

ACCORD IN KREMLIN CONFERENCE LOOMS



FORMER LAW PARTNERS MEET—United States Senator Guy Cordon of Roseburg was greeted upon his arrival in Portland Saturday by William W. Knight, now assistant business manager of the Oregon Journal. Senator Cordon and Knight formerly were law partners engaged in practice in Roseburg. Cordon, who had previously served as county assessor and district attorney for Douglas County, was representative of Oregon land grant counties and counsel on public domain for western states at the time of his appointment to succeed the late Senator Charles L. McNary. Knight left Roseburg to serve as manager for the Northwest Newspaper Publishers Association and later joined the business staff of the Oregon Journal.

U. N. Asks \$33 Million To Operate in 1949

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Secretary-General Trygve Lie asked today for \$33,469,587 to operate the United Nations in 1949.

The figure is about a million dollars under the 1948 budget and generally compares with the annual expenditures of states such as Arizona, Idaho, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Lie's figures go before the 58-nation General Assembly in Paris next month for approval. Despite the slash, moves already are under way in the U. N. to cut the total still more. The first of these came in a report from the assembly's advisory budgetary committee which believe a million and a half can be lopped off.

The United Nations is financed by its member nations in accordance with a scale of contributions based on the ability to pay. The United States pays the largest share—about 39 per cent.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LOMAKIN (the Russian consul general who started the school teacher ruckus) is headed for home. His steamer reservations were MADE IN EUROPE.

(Our state department told him, in effect, the other day: "Here's your hat. There's the door. The sooner you're gone, the better we'll be pleased.")

WHAT will happen to him when he gets to Moscow?

Will he be sent to Siberia? Or "liquidated" against a wall? OR KICKED UPSTAIRS?

IT IS an interesting point to speculate on.

If he is liquidated, or sent as a slave laborer to Siberia, it will be a sign that he may have bungled something that his bosses in the Kremlin didn't want bungled. These modern totalitarians don't tolerate bungling.

If he should be KICKED UPSTAIRS, it might be a sign that he provided a useful "OUT" to save his masters' faces. The school teacher business, which

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Inflation Reflected as U. S. Output of Goods and Services Nears Quarter-Trillion Mark

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—If the nation's turnout of goods and services holds to the recent hot pace, it'll amount to a quarter of a trillion dollars a year—and call for higher arithmetic to keep it straight.

The flood of goods produced and services rendered reached the annual rate of \$248,000,000,000 in the second quarter of this year, a Commerce Department report showed today.

That compares with totals of \$231,636,000,000 for the whole of last year and \$204,000,000,000 for the year before.

But there were at least a couple of thorns on the rose. The department noted that:

1. A major part of the swollen value merely reflected inflation—higher prices and wages. In consumer goods, especially, value—that is, prices—rose more than the quantity of things produced.

2. Industrial production—the output of factories and mines—was dipping in June as a result of shortages of material. But that was more than offset by increases

Body of Medford Druggist Found In Rogue River

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 24.—(AP)—The body of Lawrence Saunders, 51, Medford druggist, was found floating in the Rogue River yesterday near the Bybee bridge north of the city.

Deputy Jackson County Coroner Carlos Morris said there was no indication of bodily injuries that could have caused the druggist's death.

Saunders has been having a large building here remodeled for a new drug store.

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 24.—(AP)—The body of Harold James Cade, 49, was found in the Willamette River north of here yesterday and deputy coroner John Summers said there may have been foul play.

The deputy reported there are no markings on the body, which had been in the river several weeks, but that the man's wallet was empty and his clothing stripped of anything of value.

Northwest Wheat For Export Under Rail Embargo

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Railroads have clamped an embargo on movement of wheat for export from the Pacific Northwest until jammed rail spurs at Tidewater are cleared.

The embargo, effective yesterday, will not be lifted until the situation eases at the ports of Portland, Vancouver, Wash., Longview, Seattle and Tacoma.

Clyde Kiddie, Portland, regional director of the Commodity Credit Corporation, reported five ships are due at regional ports to load wheat this week. This, he said, should ease the situation.

Mrs. Fluhrer Apparently Unaware of Tragedy

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. William H. Fluhrer of Medford, vacationing in Canada, apparently still has not learned of the plane-crash death of her husband Sunday.

Gene Ferrell, manager of Fluhrer's Bakery, said every effort to locate her had been unavailing. Ferrell said Mrs. Fluhrer was traveling by automobile, presumably in the Lake Louise and Banff area, with her mother and three sisters. No word has been received from them since they left Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Friday.

Goldenwed Wife Files Suit for Maintenance

COVINGTON, Ky., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Sarah Kruse, who celebrated her golden wedding anniversary last April 28, has filed suit for alimony and maintenance—but she doesn't want a divorce.

The 67-year-old woman alleges in her petition that she and her husband, William, 69, live in separate apartments on a farm owned by a son-in-law. Her husband refuses to provide for her and will not permit her in his apartment, the petition states.

Mrs. Kruse also said she is in poor health and needs the care of a physician. Her husband, she claims, earns \$60 a month from raising chickens.

Boy Finds \$2,200 While Rescuing His Cat

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Eight-year-old Benjamin Myron got an unexpected prize for rescuing his own cat from a raft in the family garage.

He found \$2,200, probably hidden there by a previous tenant, police said.

If the money is not claimed within 90 days, the Myrons may keep it, police said.

TWO FLIERS KILLED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Two army fliers were killed yesterday afternoon when a Randolph air force base training plane crashed one mile north of Selma.

The Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain Wednesday.

Sunset today 7:02 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:29 a.m.

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Street Widening Projects Get City Planners' O.K.

Housing Lack To Be Probed By Sen. Cordon

Situation Desperate, No Excuse for Shortage Of Materials, Senator Says

Determination to "get to the bottom of the causes for housing shortages" was voiced here today by United States Senator Guy Cordon in announcing he will meet with housing groups to study the problem. Declaring the local situation to be "not only critical but desperate," Cordon says he is arranging a meeting in Portland with authorities interested in the housing problem and plans to conduct investigations in other parts of the state.

"Out of this so-called 'desperate' session of congress came legislation which guaranteed 90 per cent of a loan and assures income profit of two and two-thirds per cent on rental property," Senator Cordon said. "We eliminated the public housing feature of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill because that section did not meet the current need. That section was complicated. The areas where we need housing are not the areas where slum clearance is involved. In fact, in many sections of this country the housing shortage is only imaginary. In areas such as this the shortage not only is critical but desperate."

No Excuse for Materials Lack

"If the legislation enacted at the special session will not work,"

Neighbor Rescues Exploring Child From Garden Pool



Little Carl Eugene Fair, above, 19 months old, went exploring yesterday afternoon and almost eliminated the public housing feature of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill because that section did not meet the current need. That section was complicated. The areas where we need housing are not the areas where slum clearance is involved. In fact, in many sections of this country the housing shortage is only imaginary. In areas such as this the shortage not only is critical but desperate."

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Soviet Launches Abuse Campaign To Remove Tito

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Russia and her Balkan satellites are stepping up their campaign to oust Marshal Tito as boss of Yugoslavia, diplomatic officials said today.

These authorities point to increasingly violent denunciations of Tito from every top Communist official in Eastern Europe outside Yugoslavia.

In addition, party leaders in Italy and France also have lined up beside Moscow in condemning Tito as a "traitor" to the Communist cause.

This Moscow-led torrent of abuse kept up even while Tito was playing host to the recent Danube River conference in Belgrade and voting consistently with the Soviet bloc.

Government officials familiar with Eastern Europe say the disagreement between Tito and the Russian brand of Communism is now so fundamental it rules out any possibility of compromise.

This increases the chance that Tito may, in desperation, turn to the west for support, but there is no real sign of such a move yet.

And despite the swelling stream of anti-Tito invective, officials here say they regard it as unlikely that Russia or any of her satellites will order troops into Yugoslavia.

Four U. S. Fliers Die in Collision Of Supply Planes

RAVOTZHAUSEN, Germany, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Two American planes on the supply run to blockaded Berlin collided outside this American zone town today, killing four U. S. fliers.

Five American fliers have been killed previously in two accidents on the air run since the Russians blockaded Berlin late in June.

The planes plunged into cornfields around this village, which is 14 miles northeast of Frankfurt. They were returning to Wiesbaden from Berlin, where they had delivered supplies.

Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of survivors.

Gunmen Get \$7,500 Loot At Vancouver, B. C., Bank

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 24.—(AP)—In a daring daylight holdup, two gunmen escaped yesterday with loot unofficially estimated at \$7,500 from the Broadway Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Using a red automobile and technique reminiscent of former "red-sedan" holdups, the bandits, both masked, herded 10 bank employees and five customers against the wall. There was no shooting.

The raid was the fourth pulled off by bandits using a red sedan since December. Most recent was the \$3,600 robbery of a Royal Bank of Canada Branch July 2.

Japanese Says 'Thanks' Before Dying on Gallows

HONG KONG, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Former Japanese Sub-Lt. Mangan Sagesima was hanged today for the murder of the Rev. Leonard Kentish, Australian missionary, on Arco Island Feb. 5, 1943.

P. O. Hoyma Kono and Kama Shozuke also were condemned to death on the same charge, but their sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

Just before his execution, Sagesima said: "I thank you. Peace and prosperity to the British empire."

Forty Feet For Military, Mosher Listed

E. Washington, Terrace Avenue Also Included; Highway St. Suggested

Two street widening proposals received recommendations of approval from the City Planning Commission last night and were referred to the City Council for further consideration. The Council has been called to a special meeting at 5:15 tonight to speed action on the proposals.

Streets designated for widening are Military Street between the Oak Street Bridge and Corvay Avenue, and Mosher Street between S. Main St. and S. Stephens St. The two streets would be widened to 40 feet between curbs. Military Street is now 24 feet and Mosher Street is 28 feet.

The city engineer's estimates for the two projects placed the cost at approximately \$6,240 for the Military Street widening and \$6,451 for the Mosher Street widening. Asphalt would be used to pave the additional width of the streets.

The Commission last night also gave its approval to the improvement of E. Washington St. between Chadwick Street and the V. J. Miceli property, providing that the street is widened to 40 feet between curbs, and the improvement of Terrace Avenue above Lane Street. In the latter proposal, the Commission recommended that adjacent property be purchased to permit widening to 40 feet.

City Councilman Percy Croft appeared before the Commission to ask that thought be given to the establishment of an alternate route through the city for the Pacific Highway, he suggested that Main Street could be adapted

Sect Zealot Recovering From Rattlesnake Bite

PINEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A snake bite suffered in a religious ceremony sent Mrs. McKinley Burnett, 39, to a hospital, but she was reported recovering satisfactorily today.

Mrs. Burnett, who lives between here and Harlan, explained to a newsman from her hospital bed she was bitten by a rattlesnake while "testifying" at services in the Free Pentecostal Church of East Pineville. She added she believes "the spirit" leads her to handle snakes.

For three years, Mrs. Burnett related, she had handled snakes but never had been bitten.

Mrs. Burnett declares she believes she was bitten because there were "non-believers" in the crowd.

Dr. Lee A. Wells Dies At His Laurelwood Home

Dr. Lee A. Wells, Roseburg dentist, died this morning at his home, 1406 Riverside Drive, Laurelwood, following a long illness. Surviving is his widow, Florence Libburn Wells, and two sons, Frank Wells, of Rochester, N. Y., and Lee Wells, of Los Angeles. Both sons were at home at the time of his death.

The body has been removed to the Roseburg Funeral Home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Anti-Communist Germans In Russian Sector of Berlin Forbidden to Hold Elections

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky announced today that Germans in the Russian zone will not be allowed to hold community elections this fall.

The Russian commander said the voting will be put off for one year. It is the first time in the occupation that one of the four powers has postponed an election.

Sokolovsky issued his order over the protests of the zone's two non-Communist parties—the Conservative Christian Democrats and the Rightist Liberal Democrats. The parties demanded only last week through their press and at open meetings that "in the name of democracy" the people be given a chance to vote.

Non-Communist leaders have claimed the Communists want the election put off because they feared they would suffer a severe defeat. The Communists have claimed the people are "too busy working for recovery" to vote.

The Soviet zone is controlled both politically and economically by the Soviet-sponsored and Communist-dominated Socialist Unity party (SED).

Both the zone and its "official" party have been having their troubles of late.

SED Being Purged

The Russian sector has been combating a food crisis which has forced the Russians to import supplies. The Communists have been seeking to overcome their economic troubles with a two-year plan for which they are demanding the "utmost efforts" from the population.

The SED has been undergoing a purge and transformation. The

'General Area' Of Agreement Said Reached

Optimism Prevails At End of Seventh Session Terms at Bottom Level

MOSCOW, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A qualified source said the western envoys and Russia have reached a general area of agreement during talks climaxed early today by a four-hour and 40-minute Kremlin interview with Prime Minister Stalin.

The informant said technicalities lie ahead for a justment but that these are not trifles and will require considerable negotiation.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith emerged from the Kremlin in a buoyant mood at 1:40 a.m. and declared "we're going to have more meetings." He added later:

"We're always optimistic. We expect the best and prepare for the worst."

The envoys have been trying since late July to find bases for lifting the land blockade Russia imposed on Berlin and for four-power talks on Germany and perhaps other problems in Europe.

The informant said the seven Kremlin conversations, two of which included Stalin, have a "fair" chance of resulting in a solid agreement. He said prospects are far better today than they were at this time yesterday before Smith, French Ambassador Chateignau and British Envoy Roberts saw Stalin.

"Some progress" has been made, the source said.

He declared there "is no cause" for pessimism.

Terms Simplified

The source said the western powers and the Soviets now have reduced their terms to the "lowest denominator." Had no progress been made, the source said.

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Resemblance To Spy Grievous For Consulate Clerk

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The U. S. consul general here has protested to the Jewish government of Jerusalem that the Stern gang kidnapped and mistreated an American consulate employee Sunday.

The consul general, John J. MacDonald, said the Sternists seized George F. Paro, a confidential clerk in the Consulate and held him for seven hours, during which they handcuffed, blindfolded, slapped and questioned him.

An Israeli Army source said the Sternists kidnapped Paro and called him a "damn British spy" because he bears a faint resemblance to a British detective who left Palestine four months ago.

After Paro, a 33-year-old resident of Granville, N. Y., was released by the Sternists he was taken to another nine hours by Israeli military police. Asked why the Army had held him so long a spokesman replied:

"To clear up such a mystery in nine hours is not bad police work."

MacDonald said he had filed a full report of the incident with the State Department and has sent a strongly worded protest to Dr. Bernard Joseph, the Jewish military governor in Jerusalem.

The Stern gang, an extremist underground organization during the British mandate, joined the Israeli army inside the state of Israel, but continues to operate underground in Jerusalem.

Timber-Grazing Funds Give Douglas \$175,236

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Federal forest service timber and grazing revenues set a record in the past fiscal year for the Washington, Oregon and Northern California Region.

Total receipts of \$9,999,058.77 for the year ending July 31 were reported, an increase of \$3,423,670 over the fiscal 1946-47 revenue.

Distribution of 25 per cent of the fund in lieu of taxes to counties for school and road purposes will total \$2,499,764.

Oregon counties will receive \$1,606,110.99; Washington, \$795,543.

Disbursements in Oregon are: Lane, \$311,469.30; Douglas, \$175,236.91; Klamath, \$138,876.66; Marion, \$40,132.99; Linn, \$133,356.97; Baker, \$23,890.36; Benton, \$2,691.80; Lake, \$133,356.97; Umatilla, \$8,362.03.

Power Line in Baker Shattered by Lightning

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A severe lightning storm between Lime and Baker shattered the Baker-Huntington 69,000-volt transmission line yesterday afternoon, causing a six-hour electric service interruption in this area.

Cowlitz Power Dams Opposed by Fish Board

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Oregon Fish Commission opposes construction of any power dams in the Cowlitz River in Washington State.

Arnie J. Suomela, Oregon master fish warden, said the salmon industry must preserve the remaining unobstructed lower Columbia tributaries if the runs are to be maintained.

He said the Cowlitz was the "greatest salmon producing stream below the Snake River."

The action of the commission was based on a report that Tacoma plans power dams on the Cowlitz.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenfeld

The United Nations, through its executive secretary, is asking \$33,469,589 to conduct its operations in 1949. On an ad valorem basis, the U.N. is entitled to that sum, with exception of the first six digits.