

The Weather
Fair today becoming cloudy and cooler with showers Thursday. Max. temp. Tuesday 69; min. 40. River 9.1 feet. NE wind.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Lithuania Bows to Hitler, Returns Memel

School Strike In Support of Gaiser Feared

Asserted Leader Claims SHS Students Are to Walk out Today

Superintendent, Faculty Deplore Move, Seek to Checkmate It

Despite strongly-worded disapproval expressed by Supt. Silas Gaiser, who emphasized that it could benefit himself nor anyone else, and efforts by Principal Fred Wolf and faculty members of discourage the idea, it appeared probable Tuesday night that a walkout of senior high school students in protest against the Salem school board's refusal to renew the superintendent's contract might be staged at 9 o'clock this morning.

Agitation for such a demonstration was known to have been prevalent last week, but it was the hope of Supt. Gaiser and the high school faculty that the movement had been definitely headed.

A Salem high student last night, however, told The Statesman that the planners were being made, and students had definitely agreed to stage a walkout this morning, followed by a downtown parade. Asked what they hoped to gain, the student said: "Election of Superintendent Gaiser. Students intend to strike until the school board reconsiders and re-elects Mr. Gaiser."

Result Would be Harmful
Supt. Gaiser, who last night reiterated his plea of last week for the necessity of harmony in the city school system, said he talked to one of the boys, who is supposed to be a ringleader of the strike sponsoring group. "I told him," Gaiser said, "that if the group attempting to promote the strike had genuine friendship for me it would do all in its power to prevent such a strike."

Gaiser said when making his public plea for harmony last week he had in mind just such an attempted demonstration, which, he said, would be definitely harmful instead of helpful.

Secret Societies
F. E. Neer, social science instructor in the school, has made several efforts to quell the movement, but last night said he feared it was out of command. "I've tried to impress on boys supposed to be affiliated with the strike movement that it would be a boomerang instead of a help," Neer said.

Webfoots Top Scorers And Earn Chic Trip For Collegiate Finals

Height and Marksmanship Assure Victory Almost From First; John Dick Scores 16 to Lead Attack; Defense Deciding Factor

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21—(AP)—University of Oregon, combining superior height with accurate marksmanship, defeated University of Oklahoma 55 to 37 tonight to win the western regional basketball title of the National Collegiate Athletic association.

The victory earned the Oregonians, champions of the Pacific Coast conference, the right to meet Ohio State for the NCAA crown in Chicago March 27.

From the time Oregon swept into the lead but two minutes before the first half ended until the finish of the bitterly contested affair, it was merely a matter of how large a margin the boys from the Pacific northwest would win. They ended the first half 21 to 14. In the second phase of the intersectional battle, Oregon's varsity five alternated in scoring (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

McKay Is Backed For Senate Chief

10 Tentative Pledges of Support Held; Walker Has Same Number

Marion county's senior senator, Douglas McKay of Salem, is very much in the running for presidency of the 1941 Oregon senate. McKay's friends reported yesterday that he had 10 tentative pledges of support from members of the 1939 senate, approximately the same support as has been promised to Senator Dean Walker of Independence, also a quiet contender for the honor.

Third contender for the job, according to reliable information, is Senator Baletine of Klamath Falls, who last year was the unsuccessful opponent of Congressman Walter M. Pierce for the house of representatives.

So close is the contest that observers believed none of the candidates could claim success until the general elections of November, 1940, are concluded.

McKay headed the important senate committee on highways during the last session. Walker was again chairman of the senate committee on ways and means.

Eayrs' Successor Is Topic Tonight

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Executive of the Multnomah county committee on candidates Wednesday at least six candidates Wednesday night when they meet to recommend a successor to the late State Senator George T. Eayrs.

Eayrs died of a heart-attack at Salem while the legislature was in session.

Candidates included Nan Wood Honeyman, former third district congresswoman; Robert White, S. Eugene Allen of the Oregon Labor Press, Dr. Archie K. Higgs, Paul Roth and Charles H. Leach.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the county commissioners who must make their selection from the democratic party.

Gardner Receives Delay for Trial

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21—(AP)—Roy Gardner, one-time notorious mail train robber who was recently released from a federal prison, received an indefinite postponement today when he appeared for arraignment before Federal Judge James A. Fee.

Gardner was indicted here on a charge of sending obscene material through the mails.

The United States attorney said he would resist a request by Edwin D. Hicks, defense council, for a copy of the grand jury minutes, but probably would comply with a demand for a copy of the letter Gardner was alleged to have posted.

A banquet honoring Governor and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague closed the conference of the Oregon society, Daughters of the American Revolution last night. A musical program preceded the Governor's address and several distinguished guests including regents were introduced to the large groups of daughters and their guests.

Speaking to the group Governor Sprague said:

"While the DAR are in fact a society to the revolutionary times the true measure of citizenship is not that of length of family residence in this country but in loyalty to American principles and ideals. Pride of descent should not become a form of pharisaism. Members of the DAR are in fact daughters of revolutionaries and must be active in applying old principles to modern problems."

In the afternoon business session Mrs. John Y. Richardson, national Americanism chairman, urged the restriction of immigration in the United States and fingerprinting of all aliens to determine whether they enter this country lawfully.

A resolution was adopted urging congress to enact legislation to reduce the existing immigration quota 90 per cent. The resolution further requested the United States district attorney to enforce strictly all laws affecting the conduct and particularly the subversive activities of aliens.

The increasing number of aliens entering the United States through the port of Seattle was stressed in another resolution.

Mrs. C. W. Meador, Multnomah chapter, was elected a member of the board of governors to the Champeau cabin for a three year term. Mrs. H. F. Battersfield, Woodburn, was elected a member of the board for the two year term. Mrs. Richardson was elected honorary state regent.

Following Tuesday afternoon's session Secretary of State Snell escorted the women through the state capitol buildings.

Taxing Profits Out of War Is Bill's Purpose

Rufus Holman Is One of Numerous Senators to Sponsor Measure

US Refusal to Condone Latest Hitler Acts Stated in Note

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Legislation designed to "tax the profits out of war" by a drastic step-up in income taxes was introduced in congress today by 50 senators and four representatives.

Senator Bone (D, Wash.), who offered the senate bill hearing more than enough signatures to pass it through that chamber, said the legislation would "make it impossible for any human being to profiteer in case of war."

Bone explained that, in case of war, levies on individual incomes would range as high as 93 per cent of net income in excess of \$20,000, with a similar step-up in corporation income.

The legislation has been advocated for several years by the veterans of foreign wars and other civic and peace groups.

The bill was entitled a measure "to tax the profits out of war by steeply graduated income and other taxes, in order to provide for an effective national defense, to promote peace, to encourage actual neutrality, to discourage war" (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Spring's Official Arrival Heralded

Mercury Hits 69 Locally; Neighbors Start to Row, Sure Sign

Miss Spring, 1939, tripped into Salem at 4:29 a. m. yesterday, bringing a day of air-conditioned weather. The spring sun swelled the mercury to 69 degrees, which doctors agree is about the most favorable temperature for human dwellers. Minimum was 40.

The new season will have to go a bit further, however, to equal the springlike 24 hours put out by 'Ol' Man Winter in the closing days of his reign last Saturday. Maximum then was 74 degrees, highest since last October 21.

(By the Associated Press)
The arrival of spring Tuesday was confirmed in dispatches from many parts of the nation.

The sun, crossing the equator at 7:29 a. m., Eastern Standard time, warmed the majority of the states. The advent of the vernal season was betokened, too, by these news items:

OMAHA, Neb.—Arnold Harper suffered a severe sunburn on his arms and neck while working out of doors.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A ballet troupe danced in a world's fair ceremony. The animated shimshims were unrehearsed. The temperature was near the freezing level.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Police Judge E. Earl Thomas figured four disturbances of the peace cases in a row was a "sure sign" of spring. "Neighbors," he explained, "get out in their yards and start quarreling."

Late Sports

HAMILTON, Bermuda, March 21—(AP)—Bobby Riggs won the Bermuda men's singles championship, as expected, although he had to play five hard sets to beat Elwood Cooke, but the women's singles final produced a real upset when Helen Bernhard defeated Pauline Betz.

Riggs conquered his Portland, Ore., rival, 6-3, 1-6, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5 after a brilliant display of tennis by both players.

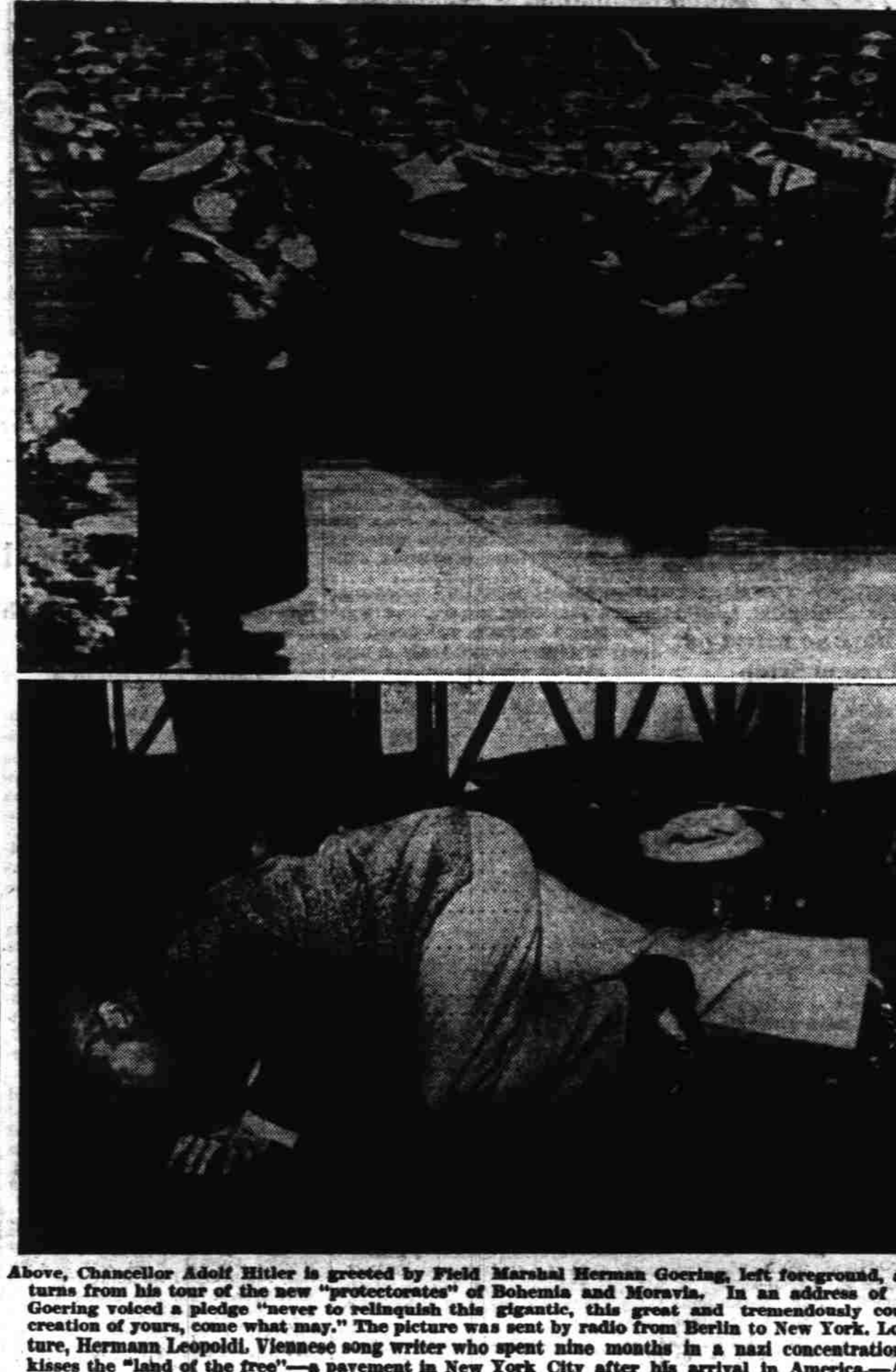
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 21—(AP)—Branch Rickey, general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, announced tonight Joe Medwick, heavy hitting outfielder, had signed his 1939 contract.

"In my opinion, Medwick is ready to play real tomorrow when Rickey said Rickey did not disclose the contract's terms.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21—(AP)—Catcher Frankie Pytlak, who walked out of the Cleveland Indians' training camp, today signed a contract tonight and promised to return to work tomorrow.

After a conference with President Alva Bradley of the tribe, Pytlak announced everything was all right.

CONTRASTS: HITLER, AMERICA HONORED



Above, Chancellor Adolf Hitler is greeted by Field Marshal Hermann Goering, left foreground, as he returns from his tour of the new "protectorates" of Bohemia and Moravia. In an address of welcome Goering voiced a pledge "never to relinquish this gigantic, this great and tremendously courageous creation of yours, come what may." The picture was sent by radio from Berlin to New York. Lower picture, Hermann Leopold, Viennese song writer who spent nine months in a Nazi concentration camp, kisses the "land of the free"—a pavement in New York City after his arrival in America.—AP Telegrams.

Sprague to Visit Southern Oregon

To Address Three Groups; "Raw Meat" Menu no Threat, Stated

Governor and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague leave Salem this morning on a four-day trip into southern Oregon where the governor has been invited to address, in succession, three annual chamber of commerce meetings. Tonight he speaks at Grants Pass, Thursday at Ashland and Friday at Medford. Several social affairs are planned in Mrs. Sprague's honor.

The governor is expected to review the accomplishments of the 40th legislative session.

Yesterday he was advised by Grants Pass Cavemen that he would be fed raw meat at tonight's banquet. The governor laughed it off, opining that he had become accustomed to "raw meat" during the legislative session.

"Anyway I would think the sportsmen would want to feed me salmon eggs," the governor opined, referring to his veto in behalf of egg fishermen during the session.

The executive indicated that he would try to rest a bit on the trip. Office duties have been very heavy since the legislature adjourned with a steady flow of visitors to the capitol, many of them seeking patronage.

Increase Unlikely For Project Fund

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Unless congress amends the flood control budget the Willamette valley project probably will only receive 60 per cent of the \$11,000,000 it had expected, Congressman James Mott, Oregon republican, said today.

Mott and other congressmen were advised at the White House yesterday there was little chance for an increase in the \$110,000,000 provisions for flood control unless proportionate cuts were made for rivers and harbors or roads.

Fehl Foreclosure Case Set for Court Friday

MEDFORD, March 21—(AP)—Judge James T. Brand of Marshfield will hear arguments Friday on the demurrer filed by Earl Fehl, former Jackson county judge, his wife and mother-in-law against delinquent tax foreclosure proceedings.

Duncan Dwindles; Loses 28 Pounds In State Service

A few more days of the legislative session and the state senate would not have been able to see its president, Senator Robert M. Duncan.

At least that was the decision of the senator this week when he got on the scales and found he had lost 28 pounds in the 66 days of the 10th Oregon legislative assembly.

The senator came down to Salem from Burns weighing well above 200 pounds. He ended the term almost literally a "shadow of his former self."

The senate president draws \$200 for the session. Statehouse mathematicians yesterday computed his pay at \$7.11 a pound.

Jayvees Win Out, Tourney's Opener

The Salem high Jayvees won their first game in the Golden Ball basketball tournament, limited to 150-pound high school basketballers, defeating the Grant high Intramurals of Portland Tuesday night 51 to 23. Satter led scoring with 21 points.

Tonight at 9 o'clock Garnie Crang's boys play the Oregon City Ponies, former champions.

Colorful '39 Spring Opening Is Forecast by Merchants

Feverish activity was manifest among local merchants as they started preparation yesterday for the 15th annual Spring Opening on Thursday night at 7:30.

Electric stores, art stores, etc. reported a marked increase in sales which indicates colorful and well lighted display windows when the signal is given Thursday night. Members of the Salem Ad club, which is sponsoring the opening, report unusual enthusiasm and friendly rivalry among the merchants participating.

Members of the special Ad club committees, working under the direction of Stanley Keith, its chairman, are rapidly smoothing out all details of the entertainment.

Four bands will waltz away about the streets during the evening. The bands include the Salem high school organization under the baton of Gordon Finley, the Master Bread band with J. C. Hassenstab as director, the Salem municipal band under the leadership of H. N. Stoudenmeyer, and the Lebanon high school band of 40 pieces under

Zimmerman Given McNary's Backing

Farmers Union's Request Brings Reply; Potts Active in Matter

Endorsement of Peter Zimmerman, former Yamhill and Washington county state senator, as a successor to the late J. D. Ross as Bonneville authority administrator, by the Oregon Farmers' union has been followed by the endorsement of Senator Charles L. McNary, George W. Potts, president of the union, and Herman E. Lafky, its counsel, announced late Tuesday.

Potts wired McNary and Congressman Walter E. Pierce urging that Mr. Zimmerman be considered for the job. Potts pointed out that his organization was the first to endorse unanimously the appointment of Ross. He cited that Zimmerman is a member of the executive committees of the union and granite and has had extensive electrical engineering experience.

Senator McNary yesterday wired Potts: "Your fine endorsement of our friend, Peter Zimmerman, for appointment as Bonneville administrator received. I shall make known your endorsement and add my own to Secretary Leves' (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Eby Heads Valley Basin Commission

O. D. Eby, Oregon City, was elected chairman of the Willamette basin commission at an organization meeting held here Tuesday. Elmo R. Chase, Eugene, was elected vice-chairman. The third member of the commission is Claude Buchanan, Corvallis.

Robert H. Kipp, Portland, was elected executive secretary.

The purpose of the commission is to cooperate with the federal government in promoting the Willamette valley project. The cost of the entire project was estimated at \$63,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 has received presidential approval.

The state appropriation for the commission is \$18,000.

Indian Arrested On Murder Count

LEWISTON, Ida., March 21—(AP)—Jonas Frank, 46, one of the few remaining long-haired Nez Percé Indians on the reservation, is in the county jail tonight charged with murder. White county and federal authorities are investigating the death of his wife, Mary Francis Frank, in their home at Spalding, historic spot 10 miles east of Lewiston.

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Italian Grand Council Backs Berlin Moves

Reiterates Adherence to Axis; Britain Urges Four-Power Pact

Soviet Is Cool; Rumania and Hungary Barring Troops on Border

BERLIN, March 22—(AP)—D.N.B., the official German news agency, in a Kaunas dispatch reported today that "Lithuania returns Memelland to Germany."

Berlin newspapers appeared on the streets with extra editions in which red banners heralded: "Memelland is free!"

The German agency said the Lithuanian government had decided to return the Memel territory as the "only expedient solution for conciliation."

Memelland, a territory of 1,000 square miles, was detached from Germany by the treaty of Versailles. It has been under Lithuanian sovereignty with a measure of local autonomy.

(By the Associated Press)
Ending growing speculation over Italy's position regarding Germany's absorption of Czecho-Slovakia, the fascist grand council early today declared its "full adherence to the policy of the Rome-Berlin axis."

Meeting under Premier Mussolini, the council attacked a prospective "united front of the democracies associated with bolshevism" as "not a harbinger of peace, but of war."

A brief council statement announcing this stand did not disclose whether Il Duce had discussed with his aides the question of Italian colonial aims at the expense of France.

The action was taken as the great western democracies worked with sustained vigor to protect themselves and eastern Europe against fast-expanding Germany. Britain Asks Action Against Aggression

As reverberations of Adolf Hitler's spectacular coup in Czecho-Slovakia a week ago rumbled through Europe with undiminished force, these other steps were taken:

1. Britain called for Russia, France and Poland to join her in a joint declaration announcing a common policy of resistance to aggression and binding themselves to "consult as to the action they would take" if Hitler attempted further non-Germanic conquests.

2. France called an undisclosed number of military and naval reserves to the colors to man the famed Maginot defense line along the German frontier and to strengthen naval posts, and lengthened the work week in most industries from 40 to 60 hours.

3. The United States government formally wrote its "condemnation" of Germany's seizure of Czecho-Slovakia into the official record, dispatching a note to Berlin stating its refusal to "recognize any legal basis exists" for the new Nazi protectorate over Bohemia and Moravia.

Rumania, reportedly threatened by Germany, and Hungary, friend of Germany's who occupied the eastern end of the dissolved Czecho-Slovak republic, both massed troops along their common frontier.

Both nations called additional reservists to the colors. Rumania acted in concern not only over the (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

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