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By Charles A. Sprague

It was my privilege Wednesday to have a visit with Prof. Robert T. Oliver of the faculty of Syracuse university, who has just returned from spending two and one-half months in Korea.

Frankly Oliver is alarmed at the status quo of Korea. It is divided into two zones of occupation at the 38th parallel, with the Russian army controlling the north and the U. S. army which has set up a military government, the south.

Minimum Purses Raises for Races

Speed superintendent Charles Evans said Wednesday that minimum purses for each race during the Oregon state fair would be \$400.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I thought you said you were a pack rat?"

Halsey Lashes at Criticism of U.S. Fleet Disposition

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—(AP)—Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey, one of the top wartime commanders tabbed by President Truman for an "elder statesman's" role, delivered a blunt rejection today of communist criticism of American naval dispositions in the eastern Mediterranean.

"It's nobody's damn business where we go," he said. "We will go anywhere we please."

He emphasized that he does not mean American ships should go uninvited into any country's territorial waters.

Vets Duped by False Report of Surplus Sale

More than 200 veterans were at the Umatilla ordnance depot in northeast Oregon today but learned a reported sale of war surplus goods was erroneous, according to a report by the Associated Press.

War assets administration officials in Portland reported no sale had been certified for today at the depot, which now has only amphibious "ducks" listed as surplus.

Chinese Reds Ponder Rival Government

NANKING, Thursday, Aug. 28—(AP)—While fresh fighting broke out in the north, Chinese communists today granted the possibility of setting up their own "national government" for all rear-held areas of China.

Thus far they have operated only local governments, controlled loosely through party headquarters at Yenan.

Any attempt to have Chiang's one-party assembly put through a new national constitution would be interpreted "as a government desire to split the nation politically," he added.

Firemen Tests Slated Sept 19

New city civil service examinations to fill an anticipated five or six vacancies in the Salem fire department will be held at 9 a. m. Thursday, September 19, in city hall, Chairman Arthur H. Moore of the Salem civil service commission announced Wednesday.

Yacht Sinking Said Mystery

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., Aug. 28—(AP)—A handsome big yacht plunged mysteriously to her doom Wednesday in the western end of Lake Michigan today and the fate of the persons aboard her—the coast guard said there were "at least three"—was still in doubt tonight.

Dent Reed to Head Red Cross Drive

Heading the 1947 Red Cross fund campaign in Marion county will be Dent B. Reed, Salem insurance man. His appointment was announced Wednesday by Justice George Rosman, chairman of Marion county chapter, Red Cross.

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LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Aug. 28—(AP)—The United States stood firm tonight in the United Nations security council against admitting Bulgaria, Albania, and outer Mongolia to the U. N. and the council adjourned until tomorrow without reaching a decision on any of the eight applications before it.

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mit them to all the United Nations because the general assembly meets next month.

The United States virtually vetoed the admission of Albania and outer Mongolia after strong Russian opposition forced withdrawal of a U. S. plan proposing acceptance of all eight applications.

Herschel V. Johnson, United States delegate, then proposed that the council postpone consideration of the applications of outer Mongolia and Albania until a later date.

Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate and council president, warned the delegates to be prepared for three sessions tomorrow for the council must conclude its consideration of the applications by tomorrow night in order to submit them to all the United Nations because the general assembly meets next month.

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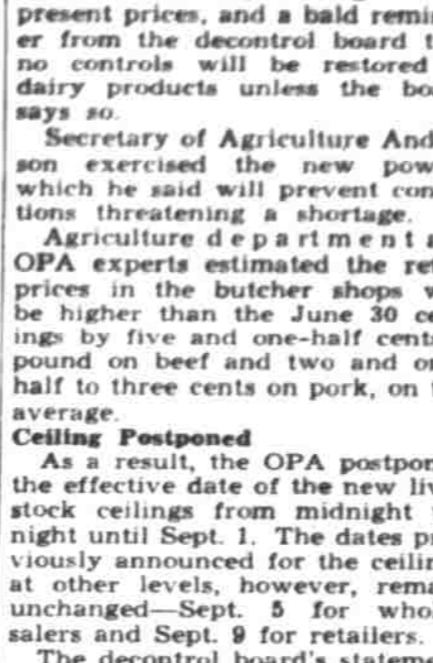
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Only eight of the survivors of more than 300,000 members of the GAR were present to receive the plaudits of thousands who lined downtown streets for the colorful highlight of the encampment. Four open automobiles carried the veterans in the parade. Ninety-nine year old Hiram R. Gale of Seattle, Wash., the GAR national commander-in-chief, rode at the head of the automotive cavalcade.

The veterans voted unanimously later to reaffirm a resolution adopted at an earlier encampment pledging the organization to hold an annual encampment as "long as a comrade survives."

Sailors Ready New Pay Plea

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28—(AP)—While a coastwise strike vote was in progress today by the AFL Sailors' Union of the Pacific, President Harry Lundeberg prepared a new brief for wage increases—a move in which he had the support of the Pacific American Shipowners' association.

In the wage issue, to be submitted to the wage stabilization board, Lundeberg said he was glad "to have the support of Joe Curran's CIO National Maritime Union" but that he would "have nothing to do with the CMU."

PGE Installs Street Lights

Four new 6,000-lumen street lights illuminated each of three downtown Center street intersections last night, following completion of their installation by Portland General Electric company crews. The new lights, brighter than most old street lights in the city, are at the High, Liberty and Commercial street intersections.

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Airmen's Bodies Leave Yugoslavia

AIDUSSINA, on the Morgan Line, Aug. 28—(AP)—The flag-draped coffins of five American fliers shot down in Yugoslavia were delivered today by motor convoy, and then by stretcher bearers across the Morgan line, to American authorities for the long journey home.

U. S. Ambassador Richard C. Patterson told newsmen that "Marshal Tito assured me personally and officially that there will not be any repetition of this event."

STAMP SWITCH READY

Persons who possess 8-cent airmail stamps may exchange them at the post office for their value of the new 5-cent variety which goes into effect October 1, Postmaster Albert Gragg announced Wednesday. The period of exchange will be limited to 60 days, Gragg said.

The Weather

Table with columns: Location, Max., Min., Precip. Rows include Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—(AP)—Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt tonight put the squeeze on army and navy use of lumber, and ordered lumber dealers to hold 80 per cent of their supplies for veterans' housing.

To boost lumber yard supplies, Wyatt directed that saw mills supply each dealer with at least one-third more housing lumber than he has previously been able to claim in competition with other customers of the mills.

To cap a series of new controls over building materials which he called "draconic," Wyatt directed that 100 per cent of all residential hardwood flooring and 80 per cent of all mill work—doors, window frames and the like—be reserved for builders holding the "HH" housing priority.

Small Jobs in Order

Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small joined Wyatt in announcing the lumber actions.

The decision to crack down on the military use of lumber came out of an inter-agency conference today. The decisions were two-fold:

First, effective at once, the military "MM" priorities used by the army and navy for construction of bases and barracks overseas will be "reviewed most carefully" by CPA to determine whether they can be positioned so the material procurement spread among several cities, so as not to pre-empt the whole supply of any community.

No Rating for Military

Second, all military housing in this country will be similarly scrutinized and a rating no higher than the ordinary "HH" housing priority may be used. Hereafter, military housing in this country as well as abroad had carried the more potent "MM" priority.

The "MM" is the peacetime priority used by the army and navy to obtain materials and supplies and is rated higher than the "HH" which is the priority granted to builders who are constructing approved housing under the veterans' emergency housing priority.

\$750,000 Fire At Wenatchee

WENATCHEE, Aug. 28—(AP)—As damage estimates in Wenatchee's worst fire soared to \$750,000, Fire Chief Harry Bryson said today he was investigating the possibility that transients may have started the smoking ruins of the white, using a partially constructed fruit warehouse as a camp site.

Wary firemen and volunteers continued late today to pour tons of water onto the flames which intermittently sprang up from the smoking ruins of the destroyed or heavily damaged half block of buildings.

Meteor Noted In Oregon Sky

Oregonians from Portland, Eugene and Klamath Falls reported seeing a brilliant flash, thought to have been a meteor, in the sky last night.

Spectators at Eugene described the light to Dr. Hugh Pruett, astronomer for the extension division of the Oregon state system of higher education, as being 10 times brighter than brilliant Venus. They said it appeared south of the university city and traveled horizontally until it disappeared in the southwest.

4-H Fall Show Now At Fairgrounds

Marion county's 11th 4-H fall show opens at the Oregon State fair grounds today. Judging and showmanship classes in beef and hog will be held this afternoon. Sheep showmanship and judging Friday morning and dairy judging and showmanship Friday afternoon. Finished market stock will be sold next week, Friday, September 6, at the 4th annual state 4-H club sale in connection with the Oregon State fair.

U. S. Preparing Anti-Trust Suits

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—(AP)—The justice department is readying anti-trust suits against a number of companies if charges have been conspiring to muzzle the federal and local governments in the sale of supplies.

One suit will be filed next week, an official said today. The suits are the result of an investigation designed to stamp out alleged identical bidding and monopoly practices in the sale of many products purchased by federal, state and local governments.

Traces of Rain Fail to Record at Airport

Traces of rain were felt in Salem yesterday morning and evening, but no rain was measured at the McNary field weather station. The station's prediction for today is cloudiness, but no rain. The last rain in any quantity was .69 inch which fell July 8 and traces were detected in Salem July 14 and August 13, weather statisticians said.

Our Senators

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