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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

One of the best of the warbooks was Ralph Ingersoll's "The Battle of the Payoff." Ingersoll had been editor of PM in New York, and when his draft board refused to defer him he entered the service as a private and attained the rank of captain by the time of the fighting in North Africa. His book gave a fine description of troops on the eve of attack and of the progress of action. It was personalized and graphic, giving one a clear picture of the soldier's life in combat.

From North Africa, Ingersoll went to England preliminary to the great attack on the continent, and from captain he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was assigned to duty at the headquarters of General Bradley, and his new book "Top Secret" tells the story of the war as seen from that station. Instead of being largely descriptive reporting as was the former book, "Top Secret" is rather "editorializing" in the war management.

Ingersoll is devastating to General Montgomery, whose fame showed steady diminution from North Africa through Sicily, Italy to France where he and his command were brakes on the allied advance. And Ingersoll doesn't hesitate to deflate General Eisenhower as top commander. To him Bradley is the great hero of the war, reversing the old saying that "no man is a hero to his valet." Eisenhower is considered

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Vets Campaign To 'Save OPA'

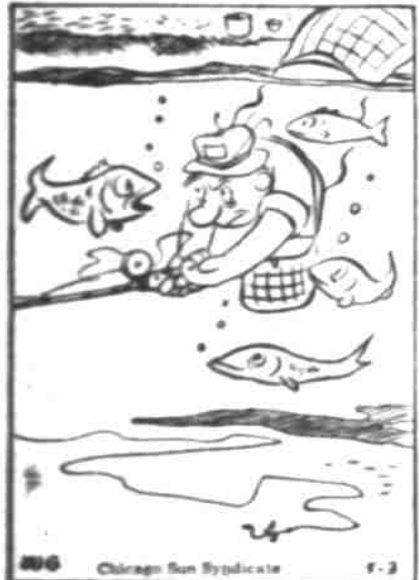
By the Associated Press
The American Veterans committee reported demonstrations throughout the country by 370 of its 450 chapters, along with other organizations, yesterday on what it proclaimed as "Save OPA day."
Six effigies were hanged from lampposts in Los Angeles and Hollywood with placards reading: "This congressman committed political suicide. He voted against price control sez AVC."
In Omaha 15 labor and women's groups joined with veterans in holding a day-long meeting which they called an anti-inflation conference. They prepared petitions to Nebraska's republican senators, Wherry and Butler, urging the retention of a strong OPA.

City Council to Consider Budget

First consideration of the new city budget will be principal business before the city council Monday. The citizens' budget committee will meet with council to examine the recommendations of the various city departments.
City Recorder Al Mundt and his staff Saturday expected to work through the weekend in preparing copies of the budget recommendations which have been submitted in the past two weeks.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"If you don't mind my saying, I think you're trying too hard."

Flax Loss Prospect Reported

Spokesman Says 'Hoarded Flax' Flooding Market

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4 (AP)—Oregon flax growers, who boosted production for American war use when import sources were cut off, face heavy financial loss because of "dumping of war hoarded flax" by European nations, an Oregon flax industry spokesman declared here today in an appeal for protection for the industry.
Alfred Lentschner, manager of the Santiam Flax Growers Cooperative, warned the state's 2,000 flax growers already have suffered greatly as prices tumbled from the government guarantee of 58 cents a pound for flax fibre to 40 cents and lower. He reported three of the state's 13 flax processing plants have shut down and that Oregon growers, who planted two years ago for this year's crop, have several hundred tons of flax on which they are forced to take a financial loss.

He declared eastern mills report imports from Europe have never been so heavy and that foreign producers are getting their price, paying the duty fees and ocean tonnage rates and still delivering flax fibre to the eastern seaboard at 40 cents a pound.

Fire-Fighting Demonstration Slated Monday

E. M. Van Marter, Los Angeles petroleum fire control expert, will demonstrate latest methods in controlling oil and gasoline fires Monday afternoon at the state fairgrounds.
Special fire fighting equipment will be used in the demonstrations accompanying his safety lectures in the four-hour program, it was announced Saturday by L. E. Greenwood, local manager for Union Oil Co.
Greenwood said city and volunteer firemen from Salem and other communities in the mid-Willamette valley, as well as state officials, have been invited to witness the program.

Fire Protection Budget on Rise

Expenditures for forest protection and fire suppression on state and private lands in Oregon during 1945 reached an all-time high of \$2,823,892.98, figures released here Saturday by Nels Rogers, state forester, disclosed.
This was nearly \$900,000 more than was expended for similar purposes during 1944.
"This large expenditure was not entirely due to the serious fire situation of last year," Rogers declared. Increased costs played a major role in the addition.

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Leslie Orchestra Takes Top Rating at Eugene Music Contest

EUGENE, May 4 (AP) Leslie junior high school of Salem received a Superior rating for its orchestra at the Northwest Regional High School music festival, held today on the University of Oregon campus. Band ratings included Excellent to Parrish junior high school, and to Salem high. Leslie junior high was rated as Good.
In competition yesterday, those

Truman Report on Coal Strike Causes Conjecture on Seizure

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—President Truman issued a report today calling the effects of the coal strike a "national disaster" and warning that its full impact has only "barely begun" to be felt.
The report came as the senate rang with demands for government action and denunciation of John L. Lewis. Whether it was designed to lay a basis for government seizure of the struck mines became immediately a matter for conjecture.
Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said Mr. Truman released it because he desires that "the public should have full information as to the seriousness of the situation."
The report came amid these other developments:

1. Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) demanded that the government seize the soft coal mines "unless John L. Lewis bows to reason."
2. The Railway Express Agency, Inc., announced it would embargo all express shipments of materials covered by the freight embargo effective May 10.
3. The negotiations between Lewis and the operators which the government has been trying to keep alive were recessed, still in a deadlock, until Monday morning after a brief session.
4. The solid fuels administration reported it is drafting orders for still further curtailment of home deliveries of coal, already sharply cut.

County Budget Tentatively Set Within Limits

A tentative tax levy within the 6 per cent limitation by \$272.54 will be set when the Marion county budget committee meets Monday. The total estimated levy is set at \$857,642 as compared with the \$857,914 actually allowed under the limitation.
The tentative budget is \$8,288 over the \$809,353 actually levied last year.
The budget shows a total estimated requirement of \$1,568,111 which includes \$196,000 for old age pension, \$194,940 for county school fund, \$176,846 for roads and highway fund and \$516,285 for the general fund.
Expendable surplus of \$360,000 and miscellaneous revenue receipts of \$350,469 make up the gap between the total requirement and levy.

Jobless Pay Checks Drop

Of the \$14,038,067 paid out by the Oregon unemployment compensation commission in the first four months of 1946, nearly as much as was paid in the past six years, \$643,266 went to Marion county's jobless, the commission reported Saturday.
The April state payments were \$2,581,318, a reduction of 9.9 per cent from the all-time March peak, while veterans allowances last month totaled \$1,015,299, a decrease of 17.2 per cent from another March high.
A big drop is not expected until about 15,000 more claimants exhaust their benefit rights late in the month and until additional seasonal jobs become available.

Champoeg Fete Scheduled Today

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, celebrating their 100th anniversary at Champoeg park today, will hear Dr. Burt Brown Barker deliver an address, following a picnic lunch.
The event is the 103rd anniversary of government in the Oregon country and the centennial year of the territory's northern boundary. The Champoeg meeting of May 2, 1843, established a provisional government for the early settlers.
The question of its northern boundary was settled in 1846.

Woodburn Promised Highway Improvements

WOODBURN, May 4 (Special) Widening of the highway along the east side of town is assured, Dr. Gerald B. Smith has been notified by C. B. McCullough, assistant state highway engineer.
"We contemplate spending about \$75,000, widening section to full street width with curbs, gutters and storm sewers," McCullough wrote.
Plans are for highway improvement from the railroad tracks, Cleveland street, north to Lincoln street. If funds are available and traffic conditions demand, improvement may be extended north to the city limits.

Sensational Salem Senators Capture Ninth Straight Win

Salem's red hot Senator baseball team, still unscathed in Western International league play, last night won its ninth consecutive game of the season, a 12-0 rout of the visiting Spokane Indians. It was the fifth straight victory for the team at Waters park.
Ed Kowalski, righthander, won his third consecutive game and allowed three hits.
The series with Spokane closes today with a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader at the park. Lee Fallin and Claude Janeway have been nominated to pitch for Salem. Manager Frisco Edwards' unstopped team hits the road Tuesday of this week for series in Wenatchee and Spokane.
(Additional details on the sports page.)

Byrnes Proposes Europe Plebiscite

PARIS, May 4 (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes tonight proposed holding a plebiscite in the "no man's land" between boundaries projected by the Americans and Russians to settle the Italian-Yugoslav border dispute, an American source reported.
He was opposed by the Soviet and British foreign ministers, who said any plebiscite should cover the entire area claimed by both Italy and Yugoslavia.

GOP Would Curb Radio Propaganda

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—House republicans disclosed privately today they are considering drafting legislation to curb what they call "radio propaganda" by bureaucrats and commentators with a cause.
But informal conferences already have been held preparatory to writing a bill for submission to the commerce committee.
In addition to providing for regulation of what may be said over the radio, the proposed legislation would curb the powers of the federal communications commission.

Vet Meets English Bride in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4 (AP)—Don Addison, Silverton, a Salem cabinet maker, greeted his British war bride, Jean, and his 11-month-old daughter, Carol Ann, here today.
Addison returned to America in February after 21 months overseas with the 8th air force.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	70	48	00
Eugene	70	51	Trace
Portland	70	49	Trace
Seattle	68	51	Trace
San Francisco	58	51	Trace

Willamette river 17 ft. above normal. (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.) Partly cloudy today with highest temperature 65 degrees. Light to gentle winds.

Iran Said Evacuated By Soviet

Newsman Invited To Visit 'Free' Province

By Joseph C. Goodwin
TEHRAN, May 4 (AP)—Army and police officials said today that all of Iran had been evacuated by the Russians, but Prince Mozaffar Firouz, director of propaganda, described the soviet exodus from contentious Azerbaijan province as "almost" complete.
"An Iranian general staff officer declared "all Iran has been evacuated by the red army" and general staff officials made similar statements.
Firouz said "Azerbaijan is almost completely evacuated," and added he saw no reasons why correspondents should not visit the province after Monday—the deadline set in the Soviet-Iranian agreement for the complete removal of Russian troops from the country. Russian officials have refused permission to foreign correspondents to enter the province.

Allan Bynon Succumbs to Heart Attack

(Picture on page 2)
Allan A. Bynon, Portland attorney widely known here as a prominent former state senator, died Saturday of a heart attack while recuperating at an illness at his Agate Beach summer home. He was 50.
He represented Multnomah county in the state legislature from 1928 until 1932 in the house and from 1932 until 1936 in the senate. He served as legal advisor to Charles A. Sprague during his term as governor.
Bynon, a native of Portland, attended Salem high school and Willamette university law school, and practiced law here prior to World War I, in which he served overseas. He had also attended University of Oregon.
Funeral arrangements are being made in Portland.
(Additional details on page 2)

British Loan Vote Tuesday

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—The administration moved today for a senate showdown on the beleaguered British loan bill with a bipartisan "cloture" petition automatically forcing a vote at 1 p.m. (EST) Tuesday on the question of limiting debate.
This move came as one high administration leader told reporters he thought the loan bill would pass the senate by a margin of 12 to 18 provided all amendments can be defeated. He said, however, that even the administration has been unable to make an accurate poll on the measure.

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Slain Guards



SAN FRANCISCO, May 4—The two guards killed in the Alcatraz mutiny were (top) William A. Miller, who died shortly after the picture was taken showing him being carried off the island, and (bottom) Harold P. Stites, hero of several outbreaks on the "Rock," who leaves a widow and three sons.

Arabs to Ask Soviet Support In Palestine

LONDON, May 4 (AP)—Several Arab groups are reported planning to send a delegation to Moscow to ask the Russians to champion their cause in Palestine before the United Nations, an Arab league spokesman said today in Cairo.
The Arab delegation would not only ask the Russians to bring the subject of Palestine before the United Nations, but would also request the Soviet Union to "support the Arabs in Palestine against the British-American report," the spokesman said, quoting Palestine reports.

Reply Due to Bus Union Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4 (AP)—The Oregon Motor Stages is expected to reply Monday to union proposals for settlement of the month-old strike.
Meanwhile the North Tillamook chamber of commerce appealed to the company and the union to end the bus tie-up which has halted over-the-road service between many points along the north Oregon coast, between Portland and coastal and valley cities, and has shut down the transportation systems in Salem and Eugene.

Brooks, Kingwood Place First In Men's Garden Club Show

By Lillie L. Madsen
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Brooks and Kingwood Garden clubs placed first in club entries at the Salem Men's Garden club Spring show which opened Saturday afternoon and will close this evening at 8 p.m. The show is being held at the YMCA.
Brooks took the blue in the horticulture division and Kingwood in arrangement. Salem Heights placed second and Gaitly Hill third in arrangement and Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society second, and Lansing Neighbors third in the horticulture division.
Approximately 1200 visitors viewed the 225 entries Saturday. Many more are expected today. The Portland Men's Garden club, which is having its own show this week, placed a non-competitive

3 Ringleaders Of 'Break' Killed In Escape Attempt

By Harold V. Streeter
INSIDE ALCATRAZ, May 4 (AP)—The Alcatraz prison riot, in which five men died and 14 were wounded in a 36-hour gun battle, was staged with only two firearms in the convicts' hands.
It ended today with the capture of the last of the conspirators. Three of the convicts were dead within their island stronghold. Two guards were shot in cold blood by the frenzied men, pounded with rifle and grenade fire.
These are the outstanding facts of the complete investigation as told tonight by Warden James A. Johnston with Director of Prisons James V. Bennett at his side to clarify.
Here in chronological sequence is the story:
Sometime before 2:30 p.m. Thursday the spectacular but quickly foiled plot was set to go into motion.
The scene was the only cell house on the island prison in San Francisco bay. On each end of the large building is a gun gallery. Each gallery has upper and lower tiers.
Between these galleries are the cell blocks, A, B and C. On the other side of the gallery opposite C is a concrete wall and beyond that wall is D block housing some of the most vicious of Alcatraz more than 250 convicts.

Prison Guard Enters Gun Gallery
The opening of the real life dramatic tragedy centered on the gun gallery opposite a cell block. In that gallery was Guard Bert Burch. This gallery is barred off from the cell house and has no entry door except from outside the building. Burch had two weapons, a 30.06 Springfield rifle and a .45 automatic pistol. There also were some gas weapons known as gas "bills."
The opportune moment came when Burch was at one end of the gun gallery. At the opposite end, Bernard Coy, Kentucky bank robber, with a plumbing bar presumably taken from a radiator, grasped the bars and started climbing. Near the top of the gun gallery the bars curve into the wall. It is a well known fact that where bars curve they are the weakest.
Coy got on top this curve and pried the bars apart to a width of seven inches. He then slipped down from the top tier of the gallery, met the surprised Burch as he was returning and knocked him cold, taking his weapons.
Coy, whose opportunity was afforded by the fact he was an orderly cleaning out the cell block passages, thus gained control of the rifle, the pistol, the gas grenades and some gas masks.
Coy kept the rifle and it was beside him when his body was found today at the end of the siege. Coy also stripped Burch's coat and donned it.
Joseph Cretzer, convicted murderer and Coy's accomplice, got the pistol and had it until he died.

Convicts Had 71 Rounds of Ammunition
The entire ammunition available to the convicts throughout the siege consisted of 50 rounds for the rifle and 21 rounds for the pistol. Earlier reports that the convicts actually got into a gun room were erroneous.
Federal Prison Director James V. Bennett and Warden James A. Johnston announced that the last of the conspirators were taken into custody when the three ringleaders—Cretzer, Coy and Marvin Hubbard—were found dead and their weapons recovered.
Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Deasy and seven FBI investigators landed on the island this afternoon to begin an investigation. Deasy said the death sentence would be demanded for all who are indicted by the federal grand jury as result of the investigation.
Prison officials did not indicate the number involved in the mutiny, but included Miran Edgar Thompson, Texas murderer and kidnaper and Sam Shockey, Oklahoma bank robber among the list of the leaders.

Parish to Study Plan for Church 9500 Vets to Dock Today

Plans for replacing the 57-year-old St. Joseph Catholic church, North Cottage at Chemeketa street, will be considered at a parish meeting at 7:45 tonight at parish hall. An immediate campaign to obtain donations and pledges of \$100,000, to be added to the present building fund, has been recommended by a committee of 27 men in letters sent all members of the parish this week.

Police to Check For Car Safety

Oregon state police, traffic law enforcement officers, sheriffs and all other peace officers in Oregon will participate in the national police safety week check program, starting Wednesday, May 15, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., announced Saturday.
The law enforcement officers will conduct a safety check on all motor vehicles stopped during routine law enforcement activities. The check will consist of an inspection of tires, brakes, lights, horn and other equipment.

Newsman Refuse Norblad's Lunch

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) reiterated his charges today that the navy had "thrown away" good food at the Astoria, Ore., base and to prove his point ate a lunch in the house restaurant from food he said was discarded as "garbage."
He offered several congressmen and newsmen a chance to share the lunch, but no one accepted.
A navy official said dysentery had developed after use of some of the canned food. Norblad said he believed such reports were "untrue."
CHINA REDS TAKE LOSSES
MUKDEN, May 4 (AP)—The Chinese government asserted today it had smashed a surprise "offensive" aimed at Mukden by 60,000 communist troops, who were turned back with more than 500 casualties.
STATE PILOTS DOUBLED
PORTLAND, Ore., May 4 (AP)—The number of certified pilots and airplanes in Oregon has more than doubled since 1944, a civil aeronautics administration survey showed today.
LAKE TO OPEN JUNE 15
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 4 (AP)—Tourists may get accommodations at Crater lake starting June 15, Charles W. Frock, manager of the National Park company, said today.