

# GUNS BLAZE IN TENNESSEE ELECTION RIOT

## Diplomats Take out Time to Play at Paris



PARIS, Aug. 1.—James F. Byrnes (right), U. S. secretary of state, waves a finger at Vyacheslav M. Molotov (left), Russian foreign minister, at gala party in Paris Opera. Between them (L to R) are Mrs. Alexander Bogomolov, wife of the soviet ambassador to France; Jefferson Caffery, U. S. ambassador to France, and Miss Vyacheslava Molotov, daughter of the soviet minister. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Paris).

## Water Slowly Fills West Salem Pipes

The world didn't look quite so dry to parched West Salem today—at least temporarily.

So far as could be learned late last night, there was to be water for the baby's bath, the pail and tin cup could be put back in the woodshed, and the piles of unavoidably dirty dishes would dwindle— as would the bucket-brigade lineup at the city hall tap.

This was the picture:  
(1) Shortly after noon Thursday, the Blue Lake cannery (biggest single user of water) closed at the request of city officials.  
(2) The water pressure thereafter gradually built up until a resident of the Kingwood Heights area at 3 p.m. said excitedly "we actually can hear a trickle in our pipes."  
(3) Mayor Guy Newgent said if people would refrain from sprinkling the reservoirs should gradually build up a new reserve even with only three pumps operating.

(4) City officials said a fourth pump was expected today (it had been expected yesterday) for installation at the 7th and Patterson street diggings which cost \$6000 last spring and which it was declared "certainly is not dry." (Some quarters still insisted it was "almost dry.")  
And there the matter rested (with the canopy tentatively scheduled to be re-opened today). Repercussions, however, were varied.

**Newgent Under Fire**  
Irate citizens have personally and via telephone literally read the riot act regarding "improvident planning." Some even vocally indicated a desire to level a haymaker at Mayor Newgent. The mayor in turn indicated a belief the city had done everything feasible, and that while there were reasons for the drought they were not of the kind which necessitated the making of excuses.

Among such reasons he cited that there were eight houses on one hill when a small reservoir was built—and that more than 100 houses now are served from it. He also mentioned unforeseen delay in obtaining equipment. And, too, he said but very few residents inside the city limits had been water-less.

**Serve Outside Areas**  
The city of West Salem doesn't own an inch of water line outside the city limits. But we serve some outside areas with water. It would be better if they would form districts to obtain their own supply," he suggested.

But there was a definite lack of agreement on the part of people who called both the West Salem city hall and The Statesman. But "most were nice," officials said.

"We built here years ago and we had water. We've had such trouble before. We want water now." That was the gist of many statements. Some criticized the city for permitting such a rapid residential and industrial growth without augmenting water supplies more rapidly.

As far as the fire hazard is concerned, city officials declared a 4-mile tap kept in full force an agreement with the city of Salem to provide protection, and that by closing a valve all water could be diverted to any hydrant which might be in use in a fire emergency.

Anyway, if the West Salem water picture continues to look cheerier, there should be a lot of overdue washings on the line today.

## Where Were The Airplanes?

The expected "invasion fleet" of army war planes failed to materialize over the city yesterday. Portland reported that only four B-29s turned up out of the 50 fighters, bombers and troop planes originally expected in the display. No reason for the change was given. No local demonstration of army air force day occurred in Salem. Advance information on the scheduled flight had been given out locally through press releases from headquarters of the 15th Air Force.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"I'm saving money—it's much more negotiable."

## Yugoslavia Flatly Rejects Trieste Plan

PARIS, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Yugoslavia bluntly announced today she would not accept the big four compromise solution on Trieste, and the Netherlands warned the peace conference delegates that the small nations are opposed to the great powers imposing their will on others.

In a bitter attack on the Trieste decision, Yugoslav Vice Premier and Chief Delegate Edward Kardelj declared his country would reject the solution because "it abandons large sections of our people to the oppression of Italy."

The expected explosion on Trieste came after Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov amended a Greek motion in the rules committee to open the conference to "any peace question." The committee adopted Molotov's amendment that any delegation could raise any question "pertaining to the draft treaties."

The Yugoslavs have bitterly opposed the Trieste decision since the four power foreign ministers council accepted the French plan to place the disputed port under international control.

## No Injuries in Head-On Crash

Two sedans collided head-on at 12th and Mission streets about 10:20 o'clock last night, but no one was injured, although one of the cars grazed a stopped taxicab and plunged off the street into a vacant lot at the northwest corner of the intersection.

The other driver, identified as T. R. Green, 904 S. 20th st. Front ends of both cars were damaged. Neither driver was cited by police.

The taxicab, driven by James F. Snook, route 4, had stopped when the accident occurred and received only a damaged bumper, police said.

## WAA to Sell Goods To Vets' Groups

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—Representatives of Oregon veterans will soon be able to see "the inside" of surplus property sales programs, learn all the "hows and wherefores" and make suggestions to promote more efficient disposal, according to C. T. Mudge, Portland regional director of war assets administration.

The Portland WAA office has just received word that veterans' organizations will be permitted where feasible to buy government surplus property at the same price level as retailers.

Heretofore restrictions prevented such organizations from buying surplus.

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## Vets Say Bad Shells Traceable

By Alex H. Singleton  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Combat veterans told the senate war investigating committee today that the defective mortar shells which killed their buddies can be traced to the manufacturer—and told how.

One who served in Italy wrote that his 100th chemical mortar battalion "had quite a bit of defective 4.2-inch ammunition" and that he has its lot-numbers. An ex-corporal of the 65th chemical company in Belgium reported that he kept records on "a disgraceful number of defective fuses."

Another soldier wrote that "army regulations require that ammunition be stored and issued by lot-number; that a report, giving lot-number, be made of all accidents involving defective ammunition and the faulty round be impounded."

"From this information," he added, "it should not be difficult to find out who manufactured the rounds which caused muzzle bursts."

This correspondent also reported that an entire gun crew was killed or wounded by a defective mortar shell in tests at Fort Bragg, N. C., in 1943 and that "a full report was made by the field artillery board and copies will be found in its files."

## Gas Price to Go Up Cent in Salem Today

Gasoline on sale at some 20 Salem service stations is up one cent today, following yesterday's announcement from Portland that Standard, Shell and Richfield oil companies had raised their prices.

Higher prices took effect in local Standard stations yesterday and go into effect in Richfield and Shell stations this morning. Prices for gasoline now stand at 24½ cents per gallon for ethyl and 22½ cents for regular grades, which is a uniform increase of one cent a gallon.

Service stations selling other brands of gasoline in Salem have received no word about increasing prices in some quarters, however, it was felt that other oil companies would follow suit.

In southern Oregon and on the coast Standard stations increased their retail price 1½ cents per gallon. Officials said the extra was necessary to cover higher freight rates.

The price hike in general was attributed to higher production costs in the oil industry. Prices also went up on solvents and kerosene.

## Truman Vetoes Tidelands Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—President Truman vetoed the so-called "tidelands oil bill" today, declaring that the question whether the nation or the states own the lands in question should be decided by the supreme court, not by congress.

The bill would have renounced any federal claim to certain oil rich lands, principally lands between the low tide mark and the three-mile limit.

"If the United States owns these areas, they should not be given away. If the supreme court decides that the United States has no title to or interest in the lands, a quitclaim from the congress is unnecessary."

A house postponement delayed any vote on overriding the veto until tomorrow.

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## Heat, Rain Fail To Top July Mark in Salem

Although the 72 of an inch of rain which fell during the month of July set no record, the 69 of an inch which fell on July 8 marked the wettest July day since 1924, the Salem weather bureau reported Thursday.

July registered a daily average temperature of 67.7 degrees against a normal of 66.7. Highest temperature of 1946 to date occurred on July 15 when the mercury reached 105. The hottest July day on record was that of July 15, 1941, when the temperature soared to 108 degrees.

During July there were nine clear days, 13 partly cloudy and nine cloudy. Northerly winds prevailed.

As August is traditionally a dryer month than July less rainfall is expected this month than last. In July, 1945, 32 of an inch of rain fell while in August of that year 20 of an inch of precipitation was recorded.

July was the fourth month of 1946 which exceeded the normal rainfall. The others were January, February and March. In June 1.28 inches of rainfall was recorded.

## Big Car Racing Fair Feature

Big car racing will become a part of the Oregon state fair's entertainment program for the first time Sunday, Sept. 8, Manager Leo Spitzbart announced Thursday.

The Lone Oak track will be chemically treated for the car racing following the fair's six day horse racing meet which will conclude Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7.

Spitzbart also announced that Oswald West of Portland, former governor, would act as associate judge during the meet while Dr. W. H. Lytle of Salem will be an honorary judge.

The horse show and the night-time state fair revue will be held this year on Sunday, the last day of the fair. (Further details of racing plans on today's sports page.)

## Congress Passes 5-Cent Air Mail

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Legislation reducing the domestic rate on air mail from eight to five cents an ounce was passed today by the house and sent to President Truman.

The post office department pointed out that it becomes effective on the first day of the second month following its approval by the president.

## The Weather

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Partly cloudy this morning, clearing in early afternoon. Highest temperature 80 degrees.			
Salem	Max 81	Min 52	Precip
Portland	82	53	
San Francisco	84	61	
Chicago	84	62	
Willamette river	31	feet	

Expansion of Salem's airport and aviation facilities was spotlighted Thursday by three news-worthy developments of plans affecting the local air future.

Two new United Air Lines flights went into effect on schedule, one a southbound plane at 12:40 p. m. and the other a northbound plane at 9:51 p. m. A third regular flight was changed to conform with the new schedule, and now departs northbound at 11:53 a. m. instead of 1:43 a. m. The fourth flight leaving Salem daily is the 4:40 p. m. non-stop run to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

While the new schedule was affected, with planes crowded as usual, a fall UAL official—Arthur J. Fallon, San Francisco, assistant to the director of property—conferred with the local airport advisory commission and city officials on the agreement between

## 2 Dead, 22 Hurt In Siege

By Beryl Sellers  
ATHENS, Tenn., Aug. 1.—(AP)—Two men were reported killed and at least 22 wounded as a bitter local political campaign flared into an open election day battle around the barricaded McMinn county jail.

From within the jail, surrounded by a crowd estimated as high as 1,000 persons, a man, who identified himself as Justice of the Peace Herman F. Moses, told newsmen via telephone "we have eight wounded and two dead in here."

He did not name the victims, and there was no way to check his report as members of the crowd swapped gunfire with the deputy officers within the jail.

A few moments earlier, Moses had answered a telephone call from Chattanooga, Tenn. After volley after volley had been fired by the combatants using pistols and light rifles, the barricaded officers sent out an appeal by telephone "We need help."

**Guard Ready to Move**  
Meanwhile at Nashville, the state capital, Gen. Hilton Butler announced that the 8th regiment of the state guard was being mobilized at Maryville, Tenn., and would be ready to move into Athens by the middle of the day.

Elements of the middle Tennessee brigade have also been mobilized and will move into Athens from the west at the same time, Butler said.

The local hospital said 14 persons, five of them considered in serious condition, received treatment for gunshot wounds. In addition, ambulance drivers said they had been unable to reach three other persons lying within the range of fire. The extent of their injuries was not known.

**100 Officers Resigned**  
Observers said around 100 deputized officers were within the jail, scarcely half a block away from the county courthouse in the center of the town's main square.

The crowd on the outside was centered mainly about the front of the jail, its members waving pistols and light rifles to fire into the building.

The fire was fairly steady, clearly audible a block and a half away. The violence, apparently began when two war veterans, backing an all-GI front of voters, candidates, burst out through the glass door of a polling place.

James E. Jarvis, managing editor of the Chattanooga Times, who with other Times staffers witnessed it, said the two veterans were displeased with the vote count and broke through the glass door to register a complaint.

Jarvis' account continued: "The two men, James Ed Vestal and Charles Scott, fell to their knees as the hit the sidewalk. Squinting through smoke, candidates behind came Deputy Sheriff Windy Wise. Wise emerged with a shiny revolver drawn, shouting something which we did not hear."

"The veterans, Vestal, a first lieutenant in the army engineers who served stateside in the Pacific, scrambled up from their knees and walked slowly across the street to the cover of the crowd with their hands high in the air."

"Wise and another deputy leveled pistols at their backs. An angry roar came from the veterans. 'Let's go get 'em.'"

Deputies led a retreat to the jail a block distant.

## Truman Signs A-Control Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Army domination of atomic energy development in America ended legally today with President Truman's signature on a law giving control to a civilian commission.

Along with announcement of the signature that put the act on the books, Mr. Truman told his news conference that he plans to make public the personnel of the five-man commission as soon as he obtains acceptance from those he has asked to serve.

## Our Senators Lost

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## Mehama Man Killed by Truck Near Niagara

ALBANY, Aug. 1.—William O. Jojner, 27, Mehama logging contractor, was killed instantly today when a logging truck backed over him at a Green mountain timber area above Niagara.

Walter Kropp, deputy coroner for Lyon county, said the death was accidental and no inquest will be called. There were no witnesses to the accident which occurred about 11 a. m., he said.