

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Congressmen are heading home...

Members will be scurrying home...

Already five senators have been defeated...

One committee that will not suspend...

Higher Prices In Foodstuffs, Clothes Seen

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP)—Government officials tonight predicted higher price ceilings for canned vegetables, breakfast cereals, coffee and possibly bread and other bakery products.

Meanwhile OPA rolled out more price increases on clothing and had the groundwork for still more garment hikes—perhaps as much as 15 to 20 percent—under terms of the new price control law.

As a first step toward meeting these terms, the agency has agreed to increase cotton textile prices an average of 16 percent, an OPA spokesman said. Higher prices for cotton clothing will be based on these increases.

Reds Release U.S. Officers

BERLIN, Wednesday, July 31 (AP)—Russian authorities today released Capt. Harold Cobin of New York City and Lt. George West of Oklahoma City who had vanished July 4 on an unauthorized trip into the soviet occupation zone.

Mr. Cobin arrived in Berlin with other American dependents after her husband had been missing for a week. She has maintained a fearful vigil since then.

Animal Crackers



Oh, there's not much to tell—I was swimming along by Bikini, minding my own business.....

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Marines Hunt For Wounded

PEIPING, July 31—(Wednesday)—The Peiping marine garrison headquarters announced officially today that three marines had been killed and 12 wounded in the ambush of a truck convoy by Chinese on Monday. Four were wounded seriously, eight slightly. Earlier unofficial reports had indicated four killed and 19 wounded.

PEIPING, July 30—(AP)—Three hundred motorized U.S. marines armed with howitzers spread through a cornfield battleground near Peiping today looking for an undetermined number of comrades missing after a clash with Chinese communists in which four marines were killed and 19 wounded.

The heavily-armed patrol, supported by warplanes, sped out of Tientsin Monday upon the first flashed word that a 100-man truck convoy had been ambushed 35 miles southeast of Peiping and was out-numbered three to one.

The relief force did not arrive, however, until the last shot of the four-hour engagement had died away and the convoy had escaped from the danger zone in a storm of rifle fire from Chinese in the corn rows.

Gen. Chou En-Lai, head of the communist delegation in Nanking, asserted the clash resulted from "marine provocation" and "the communists have absolutely no intention of unleashing a conflict."

Vet Bids in Army Surplus Sales Tested

Proof that individual veterans may purchase goods set aside by the war assets administration for job lot sales will be on exhibit shortly in the office of Col. George E. Sandy, state director of veterans' affairs, Sandy believes. The "pink slips" which mean that he has purchased two of the 41,000 army sleeping bags the WAA had offered for sale in one lot are in Sandy's pocket today.

Officials who asked to remain anonymous said the government has just about decided against restoration of subsidies on coffee and three major canned vegetables—peas, corn and tomatoes.

Army Planes Due Here Thursday

Powerful army planes due here in celebration of Army Air Forces Day Thursday will make their local appearance in mid-afternoon, according to word from March Field, Calif., last night.

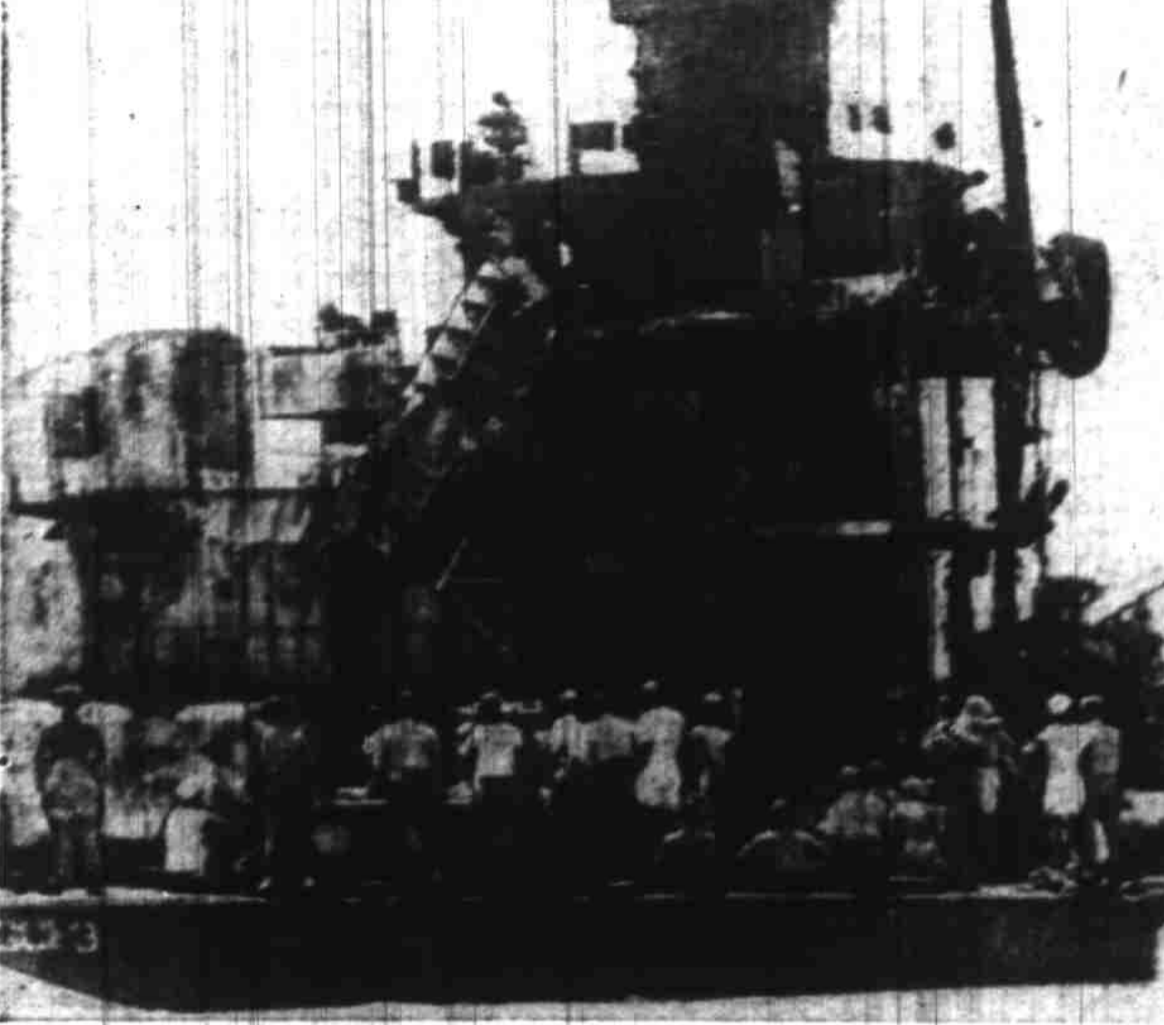
State Sets Vacations for Vets; Flax Growers to Get Advance

Returning veterans in state employ will be given two weeks vacation after three months of work, provided they were regular employees for six months prior to entering military service, the state board of control decided Tuesday.

The board's action followed receipt of a letter from H. C. Saalfeld, Marion county veterans' service officer, which said state employ "should not be penalized for answering the call to arms."

The \$30 in recent years has equalled half the total price, but the latter figure has not been fixed for the 1946 crop. The state is to make an advance payment

Press Inspects Blasted Destroyer



BIKINI, July 30.—(AP)—Newsmen aboard a small cutter came alongside to inspect the bomb-damaged USS Hughes, a destroyer, beached at Enyu Island after the underwater atom bomb blast at Bikini. They were not allowed aboard because of radio activity. Note part of hanging super-structure to left of center. Joint army navy task force 1 photo via navy radio to San Francisco from USS Appalachia. (AP Wirephoto)

Solons Okeh 5-Year Bonds In Leave Pay

WASHINGTON, July 30—(AP)—A "bottled-in-bonds" terminal pay bill for servicemen and veterans was agreed upon today by a senate house conference committee.

The five-year bonds in which the major portion of the payments would be made are non-negotiable, but the committee which worked out the final form of the bill provided that they could be used for payments on government life insurance.

An appropriation bill to provide \$2,431,708,000 for GI furlough pay was passed by the house today and sent to the senate. The bill also provides an additional \$26,000,000 for OPA.

An estimated \$2,400,000,000 would be paid to present and former service personnel in lieu of furlough time they were unable to take during service. Grants would be made on the basis of 2 1/2 days pay for each month of service since Sept. 8, 1939, with a limit of 120 days. On next Sept. 1 the carryover limit would drop to 60 days.

The conference agreement went back to senate and house for final approval. An estimated 15,000,000 veterans are expected to apply for the payments.

Dairy Seeks Building Okeh

Approval of plans for a \$72,583 garage and distribution and storage building was asked by the Dairy Co-operative association in an application filed with the civil production administration in Portland, Tuesday.

Specifications call for a paved parking area for trucks and the garage building to be used for servicing and maintaining the company's equipment. The other building is to be used in the organization's feed distribution operations and for storage space.

Both buildings are to be built in back of the present plant at 2135 Fairgrounds road, he added. Another Salem application Tuesday was by George C. Welser, 945 Shipping st., for a \$32,000 warehouse. The application states that the building is to be leased to the Starr Fruit Products company, 595 Mill st.

The Weather

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip. Locations: Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Wilmette river.

Radio, Concert Singer Visiting Home in Salem

Lucille Cummings, noted and concert singer who recently completed a nine-weeks engagement as soloist in Radio City Music Hall, New York, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Cummings, route 2.

Miss Cummings is here for a brief rest before leaving Sunday for San Francisco and Hollywood, where she will fill radio singing engagements. She then will return to New York.

Housing Area South of City Wins Approval

Construction of eight houses in a new development in 24 acres of orchard land south of Salem will begin within two weeks, it was stated last night by E. T. Reid, who is in charge of the development for the local "Iron Security Co."

Reid received FHA approval from Portland for the project, under veterans' HH priorities in which war veterans get preference when the houses are offered for sale.

Both one and one and a half story houses, which will sell for \$7,000 to \$8,200, will be built on the ridge in the Ewald avenue vicinity. The development, which already has city water service, is being platted as South Village, Reid said.

Deadline for Flax Contest Set Aug. 3

MT. ANGEL, July 30—Samples of flax to be entered in competition for prizes offered for "best flax grown in 1946" must be in Flax Festival headquarters August 3, the committee in charge is reminding growers.

The flax samples should be tied in four inch bundles and marked with the growers name and address. All flax growers are eligible. Prizes totaling \$50 will be given the top four growers as adjudged by Leo Demytt, state flax expert; Lester Bunning, manager of St. Paul Flax plant and Gus DeVos of Springfield.

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Fair Exhibits Readied for Prize Money

Over 2,000 state fair premium lists are being mullied over this week for the first time since 1941 by prospective exhibitors and visitors. More than \$50,000 in prizes is being offered, which is a 25 per cent increase over 1941 prize money in livestock and poultry as well as an appreciable increase in other agricultural departments.

Radical changes are noted in the poultry division where, five years ago, fancy birds held the attention. The show will be held again this year in the original poultry building and only utility and production birds will be entered. This is largely in keeping with the work of Oregon poultrymen during the war. There will be egg competition, and a non-competitive display of dressed birds will be held, also for the first time.

Because of the increased popularity of riding in Oregon, light horses are also entered in the show. Honey, which has gained new prominence with the wartime shortage of sugar, will occupy a leading place in agricultural exhibits. A special division has been reserved for foods made from honey.

A number of former exhibitors have entered already for the 1946 state fair, but entries are expected to come in heavily during the next three weeks, officials said Tuesday. Deadline for entry in most of the livestock divisions is August 20.

Shot in Head, Man Visiting Woodburn Dies

WOODBURN, July 30—James Cookston, 63, of Portland was found dead with a 22 bullet in his head this evening near the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Yurane, one and a half miles east of here. County Coroner L. E. Barrick gave a verdict of suicide.

State police who investigated said Cookston had been visiting his daughter from Portland where he is an employee of Good Samaritan hospital and also had been under disability for two years. Cookston had not indicated dependency to the family, police said.

Senate Approves Nurse Nomination

WASHINGTON, July 30—(AP)—The senate unanimously approved today President Truman's nomination of Edwin G. Nourse to be chairman of the economic council set up by the federal employment act.

20,000 British Troops Begin Hunt for Palestine Terrorists

JERUSALEM, July 30—(AP)—Twenty thousand British troops, ordered to "shoot to kill" violators, clamped a 22-hour-a-day curfew on Tel Aviv today and began a systematic street-by-street hunt for terrorists responsible for recent outbreaks of violence in the Holy Land.

The entire population of 200,000 in the modern all-Jewish city was under house arrest as the troops began their vast manhunt, unprecedented in the turbulent history of Palestine. Up to 3,000 arrests were expected.

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Anderson testified that a "verbal contract" on the payment was reached in 1941 in a conversation among himself, Coffee and Paul A. Olson, then the congressman's secretary, in a "lonesome narrow corridor" beneath a winding staircase near the house restaurant.

He related that he had lunched with Coffee and Olson, and "one or the other of them suggested that we walk to the side where there is quietness, where people were not around, where we could talk." He said he followed them to the spot beneath the "winding staircase."

The contractor testified he agreed to pay \$2500 to have representation in Washington. He told the committee that this appeared "gratifying to John" and quoted Coffee as saying that "if you do that, you can depend upon us to look after your interests."

Coffee's version differed. He denied that he had lunched with Anderson but said the contractor "buttonholed me" beneath the members' staircase leading from the house floor to the street floor. Coffee asserted that Anderson "gratefully" offered assistance lent him by himself and his secretary in obtaining a million dollar contract to build a war department hospital, and for previous aid—had offered him the contribution.

Anderson testified earlier that there had been no reference or thought about a campaign contribution in the conversation.

Foreign Ministers' Agreement to Be Considered at 21-Power Parley in Paris; Boundary Changes Detailed

PARIS, July 30 (AP)—A master plan to strip Italy and other axis satellites of military might, bill them for \$1,000,000,000 in reparations, reshuffle their frontiers and require them to guarantee "fundamental freedoms" was disclosed tonight with the publication of proposed peace treaties drafted by the four-power foreign ministers. The treaties will be considered at the 21-power peace conference in Paris.

U.S. to Back Small Nations, Byrnes States

PARIS, July 30—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes, strengthening the voice of the small nations in the European peace conference, pledged United States support tonight for any changes in the Big Four treaty drafts sought by a two-thirds vote of all 21 nations.

His declaration, plainly stating the American position against arbitrary rejection of smaller nations' recommendations for the final treaty drafts, came after the powerful rules committee approved the principle of complete publicity for all conference deliberations.

Byrnes also asserted that the United States never again would return to a policy of isolation, and declared "we do not want a peace of vengeance" that would plant "the seeds of future wars."

"The United States," Byrnes said, "will stand by its agreements in the (four-power) council. But if the conference should by a two-thirds vote of the government here represented make a contrary decision, the United States will stand by its influence to secure the adoption of that recommendation by the council."

Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium was elected permanent chairman of the rules committee by a 13-to-7 vote after a protracted argument during which the soviet union supported vice-premier Edward Kardelj of Yugoslavia.

Proposed Treaties Would Cut Armies, Assure 'Freedoms'

Military restrictions placed on these axis satellites erode the armed forces of those nations, the minor role of local defense, under the following limitations: Italy—185,000 troops and 65,000 military police, compared with 1939 army of 2,240,000 men and 5,175,000 trained reservists; navy devoid of submarines and composed of 67,500 men and 100 battleships, compared with 717,420 tons including 130 submarines; air force 250 planes.

Romania—Army 120,000, compared with pre-war 1,400,000; air force 150 planes, 8000 men; navy 15,000 men and 1000 anti-aircraft artillery of 5000 men.

Finland—34,000 troops, compared with prewar force of 301,300; navy 10,000 tons, personnel 4500; air force 60 planes, 3000 men.

Bulgaria—Land army 55,000, compared with 470,000; Anti-aircraft artillery 1800; navy 9250 tons, 3500 men; air force 70 planes, personnel 5200.

Hungary—Army including frontier troops, anti-aircraft and river flotilla 65,000 men, compared with 700,000 men and 900 planes, manned by 5000.

Huge Reparations Asked—The reparations figure of \$1,000,000,000 was a minimum, and may be increased. The total amount Italy must pay in addition to \$70,000,000 Axis assets, has not yet been determined. Likewise, the cost which Bulgaria must pay has not been decided. Hungary, Finland and Romania each have been assessed \$300,000,000. The United States reserved the right, however, to oppose the assessment in the case of inflation-ridden Hungary.

Reshuffling of the map of Europe was one of the major undertakings outlined, but proposed territorial changes did not approach the scope of the French line-up in the peace treaties of World War No. 1.

The most controversial territorial change before the present peace conference would establish Trieste as a free territory and give Yugoslavia "all the territory east of the line known as the French line" in Italy, and a group of islands in the Adriatic.

Greece was given the Dodecanese islands and France was awarded five thin slices of territory on the present Italian-French border. Axis East Prussia and northern Bukovina was ceded to Russia as confirmed.

The question of the Greek-Bulgarian border was left undecided. The proposed Finnish treaty awarded Russia the Finnish province of Petsamo and northern Arctic ocean, with its ice-free port of Petsamo.

Each treaty contained a clause requiring respect for the individual liberties of citizens. The clause for Hungary, for example, read: "Hungary shall take all measures necessary to secure to all persons under Hungarian jurisdiction without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, enjoyment of human rights and of fundamental freedom of expression, of press and publication, of religious worship, of political opinion and of public meeting."

Another clause bound defeated nations to "undertake not to permit in the future existence and activities" of fascist organizations. The allies agreed to withdraw from all occupied countries under consideration, except Hungary, where Russia won permission to maintain troops to protect communication lines to the Russian occupation zone of Austria.

The drafts also looked toward the admission of the former enemies into the United Nations. If the treaties are concluded, the preambles said, allied powers will be able to "support" applications for United Nations membership. (Additional details on page 7)

Our Senators Lost 4-1

LOGGERS' SUGAR UPPEL—The district OPA announced today that loggers in isolated camps will now receive six pounds of sugar a month instead of three.