

SALEM TO VOTE ON MANAGER PLAN

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Expediency had more to do with the return of the Wisconsin progressives to the republican fold than political principle. Bob LaFollette must run for the senate again this year. The progressive organization in the state has steadily been growing weaker. His chance of winning as a republican appeared better than as a progressive. It was therefore a practical matter to dissolve the Wisconsin progressive party in favor of affiliation with the republicans, as was voted at the party convention at Portage Sunday.

Joining with LaFollette in urging party dissolution were sundry individuals who had run for state offices and legislative positions under the progressive banner—and lost. They reported that in many counties there was no party organization. The ideals of progressivism faltered before the realities of practical politics.

The progressive party in Wisconsin took a beating in 1938 when Phil LaFollette was defeated for reelection as governor. While his brother was reelected in 1940 the party disintegration continued. The jerry-built platform that Phil had tried to hack out didn't have enough bracing under it to stand the tests of political pressures in the period of the second world war; and Phil's attachment to the MacArthur boomlet (he was on the latter's staff) in the preliminary stages of the 1944 election gained him cause no ground.

In urging return to the republican fold LaFollette told his (Continued on Editorial Page)

Baruch Named To UNO Atomic Energy Group

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Bernard M. Baruch, elder statesman, today tackled perhaps the most important problem of his long career—making the atom work for peace instead of war.

Drafted by President Truman as the United States representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy commission, Baruch immediately announced this team of "alternates and co-workers" who will labor with him on the task that may determine the future of humanity.

John Hancock, Wall street banker; Ferdinand Eberstadt, New York investment banker and lawyer; Herbert Bayard Swope, publisher and journalist; Fred Searls, noted New York mining engineer.

Explaining selection of his alternates, Baruch said: "The president told me I could have any assistants I wanted."

Baruch said such American scientists as James D. Conant, president of Harvard university, Dr. Vannevar Bush, who headed the war work of American scientific laboratories, and R. Arthur H. Compton, president of Washington university, will give us the necessary scientific guidance.

On the manufacture we will look to Maj. Gen. Leslie M. Groves.

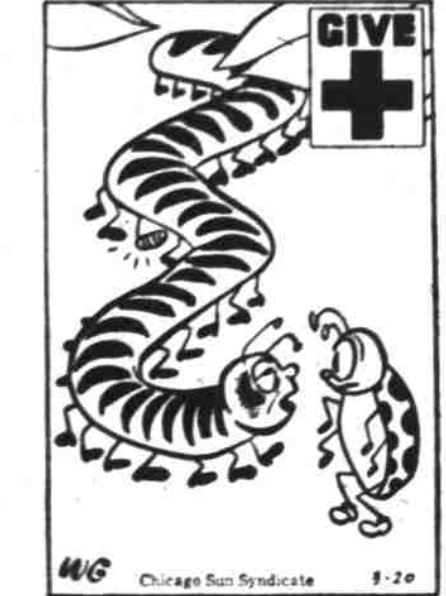
PFC O'Connor Awarded Medal Posthumously

A silver star medal awarded posthumously to PFC James J. O'Connor, for "conspicuous gallantry" in action, was presented Sunday to the young marine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. O'Connor, at their home, 233 Virginia st., Dayton.

Maj. E. P. Dupras, jr., marine officer in charge of the Portland recruiting district, made the presentation. (Picture and citation on page 2.)

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Council Reverses Decision

Ballot by Wards To Elect Seven Aldermen

By Robert E. Gangware

Salem's city council voted to place a city administrator type of government before the local electorate in the May 17 election, reversing its decision of March 4 after modifying the proposed charter-change ordinance.

The proposal now up to the voters retains the election of aldermen by wards, but authorizes appointment of city administrator. The number of councilmen would be reduced from 14 to seven, one from each ward. The action was taken in a four-hour session of the council at city hall Monday night.

It was on the method of electing aldermen that controversy raged and compromise prevailed, after renewal of the arguments pro and con which earlier this month had defeated the proposal in council.

Alderman Albert H. Gille, sponsor of the bill, and others indicated a strong preference for election of councilmen at large, rather than by wards, but in the face of spirited opposition accepted the modification in order to get the bill before the voters.

Election Staggered

As it now stands, the plan, if adopted by the citizenry, calls for election of a mayor, city judge, and city treasurer for two year terms, and of seven aldermen for four year terms.

The latter election would be staggered by having wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 elect aldermen for two year terms at the first election, this November, while the other three wards elect theirs for four years. A petition of 75 voters in a ward would place a man in nomination.

A city administrator would be appointed by and serve as a full-time paid employee at the pleasure of the council. Other major appointive officers in the city government would be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the administrator. Subordinate employees would be named by the respective department heads.

The ordinance as amended passed by a 9-3 vote, with Aldermen E. W. Acklin, James A. Byers and Claude W. Jorgensen the dissenters. Alderman R. A. Forkner, who had opposed the proposal at the last meeting, was absent Monday and Alderman David O'Hara, absent last time, was Monday in the chair as mayor pro tem.

Acklin Opposes

Voicing the strongest objection to the city administrator plan, Alderman Acklin asserted that the present council form of government is the only truly democratic local government left in the country, as it represents the very type of democracy upon which the country is founded.

Alderman French, joining Gille in strong advocacy of alderman election-at-large, agreed reluctantly to the retaining of ward elections in order to get the plan before the people, but indicated he might agitate against adoption of the present plan by the public because it would give the individual voter a voice in selection of only one of the seven aldermen.

Charter Change Passes

Also formally approved by the council was a companion charter-change bill, passed unanimously, to eliminate existing residence and civil service requirements for the offices of police and fire chiefs.

Also amended at the session, this bill provides now that a chief appointed from the ranks and later removed as chief would not lose his civil service standing. Civil service status would not be a required qualification, however, for police or fire chiefs.

(Additional details on page 2)

Russ-Iran Oil Treaty Opposed

England, U. S. Frown on Pact At Present Time

By John A. Parriss

LONDON, March 18.—(AP)—Great Britain and the United States were reported today to be opposed to any negotiations between Iran and Russia on oil concessions while soviet troops remain on Iranian soil.

Iranian embassy officials in London said that the Tehran government also took this position. An embassy spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny reports that Premier Ahmed

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala is expected to announce tomorrow that he has been designated by his government to place Iran's case against Russia before the United Nations security council in New York next week. Tonight, reporters were summoned to the Iranian embassy where Gholam Abbas Aram, first secretary, had promised a press statement.

When reporters arrived at the embassy, Aram explained that the statement would be issued tomorrow morning.

Informed diplomatic officials said it probably would announce the designation of Ambassador Ala.

Qavam Es Saltaneh is now negotiating with the Russians.

He said, however, that it was "highly improbable" in view of an Iranian law prohibiting oil talks until foreign troops were evacuated.

A dispatch from Ankara said last night that the inability of Ankara radio to pick up Tehran broadcasts caused considerable interest as the Turkish capital watched the Iranian border where the Russians were reported to have sent reinforcements.

A spokesman at Ankara radio said that for the first time the Tehran station was silent during the periods it always used for programs in the Persian and Turkish languages.

Salem Youths Report Bogus 'Kidnapping'

Three teen age Salem school boys were brought home tonight in a police car from Portland after two of them gave police a bogus kidnapping story to cover their absence from school and home.

Police reported the youngsters, two 12 years old and the other 13 years, admitting thumbing a ride to Portland from a sailor after they had missed their school bus at their neighborhood corner.

They separated in Portland and about "bed time" tonight the two still together phoned police and related a story of being kidnapped and escaping their captor as the car stopped at a traffic signal here. Police said the story "stuck" until a radio patrol car picked up the third boy who told the story straight. A Salem police car escorted the trio home.

Classy Canines, Handler



Beverly Bell, 13, student in West Salem school, is pictured above with her black cocker spaniel, Windridge All-American, and the two trophies she won in the annual Salem dog show Sunday as the outstanding youth exhibiting a dog in the children's handling classes. One cup is for best among girls 12 to 16 years old and the other for best of all children handling dogs at the show. In the inset, upper left, is shown the Boston terrier of Mrs. Ruth Murphy, Los Angeles, which took the highest honor, a trophy for best dog in the show. (Statesman photo). (Story on page 12)

French 'Bluebeard' Admits 63 Slayings of Alleged 'Traitors'

By Mel Most

PARIS, March 18.—(AP)—Dr. Marcel Petiot, compared in the French press with Bluebeard, began his fight for life today with the affirmation that the slayings of perhaps as many as 63 persons were of "traitors" executed by a resistance group to which he belonged.

The physician, a short, dark man with piercing eyes, listened pensively to charges in the heavily-guarded Palais de Justice that his dwelling had been a veritable murder factory. The state said only 27 slain persons had been identified definitely and that the victims were not discovered to have been collaborators.

He took in every detail of the packed courtroom and sometimes obviously posed fixedly for press photographers, who took time exposures owing to a ban on flashlights.

At other times he singled out and stared down some of the spectators, mostly widows, orphans and bereaved relatives of the identified victims he is accused of slaying.

When the court began its interrogation — expected to last at least three days — the 49-year-old defendant came to life. He said loudly, "I don't want to look like a guilty party," and declared the persons slain were "traitors."

Petiot on the stand mentioned only "executions" by other members of the alleged group, not saying whether he had taken part in any of them. He said his "comrades" had used his house "rashly" in his absence.

Control Board to Open Bids on Nurses' Home

The State Board of Control Friday will open bids here on construction of a nurses' home at the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

Officials said they would not be surprised if the bids exceeded the original estimate, based on bids received recently for a custodial dormitory at the Oregon state hospital farm.

Glenn Munkers Files \$75,000 Damage Suit

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—A \$75,000 damage suit was filed in state circuit court today by Glenn R. Munkers, Salem, charging 28 persons with conspiring to ruin his business, credit, reputation, oyster bed property and sales contracts.

Munkers, another Salem man and two from Portland were acquitted last week in federal court of mail fraud and other charges springing from a Coos Bay oyster bed enterprise. The trial lasted two and a half weeks.

Defendants named in today's suit. Charles B. Davis, Walter Winslow, W. V. Cate, Warren Gray, George Coffey, Ernest Werner, Cornelius Stuy, Alvin Manning, Ralph Dodson, Ralph Shepard, George Weirich, George Backner, Ira Patrick, Ernest Holsington, William T. Hatteberg, Lowry H. West, C. M. LaFollett, Clarence Hargrave, Guy E. Irwin, Joe J. Welker, F. I. Folson, Matt Burroughs, Ed Christensen, Alfred Jensen, O. G. McClaughry, Peter Gores, Ray Joslin and Roy McDowell.

Follow the Senators ...

Buddy Leitch, sports writer for the San Jose, Cal., News and spring training camp reporter for the Portland Beavers, who do their Coast league conditioning in San Jose, has been retained by The Oregon Statesman exclusively for this area to keep you posted on Salem Senator prospects in the Beaver camp.

Leitch and Manager Tony Patch of the Salem club are collaborating on the reports. They will appear frequently in The Statesman until the Senators reach Salem April 1 to open their private training at Waters park.

Keep posted on the Senator doings in YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER.

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Probe Set Of Officer, GI Issue

Patterson Picks Board of Six to Conduct Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson moved for an inquiry today into the army's treatment of GI's as compared with officers, on which much criticism has been heard.

He appointed a civilian board of six former servicemen whose ranks ranged from general to sergeant to hold hearings and recommended any changes necessary for "building a citizen's army."

Heading the board is James H. Doolittle, former lieutenant general whose Eighth air force men enjoyed liberties and privileges on the score of uniforms, saluting and other matters in England which were the envy of other GI's.

Doolittle enlisted as a flying cadet in World War I and the three other officers on the board all started in the ranks, they are: Troy H. Middleton, former lieutenant general; Robert Neville, New York, former lieutenant colonel; and Adna H. Underhill of Freeville, N. Y., former captain.

The former enlisted men on the board are: Jake W. Lindsey, former technical sergeant of Lueddale, Miss., the 100th infantryman to win the congressional medal of honor, now with the veterans administration.

Merrill M. Frost of Hanover, N. H., wounded at Bari, Italy. He resumed his studies at Dartmouth college and captained the football team last season.

The board is to investigate relationships between officers and enlisted men on and off duty, promotion systems, and the comparative treatment of enlisted men and officers in such matters as housing, clothing, living conditions and recreation facilities.

New Salem Rat Control Group Elects Officers

Salem's new rat control committee, organized Monday night in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms, will meet again Tuesday, March 26, to lay plans for a fund-raising campaign.

Whether encouraged by high river waters and moderate climate or merely experiencing an ultra-fertile cycle, more rats than Salem has seen in many a year infest the downtown area and are moving into residential districts, representatives of various civic organizations who attended last night's meeting agreed.

Leon Henderson, theatre manager, was elected president of the new organization; Cedric Reaney, hotel manager, was named vice president, and Ruby Bergsvik, executive secretary of the Marion County Public Health association, secretary-treasurer. The organization meeting was sponsored by Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county and Salem city health officer.

The committee plans to affiliate with the fish and wildlife service of the state in its predatory animal and rodent control division.

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King Says Soviet Spy Ring Aimed At United States

Russian Cipher Clerk Admitted Reds Sought Canadian, English, U. S. Info

OTTAWA, March 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, relating the story of espionage activity before the house of commons tonight, said Igor Gouzenko, Russian cipher clerk, had told government officials his country was using Canada as a base for espionage operations against Britain and the United States and that a fifth column was being established here.

Giving the house of commons his long-awaited statement on the espionage inquiry, Mackenzie King said the government started the investigation on the basis of documents obtained in the Soviet embassy in Ottawa and added:

"Some may feel that we ought to sever relations with Russia and ask the Russian embassy to withdraw from Canada," the prime minister said. "I hope that this stand will not be taken by anyone in a responsible position."

King said he was acquainted with Premier Stalin and was sure that the Soviet leader would not condone the undercover activity which he said had been conducted at the Soviet embassy in Ottawa. Widely Spread

Gouzenko stated that a fifth column was being created, King said, and that the column had Russian agents who had contacts with persons in the public service. The infiltration had spread widely, Gouzenko told officials, and there was need for an investigation.

The prime minister said that the government could not ignore the fact there were people in the civil service who were giving secret and confidential information to a foreign power.

An interim report issued by a two-man royal commission investigating the espionage said agents had obtained information on the atom bomb, radar, a hitherto secret explosive and other was secret.

The prime minister said that at one point he learned that a prominent scientist who had "perhaps as much information as anyone" concerning the release of atomic energy, had taken passage on a plane from Canada and was to make contact with a Soviet representative in England. King said he felt that he himself should pass this information on, so he spoke personally to President Truman and then, going overseas, told Prime Minister Clement Attlee upon his arrival in England.

Asked by a parliament member why there was such a delay in making public the fact that an investigation was under way, King said it would have been a grave mistake to take a premature step.

Communist Member Resumes Seat
Fred Rose, communist member of parliament accused in Canada's espionage case, resumed his seat without incident in the house of commons today at the first session since he was released on \$10,000 bail.

Explaining how authorities first learned of the spy ring, King said Gouzenko had been in Canada for two years as an aide to the Russian military attaché when he turned over his information to Canadian officials.

The documents Gouzenko brought to the Canadian justice department were taken from the vaults of the Russian embassy, the prime minister said.

Greider Picked As Candidate

Carlton B. Greider, of the Salem office of the U. S. employment service, was selected as Oregon's candidate for Award of Merit given annually for outstanding performance by the international association of public employment service.

Greider was the unanimous choice of the state executive committee meeting in Portland Saturday. The selection was made on his activities both inside and outside of his regular duties with the USES, the committee said. The selection will be sent to Washington, D.C. where the final choice is made from among the state candidates.

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Weather

	Max.	Min.	Range
Salem	54	36	18
Eugene	52	33	19
Portland	56	31	25
San Francisco	50	45	5
Seattle	52	32	20

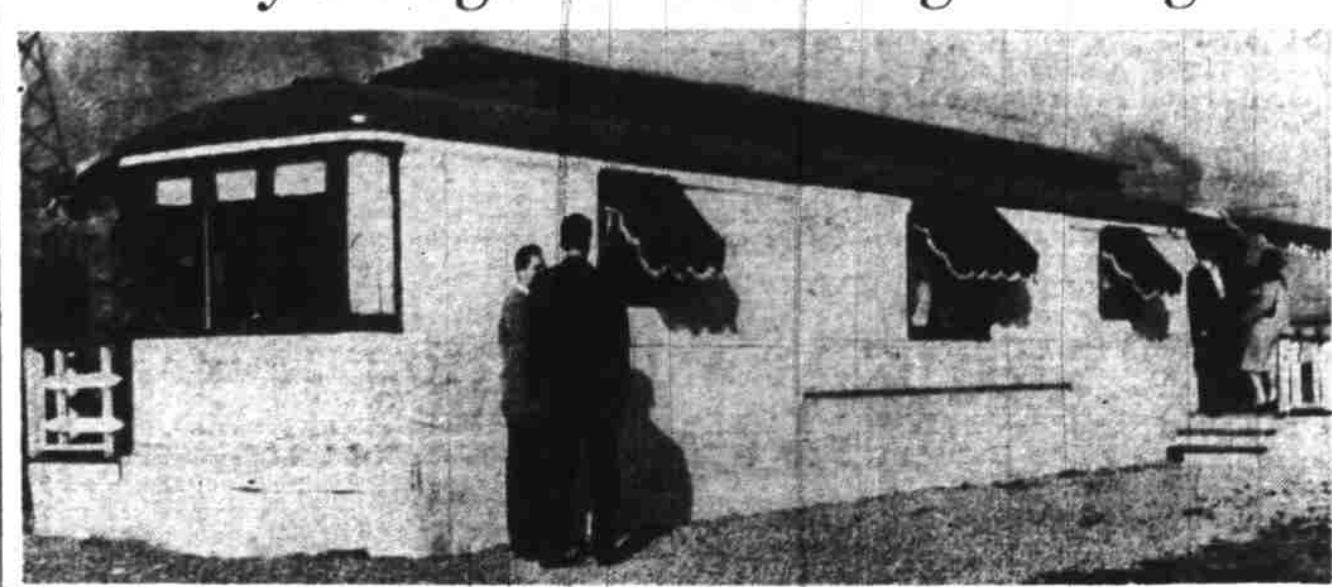
Willamette river 9.5 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Highest temperature 57 degrees.

Downtown Store Blaze Controlled

Fire of undetermined origin roared through the workshop of the Nollman and Engler Firestone store at 362 State st. Monday afternoon, but was brought under control by local firemen before it could spread to other parts of the building.

An automobile was charred considerably and servicing equipment was destroyed. Two puppets and an aerial truck of the local fire department appeared on the scene and went into action while a large crowd of people watched. The fire was discovered by one of the proprietors shortly after 3 p. m.

Trolley Cottage to Aid Housing Shortage



LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Prospective purchasers view the trolley cottage, built by James P. Paul of Los Angeles to help ease the housing shortage, which was put on display here yesterday. The converted streetcar is white stucco-faced with blue trim, has 16 windows and two glass doors.