

Flour Ration Order Poised; Affects Bakers, Grocers

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Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	48	38	0
Eugene	48	38	0
Portland	49	39	0
San Francisco	57	45	Trace
Seattle	53	42	0

Willamette river 3 ft.
 FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with occasional showers. Highest temperature 56 degrees.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

A blueprint for postwar Germany has been drawn by the four-power council architects in Berlin after the orders agreed to at the Potsdam conference of last year. With faithful ruthlessness the designers have sought to punish Germany for its double perfidy in waging aggressive war and permanently to debilitate the country so it can never again make a lunge for dominion. The specifications are briefly as follows:

Prohibited is the manufacture of synthetic gasoline, rubber, ball bearings, radio transmitters, heavy machine tools.

Steel manufacturing capacity is reduced from 20,000,000 tons to 8,800,000 tons annually.

Heavy industry is cut to one-half its 1938 level.

The standard of living for the German people will be that of 1932.

Henry Morgenthau seems to have won after all. This treasury secretary whose prematurely published plan to reduce Germany to a pastoral state proved a sensation on the eve of the Quebec conference of 1944 should be pleased, just as Clemenceau was pleased with the burden of \$34 billions in reparations laid on Germany by the treaty of Versailles.

That vengeful obligation never was met by the Third Reich and it seems to me this purported solution to the question of the new Germany is doomed to failure because it likewise is unrealistic. In the degree of its success it will drag down Europe economically. (Continued on editorial page)

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He Could Have Acted Sooner



WASHINGTON, April 9.—Adm. Harold B. Stark, (above) former chief of naval operations, tells Senate-House Pearl Harbor committee today at reopening of hearing into 1941 disaster that he would have acted immediately if he had known that President Roosevelt felt a Jap message received night of Dec. 6, 1941, meant war. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Marshall, Stark Deny Hearing of 'War' Note

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—President Roosevelt's top military commanders of 1941 testified today that he gave them no inkling of any feeling on the night before Pearl Harbor that an intercepted Japanese message "means war."

The testimony came from Admiral Harold R. Stark and General George C. Marshall. They appeared at the resumption of hearings by the senate-house committee investigating the December 7, 1941 attack that three America into war.

Stark, now retired, was chief of naval operations at the time. Marshall, now an envoy to China, was army chief of staff.

The two officers were recalled to the stand largely because of testimony given by Commander Lester R. Schulz had said that he handed Mr. Roosevelt intercepted Japanese communications the evening of December 6, 1941, that Mr. Roosevelt looked them over and told his close adviser, Harry L. Hopkins, in substance, that "this means war."

The Japanese document, other testimony has shown, was the first 13 parts of a 14-part message by which the Japanese intended to break off "peace negotiations" at the hour of attack.

Both Stark and Marshall were positive that Mr. Roosevelt did not call them that night. (Schulz said the president started to put in a call for Stark but dropped it when told the admiral was at a national theater performance of "The Student Prince.")

Farm Machinery Walkout Ends

By the Associated Press
The 80-day strike of 30,000 workers at 10 plants of the International Harvester company was ended by agreement early today.

Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson who attended 10 days and nights of almost continuous sessions between company and union officials, announced the agreement had been reached, subject to ratification by the CIO United Farm and Metal Workers of America.

Group To Blow Dust Off UAL's Airport Building Offer Today

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman
The aging offer of United Air Lines to build a \$75,000,000 structure at the Salem airport was back in the limelight for formal consideration today.

First broached 18 months ago, the proposal has been given neither a "yes" or "no" answer by the city (which in pre-war years had its own administration building planned).
But as a result of a meeting Tuesday, sponsored by the Salem Lions' club, representatives of the civil aeronautics authority, the United Air Lines and the city's airport advisory committee will meet at the chamber of commerce at 10:30 this morning—with a view to approving a definite recommendation for presentation to the city council.

DRAFT EXTENSION HACKED

Flour Cut Decision Set Today

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—Officials drafted an order tonight which would ration flour to bakers and grocers—but not to housewives—designed to cut consumption by one-fourth in order to send more abroad.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, telling a news conference that the order is in preparation, said he would decide tomorrow whether to issue it. Bakers and millers protested vigorously.

Agriculture department officials told a conference of millers and bakers that a 25 per cent reduction in the distribution of flour for domestic consumption must be made during the next 60 to 75 days to help meet foreign commitments.

They said wheat and flour supplies will be replenished as soon as this year's crop starts moving to market in June.

A milling industry spokesman said that within 60 days Americans might have virtually no flour.

The federal men suggested a government order which would make it unlawful for millers to distribute domestically more than 75 per cent of the quantity of flour distributed in a base period. Officials suggested that the base period be either the corresponding month last year or January of this year.

Salem, Albany Dairymen Ask OPA's Demise

One hundred grade A milk producers of the Salem and Albany areas went on record last night favoring immediate abolition of OPA, and requesting an increase in the price of milk allowed to producers.

The latter resolution asks OPA to authorize for Salem and Albany area producers the same price obtained by Portland area producers, pointing out that production and distribution costs are the same here as in Portland. At present there is a five-cent differential in the per-pound butterfat price.

In favoring removal of OPA, the producers condemned OPA for its inability to regulate production in the milk industry and for thereby encouraging a drought in grade A milk and a general condition detrimental to health and economic welfare.

Ray Hobson, Amity, who presided, said that Salem grade A producers were represented 100 per cent. W. W. Henry, Portland, head of the Dairy Cooperative, was one of the speakers. The meeting was held in the Mayflower assembly room here.

Lumber Export Slashed

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—The need for new houses in this country led to a drastic 20 per cent slash today in lumber export quotas the next three months.

U.S. Rejects Red Proposal To Drop Redin Spy Case

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—The United States today rejected a Soviet Russian request that espionage charges be dropped in the case of Lt. Nicolai G. Redin, Soviet naval officer arrested at Portland, Oregon.

A state department spokesman released an official statement saying that the Soviet embassy had made the request on April 6 on the ground that Redin was innocent.

The department replied that the question was one for the Justice department and a grand jury to decide. Attorney General Tom Clark told a reporter that the charges would be pressed.

SEATTLE, April 9.—(P)—A federal grand jury today returned a five-count indictment against Soviet Naval Lt. Nicolai G. Redin, who was arrested recently at Portland, Ore., by the federal bureau of investigation on charges of espionage.

Three counts of the indictment charged Redin with obtaining information concerning national defense. One count accused him of inducing another to obtain plans in connection with national defense and the other with conspiring to obtain and trans-

Iran Opposes Russ Demand To Strike Case

NEW YORK, April 9.—(P)—Iran tonight asked the United Nations security council to reject Russia's demand that the Iranian question be stricken from its agenda.

The Iranian position was set forth in a letter to Secretary General Trygve Lie which was circulated among the delegates of the security council shortly after today's session which was adjourned to an indefinite date.

Receipt of the letter was disclosed by Dr. Quo Tai-Chi of China, council president, during a discussion of when the delegates should take up Russia's demand.

The letter, signed by Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala, said: "I am instructed to state that the position of the Iranian government remains the same as stated to the security council in the session of 4 April 1946. It is the desire of my government that the matters referred by Iran to the security council remain on its agenda as provided by the resolution adopted on 4 April 1946."

Salem Bands To Compete for National Honor

Five Salem school bands and orchestras, all of which received class 1 ratings in the music contest last weekend, will travel to Eugene later this month to compete for national music honors.

This was made possible Tuesday night when the Salem school board voted to finance transportation of the school musicians in chartered busses. Formerly a regular budgeted item, this transportation was dropped during the war when travel was restricted.

The board was informed by Superintendent Frank Bennett that Wesley Walters has been designated by the state division of vocational education to assist Elmer Halsted in coordinating the apprenticeship training work for returning veterans. Walters is to be paid by the state.

In other action the board ratified results of the recent special election adopting a school levy and approved the recently drawn budget calling for a total school levy of \$704,107 including the special levy. The total school budget for 1946-47 is \$1,032,097.

Boris Karloff Wins Divorce, Charges Wife With Cruelty

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 9.—(P)—An uncontested divorce was granted today to Boris Karloff, grim-visaged movie horror specialist, who charged that his wife, Dorothy, was cruel to him. The decree was issued under his real name, William Henry Pratt.

Custody of their daughter, Sara Jan, 7, was awarded to Mrs. Karloff. A property settlement was approved by the court, and of it, Karloff said only "my wife and daughter have been well taken care of financially."

Cordon, Dodd Asked to Keep Wheat in State

A telegram urging Sen. Guy Cordon in Washington, D.C., to stress the need for keeping sufficient wheat in Oregon to insure survival of the poultry and livestock industries was dispatched Tuesday by Acting Governor Howard Belton.

A copy of the telegram was addressed to N. E. Dodd of Oregon, recently appointed undersecretary of agriculture. Belton's telegram:

"Agricultural interests of the west coast are gravely concerned about the heavy outmovement of wheat which may be required for feed purposes before a new crop is harvested. Urge immediate survey be made and that emphasis be placed on exportation of flour instead of wheat in order that the poultry and livestock industries may survive."

Belton said there was some doubt in his mind that Oregon farmers are holding wheat from the market in hope of obtaining higher prices as midwest farmers are doing. "There isn't enough wheat here to hold back," Belton declared.

Blossom Week Set April 15-21

Easter Sunday will be the Salem Cherrians' "Blossom Day," climaxing Blossom week which starts Monday, April 15, it was decided at a meeting of the organization this week. Blossom routes will be placarded as in pre-war years, it was announced by W. W. Chadwick, the group's King Bing.

Armed Forces Unity Measure Emphasizes Civilian Control

By William R. Spear
WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—Concrete legislation to unify not only the armed forces but all government activities concerned with defense, under "clear" civilian control, was unwrapped today.

It would centralize agencies which dealt separately during the war with such things as manpower, materials, and production.

And it would set up a single intelligence agency.

A senate military subcommittee which drafted the bill, designated to carry out President Truman's proposals for unifying the services, submitted it to the full committee and to the public.

It would create a single department of common defense" instead of the present war and navy departments and establish under it, as "separate and coordinate arms," the army, the navy, and "the United States air force"—all as the president recommended.

But going even farther, it would create a "council of common defense," composed of the president, the secretary of state, the secretary of defense, and the chairman of a new "national security resources board." The council would have a regular staff headed by a \$12,000 a year "executive secretary" as sort of general manager.

It would coordinate foreign policy and military planning—in the language of the bill, "assess and appraise the objectives, commitments and risks of the United States in relation to our actual and potential military power."

9-Month Bill to Go To House

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—The house military committee today approved an extension of the draft for nine months instead of the full year which the army and navy asked.

Various proposals to suspend inductions temporarily to see how recruiting works out were rejected in committee. But the committee members who sponsored them reversed the right to offer them as amendments when the bill comes up in the house, probably on Friday.

Fire Destroys Inman Poulsen Resaw Plant

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—(P)—The resaw plant of the Inman Poulsen Lumber company here, one of the largest operations in the northwest, was destroyed by fire tonight, but a southeast wind helped firemen prevent damage to the main mill of the big lumber properties.

Fire Commissioner Kenneth Cooper reported the fire started at 8 p.m. from an overheated motor. He said 20 fire companies and three fire boats were sent to the blaze.

There was no estimate of damage. Cooper reported an uncounted total of fuel wagons of the nearby Holman Fuel company were destroyed and a workman's car burned.

Ed Cameron, an electrician employed at the mill, was burned about the hands and was taken to the Coffey hospital for treatment.

22 Apply for Police Force

Applications have been received from 22 candidates for civil service appointments to the Salem police force, it was disclosed Tuesday by Al Mundt, local civil service secretary, who said today is deadline for submitting applications.

After screening applications the civil service board will call eligible applicants to a competitive examination April 22 in city hall. Six of the applicants are present members of the police force, not under civil service because they are wartime appointees.

Former Coop Manager Back

Arthur R. Hurlburt, manager of the Dairy Cooperative in Salem prior to entering the army, has returned here and will resume his position effective May 1, it was announced Tuesday by Joe Kendrick, present manager. The latter said he would return to Portland to take up his former work with the company.

Timber Land for Sale

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—(P)—Bids will be opened here May 14 on about 63,000,000 board feet of timber in Marion, Lane, Douglas, Coos and Jackson counties, the Oregon and California land administration said today.

Subsidy Fund Restored

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—The administration won a major round in the housing battle late today when the senate voted, 83 to 20, to restore a \$600,000,000 subsidy fund to the bill designed to provide 2,700,000 homes in the next two years.

Control Board Considers Plan To Move Pen

Construction of a new Oregon state penitentiary at a location more distant from Salem than the present site was taken under consideration by the state board of control Tuesday, at the instigation of the Salem long-range planning commission.

Ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague, representing the commission, declared that expansion of the city eastward is necessary due to the present rapid growth of population here. J. N. Chambers, also of the commission, pointed out that 190 small communities have sprung up near Salem in the past few years.

Asserting that the existing prison is obsolete and a new prison is preferable to spending much on improving the present one, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott proposed that the planning commission present its plan for relocation at the next session of the legislature. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., also indicated he might support the plan.

Textile Dispute Still Unsettled

Attempted conciliation between local textile workers and the Salem and Miles Linen mills failed Tuesday when both parties clung to their stand in the current strike threat over wages and request for modified closed shop.

George D. Brewer, labor conciliator who came from Portland to conduct the meeting, called another session for 4:30 p.m. April 25 in the Salem Linen mills. The workers seek a 15-cent hourly increase and the mills offer a six-cent increase.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"My dear, where did you find that lovely caviar perfume?"