

East Germany Election Result Staggering Soviet

Third Of Vote Of 12 Million Opposes Reds

Pro-Red Press Blames 'Lying Propaganda' For Amazing 'No' Votes

BERLIN, May 17.—(AP)—East Germany has dealt Communism a smashing blow in Soviet-controlled territory. Official figures in the people's Congress election showed today a surprising snub by a third of the voters.

Of 12,024,221 valid ballots, 4,080,272 were marked "no." The Communists had hoped to roll up a virtually solid "yes" vote for their hand-picked single slate of candidates, so that they could go to the foreign ministers' conference in Paris next week with a government for Eastern Germany which would match that of the West.

So shocked were the Communist officials that election returns were withheld 20 hours after the polls closed, and the Soviet-controlled press cried double cross at their political allies in the Eastern zone.

There were 13,533,071 persons eligible to vote. Of these 12,887,234 cast ballots, or 95.2 percent. The valid ballots totalled 12,024,221.

This was the vote:
Yes (in favor of the hand-picked single slate) 7,943,949, or 66.1 percent.

No: 4,080,272, or 33.9 percent. The Soviet's one election bureau announced the figures. Red Bitterness Manifest

The Communists, playing upon German nationalism, had thrown heavy propaganda artillery into the campaign to give them a virtually unanimous endorsement in the "yes or no" vote for the screened slate of 2,000 delegates to the Congress.

The bitter disappointment of the Russians and their Communist leaders were reflected in Tagesschau, newspaper of the Soviet military administration, which blamed "lying propaganda" for the big "no" vote.

Soviet policy was the only issue in the election. All the candidates had been chosen by the Social Unity (Communist) Party and splinter elements of the Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats, all welded into a "yes front" with Russian blessings.

The Russians even set aside denazification laws in order to let former Nazis vote and swell the total, and the Nazis, hot for a strong, central unified Germany, were happy allies.

The vote in the Soviet sector of Berlin, center of the East-West political war, still was being tallied. Only the Soviet sector of Berlin and the Soviet zone of Germany took part in the elections. The Western Powers forbade voting for the People's Congress in their zones.

By contrast the Western sectors last December, in an election in which anti-Communism was an issue, rolled up an 88.4 percent vote in support of Western policies.

Dallas Says Yes To Faster Time; Corvallis Waits

DALLAS, Ore., May 17.—(AP)—This city is on 'daylight saving time today, but the Polk county court hasn't decided about a time shift.

Mayor Hollis Smith said council members voted last night to set the city clocks ahead at 12:01 a.m. today.

County Court Judge Jack Hayes said he had asked, through the district attorney's office, for a ruling on whether the Court-house political change also, he said the request for a ruling was directed to the state attorney general's office.

Salem and other mid-Willamette valley towns made the change yesterday. Marion county offices stayed on standard time, however.

CORVALLIS, May 17.—(AP)—This city won't go on daylight saving time until next month, if then.

The city council discussed a change last night and voted not to do anything until after June 7, with no definite plans for that time.

Councilmen expressed fear that two city elections, one on May 24 and the other on June 7, might be open to legal attack if they were conducted on daylight instead of standard time since the ordinances setting them have been drawn for some time.

Fined For Spree

DON D. MOBLEY, Umatilla, arrested by city police last night on a drunk charge, pleaded guilty upon arraignment in Municipal Court and was fined \$30 by Judge Ira B. Riddle. He was committed to the city jail for 15 days, or until his fine is paid, said the judge.

Levity Fact Rant

The East Germany election result advises Russia that an attempt to starve people into submission, as was tried in the Berlin blockade, is a futile way to angle for votes.

The News-Review

The Weather
Mostly cloudy today with few light showers. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.
Sunset today 7:32 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:46 a.m.

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Council Defers Daylight Saving Decision

Eugene Action, Awaited, May Be Followed

Arguments On Rezoning Of Block 47 Referred To Special Committee

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID: Decided to follow Eugene on daylight saving time. Named committee to study Block 47 rezoning. Heard report on airport survey. Denied Dr. Parkinson's parking request. Approved 30-foot street width for So. Hamilton. Asked city attorney to investigate Block 29 alleyway. Approved committee's recommendation to study garbage problem. Defined new parking regulations on Vista, Overlook and East Cass Streets. Heard petitions on rest rooms. Accepted certificate of approval on Corey and Harvard Avenues.

"As Eugene goes, so goes Roseburg." The daylight saving issue was that much closer to being solved after the City Council meeting Monday night.

A query from a Roseburg citizen prompted Mayor Albert G. Flegel to poll the council. After some discussion, it was decided that should Eugene vote for daylight saving, Roseburg would almost assuredly follow suit.

The Council appointed George West to head a special committee, consisting of H. T. Carstens and Chester Morgan, to investigate further a proposal to rezone block 47 from Class 2 residential status to Class 3 business. The block is bounded by S. Main, S. Kane Sts., E. Cass and E. Lane.

At a hearing on the proposed rezoning, Bruce Melis, representing the American Legion, reviewed that organization's argument favoring the rezoning of the block to business. He pointed out a proposed American Legion building would serve the public. He also pointed out the Legion has a \$1,500 investment in the building, in the form of architect's drawings.

Roland Dunsden, speaking in behalf of the Methodist Church, said his organization "must have available the full limit of the lot" in order to build a new structure. Bill Evans, 225 E. Cass St., said the construction of a building "two feet away from his \$10,000 home" would lower the value of his property and weaken its home in perpetual shade.

Petitions both pro and con had been submitted for the Council's (Continued on Page Two)

More Men Join Fight Against Beaver Creek Fire

East winds yesterday afternoon spread the 60-acre forest fire in the old Beaver Creek burn farther to the west, while the five camps along the perimeter of the fire were reinforced with additional men from Medford and Grants Pass.

William Benecke, of the Umpqua National Forest staff in Roseburg, who returned from the scene of operations this morning, said it is estimated the fire will not be brought under control before Sunday.

The 200 loggers and Forest Service men are working with power saws and tractors to cut down the snags along the five-mile outer perimeter of the fire. They have now worked about half way around, said Benecke.

The fire fighters are using 30 sets of power saws and 14,000 feet of hose lines brought from other national forests in the region, Ranger Milton Andrews, in charge of overall operations, is being assisted by Rangers Bert Holby and Estel Brown and Assistant Ranger Hardy, all of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

The fire is located in a rugged, mountainous area. Supplies to the men are transported by pack horses along trails from the base camp, about 15 miles east of Tiller.

Utah Governor, Highway Official Stop Over Here

En route to Gold Beach for fishing, the governor of Utah and his party stopped over in Roseburg Saturday and Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Broadbush, 105 Roberts St., formerly of Provo, Utah.

Governor J. Bracken Lee was accompanied here by Utah State Senator Mel Gibson and Utah State Highway Commissioner H. J. Carlissen. They visited the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club grounds at Winchester and expressed appreciation for the hospitality they received.

Hit-Runster Suspected In Traffic Death

Mrs. Syble F. Nichols Found Dead In Ditch Near Her Home At Union Gap



The body of Mrs. Syble Florine Nichols, 35, was found in the ditch at the side of the road near her home at Union Gap at 6:30 p. m. yesterday—the victim of a hit and run driver.

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported today that Mrs. Nichols was last seen walking along the highway on the east shoulder about 12:30 p. m. yesterday. She was found by S. G. Holder, owner of the Union Gap cottages between Sutherland and Oakland.

Mrs. Nichols' body was found in a rather deep ditch almost directly in front of the cabins. Body Badly Battered

The cause of her death was not determined until an autopsy had been performed by Dr. Richard Williams. The conclusion following the autopsy was that she had been struck by a car, or possibly a trailer. The body was badly battered from the impact.

Sgt. Harrell stated that an intensive search is underway, and that some clues have been found which may lead to the identity of the responsible party or parties.

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Assembly Of God Church Target Of Bomb Attempt

EUGENE, Ore., May 17.—(AP)—An attempt to blow up the Assembly of God Church in nearby Creswell was under investigation today by the state police arson squad.

A burned-out candle in a bottle containing a white fluid was discovered in the new built church early Sunday by the pastor and a parishioner.

Police said the mixture found in the bottle had also been spilled around the room. The bottle, set in a coffee can full of a "dirty colored powder," was placed at the church altar.

The Rev. Ward Wood was preparing for the dedication service when he found the bomb. Ben C. Greer was with the pastor.

Members of the church built the structure after receiving an unsigned note warning them to cease holding meetings in a theater.

Communists Tightening Their Trap On Shanghai

CANTON, May 17.—(AP)—The Communists were reported today walking one army into the evacuated Central China industrial center of Hankow and plunging another within 225 miles of Canton, nationalist refugee capital.

The Reds were building up a new threat to embattled Shanghai, striking into Pootung, dock and warehouse area facing the famed bund across the Whangpoo River. A nationalistic communist said the Reds were concentrating on the Pootung area after assaults on the Wooting ship channel and Lungwa airport had been beaten back.

WALLGREN LOSES OUT

Nomination For Head Of Security Resources Body Withdrawn By Truman

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—President Truman today withdrew Mon C. Wallgren's nomination to be chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

The President withdrew the nomination at the request of Wallgren, former governor of Washington state.

At the same time he wrote his warm personal friend and former associate in the senate: "I want you to know that my faith in you is undiminished."

Wallgren's nomination was tabled many weeks ago by the Senate Armed Services Committee under a procedure which did not permit a vote on confirmation by the entire Senate. Senator Byrd (D-Wa.) cast the only Democratic vote against Wallgren in Committee, assuring bottling up of the nomination.

It was the second important nomination Mr. Truman has withdrawn at the request of an appointee. He took a similar action in the case of Edwin Pauley after naming the latter as undersecretary of the Navy early in his administration. Pauley, like Wallgren, ran into stiff opposition in the Senate.

There was no immediate indication whether the President might name Wallgren for some other post which would not require Senate confirmation.

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India Approves British Commonweath Affiliation

NEW DELHI, India, May 17.—(AP)—With only two dissenting votes, the constituent assembly today approved the agreement under which India is to remain in the British commonwealth of nations.

The 156 to 2 vote endorsed the agreement reached with Britain which permits India to become a sovereign republic and still maintain a tie to the British crown.

Air Force Transport Crash Kills 6 Persons

ROSWELL, N. M., May 16.—(AP)—Six persons were killed on Monday when an Air Force C-47 transport crashed and burned 12 miles northeast of Walker Air Force Base.

Staff Sgt. Chris Wentzel, Cooter, Mo., bailed out. He is being treated for a back injury.

Col. John P. Randolph, acting commanding officer, said an engine fire caused the crash.

GAS RATES NOT TOO HIGH

Roseburg Service In 1948 Entailed Loss To Utility, State Commissioner Says

California-Pacific Utilities Company showed a net operating loss in Roseburg of \$857.29 for the year 1948, regardless of the application of a fuel oil adjustment clause on July 1, 1948.

This information was contained in a letter from Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg to City Recorder William D. Bollman. The letter was in reply to the City Council's request for information relative to alleged high rates charged for gas supplied by the company in Roseburg.

The commissioner stated a detailed study has been made of various charges for gas service throughout the state of Oregon, and Roseburg's rates are found to be comparable to, or lower than, service provided by the other gas utilities operating in Oregon.

"It might be well to outline . . . the difficulties experienced by the utility furnishing service to your community covering the cost of butane," says the letter. "On July 1, 1948, it was necessary to apply the provisions of the company's tariff with reference to the oil fuel adjustment clause as the cost of butane advanced from 2 1/2 cents per gallon to 6.8 cents per gallon at the refinery at Ventura, Calif., and from 6.015 cents to 10.698 cents per gallon delivered to the company's plant at Roseburg. The California-Pacific Utilities Company's contract expired July 1, 1948; they had enjoyed the lowest butane cost to any utility in the state because of that agreement."

Forced to Meet Expenses "In view of the large percentage of the company's operating (Continued on Page Two)

Flying Blade Of Axe Cuts Chest Of Tree Faller

Howard Cannon, a tree faller for Copeland Bros., Oakland, knows now what a tree feels when it is being cut, so he declares he is going back to his former job of punching coaks in Texas.

Cannon was at work Monday morning and was standing near by while his companion feller was notching the undercut. As the axe wielder made a hard swing, the blade came off the handle, sailed six feet through the air and struck Cannon on the chest, directly over the heart.

The razor sharp blade slashed through clothing and flesh, baring two ribs and inflicting a gaping 10-inch gash, which barely missed penetrating into the chest cavity.

The injured man, after receiving first aid in the woods, was rushed to Mercy hospital in Roseburg where, despite loss of blood and shock, he was reported to be in satisfactory condition today.

New Eating House To Be Opened On N. Umpqua River

Crystal Johnson-Freeman and Vivian Padelford announce opening of The Red Barn, new North Umpqua eating house, Friday, May 20.

The Red Barn, with rustic interior, has been constructed adjoining the Lone Rock Motel just across the North Umpqua river, 17 miles east of Roseburg.

The eating house will be equipped to serve meals from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, catering to fishermen at all times, and will specialize in dinners. A family style dinner will be featured each Sunday. Dinners will be served until midnight each Saturday.

Dinners will be served, if desired, on the spacious veranda overlooking the river, it was announced.

Mrs. Freeman is owner of the Valley Hotel building in Roseburg, and formerly manager of the Red Barn. A family since replaced by business quarters.

Mrs. Padelford has been identified with eating houses in the Roseburg area for the past 20 years, having operated several restaurants, the Rainbow Cafe, Club 99 and Country Club in former years, as well as being associated with her brother for a short time at The Silver Nook, prior to its sale to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Darnewood.

Mrs. Padelford will be in charge of the culinary department at The Red Barn.

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



GLENN WELLMAN, field man for the Douglas County Flour Mills and editor of The Feed Bag, weekly paper which that company publishes in the News-Review, is giving some deep thought to next week's edition.

Probably he's sizing up one of those jokes which appear in The Feed Bag and now and then makes history.

Glenn is an expert on feed and poultry diseases and collaborates with the mill's customers in solving their problems of disease control and flock management. A disease condition of course isn't always present, but the problem of management is, you can bet your life. He has been with the mill in these capacities for 16 years.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. Battles Tammany Nominee For Congress Seat

NEW YORK, May 17.—(AP)—A bitter four-cornered fight for a congressional seat has brought irregularities from the camps of Roosevelt Jr.

The campaigning will continue late tonight for tomorrow's special election in the 20th Congressional District on Manhattan's west side.

Benjamin Gassman, Liberal Party Law Committee chairman, charged yesterday that Tammany was planning to steal the election for Municipal Court Justice Benjamin Shalleck by using "floaters."

Abraham Kaplan, Shalleck's campaign manager, answered that Roosevelt backers planned a mass invasion of the district by workers from outside the city and state.

Roosevelt, who was turned down by Tammany for the Democratic nomination which went to Shalleck, is running as the candidate of the Liberal and Four Freedoms Parties.

Kaplan said Roosevelt supporters are spending almost \$250,000 on the campaign to elect the late president's 35-year-old lawyer son by "force of money."

William H. McIntyre, Republican, and Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, American Labor Party, are fighting it out with Roosevelt and Shalleck for the late Rep. Sol Bloom's seat in the normally Democratic district.

While the contest between Roosevelt and Shalleck has drawn the most attention, and is looked on by most voters as the real fight, representatives of all four candidates continued to predict victory.

SPENDING CUT, SAVINGS UPPED

American People's Tactics Accounts For Biggest Sag In Production Since War

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—The American people, confronted with shrinking income, cut their spending so sharply in the first three months of 1949 that their total savings went up.

This tactic of saving more while taking in less was held accountable in large part today for this early 1949 development: The biggest slump in gross national product since the war.

Gross national product is the total output of goods and services at market value—or going price.

On the basis of Commerce Department estimates, it slacked to a \$255,900,000-a-year rate in the first quarter, off \$9,000,000,000 from the peak pace in the fourth quarter of last year, although still \$1,000,000,000 above 1948's quarterly average.

There was a twofold explanation: (1) less goods and services were produced and provided, since willingness to spend on them was down; and (2) price tags and charges were lower for those that were furnished.

Commerce Department analysts said lower prices had as much or more to do with cutting the consumer spending total than decisions to get along with less, so it wasn't just a case of public thrift.

Business acted like consumers; eased up sharply on outlays to build up stocks of goods to sell, and went a little lighter on outlays for plants and machines to increase productive capacity.

Federal Spending Upped

Government spending on goods and services increased, however, as a result of higher foreign aid outlays. The Department said the government provided "a further supporting influence on the economy."

The national product had dipped a couple of times before in (Continued on Page Two)