclose within 24 hours the contents of its note to Moscow laying down the United States' position.

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## Season of Success Feted by Cannery

Another "very successful" season for the canning of dried prunes closed Tuesday with a potluck dinner at noon, at the Roseburg Canning Co., 721 Winchester St. The dried prune canning followed directly after the close of a fresh prune canning season last October. The plant has been operating with a day shift of approximately 80 people during the season just closed.

Cannery officials said they wished to express their appreciation to the growers and to the Roseburg townspeople for their "splendid co-operation" during the past year.

The plant has been under the management of Herb Burch, superintendent; Des O'Brien, warehouse manager; Erich Hoeft, foreman; V. T. Jackson, field man; Mrs. Ella Lamm, floor lady, and Mrs. Nona Thompson, office manager.

Anyone interested in growing of prunes and seeing the Roseburg cannery during the coming year should contact V. T. Jackson at the cannery.

## Congress Asked for New Fund to Keep up Subsidies

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The administration asked Congress yesterday for \$2,051,000,000 to continue government subsidies on food and other materials, during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The proposal was made by James F. Brownlee, deputy to Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles, to the House banking committee. He said halting the subsidy program at the end of current fiscal year would result in an eight per cent rise in food costs, and a 31 per cent jump in the overall cost of living.

"Sudden removal of the subsidies," he declared, "would be more than the program against inflation could stand. This program is necessary to hold back a whirl of inflation."

## Oregon Group Opposes Barracks College Plan

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—Temporary use of the Klamath Falls Marine barracks as an emergency veterans college would be of "doubtful value" to servicemen, the United Citizens Higher Education Council of Oregon declared today.

Claude F. Palmer, vice-chairman of the council, wrote Gov. Snell the organization believed money needed to finance the emergency facility would be better invested in expanding permanent institutions.

The council represents student, parent and alumni groups of state higher educational institutions.

## Woman Telegrapher of Baker Slain by Robber

BAKER, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Miss Lilah Mack, 40, an employee of the Western Union here for three years, was shot twice in the back, dragged onto the lawn of a Baker home, slashed twice in the throat and died immediately after 9 o'clock last night. She was returning home from work. Robbery was given by State Police Captain Dunn as the motive for the killing.

A nearby resident reported to police she saw a man dragging a body on the lawn of a home.

Captain Dunn said Miss Mack was not subjected to sexual attack. Her purse apparently was missing. No suspects had been taken this morning, Captain Dunn said.

## Spain Retaliates With Barrier On French Nationals

MADRID, March 7.—(AP)—The Spanish government, retaliating for the French action in closing the French-Spanish border, last night barred French nationals from Spain and her possessions and prohibited Spaniards from entering any French territory.

In announcing regulations governing the closing of the border, which was made effective from the French side March 1, the Spanish foreign office also prohibited foreigners traveling from France and her territories from disembarking from vessels while stopping in Spanish ports.

The regulations also barred all exchange of merchandise between France and Spain, while permitting passage of other foreign goods in transit from or going to a third country. All private correspondence and telegraph communications between Spain and France were suspended.

The regulations made exceptions only for diplomatic and consular officials, diplomatic couriers, representatives of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration and the Red Cross and non-French foreigners in transit to Spain from France.

Earlier the Falange organ, *Arriba*, declared the U. S. State Department's white book on Spain was "a shot in the back."

## Grants Pass Millwork Plant Changes Hands

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Purchase of the Grants Pass Wood Products Company millwork plant by Arthur E. Engler and Carl W. Huson was announced today by the new owners.

The plant has been operated by Louis Gerlinger, Jr., since 1937, but will be known as the Engler-Huson Company. Engler represents the Engler Millwork Corp., Jersey City, N. J., and Huson has been with the Klamath Moulding Co., Klamath Falls.

## Charlie Chaplin, Ex-Film Comic, Is Father Again

SANTA MONICA, Calif., March 7.—(AP)—Grey-haired Charlie Chaplin, 58-year-old former film funnyman, is a father again.

His wife, the 20-year-old Oona O'Neill, became a mother for the second time last night, bearing a son weighing seven and a half pounds. Mrs. Chaplin, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, bore her first baby, a girl, in July 1944. Miss O'Neill married the comic in June, 1943.

## Oil Men Made Good Records As War Aides; What's Wrong With Them Now? Pauley Asks

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Edwin W. Pauley struck out today at Harold L. Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior, and others who say they are opposed to having oil men hold top posts in the Navy Department.

In a statement to newsmen as the Senate Naval committee resumed hearings on his nomination for Undersecretary of the Navy, the California petroleum operator demanded to know "what is wrong" with oil men.

He asserted oil operators had made an excellent record during the war and asked why he and his colleagues "should be so acceptable in war times and so definitely in the doghouse there after."

"One of the objections—in fact the main objection—being voiced against confirmation as undersecretary of the Navy is the strange, mysterious and utterly unexplained theory that a man who has been in the oil business should not hold office in the Navy Department," his statement said.

Pauley's reply to come of the criticism against his selection for the Navy job came as new reports spread on Capitol Hill that he would abandon his up-hill fight for confirmation.

Federal Blundering Cited

The statement noted that Ickes told the committee yesterday that he thought Pauley was not suitable for the Navy office because of Pauley's oil interests.

"Senator Pepper says it," the statement continued. "Others say

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## Fugitive Trio, Police Stage Gun Battle

All Nabbed After Chase Beginning at Olympia, Ending Near Vancouver

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(AP)—Authorities announced late this morning the arrest in Portland of the third man who participated in the running gun battle with police, which began at Olympia and ended at Vancouver. He was found at the home of a girl whose name was supplied by one of his suspected companions. He had hitch-hiked to Portland after changing trousers by snatching a pair from a Vancouver clothesline.

The Portland prisoner was identified as Treavor Pepertron, 20. His previously captured companions are listed as Glenn R. Smith, 21, and Jack Roberts, 20.

Roberts was injured when a fugitive automobile, speeding at 100 miles an hour down Vancouver's main street, hit several

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## Twins, War Vets, Die Together in Crash

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 7.—(AP)—William R. Flood and Charles Andrew Flood, 20, Louisville twins, who enlisted in the Navy together, fought together and were discharged together, died together in an automobile crash near here today.

Deputy Jefferson County Coroner Joseph Beck said William was killed outright when his automobile plunged from the highway and that Charles died within a few minutes after police arrived.

William saw action in 16 major engagements in the Pacific, part of the time on the aircraft carrier Langley. Charles wore nine battle stars earned as a gunner's mate.

## Suspension of Ceilings On White Spuds Continued

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The suspension of price ceilings on white potatoes will be continued for the period beginning today and ending April 7, OPA announced.

The agency said renewal of the suspension order, first put into effect last fall, is being limited to one month "because of a recent upward movement in potato prices."

## Telephone Ring Scares Burglars From Bank

NIOTAZE, Kas., March 7.—(AP)—Ring of a party line telephone in the State bank was believed to have frightened away nighttime burglars who cut into the vault with a torch.

A Niotaze resident next door to the bank saw three persons in the bank and ran to the telephone to call the sheriff.

The sheriff's phone is on the same party line as the bank. The robbers fled.

## Gabrielson to Retire as Wildlife Service Chief

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson will retire April 1 after six years as the first director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Announcing this today, Acting Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman said Dr. Gabrielson would be succeeded by Alfred M. Day, now assistant director.

## Donagh Accepts Demo Bid for Governor Race

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—Carl C. Donagh, Portland attorney, announced today that he would seek the Democratic nomination for governor.

Donagh, a native of Portland, was United States district attorney here for 12 years, leaving office at the start of 1946. He was admitted to the bar in 1927 and was deputy district attorney for Multnomah County 1931-1933.

Republican candidates for the nomination are Gov. Snell and Henry Black, Portland.

## Driving After License Suspension Costs \$200

DONALD ARTHUR Alexander was fined \$200, Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reported today, and received a 60-day suspended jail sentence on the charge of driving a car while his operator's license was in suspension for a previous offense of drunken driving.

Hartfield said that he also suspended Alexander's license for another year.

Herman O. Steele was reported to have paid a \$10 fine in Hartfield's court on the charge of failing to stop at a through highway.

Douglas County Given Forest Revenue Share

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## Cancellation of Strike Order Follows Company's Action in Granting Long Lines Pay Hike

Truman Will Appoint Fact-Finders In Effort to Prevent Railway Tie-Up; GM Dispute Still Defies Settlement

(By the Associated Press)  
A threatened nationwide walkout of some 250,000 telephone workers over a wage dispute was averted today, a half hour before the 6 A. M. strike deadline.

After an early morning poll of union members on a settlement offer from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the executive board of the National Federation of Telephone Workers in Washington ordered cancellation of the threatened work stoppage.

Announcement followed in New York by Frank P. Lawrence, vice president of the A. T. & T., that an agreement, effective as of Feb. 1, 1946, and to continue until March 6, 1947, provided for approximately \$6,800,000 in wage increases for 19,300 long lines workers.

## Wilder Clothing Store Purchased By Herman's, Inc.

Purchase of Wilder's Clothing Store in Roseburg by Herman's Men's Stores, Inc., was announced here today, following completion of negotiations. Wednesday between A. A. Wilder and Dave Hornstein, Portland, the latter representing the new owners. Immediate possession was given by Mr. Wilder, who is retaining ownership of the building in which the store is located.

The new owners operate stores at Portland, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Coos Bay and Coquille, in Oregon.

Frank Norton, who served four years with Wilder's and who recently returned to his position, following discharge from military service, has been named manager of the Roseburg store.

In retiring from active business, Mr. Wilder reports that he has been continuously in business in Roseburg longer than any other merchant, having been associated with the clothing trade for 41 years. The store was established in 1905 by Mr. Wilder and the late Roland Agee. In 1915 it was moved from quarters now occupied by the adjoining Douglas Market, into the present building.

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## No Accord in Rail Dispute With the telephone dispute settled

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## Subdivision of All Big Farms by Govt. Is Urged

TOPEKA, Kans., March 7.—(AP)—Government acquisition of all large farms in the United States for subdivision into family-farm units was recommended yesterday by the National Farmers Union.

The convention proposed "the initiation now of a program of government acquisition of large farms for subdivision into economic family farm units for resale in order to complete economic-size family farms."

The committee stated the acquisition would take place over a period of years if it involved the purchase of large, or too-small farms as they came on the market.

The proposal did not state how many acres should make up the "family-size farm."

## Roosevelt Home Will Be Dedicated to Government

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The Hyde Park home of Franklin D. Roosevelt will be formally dedicated as a national historic site April 12, the first anniversary of the former president's death.

The site comprises 33.23 acres and includes the rose garden in which President Roosevelt was buried April 15, 1945. Mr. Roosevelt reserved for Mrs. Roosevelt and their children a life interest in the estate, but all waived their rights, giving the government immediate possession.

## Douglas Carpenters Granted Wage Boost

COOS BAY, March 7.—(AP)—Carpenters' wages in Coos Bay, Ore., were increased from \$1.37 to \$1.55 an hour this week under a Wage Stabilization Board order.

Frank Esterdahl, business agent for the Southwestern Oregon District Council of Carpenters, said the wage boost puts the craft on the same scale as Portland, Eugene and Medford workers.

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Carrying a load of unprecedented labor-industrial chaos, Uncle Sam is trudging over a politico-economic road marked by a lone signpost that points to this destination: Socialism.