

# TRUMAN DELAYS A-BOMB TESTS SIX WEEKS

## City Council Rejects Condit Zone Change

Proposed Plant Site Still Residential

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Property owners who for weeks have fought a proposed zone change to admit industry into their neighborhood in Condit's addition triumphed last night when the Salem city council voted down the proposal, 8 to 4.

Involving a strip of zone II (residential) land between the state fairgrounds and an industrial area where Keith Brown Building Supply and Kelley Farquhar cannery are located, the change to zone IV (industrial) would have permitted Cascades Plywood Corp. to locate a factory across 16th street from the residences of the remonstrators. The change was recommended to city council last week by the city planning and zoning commission.



By Charles A. Sprague

A sharp controversy heads up between the veterans of the battle against King Alcohol and agencies representing what might be called the new approach to the temperance question. It arose in the legislature during recent sessions and continues in the discussions and literature dealing with the subject.

It broke out in a meeting in Portland Thursday of the Fellowship Forum of which Mrs. W. W. Gabriel was the organizer and remains the moving spirit. The work of Yale university's school for scientific study of alcohol and its effects is under attack from the older temperance bodies like the W.C.T.U. and the Anti-Liquor league, formerly the Anti-Saloon league.

What is the difference between the two groups? The older groups preach total abstinence first, last and all the time. The newer groups warn against the dangers of the drinking habit and virtue of moderation if one does imbibe. They do not say that one hits the skid-road to hell with the first glass of beer though they admit that the first drink may lead to consuming more than is good for a man and he may wind up an alcoholic.

The Yale school has made many scientific tests of the effects of alcohol on the human body and studies of the chronic alcoholic. Its reports have been published and its findings are further made known through short courses at Yale and over the country. For example, one of its findings is that alcohol is a sedative and not a stimulant. It regards alcoholism also as a disease, and says the only cure for the alcoholic is total abstinence.

The controversy in this state has been over the efforts of

## Council Given Clinic Permit

A local option petition to permit construction of a physicians' and surgeons' clinic at 13th and Center streets has reached the city council with signatures of more than 65 per cent of the affected property owners. This allows construction of the building without changing zone classification.

The building, to be built by Dr. Charles S. Campbell and others, is planned to be a one story structure, L-shaped with each wing 25 by 75 feet. No narcotic or insane patients may be treated, according to the agreement.

Notices will now be sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the location. If no protest signed by 50 per cent of the property holders develops in 10 days, the council may issue a certificate of compliance.

## TRUMAN AVOIDS DISPUTE

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—Rep. Clarence Lea (D, Calif.) said tonight the White House advised him that "President Truman does not want to get mixed up" in the California cannery dispute.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I'm honest, I'm not a worm—just a mixed up with a lawnmower!"

# Stalin Backs UNO, Lashes Out at War Talk Congress

By Eddy Gilmore  
MOSCOW, March 22-(AP)—Prime Minister Generalissimo Stalin today expressed conviction that neither the nations of the world nor their armies are seeking another war, and affirmed his confidence in the United Nations organization as "a serious instrument" for preserving peace.

He declared that the nations "desire peace," but that "certain political groups" are "sowing seeds of discord and uncertainty."

The Russian leader made his assertions in a written reply to three questions put to him by the Associated Press last Tuesday.

As a solution to the "current fear of war," Stalin urged a world-wide counter-propaganda campaign "to expose the warmongers."

The text of the questions to Stalin and the Russian leader's replies follow:

**Question**  
"What importance do you attach to the United Nations organization as a means of preserving world peace?"

**Answer**  
"I attach great importance to the United Nations organization as it is a serious instrument for

preservation of peace and international security. The strength of this organization consists in that it is based on the principle of equality of states and not on the principle of the domination of one state over others. If the United Nations organization succeeds in preserving in the future this principle of equality it will unquestionably play a great positive role in guaranteeing universal peace and security."

**Question**  
"What in your opinion is responsible for the current fear of war felt by many peoples in many lands?"

**Answer**  
"I am convinced that neither nations nor their armies are seeking another war. They desire peace and are endeavoring to secure peace. This means that 'the current fear of war' is not being caused by this side. I think that the 'present fear of war' is being brought about by actions of certain political groups engaged in the propaganda of a new war and by these means sowing seeds of discord and uncertainty."

**Question**  
"What should the governments of the freedom loving

countries do at the present time to preserve the peace and tranquillity of the world?"

**Answer**  
"It is necessary for public opinion and the ruling circles of all states to organize a wide counter-propaganda against these advocates of a new war and to secure the peace so that not a single action on the part of advocates of new wars passes without due rebuff on the part of the public and press: To expose war-mongers without loss of time and give them no opportunity of abusing freedom of speech against the interests of peace."  
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## Sailor, Stowaway Sweetheart



OAKLAND, Calif., March 22—Mrs. Hilda Carling Ochsner has asked authorities in Honolulu to stop the planned marriage of her son, John Harry Ochsner, 19, (left), heir to a \$2,000,000 oil fortune, to Marguerite Faye Human (right), who stowed away on a Honolulu bound ship to be with him. Ochsner is a U.S. Navy seaman. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

## Girl Says Wealth 'Means Nothing', Marriage to Sailor Stopped by Protest

By Don Whitehead  
HONOLULU, March 22-(AP)—Sitting in a 75-cent hotel cubicle, blue-eyed Marguerite Faye Human defied the navy today to break up her romance with Seaman 1/c John H. Ochsner, 19-year-old heir to a \$2,000,000 California oil fortune.

Ochsner is to inherit about \$2,000,000 in Kettleman Hills oil wealth when he becomes 21, but Marguerite insisted, "his money doesn't mean a thing to me."

"Nothing can come between Johnny and me," she said. "We love each other, and just as soon as he's 20 years old, which will be May 30, we'll get married. Then Johnny can keep us from getting married."

Marguerite, 18, stowed away aboard the navy transport President Hayes in San Francisco with \$2 in her purse to join her handsome young sweetheart, who was transferred to Hawaii after they met at a dance in California.

The couple attempted to get a marriage license here but failed because Ochsner was too young under territorial law. Then his mother, Mrs. Hilda Carling Ochsner of Oakland, asked territorial and naval authorities to prevent the marriage.

"Johnny came to see me after he talked to the naval chaplain," said Marguerite. "He was supposed to bawl me out and tell me he wasn't going to marry me. Johnny just hadn't had gumption to tell the chaplain he still wants to marry me."

"I don't know when I'll see Johnny again, because he overstayed his liberty last night and I guess they'll give him heck for it."

## Astoria Road Slide Cleared

Open to two-way traffic again Friday was the lower Columbia river highway near the east city limits of Astoria, which has been closed by a slide for several weeks. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, announced Friday. One-way traffic between Mist and Clatskanie continues, he said.

Other road conditions:  
Government Camp: Snowing. Total snow 107 inches. Road bare throughout section.  
Santiam junction: Snowing hard. Light slush and snow on roads, with 150 inches of snow at summit. Chains advised.

## Tourney Site Talk Slated March 30

PORTLAND, March 22-(AP)—Three cities' bids for the 1947 state high school basketball tournament will be considered here March 30 by the Oregon High School Activities association board of control.

Astoria and Eugene have bid for the event, traditionally held at Salem which seeks its retention.

## Projects to Continue

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—A forthcoming government order designed to speed home building by limiting other construction probably will allow completion of most commercial and industrial projects under way, housing officials said today.

## Signs of Starvation Showing In Hamburg as Food Riots Rise

By Charles Chamberlain  
HAMBURG, March 22-(AP)—Looting of food stores by hungry Germans increased in Hamburg today and a British medical officer declared that the first definite signs of starvation were apparent among many residents of Germany's second largest city.

The police ordered food dealers to board up their shop windows as an emergency measure against bands of men, women and children who have stormed nearly 60 bread stores in the last four days. Guards were placed at the larger shops.

The largest band dispersed by police today was made up of 80 to 90 men and women who demanded bread without giving ration tickets. When their request was refused they smashed the windows in a bread shop and grabbed up 60 loaves.

In the last 24 hours, 20 bread shops have been broken into by groups of men, women and children. Police placed special squads in each district of the city and held reserve forces at headquarters ready to rush to the scene of any disturbances.

Police headquarters reported 19 new arrests.

The British medical officer declared that yellow faces, extreme thinness and dejection—the first signs of starvation—were discernible among many Hamburg civilians.

## Stalin's Statement Praised

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—President's Truman's reaction to Generalissimo Stalin's statement to AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore was that he had always known that was exactly the way Stalin felt, a White House spokesman said tonight. Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, described Mr. Truman's reaction during a news conference tonight.

The capital generally took the view that Stalin's message spells lasting peace if the generalissimo's deeds square with his words.

LONDON, March 22-(AP)—Generalissimo Stalin's statements to Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore, expressing faith in the United Nations, were generally hailed tonight as a hopeful and encouraging sign for world peace.

Diplomatic circles in London and other cities expressed the belief that the Russian leader's declarations had eased the prevailing world tension.

The British foreign office observers said Stalin had removed some of the basis for recent speculation that Russia might withdraw from the United Nations over the Iranian issue.

## Hospital Bids Top Estimates

A low bid of \$145,376 was submitted to the state board of control for construction of an addition to the nurses' home at the Eastern Oregon state hospital, by the McCormack Construction Co., Pendleton.

The Bickford Construction Co., Portland, presented a bid for \$152,000 with an alternate deduction of \$650, while a third bid was submitted by Clarence Gilmer, Portland, in the amount of \$149,246, with an alternate deduction of \$200.

Before construction operations can proceed, the state emergency board must give its approval. The board of control estimate was approximately \$100,000, including architect's fees.

## Truman to Make Political Talk Tonight

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—President Truman's first avowed political speech tomorrow night is expected to stress the importance of liberalism and unity in the democratic party and America's position of world leadership.

He speaks at 7:15 p.m. (PST) tomorrow to upwards of 2000 party stalwarts at the Mayflower hotel. They are chipping in \$100 apiece for a "relatively skimpy, substitute level" banquet—the annual Jackson day dinner sponsored by the democratic national committee.

## Gen. Groves Says Atom Secret Safe

LOS ANGELES, March 22-(AP)—The secrets of the atom bomb are safe from any spy ring, Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, army director of atomic projects, said today.

"The bomb project is a little like a giant jigsaw puzzle with 100,000 pieces," he said at a press conference. "A chance betrayal by one of our scientists might reveal five or ten pieces out of the 100,000, but that would mean almost nothing."

## Vaccination Urged

PORTLAND, March 22-(AP)—Portland's last reported case of smallpox was in 1940, the city health bureau said today, commenting on the outbreak of several cases in the San Francisco area, where immediate vaccination of all persons was urged.

## Lehman Hits Anderson, Hoover for Food Stand

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 22-(AP)—UNRRA's director general, Herbert Lehman, told a council meeting today that Former President Herbert Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson "do not recognize the full size of the food emergency which faces the world."

He referred to a statement by Anderson that the emergency would be short, and by Hoover that it will be over when the new harvest is in.

## B-29s to Get Data At Magnetic Pole

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—The army air force disclosed tonight preparations for flights by three long range B-29 bombers to the region of the magnetic north pole to obtain technical data for Arctic flying. A carefully worded announcement linked the undertaking with the Canadian army's current "pukuk ox" expedition to the strategic far north area into which the navy also has sent the aircraft carrier Midway for tests.

The army air forces, at Canada's invitation, are cooperating with the musk ox expedition which started on a 3130-mile, 81 day swing around northwest Canada this month to obtain data for military operations under extreme cold weather conditions.

Starting from Edmonton, Alberta, in approximately a month, the B-29 flights "will be the closest approximation to actual military transport airborne operations under Arctic conditions ever attempted," the war department said.

The announcement said also that the AAF supply planes used by the musk ox party being aided materially in current operations by "Loran" (long range navigation) equipment without which some might not have been able to reach their bases.

## Camp Pioneer Registration Already at 170

One hundred and seventy boys already have registered for Camp Pioneer, Boy Scout site in the shadow of Mt. Jefferson, Dent Reed, chairman of the Cascade council's camp and activities committee, told the council at its quarterly session Friday night.

Thirty members of the group met at the Golden Pheasant, with R. L. Elfstrom, finance chairman, presiding in the absence of William Phillips, council president who is temporarily hospitalized.

Camp Pioneer is to open July 7. Rates were announced as \$1.50 a day, up about 10 per cent from a year ago. The daily schedule was worked out to allow boys to attend as long as they wished, without regard to specific periods.

## Salem Air Base to House Farm Labor

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—Part of the Salem army air base will be used to house itinerant farm labor in the coming crop seasons, the agricultural department advised Sen. Morse (R-Ore) today.

Between 300 and 500 workers are expected to have accommodations there.

The department also reported its Portland office was to learn whether buildings at Camp Adair were needed for workers' shelter.

## Iran Third on UNO Council Agenda

NEW YORK, March 22-(AP)—Trygve Lie, secretary general of the UNO, declared tonight that the security council "certainly will meet" on Monday as scheduled and that the Iranian question, over which Russia sought a delay until April 10, would be the third item on the provisional agenda.

Lie, holding his first news conference at Hunter college, where the meetings will be held, said all four letters received in connection with Russia's failure to remove from Iran would be "lumped together" for discussion.

## U. S. War Goods Disposal Rapped

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—The senate war investigating committee formerly headed by President Truman today scorchingly criticized the job the government has done thus far in disposing of unused war goods abroad, particularly in Britain.

The committee presented figures indicating that the state department's bulk sale settlement with Britain last December for unconsumed lend-lease goods and left-over American property represented a recovery of only 10.7 per cent of the original cost.

HONOLULU, March 22-(AP)—Capt. Paul Withington, assistant medical officer of the 14th naval district, declared today that the United States was "sitting on a volcano of disease" from the Orient which might erupt in a major epidemic at any time.

Japanese scrub typhus and malaria have spread in the Pacific, while smallpox, cholera and typhoid fever also are threatening unless rigidly controlled, said the medical officer, who emphasized that he was expressing his own views.

## Slaughter Decrease Declared Not Due to Lack of Beef Cattle

The marked decrease in cattle reaching Oregon slaughtering houses is not due to a shortage in beef cattle in the area, declared M. J. Belton, in charge of the animal husbandry division of the state agricultural department, here Friday.

"From my observation there is no shortage of cattle, either in eastern or western Oregon," Belton said. He added that Oregon holds the advantageous position of having an abundance of moisture in all sections of the state, which should result in top grazing conditions during the spring and summer months. Belton refused to speculate on why there is a shortage of cattle, for slaughtering purposes, but intimated that price conditions may have a bearing on the situation.

It would not be any surprise, Belton said, if many cattle raisers, due to good grazing prospects, hold their cattle until fall before selling. Belton predicted that Oregon's cattle yield for 1946 would rank well with the national average and surpass that of many states.

Governor Earl Snell and E. L. Peterson, state agricultural director, were out of the city Friday and not available for comment on the meat situation.

## Too Busy In May

## Atomic Tests Against Land Army Weighed

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—President Truman tonight announced a six-weeks postponement of the atom bomb tests scheduled to start May 15 at Bikini atoll in the Pacific.

He attributed the delay to a heavy run of congressional business which would prevent many congressmen who desired to witness the experiments from being there.

The announcement was issued through Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, who said the statement, giving no other reason for the postponement, covered the ground.

Asked specifically if the international situation had any bearing, Ross replied that he could not go beyond the statement but he added that he had no reason to believe there were any international implications.

The test, involving more than 100 warships, had been set for May 15. Under new plans it will be held about July 1.

Earlier an official who declined use of his name said the postponement was due to a conflict with the United Nations conference in New York, preventing some observers from attending.

An army-navy task force has been preparing for the test for some time. Its prime objective is to ascertain the effect of the bomb on ships at sea.

Meantime it became known that a test of the A-bomb against simulated land armies had been considered but that the possible dangers had weighed against the idea, leaving it on a highly tentative basis.

This was disclosed today in a news conference with army officials of the joint army-navy task force preparing to try out the bomb against warships at Bikini atoll in the Pacific.

**Test Considered**  
Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, ground forces advisor on the staff of Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, admitted that thought had been given to making a test against armies. It is possible, however, that such a test may be made at some future date, McAuliffe said.

## Year Draft Add Wins Ike's Nod

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)—The army solidified its position for a one-year draft extension today as General Dwight D. Eisenhower withdrew his request for indefinite continuance.

The chief of staff's modification was explained to the house military committee by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

Both men had testified before the committee yesterday—Eisenhower advocating an indefinite extension of the law expiring on May 15 and Patterson pleading for a one-year continuation.

"Since then," Patterson told the committee, "he has continued his testimony today, 'I have discussed it with the chief of staff and he also is in favor of one year.'"

## Oriental Disease Epidemic Threatens

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