

Convicts Take Deadly Barrage in Silence

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Alcatraz Fortress Besieged

Earlier Plea for Truce Refused By Prison Chief

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3—(AP)—Prison guards, who had been creeping through the main cell block to get within gunfire range of the rebel Alcatraz convicts, were withdrawn tonight, leaving the desperate men to make the decision between surrender and death.

A prison official said on the telephone: "We're leaving them alone tonight to talk it over."

Not a sound could be heard from the prisoner's stronghold. Thus far, the desperate bid for freedom had cost the lives of two guards. Fourteen others were wounded.

There was no indication of the casualties within the silent cell block.

Bid for Truce

Earlier this evening, the convicts had made one bid for a truce. One of them telephoned Warden J. A. Johnston:

"We want to make a deal." Johnston replied: "We'll make a deal when you throw your weapons and ammunition out."

That was the last word from the men. There appeared to be little hope of starving the men into submission. One officer, who had been on the island, said the prisoners early in the riot had seized a kitchen and presumably taken food supplies. The prison guards now hold the kitchen.

Major Albert Arsenault, marine public information officer, said that Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, of Memphis, Tenn., had volunteered to try and blast the desperadoes out.

Mounted Roof

He mounted the roof, drilled three holes with an electric chisel, and lowered an anti-tank grenade on a length of string.

"Buckner heard some of the convicts scream then to be let out. Then he heard a rifle shot. There were no more screams." Major Arsenault said Buckner, a Pacific combat veteran who holds the Silver Star and Purple Heart, continued dropping grenades into the cell block. Major Arsenault estimated he dropped 150 of them.

Leon's Requests Permit to Build

Application for a \$30,000 annex to Leon's, 234 N. Liberty st., has been filed with the civilian production administration by L. I. Balch and C. F. Fouger, operators. The plans call for the building to be at the rear of the present store and to be of concrete exterior and wooden interior construction, with a basement and mezzanine in addition to the main floor.

Another application filed with the CPA by Henry Schultalber, Woodburn, is for a six-unit auto court to cost \$12,000. Units are to include three rooms and a garage.

Reds Plan Lottery-Loan For Reconstruction

LONDON, May 3—(AP)—The Soviet government called on the Russian people today to invest a month's pay each in a reconstruction loan of 20,000,000,000 rubles (nominally \$3,774,000,000) to be retired by them through an elaborate state lottery system. Non-winners will be able to redeem their bonds at face value 15 years after issuance. Both bonds and prize money will be tax-free.

SEEK CITY-OWNED POWER

TOLEDO, Ore., May 3—(AP)—The water and light commission has written Bonneville administrator Paul J. Raver asking a meeting to draw up an agreement permitting a city-owned power system here, Chairman Stanley Thomson said today.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	72	43	.00
Eugene	72	47	.00
Portland	75	48	.00
Seattle	81	46	.00
San Francisco	62	44	.00
Williams river	62	44	.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy with highest temperature, 70 degrees. Light variable winds.

To Resign



Neil E. Allen, Grants Pass, chairman of the republican state central committee, who said today he would resign May 21 due to the pressure of his law practice. He called a meeting of the 144-member committee for that date, according to the Associated Press.

Restaurants Threaten to Close Doors

Most of Salem's eating establishments will close before the end of the month if the OPA does not allow them price relief, local restaurant owners agreed at a meeting last night with officials of the Salem Culinary alliance.

Increased food costs and operating expenses have made a raise of at least 20 per cent in prices necessary, they said. Wage rates have gone up 50 per cent since 1943, it was pointed out.

Robert Lehman of the Spa restaurant was elected chairman of a committee to appeal to the proper OPA authorities for investigation and price relief. Other committee members are Herman Pink, Meadows; Archie Elliot, Black and White; Dee Bacon, Salem Coffee shop, and Cecil Doty, Smoke shop. The Culinary alliance has pledged full cooperation and support.

School District Move Pondered

Marion county district boundary board Friday took under advisement until May 31 the question of removing a 50-acre area from Pringle school district into the Salem school district.

Pringle School Board Chairman J. D. Adams, protesting the proposed change, declared it would take \$13,809 assessed valuation off his district. A vote on transportation of school children in that district is scheduled for May 23.

The change would bring 14 families into the Salem district.

MacArthur Rules Out Hatoyama

TOKYO, Saturday, May 4—(AP)—Ichiro Hatoyama, at the very moment he was to be proposed as Japan's next premier, today was ordered barred from all public office by General MacArthur.

MacArthur's headquarters, in a biting statement, termed the president of Japan's dominant so-called Liberal party an "undesirable person" whose past record had paved the way for the unopposed march of the military clique to power.

LaGuardia Leaves Meeting Of UNRRA 'Pencil-Pushers'

WASHINGTON, May 3—(AP)—F. H. LaGuardia, UNRRA director-general, disgustingly walked out on a meeting of the combined food board today when "pencil-pushing statisticians," as he called them, showed up instead of officials with authority.

LaGuardia protested that he cannot "feed people on statistics and paper wheat," called for another session next Tuesday, and served notice that he expects "the head representatives of each country to attend."

Rail Passenger Service Cut To Conserve Coal

A deeper slash in the nation's railroad passenger service was decreed yesterday as a coal conservation measure as threat of a nationwide railroad strike came from a new quarter. The office of defense transportation ordered a 50 per cent reduction in passenger service on trains powered by coal burning locomotives effective May 15.

About three fourths of the nation's trains use coal for fuel. To 'Actually' Strike

In Chicago, three railroad operating unions representing conductors, switchmen and locomotive firemen, notified the railroad managements they wanted a daily wage boost of \$1.20 in addition to a daily hike of \$128 granted them last month by an arbitration board. They said a strike would "actually occur" unless their new demands are satisfactorily settled.

Only 24 hours earlier, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers broke off conference with the carriers called in an effort to avert a strike of their 280,000 members scheduled for May 18. These two brotherhoods also demanded wage increases in addition to the 16 cents hourly boost recommended by a presidential fact-finding board.

Pilots to Strike

Meanwhile, trans world air line pilots scheduled a strike for next Tuesday that would affect international as well as domestic service and public transportation was paralyzed in Los Angeles by a spike of AFL transit workers.

War Surplus Sale Scheduled In Salem Soon

Eighty lots of miscellaneous hardware and related items at the treasury warehouse, 2750 State st., will be offered for sale by bid to dealers, the War Assets Administration's Portland office announced today.

There will be a pre-sale inspection period from May 8 to 15 with sealed boxes at each lot for the receipts of bids. These seals will be opened and the successful bidders announced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15.

Included in the offering are vises, wrenches, fire extinguishers, leather belting, dies, gauges, abrasive cloth, fuses, electrical connections, pipe covering, circular saws, jointer blades, safety valves, steel drills, surveying accessories, loose leaf binders, ammunition boxes and other items.

Norblad to Eat Rejected Food

WASHINGTON, May 3—(AP)—Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) announced today he will make a meal in the house dining room tomorrow of food he said the navy dumped as "garbage."

Returning from Oregon, he displayed samples of food salvaged, he said, from the navy dump at Astoria. In the assortment were a can of luncheon pork, a can of lemon juice powder, a can of dehydrated cranberries, a box of breakfast cereal and a can of powdered milk.

Norblad declared it was all good, unspoiled food, and, "just to prove it, I will eat it at lunch in the house dining room tomorrow."

Truman Signs Dam Measure

WASHINGTON, May 3—(AP)—Many Pacific northwestern projects, mostly in Oregon, were included in the \$333,000,000 bill which president Truman revealed today he had signed, for army engineers to resume peacetime flood control and rivers and harbors programs.

The measure allocates \$2,600,000 to the McNary (Umatilla) dam on the Columbia. Other projects include: Flood control, Detroit reservoir, Ore., Willamette river bank protection, Ore., \$450,000.

Advance planning, Quartz creek reservoir, Ore., \$130,000; Sweet Home reservoir, Ore., \$100,000; Coquille river basin, Ore., \$12,000; Nehalem river basin, Ore., \$2500.

27 Counties Report Registration Totals

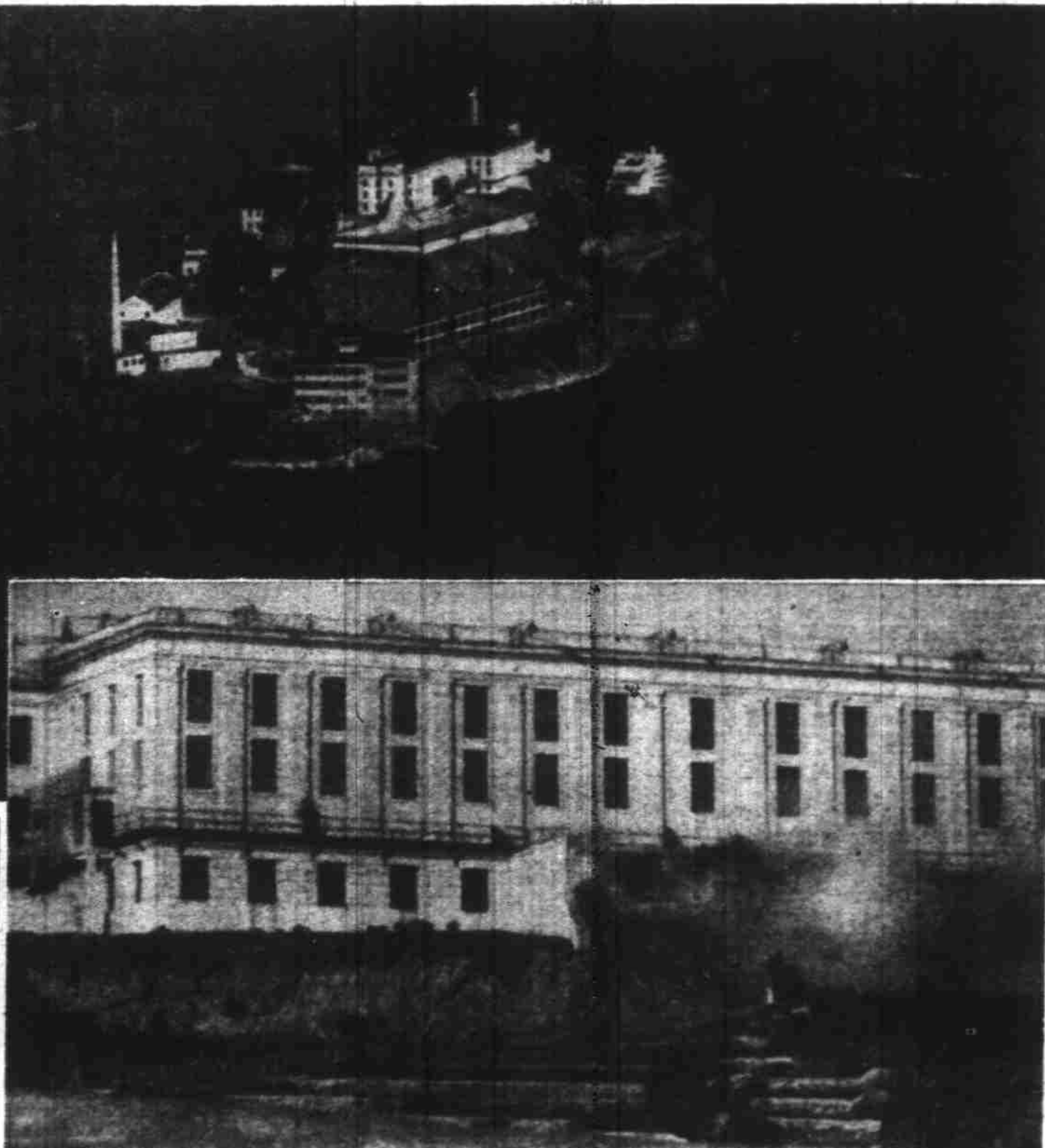
Twenty-seven of Oregon's 36 counties Friday had reported their registrations of voters for the primary election May 17 to the secretary of state, with the remaining counties expected to report early next week.

Figures indicate that there has been no material reduction in the number of registrations despite suspension of wartime industrial activities.

Our Senators

Later LaGuardia told women of the Congressional club he felt "sick, sore and disabled" when he "found no head of any country there."

"Instead, there were pencil pushing statisticians there," he said. "I asked for bread and they gave paper. I didn't remain."



SAN FRANCISCO, May 3—(Above) Police and Coast Guard boats speed around Alcatraz Island penitentiary in San Francisco bay as guards and prisoners battle for supremacy of "the Rock". (Below) Guards creep along beneath cellblock windows to fire into building where convicts, armed with machine guns are holding most of prison officers. Note fire burning in foreground, which is believed to have started from tracer bullets, fired by convicts. (AP Wirephotos to the Statesman.)

Prefabricated Home Assembly Line to Start Rolling Next Week

First pre-fabricated peacetime houses to be manufactured in the northwest will be moving off the assembly line at the Keith Brown lumber yard here next week at the rate of two a day.

Approved for federal housing authority loans and for priorities, a model of the two-bedroom house will be opened to the public at 7 o'clock tonight at 145 Court st., beside the Keith Brown Building Supply store.

Livingroom, combination kitchen and dining room and bathroom are included in the 28½ by 24½-foot house. Streamlined built-ins feature the structure, which completed will sell for a

Forest Fire Said Under Control

Hillside fire which broke out Thursday along the S. P. & S. railroad tracks near Buxton was reported under control early Friday by Nels Rogers, state forester.

Rogers said the fire was confined largely to ferns and brush and covered approximately 200 acres. No other fires were reported by the state forester, who said Friday's cooler weather had reduced the hazards prevailing earlier in the week. There was some fog along the coast.

Nip Defendant Believed Mad

TOKYO, Saturday, May 4—(AP)—Propagandist Shumei Okawa, who yesterday twice slapped Japan's wartime dictator, Hideki Tojo, on the top of his bald head, was ordered removed from the courtroom at today's second session of the international military tribunal arrainging Japan's 28 top flight war criminal suspects.

Chief Justice Sir William Webb issued the order. He said it was necessary to have an examination by two psychiatrists to determine whether the tall, grinning defendant was mentally capable of pleading.

Houses Delivered To Colony Site

First of the prefabricated apartment houses for the Salem-Willamette university veterans' colony on South 16th street were delivered here Friday. A crew of workmen went onto the job at once.

One hundred forty-four family dwelling units have been allocated to the city, 82 to Willamette university.

LEGION CONCLAVE IN JULY

PORTLAND, May 3—(AP)—The state American Legion convention will be held here July 15-17 rather than July 29-31 as originally planned.

Lone Point of Dispute Bars Bus Strike End

PORTLAND, May 3—(AP)—Possibility of action tomorrow in the dispute between Oregon Motor Stages and its striking drivers and mechanics was reported today by the union.

Assistant Business Agent T. S. Beagin said Conciliator Oliver Goodwin advised him that he had asked the company to make an offer tomorrow morning. If it is made it will be submitted to the union membership Sunday, Beagin said.

A. L. Schneider, company manager, said a recent conference at Salem had settled all major points except the wage scale for over-the-road drivers. The company's highest offer was \$1.27 an hour and the union's lowest scale-down of its original \$1.40 demand was \$1.30.

New Bus to Start Today

New bus service on the State and Chemeketa street runs was announced Friday by Bill Nelson and C. B. Costa, operators, to begin Monday.

The State street bus will begin service on a half-hourly schedule at 6:15 a.m. and run until 6:45 p.m., with hourly service afterwards. Last bus will leave the city at 11:45 p.m. Hourly service on the Chemeketa street run will begin at 7:15 p.m., with the last bus at 11:15 p.m. The buses will follow the routes of the regular Oregon Motor Stages.

Sunday service will begin at 8:15 a.m. but the schedule had not yet been set, Costa said.

Washington Forest Blaze Believed Held

YACOLT, Wash., May 3—(AP)—Weary crews of firefighters held hope that the three-day-old Bell mountain fire could be kept within its approximate five-square mile lines tonight. Men patrolling the blaze do not feel certain they have it under control, he said, but unless the wind springs up they believe it will be held.

Chicago Industry Hit by Power Ration

CHICAGO, May 3—(AP)—Chicago's business and industrial activity staggered today under the full impact of a drastic power rationing edict. Office buildings, along with other commercial establishments, were limited to the use of electricity between 2 and 6 p.m. today. The order will be eased, however, to provide electricity to office buildings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting tomorrow.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Stryker

I recall in meetings of the state board of control a few years ago which I attended as a member, when there was discussion of state office space in Portland, State Treasurer Scott made the prediction several times that there would never be another office building erected in Portland. At that time numerous buildings were in hock or had been taken over by mortgages. There was a surplus of office space, the buildings were yielding a very low return on the investment after taxes. Scott thought, and with reason at the time, that in view of the relations of cost and construction costs and rentals nobody would have the money or the disposition to invest in office buildings.

Came not the war, but the "postwar," and we find office buildings sprouting like dandelions in the lawn down in Portland. Equitable Savings & Loan is rushing plans for a new multi-storied office building. Another corporation is going to build a 14-story building, full block-sized, which will be bigger than any office building in Portland. The department of agriculture will take most of this space. Another 12-story medical office building is set for early construction.

During the war government agencies grew like Jack's beanstalk and filled up the gaps in Portland office buildings. Though (Continued on editorial page)

Death Claims John Marshall

John S. Marshall, 86, native of Illinois and resident of Salem since 1919, died at a local hospital Thursday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday from Clough-Barrick chapel.

Marshall had been chairman of the democratic central committee here for several terms and was mayor of Lewiston, Mont., for two terms before moving here. He had also been a member of the Sewage school board.

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TROOPS OUT OF SYRIA

NEW YORK, May 3—(AP)—Great Britain and France reported to the United Nations security council tonight that all their troops had been withdrawn from Syria and that "the bulk of fighting forces" would be evacuated from Lebanon by June 30.

Animal Crackers



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"The flies are something awful around here!"

Our Senators



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