

4 OREGON REPUBLICAN LEADERS DIE IN PLANE CRASH

The Weather

Mostly cloudy mornings, clearing during afternoons today and Tuesday.
Sunset today—7:03 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow—6:28 a.m.

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Increased Valuation Cuts City Tax Levy 4.6 Mills

New Fiscal Year Rate Set At 15.6 Mills

Valuation Hike Exceeds \$876,000; Revenue Wipes Out Parking Meter Debt

Although the city operating budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year is \$217,672.95, compared with the last year's operating budget of \$162,680, the millage tax levy will be reduced from 20 mills to 15.6 mills, according to figures released by City Manager Matt Slankard.

This is made possible, said Slankard, by the fact the assessed valuation for the coming year, as announced by the county assessor, is \$6,758,770, compared with last year's valuation of \$5,882,535, an increase of \$876,235, and also by anticipated increased income from other sources, including parking meters, municipal court fines and state highway funds.

City revenue for the 1947-48 fiscal year showed a surplus of \$20,515.17 over expenditures, according to the audit report of Stearns, Flynn & Company, submitted to and approved by the city council. A summary of the year's revenue and disbursements reveals the following: Beginning cash balance July 1, 1947, budget estimate, \$3,288; actual, \$14,034.02, or a net increase of \$8,746.02. Revenue, budget estimate, \$157,392; actual, \$175,734.24, or a net increase of \$18,342.24. The total net increase of revenue amounted to \$27,088.26. The total funds available for the year amount to: budget estimate, \$162,680; actual amount available, \$189,768.26. Disbursements showed a total of \$169,253.09, which was \$5,773.09 above the budget allowance, leaving a

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The schoolteacher row with Moscow gets hotter as this is written. We take steps to revoke the credentials of the Russian consul-general in New York and tell the Kremlin to get him out of this country and be fairly quick about it.

WHAT'S the row all about? Most of us forget so very, very easily. Maybe we'd better do a little recapitulating here.

This Mrs. Kasenkina jumped out of an upper-story window in the Russian consulate in New York a few days back. She was picked up, badly hurt, and taken to a hospital.

In that rather desperate manner she REMOVED HERSELF FROM RUSSIAN JURISDICTION.

CARRYING the story on from there, the Russian consul-general appeared at the hospital and

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Russians, British Each Free Captives Taken in Cross-Zone Disputes, Lessening Tension

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Russians released today three U. S. military government officials they had seized in blocked Berlin and in Southern Germany.

The British in turn set free Franz Erdmann, head of the criminal division of the Russian-controlled Eastern Berlin police. He was arrested at a boxing match Sunday and accused of abduction of Western Berlin police and "presumption of authority" charges that still will stand.

While tension was eased a little by the cross-zone deliveries, Russian soldiers crossed into the American sector of Berlin and arrested a German photographer. He was the tenth German seized since Thursday by the Russians and their German police either in the western parts of Berlin or along the border.

The Americans released today were: Thomas P. Headen, deputy head of the American Military Government Information Services Division in Berlin. He was abducted yesterday in Potsdam Platz, where the Russian, American, and British zones meet. It was not clear whether he had



MAY DODGE ORDER—His authority as Soviet consul-general at New York City revoked and ordered to leave the United States, because of his conduct in the Kasenkina case, Jacob I. Lomakin, above, may still stay in the U.S., it is hinted. Russia, it is rumored, plans to make Lomakin a representative to the United Nations, thus giving him immunity status. (AP Wire-photo)

Northwest Leads In Average Gains Of U.S. Incomes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The individual income of Americans in 1947 amounted to an average of \$1,323 for each man, woman and child.

The Commerce Department figured this out today in reporting that total individual income zoomed to a record \$190,000,000 last year.

The per capita average income of \$1,323 compared with \$1,213 in 1946. This is an increase of 9 percent.

While the rise was general, states in the Northwest did best of all. They pocketed 20 percent more than in 1946.

On a nationwide basis, individual income was 25 percent greater than the war peak year of 1944.

The 15 southern states were among the 16 reporting the lowest averages.

Nevada's per capita average—\$1,842—topped all other states. Mississippi was lowest with \$650.

Independence Resident Killed by Hit-Runster
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Police are searching for trace of the driver whose automobile fatally injured Erik P. Linder, 51, Independence, late Saturday night and failed to stop after the accident.

Linder was found lying on the south river road east of Independence ferry.

Longshoremen Call Another Job Stoppage

Time Needed to Study Deadlock, Reason Given; General Strike Dated

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—(AP)—CIO Longshoremen called another 24-hour waterfront work stoppage today and went ahead with plans for a coastwide strike on Sept. 2.

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union announced that 75 delegates from Pacific Coast ports had concluded a caucus in San Francisco and were returning to their home ports "to speed preparations" for the coastal walkout.

The CIO said delegates voted to demand one full, 24-hour day off each week at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Portland and Seattle. They want the day off to be uniform, with Sunday preferred.

Longshoremen say they are knocking off in San Francisco from 6 p. m. tomorrow until 6 p. m. Wednesday so members of the union can attend a meeting called to discuss the deadlocked maritime labor dispute.

Employers say the layoff was intended "to demoralize the waterfront," and that its timing—with two large passenger ships due to be handled—was "no coincidence."

There was a similar layoff last Wednesday. Work was interrupted for 14 hours while the union had a meeting.

This week's work stoppage is scheduled for only four hours Wednesday. But the union says that crews which normally would work Tuesday night are laying off to "get their sleep."

James Kearney, spokesman for the longshore union, said emergency gangs would service two large passenger ships which are docking or sailing during the 24-hour layoff period.

Frank P. Folse, of the Waterfront Employers Association, said the union layoff for contract discussion was completely unnecessary. He argued that other unions hold separate meetings for

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Alcohol Plant May Be Acquired By Milwaukee Firm

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Indication that a bid of the Waste Wood Chemical Company of Milwaukee for the Springfield alcohol plant may be acceptable to the War Asset Administration was reported today.

James F. Morrell, president of Industrial Alcohol, Inc., said the Milwaukee investors had relayed to him that the WAA "could give favorable consideration" to their bid.

Morrell said they expect to be in Oregon within a month to see whether Oregon investors want to participate in the financing. The Portland executive holds a 30-day option on 48 per cent of the Milwaukee firm's stock.

The firm's bid was for a five-year lease with the government to get 10 per cent of the net profits. It also includes an option to purchase the plant for \$1,200,000. Morrell reported he represents a group of Northwest lumbermen who originally planned to bid on the plant.

Jap 'Threat' to Kill War Prisoners Unconfirmed

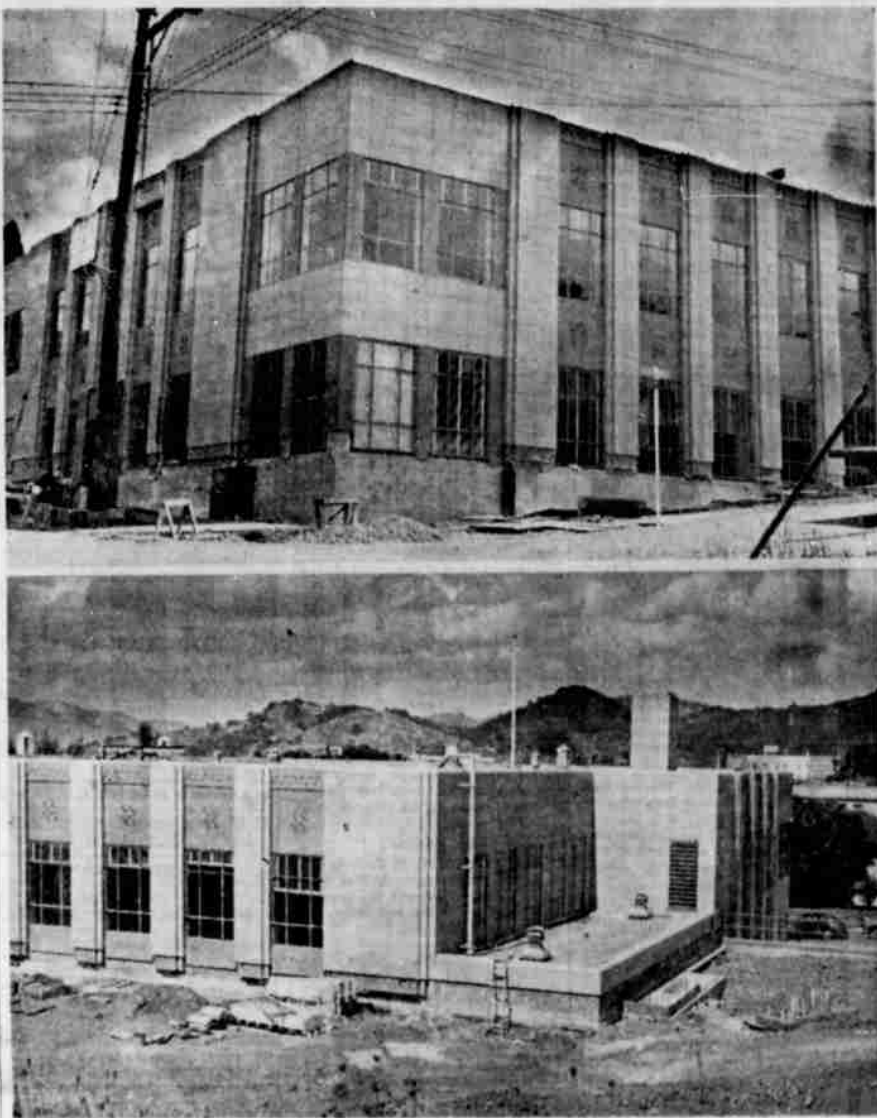
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The State Department said today it never heard of any wartime threat by the Japanese government to kill American war prisoners if Japan was invaded.

A British clergyman yesterday asked whether such a threat caused the American government to drop the atom bomb.

State Department officials said the main purpose of using the atom bomb was to hasten the end of the war, as President Truman stated in announcing the action.

Sitkum Motorist Dies In Crash of His Auto

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Chester A. Hansen, Sitkum, Ore., died between Goshen and Creswell Sunday when his car left the road at a curve and crashed. State police said he was either speeding or had fallen asleep at the wheel. His body has been sent to Coquille for burial. He was driving alone. No other car was involved.



Repairman Is Electrocuted

Henry Burdette Ruggles, 35, was electrocuted Saturday afternoon while working as a repairman for the Fir Manufacturing Company in Myrtle Creek.

A State Police spokesman said he apparently died instantly.

Ruggles was born November 22, 1909, in Elmira, New York, and had been a resident of the Roseburg community for two years.

Surviving are his wife, Helen V. Ruggles; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Ruggles, Miami, Florida; and a brother, John R. Ruggles, also of Miami.

His parents are flying to Roseburg for the funeral services.

Date of the services will be announced later by the Roseburg Funeral Home.

Ruggles had been employed as an electrician by the company about two years, said Ed Sund, assistant manager. At the time of his death, Ruggles was splicing two electric wires carrying 440 volts in a "routine" work assignment, Sund said. His hand apparently slipped and he died instantly.

Heiress Freed in Murder Case to Wed Policeman

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Beulah Louise Overell, 19-year-old heiress, will marry a Los Angeles policeman next May or June.

Miss Overell, acquitted with a former fiance of murder charges in the yacht blast deaths of her parents, yesterday disclosed her engagement to Robert Cannon, 28, former Air Force gunnery instructor and a radio patrolman for the past two years.

"This is the real thing," Miss Overell remarked. "I love Bob very much. He has a terrific sense of humor."

She added that Bob proposed to her last Friday and she accepted.

Miss Overell and a former boy friend, George (Bud) Gollum, were acquitted last fall of charges of slaying her wealthy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell, killed aboard their dynamited yacht in Newport Harbor, March 15, 1947.

Jap Rail Workers Quit, Defying Government Ban

TOKYO, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Seventy-nine trains were tied up in Northern Japan today by a walk-out of government railroad workers in defiance of a government ordinance against strikes.

The newspaper Asahi said that authorities estimated 536 railway workers walked out in one area alone.

The transportation ministry ordered the dismissal of workers leaving their jobs after midnight.

Phone Offices in New Home But Central Operating Unit May Not Follow for 2 Years

The Roseburg offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company were moved into their new \$400,000 home over the weekend, minus the fanfare customary on such occasions.

Although only the business offices were moved to the new location at 105 E. Mosher, this was one step toward realization of longtime planning.

Three Sailors Die, 4th Missing in Guam Fire

GUAM, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Three sailors were listed today as killed and a fourth missing in a spectacular fire and series of explosions at a Navy gasoline tank farm Sunday.

The blaze was attributed unofficially to sparks from a Jeep entering the area to rescue several men overcome by fumes from an overflowed gasoline tank.

The Navy in Washington announced these casualties: Killed, Seaman Fondley P. Hansen, Gardfield, Utah, and Chief Engineerman David S. Moon, Portland, Me.; seriously burned, Seaman William W. Foster, Brooklyn, N. Y. Other names were withheld temporarily.

Two of those dead were chief petty officers, one of whom perished in a vain attempt to rescue the missing man.

Currency Issue Blocks Agreement at Kremlin

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Whitehall (government) sources said today the Kremlin talks over Berlin have been deadlocked on the major principle of whether Russia alone or the Big Four together should control the city's currency.

These informants said an agreement would open the way to ending the Berlin blockade, and to new Big Four talks on Germany and other problems in Europe.

Klamath Falls Lashed By Lightning Storm

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—A rain and lightning storm, accompanied by heavy hail stones, battered Southern Oregon areas yesterday.

Several street underpasses here were blocked by deep water and cars stranded during the down-pour when water ran curb deep in the streets.

Drunken Driver Draws \$100 Fine, Loses License

Alfred Ishmore Sluder, 33, of Roseburg, pleaded guilty in Municipal Court this morning to a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle imposed a \$100 fine and suspended a 30-day jail sentence.

Sluder's driver's license was suspended one year. Sluder was arrested Sunday while driving on the Stephens Street hill at the north end of the city. Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird said.

Two Lawmakers, 2 Candidates Carried to Death When Craft Dives Into Lake of the Woods

Victims are John Snellstrom, Earle Johnson, Representatives; William H. Fluhrer, H. W. Evans

By MALCOLM EPLEY
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Four Oregon Republican party leaders—two representatives and two legislative nominees—were killed in the crash of a private plane yesterday at Lake of the Woods in northern Klamath County.

The dead are Rep. John Snellstrom, 53, of Eugene; Rep. Earle C. Johnson, 40, of Corvallis; William H. Fluhrer, 49, Medford, Jackson County Senate nominee unopposed for election, and H. H. Evans, 40, Waldport, Lincoln County nominee for the House.

The tragedy occurred not many miles from the site where another flying holiday claimed the lives of Oregon's top political leaders last October. It was in adjoining Lake County that Oregon's Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., Senate President Marshall Cornett, and their pilot crashed to their deaths on a duck-hunting expedition.

Yesterday's victims were riding in a sister ship of Cornett's. The plane, owned and piloted by Fluhrer, plunged into the lake just after taking off on a flight to Medford. Fluhrer was taking his three passengers and weekend guests to Medford to board commercial planes enroute home. The crash occurred at 4:23 p.m.

Witnessing the crash were Rep. Frank Van Dyke of Ashland and Rep. Douglas Yeater of Salem. They told authorities the plane was in a steep banking turn over the lake when it side-slipped and dove into the lake. It struck at a sharp angle and flopped over in ten or 12 feet of water. It submerged about 50 yards from shore, the tail assembly protruding from the surface.

Van Dyke and Yeater had just taken the four men across the lake from Fluhrer's cabin where about 15 state legislators and party nominees had held a weekend outing. Van Dyke, still in the boat, sped to the wreckage. He could not reach the airplane doors and returned to the cabin for help.

Three of the bodies were recovered later when federal Forest Service employees managed to hook a logging chain onto the plane and pull it near shore. Grappling failed last night to locate the body of Rep. Snellstrom. The work continued today.

An inquest held at the scene last night by Klamath County Coroner George Adler reported that the accident was not caused by engine trouble. There was no further explanation. Civil aeronautics inspectors are expected to hold an investigation.

The victims were prominent businessmen as well as party leaders in their counties.

All War Veterans
Rep. Snellstrom, a founder of the Snellstrom Lumber Company

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State Tax Readied To Meet \$6,430,000 Deficit

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—The State Tax Commission today prepared its tax levy, showing a deficiency of \$6,430,000.

This is the amount that the voters will be asked to approve in property taxes at the general election next November.

If the property tax is voted, it would not actually be levied, because part of the \$40,000,000 income tax surplus would be used to offset it.

The tax levy is prepared July 31, but it was delayed by the Supreme Court decision which held last week that the income tax surplus can be used only for property tax relief.

The tax levy estimated that \$30,971,726 is needed to run the state during the year ending next June 30.

Guerrilla Army Beaten, Greek Leader Declares

ATHENS, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Greek army, turning north and east from the Grammos mountains, today routed guerrillas who were moving toward the Vitsa area with the apparent aim of finding a new base for communist "free Greece."

A communiqué said the rebels entered Greece from Albania.

Gen. Kiriakidis, deputy chief of staff, said earlier that Guerrilla Chief Markos Vafiades is whipped and communist "free Greece" is no more. American sources said that up to late last week the Greek army had killed about 2,000 rebels and captured another 1,000 in the Grammos fighting. Guerrillas wounded were estimated at 5,000 to 8,000. Most of them were evacuated from Greece and the figures are uncertain.

Portlander Dies Under Southern Pacific Train

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—A man, identified by papers on his body as Leonard H. Abbott, 525 S. E. 12th Ave., Portland, was run over by a Southern Pacific train today at Jefferson, 15 miles south of here.

Coroner L. E. Barriek, who said he was unable to determine how the accident occurred, said the top three-quarters of the man's head was severed from his body.

Loivity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Oregonians face two weighty financial matters in November: (1) A proposed tax levy to meet a state deficit of more than \$6,000,000 and (2) the cost of a Thanksgiving turkey.