

U. S. COLD TO STALIN'S PEACE PARLEY BID

The Weather
Scattered showers tonight and Wednesday.

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**Offer Based
On Wallace's
Ideas Spurned**

**U. S. Declines Two-Nation
Talk on Issues That Also
Concern Other Countries**

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—The state department said today Premier Stalin's latest statement on peace "is encouraging" but that the issues proposed for settlement do not stand between United States and the Soviet Union alone.

Moreover, the department said in this government's first official comment on Stalin's broadcast statement, the issues listed have been under negotiation for two years or more in the United Nations, the Council of Foreign Ministers and elsewhere. Other countries always have been deeply interested.

The department directly blamed the Soviet Union for failure to reach agreement. For example, it said the Soviet Union and the Soviet Ukraine have blocked agreement on control of atomic energy although the other nine members of the U. N. Atomic Commission were agreed. It added "a similar situation exists with regard to other issues mentioned in Premier Stalin's statement."

The department's statement came after conferences among top officials and presumably including White House opinion on Stalin's broadcast reply to an open letter from Henry Wallace. It was only a week ago that Secretary Marshall and President Truman had to cope with the problem of "Russia's acceptance" of what Foreign Minister Molotov considered an American bid to Soviet-American discussions of outstanding differences.

Wallace Breaks Ice
After a week of trying to knock down the idea that the United States wanted or would agree to any kind of two-nation talks with the Soviet Union, Marshall's ranking advisers thought they had the situation under control. Then Moscow broke out last night with Stalin's public statement on the letter from presidential candidate Wallace.

Wallace had suggested that United States and Russia settle some of the world's great problems, including atomic energy and armaments control, and the withdrawal of troops from Germany, Korea and other places.

In giving the first official American reaction to the Stalin-Wallace exchange, the State department fell back upon the position it took last week—that the

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**Collected Paper
Exceeds Carload**

A total of 90,740 pounds of paper gathered by the Senior Boy Scout Outfit Saturday and Sunday was shipped to Portland, and an additional 12 to 15 tons was collected that could not be loaded on the car, according to W. H. Scofield, advisor.

The additional paper will be stored and shipped later. Scofield said that the town was covered as thoroughly as possible, and he hoped that not many bundles were missed.

Because of the rain Sunday much of the paper was stored on porches, and this was a bit more difficult to locate than that on the street curbs, he said. He advised that all paper that was missed be kept and that it would probably be collected at a future date.

Three trucks for the pickup were donated by Eugene's Trans-Farm, John Todd and Roseburg Lumber Company. Todd and Scofield served as drivers. The Senior Scouts' entire outfit of 18 boys participated.

**Millionaire Off to Begin
Term at McNeil Island**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(AP)—A millionaire San Francisco hotelman, Eugene N. Fritz, Jr., left today for McNeil Island Federal Prison in Washington state.

Dapper at 68, the Nob Hill hotel and apartment owner was in the company of 22 other prisoners. Fritz was sentenced to 18 months on each of three counts of income tax evasion. The terms will run concurrently.

His holdings in San Francisco were listed in court as worth more than \$6,000,000, and include the Park Lane, Huntington, and Brockbank Hotel Apartments on Nob Hill, and the El Cortez and Sutter Hotels here.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Comrade Stalin's bid for a peace parley with Washington would indicate that Comrades Gromyko and Vishinsky, after several weeks' rest, have prepared a fresh batch of insults and scurrilous charges to hurl at the United States.

**Plan to Widen
Oak St. Bridge
Approach Eyed**

**Mayor Puts Proposal To
Council; 2 Jackson St.
Blocks to be Improved**

Tentative proposals to widen the west approaches to the Oak Street Bridge were given to the City Council last night by Mayor Albert C. Fliegel. He said the matter had been brought to his attention because of the anticipated increased traffic of trucks proceeding to and from the new Roseburg Sand and Gravel Co. plant on the Busenbark ranch on the Melrose Road.

The City Council last night also discussed a Chamber of Commerce proposal for appropriation of funds for use of the City Planning Commission, adopted a resolution calling for bids for improvements of two blocks of S. Jackson St., questioned whether municipal public rest rooms should be placed in the Armory, heard the first and second readings of an ordinance requiring registration of former convicts. Several other matters were also taken up.

On widening the west approaches to Oak Street Bridge, the mayor said that it had been suggested that Military St., Corcoran Ave., and Harvard Ave. be prohibited to automobile parking on both sides. He said he had inquired from the County Court about the possibility of assistance in widening Harvard Ave., since that thoroughfare feeds into the county road system.

The mayor said he had been informed by county officials that widening of Melrose Road (Harvard Ave.) will be brought to the city limits this summer from the end of the present wide section, west of Umpqua Ave. The mayor suggested the city could

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE OTHER evening Stassen campaigning in Oregon, spoke twice in Klamath Falls — once from the steps of the courthouse and again while he was eating dinner. The dinner speech wasn't a formal affair. Like the rest of us, he needed nourishment after a strenuous day. He ate more or less in a crowd, and while he ate he talked.

(He had to sleep, also, which he did later. There is no record of anybody talking to him while he slept. Sleep still seems to be a private matter, even on campaign tours.)

THE NEXT morning, he took off early by plane for Eugene. At Eugene, he talked and lunched. Then to Salem, by air. Public meeting there, on the courthouse steps. From Salem to Independence by bus. From Independence to Dallas, still by bus.

Back to Salem. Time, according to the schedule, 7:24 p.m. Off, by plane, for La Grande, at the far other edge of Oregon. Spoke there (presumably while eating.) Off for Pendleton, to speak

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**Sutherland's Civic, Fraternal
Goups Launch Plans to Hold
Timber Days Centennial Fete**

Thirteen civic and fraternal organizations at Sutherland have been planning that city's Timber Days Centennial Celebration, which has been scheduled July 3, 4, and 5.

William Crowell has been named general chairman of the affair. He is being assisted by Ed Murnen, secretary; Bud Holm, treasurer, and R. J. Baldwin, publicity and advertising.

Each of the participating organizations has nominated a candidate for queen of the celebration. The girl who wins the honor will be the one who sells the most votes, at a penny apiece.

All proceeds raised by the Sutherland Timber Days Centennial Celebration will be used to build a park and playground for use of the city's children, it was announced.

From June 1 until July 5, all men of the community will be required to wear one of three things — a red hat, Levi pants, or white shoes. A "kangaroo court" will impose fines of \$1, not to exceed a limit of 10 fines per individual, for all violations.

The queen contest started May

**John L. Lewis,
Miners Free of
Civil Contempt**

**Count Ousted
At Request Of
Government**

**Court Delays Decision
On Motion to Terminate
Anti-Strike Injunction**

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—The civil contempt conviction against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers was dismissed today at the government's request.

Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, however, took under consideration a government request to end the anti-strike injunction against Lewis and the union.

Goldsborough said the plea for dropping the injunction came as a surprise and he was not prepared to rule on it immediately.

Goldsborough added he is not convinced that there is no danger of a new coal strike.

The injunction was issued by Goldsborough April 24. It replaced a temporary restraining order of April 3.

It was obtained under the Taft-Hartley act to end a six weeks coal strike, touched off by a dispute over pensions for elderly miners.

All Now Orderly
In seeking the dismissals, Attorney General Clark informed the court the government felt the pension dispute is being handled appropriately, that the miners are at work and the "public interest is secured."

Since the union was convicted of both civil and criminal contempt for disobeying the original restraining order against the

**Bowling Alley Interest
Sold by Lyman Spencer**

Announcement has been made of the sale, effective Saturday, May 15, of the half-interest owned by Lyman Spencer in the Roseburg Bowling Alley to Leonard Jacobson, formerly of Coos Bay.

Floyd Baughman, who has been associated with the Bowling Alley since 1939, will retain his half-interest in the business, he said.

Spencer, who purchased his interest three years ago in August, announced his retirement from the business was necessitated by ill health.

Jacobson, formerly in the lumber business in Coos Bay, has come to Roseburg with his wife. He has purchased a home on North Jackson street. He will be actively associated in the business with Baughman.

**New U. S. Senator From
Louisiana Appointed**

BATON ROUGE, La., May 18.—(AP)—Governor Earl K. Long today named William C. Frazier, independent oil and gas producer of the Timber Line Trail Riders,

United States senator from Louisiana to succeed the late Senator John H. Overton.

15, when the girls who are vying for queen met at a luncheon at the Sutherland Hotel. R. J. Baldwin, contest chairman, issued the candidates the ballots they are to sell. The girls started their campaign at 1 p. m. By 5 o'clock more than 20,000 votes at one cent each had been sold. The contest will end June 25.

The girls will appear at the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo in Roseburg June 19 and 20. One of Sutherland's queen candidates will reign over the rodeo.

She is Dixie Emerson, member of the Timber Line Trail Riders. Organizations taking part in

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**Senators Sidestep
Oleo-Butter Test
By Personal Taste**

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—Senate Finance Committee members declined a butter-oleo-margarine taste test today.

Mrs. Stella E. Barker, Des Moines housewife testifying against repeal of federal taxes on oleo, opened up a cardboard box. It contained two one-pound butter cartons marked butter, but one of them actually was oleo.

"Who is attempting the deception?" Senator George asked. Mrs. Barker, who said she formerly ran a Des Moines restaurant, said she put the oleo in a butter box to show how easy it would be to deceive customers.

She sliced off a generous part of butter and one of oleo and put them on two saucers and asked the senators whether they could tell which was which.

"Didn't you bring any bread with you?" Senator Millikin asked. "Can you tell the difference when you taste it?" Senator Barker said.

Then Mrs. Barker passed the two saucers around the committee table and a senator tasted the butter or oleo.

**Auto Industry
Facing Threat
Of New Strike**

(By the Associated Press)
A second major strike loomed in the auto industry as government conciliators renewed efforts to settle the CIO meat walkout today.

The CIO United Auto Workers served 10 days' notice on the Michigan State Labor Relations Board that a strike "is pending" for 225,000 General Motors employees. The union already has 75,000 Chrysler employees out in support of higher pay demands.

The UAW seeks a 25 cent hourly GM wage increase, including 10 cents for a pension plan. The UAW struck GM for 113 days two years ago.

The 75,000 Chrysler workers seek 17 cents more than the present industry-wide average of \$1.50 an hour.

In the strike of 100,000 packinghouse workers, a new peace move ran into difficulty. The union rejected a plan by Swift and Co. to end the walkouts, and renewed talks broke off last night. However, conciliators met today with Armour and Co. to see if new settlement proposals could be worked out.

The Swift suggestion included offer of a nine-cent hourly wage boost, 20 cents below what the CIO United Packinghouse Workers have asked.

The union president, Ralph Helstein, based the union rejection on a part of the Swift proposal which he said would let the company discharge any striking employees. He did not comment on the wage issue.

However, two Iowa UPWA locals accepted a nine-cent offer

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**Roseburg Men Again To
Be Hosts to Stassen**

Two hotel men who knew Harold E. Stassen as governor of Minnesota will be his hosts again, when he stops overnight at the Umpqua Hotel here after delivering a speech this evening in the Roseburg Armory.

They are Ernest and Harry Butler, who operated the Hotel Ransford at Brainerd, Minn., prior to 1941. Stassen, then governor, frequently stopped at their hotel while on hunting and fishing trips.

Brainerd, in the heart of Minnesota's lake country, is a fishing and recreation center. Harry Butler said, Stassen's lieutenant governor, Elmer Anderson, was a Brainerd citizen and accompanied the governor on his outings.

Butler said that he and his brother were ardent supporters of Stassen when he campaigned for governor. They commented on his friendliness and expressed pleasure at being able to welcome him here as a presidential aspirant.

**Plan to Annex
Sundale Again
Before Council**

Talk of annexation of additional territory to Roseburg was revived last night, as Sundale Village residents submitted a petition "consenting" to annexation of that area by the city. With the exception of three signatures, the petition was signed by all property owners in Sundale Village. The lacking signatures would be mailed in, City Manager M. W. Slankard said.

City Attorney Paul E. Geddes pointed out that if 100 per cent of the property owners within a given area consent to annexation to the city, no election is necessary within that area. An election within the city to accept the annexation proposal is still necessary.

Slankard told the City Council that it is "in the wind" that residents to the north of the city will submit an annexation proposal to be voted on at the November general election. It was suggested that the Sundale Village proposal be voted on at the same time, in order to save election expenses.

Single Election Sought
Since the necessary procedure in drafting a special election takes about three months, it was decided to hold the Sundale Village petition in abeyance for about 60 days, or until the plans of the North Roseburg area residents concerning annexation are learned. Then, both annexation proposals would be submitted to the voters in November.

Sundale Village, at the south end of S. Main and S. Hamilton Sts., contains 30 houses. The petition

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**Western Union Has
New Local Head**

M. H. Finch, recently of Coeur d'Alene, Ida., has taken over his duties as new manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. office here. He relieves E. A. "Duke" Swayze, who has been acting manager since the recent transfer of L. R. Coles to the Western Union office at Everett, Wash.

Finch, a former telegrapher, has been employed by an oil company at Coeur d'Alene in recent years. He will bring his wife and children here as soon as he locates a suitable residence, he said.

Swayze will stay over until the visit of Harold E. Stassen, presidential aspirant, to assist with the filing of dispatches by press correspondents in the party.

Called from retirement to act as manager here, Swayze recalled that he had served in the local telegraph office for a brief period in 1918. He was later manager of the Western Union office at Astoria for several years.

Swayze said he will be employed in the communications office of the Yellowstone National Park. This summer.

**Pendergrass' Death Due
To Train Blow, Verdict**

That Austin Elbert Pendergrass, 36, of Olalla, was "crushed or dragged to his death by a railroad train" early Sunday morning was determined in a coroner's inquest at the Roseburg Funeral Home last night.

Pendergrass' body was found on the Southern Pacific tracks north of the city sewage disposal plant about 7:45 Sunday morning. According to testimony offered at the inquest, the body had been dragged or rolled about 90 feet. It was mangled.

The inquest last night was conducted by Coroner Harry C. Stearns with the assistance of Deputy Coroner Marion B. Emmitt and District Attorney H. A. Canaday. Testimony was offered by Horace J. Pendergrass, brother of the deceased; Dr. Charles B. Wade, and Sgt. Alvin E. Hughes and Officer Lloyd J. Larson of the city police.

The coroner's jury included Noble Goettel, Glenn V. Wimberly, William A. Jordan, Howard Marsh, R. G. (Dick) Baker and Stanley Morris. The jury's verdict stated that no one was guilty of any crime in Pendergrass' death.

**Czech Fliers Deserting,
Communism Disliked**
MUNICH, Germany, May 18.—(AP)—A refugee Czech officer says the Czechoslovak air force is deserting in wholesale lots. He estimated only five percent of Czech air officers were Communist-minded.

The officer, a lieutenant whose name may not be disclosed for his safety's sake, said the deserters are fleeing into Germany by land, since it has become too tough to steal planes anymore.

**STASSEN, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,
DATED TONIGHT FOR ROSEBURG TALK;
DEBATE WITH DEWEY NOT DECISIVE**

**Welcome Prepared
By Organization
Supporting Visitor**

Final plans for the public address of Harold E. Stassen, Republican presidential aspirant, in the Armory at 8 o'clock tonight, were outlined in a meeting yesterday of the Citizens for Stassen organization.

Harrison Winston, chairman, announced that facilities will be provided for all to see and hear Stassen. The first half-hour of his speech will be re-broadcast by KRNR. He is to speak for 30 minutes and answer questions for an additional 30 minutes.

He will then personally greet all who are in attendance at the gathering, it was announced.

Committees handling details of the candidate's appearance here are headed by Fred Bernau, Vera McClintock Jones is in general charge of entertainment and seating. Paul Moen, Dick Hagen, Gerald Kabler, Roy Cornwell, and John Felt are in charge of building arrangements and seating.

Robert Bellows will act as Stassen's personal escort here, Winston announced.

Headquarters at Hotel
The Umpqua Hotel will be Stassen's "campaign headquarters" while he is Roseburg. Although the Minnesota himself is not expected to arrive from Grants Pass until 7 o'clock tonight or shortly thereafter, the local Citizens for Stassen group set up an information booth in the hotel lobby today to answer requests for information about the candidate. Mrs. Paul Helweg is in charge of the booth.

Stassen's party is traveling from Medford to Grants Pass to Roseburg by chartered bus. His party of 30 people includes press

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**Names Asked for Two
Douglas County Points**

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—The Forest Service in Oregon has asked the federal board on geographic names to name falls on the South Umpqua River for Robert G. Campbell, an army flier killed Nov. 22, 1944.

The tentatively named Campbell Falls are five miles downstream from South Umpqua Falls in Douglas County, Oregon. Campbell was a ranger in the Umpqua Forest from 1939 to 1943.

The Forest Service also recommended that the 1,000-foot high rock bluff where North Umpqua River and Fish Creek join, in Douglas County, be named Flatiron Point.

Names for these features are needed particularly as aids in fire-control mapping, the service explained.

**Little Boy Drowns In
Tumble Into Rain Barrel**

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—William Henry Carson, age 4, drowned in six inches of water in a rain barrel yesterday. Coroner Ray Rillance reported the small son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carson, of Clark's community, was trying to fill a tin cup with water while playing with neighbor children. A neighbor noticed the boy's feet sticking out of the top of the barrel.

**Small Sized Audience Hears
County Office Candidates At
City's First 'Town Meeting'**

Roseburg's first "town meeting," held Monday night in the County Courthouse Circuit Court room, gave candidates for public offices an opportunity to publicly express their political views, but only a handful of persons was present to hear them.

The meeting proved its value more in an "experimental" capacity, to quote Mrs. Alvin Helgeson, chairman of the sponsoring committee.

Between 40 and 50 persons, many of them candidates for public office, were on hand, but those in attendance expressed considerable enthusiasm over the meeting even though the public showing was in itself disappointing.

Mrs. Helgeson expressed the opinion that more such town meetings for an "informal, friendly" get-acquainted purpose should be held in the future, until a definite interest was created in them.

Gordon Carlson served as moderator, and candidates or their representatives, spoke freely on their positions, background and qualifications for the offices they seek. Three minutes were allowed for each speaker, plus sufficient time to conclude their statements.

A program listing the candidates alphabetically for their respective positions, regardless of party, was given to each person attending.

Speakers Listed
The speakers for the evening were, in the order of their appearance: Kenneth Barneburg, unopposed for county school superintendent; Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, speaking in behalf



HAROLD E. STASSEN
He'll Be Heard Tonight

**Stassen Scheduled For
Paul Bunyan Initiation**

As a "Paul Bunyan" from Minnesota, Harold E. Stassen will be initiated into the Umpqua Valley Clan of Paul Bunyan as one highlight of his visit tonight to the "timber capital of the world."

Paul Keith, bull-of-the-woods of the local booster organization, told the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forum Monday that the Bunyans had been criticized for not initiating Thomas E. Dewey, during the latter's visit here.

He said the organization had been requested not to take part, because of the New York governor's tight schedule on his recent tour. The Bunyans feel "no ill will" toward Dewey, Keith assured.

Keith added that the Paul Bunyans are "died in the wool Democrats from a Democratic country."

**Ten Persons Killed In
Chemical Plant Blast**

KEARNY, N. J., May 18.—(AP)—A shattering tank explosion and fire shortly before midnight last night killed at least 10 persons at the sprawling Koppers Company tar and chemical division plant.

Firemen searched the wreckage for additional victims of the blast that set off a fire in an adjoining building of the plant.

**Queen Wilhelmina's
Palace Damaged by Fire**

THE HAGUE, May 18.—(AP)—A fire severely damaged Queen Wilhelmina's Noordeinde Palace today. The flames, fanned by a strong wind, probably were started by a torch used by painters, who were burning off old paint on the roof.

The 67-year-old Queen and other members of the Royal Family were not at the palace, built in 1553 and the residence of the Orange dynasty for centuries. It has been used for official receptions only in recent years.

Part of the roof fell as soldiers carried the many art treasures of the palace to safety.

CAT MOURNS DOG
CHICAGO, May 18.—(AP)—Sniffy, a female cat, is keeping a lonely vigil at the grave of her friend Chip—a dog.

Chip, two years old, was killed by an automobile Saturday. Max Eichner, owner of both animals, said Sniffy sits at Chip's grave in the rear of Eichner's home, and refuses to leave.

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