

IT SEEMS TO ME

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Palestine is more than a geographical designation. It is a compound of human chemistry with explosive possibilities.

Occupying an area of 10,429 square miles, Palestine is the narrow strip of land between the Mediterranean sea and the Jordan river.

Lucian Sneed, hardware sales manager for the office, testified he allocated nails to Fields from government surpluses on direct orders from his superior, William J. Gilrein.

Shady Surplus Sale Alleged In Investigation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—House investigators heard today that the war assets administration in Philadelphia sold hundreds of kegs of hard-to-get nails to Benjamin F. Fields.

Testifying before the house surplus property committee, Gilrein had denied that any "special treatment" was given Fields' applications.

His "friend," Gilrein asserted, was due to "politics," related to the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania democratic organizations.

The committee heard testimony that Fields made a profit of over \$4,000 on a quick purchase and sale of government-owned bronze screening.

34-Cent Picking Rate Set for Hops

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP)—Growers in Marion and Polk counties will pay hop pickers a maximum of three and a half cents a pound.

Animal Crackers



Controls On Meat Debated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Hot arguments over the state of the nation's meat supply featured today's hearing on whether livestock and its products should be brought back under price control.

Herman A. Greenberg, a former OPA enforcement official, told the board that talk about "black market" operations in meat had been used in a "propaganda campaign" by large packers to drive small operators out of business.

Danzansky represented the national association of non-slaughtering processors and wholesalers. A. A. Smith of Sterling, Colo., a vice president of the American National Livestock association, told the board that any attempt to restore price controls to the livestock industry would return most meat to the black market.

Health Officer Eyes 10 Oregon Cases of Polio

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP)—Forty cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in Oregon this year, 10 during the past week.

The worst wave of infantile paralysis since 1916 began losing momentum in some hard hit areas Tuesday but most health authorities said it was too early to tell if the peak had been reached.

In other sections, however, the disease was in epidemic form with no letup in sight and a possible delay in opening of the fall school term was being considered in Minneapolis, Minn., and in Mississippi.

Arrest Made At Fort Lewis In Car Fatality

A deputy from the office of Sheriff Denver Young was to head for Fort Lewis today to return Richard Cannon, soldier under arrest there on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of 11-year-old Larry Collins at Idanha last July 20.

Patton to Talk at Picnic on Sunday

James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers union, will speak next Sunday at the annual picnic of the Oregon Farmers union at Champeog, it was announced Tuesday.

Community Program to Mark Opening of Settlemier Park

WOODBURN, Aug. 13—Official opening of the J. H. Settlemier memorial park is slated for Wednesday, August 14, when a community gathering under the direction of Perry Williams will be held at the site of the park.

Salem, Nation Note Victory Anniversary City Program in Park Tonight

"A Year Since Victory" will be the topic of Carlton Greider, blinded while serving with the Marines in the Pacific and now with the Salem U. S. employment service, when he speaks at tonight's Victory day celebration in Salem.

President Proclaims Victory Day

The flag will fly on all government buildings today in honor of victory day—proclaimed by President Truman to signalize the first anniversary of the unconditional surrender of Japan.

From Secretary of Navy James Forrestal came a victory day statement that understanding between nations "must rest on the free exchange of information which alone can dissolve the mists of prejudice."

Jobs, Profits Increase Since War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—The nation has achieved "substantially full employment" and record profits in a year of peace, Reconversion Director John L. Steelman reported in a victory day statement tonight, but the "threat of inflation still casts a shadow over the future."

"We must maintain a fiscal policy of high taxes, reduced public expenditures, credit controls and debt retirement," Steelman declared as a sobering conclusion to an otherwise optimistic progress report.

Total income payments to individuals today equal or exceed the war peak of \$163,000,000,000 and have climbed more than 60 per cent over the peacetime peak of \$100,000,000,000 in the fourth quarter of 1941.

Dorris and Her Dog Are Back Together Again

Little Dorris Williams and her dog Bubbles were back together again today. The dog broke out of its crate at the Salem S. P. depot last July 5, after arriving here via Railway Express from Visalia, Calif., the Williams family's former home, and Dorris was inconsolable.

Yesterday, however, after seeing a picture of Dorris and Bubbles in The Statesman, young Jimmy Parker of Kapphahn lane just north of Salem telephoned Desmond Long, Railway Express manager, to say that a dog had come to the Parker place on the same day Bubbles disappeared, and that it looked like Dorris's pet.

It was, and there was a happy reunion at the Parker home.

Death Claims H. G. Wells, 79

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Herbert George Wells, prolific author and historian hailed as one of the great men of modern English letters, died at his London home today after a long illness. He was 79.

250 'DUCKS' ON SALE

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP)—The today 250 ducks—vehicles said run on highways and in water—will go on sale at the Umatilla ordnance depot Aug. 19.

Railroad Measure Gets Veto

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—President Truman tonight vetoed the Wheeler-Reed railroad reorganization bill. The president said he was rejecting the measure because he feared it would not accomplish its purposes.

Among other objections, he said the bill "fails to direct specifically the immediate reduction of grossly excessive interest rates now wasting the funds of the railroads" in process of reorganization under section 77 of the existing bankruptcy law.

The measure, the president said, does not "adequately cure the evils" which permit "improper control" of the railroads after their reorganization. He also said the bill fails to provide full protection against forfeiture of securities and investments.

The vetoed measure, a compromise of house and senate bills, provided that a carrier in bankruptcy might adjust its financial obligations if it had earned its fixed charges during a seven-year period ending in 1945, and if its gross operating revenue was \$50,000,000 or more in any of the calendar years between 1942 and 1944, inclusive.

The bill provided that federal judge might allow the carrier 18 or more months, in the discretion of the interstate commerce commission, to accomplish its voluntary adjustment. The carrier would file an adjustment plan with the ICC.

Americans Aid Illegal Entry, British Charge

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP)—A colonial office spokesman charged today that "American financial sources" were responsible for "encouraging and directing" illegal immigration of Jews to Palestine.

Asked to elaborate on the government's statement yesterday that "very large financial contributions" supported the mass exodus of European Jews to Palestine, the spokesman declined to specify individuals or organizations.

Britain, meanwhile, announced new phases in the drive to halt illegal immigration to the Holy land where today British troops fired on rioting Jews. Three persons were killed in Haifa and seven wounded when the crowd stormed the heavy guard at the docks in protest against deportation of 1,000 immigrants to Cyprus.

The British declared they would confiscate all illegal immigrant ships caught in Palestine waters.

CPA 'Shaking Loose' Hides

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Morris Verner, official of the civilian production administration, said today the government had "shaken loose" 500,000 to 1,000,000 cattle hides after official warning of danger of a shoe production shutdown.

Verner, CPA compliance chief, told reporters that an investigation of producer and tanner stocks had forced about 300,000 hides to market during the first 48 hours of the survey, launched a week ago.

About 300 CPA investigators are making the inventory check.

Shift in Mediterranean Control Seen as Possibility by Molotov

PARIS, Aug. 13 (AP)—V. M. Molotov, Russian foreign minister, declared today at the European peace conference that "certain powers are trying to gain power in the Mediterranean at the expense of Italy and France."

Answering Italian Premier Alcide De Gasperi's recent plea for Italy, Molotov did not identify the "certain powers."

Compares Klan with Nazis

ORGANIZED HATE IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY



NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 13—Daniel Duke (above), assistant attorney general of Georgia and special prosecutor in the state's court case to revoke the national charter of the Ku Klux Klan, holds a Klan mask and a newspaper as he declared at a press conference in New York that "the Klan carries on where Nazi storm troopers left off."

Chiang Promises to End One-Party Rule in China

NANKING, Wednesday, Aug. 14 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today promised solemnly to end Kuomintang (government) one-party rule and institute a constitutional government in China "without delay, despite all obstacles."

The statement, issued on the first anniversary of the surrender of Japan, broke Chiang's silence at the height of China's new crisis brought on by months of stubborn civil strife.

Injunction May Be Sought in Sale Protest

"We as representatives of 9000 World War II veterans in this country bitterly resent the projected sale of 41,000 sleeping bags on bid to one dealer at Umatilla ordnance depot near Hermiston, Oregon. . . ." begins a telegram which was drafted last night by a formed-on-the-spot Marion County Federated Veterans council. The wire will go to President Truman, the war assets administration, Oregon's congressional delegation and the national commanders of eight U. S. war veterans organizations.

Paul Hedricks and Tyrone Gillespie were named as legal counsel who, if exclusive sale of the sleeping bags to one firm is not stopped, are to file an injunction suit against the WAA administrator in Portland to prevent him from carrying out the administration's advertised plan.

Don Goode was elected temporary chairman of the new Marion county veterans' organizations which desire membership. A meeting was called for August 22 in the state library building.

Oregon Leads Nation In Sweet Cherry Crop

SEATTLE, Aug. 13 (AP)—Oregon leads the nation in sweet cherry production this year with an August 1 estimated crop of 30,800 tons against California's 28,000 tons. The national estimate is 102,550 tons.

Portugal, Siam Opposed as U.N. Members

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP)—The applications of Sweden and Iceland for membership in the United Nations received tentative endorsement in the security council's membership committee today, but Portugal and Siam were strongly opposed.

Poland led the opposition to Portugal, while France vigorously objected to the admission of Siam. Russia also opposed both Portugal and Siam. Polish Representative Jerzy Michalowski charged that the present government of Portugal was ideologically closely related to the Franco regime in Spain and to the governments which had existed in Germany and Italy before the defeat of those countries.

Wisconsin Senator In Front

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 14 (AP)—Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., seeking to retain his seat in the senate despite a change in party affiliation, was running a neck and neck race with Circuit Judge Joseph R. McCarthy for the republican nomination early today as the tabulation of votes in the Wisconsin primary passed the two-thirds mark.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin's 83-year-old governor, Walter S. Goodland, seeking renomination on the republican ticket for a third term, held a lead of nearly 12,000 votes over Ralph M. Immell, former state adjutant general. In the senatorial primary, 2196 precincts out of 3146 gave LaFollette 118,818, McCarthy 117,002, and Perry Stearns 15,713. Returns from 2120 precincts gave Goodland 109,533 votes to 97,944 for Immell and 42,537 for Delbert J. Kenney, candidate of the state republican organization.

In Vermont republican Governor Mortimer R. Proctor was defeated for renomination by Ernest W. Gibson on the basis of complete, unofficial returns last night—the first time in modern history a Vermont chief executive had been denied a second term.

Young Gibson never before had been nominated to statewide office but served briefly in the U. S. senate. He was appointed to the unexpired term of his father upon the latter's death.

In South Carolina J. Strom Thurmond, a former army officer making his first state-wide campaign, piled up an overwhelming lead over ten other candidates for governor in yesterday's democratic primary but failed to get the majority needed for nomination.

As a result he will enter a runoff primary September 3 against the second high man, Dr. James A. McLeod of Florence, president of the state health association. Returns from 1,297 of the state's 1,544 precincts gave Thurmond 74,471 votes, McLeod 56,817. Governor Ransome J. Williams was third with 26,256.

In Arkansas incumbents in the three statewide races at Arkansas' democratic primary posted commanding leads over their opponents on the basis of returns from more than half the precincts.

Truman Signs Bill to Finance New Hospitals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—President Truman today signed a bill authorizing federal financing of one-third of a \$1,125,000,000 hospital building program spread among the states according to their needs.

Truman declared the legislation contained objectionable precedents, but in spite of them he signed it because of "the urgent need of a prompt start" on the five-year plan.

The president pointed to three "shortcomings": 1. A council "composed of individuals who are not to be full-time officials of the government" may veto certain actions of the surgeon general, including his disapproval of a state's plan because it does not meet federal law.

2. A state agency may appeal to the federal courts from denial of a construction project by the federal administrator.

Byrnes Fires 40 Employees

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Forty state department employees have been fired for having "close connections or involvement with foreign governments" or past records indicating "a high degree of security risk," Secretary Byrnes disclosed in a letter made public today.

The 40 were among 79 department employees discharged after preliminary examination of 3600 employees by a screening committee.

SITKA SPRUCE PRICE UP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—A price increase averaging \$4.75 per 1000 board feet for Sitka spruce lumber was authorized by OPA today.

Our Senators Lost 6-0