

SNELL REFUSES TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Convicts Fighting for Control of Alcatraz

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2-(AP)—Alcatraz convicts fought a murderous battle tonight for freedom from "the rock."

The lives of most of the guards of Alcatraz were at stake. The desperate men held them as hostages.

One guard already had been killed and four injured in the raging battle and the situation was out of control.

Late tonight Warden J. A. Johnston announced:

"Our situation is difficult and

precarious. The armed prisoners on the island are still eluding us so that at the moment we cannot control them."

Six hours after Warden Johnston issued his first riot call the battle was still under way. In the darkness, flashes of gunfire could be seen from the shore. Wives and children of prison guards lined the San Francisco docks, crying and pleading for information of their menfolk.

The convicts had plenty of arms and ammunition. They seized the gun gallery at the out-

set and distributed weapons and ammunition to their accomplices. Then they herded most of the prisoners into the main cell block holding them as hostages.

The shooting continued into the night, with desperate convicts manning windows. Guards, creeping from cover of stone abutments, fired into the windows. Several guards mounted a narrow ledge directly beneath the cell block windows, and threw tear gas bombs into the

interior. Many of them were tossed back again, where they exploded in the faces of the guards.

Warden Johnston said his officers were attempting to storm the gun gallery. In these attempts, it was indicated, the guard casualties occurred.

The dead guard was Harold P. Stites.

Shortly after issuing the riot call, Warden Johnston appealed for help. Coast guard, navy, police and FBI men sped to the

scene in launches. The coast guard and navy stationed boats around the island to intercept any prisoners who might reach the water.

Three hours after the riot began, a detachment of marines, armed with automatic weapons, landed on the island. Warden Johnston turned over to them 150 prisoners not taking part in the riot. The marines herded them into the yard, clear of the cell block, and stood guard under the great searchlights.

Bees Take Over Salem Street



(Above.) Picture shows A. B. Black, state bee inspector, getting the bees into a hive placed on top of a parked car which is well surrounded by bees while a crowd looks on. (Right) Leroy Bass, Dayton, looks for the queen in a swarm on the rear wheel of a parked car. (Statesman photos by Bill Scott, staff photographer.)

Even Bees Seem Troubled by the House Shortage

Just another May queen, but this time a bee, led a swarm of followers into the 200 block of State street, Thursday noon. Passers-by were disturbed by the bees but no one was reported stung.

First the bees circled in the middle of the street, causing several screaming stops by motorists who rolled up their car windows before proceeding through the swarm.

Later they settled on a parked car on the south side in the middle of the block, almost covering a rear wheel. Leroy Bass, Dayton, who said he had some bees on his home place, started in the work of gathering them in.

He was joined by A. B. Black, state bee inspector, who brought a hive and a smoke making device, and the two finally succeeded in enticing the bees into the hive.

Cancer Drive Past 50% Mark

Workers in the Marion county drive for American Cancer society funds Thursday had raised well over half their \$5000 quota, it was announced by Drive Chairman Charles McElhinny.

McElhinny said that many workers and prospective donors are not aware that the drive has been extended to May 15.

He also said more than 20 state departments remain unreported in the drive and that a recent contribution of \$27.75 had been received from Mrs. Jess Mathis was chairman and Mrs. Addison Page assistant.

Hospital to Dedicate Site

Salem Deaconess hospital will observe National Hospital day May 12 with special dedication services at the Memorial hospital site across the street from the present hospital.

Sponsored by the hospital's board of governors, the Sunday observance will include an open house at the Deaconess institution, a band concert by the Salem Bible Academy band and the hospital grounds dedication which is being arranged by Chaplain Sam P. Neufeldt.

Local ministers who will participate in the service are the Reverends J. P. Neufeldt, Dudley Strain, Homer Leisy, Charles Durden and Chester W. Hamblin.

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Explains Reasons For Stand

Says Portland's Problem Not Insurmountable

The Oregon legislature will not be called into special session to consider remedial legislation permitting a Portland vote on a \$1,750,000 school tax levy, it was announced Thursday by Gov. Earl Snell.

Explaining his stand, the governor said: "I realize Portland school district No. 1 faces a serious problem, but it is not insurmountable nor one which creates a dire emergency. . . . The regular session is only nine days away and if Lanham act funds are voted by congress there really is no serious problem. I see no reason why those funds will not be made available this year."

Sought Session
Portland school district directors sought the special session after the state supreme court held there is no authority under law for the desired election.

Gov. Snell said that after consulting various state officials and studying the issue, he based his decision on the following conclusions:

The 5 mill special levy, \$2,000,000 of which has already been collected, will not be affected. Emergency clause could not be attached if necessary required legislative action on this particular levy.

Lanham Act
"The Lanham act from which funds were obtained last school year has passed the house and is now in the senate. Twenty-four other school districts throughout the state are also dependent upon favorable action on the Lanham act appropriations. If the Lanham act funds are made available the district could not avail itself of such funds if the tax were voted."

"There exists a question as to the validity of election notices even though special tax were voted."

Conservative Estimate
"Estimated receipts of the district have been on the conservative side and perhaps properly so. This year's receipts were approximately \$200,000 above the estimate."

"The enrollment is now less than in 1933 when the millage rate was 6.69 as against 12.15 today."

"At least a week's notice should be given the members of the legislature, possibly 10 days, and considering the time of their deliberations it is not likely any special act could be passed in time for the primary election."

"Furthermore, there is no assurance that the legislature would pass the act nor that the people would vote favorably when submitted."

Portlanders Say Session Denial to Cut School Plans

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2-(AP)—School Supt. Willard B. Spaulding, advised that Governor Snell had rejected a request for a special legislative session, said tonight the public school program here faces sharp curtailment in 1947.

Spaulding said "I don't see how we can make any recommendations based on that act (Lanham act) when it has not yet passed the senate." He said he doubted that Governor Snell's advisers were "as well acquainted with the critical situation of district no. 1 as the board."

Dr. J. H. Rossman, school board chairman, said refusal to call the special session denies Portlanders "the right to vote on what they think their schools should be."

Dock Agreement Reached in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2-(AP)—Federal Conciliator Oliver Goodwin announced tonight that the Waterfront Employers and CIO Checkers and Supercargoes union have reached an agreement.

The settlement, which awaits formal approval by members of both groups, should end Portland's harbor tie-up either Saturday or Monday, Goodwin said. He explained he could not announce provisions of the agreement.

Our Senators

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The decision of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Willamette university Wednesday night against enlarging the gymnasium probably means the loss, temporarily only it is hoped, of the state high school basketball tournament. The cost of the alterations to accommodate a crowd of 5,000 spectators or better proved beyond the university's ability to assume at the present time. First on the list for campus development is a boys' dormitory. Over \$200,000 has been raised for this purpose out of what originally was expected to be a \$300,000 cost. The great increase in building costs has boosted that estimate by a third or a half and means that more money must be raised. President Smith and trustees did not see how it was possible to undertake to raise another \$50,000 to \$75,000 for expenditure on the gymnasium.

The board of control of the state high school activities association had indicated an unwillingness to make a ten-year contract for holding the tournament here on terms which might have enabled the university to amortize a portion of the cost out of proceeds of the tournament. Heretofore the university staff has managed the tournament without charge to the association and the university has received \$300 for use of the gymnasium for the week (\$500 this year). So the burden would have to be borne by the university.

The position of the university is that while it would like to (Continued on Editorial Page)

End to City Bus Strike Pending

Settlement of the Salem bus strike hung in the balance Thursday, following an eight-hour conference between Oregon Motor Stages and Motor Coach Employees union leaders throughout Wednesday night.

Local drivers, who have been on strike since April 5, said yesterday that considerable progress had been made in the meeting and that the company president, A. L. Schneider, had a concrete proposal from the union to take back to the firm directors yesterday.

Alderman David O'Hara unofficially conducted the Wednesday night meeting, an outgrowth of the city council's special sessions Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Pilot Charged with Molesting Geese

Donald William Sandau, Salem flier, was hailed into the local justice court Thursday for molesting a flock of geese in flight by "buzzing" them with his plane.

Charges were brought by State Police Sgt. B. A. Walker, as private prosecutor. Sandau took 24 hours in order to decide on his plea and was released from custody upon his own recognizance.

Animal Crackers



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Statewide Time Switch Ruled Out

Gov. Earl Snell Thursday ruled out the possibility of statewide daylight saving time, announcing he has decided not to issue a proclamation setting the clock ahead one hour.

Following a telephone conference with Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, Gov. Snell said a similar statement is expected from the neighboring governor.

"I have been in daily contact with Washington's governor for several days," Governor Snell said, "and while we both recognize the advantages and convenience of daylight saving in many quarters, the lack of authority on the part of the governors to make it uniform even within our respective states causes us both to refrain from issuing suggestive proclamations under existing circumstances."

Gov. Snell said he also had conferred with Governor Earl Warren of California.

New Exam for Postmaster Authorized

Because only one man was certified following the most recent examination for Salem postmaster, another examination has been ordered, Washington, D.C., sources said Thursday. The postoffice department on April 15 ordered the new examination, it was said, under a regulation which permits such action unless at least three persons have qualified.

The new examination will permit Acting Postmaster Albert Gragg to qualify, observers here declared Thursday. He lacked only the required period of experience as an executive over 60 employees in a business handling at least \$500,000 a year, it was understood at the time of the earlier examination, in which David Cameron, supervisor with the state unemployment compensation commission, was certified.

Willamette May Offer Flight Course

Administration officials announced here Thursday that negotiations are under way to provide a CAA flight program as a part of the Willamette university curriculum.

President G. Herbert Smith, who has been conferring with government officials on the early resumption of the program which was staged here before the war, said that all students eligible would receive two hours credit per semester for the flight and ground school course.

University's Dorm Drawings Approved, Gym Plan Dropped

Preliminary drawings for a new men's dormitory at Willamette university were approved at a meeting of the executive committee of the trustees in Portland Wednesday night and the architect, Pietro Belluschi, was instructed to proceed at once with final drawings. It is hoped that a contract may be let in the fall so the building may be completed by the beginning of school in the fall of 1947.

The plan of the building is for a general dormitory for about 100 men in the central portion of the structure with quarters for four fraternities housing about 25 men each in the lateral wings. The building will be H-shaped and will be located behind the law and government building on the east side of the campus. It will be four stories in height. Each section of the building will have its own dining room, lounge and game

Check Signer Big 4 End Formal Meetings

WASHINGTON, May 2 — Helen B. Smith, who has signed pay checks for presidents and senators for the past eight years, prepares to leave her desk at the treasury in Washington. She has reached the compulsory retirement age of 70.

North Oregon Brush, Forest Fires Sparked

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2-(AP)—The season's first serious brush and forest fires erupted in the northwest today, forcing several residents to evacuate expensive homes and burning near a railroad right-of-way.

A rash of fires was reported in Oregon's Columbia and Clatsop counties, where flames swept over more than 500 acres of brush and slashings. One blaze was burning near Mist, another in a log slashing near Vernonia, and a third near Clatskanie. A stand of hemlock and other trees in the Lake Cullaby recreational area near Warrenton was aflame.

Railroad officials sent a crew of 20 men and were rounding up 20 more to fight the hundred-acre fire about six miles northwest of Buxton, Ore. A small stump fire in a suburban area this morning burst out of control and swept through 25 acres of brush near an exclusive residential suburb here; fighters brought the blaze under control after several families were ordered to evacuate.

Oregon Mother Named by Snell

SALEM, Ore., May 2-(AP)—Mrs. Howard Mansfield, Freewater, whose son — one of six children — recently was named Walla Walla, Wash., "outstanding citizen of the year," today was named the Oregon mother of 1946.

Governor Earl Snell, in making the announcement, said Mrs. Mansfield would receive state honors on Mother's day, May 12. She was chosen from 50 candidates.

In addition to Thomas Browning Mansfield, former Walla Walla citizen now living in Ephrata, Wash., her children are: Sara Lu Vern Mansfield Hogan, Honolulu, violinist; Oliver H. Mansfield, army veteran and Walla Walla dentist; Jack E. Mansfield, instructor at Annapolis naval academy; Richard, in the navy; Another son, Harry, was killed in action.

Five-Pound Butter Limit at Mt. Angel

MOUNT ANGEL, May 2-(AP)—The Co-operative Creamery here reported that hundreds of Portlanders, and residents of other nearby cities including Salem, have been turning to its butter supply to fill their larders.

A five-pound limit has been set, Frank Hettman, manager, said.

W. U. May Fete To Start Today

With the inter-sorority sing this morning at 10:45 in the university chapel, Willamette's 40th May weekend will officially begin.

Immediately following the sing the traditional greased pole and tug-of-war competition between freshmen and sophomores will be held. An all-school barbecue is scheduled at 12:30 at the newly-built pit on the east campus, at which time a 600-pound steer will be cooked for the entire school.

Drama for the weekend will be supplied by Willamette thespians

PARIS, May 2-(AP)—U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes called upon the foreign ministers conference today for prompt revision of Italian armistice treaty terms and proposed a schedule of revisions for all armistices until agreements can be reached on European treaties, American sources said.

Byrnes presented the proposals at the first informal session of the conference, held after the ministers broke off their formal sessions indefinitely this morning.

But further consideration of the Italian armistice terms was halted by British objections on grounds which could not be learned immediately, conference informants reported.

Byrnes, however, took the opportunity to assert an American view that since peace treaties, even if drafted immediately, could not quickly become effective, revised armistice terms could be a short cut to stability in Europe.

To close or not to close at 5 or 5:30 p.m., that is the question posed this week to Salem business firms by the city's Retail Trade Bureau.

The letter, which is going out to merchants, asks an expression on what business hours the city should keep, suggesting the following alternatives: To open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. six days a week; to open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. six days a week; to open at 9 and close at 5:30 six days, or to continue the present custom, by which most stores close at 6 p.m., opening at various hours. One large downtown store has commenced opening at 9 and closing at 5:30 five days, but remaining open to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

Dr. Barker to Talk at Champog

Dr. Burt Brown Barker, member of a pioneer Willamette valley family who is prominent as an educator and an inspirational speaker, will deliver the principal address at the annual founders' day and centennial picnic at Champog next Sunday. Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers are sponsors of the event, held in observation of the 100th anniversary of the famous 1846 meeting at Champog.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	87	45	.00
Eugene	87	47	.00
Portland	81	46	.00
San Francisco	58	45	.00
Seattle	81	47	.00

Willamette river, 1.6 ft. FOGCAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy, slightly cooler today. Expected maximum temperature 76 degrees.

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