

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Generalissimo Franco is a pain in the neck to democratic nations. He was set up in a revolution against the republican government with the help of Mussolini and Hitler, while the western nations withheld help to the legitimate government under a policy of non-intervention. Franco was friendly to his axis sponsors and hoped for their success. Only his own and Spain's weak position prevented him from extending active aid to the axis. It was anticipated that the downfall of Mussolini and Hitler would be followed soon by that of Franco, but the generalissimo has shown great stick-to-itiveness as far as his job goes, and now seems more closely glued to his seat than for some months past.

One thing which helps Franco is the fear of a communist succession in Spain. This is a "red" herring across the path. Friends of the present regime whisper in the ears of the British and American government that it wouldn't do to kick Franco out because the Russian red would move in. Right now playing up the red menace pays good dividends in London and Washington. The facts hardly justify the fears because the government-in-exile is not a radical government, and the communist influence in Spain has been definitely a minority. The turn of the tide in Italy and France indicates the way western Europe is now leaning, and Spain would follow along, particularly if the western nations moved to help Spain get rid of Franco.

Valley Project Money Gets House Okeh

Word arrived from Washington Tuesday that the house had initially approved \$35,000,000 for the Willamette Valley project and brought a comment of "that marvelous" from Douglas McKay, who has been chairman of the project committee since its inception 11 years ago. The word came in a wire to the Salem Chamber of Commerce from Rep. Walter Norblad, who said the house took the action while acting as a committee-of-the-whole and that the move "virtually assured" passage of the omnibus flood control bill when the formal roll-call is made tomorrow. McKay said Tuesday the house action made certain that the project would go ahead, and that other authorizations and allocations should be assured when additional amounts were needed.

Stoppage Ends On Waterfront

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18-(AP) Full-scale waterfront activity was resumed here today after CIO marine cargo checkers and supercargoes accepted employers' word that they would receive the wage increase negotiated Friday night in Washington.

CIO maritime unions here refused to return to work until the checkers were assured that a pay boost, specifically ordered for California checkers, applied here also. The checkers union accepted the employers' assurance at a meeting today, and the local committee for maritime unity reported its approval late yesterday.

Venison on the Hoof Tempts Mill City Folk

MILL CITY, June 18-(Special) Meat-hungry citizens have had several mouth-watering views of venison on the hoof recently. A doe recently wandered past Hilltop store and went through the Lowell Cree yard on her way back to the hills. A buck was seen in Charley Gentry's yard the same day. Arby Johnson found a deer feeding in his garden two days later.

Animal Crackers



Army Tests Use Of Molten Metal

WASHINGTON, June 18-(AP) A spurt of molten metal, starting at a speed of nearly five miles a second, may become in time America's defense against rockets or armored space ships packed with atomic bombs. The army supplied a peek at it today in the research and planning stages of its development. The new weapon still is a long way from reality, but Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes, chief of ordnance, says that in a few years it may replace the bullets and shells fighter pilots pumped at enemy targets in the last war. The army figures the amazing weapon of tomorrow will be operated something like this: An airplane, perhaps of a robot type, would launch a rocket. Radar or electronics would guide the rocket to its target. As it neared the objective, the rocket would spit out a jet of molten metal with an initial velocity of 25,000 feet a second. That speed is known to be possible. In comparison, sound saunters along at 1,120 feet a second, a bullet travels only 3,000 and a V-2 rets up to 5,000. Ordnance experts say a spurt of liquid metal traveling so fast could not be turned aside, that it would pierce the armor of a plane carrying an atomic bomb or knock out an atomic rocket.

Expenses for Conventions Worry Scott

A suggestion that state employees and officials who attend conventions and other affairs outside the state pay half their own expenses, as a means of reducing such attendance, was made Tuesday by State Treasurer Leslie Scott, at a board of control meeting. Other members did not comment. Scott's remark followed receipt of a letter from Dr. Grover C. Bellinger, head of the state tuberculosis hospital here, asking permission to send one of his physicians to attend a conference in a medical convention. Dr. Bellinger placed the state's cost of the trip at \$50 which he said was approximately one half of the total cost. Under the existing laws officials and employees attending conventions receive a specified allowance which, in most cases, covers their actual expenses. The board awarded a contract for public liability and property damage insurance, covering approximately 2,300 state-owned vehicles, to the Truck Insurance company at an annual premium of \$15,657.89.

Employment of Dr. Morris K. Caruthers as part-time physician at the Oregon state penitentiary was approved. He will receive \$100 a month. Under the existing laws officials and employees attending conventions receive a specified allowance which, in most cases, covers their actual expenses. The board awarded a contract for public liability and property damage insurance, covering approximately 2,300 state-owned vehicles, to the Truck Insurance company at an annual premium of \$15,657.89.

Voters Adopt \$21,385 Levy In West Salem

WEST SALEM, June 18-(Special) West Salem voters today approved the 1946-47 city budget providing a levy of \$21,385, which is in excess of the six per cent limitation, by a vote of 48 to 3. The budget provides for estimated expenditures of \$51,560 which is offset by estimated receipts, leaving the \$21,385 to be raised by taxation. The annual taxpayers meeting was held June 3 when the budget was adopted by the city council when no protests from taxpayers were received. The greatly increased levy this year was considered necessary by the budget committee because of great industrial expansion of the West Salem area which now has more persons employed than the number listed in the 1940 census.

Damsite Town Name Offered

PORTLAND, June 18-(AP) Col. O. E. Walsh, district army engineer, said today he had recommended that the temporary project town to be built at Detroit dam on the north Santiam river be named Mongold. The name would honor the memory of Claude C. Mongold, who died preliminary surveying of the dam site and was killed in an automobile accident in April, 1943. The recommendation was forwarded to Washington, D. C.

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Strict Enforcement to Bolster Sanitary Control of Livestock

The state department of agriculture has initiated a three-pronged move toward better livestock sanitary control through more complete enforcement of laws covering livestock auction sales stables, peddler markets and bovine brucellosis (Bang's disease) and tuberculosis. It was announced Tuesday by E. L. Peterson, state agricultural director. After months of effort involving study of legal opinions furnished by the attorney general's office, complete regulations under the sales stable and Bang's disease statutes have been prepared and filed with the secretary of state and are now effective, it was declared. Under the new policies, sales stables will be required to meet prescribed standards of sanitation before being licensed. All cattle moving through such establishments must have been tested for Bang's disease and tuberculosis and have a health certificate before a sales stable operator may accept them on his premises for sale. Peddler markets and individuals selling cattle also must furnish health certificates with each animal unless they are sold to licensed slaughterers. County veterinarians have been appointed by the county courts of most of the counties and testing for Bang's disease and tuberculosis is progressing in a reasonably satisfactory manner, Peterson said. The department expects to give further supervision to this program as additional personnel become available for this work.

Swimming Pool Hours Reduced In Coming Week

New hours for the Leslie and Olinger swimming pools will be from noon until 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 until 9 p.m. on Sundays for about a week, beginning today, Tom Drynan, assistant director, said last night. Shorter hours are necessary because three of the life-guards are going to BenBow in Washington for a course in life saving, he said. Suzanne Small, Al Dahmer and David Putnam are making the trip and in the interim guards at Leslie will be Al Bellinger and Katie Copenhaver and at Olinger Delores Hamilton and Janet Rogers.

Post Endorses New Controls Favoring Vets

Four resolutions for presentation to the state American Legion convention in July were passed by Salem post No. 136 Tuesday night. One resolution calls on the federal government to tighten the controls on building materials so that 50 per cent of materials, including household appliances, would be set aside for veterans, who would be required to present their certificates in person. Another asks that equal representation for veterans be had on the state and local apprenticeship councils with labor and management. A third asks that the maximum state loan for veterans' farms and houses be increased from \$3000 to \$6000 and the fourth that the appraisal on these loans be made by the state department of veterans affairs instead of by the state land board as at present. A motion was passed to draw up another resolution asking that labor unions be made accountable for their funds.

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DRAFT COMPROMISE NEARS

Veto Kills UN Plan On Spain

NEW YORK, June 18-(AP) Soviet Russia today vetoed a compromise plan supported by a nine-member majority of the United Nations security council which would have sent the Spanish question to the U.N. general assembly for decision by the entire 51 nations. It was the second veto in the short United Nations history. Russia has invoked the veto in both cases. The first veto was in London in the Levant case. Gromyko Casts Vote Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate, grimly raised his hand when the negative vote was asked and the chairman announced the resolution had been vetoed. The Netherlands abstained from voting. Poland promptly demanded that the council vote on its motion submitted in April for a complete and immediate break with Franco Spain. But the chairman ruled that the council was not prepared to discuss that proposition now and adjourned the meeting until next Monday at 3 p.m. Case Probed One Month The Evatt resolution killed by the chairman provided that the security council submit the findings of a sub-committee, which investigated the case for a month, to the general assembly in September, along with recommendations for the assembly to call for a rupture in relations with Spain or to take such action as it might deem desirable. Gromyko told newsmen later that the veto was not harmful to the United Nations but that inaction was.

42 Unhurt as Clipper Lands After Trouble

NEW YORK, June 18-(AP) A giant four-engine Pan-American clipper made an emergency landing on a field near Williamstown, Conn., at 6:10 p. m. (EDT) today—15 minutes more than an hour after leaving Los Angeles on a scheduled transatlantic flight. Forty-two passengers—including the British actor, Laurence Olivier, and his wife, Vivien Leigh—escaped injury, Pan-American said. The Rev. James O'Conner, Meigs, Ore., also was aboard. The plane radioed back to the field a few minutes after takeoff that engine trouble had developed and it was returning to New York. Next word from the crew came after the landing on Windham field, near Williamstown. Capt. Leo Carroll of the Connecticut state police said that one engine of the giant plane "fell off" while the plane was over the town of Plainfield about 30 miles from Williamstown.

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Above-Average Yield Predicted For Hop Yards

PORTLAND, June 18-(AP) An above-average yield from Oregon's hop yards this season was predicted today by the U. S. department of agriculture production and marketing administration. The monthly Hop Review said the Oregon crop was making "excellent" progress, despite aphid in many yards and a scattering of mildew. Trading remained at a standstill, with most of the 1946 crop under contract.

Armed Bands Attack British In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, June 18-(AP) Palestine seethed tonight with armed Jewish anger in a continuing wave of violence which already has cost a two-day toll of 18 dead and scores injured. In the wake of violent attacks on River Jordan bridges and on railway workshops in Haifa, an armed band in Tel Aviv kidnaped five British officers at the point of tommyguns. One informant said the officers apparently were being held as hostages for two Jews under sentence of death for raiding a British army camp. British patrols, some of which used armored cars, moved through the streets of Tel Aviv. Beginning at 8 a. m. tomorrow a strict curfew will be clamped on the predominantly Jewish seacoast city, the British army announced. Two British majors were shot and seriously wounded in Jerusalem at a busy street corner by attackers who leaped from a taxicab, fired several shots and escaped in the same cab in heavy nighttime traffic. The outbreaks followed an announcement last week by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin that Britain was "not prepared" to place another army division in Palestine, which he said would be necessary if the recommendation for immigration of 100,000 refugee Jews was carried out immediately.

Housing Chief Fears Break In OPA Policy

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Paper Plant Work Starts in Tacoma

TACOMA, June 18-(AP) Reconversion operations started today at the former Cascade Paper company plant, purchased by 14 west coast newspapers to augment their supply of newspaper. The newspapers include the Aberdeen World, Yakima Herald-Republic, Tacoma News-Tribune, Everett Herald, Bellingham Herald and Daily Olympian in Washington State; the Eugene Register-Guard in Oregon; and seven in California. Production was estimated to start daily starting about December 1, with ultimate capacity of 80 tons daily.

Veterans Pension System Due For Overhaul, Truman Told

WASHINGTON, June 18-(AP) An overhauling of the veterans pension system was recommended tonight by a special presidential committee and endorsed by President Truman. The committee, headed by Dr. Harold W. Dods, president of Princeton university, found that under the present policy the veteran "receives a premium, from a monetary standpoint, when his disability is increased." It declared that this "presents an almost insurmountable psychological handicap to rehabilitation." "The present method of financial compensation needs careful re-evaluation," the report continued, "particularly in regard to the wisdom of making lump sum settlements in certain types of cases. Compensation for service-connected disabilities must include not only pensions but opportuni-

Ohio Train Wrecked



CRESTON, O., June 18-(AP) Widespread wreckage was left when an Erie Railroad freight train crashed through a small washed-out bridge near here. E. F. Flickinger, engineer of the 96-car train, was killed. The wreck derailed 23 cars. (AP Wirephoto)

Big Storms Continue Striking Midwest, East

Scattered but damaging storms continued striking Tuesday as heavy rains and cooler air overspread much of the midwest and east in the wake of the season's first extended heat wave. An electrical storm accompanied by rain and a 48-mile-an-hour gale brought Baltimore .6 of an inch of precipitation, felled trees, stalled traffic and blew in windows. Two women were cut by flying glass. A similar storm lowered the temperature 16 degrees to 70 in 15 minutes at Philadelphia, interrupting electric service and transportation. Lightning struck several homes, an electric transformer, a tug moored in the Delaware river, a hospital, and a trolley. No persons were injured. Cloudbursts in Iowa and Missouri brought torrential rains, which ranged up to 8.3 inches at Bloomfield flooded southern Iowa rivers and creeks which backed over their banks and inundated homes and farm lands. Firemen used boats at Mystic, Ia., to rescue residents of the flat area from the high waters of Cooper creek. Authorities moved swiftly Tuesday to cope with widespread destruction and suffering left by a tornado which swept through the outskirts of Detroit and Windsor, Ont., Monday night, killing 14 persons and injuring more than 200 others. Police Probe Wreckage Police and volunteers continued to probe miles of wreckage to determine if there were additional victims. All the dead were in Canada. Two persons died in the Detroit area as an aftermath of the twist-er. A woman drowned in Rochester, Minn., when a dam gave way and flooded 2000 acres of lowlands. A power company lineman was electrocuted. Windsor today was without power and lights due to cutting of the hydro-electric line from Niagara Falls. Most factories were closed and the hospital carried on only with flashlights.

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Krug Returning With Oregon Aide

SEATTLE, June 18-(AP) Secretary of Interior Krug left for the east today with a new assistant, C. Girard Davidson of Portland, after hearing a final recommendation from Governor Wallgren for increased recreational facilities in national parks. Krug and Davidson took a train for Kansas City after the Portland man, 35-year-old Bonneville power administration attorney, was sworn in as new assistant secretary of interior.

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Decisive Vote Cast By Radio

Solons Ready to Approve Drafting Of 18-Year-Olds

WASHINGTON, June 18-(AP) From a ship in mid-Pacific bound for the atomic bomb test, Rep. Andrews (R-NY) flashed an apparently decisive vote tonight for drafting 18-year-olds again after Oct. 1. His radio message from the U. S. Senate breaks a 3-3 tie among the house members of a congressional conference committee, of which he is a member. The committee is now expected to approve the plan for inducing 18-year-olds, barring unforeseen developments.

This will clear the way for final agreement on the disputed draft extension bill when the conference committee meets again on Thursday. Andrews' message directed that his proxy be cast in favor of a compromise which the senate members of the committee proposed and on which his house colleagues split. It provides that inductions of 18-year-olds, now suspended, may be resumed after Oct. 1 if the president certifies they are needed, although they may serve only in this country until they become 19. The house had voted to exempt teen-agers from the draft. The senate had voted to induct them. In the conference committee, the house conferees held out for the flat exemption, but senate conferees proposed the compromise to permit 19-year-olds to be drafted without important restrictions, and 18-year-olds to be drafted conditionally.

Senators Ask For Shake-up Of High Court

WASHINGTON, June 18-(AP) Congress was given formal suggestions today for a shake-up of the disension-ridden supreme court and for an end to any appeasement of Russia. Senators Eastland (D-Miss) and Bridges (R-NH) proposed a retroactive constitutional amendment that would limit to three the number of supreme court justices a president might name. They said it would compel Justices Douglas, Murphy, Jackson and Rutledge to retire. Four members of the house foreign affairs committee, reporting on a two-month tour of Europe, recommended "immediate abandonment" of any appeasement of Russia and a "frank, across-the-table" meeting as soon as possible between President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin. The senate military committee unanimously recommended promotion of Gen. Mark W. Clark to the permanent rank of major general. Before the senate small business committee, Senator Wiley (R-Wis) contended a "worse scandal than Teapot Dome" is involved in the disposal of surplus war goods by the war assets administration. He said it was a "national disgrace."

4 Oregon Traffic Men in Training

Four employees of the traffic division of the state highway commission have been sent to the National Institute For Traffic Training now underway at Oregon State college, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said Tuesday. They are P. H. Michael, Mark M. Taylor, Richard N. Chase and Wayne McKenzie.

Two Hurt Slightly In Plane Accident

PORTLAND, June 18-(AP) A Condon hotel owner received possible serious injuries and his daughter was slightly hurt when a light airplane overturned in a forced landing on a hay field near Portland today. Deputy Sheriff Earl Son said Ray M. Duke, 51, suffered a cut forehead and possible neck fracture. His daughter Patricia, 19, who was piloting, received leg cuts.

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