

Gates of First Postwar State Fair to Open at 8 a.m. Monday

(Story in Column 4)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Ambulance drivers, hospitals, mortuaries have come to anticipate an increased load of business on a double holiday. Not a very cheerful sentence to read this morning, but it's true. The rush of Americans to the motor highways brings a bulge in the number of accidents, of which some are certain to be fatal. Preliminary warnings from public officials and safety directors get little attention, judging by the accident toll after the holiday.

I have been looking at an analysis of statistics on motor vehicle accidents, compiled by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel, Jr., and find some very interesting facts. The latest summary is for the first quarter of 1946. I note, for instance, that it is safer to drive in the city than in the country as far as avoiding death goes. In cities in that period there were 14,422 accidents in which 31 persons were killed while in the country where traffic is lighter there were 73 persons killed in 3252 accidents. The reason is plain—greater speed in the country.

You can't blame auto fatalities on road defects, because only five per cent are so chargeable. You can't blame them all on condition of the road surface, for of the fatalities 70 out of 108 occurred on dry roads. The center stripe down the middle is a good safety device yet 72 out of the 108 fatalities occurred where the road had the center stripe. In cities intersection collisions accounted for 18 out of 29 deaths but in

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Truman Lauds Labor Role in Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—President Truman, taking the lead in praising labor's role in the first 12 months of peace, said tonight in a Labor day statement that "the largest part" of reconversion has been accomplished.

"We can look into the future today with confidence, but not with tranquility," the president said.

Paying tribute to labor for its part in turning out a record flood of goods and upholding anti-inflation controls, the president said:

"Labor, management and farmers with the help of government wherever it could be useful, have made this great start toward peacetime readjustment. If we continue to cooperate, to work and to produce, we can attain a richness of life that will be a credit and a benefit to all of us living, and a real hope and promise to those come after us."

Although most Salem canneries will close down for Labor day, the Starr Fruit Products Co. and Reid Murdock & Co. canneries will be in regular operation Monday.

Meanwhile, the local farm labor office reported that rain has ripened peaches in this area, thus creating a new demand for harvest workers. Hop and bean days continue packing schedules today and Monday, that office announced.

Animal Crackers



446 Chicago Sun Tribune

"You won't catch me doing that—I'm afraid of the dark!"

Goering Pleads Innocent



NUERNBERG, Aug. 31—Hermann Goering (standing), former German reichsmarshal, protests his innocence during 10-minute plea before international military tribunal at Nuernberg. Co-defendants (seated, top to bottom) Rudolf Hess, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Wilhelm Keitel. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Nuernberg.)

Nazis to Hear Verdicts In War Crime Trials Sept. 23

NUERNBERG, Aug. 31 (AP)—Twenty-one henchmen of Adolf Hitler will learn their fate September 23, the international military tribunal announced today after hearing them rant defiantly or plead for mercy in their last gestures to escape the gallows.

Some in their final statements turned savagely on Hitler, branding him the only real criminal; others reaffirmed belief in the fuhrer. One wept. Some with bravado declared they were not afraid to die. Others professed ignorance of Nazi excesses, or pleaded "duty" to the state.

Some asked that even if they were not spared, the German people be acquitted so that Germany might again rise as a nation.

These two were among the 12 who told their attorneys they expected death. Schacht, Von Neurath and Von Papen expected clemency, the attorneys said, while Doenitz, Raeder, Jodl, Von Schirach, Fritzsche and Streicher still held out hope.

Goering looked pleased as gaunt, ashen-faced Rudolf Hess, one-time deputy to Hitler, stormed and ranted and protested that some defendants acted "very strangely and made shameful utterances about the fuhrer."

Molotov to Visit Kremlin

LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 1 (AP)—The Moscow radio, in a broadcast heard in London, said that V. M. Molotov, Russian foreign minister, arrived in Moscow last night by plane from Paris.

Molotov left the European peace conference in Paris yesterday and French foreign circles said it was believed the Russian leader would spend a few days at a Kremlin conference before returning to Paris.

Double Marriage is Strictly Family Affair

PRATUM, Aug. 31 (AP)—Sisters will become sisters-in-law and brothers will become brothers-in-law September 22 when a double wedding ceremony will unite two young Brooks couples in marriage.

Agriculture Officials Envision New Farming Methods Pushing Production Above Demand

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Looking beyond the postwar relief period, the agricultural department today envisioned the nation facing a choice between "rigid rationing of land and labor" to curtail farm production, and measures designed to maintain a high level of consumption and exports.

Otherwise, it said in effect, agriculture may be thrown into another depression by "revolutionary changes" in farm production which have taken place in the last quarter century.

CEILINGS OFF FOOD, FRUIT

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Record Crowds Predicted

By Isabel Childs Rosebraugh City Editor, The Statesman

Freshly-painted gates to Oregon's first postwar state fair open at 8 o'clock Monday morning. When they close at midnight the first day's receipts may well top any Labor day in the varied show's history, for queues have stood at the ticket office every day during the past week as mid-valley folk purchased tickets for Monday and for Salem day (Wednesday).

On schedule throughout the week are daily races at 1:15 p.m., with eight running events and two harness races, for purses now totaling more than \$20,000. The

LABOR DAY PROGRAM 8 a.m.—Gates open. 8 a.m.—Livestock judging begins.

9 a.m.—Judging of textiles, food and art commences. 10:45 a.m.—Second Infantry band plays and parades in mid-way to open army exhibit.

1:15—Horse races, Lone Oak track. 8 p.m.—Night show, stadium. 8 p.m.—Horse show and rodeo, horse show pavilion. 10 p.m.—Dance. 12 midnight—Gates close.

Business houses, banks and postoffice closing all day Monday. Stores and postoffice closing Wednesday afternoon for Salem day observance. The weather: Monday, cloudy skies, but clearing.

increased purses have attracted outstanding race horses and some of the best from Longacres are in the fairgrounds stables which, by the way, are full.

Livestock barns filled. Livestock on livestock barns, with some 5000 head of stock and sufficient high grade feed. Concession space was taken early, and the floral building will, for the first time, be filled with flower exhibits, including an unusual orchid display.

Although most exhibits are at least as elaborate as before the war, some pre-1942 displays are missing, notably new automobiles and farm machinery. At least one Salem dealer will display new cars, a postwar make and model.

Idanha-Detroit May Get Court

An order creating a new justice of the peace district in the Idanha-Detroit area probably will be signed by the Marion county court Tuesday.

County Judge Grant Murphy said Saturday that the new district would comprise the Breitenbush and Horeb precincts, including the towns of Idanha, Gates, Minto, Niagara, Detroit, Hoover, Berry and Breitenbush, and would have jurisdiction over the dam and highway construction areas.

The formation of the new district resulted from petitions from residents in that section, the judge declared.

Lichfield CO Signs Charges

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany, Aug. 31 (AP)—Col. James A. Kilian signed court martial charges today against Capt. Earl J. Carroll, former Lichfield trial prosecutor, charging him with browbeating and intimidating witnesses in the trials in which Kilian was convicted of permitting cruelties to GI prisoners.

Carroll, of San Bruno, Calif., stormy figure in military court procedure during recent months, replied promptly he would welcome a trial.

Kilian was convicted this week of permitting cruelties at the detention camp in Britain. He was fined \$500 and reprimanded.

BULGAR KING TO EXIT

SOFIA, Aug. 31 (AP)—A high-ranking Bulgarian government official said tonight the Bulgarian royal family is preparing to join the Italian royal family in Egyptian exile in the event the Bulgarian people choose a republic over the present monarchy in the Sept. 8 plebiscite.

The Weather

Salem — 95 87 trace
Portland — 82 60 trace
San Francisco — 83 63 trace
Chicago — 80 53 60
New York — 86 68 60
Willamette river 3.6 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy this morning, widely scattered showers, becoming clear in early afternoon. Highest temperature 72, low 50.

Solons Fear New 'Harbor' Debacle

Committee Urges Strong U.S. in Pacific

TOKYO, Sunday, Sept. 1 (AP)—Six house military committee members today advocated a strong and mobile U.S. striking force in the Pacific to meet the threat of Russian encroachment and "the imminent danger of another Pearl Harbor" in Korea or Alaska.

The members, touring Pacific occupation zones, told newsmen they had been startled by an off-the-record report on far eastern military and diplomatic situations given them by the top men of General MacArthur's command.

"It is not our intention to alarm the American people," said Acting Chairman Sheridan (D-Pa.), "but we don't like what we have discovered, but you cannot escape facts by ignoring them."

He proposed that a striking force built around long range, high-speed bombers be based in strategic zones of the Pacific and Alaska.

Reeds Plentiful

"Russia is maintaining about five times the number of occupation troops, mostly in Korea, that we have," said Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.), Rep. Short (R-Mo.) declared he feared there was "imminent danger" of "another Pearl Harbor in Korea, Trieste or Alaska," and added: "After what I've heard I wouldn't even give the Russians an index to the atomic bomb."

Sikes, talking to reporters, said he wondered why Russia has ten times more people attached to its Tokyo embassy than any other nation.

Jap Army Vanished

He said that the whereabouts of a Japanese army force of 750,000 is not known but that it is generally believed to be in Russian territory.

The six congressmen came to Japan after visiting Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima and other Pacific bases.

Manila Says War Raging

MANILA, Sunday, Sept. 1 (AP)—"Luzon in Throes of Civil War," declared the banner headline today of the Manila Daily Chronicle, which published a map of the central provinces showing where fighting is reported taking place between military police and dissident peasants.

The deadline for peaceful surrender of arms by the peasants expired last night with President Manuel Roxas and Luis Taruc, leader of the Hukbalahaps, exchanging bitter letters.

Marriages at All-Time High

An all-time record of 145 marriage license applications were issued during August at the Marion county clerk's office, bringing the year's total to date up to 882 which tops a previous all-year record of 739 in 1943.

During August, 22 divorce decrees were handed down making a total of 338 decreed since January 1 of this year. During July 107 marriage license applications were issued and 60 divorces granted.

Last year 599 marriage licenses were issued by the clerk's office.

Woodburn Accident Victim Succumbs

Thomas B. Moore, 66, died in a Woodburn hospital early Saturday as the result of being struck by an automobile driven by Alan Slabaugh, Hubbard. The accident occurred on the Pacific highway near Woodburn late Friday.

Moore had been a resident of the Woodburn vicinity for several years.

Irrigation in West Salem Allowed Today, Monday

WEST SALEM, Aug. 31—Residents of West Salem will be permitted to irrigate on Sunday and Monday from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. only, it was announced Saturday by the city water department.

Action Deferred on Projecting Parrish Garage Gas Pumps

Enforcement of a city council decision to lay curbing at 660 N. Capitol st. and force the Parrish garage there to remove two gas pumps from the center of court action line pumps from city property be Wednesday when Circuit Judge George Duncan issued temporary restraining order against the city at the request of Charles H. Heitzel representing the Heitzel Estate, Inc., which owns the garage property.

The court order holds up any city move this week and indicates Heitzel will seek a preliminary injunction at 10 a.m. September 9. The city has until then to answer Heitzel's complaint.

Following reports from North

Ruling To Last Until October

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson took price ceilings off a long list of fresh, canned and frozen fruits and vegetables today, at least for the month of September.

Beyond that, Anderson recommended in effect that the decontrol board not put ceilings back on poultry and eggs for tobacco, and its products.

He kept hands off the issue of whether dairy products, left out from under ceilings by the decontrol board, should be put back under curbs, reporting merely that there are not enough of them to go around.

He took brandy out from under ceilings.

In "Short Supply"

All this the agriculture secretary accomplished without directly affirmative action. All he did was put out the department's first monthly list of "Agricultural Commodities in Short Supply" as required by the new price control law.

The law requires that ceilings automatically come off any farm item which does not appear on that list.

The "short supply" list itself included, among many other commodities, hogs and cattle, milk and butterfat, most fats and oils, jams and jellies, and fish. That listing made them eligible for controls.

Ceiling Free Items

These items appeared on the ceiling-free list:

Fresh lemons, grapefruit, peaches, apples and tangerines.

Fresh snap beans, cantaloupes, carrots, lettuce, onions, spinach, sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

Canned peas, lima beans, snap peas, and mixed vegetables.

Frozen lima beans, corn, green peas and asparagus.

Canned apricots, plums and prunes.

Frozen fruits.

Dried apples, and other apple products, except canned apples, apple butter and apple sauce.

Cranberries, Concord grape products, hay, tobacco, wool, edible tree nuts, hops, popcorn, broom corn, gum rosin, beeswax, peppermint and spearmint oil, peanuts and peanut products except oil and meal.

(The complete list of items in "short supply" will be found on page 2 of today's Statesman.)

Driver Tells of Wreck, Dies

SHEDD, Aug. 31 (AP)—A midnight highway crash took the life of a 23-year-old Vancouver, Wash., oil truck driver but not before he explained how it happened and asked if anyone else were hurt.

He was James P. Snyder, found by the smashed cab of his truck after it struck two parked cars and left the Pacific highway three miles south of here.

"I'm sorry Bob, I must have gone to sleep. Was anyone else hurt?" the fatally injured man asked Ernest Schatzman, Coquille, who had stopped to fix a flat tire.

Deputy Coroner Walter Knopp said Snyder died of internal injuries. Neither parked car was occupied.

Fair Weather Predicted For Holiday Afternoons

Cloudy weather and scattered light showers are predicted by McNary field weather station to begin both Sunday and Monday, but the holidays are supposed to brighten on both afternoons, when skies clear. Temperatures are predicted to range similar to those of the last few days, with coastal weather conditions approximating those locally.

VFW Fight Looms Over Admission of Women

BOSTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—A red-hot fight over women's fellow members — loomed today as one of the big issues confronting the 47th annual national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The die-hards want to keep the organization strictly "stag" while the younger members, fresh from World War II, want to admit nurses, Wacs, Spars, women marines or Waves who saw service abroad.

Our Senators Won

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