

Weather
Fair today and Thursday; Mild, Tuesday, Wednesday. Min. 55, river 9.8 feet, clear, northeast winds.

Huge Japanese Offensive Reported Begun

Two Olympia Officials In Race Against Time

Martin Trying To Block Call, Solon Session

Vic Meyers Rushes to Capital to Issue Call for Relief Meet

Governor Takes to Air in Effort to Beat Time for Filing

SEATTLE, April 19.—(AP)—Gov. Clarence D. Martin and Lieutenant Governor Victor A. Meyers, Washington state's No. 1 and No. 2 men raced against time tonight over calling of a special session of the legislature.

Martin boarded a specially chartered plane at Chicago at 12:27 a.m., C.S.T. (10:27 p.m., P.S.T.) in an effort to reach the state before Meyers can have a proclamation calling a special session attested by Secretary of State Belle Reeves at Olympia at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Meyers tonight issued the proclamation, and because of confusion of state officials over whether attesting was necessary, planned to issue the call for the session first, then have it attested as soon as Mrs. Reeves' office opens tomorrow as a double-check.

Northwest airlines officials said they believed Martin's plane would require a "false or ten" provided stops are made at Minneapolis and Billings, Mont. It was considered a possibility the plane would skip the Minneapolis stop and come straight to Billings, in which event it would be possible for Martin to reach Spokane around 7:30 a. m., P.S.T.

As soon as Martin sets foot on Washington state territory he resumes his standing as governor. Until that time, Lieutenant Governor (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Trooper Escapes As Rock Hits Car

ASTORIA, April 19.—(AP)—State Patrolman Kenneth H-dley narrowly escaped death or serious injury today when a 70-pound rock rolled down a hillside onto the Coast highway near Seaside.

The huge boulder struck the officer's car dead center on the driver's side. He had been removing small rocks from the roadway when he heard the boulder crashing down the hill. He leaped into the car and attempted to drive away just as the rock crushed the door and shattered the glass.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, April 19.—(AP)—The Coast league game scheduled for this city today was postponed to Wednesday because the teams failed to arrive.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Multnomah college defeated Albany college, 7 to 6, in a basketball game today.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Al Laboa, 167, of California, knocked out Sidney Brent, 161, Seattle, in two rounds of a scheduled six round main event fight tonight.

Brent, who fought a draw with Jack Hibbard, 161, Klamaath Falls, in a preliminary, substituted for Jerome Lewis, Oakland, Calif., when the latter failed to appear. Lewis was suspended by the Portland boxing commission after the show.

Johnny Hall, 40, Portland, won on a decision from Truman Kennedy, 139, Vancouver, B. C., in a six-rounder. Joey Ponce, 139, Los Angeles, Calif., knocked out Don Crowe, 135, Vancouver, Wash., in the third of six scheduled rounds.

DETROIT, April 19.—(AP)—Kayo Morgan, 31-year-old Detroit southpaw, hammered out a 10-round decision over Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico, bantamweight champion of the world, in a non-title fight here tonight.

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—(AP)—Sidney Wood, making comeback try along the Davis cup trail, defeated Don Budge, amateur tennis champion, in a one-set exhibition today on the University of California at Los Angeles courts.

Auto Unionists Heed Threat of Plant Shutdown

FLINT, Mich., April 19.—(AP)—An ultimatum from General Motors Corp. that it would lock up its Fisher body plant No. 1 until the United Automobile Workers withdrew their dues-collecting pickets was followed quickly by assent from the union.

The decision of the union, announced by President Homer Martin, thus restored peace at least temporarily in view of work stoppages and heated objections from the management.

Lions Show Makes Hit First Night

"Pirate Gold" Is Lively Production; Sell-Out Predicted Tonight

By MAXINE BUREN
The first night's performance of the minstrel-review, "Pirate Gold" more than fulfilled the previewers' expectations and was presented with snap and finish. Although only a small crowd was expected for the first night, all seats on the lower floor of the large high school auditorium were filled.

"Pirate Gold" follows the regular scheme of the old fashioned minstrel show but combines with it the features of a modern revue. The first "gem" was a floor show in the Cafe Parisienne, with excellent local talent furnishing the entertainment. Included were a trio of girls, several dance numbers, specialties and a ventriloquist.

"Gems" that followed were an accordion solo, a fireman skit, a marimba solo, several song and dance numbers by girls' choruses, a scene at a local theater, a military tap dance and hilarious one-act drama with men impersonating women.

The second half of the performance was a superior musical show with the scene set on the deck of the pirate ship. The captain, crew, stowaways (girls) and the slaves formed the colorful chorus and provided soloists. Slaves acting as interlocutor furnished most of the laughs.

The successful production of "Pirate Gold" is an excellent example of what can be done with a few weeks' intensive practice. Although the director was a professional, all performers were Salem.

Brazilian Nazis Activities Banned

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 19.—(AP)—Nazi activities were banned today in Brazil, even among German residents, under a decree signed by President Getulio Vargas.

The measure, drafted in general terms, did not specifically mention any foreign nation, but officials said it was aimed particularly at Nazi groups.

It forbade public demonstrations and political activities by foreigners, and placed their schools, newspapers and propaganda enterprises under regulation. The use of uniforms and party symbols was prohibited.

The ministry of justice and interior was charged with enforcement of the decree, which carries the power of deportation for offenders.

State's 1935 Marketing Act Is Upheld by Supreme Court

The 1935 Oregon agricultural marketing act was upheld yesterday by the state supreme court on a four-to-two decision which reversed a decree of Circuit Judge Jacob Kanzler, Portland.

Dismissing a suit started by 10 creameries against Solon T. White, state director of agriculture, the high court ruled that the question of constitutionality could not be considered because no actual controversy existed.

Director White has never brought the act into use but the creameries contended that their business was damaged because there was always the possibility that restrictive acts could be exercised under the law. The high court held that there must be an "actual controversy," rather than a "mere difference of opinion" before jurisdiction could be assumed.

Many Homes Ruined, Idaho Floods

One Man Slips off Dike and Other Drowns, Rescue Attempt

Okanogan Valley Hard Hit as Loop Creek Dam Gives Way

WALLACE, Idaho, April 19.—(AP)—Two men were swept to their deaths in the swollen Coeur d'Alene river this afternoon when they slipped from a weakened dike at Rose Lake, about 30 miles west of this flood-stricken mining city.

The deaths were the first reported in floods which left devastation and hundreds homeless in widely separated areas of Washington, western Montana and northern Idaho.

The victims were Jack Cochran and John Ojal, both about 24, of Rose Lake. The latter was a newcomer to the community.

The bodies were recovered from the muddy, debris-laden stream tonight by Rose Lake residents. County officers were unable to reach the scene because of washed out bridges and flooded highways.

Witnesses reported one of the men slipped from the dike, and the other lost his footing trying to aid him.

Observers estimated damage to the communities of this Coeur d'Alene mining region might reach \$500,000. Other sections were hit by harder flood force, but were less thickly populated.

The most menacing single blow was in the Okanogan valley of north central Washington, where the Wagner dam on Loop creek gave way. Twenty five homes and business buildings were swept into the Okanogan river when the dam collapsed.

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Clerks Deny They Intended Walkout

OREGON CITY, April 19.—(AP)—An assertion that a number of members of the AFL retail clerks union here did not know that their vote gave a committee the right to call a strike on a closed shop demand came today from Frank Aldrich, union member, in a circuit court injunction hearing.

Testifying in proceedings by which four merchants sought to restrain the union from picketing their shops, Aldrich claimed that the clerks in question thought they were voting on the matter of authorizing negotiations.

Last Saturday the merchants combatted picketing by putting on drastic price-reduction sales and the union countered by offering citizens free bus rides to Portland to shop. The union said if the merchants put on sales next weekend, it might retaliate again.

Vote Given Perry

GRANTS PASS, April 19.—(AP)—All but one vote was cast for R. H. Perry, Hood River, in the election for a state master, officials said today. The vote was not disclosed. Perry is opposed by the incumbent, Ray Gill.

Two Dissenting Judges, Rossman and Rand, said a person need not be injured to challenge constitutionality of a law.

Other opinions: New York Life Insurance company vs. Chiyu Pamasaki and others, appellants. Appeal from Multnomah county. Appeal from decree canceling insurance policy. Opinion by Justice Rand. Judge James W. Crawford affirmed.

In the matter of the estate of Lucy J. Lilly, deceased; George Melville Clumia and others, appellants, vs. Frank Thompson, executor. Appeal from Multnomah county. Suit to contest will. Opinion by Justice Kelly. Justice J. W. Knowles affirmed.

Allen W. Mitchell, appellant, vs. City of Portland. Appeal from Multnomah county. Action to recover salary. Opinion by Justice Rossman. Judge Robert Tucker affirmed.

Welfare Act's Backers Rally Here Tonight

Former Missouri Jurist to Speak at Armory Mass Meet, 7:30

Judge Summers to Tell How Bill Is Expected to Solve Problems

One of the most important meetings which the Townsend clubs have sponsored in Salem is scheduled for tonight at the armory when Judge M. C. Summers of La Verne, Calif., will speak upon matters connected with financial banking and taxation and the relation of these problems to the General Welfare act, HR 4199.

Special significance is attached to this meeting by the Townsend club members because of the recognition which Judge Summers has received as an authority on these subjects. Formerly judge of the court of general sessions in St. Louis, Mo., he has been lecturing on financial and taxation matters since 1934.

On his present tour, Judge Summers is to visit 15 states. Outside the state, he has been lecturing on financial and taxation matters since 1934. There will be a large attendance of Townsend club members at tonight's meeting but they are anxious that teachers, ministers, merchants and others attend also to learn some things about the act which they have doubtless not heard previously.

Doors of the armory will open at 7 o'clock. There will be a musical program starting at 7:30 and the speaking program will start at 7:45.

Senator Davis Is Named, TVA Probe

Bridges Protests His Being Left out; Pennsylvania Solon Accepts

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R-NH), a leader in the fight for an investigation of the Tennessee valley authority, announced tonight that "the Roosevelt administration" had kept him from being a member of a joint congressional investigating committee.

"I believe the people are fully aware of the purpose of the Roosevelt administration which motivates its leaders to exclude me from the committee at all costs," he said. He did not elaborate.

Bridges' charge came shortly after Vice-President Garner had appointed Senator Davis (R-Pa.) to the committee.

Two Injured When Car, Truck Meet

Two Salem men, Truxton Foreman and Hugh Wilkerson, were in the Salem General hospital last night following a car-and-truck collision at the intersection of D and Winter streets about 9 o'clock.

Foreman, who resides at 1740 North Church, sustained minor cuts and abrasions about the face and forehead, finger lacerations and a possible fractured rib, and Wilkerson was cut about the face, hands and knees. Wilkerson's home is at 699 North Capitol.

Wilkerson was driving the car, with Foreman a passenger. They collided with a Reimann Transfer company truck, driven by G. L. Graybill of 1840 South High. The truck was going south on Winter and the Wilkerson car east on D, according to an investigating officer's report. The truck was thrown on its side by the force of the impact but Graybill was uninjured.

McCormick Firm's Holdings Taken

SEATTLE, April 19.—(AP)—U. S. Judge John C. Bowen today signed a default decree foreclosing a mortgage on all the Charles R. McCormick lumber company's holdings in Washington and Oregon.

The suit was brought by the Puget Mill Co. and the Rainier Investment Co. The defendant company did not resist the suit and was not represented.

The principal involved was a more than \$7,000,000 plus \$700,000 in accrued interest. The judge allowed \$15,000 attorney's fees.

Noted Judge to Be Heard Here



JUDGE M. C. SUMMERS

Registering Rush Sets Record Here

Clerk Predicts new Mark for County; Precinct Books now Closed

Worn and weary from a siege of late-coming citizens, employees of the county clerk's office last night closed the registration books and were glad to do it.

The "standing room only" sign was out all day in the clerk's office as more than 750 late-comers hurried to protect their franchises but the heavy strain on the registering force came last night.

Even when the 8 o'clock hour announced by County Clerk U. G. Boyer as closing time rolled around there were still citizens waiting to get their names inscribed on the roll of voters. The line extended out of the packed office down the courthouse hall, past the elevator and down the stairs. It looked like the lineup for a personal appearance of Myrna Loy.

The county clerk's busy clerks couldn't turn a good voter down so they kept on registering until the last man. They were busy until after 9 o'clock.

Veteran employees of the office said the rush to register for the May primaries was the heaviest they have seen. Not only was the last day rush, which kept from four to eight people busy all yesterday, exceptionally heavy, but also there had been a steady influx of persons wishing to register for several weeks.

While figures on the total registration in the county will not be available until late this week (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

President to Move Fast on Recovery Plan

Starts Conferences in Anticipation Bills to Pass Quickly

Big CCC, Road Funds Received in Houses With Favor

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, apparently confident congress would approve his new recovery program, said today he expected to devote most of the next fortnight to preparations for getting the campaign started quickly when the appropriations are granted.

In jocular mood, he advised reporters at his semi-weekly press conference not to be surprised if the next two weeks saw a long string of people going in and out of his office. He intends to confer, he said, with Harry Hopkins, director of WPA; officials of the national youth administration, the civilian conservation corps, and others both in and out of official life.

The president's program calls for \$4,500,000,000 expended or lent for work relief, public works, flood control, highways and the like, or advanced to business enterprises which need capital for job-creating expansion.

Two minor features of Mr. Roosevelt proposals received favorable congressional action today, the house approving an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for road construction and the senate \$50,000,000 for the CCC.

The house appropriations committee made ready, meanwhile, to begin hearings on major (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

GOP Chief Blames FR for Recession

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Marion E. Martin, vice chairman of the national republican committee, described the "Roosevelt depression" today as a national responsibility created by the administration.

The people have come to realize Herbert Hoover was not responsible for the 1929 collapse because it was international in scope, she stated.

"Hoover is concerned with the advancement of mankind and the preservation of liberty," she asserted. "This slant was missed when they were looking for someone to blame."

Peace Dealing Held Aided by Italian Pact

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—The new Anglo-Italian agreement elicited applause today from President Roosevelt, who called it a demonstration of the "value of peaceful negotiations."

Fighting shy on any comment on political aspects of the accord by which the two nations aimed to eliminate friction between them, Mr. Roosevelt nevertheless made plain in a formal statement that the pact was regarded with "sympathetic interest."

ROME, April 19.—(AP)—Diplomatic moves in Rome today foreshadowed a new European setup. On the heels of the Italian-British friendship accord of Saturday, Italy and France agreed to start negotiations to reestablish their traditional friendship, shattered by the Ethiopian war.

At the same time, responsible diplomatic sources said, Italy was sounding out Yugoslavia on a military pact (Turn to page 12, col. 8)

Drop Out Request Stirs Oleen's Ire

Candidate for Governor Brands Plea "Dirty Politics," Won't Quit

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Former state representative O. Henry Oleen described today a request that he withdraw as a candidate for the democratic nomination as governor as the "dirtiest piece of politics ever attempted in Oregon."

The candidate in a letter to newspapers said he would not quit the race "at the request of any political gang or individual."

"I have received a letter and withdrawal statement from one of the political gang that took part in the political conspiracy conference to induce Henry Hess to file as a substitute candidate in place of Dr. J. F. Hesch, who withdrew as a candidate for governor, asking me to withdraw my candidacy in the interest of society," Oleen wrote.

"The letter suggested that I certify, before a notary public, to certain statements in order to withdraw as a candidate for governor, and advising that my filing fee and money paid for statement in the voters' pamphlet would be refunded to me by the secretary of state."

"If I had been foolish enough to have complied with the suggestions as outlined in the letter and withdrawal statement, I would have committed perjury."

"The above mentioned letter and withdrawal statement is (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Heavy Barrage Protects Long Line Advance

Yi River Where Chinese Have Held Firm Is Latest Objective

Death Blow Hoped for by Nippon, Salvage Army's Prestige

SHANGHAI, April 20.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Japan is putting together a huge, new offensive machine for a second drive against the Chinese wall of men, guns and barbed wire which stopped and hurled back the first.

Chinese reported today that the first stages of the Japanese drive on the central China front already were under way.

They said a force of 60,000 Japanese, protected by the heaviest artillery barrage of the war, was advancing southwest along a 50-mile front toward Lini, on the Yi river, where Chinese have held firm for months.

The biggest battle of the war—possibly the biggest in oriental military history—was taking shape.

Japanese hoped to avenge their defeat at Taierchwang, strike a death blow at ever-growing Chinese resistance, and salvage the military prestige of the Rising Sun empire.

They faced the most powerful Chinese force yet assembled in their race against time to rescue the Japanese garrison surrounded at Yihsein, nearly 40 miles southwest of Lini, the center of Yi river battleground.

Japanese trapped at Yihsein still held out stubbornly against Chinese assaults on walls of the town, and the Japanese command prepared preparations for the new Shantung province offensive in the hope that Yihsein would not become another Taierchwang.

Bridges Has Year Reprieve, Hearing

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, leader of CIO maritime labor on the Pacific coast, is immune from deportation proceedings for at least a year under a decision announced by the labor department today.

The department decided to delay such proceedings until the supreme court determines whether membership in the communist party makes an alien subject to deportation. A hearing in the Bridges case, scheduled for next Monday, was called off.

It is estimated that about a year will elapse before the supreme court can decide the question.

Several weeks ago, the federal circuit court of appeals in New Orleans stopped the labor department from deporting Joseph G. Streckers of Hot Springs, Ark., on the ground that he was a communist. The court said the law did not forbid aliens to hold membership "in the community or any other party except one which teaches overthrow by force and violence of the government of the United States."

Bodies of Slain Boys Are Found

AUBURN, April 18.—(AP)—A lantern light search tonight tonight found the bodies of Herbert and William Barrett, young sons of Joseph O. Barrett, 31, WPA worker who killed them, then took his own life by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun charge.

The posse of about a dozen men, led by bloodhounds, found the boys just where the father, in a note found in his car, had written police they would find them.

King county coroner Otto Wittelstet said the boys apparently had been smashed on the head with a rock or some blunt instrument, then strangled with a rope.

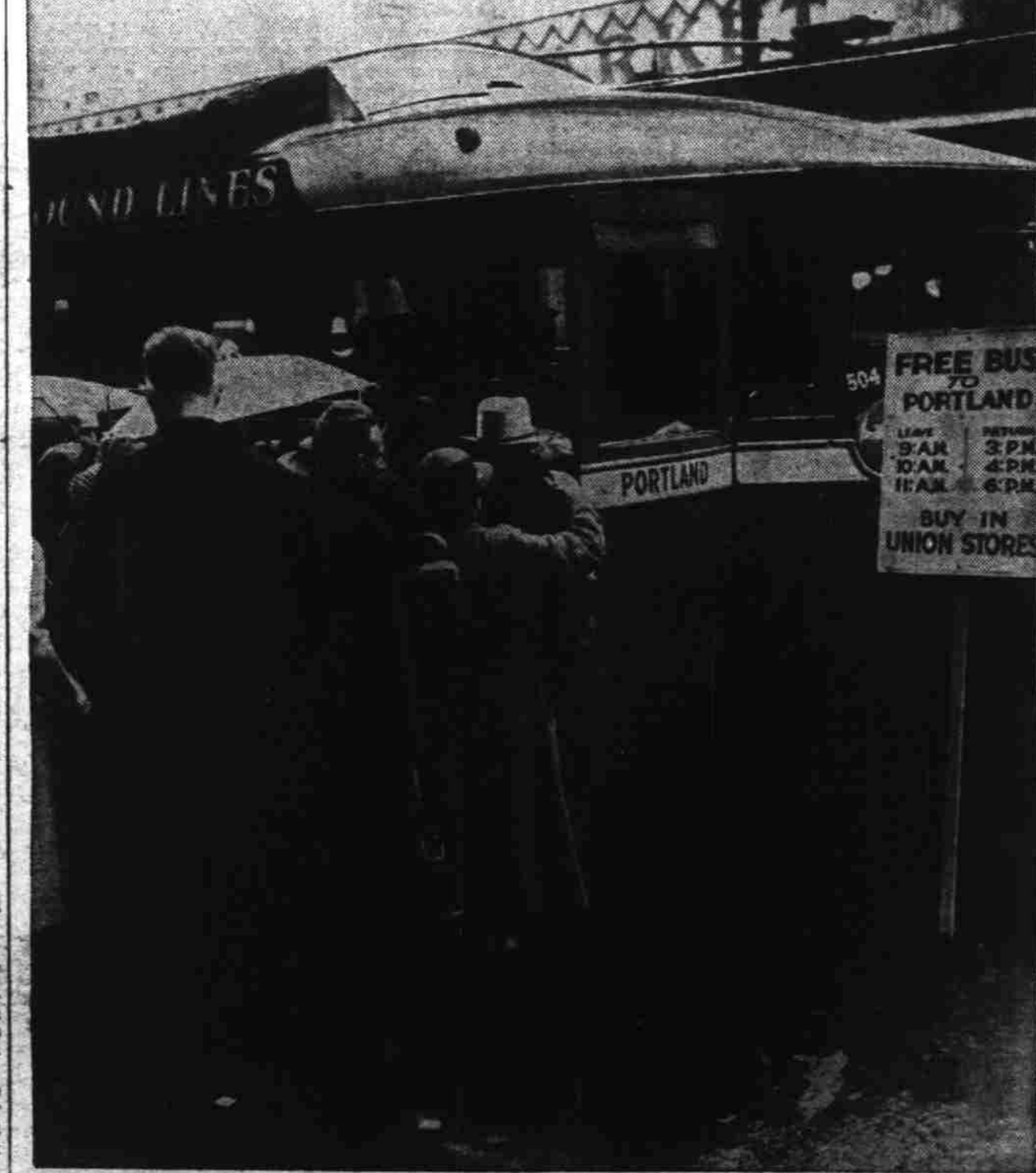
The boys, Herbert, 11 and William, 7, were clad in the same clothes they wore to school. Herbert had light corduroy trousers and a sweatshirt. The younger boy wore overalls.

Son on Way to Father's Funeral Killed in Crash

MEDFORD, April 19.—(AP)—His skull fractured last Wednesday as he and a companion drove to Bellingham, Wash., to attend his father's funeral, Maurice E. O'Brien, 40, San Francisco, died in a hospital today.

Ernest Schwartz (CQ), riding with him, suffered two fractured ribs when their automobile plunged off the Pacific highway near Central Point.

FREE RIDES? YES, COURTESY OF UNIONISTS



When the AFL retail clerks union and the merchants of Oregon City quarreled over the terms of a working agreement, the public got the breaks. The unionists chartered a bus and carried buyers to Portland, 16 miles away, while the merchants offered items at drastically reduced prices. Above, a group of Oregon City shoppers boarding a union-chartered bus for a free round trip to Portland.—(Associated Press Photo.)