

4,309 Fans Witness Two-Homer Contest, Fifth Straight Victory

Salem's Senators opened their home Western International league baseball campaign before 4309 fans at Waters park last night by taking an 8 to 5 victory over the Spokane Indians.



By Charles A. Stryker

The flood control bill which awaits only the signature of the president to become law carries appropriations for initiating work on the Detroit dam and the Meridian dam in the Willamette valley project and the McNary dam on the Columbia river.

Loser will be the great salmon fishing industry. All of these dams are high dams which cannot be surmounted by migratory fish, even with ladders or elevators.

I do not mean to reopen the controversy. In many respects the salmon industry's friends put up a poor fight, seeming almost to accept

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Bomb Topples 3-Ton Franco Victory Shaft

MADRID, April 30-(AP)—A bomb explosion wrecked the Franco victory monument in Barcelona at dawn today.

The blast toppled the three-ton memorial, set up at the intersection of Paseo de Gracia and the Avenida Del Generalissimo to commemorate the entry of Franco's forces into the northeastern city in 1939 in the Spanish civil war.

A Barcelona dispatch said no one was injured and that no arrests had been reported by early afternoon.

In Madrid, meanwhile, the Falangist newspaper Arriba declared the decision of the United Nations security council to investigate Spain was "an insult which we shall forget with difficulty."

'BANKERS' HOURS TO END

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30-(AP)—All branches of the First National bank here will start all-day banking tomorrow — 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., at the main office and 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. at other branches. One downtown branch will continue evening hours.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



That's my bonus—forty pounds of peanuts, and that ain't money!

Succumbs



SILVERTON, April 30 — John Thomas Hoblitt, editor and publisher of the Silverton Appeal-Tribune, who died Tuesday after a brief illness. (Story on page 2.)

Rise Due In Bread Ceilings

Rye Loaves to Increase, White Slated to Follow

WASHINGTON, April 30-(AP)—Price boosts for white bread and other kinds may follow the increases allowed today by OPA on most loaves of rye bread.

An OPA official disclosed this privately to a reporter as the agency permitted an immediate two-cent per one-pound loaf rise in the ceilings for rye bread up to a maximum of 12 cents.

During the day OPA also approved increases in the selling prices of imported Spanish olives, washing machines and electric irons and removed ceilings entirely from a variety of steel products and toys.

The price agency explained that bakers of rye bread had been "squeezed between sharply advancing rye prices and bread ceilings." Newly ordered ceilings on rye grain do not become effective until June 1. Meanwhile, an official told a reporter, bakers also were seeking an increase of one cent a one-pound loaf on other kinds of bread and "some increase" seemed likely.

Stalin Avers World Reaction Tends to War

LONDON, April 30-(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill tonight said the soviet union would be true to a policy of peace and security but charged that what he described as "international reaction" was hatching plans for the new war.

In an order of the day broadcast by the Moscow radio the Russian leader also declared that "the nations of the world do not wish a repetition of the calamities of war." He added: "It is necessary to be constantly vigilant, to protect as the apple of one's eye the armed forces and defensive power of our country (Russia)."

Stalin called on soviet workers to reach — and exceed — the production goals set up in the soviet union's new five-year plan. Addressing the Russian people, Stalin said: "We should not forget for a single minute the intrigues of international reaction, which is hatching plans of a new war."

Time Change Decision Due

Prospects that a decision on daylight savings time might be made within a day or two were made yesterday when Gov. Earl Snell said he and Gov. Mon C. Wallgren might issue proclamations simultaneously if both states agree to the time change.

AP quoted Gov. Wallgren as stating he would announce his decision after an additional telephone conference with Gov. Snell Wednesday. Decision is still pending in California, too.

Secrecy Lid Loose, Senate Group Says

By William T. Peacock WASHINGTON, April 30-(AP)—A senate investigating committee reached a preliminary conclusion today that safeguards on the

Salem Rainfall Below Normal During April

Monthly rainfall was below normal for the first time this year, in the month of April, when only 1.14 inches were recorded, according to the monthly report of the Salem weather station at McNary field.

Normal April rainfall is 2.59 inches. The precipitation all came in light showers, with the wettest day showing a mere .27 inches, it was stated. However, the year's total rainfall so far, 79 inches, remains well above the normal amount of 16.88 for the corresponding period.

The month's high was 79 on April 24 and the low was 30 on April 6. Mean temperature was 50.2, one degree colder than the average April mean. Average daily maximum was 61.5 degrees and the minimum 39 degrees.

Yesterday's frost was the latest spring frost since 1939. By weather bureau standards there were three clear days, nine partly cloudy and 18 cloudy in April. Prevailing wind was southwesterly throughout the month.

CHILD HEALTH DAY TODAY

Governor Earl Snell Tuesday designated May 1 as "Child Health day" in Oregon.

Bus Strikers Agree to Let Council Arbitrate Dispute

Take Aerial Glimpse of Valley Flax Lands



Ready to leave on an inspection tour by airplane taking them over some of the valley's flax lands and forested areas, officials of Oregon Flax Textiles, Inc., and a group of Willamette valley business and political leaders gathered at McNary field here Tuesday morning.

Gen. Clark's B-17 Buzzed by Soviet Planes

By Lynn Heinzerling VIENNA, April 30-(AP)—Two soviet fighter planes buzzed Mark W. Clark's personal plane today, making several swoops but not firing their guns, and Clark immediately lodged a third protest with the Russians.

The American commander in Austria was not aboard the plane, a Flying Fortress, at the time. Last week Clark protested the firing upon two C-47 transports by Russian fighters, Marshal Ivan S. Konev, soviet commander in Austria, assured Clark that every step would be taken to prevent further attacks on U. S. planes over Austria.

Clark's plane was being flown from Vienna to Linz by Brig. Gen. Ralph A. Snavely, commander of the air division of American forces in Austria, when the Russians made their runs at the plane.

Truce Seen in China Struggle

NANKING, April 30-(AP)—A truce in China's fratricidal struggle over Manchuria was foreseen "within a few days" by a source close to General Marshall with arrival today of the five-star general for resumption of negotiations which got nowhere in Chungking.

The shift from the war-time capital to Nanking, capital of a rebuilding China, seemed to have cleared away the fog of gloom that hung over Chungking only Monday.

There were predictions now that the government and the communists would soon get together.

Multnomah County Taxpayers League Opposes Session

PORTLAND, April 30-(AP)—The Multnomah County Taxpayers League, asserting the school election issue here is being "greatly enlarged to the public," wrote Governor Snell today stating its opposition to a proposed special state legislative session.

"It would appear extraordinary indeed to call upon legislators to leave their usual work . . . at a great personal loss in most instances, to enact any amendment or law they could well have presented to any one of the last five legislatures," League President H. A. Dyer declared.

A federal bill passed by the house and now before the senate may provide funds to offset swollen school costs, the league official said.

Congress May Give Cupid Boost

WASHINGTON, April 30-(AP)—The state department and Senator Russell (D-Ga.) gave a boost to wartime romances today.

Russell introduced a bill to allow fiancées of American servicemen to come to the United States to get married. If they do not marry in three months they will have to go back.

The bill was proposed by the state department.

Snell to Study Proposal for Extra Session

Gov. Earl Snell, before his departure yesterday for a trip to southern Oregon, said he would study carefully today a brief from Portland school district stressing necessity of a special legislative session. The brief had not arrived before the governor's departure.

Governor Snell also indicated displeasure at the inability of the Multnomah county legislators to agree on a program of restricted procedure in event he calls the legislature to consider the financial difficulties of Portland schools, brought on by the supreme court's decision that the Multnomah county elections registrar cannot call a special election for a school tax vote.

The governor commented that any state legislation on the housing situation would be impossible within 20 days, the constitutional length of a special legislative session, particularly in view of the fact that the federal government is now handling the housing emergency through its priority rights.

RENT CEILING RISE SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, April 30-(AP)—George M. Engler, president of the National Apartment Owners association, asked congress today to order a 15 per cent increase in rent ceilings.

Arabs to Fight Board Move to Open Palestine

WASHINGTON, April 30-(AP)—An official British-United States committee of inquiry on Palestine recommended today that the gates of the Holy Land be thrown open immediately to 100,000 European Jews — homeless victims of axis persecution.

In a 30,000 word report on its four-month investigation, the committee went firmly on record against making Palestine either a Jewish or an Arab state, and said that the government ultimately established there "under international guarantees" must protect Christian, Jew and Moslem.

It called for continuance of Palestine under a mandate — held by Britain since 1922 — "pending the execution of a trusteeship agreement under the United Nations."

JERUSALEM, April 30-(AP)—Arab leaders declare tonight that the British-American inquiry committee's report of Palestine would plunge the Holy Land into bitter strife and drive "the entire middle east into the bosom of soviet Russia."

The Arab office in a statement said the report — which recommends the immediate admittance of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine — "must be resisted by the unanimous endeavor of the Arab and Moslem worlds."

Heir Born to Swedish Throne

STOCKHOLM, April 30-(AP)—Eighty-eight year old King Gustaf rejoiced at the birth today of a great grandson, Prince Carl Gustaf, first direct male heir to the throne of Sweden to be born in 40 years.

A salute of 84 naval guns announced the birth of the new prince this morning at Haga castle to Princess Sibylla and Prince Gustaf Adolf. The couple have four daughters.

Blast Wrecks Navy Destroyer Escort, 4 Missing, 150 Injured

EARLE, N. J., April 30-(AP)—A series of three explosions followed by fire wrecked a navy destroyer escort, the U. S. S. Solar, while it was unloading ammunition today at the navy's Earle depot pier in lower New York bay, putting one officer and four enlisted men on the missing list and injuring nearly 150 others.

Commander N. F. X. Banvard, senior medical officer at the naval ammunition depot dispensary here, said 35 of the injured, five of them in critical condition, were in hospitals in this area. He said they were distributed as follows: naval ammunition depot dispensary, 25, one of them critical; Fort Hancock hospital, Sandy Hook,

Union to Write Out Proposal

By Robert E. Gangware Assistant City Editor, The Statesman Salem's striking bus drivers last night agreed to lay their dispute with Oregon Motor Stages before the Salem city council for final arbitration, and hopes rose throughout the city that the month-old bus tieup will be untied by week's end.

A union offer to start buses rolling again pending settlement will be presented at 5 p. m. today to the city council when its special session, which opened yesterday afternoon, reconvenes. A spokesman for the bus firm is expected to indicate whether Oregon Motor Stages will agree to such arbitration.

Slim Possibility Slim possibility remained that Veterans' Transit association will again be considered for permission to operate a city bus service, for several aldermen at yesterday's session openly suggested the newly incorporated group, which planned to lease or buy cooperatively Oregon Motor Stages' idle buses, is a substitute for company strike breaking efforts.

T. S. Bequin, Portland, assistant business representative for Motor Coach Employees Local 1055 which includes the striking drivers and maintenance men here, in Eugene and in Portland, assured the city council yesterday that the men would go back to work for \$1.12 1/2 per hour basic pay pending the final arbitration.

Panel Suggested Later, the local members of the union approved the plan suggested by council that an arbitration panel include one representative each from the company, the union and the council, which in effect leaves the decision up to council, union men indicated.

When the union called its strike April 5, the basic hourly wage was 95 cents and the requested increase was to \$1.27. Attempts at settlement or at resumption of bus service pending settlement have failed in direct negotiation and in negotiation with the aid of federal conciliator and city representatives.

Higher Prices Said Inevitable

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 30-(AP)—The United States Chamber of Commerce, whose board of directors has recommended abolition of the major powers of OPA by next October, was told today that a general rise in prices for the next several years was almost inevitable.

Harvard University Professor Sumner H. Slichter said in a speech before 2000 delegates to the chamber's 34th annual meeting that the current sellers' market would keep labor unions in a strong bargaining position and that they would make large new wage demands next winter.

Success by the unions would result in higher prices and still further wage demands, he said.

Schools Join in Famine Aid Move

Elementary and high school pupils in Oregon have joined in the movement to conserve wheat, fats and oils. The action was requested by Governor Earl Snell and Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, based on a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

The school pupils will distribute check lists covering compliance with the saving program in the homes.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Rain and location (Salem, Eugene, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, Willamette river, FORE CAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem)