

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Sprague

The city council decided the hot question of installing parking meters in the affirmative, overriding the protests of the merchants' group. I was not friendly to putting in these peg-legs, but am willing to accept the verdict of the council. I do not believe there should now ensue a referendum. The issue is not of sufficient importance.

We must give the city council credit for delaying its decision until all parties could be heard. For the majority to override the very considerable pressure raised by downtown interests indicates a conviction which must be based on study of all the factors involved, together with the experience of other cities. I think there is little to be gained by continuing the controversy.

The removal of gas rationing has greatly increased the congestion on downtown streets. At busy hours traffic piles up fast, despite our wide streets and four-lane driveways. Putting in meters may speed the turnover in parking but it will not solve the problem of congestion.

What Salem and all other cities will require is more off-street parking. This can come from clearing of old structures, by erecting buildings for car storage or by providing underground storage under buildings. I can recall when one or two hardy souls began to provide parking lots here. Their business was light for months. Steadily though it has increased, until now it is quite substantial. It is bound to grow as more facilities are provided and more cars are registered in the area.

The parking meters should be helpful in making more space available for temporary parking on streets. I believe the merchants who opposed their introduction would be better advised not to prolong their opposition but devote their efforts to provide more parking lots where longer-term parking can be provided. If this is done it may well be that their fears will prove unfounded; that reasonable assurance of the parking space for long or short periods of time will attract more customers than under conditions prevailing at present.

## Bus Drivers Continue Talks With Company

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2—(AP)—Union leaders and officers of two bus lines tied up by strikes will continue meetings here tomorrow with a U.S. conciliation service agent.

A morning meeting with Overland Greyhound officials and spokesmen for 192 Overland drivers of the northwest division was scheduled by Conciliation Agent Guy V. Lintner. He said the union officer would also represent 45 drivers of Pacific Trailways at an afternoon meeting with Trailways management.

Both union and management said today settlement was expected soon.

## Reconstruction Finance To Make City Loans

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—(AP)—The reconstruction finance corporation announced tonight it stands ready to make loans to municipalities and other public bodies to help finance construction projects. It said such loans would aid reconstruction by stimulating employment and would "increase" the real wealth of the nation.

Water and sewer systems, airports, bridges, highways, hospitals and schools are among the projects eligible for loans.

## Animal Crackers



"I was about to tell him there's nothing to be afraid of around here but quicksand!"

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Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	59	48	50
Salem	71	48	50
Eugene	69	48	50
Portland	67	50	50
Seattle	63	53	50
Willamette river	-3.5 ft.		

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with highest temperatures 65 degrees.

## Jacob DeShazer Does K. P.



S. Sgt. Jacob D. DeShazer (third from left), bombardier on one of the Doolittle planes which bombed Tokyo and a prisoner of the Japs for 40 months, does K. P. duty with other former prisoners of the Germans and Japs at the army separation center at Santa Ana, Calif. Officers said it was necessary to put the prospective discharges on K. P. because "we're awfully short-handed here." (AP Wirephoto)

## Big 5 Conclave Ends in Failure On Balkan Issue

LONDON, Oct. 2—(AP)—The five-power conference of foreign ministers, after three weeks of discussing European peace settlements, ended tonight in apparent failure.

The ministers of the United States, Russia, Great Britain, France and China concluded their first peace talks in a deadlock over procedure which authoritative circles said would have to be resolved by President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee.

In an authorized statement, U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes disclosed that the issue which deadlocked the conference was Russia's insistence on barring France and China from discussions of Balkan peace treaties. "There is good reason to believe," he added, "that with continued patience and understanding on all sides agreement on essentials can be attained. We are determined upon that outcome."

The adjournment capped a week-end of bitter personal debate during which Russian foreign minister V. M. Molotov at one point was said to have threatened, after a tiff with British foreign secretary Ernest Bevin, to leave the conference and return to Moscow.

## Bids Near on Road Projects

The state highway commission will probably be able to start awarding its postwar road contracts at a meeting in Portland October 29, state highway engineer R. H. Baldock said Tuesday, after he had learned Congress had approved the nation's postwar highway program.

Tentative plans have been made to award \$2,000,000 in contracts at the meeting. The commission cannot go ahead until the federal public roads administration authorizes it, but Baldock said he expects this authorization to come within a few days.

Oregon's road program calls for spending \$12,000,000 a year for each of the next three years. Contracts for the first year's work will be awarded this winter, so that construction may start next spring, Baldock said.

## Phone Union to Vote on Strike

NEW YORK, Oct. 2—(AP)—J. J. Moran, vice president of the national federation of telephone workers, said tonight members of the union would leave their jobs all over the country Friday afternoon from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m., eastern standard time to "vote on strike action on a nation-wide basis."

The demonstration Friday, Moran said, and the strike vote, were called in protest against a ruling by Charles W. Whittemore, national labor relations board trial examiner, recommending dissolution of the federation's western electric employees association at Kearny, N. J.

## Strikers Fired, Veterans Hired in Tex. Dispute

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 2—(AP)—Ninety striking union workers of the lower Colorado river authority which closed down four hydroelectric plants and stopped electric service to a large area of central Texas for 30 hours were fired today.

Their jobs were immediately offered to war veterans. Electric power was restored to virtually the entire area today.

General Manager Max Starcke of the LCRA said: "The men who walked off are out of their jobs and will not be re-employed."

Previously, Starcke had complained of "acts of sabotage and vandalism."

Gov. Coke R. Stevens approved the action. "Any man who commits sabotage on the property on which he is employed should not be re-employed," the governor told a news conference.

## Fire Damages Sicks Brewery

A burned portion of the roof and some damage to the engine room were the results of a fire Tuesday night at the Sicks Brewing company plant on South Commercial st. Acting fire chief William Iwan who was on the scene said that the blaze started when the boiler got too hot.

Floyd W. Shepard, manager of the brewing company, said the fire "had a good start in the engine room but the fire department got it under control and damage wasn't great." He said the plant remained in operation.

## Jimmy Stewart Eager to Act

PASADENA, Calif., Oct. 2—(AP)—Col. James Stewart returned today from the war and said "I want to start making pictures as soon as possible."

The lanky actor, alighting from a train here on furlough, was met by actor Henry Fonda, with whom he has been friends since they roomed together in their New York stage days years ago. Stewart, who served overseas two years with the eighth air force, has 123 discharge points.

# Patton Quiet on Boot from Bavaria to 'Paper' Army

## Deadline Given In Oil Strike

### Schwellenbach to Get Conciliation Results on Wed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—(AP)—The government will know at 1 p. m. (PST) Wednesday how far it got in a week-long drive to end 14 state refinery strikes.

Secretary of Labor Schwellessbach set that hour for answers from the CIO oil workers and 11 companies to his back-to-work proposal.

It is a 24-hour delay in the climax to conciliation conferences over union demands for a 30-per cent wage rate boost.

He granted the postponement in the answer deadline to request of nine of the companies—"and no further delay will be allowed."

The secretary gave no indication what his next move would be if his plan is rejected. Seizure is his big club, but he has said as a general policy he will use it as a last resort.

He has remarked repeatedly he will rely heavily on collective bargaining.

## Salem Sewer Expansion to Start Today

The city's sewer expansion and replacement program, a project of paper and promise purely the past 3 1/2 years, is putting men to work today.

First major undertaking will be the laying of larger sewers at the east end of Market street to serve off-flooded Rosedale addition, City Engineer J. H. Davis indicated Tuesday after first workman had been employed.

Authorized by the city council Monday night to hire needed crews, Davis got four men Tuesday morning and is in the market for more.

Materials are moving again, he said, expressing the hope that the "high-priority" jobs such as the Rosedale sewer might be completed without delay and that the many residential and residential-area services promised "when men and material are available" might be handled rapidly and efficiently. No promises can be made until quantities of both labor and material are assured, however, Davis said.

## ASKS AGED BENEFITS

PORTLAND, Oct. 2—(AP)—The Oregon Townsend council announced today it would seek a special session of the state legislature to consider "needs of old age assistance beneficiaries." State Townsend representative Harold H. Wilcox said prices were creating an "acute situation" among the state's aged indigents.

## Faulty Engine Slows Globester

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2—(AP)—The ATC command here reported tonight that the C-54 Globester left Guam at 7:45 a. m. Wednesday Guam time, (4:45 p. m. Tuesday, Eastern Standard time) for Honolulu after a turnback caused by engine trouble.

By Paul Miller

GUAM, Wednesday, Oct. 3—(AP)—The Globester developed engine trouble today on the homestretch and was forced to return to Guam after it had sped 315 miles along the road to Kwajalein.

This was but a temporary interruption of the first around-the-world flight of the army transport command, and passengers were quickly transferred to another plane for the resumed flight.

The four-engined world traveler developed a magneto trouble and the No. 2 engine cut out.

With 1,236 miles still to be flown to Kwajalein, Capt. Mar-

## Gen. Patton



"Two Gun" Patton, photographed as he left his conference with Gen. Eisenhower. The following day, he was informed he had been relieved of his Bavarian post.

## Argentina to Censor News; Riots Reported

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 2—(AP)—The Argentine government reimposed a strict censorship on dispatches of foreign correspondents tonight a few hours after rioting had broken out near the center of Buenos Aires between students and a group of youths shouting "viva Peron."

Censorship which has been in effect since shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was lifted by the government last Aug. 17.

In the disorders tonight the attacking youths hurled stones and fired an estimated 30 rounds of shots at the buildings housing the University of Buenos Aires engineering school. At the time many students and faculty members were inside the buildings.

## Columbia Aircraft Industries to Close

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2—(AP)—The liquidation of Columbia Aircraft industries, manufacturers of \$20 million of airplane parts during the war, was announced today by President Guy R. Harper.

Lack of a market, with commercial aircraft demand using "only a tiny percentage" of long-established plants' output, was cited as the reason.

## Nip Press Attacks Leaders

### Cabinet Changes Rumored as Food Issue Unsolved

TOKYO, Oct. 2—(AP)—The Japanese press, brandishing the American gift of freedom, attacked the government today amid reports the cabinet may fall or be overhauled for failing to act in the growing food crisis.

The Japanese government revealed today that 100 villagers in Otakawasa-Migayi prefecture broke into a government-owned warehouse Sept. 26 and took 54 bales of rice after the watchmen refused permission for them to borrow some. Prefect police subsequently made arrests and recovered most of the rice.

With a forthrightness impossible under the old regime, the press demanded the dismissal of "feudalistic officials" such as those who tried to stop publication of the emperor's visit to General MacArthur.

MacArthur set out today after the munitions industry that armed Japan's warriors.

He told the imperial government to submit a complete report on the production of arms, ordnance, ammunition and automotive equipment from 1941 to August of this year, when the empire crashed in defeat.

Well-informed Japanese reported Emperor Hirohito was waiting quietly for the Japanese army to finish demobilization, possibly by Oct. 15, before cleaning house in the government.

## Court Rules \$10,000 Gift To Be Returned

The state supreme court held unanimously Tuesday that Tom Ray, secretary and business agent for local 72, international brotherhood of boiler makers, iron shipbuilders and helpers of America, Portland, must return the \$10,000 which the local voted his as a gift.

The decision read: "The members of the governing board had no authority whatsoever to pay or authorize the payment to Ray of the \$10,000 or any part thereof, here involved. It was not paid to him for services rendered or to be rendered in the future. It was a pure gratuity and unauthorized."

The decision upheld Judge E. M. Page of Salem, who heard the case in Multnomah county. A. E. Jordan and Jerry Martindale, president and secretary, respectively, of the local brought the suit to recover the money. They were elected after the local was placed in receivership and the international organization took it over.

## Truscott Named By Eisenhower To Fill Vacancy

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY, Germany, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, jr., was silent tonight on the announcement he had been relieved of command of the eastern military district.

Throughout the day he was not available to correspondents at his walled and turreted headquarters in Bad Toelz. Tonight a sentry at his spacious lakeside villa at Tegernsee turned away an Associated Press correspondent with a curt message from an aide, "You're not admitted."

FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, Germany, Oct. 2—(AP)—General Eisenhower announced today he had ousted Gen. George S. Patton, jr., as commander of the Third army and administrator of Bavaria, and had placed him in charge of a "paper army," the 15th.

### Kept Nazis in Office

The order, effective Oct. 7, followed complaints that the pistol-packing, colorful Patton had kept Bavarian nazis in office, and was made public just four days after the 59-year-old armored commander was called on the carpet to give a personal report to Eisenhower on his denazification actions.

Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, who commanded the Fifth army in Italy and later headed the Seventh army, will succeed Patton as commander of the Third army and administrator of the eastern military district.

### Research Workers

The 15th army at present consists only of headquarters and special troops engaged in research work on allied relations during the war. It does not control any occupation area.

The official announcement gave no reason for the shift, but disclosed that Eisenhower had notified Patton of the transfer last Saturday, the day after Patton had been summoned to Frankfurt.

## Huge Highway Program Voted By Congress

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—(AP)—An immediate start on a three-year, \$3,000,000,000 federal-state highway construction program got an okay from congress today.

It came when the senate without debate and in two minutes adopted a house-approved resolution saying there is no reason to hold up any longer a program approved last December as a post-war employment cushion.

The resolution does not require the president's signature.

The program is the first big postwar public works project to get a go ahead.

Worked out in detail 10 months ago, it provides for a federal outlay of \$500,000,000 a year for the next three years to match, dollar-for-dollar, state expenditures on highways.

## Sugar Cache Found in Java

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson disclosed tonight that 1,600,000 tons of sugar have been discovered in the ports of Java since the Japanese surrendered.

Obviously pleased over the discovery, Anderson told newsmen at a conference that this sugar should very greatly shorten the period of rationing in this country. Heretofore, it has been expected that consumer rationing might be necessary through 1946.

The sugar will be added to a United Nations pool.

Anderson said it should start moving to this country within two weeks. It will become available at a period when domestic supplies are at the lowest level of the year.

## RETURNS TO FOLD

PORTLAND, Oct. 2—(AP)—Peter Emil Milakovich, 29, the 15th prisoner captured after a Sept. 24 county jail break, was behind bars again today.

## Longview Mills Running; AFL Pickets Banned

PORTLAND, Oct. 2—(AP)—The big Weyerhaeuser and Long-Bell lumber mills at nearby Longview, Wash., operated again today after a CIO injunction action banned AFL picket lines.

But at other northwest mills the striking AFL workers succeeded in halting operations. The union also announced it would put union men in patrol cars on the highways to tail delivery trucks and request drivers to return lumber to CIO operated mills.

A hearing was set for Monday by Judge Howard J. Atwell for a permanent injunction after the temporary order gave 6000 unorganized workers at the two Longview mills the signal to return to jobs. The CIO and AFL have only a minority of workers enrolled.

## Group Votes to Lift 12,000,000 From Tax Rolls

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—(AP)—The house ways and means committee voted today to remove 12,000,000 low-income persons from the income tax rolls in 1946 and to cut the total individual income tax burden almost half a billion dollars deeper than the administration recommended.

Fred A. Vinson, secretary of the treasury, had asked a \$2,085,000,000 cut in the individual taxes. The committee voted an estimated \$2,500,000,000. It has yet to act on his recommendations for corporation and other deductions. If it approves them without change, his total proposed cut would amount to \$5,500,000,000.

## Truman Opens Fund Campaign

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—(AP)—President Truman opened the National War Fund campaign tonight with an appeal for generous contributions to help War Fund agencies "finish the job they were set up to do."

"War service has not ended," said the president in a broadcast from the White House. "I don't need to tell that to anyone whose son is still serving with the occupation forces or with the service troops in this country. For them the war is still going on."

He said the drive is for three causes—for continued "friendly services" for those still having a job to do in the armed forces, for health and welfare services for people at home, and for relief for war stricken persons in liberated areas.

## State Towns Seek Tires For Stranded Travelers

PORTLAND, Oct. 2—(AP)—Update Oregon towns have sent the OPA urgent pleas to issue tires for stranded travelers, the district OPA said today.

Requests came from Burns, which reported a heavy population increase because of skilled transients, and nine other towns. Officials expressed doubt the tire quota could be stretched to fill the need.