

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

II—The Thornton-Applegate Controversy: The Applegate Route.

On Aug. 8, 1846 a party of overland immigrants were en-camped a short distance west of Fort Hall in southeastern Idaho. They had made the crossing of the great plains from Independence, Mo., and the easy transit of South Pass over the Rocky mountains, and were resting before they moved on, some expecting to go southwesterly to California, others northwesterly on the Oregon trail to the Willamette valley. On that day Jesse Applegate and three others of his party of 15 who had left Polk county the preceding May to lay out a road from the southerly part of Oregon to the California overland trail arrived in camp. They urged the Oregon-bound immigrants to take the new road, urging its superiority, abundance of grass and water save for a desert crossing, no high mountain ranges like the Cascades, and shorter distances.

A large group of the immigrants decided to follow the new route. Among them were J. Quinn Thornton and his wife, who had left Quincy, Ill. for a new location in Oregon. Thornton was native of Virginia (West Virginia now), was reared in Ohio, studied law in London, practiced his profession in Missouri and then in Illinois. He was a tenderfoot, though, unused to rough travel or even care of horses, and, according to DeVeto, "an asthmatic and something of a hypochondriac."

The Thornton party consumed a great deal of time in the (Continued on Editorial Page)

Peace Efforts Of Marshall Fail in China

CHUNGKING, April 29—(AP)—General Marshall's last-ditch efforts to end the Manchurian war-torn today when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek refused a demand by the high-ranking Chinese communists.

Renewed attempts at settlement were expected after the government completes its current move to Nanking, but the confusion attendant upon the removal and the unrelenting attitude of both sides threatened an indefinite delay.

Well-informed pro-government sources said Chiang had rejected the latest truce program because it would leave the communists in possession of battle-won Changchun and a major portion of Manchuria.

The communists, who a month ago were willing to settle for cessation of some interior fighting and giving the government the major cities and the rail lines, were putting a much higher price tag on peace now.

Molalla Pilot Hurt Critically in Crash

MOLALLA, Ore., April 29—(AP)—Two private pilots were injured, one critically, late yesterday when an airplane they were flying crashed near the airport at Liberal north of here.

Harvey Mosberger, Molalla, suffered a broken back and five fractured ribs, and Perry Turner, Portland, a fractured skull, when the plane crashed from low altitude as it was stunting. Both men are patients in the Oregon City hospital.

INSTITUTE VFW AUXILIARY

The auxiliary of Meadowlark Post 6162, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was instituted and officers installed, Monday night at the VFW hall. Mrs. Marie Dana, Portland, Oregon auxiliary president, and a drill team from Portland took part.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Papa just got a good look at a Broadway wolf!"

League-Leading Senators Set for Home Opener Tonight

First WIL Tilt Here Since '42

Inaugural Likely To Attract 6000 At Waters' Park

Salem's baseball Senators, alone atop the Western International league standings after winning their first four games of the campaign at Yakima, christen the home season at Waters park tonight in an 8:15 o'clock contest with the highly-rated Spokane Indians' entry.

The opener will be preceded by brief but colorful pre-game ceremonies.

Special buses to the opening baseball game tonight will run from the Ladd and Bush corner from 6:45 to 8 p. m. on a 15-minute schedule. Two buses will leave from the park after the games.

Monies produced by the Salem Cherris and the Senator Boosters.

Weather permitting, a record crowd of 6000 will likely view the inaugural box and reserved seats have been sold for weeks, but Club Business Manager George Emigh has announced that over 5000 grandstand and bleacher seats will be available to the public tonight. The grandstand tickets can be secured personally calling at the ball park after 1 p. m. today. The park gates open at six o'clock tonight and both grandstand and bleacher seats can be purchased at that time.

Ed Kowalski, the hard throwing righthander who beat Yakima last Friday night at Yakima, will be manager Frisco Edwards' pitching choice tonight. Spokane will likely counter with another right-hander, Milt Cadinha. Cadinha allowed Vancouver only two hits in his seasonal debut at Spokane Friday.

Tonight's game will mark the first Western International league contest held in the park since 1942, the last year the circuit was in operation.

(Al Lightner's full details of the opener and of Salem's two wins at Yakima Sunday on today's sports page.)

Halt Loading At Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29—(AP)—Waterfront activity here was at a near standstill today with cancellation of the contract between the CIO Supercargoes and Checkers union and waterfront employers in a dispute over number of cargo checkers to be hired for each longshore gang.

E. P. Marsh, regional director of the U.S. opencell service, today assigned Commissioner Oliver Goodwin, Los Angeles, to seek a settlement in the dispute. The original disagreement arose between the union and the American-Hawaiian Steamship line when the company assigned two checkers to five longshore gangs.

Year-Old Child Run Over, Dies

Caroline Marie Shaeffer, 15-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shaeffer, Melrose auto court, died Sunday as the result of injuries incurred when she was run over by a car.

William F. Whaley, driver of the car told police he was backing his car out of the garage at the court and thought the child was at a safe distance. He was not held by the police. The girl died on the way to the hospital.

Approves Move for Early Trial of Soviet Official

SEATTLE, April 29—(AP)—Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black approved today a government motion for an early trial for Lt. Nicolai G. Reddin, soviet purchasing commission official arrested last month in Portland, Ore., by the federal bureau of investigation on espionage charges. Judge Black said he would set the trial date tomorrow.

CRASH VICTIM IMPROVES

John Edward DeBusk, Toledo, who was critically injured in an accident south of here Saturday night, was reported in a slightly improved condition at Salem Deaconess hospital Monday night. Emory Coll, Eugene, driver of the car is held in county jail on a charge of reckless driving.

TYPES 445 PER MINUTE

HENGLELO, The Netherlands, April 29—(AP)—A typewriting teacher, L. H. De Jong, today established what was believed to be the world's speed record for typewriting by clicking off 445 characters per minute.

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Reveal Plot To Kill MacArthur

TOKYO, April 30—(AP)—Allied headquarters announced today that a plot to assassinate General MacArthur had been discovered. The plot reportedly was to have been coincident with a Japanese communist parade and mass meeting scheduled for May 1.

The headquarters announcement said that Hideo Tokayama—who has not been apprehended—was the leader of the plot. "Other known plotters are still at large but are being rounded up," it added.

The statement said that General MacArthur "again refused to permit any unusual precautions to be taken for the protection of his life." There have been vague rumors of conspiracies against allied occupation leaders in the past, but this is the first to be confirmed by headquarters.

Col. H. I. T. Creswell, head of allied civil intelligence, said headquarters were tipped by an unidentified informant who merely reported that "such a plot against MacArthur was scheduled for May 1."

"We have been investigating, and so far have not dug up anybody," he said. His section did not know "who this Tokayama is and we have no information as to his politics. In fact, no political party was mentioned in connection" with the case.

Tojo, Other Jap Chiefs Indicted For War Crimes

TOKYO, April 29—(AP)—The nations which smashed Imperial Japan today ordered ex-premier Hideki Tojo and 27 other militarist leaders haled before an international court next Friday to answer war crimes charges ranging from "plain murder" to conspiracy to enslave the world.

The 55-count indictment, issued on the emperor's birthday, did not name Hirohito among the accused, but chief allied prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan commented that omission of a name "in no sense implies exoneration."

Packed with the hard facts of death, plunder, and ruthless cruelty, the document traced Japan's aggressive policies back to 1928 and included specific charges of plotting and launching aggressions, as well as the murder of some 4000 Americans at Pearl Harbor and others in the Philippines before declaration of war against the United States.

The accused included four former premiers of Japan, including Tojo; most of Tojo's Pearl Harbor cabinet; three principal negotiators of the tri-partite pact with Italy and Germany; Adm. Osami Nagano, former chief of staff who ordered the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor; and other high military leaders.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, April 30—(AP)—The big five meat packers regained control of their facilities from the government early today.

The plants of Armour, Swift, Wilson, Cudahy and Morell had been under federal direction, since they were seized along with others January 26 as the aftermath of a strike which threatened to cripple the nation's meat production.

Only five stockyards, at St. Paul, Milwaukee, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, and West Fargo, N. D., remain in government control and they will be released within a few days, the White House announced.

Charge Retracted By Chinese Reds

CHUNGKING, April 29—(AP)—The communist new China daily news said today that a case of mistaken identity caused it to charge erroneously last week that United States planes had attacked communist troops in Manchuria.

The communist organ said that in reality the planes had been sold by the Americans to the Chinese government, and that the improper identification resulted from temporary water paint covering the American insignia.

PRINGLE SCHOOL VOTE TIED

PRINGLE, April 29—(Special)—Public vote on the question of transporting students to school was a 10 to 10 tie here tonight. A revote will be held later.

Governor Undecided on Special Session to Seek School Relief

A special legislative session to solve the Portland schools' financial problem may not be necessary, Gov. Earl Snell, said late Monday on the advice of attorneys.

"These attorneys are not convinced that the things desired could be accomplished," Governor Snell declared. However, the governor continued, a brief will be received from the Portland school board Tuesday which will be studied by state officials whom he was asked to explore the situation before he reaches a decision.

Restricted to 20 Days
Governor Snell further stated that there are many other matters which could receive legislative attention but that the constitution restricts a special session to 20 days which would make it impossible to enact legislation covering all subjects in that space of time.

The school directors contend that a special legislative session is necessary because of a recent 4 to 2 decision of the state supreme court holding that the registrar of elections of Multnomah county has no authority to refer to the voters of the district a special tax levy which would raise \$1,750,000 for school purposes.

Most state officials here predicted that Governor Snell would call the special session.

The last special legislative session in Oregon was held 11 years ago, starting October 21, 1935, and lasting the full 20 days authorized by the constitution. It was called to vote money for a new capital building to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Portland Solons Approve

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29—(AP)—Multnomah county members of the state legislature today approved plans of the Portland city school board to ask Gov. Earl Snell for a special session of the legislature but rejected a proposal to limit the business to one day for revision of a single election law.

Close Call



William W. Blane, Galesburg, Ill., engineer of the Exposition Flyer, which plowed into the rear of the Advance Flyer, at Naper-ville, Ill., taking a toll of 43 dead and 125 injured, is quoted as saying "I put on the brakes and cut off the oil, because of the danger of fire. But it was too late. How I came out alive from that cab I'll never know." He stayed in his cab but escaped major injuries.

William Green Urges Senate To Keep OPA

WASHINGTON, April 29—(AP)—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor urged Senators today to give the people a prompt promise that "price control legislation against future disaster shall not be removed."

Green asked continuation of the OPA for a year beyond June 30 and called for senate rejection of house legislation which he said would "amend price control to death."

The labor leader appeared before the senate banking committee which also heard pro-OPA testimony from Caroline F. Ware for the American Association of University Women and Chat Paterson of the American veterans committee.

Miss Ware argued that black market activity is partly attributable to uncertainty over congressional action on extending OPA.

Green endorsed a suggestion by Senator Murdock (D-Utah) that OPA be allowed more funds to strengthen its enforcement. Murdock said he believed "a lot of veterans could do the job" by conquering the black market.

Picketing Ends at 2 Salem Theatres

Pickets in front of the Capitol and Elsinore theatres were removed Monday evening by H. C. Barker, secretary of the Salem central trades and labor council.

The action followed "satisfactory settlement" of the several-months-old grievance at a meeting in Portland Monday of the Building Service Employees and a Warner Brothers representative, Barker said. Betty Frahn, business agent of Salem's Local 160, and Glen Blake, international representative, attended.

Fairview Home Building Permit Requests Filed

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29—(AP)—Applications for construction permits filed with the Oregon office of Civilian Production Administration today included one for a \$940,171 plant by the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing company and others for Oregon Fairview home, Salem, \$150,000 for employees' cottage and \$250,000 for patients' cottage, and a consolidated union high school, Springfield, \$125,000.

WEST SALEM BUS ARRIVES

WEST SALEM, April 29—(Special)—The new 27-passenger bus for service in West Salem has arrived in Portland and will be put in operation between here and Salem next Saturday, May 5. This was announced Monday by Robert Covert, operator of the inter-city bus.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	55	41	13
Eugene	58	43	13
Portland	57	44	12
San Francisco	58	50	20
Seattle	54	41	17

Willamette river 23 ft. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Scattered clouds today. Highest 44 degrees.

BYRNES OFFERS BIG FOUR PACT

Pick Five To Probe Spanish

Russia Silent as Council Acts on Polish Charges

NEW YORK, April 29—(AP)—The United Nations security council by 10 affirmative votes, with Russia sitting silent, today ordered a commission of five delegates to investigate Polish charges that Franco Spain is a menace to world peace.

The soviet delegate, Andrei A. Gromyko, restated his opposition to any investigation of Spain as a superfluous delaying measure.

The council climaxed a bitter fight on the Spanish question by setting up the investigating subcommittee of five nations—Australia, China, Brazil, France and Poland—with Paul Hasluck, 40-year-old former history professor who replaced Lt.-Col. W. R. Hodgson as the Australian delegate today, as chairman.

Hasluck told newsmen the group would meet privately Wednesday. He said some meetings would be closed and some open to the press, depending on the nature of the evidence to be handled. The sub-committee is to report by May 31.

Willamette U Gets 20 More Housing Units

Twenty additional housing units from former defense areas have been awarded to Willamette university, bringing that institution's share in the federal properties to 82. Robert Fenix, university business manager, announced Monday night.

Announcement that the housing had been allocated to Willamette came officially from E. Stanton Foster, Seattle, acting regional director of the federal public housing administration.

Fenix said university officials expect the units to be set up and ready for occupancy by student veterans in 90 days. He said Willamette has a request in for 40 more units. The city of Salem has asked for 72 more units and should they be awarded, space additional to that already secured and prepared for the city-university veterans' colony will be required.

Former Statesman Man Sells Newspaper

OSWEGO, April 29—(AP)—E. A. Donnelly, former mechanical superintendent of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, announced today he has sold the weekly Oswego Review to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Blizzard of Portola, Calif.

OSMENA TO RETIRE

MANILA, April 29—(AP)—President Sergio Osmena, defeated for reelection, plans to retire to his Cebu farm after May 23 when Manuel Roxas, victor in last week's election, takes office, to become the first president of the new Philippines Republic.

Justice Department Seeking Profiteers for Tax Evasion

WASHINGTON, April 29—(AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark announced today that the justice department has started a "vigorous crack down" on income tax evaders alleged to have made huge profits from black markets.

"Experts from the department's tax division are being sent out to each United States attorney's office to insure vigorous prosecution of income tax evaders," Clark told reporters.

"Tax evasion," he added, "is a big problem now because of black market activities. Many individuals are afraid to report their correct income because they know they would be prosecuted for black market activities. We're going after these fellows."

Snell Confers With Wallgren On Time Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29—(AP)—Gov. Earl Snell said tonight he believed it essential for Oregon to join Washington and California if those two states institute daylight saving time.

Snell reported he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Mon C. Wallgren today and told the Washington governor he was still undecided. Wallgren had announced in Yakima today that he may soon issue a proclamation setting the clock back an hour.

City Council To Act Today On Bus Plan

A special meeting of the city council will be called for 5 p. m. today to decide whether to grant the Veterans Transit association to operate the strike-bound city buses, which they plan to purchase from the Oregon Motor Stages.

A. H. Gilie, chairman of the council committee said last night that he understood the Veterans had their personnel ready and would start operations soon, if they received permission.

William B. Adams, attorney for the association, said the veterans would purchase the buses individually and pool their operations in Salem and in Eugene, according to an AP dispatch from Portland.

The sale action would mean loss of jobs to most of the strikers, according to A. L. Schneider, company general manager, because the veterans intended to drive their own buses.

Speculate on Chief Justice Appointment

WASHINGTON, April 29—(AP)—Charles Evans Hughes former chief justice, was closeted today for 30 minutes with President Truman while Washington speculated on the chief executive's choice of a new chief justice.

Hughes, tall and straight for all his 84 years, strode out of the White house without a word for reporters.

With the president known to be considering one of the court's associate justices for elevation to the post of the late Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, names most frequently mentioned in speculation were those of Justices William O. Douglas and Robert H. Jackson.

Allow 70-Pound Parcels In Mail to GI's Overseas

WASHINGTON, April 29—(AP)—The post office department announced today that parcels with a maximum weight of 70 pounds and a combined length and girth of 100 inches may be mailed to army and navy personnel overseas effective May 1.

Only articles specifically requested will be accepted for mailing to army personnel. No requests are required from navy personnel.

Garden Show to Be Held May 4-5 at 'Y'

Promise of a deluge of flowers has caused the committee of the Salem Men's Garden club, headed by Ollie Schendel, to contract the YMCA gymnasium for the staging of the spring garden show, Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5. Schendel reports that reservations for display space from cooperating garden clubs is being received daily, but that more are welcomed. "We will accept all entries even if we have to take over the state capitol, too," Schendel said Monday.

The Game's On!

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