

'ESCAPED' CON FOUND WITHIN WALLS OF PEN



By Charles A. Sprague

Two leaders on the republican side of the senate have taken their stand on the proposed loan of \$3,750,000,000 to Great Britain. Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, whose stature as a statesman has grown exceedingly since his great speech in January, 1945, has endorsed the loan in an impressive address in the senate Monday. Senator Taft of Ohio opposes the loan but favors as a substitute the outright gift of \$1,250,000,000 to Britain. The British loan now moves into prominence as the congress proceeds to take action for or against prior to the summer recess. Observers are chary with predictions, admitting the result is in doubt, with the present prospects for its approval better in the senate than the house.

Senator Taft advances some good arguments in support of his position. He predicts the loan will buy the United States "50 years of friction," that the British will grow and complain every time an interest payment falls due and secure this country of "harsh treatment. Forgiveness of interest which is permitted under the bill would give American baiters of the British lion a field day for criticism of the once-called "mother" country. Taft questions also whether the loan will stimulate revival of world trade.

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Express Strike Halted as New Mine Tiff Near

By the Associated Press

A threatened nationwide strike of 65,000 AFL Railway Express Agency workers was sidetracked yesterday by John L. Lewis gave broad hints he would make demands for the nation's anthracite miners similar to those that led to the soft coal shutdown.

President Truman set up an emergency board, under provisions of the railway labor act, to investigate a wage dispute between the Railway Express Agency, Inc., and 65,000 members of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Workers who had set a strike for 12:01 a. m. Friday.

George M. Harrison, union president, called on the locals to stay on the job until the emergency board submits recommendations. John L. Lewis told an anthracite scale convention at Hazelton, Pa., that contract negotiations for 75,000 AFL United Mine Workers would be successful only if the operators did not assume the "same attitude" already taken by "allied financial interests" in the bituminous fields.

Mercury Sets 3-Year Record

If you thought yesterday was "very warm for April," you were right.

Wednesday was the warmest April day in three years and the warmest day since last October 8, according to the Salem weather bureau.

The 79 degrees registered was the hottest in April since an 88 degrees in 1943 and was the highest since an 82 last October. Other high April temperatures were an 81 in 1940, a 77 in 1942, and a 78 in 1944.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Sometimes you give me a pain in the neck—and I mean all of it!"

OPA Boosts Carton Price of Cigarettes

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—OPA tonight announced an increase in retail price ceilings for multiple-pack, carton and vending machine sales of cigarettes. The increases, granted because of a jump in manufacturing costs, are: A half cent a pack on sales of two packs, four, six and so on. One cent a pack on vending machine sales. Five cents on a carton of 10 packs.

There will be no increase, OPA said, for single packs. The half cent multiple pack increase applies wherever cut-rate prices for these sales are in effect. For example, stores now selling popular brands for 14 cents a pack, two for 26 cents, are being allowed to increase the price of two packs to 27 cents. The 14-cent price for a single pack remains unchanged. In some areas present prices are higher than these examples.

Popular brands covered by this action include Camels, Chesterfields, Lucky Strikes, Philip Morris, Old Golds and Raleighs. So-called "economy" brands, now under a uniform ceiling of 13 cents a pack, two packs for 25 cents, are being advanced to a uniform price of 13 cents a pack for all sales. This is an increase of a half cent a pack of multiple-pack sales. The economy brands include Avalons, Marvels, Twenty Grand and Wings. The increase applies

on both regular and king size cigarettes. The popular brand increase will apply on all makes not specifically classed as popular or economy, OPA said. The increase being granted to manufacturers is 25 cents a thousand cigarettes, also effective tomorrow. OPA said that while suppliers must notify dealers of the price rise before the latter can put it into effect, virtually all manufacturers are expected to do this immediately.

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Council to Get Fire Survey

Strong recommendations for 18 additional city firemen and an alarm box system to strengthen local fire protection will reach the city budget committee and the city council at the council's budget meeting May 6. Alderman Rollin O. Lewis, chairman of the council's fire department committee, announced his plans for a stronger city fire department Wednesday, following a conference with Aldermen James Beyers and David O'Hara, William White of the Oregon insurance rating bureau and Walter Nickels, Portland fire captain who has been surveying local fire protection needs for the city council.

Alarm Box Lewis stated that addition of the 18 firemen and a start on the alarm box system, with probable installation of an alarm hookup of fire stations and about 20 downtown boxes in the first year, would improve fire protection to the point where local fire insurance rates would drop approximately 7 or 8 per cent. This saving alone, he pointed out, would amortize the additional expense over a five-year period. Other needs noted by Nickels, which he recommended be filled over a period of several years, include completion of the alarm system, greatly increased hydrant installations, construction of a training tower for department drills and provisions for regular inspection of fire hazards and enforcement of fire prevention measures.

Last Year's Budget The fire department's budget last year totaled about \$110,000 in the city budget, plus a mileage tax revenue of \$22,800. Just how big an increase will be sought for the fire department was not disclosed by Lewis, who estimated that additional salaries alone would approximate \$40,000.

4-Power Agreement Due on Trieste Issue PARIS, April 24—(AP)—Official sources said today that four-power findings on the Trieste issue, amounting virtually to an accord, would be ready soon for submission to the meeting of foreign ministers, convening tomorrow to seek solutions to problems which caused postponement of the European peace conference. A four-power commission, these sources said, agreed that Italy should be given Trieste and that most of the hinterland of Venezia Giulia should be given to Yugoslavia.

Ten Qualify for Civil Service Positions on Salem Police Force

Ten of the 15 Salem men who applied for local police appointment qualified for the civil service eligibility list, and it is expected that nine police vacancies will be filled from the top of the list after the examination results are certified to the city civil service commission. It was stated Wednesday by Secretary Al Mundt of the local commission. Of the 10 who qualified, three are serving now on the police force (but not under civil service) and one is a former Salem policeman. The incumbents are Allen A. McRae, who placed first on the examination, Howard E. Higby and M. J. Mathers. The former policeman is Harley N. Cordray, 1960 N. 5th st. The nine anticipated police vacancies include those jobs filled during the war when civil service status was not required. Besides the three policemen who qualified in civil service, three

Paulus Cannery Zone Move Recommended

Both the zone change to permit the construction of the Paulus Cannery and the one to permit building the Salem Deaconess hospital nurse's home won the approval of the planning and zoning commission at a public hearing last night and will be submitted to the council. No opposition was voiced against the changes. A change from zone 2 residential to class 4 unrestricted was approved to permit the construction of the cannery near Oxford and 14th streets. The petition, had been approved by more than 75 percent of the adjacent property owners. The change to permit construction of the nurses' home across South Winter street from the hos-

11,213 Firms Hit By Unemployment Compensation Law

An all time high of 11,213 firms subject to the state unemployment compensation law has been reached, Silas Gaiser, administrator, reported Wednesday. Thirteen hundred firms have been added to the rolls in the last year more than offsetting a slight loss during the war, he said, caused by the closing of many small businesses such as filling stations. Of the 489 firms that have come under the law this year, 102 are cafes, 101 are construction businesses and 79 firms are in logging or lumbering. Only 27 are listed as manufacturers, 60 are service concerns and 81 are retail stores. New filling stations number but 23.

Gaiser stated that he hoped the new concerns would employ several thousand in addition to the 15,000 to 20,000 workers that old firms expect to hire.

6300 Vets, Brides Reach Port Today

Some 6300 returning veterans are scheduled to debark from eight vessels at three U.S. ports today. Ships arriving: At New York—Brazil from Le Havre, Sea Porpoise from Le Havre, Bardston Victory from Bremen, Sedalia Victory from Le Havre, William and Mary Victory from Le Havre, Frostburg Victory from Le Havre. At San Francisco—Rockbridge from Pearl Harbor, Mariposa from Brisbane, Australia, Ross from Yokohama. At San Diego—Escort carrier Point Cruze from Pearl Harbor.

Finland, Russia Reach Settlement

HELSINKI, April 24—(AP)—A joint Finnish-Russian communique released late today said the Soviet Union "has considered it possible to free Finland from further restitution of property taken from Russia during the war."

The communique added that the Russians should obtain a concession on a power station near the Finnish-Norwegian border. The Soviet Union also agreed to send Finland 100,000 tons of cereals plus fertilizer and had promised to improve transport facilities within Finland.

NO MORE CAR TAX STAMPS The automobile use tax stamp law, adopted in September, 1941, has been repealed and starting July 1 will not be needed. This is the information received by Postmaster Al Gragg. The automobile use tax stamp, costing \$5 a year, has been required for four years and 10 months.

Chiang in Mood to Barter

By Harold K. Miks CHUNGKING, April 24—(AP)—Chiang Kai-Shek made a major concession to the communists today by postponing the national assembly, and he was reported ready to compromise as well on embattled Manchuria. "The generalissimo appears to be in a mood for compromise," declared a source high in the Kuomintang (Chiang's party) who declined the use of his name. "I am very hopeful of getting this (Manchurian) situation settled soon."

Clark Reveals Second Attack By Russ Planes

VIENNA, April 24—(AP)—A second attack by soviet planes on U.S. transport aircraft was disclosed today with another protest to Russian authorities by Gen. Mark W. Clark. The attacks came a day apart—last Monday over the Tullin airport, and on Easter Sunday near Linz, Austria. Clark already had protested concerning the Monday attack, when four soviet planes fired off the wings of a C-47, but no reply has been received.

Clark's headquarters announced today that four Russian fighters closed in on a C-47 flying between Vienna and Munich Sunday, and two of the Russians fired at the American ship. The transport, carrying only its crew, was not hit. The American plane was on a regularly scheduled flight, was on time, and was within the corridor prescribed by the Russians for flying from Tullin airport outside Vienna to Linz, officials said.

Union Opposes Vet Driver Plan

William B. Adams, attorney for the veterans group, which is considering operating the local Oregon Motor Stages in Salem under lease, said Wednesday the group would try to avoid trouble with the union, and if the present plan fails would set up their service elsewhere. The Portland office of Harold Oathes, business agent of the drivers and mechanics on strike, said in an Associated Press report the sale proposal was a subterfuge and suggested that the buses would be regarded as "hot" if the deal were completed. The attorney pointed out that the veterans were bus or truck drivers in the army who planned to go into the transportation business.

U.S. May Reconsider Sending Food to Japan

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—Under heavy pressure from other allied nations, the United States is expected to agree tomorrow to reconsider its decision to ship more than half a million tons of food to Japan in the first six months of this year. The issue will come up at the regular weekly meeting of the far eastern commission, 11-nation allied policy-making body for Japan.

PRISON HEAD DISMISSED

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—District of Columbia commissioners tonight ordered the immediate dismissal of Howard B. Gill, superintendent of district penal institutions from which there have been a number of sensational escapes in recent months.

IL DUC'S BODY TRACED

MILAN, April 24—(AP)—An anonymous telephone caller today declared the stolen body of Benito Mussolini had been taken south across the Po river and police guarded roads to prevent the dictator's remains from being brought to Rome.

Paula Smith to Rule as Willamette May Queen

Attractive Paula Smith of Stayton was elected May Queen to rule over the traditional May weekend festivities on the Willamette university campus, May 3, 4 and 5, at a student body election on Wednesday. The other two candidates who will serve as princesses are Janice Patterson and Virginia Case of Salem. Miss Smith, a first term senior, was one of the five finalists in the campus beauty queen contest sponsored by the Wallulah, campus year book, two weeks ago. She is an active member of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, member of the women's chorus, past secretary of her class and vice-president of the campus Catholic club. She is a major in education. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Smith of Stayton. (Picture courtesy of the Willamette Collegian.)

Tribute Paid to Late Rep. Mott At Dedication

ASTORIA, April 24—(AP)—The navy's \$6,000,000 base for 19th fleet amphibious units at Tongue Point was officially dedicated as "Mott basin" today. The ceremony, attended by more than 700 citizens, congressmen, naval personnel and state officials, honored the late Rep. James W. Mott (R-Ore.), who led the congressional fight to establish the national operation at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Lillian McDonald To Head Nurses

District No. 3, Oregon State Nurses association has elected Lillian McDonald, superintendent of Salem General hospital, president. The election featured the April meeting at the home of Katherine Arbuthnot, Monmouth college instructor, where Ruth Denny was hostess, assisted by Polk county nurses. Other new officers are: First vice president, Miss Denny; second vice president, Bess Wolz; secretary, Portia Conway; treasurer, Grace Taylor. Miss Wolz and Miss Conway are on the Marjon county health staff.

OSMENA LOSING OUT

MANILA, Thursday, April 21 (AP)—President Sergio Osmena's chances of retaining his office under a free Philippine republic took a nose dive today when the official election count from 2848 precincts gave Osmena 226,483 to Manuel Roxas 306,180.

Snell, Pangborn Urge Rapid Motor Court Expansion in State

Prospects for increased tourist travel in Oregon during 1946 present both an opportunity and a challenge to the motor courts of the state as well as to other facilities for visiting vacationists, Governor Earl Snell and Arden X. Pangborn, chairman of the governor's committee on tourist development, told members of the Oregon Motor Court association at their first annual banquet at the Hotel Marion last night. "The governor has said that the value of tourist travel to the state may be double the \$51,000,000 spent by tourists in Oregon in the last pre-war year," Pangborn asserted. "It may even reach the figure of \$150,000,000, and certainly \$150,000,000 is worth everything we can put into our efforts to get it."

MOVIE STAR TO WED

HOLLYWOOD, April 24—(AP)—Screen Actress Anne Baxter announced tonight her engagement to John Hodiak.

Campus Queen-Elect



Paula Smith, Willamette university senior, yesterday was elected to reign as queen at the May weekend fete, May 3, 4 and 5, on the university campus. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Smith of Stayton. (Picture courtesy of the Willamette Collegian.)

Realtors Ask Ceiling Put on Property Tax

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24—(AP)—Oregon real estate men began a campaign today for a tax ceiling of 40 to 45 mills on a 50 per cent valuation on real property. Loyd F. Carter, taxation committee chairman of the State Association of Real Estate Boards, urged the tax limit in a letter to the state legislature's interim committee on taxation. The letter proposed that "every form of revenue . . . beyond this limit must be raised from some other source than real property."

Intelligence Chief Resigns

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—An angry letter of resignation from Col. Alfred McCormack, the state department's chief of intelligence, today uncovered a long internal squabble which culminated in the junking of a plan for a centralized U.S. diplomatic intelligence service. McCormack resigned after the department decide to divide the intelligence work among five old line divisions. Obviously irate, McCormack declared the new plan is "unworkable and unsound."

Truman to Attend Stone Funeral

WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN ON CHESAPEAKE BAY, April 24—(AP)—President Truman will attend the funeral of Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone tomorrow, interrupting his vacation cruise for a few hours. The presidential yacht Williamsburg, cruising today in Chesapeake bay, will put in at Quantico, Va., tomorrow. From there the president will motor to the Washington cathedral at 2 p.m. (EST), returning afterwards to his yacht.

Located In Pile of Sawdust

Melvin Logan, who had been missing since the Easter Sunday services at the state penitentiary, was located about 9:20 p.m. Wednesday by guards who were searching the sawdust pile in the yard. They said that he was covered with sawdust and must have been hiding in the pile since Sunday although they had searched and prodded the sawdust before. The pile, which is located in the center of the prison yard, is used to fire the boilers of the heating system. Officials said that Logan might have previously hidden food in the stack while he was working at unloading the freight cars in which the sawdust is delivered.

Escape Thought

Logan was missed at the 4 p.m. cell check Sunday. Warden George Alexander first expressed the opinion that the prisoner was hiding inside the walls but later said that Logan might have walked out with a group of trustees, who had been inside for the services. Logan had served only three weeks of a sentence of 12 years for assault while armed with a dangerous weapon in Multnomah county. He was a former minister who had told officials as he was dressed in "I won't be here long."

Dyson Still Out

Still missing from the institution is Byron Dyson, 21, life term who escaped April 2 with four other convicts who have since been apprehended. They pried apart bars on a window and ran across the grass to scale a 12 foot fence. Logan would have been the tenth missing from the prison in recent weeks.