

U.S. BALKS AT RED INSPECTION OF TRAINS

County School Budget Vote Dated April 19

Excess Levy of \$593,208 Included in Total Asked For All District Needs

An election to pass on an excess levy of \$593,208.24 in the county school budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year has been dated for April 19, it was announced today by Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

The excess levy, which eligible voters are asked to approve, is above the county's combined school tax base of \$329,223.68. The latter figure includes the annual 6 per cent increase permitted over the previous year's tax base without a special election.

The total county school budget of \$1,630,880.76 represents the combined budgets of all districts in the county with the exception of Roseburg, which as a first class district will not participate in the election, Mrs. Gorrell explained. Anticipated receipts amount to \$765,000.

First Under New Law
Prepared by the Douglas County Rural School board, this year's combined school budget is the first to be presented under the Rural School Law of 1946. Its intent is to provide for a uniform tax levy in all second and third class and union high school districts.

Only operational needs are provided in the combined budget, Mrs. Gorrell explained. Items stricken from the county-wide budget, such as provision for the school hot lunch program or expenditures for capital outlay, must be provided independently in districts where these are desired.

All district budgets were approved in their respective districts before being submitted to the rural school board early this year. The county board determined that only operational expenses should be met by the uniform county school tax levy.

April 19, date of the election, is the third Monday in April, the date set by the Rural School Law when elections shall be held.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE are more straws in the wind as this is written.

Moscow is making threatening faces at Sweden and Norway. Red Star and Red Fleet (Russian Army and Navy newspapers) charge that the commander of the Swedish Army is planning to build bases in U. S. planes and paratroopers for his country.

The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia says the Norwegian government is planning to lease Army bases to the United States and Britain.

WHAT does that mean?
Well, it could be the old trick of charging an opponent with planning to do something mean and ornery and then using the charge as an excuse to DO IT TO HIM FIRST.

THE Finns and the Russians are still negotiating (in Moscow) on Russia's demand for an all-out military treaty. Molotov has issued invitations for a reception for the Finnish negotiators. "Informed observers" in Moscow think this is a sign that the deal

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of the saucy Modest who will help you to every day in the sw panel to appear in this newspaper.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow.

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Foreign Aid Agreement Sought

House Joins Senate in Vote For Billions

Differences in Details Being Reconciled For Final Congress Action

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—A team of Senate-House foreign experts went swiftly to work today on a final compromise bill for a global American program. House passage of its \$6,205,000,000 measure by better than a four to one margin handed the job to the compromisers last night.

The goal is to get a bill to President Truman before the week runs out. Both Senate and House will have to vote first on the compromise.

What the experts agree to will be the final terms of a program to use America's billions of dollars of knowledge to help Europe and China hold the line against Communism.

On that broad purpose there is no disagreement between the Senate and House. Differences are over details.

What the House approved by a 329 to 74 ballot was a wrap-up bill to provide assistance for Europe, Greece, Turkey and China. Leaders had set April 1 as a deadline and barely squeezed the measure under the wire.

The Senate previously had passed three separate bills, one for Europe, one for China and a third for Greece and Turkey.

Chairman Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations committee already has agreed to follow the House lead on a single bundle bill.

The basic parts of the House and Senate bills are pretty much alike.

Both provide for a \$5,300,000,000.

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Wallace, Truman Rapped by Dewey

RACINE, Wis., April 1.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today characterized President Truman and Henry A. Wallace as sponsors of "bankrupt" programs for dealing with Russia and said a "courageous informed leadership" could keep the United States out of war.

"The time has come to begin to wage peace with all the vigor, the imagination, the skill and energy with which we waged war," Dewey asserted in an address at a meeting here.

"It is a tough job and a long job," he added, "but we can be sure of the outcome."

In Milwaukee tonight, over a nationwide radio hookup, Dewey will continue his attack on Truman and give his own detailed program for what he calls "a successful American foreign policy" to cope with the "growing danger" of the Communist program of world conquest.

Seven Suspects In Theft Series Arrested

SEATTLE, April 1.—(AP)—A police roundup last night and early today netted seven persons for questioning in connection with a series of Seattle and Portland robberies.

The six men and a woman were arrested in widely scattered raids in hotels and apartments. The room of one of the arrested men yielded three pistols and a paper sack filled with half dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels. Police said two of the arrested men admitted robbing a Portland night club of \$1,000 before coming to Seattle yesterday.

Anti-Red Stand Looms At Pan-American Meet

BOGOTA, Colombia, April 1.—(AP)—Anti-Communist feeling among the 21 Pan-American conference nations seemed today to be developing into a demand for a firm stand against Russia.

Chile's foreign minister, Hernandez, called for just that yesterday. Hernandez said Chile has aligned herself with nations which defend democracy and liberty.

"That should be the attitude of all the nations of America," he told delegates, who burst into applause.

MILK OUTPUT DOWN
PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Oregon's milk production in February was the lowest in 16 years, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today. The USDA estimated production at 79,000,000 pounds.

Possibility of Democrats Sidetracking Truman Causes Worry Among Republicans

CHICAGO, April 1.—(AP)—Some Republicans began worrying openly today about the possibility that the Democrats may talk President Truman into giving way to another presidential nominee. An assertion by Rep. A. I. Miller (R-Neb.) that balking Democrats are acting "like a pack of marauding jackals in attempting to tear down the candidacy of Harry S. Truman" was picked up quickly here by Warren Wright.

Chinese Reds Free Four U. S. Marines

SHANGHAI, April 1.—(AP)—Four U. S. Marines captured by the Chinese Communists while on a Christmas Day hunting trip in North China were released today.

Efforts are being made to recover the body of a fifth, PFC. Charles J. Brayton, Jr., Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y., who died of wounds received in the incident.

The four were Cpl. William L. Pollard, Fort Worth, Tex., PFC. Carol W. Dickerson, Olathe, Kas.; Pvt. Robert Hart, Pittsburg, Pa., and PFC. Thomas Kapodistria, Buffalo, N. Y.

There has been no clear account of what happened Christmas morning near the village of Gangtan Yuen, where the five were captured. Marine authorities reported the five entered Communist territory over the protest of Chinese national guards at Lingchan.

The Communists reported Feb. 13—in one of their daily propaganda broadcasts—that the Marines were participating in China's civil war on the national side. They said Brayton was wounded fatally in a skirmish.

The Communists later were reported demanding \$120,000 ransom for the four, but the U. S. embassy in Nanking said it had no information on that.

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Fugitive Caught Trying To Rob Store in Salem

SALEM, Ore. April 1.—(AP)—Ollie Cecil Wiles, 35, who escaped March 31 from the county jail at Mt. Vernon, Wash., was captured here yesterday while attempting to burglarize the F. W. Woolworth Co. store.

When he escaped, Wiles was waiting for transportation to the Washington State Prison at Walla Walla, where he was to serve a life term as a habitual criminal. Chief of Police Frank Minto said Wiles was captured without resistance in the upstairs hallway of the store. Wiles had gained entrance through a skylight, and a watchman heard him and called the police.

Before Wiles was convicted as an habitual criminal, he was convicted on two counts of forgery, Minto said.

Probe of Soviet Role In Czech Grab Seems Sure

LAKE SUCCESS, April 1.—(AP)—Despite vehement Russian opposition, the security council today appeared ready to order an investigation of Moscow's role in the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

A formal vote is due next week. Russia and the Soviet Ukraine have fought bitterly against an inquiry. The United States, Britain, France, China, Canada and Syria have formally backed the idea. Argentina, Belgium and Colombia have indicated support. Seven votes are needed.

Truman Blamed For Non-Ouster of Reds

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) said today Congress had failed to oust Communist sympathizers from the Commerce, State and other government departments because of resistance of the executive department.

He said in a news letter: "The Congress has done everything within its power to rid the government of these subversive individuals and clean our own house, but we have met with resistance of the executive (president) to oust these disloyal employees."

Navy Pilot Killed When Plane Dives to Earth

ROCKAWAY, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—A Navy Helldiver plummeted to earth on a coast mountain peak here yesterday, killing the pilot soon after the plane left the Tillamook naval air base. Navy officials at 13th district headquarters in Seattle withheld the name of the pilot pending notification of next of kin.

Spain Will Be Stricken Out Of Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Senators and House members working out a compromise foreign aid bill agreed today to strike Spain from the list of nations eligible to share in the aid.

They acted within less than an hour after the White House announced that President Truman is "utterly opposed" to this provision.

The House put this "Welcome Franco" provision into its bill. The Senate had rejected the idea.

State Department authorities particularly are upset by the section written into the bill by the House.

They said it already is having a bad effect in Europe and furthermore runs contrary to current policy on two major points:

1. The aid program was designed to let the 16 cooperating European nations determine themselves whether any other nations should be invited to participate.

2. As for the Franco regime, present policy is to soft pedal denunciations of his government but, on the other hand, not to rush into closer and more friendly relations with it.

"Peace Program" Wanted
President Truman also today put a top limit of around \$3,000,000 on the extra money the armed forces can ask right now for preparedness, a ranking official said.

This man, who asked not to be identified by name, said the President based his decision to halve the military's own request on the assumption that war is not inevitable and in any event will not break out soon.

He said the President told the chiefs of the armed forces in laying down the top figure that he

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Paralysis From Coal Tieup Spreads

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—(AP)—The steel industry counted 33 blast furnaces banked today as the 18-day-old coal walkout bit deeper into national production.

Another five will close within the next few days if the shut-down continues.

The 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers, idle to back up their demand for \$100 monthly pensions, today celebrated John L. Lewis day—also known in some areas as Mitchell day, in honor of the sponsor of the eight-hour working day.

Meanwhile, throughout the country more than 30,000 other workers were idle in steel, rail, road and other industries closely allied to coal.

Coal-carrying railroads were hard hit. The Chesapeake and Ohio had furloughed 13,400 employees and the Baltimore and Ohio an estimated 6,000.

Birmingham, biggest industrial center of the South, reported steel production cut to approximately 68 per cent of normal and about 3,000 workers were idled by the coal shortage.

Seven blast furnaces and six open hearths were closed in the area.



ARABS, JEWS FIGHT DOGGEDLY — Haganah fighter dashes across human bridge formed by two comrades over barbed wire obstacle, near Tel Aviv, Palestine. Photo by David S. Boyer. Acme-NEA photograph.



TARGET — John Bankhead (above), U. S. consul in Windsor, was the target of an assassin's bullet which struck his car as he drove into the driveway of his home at Windsor. He was unhurt. It was the third attempt on his life, ascribed to either Communists or sympathizers. (AP Wirephoto)

Claim to Moon Rejected By U. S. Government

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The government today turned down two Pennsylvanians who laid claim to the moon.

Secretary of the Interior Krug, saying the moon belongs to everyone, denied their request that the government approve the claim.

In a formal reply to Robert D. Eaton and Charles W. Henshold of Sewickley, Pa., Krug explained with tongue-in-cheek seriousness that federal homestead laws require applicants to inspect in person the areas sought.

Further, he said the sovereignty of the United States has never been established over the moon.

Alaskan Airbases Plan Draws Russian Blast

MOSCOW, April 1.—(AP)—Red Star said today the United States has aggressive intentions in building Alaskan airbases.

The Soviet army newspaper said U. S. Air Secretary Symington disclosed the aggressive attitude when he said bases were planned to permit planes to bomb any part of Russia and return.

Red Star said Symington's statement exposed the former thesis that American Alaskan bases are intended for defense.

(Symington testified before a Senate Armed Forces Committee March 25. He said American heavy bombers could take off from Alaska, "bomb any part of Russia and return to American bases.")

Neuner Gives Ruling On School Consolidation

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Adjoining school districts can be consolidated even though they are in different counties, Attorney General Neuner ruled today for District County.

The opinion was a ruling on the proposal by District No. 24 of Benton county to annex a part of a district in Linn county.

Neuner said the petition for the annexation must originate in Linn county and then be approved by the Linn county boundary board. If that approval is given, then it must win the approval of the voters of District 24 and of the Benton County boundary board.

Alleged Pilfering Of Cars Jails Two Men

Observed by a state policeman while allegedly pilfering cars on a Roseburg street, two men were held in the county jail on charges of larceny from an automobile pending a hearing in the Justice Court, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

He gave their names as Wayne Frederick Allan, 37, and Wyman Chaple Hewitt, 42, both of Roseburg. Ball was set at \$200 each by Justice of the Peace Hartfield. The men requested a preliminary hearing.

Fine of \$25 Imposed On Unlicensed Angler

Angline without a license Sunday at "The Forks," junction of the North and South Umpqua Rivers, drew a \$25 fine in the Justice Court for Dewitt Clinton McMeans, Roseburg, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. McMeans pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Hartfield.

Planes Bringing Passengers, Freight Into Berlin Pending Protest Against Soviet Edict

BERLIN, April 1.—(AP)—The Americans, refusing to pass their trains through Soviet inspection to get them to Berlin, decided today to use planes to bring in passengers and freight.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, military governor, announced special flights will be added from Frankfurt in the United States occupation zone to U. S.-controlled Tempelhof airdrome in Berlin.

He said that for the time being all U. S. military train travel to and from Berlin is canceled and the extra flights will serve as relief fill-in.

Liquor-By-Drink Initiative Slated

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—A preliminary initiative petition to permit sale of liquor by the drink was scheduled to be filed with the State Department today.

The bill—sponsored by the State Federation of Labor and the Oregon Hotel Association—would legalize such sales in hotels, restaurants and clubs, and on airplanes, steamships and railroads.

All liquor sold by the drink would have to be bought from the State Liquor Commission, and it would be subject to an additional tax of 25 cents a quart. Dispensers would pay \$500 a year for a license fee.

It could be sold only by places which serve meals, but the liquor could be served in any room in such an establishment.

If sufficient signatures are obtained, the measure would appear on the general election ballot next November.

IWA Authorizes Strike To Back Wage Hike Plan

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—A strike call has been authorized by members of the CIO International Woodworkers of America in three states if wage negotiations consider a strike necessary to win union demands.

At Hartung, vice-president and a member of the IWA northwest regional negotiating committee, said balloting also endorsed the committee's rejection of a 73-cent-an-hour wage increase offer by employers. The union asked a 32-cent boost plus 73 cents an hour for a welfare fund. He said the vote was about 88 per cent in support of a strike authorization. Negotiations are continuing with operators in most fir and pine areas of Washington, Oregon and Northern California.

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Cripple Admits He Slew Ex-Employer

SEATTLE, April 1.—(AP)—A 28-year-old cripple confessed last night, detectives said, that he robbed and killed his former employer, Ray Arnold, 63, a service station operator.

Detectives said the oral statement was made by Ralph Shelton shortly after he talked with a minister in his cell. Shelton had been discharged from his job, the officers reported.

In his statement Shelton was quoted by Heslop as saying he duped Arnold into driving him to a hill by saying his car was there.

"I was riding in the back seat," the statement said, "and after I told him to stop, I struck him on the head with a hammer."

"I didn't want to hit him hard enough to kill him. After I struck him, he shoved open the driver's door and started to get out."

"He told me, 'Wait 'till I get my keys and I'll kill you!'"

"Then I pulled open the zipper on my coat pocket and drew out my gun and shot him."

Mexicans May Again Aid In Oregon Harvests

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—The State Farm Advisory Council will meet in Portland April 9 to discuss methods of preventing a shortage of labor during the 1948 harvest season.

The council, a branch of the state employment service, will consider bringing Mexican workers into Oregon for the harvest peaks in June and September. The council will receive reports of conditions in all of the state's farm areas.

Theft of Motorcycle Charged to Prisoner

Allegedly involved in the theft of a motorcycle at Portland, Robert Morris Stevenson, 23, of Roseburg has been arrested here on a grand larceny warrant from Portland, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. Stevenson will be held for Portland authorities.

Replies Awaited

American and British train traffic between Berlin and the west was stopped early today because of the Russian restrictions, which the U. S., Britain and France protested.

The restrictions do not affect air travel.

Clay said the Russian stoppage of train traffic—imposed to enforce inspections—could not be broken immediately without force.

The position of the western powers was one of waiting for replies from the Russians to their protest notes. These notes, delivered last night, rejected the Russian measures as unacceptable and a violation of allied agreements.

The issue was the latest to arise between Russia and the western allies in the four-power control of Germany.

In Moscow, Yuri Korolkov wrote in the Communist newspaper Pravda, "the partition of Germany has become a completed fact." He said the control council "has factually ceased to exist as the supreme four-power authority for Germany."

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Silver Dollars Meet Payroll of Denver Post

DENVER, April 1.—(AP)—The Denver Post paid out more than a ton of silver to its employees today, meeting the weekly payroll with old-fashioned "fourwheelers" instead of the usual paper money.

Each of 700 persons on the payroll received a bag of the silver dollars.

Louis McMahon, comptroller of the newspaper, said the payroll came to about \$40,000 and that the overall weight of the money issued was 2,800 pounds.

Idea of the payment was to get a lot of the silver dollars in circulation here before the tourists arrive seeking them for souvenirs.

No April Fool—It Was Real Lion on Bridge

ANTIOCH, Calif., April 1.—(AP)—The caller said there was a lion on the Antioch bridge.

"Tut, tut," said the wife of Deputy Sheriff Thomas Smith, "this is April 1 and I know it."

The caller pleaded. The wife doubted. Finally, against her better judgment, she notified her husband.

Smith found the bridge crowded with cars. Up in the gliders was one old lion, but very definite mountain lion. The 150-pound female had come down from the mountains in search of food.

Smith and a game warden shot her.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
Typical Umpqua Valley spring climate these days, but play it safe in planning those outdoor events. Specify "weather permitting."