

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

A lot of heat has been generated over a proposed change in zoning which would permit a plywood company to install a plant out near the state fairgrounds. Friends of industrial development have been impatient over delays incurred in effecting the change. Residents in the vicinity have been vigorous in protest against having industry move closer to their homes. Both reactions are normal and fully understandable.

To meet such situations the city's zoning ordinance has established certain procedures. Before a change may be obtained petitions signed by at least one-half of the property-owners in the immediate vicinity must be filed with the zoning commission. The commission then holds a public hearing and makes a recommendation to the city council, which has the final authority.

In this instance the petition has been filed with owners of about 75 per cent of the property within in the 300-ft. limit indicating their approval. The hearing was held and the zoning commission recommends that the change be made. The logical thing for the city council to do is to authorize the change.

The chamber of commerce has recommended that the city council grant a franchise of reasonable term to the Southern Pacific for use of Union street for railway trackage, until the long-range planning commission (Continued on editorial page)

## Mojave Desert Quakes Break L. A. Aqueduct

LOS ANGELES, March 15—(AP)—A series of earthquake shocks, centering in the arid Mojave desert near Inyokern, started earth and rock slides today that broke the Los Angeles aqueduct.

The second and strongest tremor was recorded at 5:50 a.m., a half hour after the first shock, which was strong enough to awaken light sleepers. Other shocks were recorded at irregular intervals all morning and were felt in metropolitan Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Bakersfield.

Inyokern is 150 miles northeast of Los Angeles, not far from Death Valley.

The Los Angeles bureau of water and power said the aqueduct was broken by rolling boulders, one of which ripped away 12 feet of the concrete aqueduct roof and sidewall releasing 100,000 gallons of water a minute, which converged into a stream that poured over highways 6 and 395 north of Brown junction.

## Father Flies Drug To Save Son's Life

OAKLAND, Calif., March 15—Carrying a supply of an experimental drug with which he hopes the life of his son, a marine private, may be saved, Walter Berry arrived by plane today from Colorado Springs today and was given a police motorcycle escort to Oak Knoll hospital.

The drug, streptomycin, was obtained from army doctors and was flown here for use by navy physicians in treating Pfc. Raymond J. Berry. The young marine is critically ill with a rare form of tuberculosis.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Who, me? I'm an angle worm!"

## Commander?



TEHRAN, March 15.—Marshall Ivan Bagramian (above), Red army tank warfare expert, is reported to be in Tabriz, Iran, headquarters of Russian forces moving toward the Turkish border. (AP Wirephoto)

## Soviet Column Moves South Near Kurdistan

TEHRAN, March 15—(AP)—A Russian column, swinging southward around Lake Urmia near the Turkish and Iraq borders, was reported today to have moved advance units into Bukan, just north of Kurdistan province and 60 miles southeast of Sanjbulagh, seat of the semi-autonomous shiekdom of Kurdish Chief Ghazi Mohammed.

The move apparently gave some support to a theory among many Iranian and foreign government officials that the Russians favor the establishment of an independent Kurdistan for the Kurds of Iran, Iraq and Turkey. The new development followed a declaration by the Iranian war minister yesterday that other soviet troops concentrated on Karaj, 20 miles northwest of Tehran, were a "definite threat" to the capital and that Iran's army was "ready to fight to the last man" if the Russians moved toward Tehran.

A group of British correspondents returned last night from Karaj and quoted residents as saying the Russian garrison there had received four trainloads of reinforcements and supplies in the past eight days.

## Clarion Wins Journalism Cup

EUGENE, Ore., March 15—(AP)—The Salem high Clarion, judged best all-around high school newspaper in Oregon, has received the Arnold Bennett Hall cup, George Turnbull, acting dean in the university school of journalism, announced today.

Seventy-two prep entries were listed in the 18th annual high school press contest. The Clarion scored 828 out of a possible 1000 points. The guard trophy for a paper in a school of 500 or more pupils went to the Franklin high, Portland, Post-winner of the all cup last year.

## Daffodil Shipments Mount at Woodburn

WOODBURN, March 15—(Special)—Thousands of daffodils leave Woodburn each day to brighten the homes of the west and middle west, according to George Landon, grower. Since March 8, shipments have averaged 1500 dozen daily. Orders are on file for 25,000 dozen.

The blooms are shipped by railway express to points east of the mountains and through mid-west states as far east as Denver. Next year Landon expects to ship by air cargo freight to the middle west and east.

## Future Hoop Tournament Site In Balance as Group Meets

No announcement of the future location of the high school basketball tournament was made after the meeting of the board of control of the Oregon State High School Activities association, Friday afternoon. A statement is expected tonight.

The group held a closed conference with representatives of Salem, Eugene and Astoria, each of whom want the tournament.

It was rumored last night that Eugene has received permission from University of Oregon officials to hold the tournament in McArthur court, free of charge. The court will hold about 7000 people.

## Freedom Offered To India

Indians to Vote On Independence, Attlee Reveals

By Glenn A. Williams  
LONDON, March 15—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee declared today that India "has the right" to choose full independence, and that if she elects to remain within the British commonwealth "it must be by her own free will."

He expressed hope that India would not withdraw from the empire, but said "the British commonwealth and empire is not bound together by chains of external compulsion."

The prime minister made his declaration in the house of commons during a debate on the mission of three cabinet members who will leave next Tuesday for India to take up again the problem of self-government.

The mission plants to confer with Indian and British leaders in India and to agree on methods of setting up an Indian constitution-making body by which the Indians may choose their own form of government and decide whether they want to be fully independent.

Attlee said he thought India would find "great advantages" within the commonwealth, and warned that "no great nation can stand alone today." He added, however, that if India chose independence "it will be for us to help make the transition as free and easy as possible."

## War Powers Extension Bill Passes House

WASHINGTON, March 15—(AP)—Amid warnings that "the war is not over yet," the house today voted to extend government rationing, priority and allocation powers until June 30—\$125,000,000 for meat and flour subsidies until June 30—\$125,000,000 for meat and \$25,000,000 for flour.

The measure also allows the government to purchase sugar, vegetables and flaxseed and sell them at a loss. House approval of the extension of government rationing, priority and allocation powers, as contained in the second war powers act, came on a voice vote, the act, unless extended, expires June 30. The extension measure now goes to the senate.

## Salem Men Win Acquittal

PORTLAND, March 15—(AP)—Acquittal was voted by a federal court jury today for the four defendants in the Coos Bay oyster bed trial.

The jury of five men and seven women cleared them on all nine counts after deliberating for 10 hours. Edgar Robert Errigo and Glenn R. Munkers, Salem, and James R. Barton and P. E. Blackmon, Portland, had been charged with using the mails to defraud, violating the securities statute and conspiracy. The trial began Feb. 25.

## 591 ACCIDENTS REPORTED

A total of 591 covered accidents and 11 claims for occupational disease benefits were filed with the state industrial accident commission here during the week ended March 14.

## State Civil Service Meets With Director

The state civil service commission held its first meeting here Friday since the arrival of William Colman, full-time director. Many problems were considered.

Commission members were advised that the work of classifying more than 8000 state workers is progressing satisfactorily and may be completed in April. J. N. Chambers is commission chairman.

OPA Authorizes Bread Weight Cut, Not Price

## Accused



OTTAWA, March 15.—Dr. Raymond Boyer (above), assistant professor of chemistry at McGill university, was accused today by the Canadian Royal Commission of transmitting to the Soviet Union full information regarding his secret work in explosives. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

## 5 Canadians Added to List In 'Spy' Arrests

OTTAWA, March 15—(AP)—A communist member of the Canadian parliament, three scientists and an engineer were charged today with working with a Moscow-directed "spy" network collecting atomic and other wartime secrets in Canada.

Heading the new list of accused were Fred Rose, only communist member of the Canadian parliament, and Dr. Raymond Boyer, assistant professor of chemistry at McGill university in Montreal. Rose, 38, was arrested at his Ottawa home last night and whisked by motor car 120 miles to Montreal, where he was booked today on a charge of violating the official secrets act of 1939.

Boyer was arraigned in the same court on charges of unlawfully communicating information to Russia.

The three involved besides Dr. Boyer were: Harold Samuel Gerson, employed in government departments handling explosives and ammunition; Squadron Leader Matt Simons Nightingale, 40, with an engineering degree earned at McGill university engaged in airport construction, and: Dr. David Shugar, who has a Ph. D. degree in physics from McGill, employed in the navy on research on anti-submarine devices, in which work "he had to visit various naval establishments, including laboratories in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom."

## Aug. 10 Recommended Date for Flax Fiesta

MT. ANGEL, March 15—(Special)—A special meeting of the executive committee of the Mt. Angel Business Men's club resulted in the appointment of a Flax Festival committee consisting of Walter Smith, Francis Schmidt, Walter Kruse, William Bean and W. J. Kloft, who will make arrangements for this year's festival. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9, 10 and 11 were dates recommended for the celebration.

## Last-Minute Tax Office Rush Fails to Materialize

There were not as many people as in former years in the local internal revenue office, last night, Paul Lynch, deputy collector, said near closing time of the office at midnight, Friday. "There were many people in the office but we were able to handle them," he said. Lynch expressed the opinion that the lack of the former last-minute rush was the result of people being able to fill out their own returns without the help from the office, which they formerly required. Especially was this true he said in the case of income mostly from wages.

## BILL AIMED AT DUAL ROLE

WASHINGTON, March 15—(AP)—Contending that government business should be free of politics, Senator Stewart (D-Tenn) introduced a bill today which would require Robert E. Hannegan to resign either as postmaster general or as chairman of the democratic national committee.

Weather  
Salem Max. 51 Min. 34 Rain 24  
Eugene 53 42 54  
Portland 50 32 53  
Seattle 48 36 .01  
San Francisco 57 48 Trace  
Willamette river 151 ft.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy, one or two light scattered showers. Somewhat warmer with highest 60 degrees.

# EUGENE, WASHINGTON SEEK CROWN TONIGHT

## Colonials To Defend Cage Title

Central Catholic, Medford Drop Close Contests

Washington high's pre-tourney favored and defending state champion Colonials and the Eugene Axemen, three straight victories theirs in as many nights, go to the post at 8:45 p.m. tonight to decide who shall wear the Oregon State prep basketball tournament's crown for 1946. The Colonials rallied to nose out Central Catholic of Portland, 39-36, and Eugene did likewise to

FRIDAY'S SCORES:  
(Championship Bracket): Eugene 33, Medford 32  
Washington 39, Central Catholic 32  
(Consolation Bracket): Hillsboro 38, Bend 36  
Astoria 45, McMinnville 42  
Rainier 51, Marshfield 33  
Lebanon 52, Baker 42

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE:  
(For fifth place) 9:30, Hillsboro vs. Astoria  
(For fourth place) 10:45, Rainier vs. Lebanon  
(For third place) 7:30, Medford vs. Central Catholic  
(For championship) 8:45, Washington vs. Eugene

squeak by Medford, 33-32, in roaring semifinals in Willamette university's gym last night before a thronging and limp audience.

The thrilling ball games were typical of the 27th classic, a meet which has seen game after game decided in the final moments of play.

Earlier results yesterday in consolation play saw Hillsboro defeat Bend, 38-36, Astoria down McMinnville, 45-42, Rainier turn back Marshfield, 51-33 and Lebanon outscore Baker, 52-42. Hillsboro and Astoria meet at 9:30 a.m. today for fifth place. Rainier and Lebanon meet at 10:45 for fourth place. Medford and Central Catholic collide tonight for third place.

(Complete details of Friday games, with box scores, appear on today's sports page.)

## Women Name Legion Post

Pioneer Post was adopted as the name of the new Salem women's post of the American Legion at a meeting in the legion hall, Friday night.

Other business included adoption of the standard legion constitution and by-laws as amended for a women's organization and setting of regular meeting nights on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Charter for the post was mailed Friday night, according to Velma McNamara, temporary secretary, and she has been assured by legion officials that it will be acted upon Sunday.

Next meeting for the group is scheduled for Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the fireside room at the legion hall.

## Field Marshall Van Model Revealed as Suicide

HERFORD, Germany, March 15—(AP)—British intelligence officers said today that Field Marshal Walter Von Model had committed suicide last April 21 near Duisburg because he feared he would be turned over to the Russians as a war criminal if he surrendered. Von Model had been sought since his fifth Panzer and 15th armies were crushed in the Ruhr trap.

## Portland Area Covered By Unseasonable Snow

PORTLAND, March 15—(AP)—An unseasonable snow—the first of the winter to cover all Portland—clung stubbornly to the heights today, but disappeared rapidly in other parts of the city.

Small branches were bowed under the weight of the wet snow, but no damage was reported.

W. W. Henry, chairman of the dairymen's steering committee, said that if the OPA failed to meet the demand for \$1.15 a pound for butterfat in grade A milk—a 20-cent boost—the supply would be diverted into manufactured products.

## Looks Like 'Winnie'



NEW YORK, March 15.—Lt. Commander Mark K. Huber of U. S. Maritime Service, smokes a long cigar and looks like Winston Churchill as he stands at desk in Waldorf-Astoria Towers here yesterday after asking to see the famous British statesman who is staying there. With Huber is Manager J. G. Houtenbrink. Huber said he lives in Bellerose, New York. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

## Iran to Request United Nations Council to Reopen Complaint

WASHINGTON, March 15—(AP)—Iran has informed the United States it will ask the United Nations security council to re-open the Iran-Russian situation at its New York meeting opening March 25.

This became known tonight in the wake of delayed dispatches from Tehran which quoted the Iranian minister of war as saying such action was contemplated.

American officials who disclosed the fact that Iran intends to seek another review before the security council of its complaints against Russia expressed themselves as pleased that Iran had taken the action.

Previously top officials of this country had said that the United States itself would ask the United Nations security council to review the Iranian charges against Russia if the little country did not do so itself.

Among the issues involved is the failure of Russia to withdraw troops from Iran in accord with an Anglo-American Russian agreement.

## CIO Approves G.M. Contract

DETROIT, March 15—(AP)—The General Motors strike settlement agreement was approved today by the GM conference of the CIO United Auto Workers which, however, left to local unions their own decision as to a return to work.

The union's conference, which originally called the strike, came to its decision after a day long study of terms in the settlement reached on Wednesday, the 13th day of the walkout of 175,000 production workers.

## Vet Files Return On Gambling Gain

LOS ANGELES, March 15—(AP)—"Is this where I declare \$53,000 income I won in dice games in Europe in 1945?" an ex-GI asked at the Riverside internal revenue office.

Told it was, he filled out a form and paid over \$20,000 tax. Under government regulations, Collector Harry C. Westover, who related the incident here today, did not disclose the honest taxpayer's name.

## Revenues From Election Filings Total \$4390

Revenues from filings for the primary election May 17 aggregated \$4390 with an additional \$2710 for space in the voters' pamphlet, Dave O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, announced here Friday.

For the primary election two years ago these receipts aggregated \$14,065 of which \$7820 was for filings and \$6245 for space in the pamphlet.

## Milk Producers Delay 'Strike' As OPA Sets Deadline March 25

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15—(AP)—Milk producers threatening to cut off the supply to Portland and other Oregon cities postponed their "strike" today, awaiting OPA action—promised by March 25—on their price boost demand.

W. W. Henry, chairman of the dairymen's steering committee, said that if the OPA failed to meet the demand for \$1.15 a pound for butterfat in grade A milk—a 20-cent boost—the supply would be diverted into manufactured products. Klamath Falls and Oregon City had keyed their plans to those of the Portland dairymen. Roseburg producers said earlier they would halt the flow of milk to market if price relief were not given. The "milk strike" had been planned for midnight tonight. It was postponed this afternoon when producer groups accepted OPA's assurance, in a telegram from Washington, that a study would be completed and action taken by March 25.

## Stop Russ, Churchill Tells UNO

'Winnie' Warns Of Soviet Designs On Dardanelles

By Larry Hauck  
NEW YORK, March 15—(AP)—Winston Churchill tonight called on the United Nations security council to thrash out the failure of the soviet union to evacuate their troops from Iran and to take up the Dardanelles question "if Russia persists in putting pressure on Turkey."

"Thus early will come a very great test for the world organization on which so many hopes are founded," he said in an address prepared for a city dinner in his honor.

"We are told that the soviet government, instead of leaving are actually sending in more troops," Britain's former prime minister declared, adding: "The treaty to evacuate the country by a certain date was signed by the head of the soviet government."

"This is one of those cases for which the United Nations security council was especially devised," Churchill said. "By all means let the matter be thrashed out."

Discussing the Dardanelles, Churchill declared "at Potsdam the Americans and British offered to Russia a joint guarantee of the complete freedom of the straits in peace and war, whether for merchant ships or ships of war."

"To this guarantee Turkey would gladly have subscribed," he added. "But we were told that was not enough. Russia must have a fortress inside the straits, from which she could dominate Constantinople (Istanbul)."

"But this is not to keep the straits open but to give power of closing them to a single nation. If Soviet Russia still persists in putting pressure on Turkey, the matter must in the first instance be pronounced upon by the United Nations security council." (Additional details on page 3)

## Lewis Seeks Company Offer

WASHINGTON, March 15—(AP)—John L. Lewis invited the nation's soft coal operators today to "make a bid—maybe we'll buy," as he ended a four-day oratorical build-up of general contract demands for his United Mine Workers.

The operators will have their first inning Monday, still without a specific detail of what the union wants.

Lewis climaxed a recital of death and disaster in the mines today with the query "I wonder if the public likes to have its coal smeared with blood," and asked the operators: "What are you doing about it? What have you done? Will you do something?"

## Turkey, Bulgaria Border May Close

ISTANBUL, March 15—(AP)—Persistent reports circulated today that Bulgaria soon would close its frontier adjoining Turkey, which already is deeply concerned about Russian troop movements near her eastern boundary with Iran.

There long have been reports of Russian troop concentrations on the Bulgaria-Turko border and it was reported that Soviet Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin toured the area several weeks ago. Persons arriving from the west said strong fortifications had been built and heavy equipment moved in.

## MacArthur's Biography Japanese 'Best Seller'

TOKYO, Saturday, March 16—(AP)—A Japanese-written biography of General MacArthur has set new publishing records in Japan with a preliminary sale of nearly 800,000 copies.

The author, Kazuoyoshi Yamazaki, former provincial newspaperman, said arrangements are being made for a second edition of the 62-page, paper-bound booklet which is priced at two yen (less than 15 cents) a copy.

## SCHOOL ADDITION SOUGHT

DALLAS, March 15—(AP)—The Dallas school board, which tried to add two rooms to the overcrowded grade school a year ago but got no bidders, will try again now that labor and materials are less scarce. A \$10,000 bond issue was approved for the work.