

# Vet Colony Site Leased by City

A site for Salem's new veterans' colony, seven city blocks in area in southeast Salem, has been leased and as soon as required facilities can be provided 40 federal "defense" apartment houses to accommodate 120 families will be moved from Seattle to be erected there.

The property, owned by Otto Klett, has been leased for three years by the city's special housing commission at \$1440 a year (\$1 per dwelling unit per month), with option to renew on the same terms.

Bounded on the west by 16th street, on the north by Pine street, on the east by the alley which runs between 19th and 20th streets and on the south by Wilbur street, the area is unbroken except for one residence

on the northeast corner of the 16th and Cross streets intersection, not included in the lease. The area must be graded; streets must be put through, sewers and water service made ready before the prefabricated buildings can be brought here from Seattle. Fifteen of them have been given to the city and 15 to Willamette university to be rented on a non-profit basis to veterans. Grounds will be landscaped; most of the trees in the area will be left. W. J. Braun, chairman of the housing commission, said Wednesday. Play areas will be established in each block. Sewer laterals are already in; a water main runs down Cross street now and the city will put in water laterals, Braun said.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Henry A. Wallace has become more vocal. The long silence after the succession of Harry Truman to the presidency has been broken. Now he offers his views on various matters. He renewed his pledge to his party after the Ickes break-away from the cabinet and fore-swore his own candidacy for president in favor of his chief. Monday he carried his partisanship to the extreme of recommending that those who did not follow the party line on major matters be forced to walk the party gangplank. This has drawn down on his head the condemnation of a considerable company of democratic senators who refuse to accept the Wallace definition of "party line."

The major issues which the secretary of commerce said were decisive, and hence divisive, were: Control of atomic energy; foreign relations especially as they relate to Great Britain and Russia; full employment and production. What he meant was that the democratic party should force through civil control of atomic energy, grant the loan to Great Britain, stay friendly with Soviet Russia and plunk for the original full employment bill and "Sixty Million Jobs." His critics immediately pounced on his recommendation as "fascist" (the favorite epithet of the left-wingers). It is plain as a pikestaff that democrats in congress are not accepting Truman as the party dictator, let alone Secretary Wallace. The latter remains a favorite whippingboy of party conservatives.

One has learned not to be surprised at what Wallace will say. (Continued on editorial page)

# Salem Homes To Get Phones

Arrival of a large quantity of new equipment this week indicates that many of the 2000 Salem homes on the waiting list for telephone installations may get their phones in April or May, according to Manager Harry V. Collins of the local Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. office.

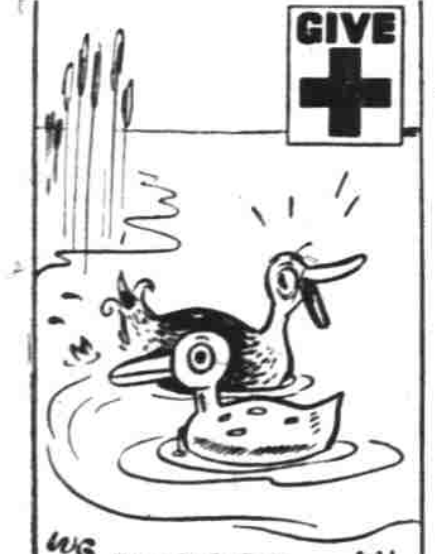
Most of the equipment is for interior installation and a special crew of workmen from the factory has arrived to conduct the work, Collins said.

# Proposed Law Would Penalize Drunken Flying

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—A proposal that Multnomah county's representation in the state legislature be limited by constitutional amendment was made here today as the legislature interim committee studied the need for legislative reappointment.

The proposal was made to meet upstate districts' fear that populous Multnomah county would take a heavy proportion of legislative seats under a strict population basis.

# Animal Crackers



"At last, a perfect mate—not a quack out of her."

# RUSS SEEK TO STALL IRAN CASE

## Outposts Attacked By Kurds

### 19-Year-Olds Called Up by Iranian Army

TEHRAN, March 20 (AP)—Fighting between Kurdish tribesmen and the Iranian army was reported by a general staff officer today as the government called 19-year-olds to the colors and arrested Rightist Deputy Said Zia Ed-Din, often described by political writers as anti-Russian.

The officer said 3000 tribesmen had been attacking three isolated army garrisons for a week and that Iranian planes were trying to prevent the garrisons from being cut off from their headquarters.

In announcing the conscription of 19-year-olds, the army said it was deferring those in the 22-25-year bracket.

(The Iranian embassy in Washington said that 19-year-olds normally are not given training in the Iranian army.)

Zia Ed-Din told newsmen, "I think they are arresting me because I am not liked by the Russians."

Prince Firouz, political under-secretary of state and director of propaganda, said the rightist leader was arrested on orders of Premier Ahmed Qavam Es Saltaneh and was being "put under preventive detention pending investigation of certain charges."

## Pepper Asks Big 3 Meeting To Gain Unity

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) declared today that "the United Nations organization is not the way out of this web of fear"—that the big three must establish unity outside it through an unprecedented conference of their generals, workers, businessmen and statesmen.

He sharply assailed Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) as leader of the "newest form of isolationism"—exclusive American possession of the atomic bomb and military control of atomic energy.

Pepper asserted that before entering the conference, the United States, with Britain and Canada, "should destroy every atomic bomb we have and smash every facility we possess" for making it.

Specifically he urged:

1. That all knowledge of atomic energy "be freely poured into the international channels of science."

## Spring Ushered in With Sunshine

Spring arrived at 9:33 last night, with the local temperature at a comfortable reading of 48 after a dry sunny day that ushered out the winter and spurred talk and dress as befits the new season.

The mercury hit 63 at 4:30 p.m., the highest this year except for a March 9 reading of 69.

## Proposal Would Limit County Representation

Officials here indicated Wednesday that the next legislature would be asked to enact a law providing a penalty for drunken flyers.

There are now state laws regulating drunken motor vehicle drivers and the presence of drunken persons on state highways.

## Initiative Petition Filed to Make Auto Insurance Compulsory

Compulsory passenger automobile insurance, to be administered exclusively by the automobile division of the state industrial accident commission, would be provided under a preliminary initiative petition filed in the state department here Wednesday by W. H. Downing, W. E. Richardson and A. E. Smith, all of Portland.

To get the proposal on the ballot at the November election it will be necessary to file completed petitions by July 3 containing the signatures of 23,108 qualified voters. The insurance would cover both property damage and injury and death protection and would apply to all passenger cars registered in Oregon.

Two additional accident commissioners, one from Multnomah county and the other from some other part of the state, would be appointed by the state board of control at a salary not to exceed \$7500 a year. The three pres-

ent commissioners receive \$5000 per annum.

The initiative bill provides that when a license is applied for the applicant shall show a prepaid receipt of \$30 or such fee as may be designated by the commission which shall be reduced by 10 per cent per year for five years. In case of foreign cars involved in an accident a statement by the officer at the scene shall be sufficient and he shall hold the car and the damage shall be established on a scale to be estimated by the commission. Copies of this scale shall be sent to all sheriffs and other peace officers.

It further provides that the commission shall recommend to the legislature revised insurance rates for trucks. No driver would be allowed to operate a car unless he carries \$5000 property damage insurance and \$5000 insurance for protection of the occupants.

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## UNRRA Food Pool Proposed

### Plan Outlined as Russia Offers Grain to France

By Sigrid Arne  
ATLANTIC CITY, March 20 (AP)—The world's mounting food crisis is rapidly crystallizing opinion here, at UNRRA's fourth council meeting, that all world food supplies must be forced into a common pool from which nations may share-and-share-alike.

All supplying nations—which may include Latin-Americans and some neutrals, such as Sweden and Switzerland—are being considered, but the USSR is foremost on the list.

The soviet union has offered for sale to France 400,000 tons of wheat and 100,000 tons of barley and Russia has failed to reply, so far, to a query from UNRRA as to whether it could supply any wheat to help out in the liberated countries, Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton told the council.

He said, "the report (of Russia's grain sale to France) gives ground for hope that the soviet union may be in a position to give a favorable reply to the UNRRA request."

Australia suggested "there is no doubt that the combined food board (made up of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada) would be a better body if Russia were to join and pool information of food supplies."

## Goering Denies Mass Murder

NUERNBERG, March 20 (AP)—Hermann Goering admitted today he had signed numerous anti-Jewish decrees, shared in looted Jewish art and ordered strong measures against partisans, but denied he practiced wanton looting or ordered massacres in occupied country.

Both Goering and Chief United States Prosecutor Robert H. Jackson showed evidences of strain in the former reichsmarschal's sixth straight day on the witness stand before the international military tribunal.

During Jackson's cross examination, Goering repeatedly challenged the accuracy of prosecution documents. He cast suspicion upon some pictures of bombings in Poland, and at some points he caused the prosecution to shift from its chosen line of cross examination.

## Chinese Communists Deny Soviet Affiliation

CHUNGKING, March 20 (AP)—A Chinese communist spokesman asserted today his party wants only self-rule for Manchuria's provinces similar to that enjoyed by states in the United States, and denied there was any political link with Russia.

The spokesman, Chen Chia-kang, said the communists did not want separation from central authority, but only self-government, which would be even less than that of the states in America.

## ORDER DEMOBILIZATION

LONDON, March 20 (AP)—The Moscow radio in a broadcast heard by the Soviet Monitor reported tonight that the Russian government had announced the next six age classes of the red army enlisted men, both land and air forces, would be demobilized between May and September. No details were announced.

## CHURCH LEADER DIES

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., March 20 (AP)—Dr. Frederick M. Smith, 72, president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for 31 years, died today at an Independence hospital. He was the grandson of Joseph Smith, founder of the Latter Day Saints church.

## HOUSE 'GONE TO THE DOGS'

LOS ANGELES, March 20 (AP)—Movie actor Donald A. Cook, his wife and their four dogs are house hunting. Evicted by order of Superior Judge William S. Baird, the Cooks must pay their landlord \$1162 for damage by the dogs to floors, fences and other property, and for damage to plumbing and electrical work.

## Snow Blankets Plane Debris



TRUCKEE, Calif., March 20—Game Warden Bill LaMar inspects wreckage of an army C-47 plane which was wrecked in the snowy Sierras 11 miles northeast of here yesterday, killing 26 military personnel aboard. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

## 'Amber' Shatters Osculatory Mark

HOLLYWOOD, March 20 (AP)—Nineteen-year-old Peggy Cummins says she was kissed more today than in all her life. Winsome Peggy was kissed 190 times in five hours before Director John Stahl decided to call it a day.

The scene from Kathryn Winsor's novel that was being filmed as Peggy meeting 16 sailors in a tavern. Each kissed her as she served him wine. Stahl required 19 takes before he was satisfied with the scene. "Whew," said Miss Cummins as she trudged through the rain to her car, "and to think that a year ago I was playing 'Alice in Wonderland' in London."

## Bumper Crop Seen for U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Another bumper crop, carrying with it hopes that the nation may be able to avoid a return to food rationing, was indicated for 1946 by an agriculture department survey today.

It showed that farmers plan 357,500,000 acres of crops, compared with 357,000,000 year and 355,000,000 for the 1934-45 average.

While the indicated acreage for 1946 will be three per cent below what the government asked, food officials considered it generally favorable in the light of shortages of labor, machinery and other equipment.

## Alleged Plot to Poison Cardinal Mooney Balked

DETROIT, March 20 (AP)—The Detroit Free Press said tonight that police are investigating an alleged plot to poison Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit during a March 12 civic banquet in his honor.

Police Commissioner John F. Ballenger described the plot as "hatched in the mind of a religious fanatic whose plans were balked by prompt and thorough investigation."

## NAVY OPPOSES BUDGET CUT

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The navy told congress today a proposed \$2,100,000,000 cut in its funds would force elimination of 15 partly finished ships from its building program and a "drastic cut" in its flight training program.

## ANESTHETIC DEVELOPED

BALTIMORE, March 20 (AP)—Development of a new anesthetic agent known as "metopyril," with greater power and higher safety factor than ether, was announced today by the pharmacology department of the University of Maryland medical school.

## REDS TAKE HUNGARY RADIO

BUDAPEST, March 18 (Delayed)—(AP)—Reliable American sources said today the Russians had assumed control of the Budapest radio and the affiliated Hungarian telegraph agency, MTL.

## Mac Ends Homma's Last Hope

### Gen. MacArthur Orders Death Verdict Imposed

TOKYO, Thursday, March 21 (AP)—General MacArthur today approved the verdict of guilty for Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, and directed the commanding general of the army forces of the western Pacific to execute the firing squad death sentence imposed on Homma for ordering the Bataan death march.

Homma was convicted by a military commission in Manila on Feb. 11 for the death march and other atrocities committed in the Philippines by his troops early in the war.

After reviewing the case and the dissenting U. S. supreme court opinions, MacArthur said:

"If this defendant does not deserve his judicial fate, none in jurisdictional history ever did."

"There can be no greater, more heinous or more dangerous crime than mass destruction under the guise of military authority or military necessity of helpless men incapable of further contribution to war effort."

MacArthur could find "no circumstance of extenuation" and declared Homma was given fair trial, that "no accused was ever given a more complete opportunity of defense, no judicial process was ever freer from prejudice."

## To Keep Uniform

Although he scored Homma particularly for the Bataan march, MacArthur did not order him to be stripped of his uniform as in the case of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, recently executed by hanging in Manila for war atrocities. Yamashita was hanged in cast-off American fatigue clothing, stripped of all war medals.

## Russians Seeking 'Friendly' Korea

SEOUL, March 20 (AP)—Soviet Russia wants a friendly "democratic and independent" Korea which will "not become a base for an attack on the soviet union," Col. Gen. Terenty Shtykov declared today.

Shtykov, commander in Russian-occupied northern Korea, stated his country's aim at the opening of the joint American-Russian commission convened to discuss creation of a provisional Korean government.

## Road Conditions Show Improvement in State

Road conditions showed marked improvement throughout the state Wednesday, and isolated patches of ice and snow at higher elevations were apparently the only traffic hazard, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoock reported.

Roads at Santiam Junction were clear except for snow between mileposts 80 and 84, but chains were not required there, he said.

## HAY CEILING RAISED

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—OPA today ordered an immediate increase of \$1 a ton in price ceilings for hay at all sales levels.

## Inquiry Started Into Nationwide Slaughter Drop, Portland Hit

KANSAS CITY, March 20 (AP)—An OPA investigation of the steadily dwindling supply of slaughter steers in midwest packing houses began today, as the sharp reduction in beef supplies threatened meat stocks over the nation.

Reports that a heavy volume of cattle on midwestern markets went to eastern bidders, while midwestern packers were able to purchase only a fraction of supply necessary to keep their plants operating were being investigated by four OPA representatives from the district office. One company reported it was able to buy only seven cattle yesterday. Usually it handles more than 700.

Meatless meals ahead for Americans were forecast by one packing company official, who declined to be quoted by name. He stated that a seasonal decline in the pork market would make the meat shortage more acute.

"The big packing centers at Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis and elsewhere are being outbid for cattle by illegitimate channels," Gayle Armstrong, who recently directed government seizure of the big packing plants, asserted in Albuquerque, New Mexico, today. "Legitimate packers are at a disadvantage because they must pay certain average ceilings or lose their subsidies," he added.

Portland, Ore., March 20 (AP)—Portland housewives began planning meatless meals today after some plants, with no animals to slaughter, sent killing gangs home at noon.

F. L. Ritter, secretary of the Oregon meat council, predicted a beef shortage noted here the past two or three weeks would grow even worse. He said hogs, veal and sheep also are scarce here.

## Ask Delay In Council Meeting

### Stettinius Urges Quick Action on Iranian Dispute

By John M. Hightower  
WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The United States and Russia split tonight on the question whether the United Nations security council should give an early hearing to Iran's charges against the Soviets.

Russia asked for a postponement of the scheduled opening of the council in New York, from next Monday until April 10. Ambassador Andrei Gromyko wrote UNO Secretary General Trygve Lie that the Soviet government needed time to prepare its case.

Almost simultaneously Edward R. Stettinius, jr., American member of the council, filed with Lie a request that the Iranian case be placed "at the head of the agenda."

## Byrnes Requested

American officials said that when Stettinius made his request on instructions of Secretary of State Byrnes and presumably President Truman as well, he had not known of the Soviet delay proposition. He expected and hoped that the council would plunge into the Iranian case Monday.

Stettinius also proposed that both Russia and Iran be requested to report to the council on their direct negotiations for settlement of their differences. While the Russian note tonight said that negotiations still were going on, informed American officials said that parleys which were held in Moscow evidently ended in failure ten days or two weeks ago.

## Postponement Unlikely

Both American officials and aides on Lie's staff said that under the United Nations charter it would take unanimous agreement of the 11 members of the council to postpone the meeting.

One UNO official said flatly that "you can count on it that the meeting will be held Monday."

## Armed Forces Raise Sought

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—A 20 per cent army-navy pay increase was asked of congress today to offset higher living costs and the enticement of higher pay in private industry.

Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal told a senate military subcommittee that neither service can get and hold the men it wants at present pay scales. Legislation before the committee would raise pay and allowances 20 per cent.

## No-Tribute Clause Added to Bill

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The senate labor committee completed action on its labor disputes legislation today by adding a prohibition against unions exacting "tribute" from farmers delivering perishable commodities to market.

It would make it a misdemeanor to use violence or threats to prevent a farmer from transporting perishable farm products or to require him to make a payment to a labor organization.

It is aimed at a practice in some larger cities in which farmers delivering to markets must pay the charges for a union truck driver and union unloaders even though the farmer does the driving and unloading himself.

## NAVY TO SPEED RELEASES

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The navy ruled today that reserve officers who are within 45 days of eligibility for release under the point system and whose services no longer are required may leave the service. The ruling applies to all officers except those in the medical service.

## CHROME PLANT UP FOR SALE

SEATTLE, March 20 (AP)—The \$500,000 chrome reduction plant 15 miles southeast of Coos Bay, Ore., is being offered for sale by the war assets corporation, the Seattle regional office announced today.

## FOOD CAMPAIGN GOALS DUE

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—Food conservation goals will be set in each Oregon county in the national food for famine campaign, state program leaders said today.

## Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	53	39	50
Eugene	50	32	50
Portland	53	32	50
Seattle	53	45	50
San Francisco	57	51	50

Willamette river 77 ft.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Little change in temperature. Highest today near 60 degrees. Light variable winds.