

RUSSIANS STRIP MUKDEN, LEAVE

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STOCKTON, Calif., March 9—HAD YOUR CAR STOLEN LATELY? Here's the answer. The Jack Yeagers of Stockton, Calif., own a 200-pound African lion "crazy about riding." When they park the car the lion stays in and they write "Danger—Keep away" on the car window with soap. This picture was made when the Yeagers visited San Francisco. Onlooker is unidentified. (AP Wirephoto)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Much of the appeal for housing is in the name of war veterans. Returning from the war, anxious to establish their own homes, these men have bumped head-on into the housing shortage. As a result they have been put to all sorts of expedients in living:—trailer houses, shacks, furnished rooms, residing with in-laws. The legislation now being written and controls placed on materials are all designed to give preference to veterans.

There is another class which is having a difficult time of it to find places for living. A subscriber called up the other day to report the case of an elderly couple who were forced to move. Though they "scoured the town" they could find nothing and finally had to go to a hotel. Since they are dependent on old age assistance this can be but temporary because of the expense.

Recently I had a similar experience in trying to obtain living quarters for an elderly man, finally sending him to the hospital for a few days until other provision could be found for him. Everywhere the story was the same: Full up, no more room, turning people away.

This plight of the old folks is serious. Many have no relatives to look after them. Many are unable to search for a place of residence for themselves. It is strongly urged that those who could accommodate one or more of these aged persons report to the public welfare office, Phone 9241. I believe the state may want to establish homes for the (Continued on Editorial Page)

STRIKE VIOLENCE

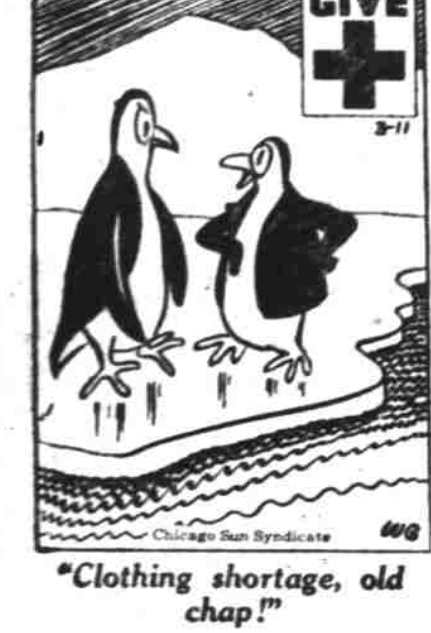
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9—(AP)—Attempts at conciliation in the strike of the CIO Transport Workers union against the Louisville Railway company were made today as violence broke out, resulting in three persons being injured, one seriously.

TO VACATE LEBANON

PARIS, March 9—(AP)—The French foreign ministry announced today that the last British troops would leave Lebanon April 30 and that French forces would be evacuated by degrees ending April 1, 1947.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Clothing shortage, old chap!"

Glacial Floes Crush Homes In Michigan

BAY CITY, Mich., March 9—(AP)—Swept inshore by strong wind gusts, huge ice floes moved glacier-like on fashionable Lake Huron beach resorts before dawn today, crushing a community of cottages under a weighty impact.

In the wake of the freak ice rampage were 46 destroyed summer homes of fashionable Killarney and Ricome beaches. Eleven others were damaged. The gigantic floes were lifted onto the shore by wind and water and cracked into tumbling blocks that ground cottages off their foundations. Some piled as high as 40 feet.

No injuries were reported. Police said one family only partially clad was removed from danger by neighbors.

Damage was estimated at "more than \$300,000" by state police, who said that figure might be topped when the area is surveyed.

Some residences were twisted around on their foundations at angles ranging up to 45 degrees. Living rooms and porches were filled with chunks of ice, an eyewitness reported. In one area only the houseposts were visible over the ice and several cottages were surrounded completely.

Red Cross at 1/3 Goal Mark

With \$20,597.87 reported collected in the Marion county drive for Red Cross funds, workers Saturday approached the one-third mark toward the goal of \$66,000, campaign headquarters announced.

A considerable rise in the collection total is expected Monday and Tuesday, as several of the large divisions made no Saturday report, it was predicted.

Campaign Chairman Dr. E. E. Boring Saturday again requested that all chairmen turn in reports as rapidly as possible. It is hoped that the drive will be completed by the end of the week, he said.

33 Killed, 500 Hurt as English Soccer Grandstand Collapse

BOLTON, England, March 9—(AP)—At least 33 persons were killed and scores injured today in Britain's worst sports disaster when two retaining barriers collapsed in a soccer stadium grandstand, tumbling hundreds of

The barriers collapsed shortly after the start of the championship match at Burden park stadium attended by a record crowd of more than 70,000 persons. Bolton police said at first there were 38 dead, but later revised the total to 33. Two of the dead were women.

Chest and head injuries killed 32 persons outright. The retaining barriers suddenly collapsed under the pressure of the tightly-packed crowd, and spectators toppled from their standing positions in one grandstand tier onto other persons standing on lower tiers in the "cheat-seat" side of the stadium.

As the screaming victims fell they were smothered by waves of spectators tumbling through the broken barriers. Some were swept over a retaining wall onto the playing field. Despite the accident the soccer game between Bolton and Stoke City for the professional league cup was suspended for only 26 minutes while ambulances, police and fire vehicles and private cars removed the casualties.

Monetary Meeting Convenes

Vinson Opens Meeting With Warning Note

By John F. Chester SAVANNAH, Ga., March 9—(AP)—A colorful inaugural ceremony in front of the massed flags of 43 nations, the governors of the \$18,800,000,000 international bank and monetary fund were told today that theirs was "a race against time for sanity" in rebuilding a sound world economy.

The alternative was pictured bluntly by Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson, chairman at this first formal meeting of the international monetary conference, as a possible next and "last" war.

In a single row behind them, under a placard labeled "observers," were representatives of eight of the ten eligible nations which have not yet ratified the Bretton Woods agreements.

2 Additional Filings in Mail

Two primary election filings, in addition to those received at the state department here prior to 5 p.m. Friday, arrived in Saturday's mail and were accepted by state election officials. Envelopes containing these filings were post-marked prior to the deadline.

F. J. Winder, Portland, republican, for state representative, 5th district, Multnomah county. W. Joseph O'Connor, Baker, democrat, for state representative, 27th district, Baker county.

Airport Damage Survey Complete

A survey of McNary Field with a check on damage done to the field during army wartime use, was completed Saturday by J. R. Hughes, army engineers.

The survey precedes signing of a formal interim permit, next week, for use of the field by the city until the government lease is terminated.

The city has been operating the facilities under a temporary agreement. Hughes was assisted by Wallace Hug, airport manager, and Tom Armstrong, chairman of the city council aviation committee.

The Statesman's Inquiring... Reporter...

Today's question: Do you think Salem should have a city manager?

Roy S. (Spec) Keene, 540 Lefelle st., merchant: "The city of Salem should be run like any business, with a designated head. He should act as coordinator, efficiency expert and administrator—a man trained to manage a large business. Since spending three years in the service, I am more than ever convinced that this (city manager) plan will get quicker results on many problems."

Edith Shaffer, 605 Breys, secretary: "I've always thought the city manager form of government would be a good thing because it would be more businesslike. And if it would do anything about the housing problem and rent situation, I'd almost finance it myself. Salem appears to me to be fully large enough to warrant a fulltime manager to look after its affairs."

William A. Lovelace, 559 N. 21st st., salesman: "I think a city manager would be all right if it were fixed so we could get rid of such a manager if he weren't doing all right. Salem is facing a lot of problems which need attention and a fulltime administrator probably could do a better job than someone who has his own business to look after, too."

Fred Rupp, 3295 S. Commercial st., appliance electrician: "I do not favor the city manager plan. I prefer election, the democratic way, because with appointment you have no way of knowing who gets into office. The present set-up is O.K. We had the city manager plan in my home town. It worked all right there in a small town but I don't think it would work here; there's too much opportunity for graft."

Alice Dahlen, 990 N. 17th st., stenographer: "I favor the city manager plan because it uses an experienced and specially trained administrator. He is not voted on by the people on a basis of popularity. There is less politics involved, and fewer councilmen make for efficiency. It should also improve the fire department which would help the insurance business."

J. W. Simeral, 1605 N. 18th st., motion picture operator: "I don't favor the city manager plan, because it places too much power in the central group. Also, outside men are brought in to run the plan when there are plenty of capable men in Salem. I'm not in favor of the present set-up but I do favor the commission form of government as it operates in Portland; I like that best."

(Editor's note: The "Inquiring Reporter" will be a frequent feature in The Statesman. Questions will vary, and those participating in the thought-provoking discussions will be chosen at random and may take any side of an argument they wish.)

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	69	33	.00
Eugene	72	33	.00
Seattle	64	34	.00
Portland	65	37	.00
San Francisco	73	46	.00
Willamette river	5.5		

FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, Mc Nary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today, becoming cloudy late tonight, with light rains. Highest temperature 65 degrees.

Strikes Continue Decline

Nation's Idle Less Than Half Postwar Peak

By the Associated Press The nation's reconversion picture assumed the brightest hue since mid-January today as a new week opened with no new major strikes threatened for the immediate future and the number of strike-idle continuing a steady decline.

Settlement of a 65 day old strike of Western Electric company employes in New York and New Jersey dropped the number of strike-idle in the nation to 757,000—less than half the peak of nearly 1,700,000 in late January.

In San Francisco 7000 Independent machinists, whose strike has been branded "illegal and un-sanctioned" by offices of the International Association of Machinists (I.A.M.), will vote today on whether to return to work.

Home Built in Single Day for Disabled Vet

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., March 9—(AP)—A home for PFC. T. M. Jarvis, Jr., who lost both legs in Germany, stood tonight on a lot that was vacant this morning. It is the gift of the citizens of Corpus Christi.

Brief flag raising ceremonies on the lot this morning inaugurated Jarvis day in Corpus Christi. Immediately after the high school band had played the Star Spangled Banner, more than 200 union carpenters and craftsmen began work.

Eight hours later, at 6 p.m. while roofing men were pouring tar and rocks on the virtually finished home, Jarvis was given the key to the house, a deed to it and an insurance policy covering the residence.

The campaign was sponsored by the American Legion.

Spends \$6000 In 5-Day Spree

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9—(AP)—A 15-year-old boy was jailed here tonight after a five-day spending spree that Sheriff's Deputy Earl Anderson reported totaled almost \$6000 the youngster admitted taking from his grandmother's purse.

Anderson said the youth told of spending over \$2000 in Seattle, smashing up a \$1250 car here which he immediately replaced with a \$1200 auto.

The sheriff's deputy said the boy's grandparents lived in Redmond and had alerted police to their grandson's disappearance March 5. Anderson reported the boy had been paroled to his grandmother's care after being involved in an auto theft here a few weeks ago while enrolled at a boy's private school.

February Traffic Death Total Ties State Record

Preliminary reports show that Oregon traffic fatalities for February, 1946, skyrocketed to a total of 31 deaths, tying the highest recorded February death toll in Oregon history, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., announced Saturday.

Fact Finder



WASHINGTON, March 9—Dr. Gordon S. Watkins (above), of the economic department, University of California, has been named by President Truman to a three-man fact-finding board in the dispute threatening a nationwide railroad strike. (AP wirephoto)

GOP, Southern Democrats to Organize Bloc

WASHINGTON, March 9—(AP)—A large group of southern democrats and republicans teamed up today in an organized bid for control of congress.

Their leaders disclosed formation in the house of an informal ten-member committee to recommend a course of action. They said a similar organization is planned in the senate.

Their immediate goal is to whittle down the powers of OPA, but the political and legislative potentialities are much broader.

The committee has been instructed to draft a substitute for pending legislation continuing the agency beyond its June 30 expiration date. If the OPA drive succeeds, many of the group plan to extend their joint activities to other fields, and gradually assume the driver's seat on nearly all important legislation.

Paratroopers Refuse Jump

WASHINGTON, March 9—(AP)—Prized wing insignia and boots were summarily stripped from 168 parachute troopers who refused to jump from planes in a training exercise at Fort Bragg, N. C., last month. It was disclosed today. The men were transferred to other army units.

Reports to the war department said the jump was staged as scheduled, however, on February 16, with the Mexican secretary of war a spectator.

Why the Fort Bragg group refused to jump was not specifically stated but officials assumed that with the war months past the men did not care to face the hazards involved in stepping out of a speeding plane and drifting to the ground.

Salem Basks Under Balmy Weather

Salem's streets were crowded Saturday with people enjoying the balmy weather. Shirt sleeves were in evidence and gardeners were hard at work.

Communist Uprising Feared With Flames Spreading Over City

Chinese Fly in Officials; Railhub Free For First Time in Nearly 14 1/2 Years

SHANGHAI, Sunday, March 10—(AP)—Russian troops have withdrawn completely from Mukden but the situation there is tense, with fires of undetermined origin raging and a communist uprising feared, the Chinese central news agency reported today.

The agency dispatch said alleged Chinese communist forces were active in the suburbs and it was feared they might attempt to seize control of the hungry, sprawling city of 2,000,000.

Before evacuating the city the Russians turned over their garrison duties to the Chinese. A Chinese central government force of some 14,000 men has been in Mukden for some weeks, but until the Russian evacuation was restricted to a limited section of the city and actual control had been in Russian hands.

There was no estimate of the strength of the alleged communist forces in the area. Trainloads of Russian troops from Mukden already have arrived in Changchun, the Manchurian capital, the central news said, and others traveled south to Port Arthur, where the sino-soviet treaty authorizes Russia to station troops.

Factories Stripped of Machinery American correspondents who recently visited Mukden found hundreds of Japanese built factories stripped of their machinery. They were told by the Russian commander that Japanese troops captured in Manchuria had been shipped to Siberia and that the Russians had no repatriation program in mind.

The news that Manchuria's largest city was in Chinese hands again after almost 14 1/2 years of foreign occupation was greeted with relief in Chungking and eased some of the tension aroused in recent weeks over Manchurian developments. Chinese reports said that 560 central government officials assigned to take over administration of the vast territory would be at their posts by Monday. They are being flown into Manchuria in chartered planes. Some 14,000 central government troops already were in Mukden, but up to now their movements have been restricted to a small section of the city, and actual control was in Russian hands.

Meanwhile Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, told correspondents here today that he had "taken appropriate steps, as theater commander, to ascertain my responsibility in Manchuria."

Wedemeyer said Manchuria always had been considered part of his China theater command, and that if the Russians had not been advised of the American plan for repatriating Manchurian Japanese "they certainly will be in the very near future."

World Opinion Seen As Forcing Move by Soviet

(Editor's Note: Spencer Davis, Associated Press correspondent, has returned to helping after visits to Mukden and Changchun, Manchuria's capital, where he and eight other correspondents were held incommunicado for a time.)

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, March 9—(Delayed)—(AP)—A high Chinese official said today that the Russians feared to stay in Manchuria because of world opinion and would pull out after that giant industrial area was picked clean down to its steel ribs.

Chinese sources assert the soviet stripping has extended to great power dams and coal mines, leaving a grave fuel shortage in one of the world's richest coal regions.

The official, who declined to permit the use of his name, declared the Russians were making sure that Manchuria would be industrially weak while soviet maritime provinces in the Pacific have a chance to take the machinery and build up strategic industries.

He said the Russians definitely regarded Manchuria as a threat to their security and were ready to use force now to obtain concessions.

The official pointed out that the Russians had learned from bitter experience that they had to maintain a large army in Siberia to watch the Japanese in Manchuria and they wanted to avoid this hereafter.

As to what Russia may ask of China in the way of further economic concessions in the rich territory, the official shrugged and said: "I don't know exactly what they want. We only know they seem to take what they want when they want it."

Official Chinese sources estimated it would take at least three years to restore Manchuria to something like the industrial capacity it boasted under the Japanese, who built a productive empire there in 14 years. Since Japan collapsed and the Russians moved in, the Chinese have watched trainloads of vital machine tools in endless procession roll toward Siberia, and particularly the great Russian base of Vladivostok.

Big Three Meeting Suggested As Diplomatic Picture Darkens

WASHINGTON, March 9—(AP)—A dark cloud of suspicion hung depressingly over international affairs today with a strong possibility that it will bring a new meeting soon of the big three chiefs of state to clear the air.

With relations at perhaps their lowest ebb since victory over the axis, immediate interest was focused upon whether the allies will attempt an over-all settlement of their controversies or continue to try for piecemeal solutions.

In some diplomatic quarters here, the stand has been taken that the situation now is so serious that the present policy of tackling one problem at a time will serve only to aggravate the irritations.

Who Will Take Initiative But the question of another British-Russian-American conference to iron out current difficulties appeared to hinge immediately upon who will take the initiative for calling the convulse.

President Truman acknowledged yesterday that he was not discounting the possibility of such a meeting, but indicated strongly his feeling that it should be in Washington when and if it is held.

A number of disputes current at this time would produce a long agenda for such a meeting, among them:

1. Italy—Here the difficulty centers chiefly around what should be done about the big pre-war Italian colonies. The United States and Great Britain took the position last fall that they should be placed under United Nations trusteeship for a limited period. Russia held out for a system of individual trusteeships, and maneuvered for control of Tripolitania.

2. Iran—Both Iran and the United States have lodged protests at Moscow against Russia's failure to withdraw red army forces from Iran by an agreed-upon deadline of March 2.

Reds Seek Territorial Concessions 3. Turkey—Russia informally has sought territorial concessions from Turkey with the likelihood she will press for joint Turkish-soviet control of the strategic Dardanelles.

4. Manchuria—The United States has entered a protest to Moscow based upon an official Chinese report that Russia was claiming as war booty Japanese-owned industrial equipment in Manchuria.

5. Bulgaria—Latest development was Russia's charge that the United States is responsible for what Moscow called an effort to "sabotage" a three-power agreement for broadening the base of the Bulgarian government.