

Truman's Meat Control Crisis Verdict Due Monday

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The strife that prevails in Palestine today between Jews and Arabs and between Jews and British forces is not new. That land has long been the seat of trouble. The Old Testament is full of chronicles of wars and bloodshed. After the Biblical era and the spread of Moslem power, Crusaders from Europe battled intermittently for a century and longer to rescue the holy places from the hands of the "infidels."

Even then, Jerusalem itself, a holy city for three religions, Jews, Christians and Mohammedans, remained a city of civil unrest because of the clashes of zealots of rival faiths. The world has long known about the Weeping Wall where Jews gather in daily lamentation. It is not so familiar with the fact that believers of other faiths perform their religious offices in Jerusalem, each according to his own ritual.

In the Prologue to his book, "This Believing World," a book now 20 years old, Lewis Browne sketched the scene in Jerusalem, this center of many faiths. The late clashes in that city, more violent in character than ever, but perhaps no more bitter, bring Browne's description to mind. It is well worth quoting in part. Of Jerusalem rousing from slumber he writes:

"The first angry orange streak of day has just spilled over" (Continued on editorial page)

Construction in Salem Shows Sharp Decline

Building material shortages have prefaced a definite drop in the building industry in and around Salem, the U. S. employment service reports. Construction in the area outside Salem has dropped 70 per cent during the last 30 days and building permits issued in the city have dropped from an estimated value of \$221,038 in August to \$132,244 in September.

Very little new dwelling construction has begun in the area during the month and only about 5 per cent of the units under construction at the beginning of September were completed at its end. USES's monthly report indicates:

At least 100 plumbers, electricians, carpenters and building trades laborers have been dispatched from Salem labor temple to Camp Adair for reconstruction and demolition work. F. D. Van Sweringen, business agent for the Salem building and construction trades council, said last night:

A continued decrease in unemployment brought the number of unemployed from 1120 at the first of September to 750 at the close of the month. Food plants continued in full operation.

Worker migration, including transient agricultural workers, decreased from 222 persons during August to 171 in September, mainly due to the inability of potential settlers to find housing in the county, according to USES.

Catholics to Back Stepinac

ZAGREB, Oct. 12 (AP)—Bishop Joseph P. Hurley, of St. Augustine, Fla., regent of the Apostolic Nunciature, said today he expected the Vatican to continue to look upon Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac as the head of the Roman Catholic church in Yugoslavia while serving his 16 year sentence at hard labor.

Thousands of Catholics packed the Zagreb Cathedral last night to pay for their archbishop who was sentenced by a peoples court yesterday on collaboration charges of "crimes against the people."

Animal Crackers



Succumbs



SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (AP)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of the U. S. Sixth army and wartime leader of the Burma campaign, died at Letterman General hospital today.

Gen. Stilwell, Hero of Burma Retreat, Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (AP)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, plain-spoken hero of the epic retreat from Burma and the long march back to victory over Japan, died in his sleep today at Letterman General hospital. He was 63.

For the fiery, wiry little general, death was in placid contrast with a life of violent combat. Commander of the U. S. Sixth army, with headquarters at the San Francisco Presidio, General Stilwell entered the army hospital September 27 for a routine checkup. He underwent an operation October 3, but his condition became critical only three days ago.

Death was attributed to adenocarcinoma (cancer) of the liver, complicated by an amoebic abscess believed to have been contracted in the Burma jungles. Only his doctor, Col. Leonard D. Heaton, was present when the general died at 12:48 p.m. Just outside the door was his son, Col. Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr., one of five children.

In accordance with General Stilwell's wish, there will be no public funeral services. At a time yet to be determined, the body will be cremated and the ashes strewn from an airplane over the Pacific ocean near Lanfair, his home at Carmel, Calif.

Fraternities Schedule Joint Installation

Three local fraternities of Willamette university formally will become chapters of national fraternities January 3-4 in a joint installation ceremony believed to be the first occasion at which national fraternities have been installed jointly on a campus.

Charters were granted to the local chapters this summer by Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi, three fraternities commonly known as the Miami triad since all three were founded approximately a century ago at Miami university, Oxford, Ohio.

Tentative plans call for a joint convocation in Salem on January 3 to be followed by the individual meetings and initiation of the three groups on January 4. National officers of each fraternity will be present to take charge of the initiation and installation ceremonies.

All three fraternities have active chapters at the University of Oregon and Oregon State colleges. Invitations to the installations will be extended to all chapters on the west coast.

Food Shortage Lists Continue Long in Salem, Prices Increased on Available Merchandise

Salem shoppers this week will find current shortages in certain foodstuffs and all meats continuing with no encouraging signs of alleviation, Salem merchants reported Saturday.

In the grocery department syrups, salad oils, gelatins and soaps head the list of scarce items, store reports show. The meat problem, especially in beef and pork, shows no signs of improving, even though lamb, mutton, rabbit and chicken are on meat counters in quantities varying from "scarce" to "almost adequate."

Shortening is fast becoming a rare commodity, most meat markets report, with lard running a close second.

Butter, selling generally at from 93 to 98 cents a pound, seems to be going rather slow in many

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OPA to Pursue Building Law Violators

Agents To Operate Over U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—The OPA tonight launched a nationwide crackdown on builders or others who violate ceiling price and veterans' preference regulations of the housing program, promising "criminal prosecutions" where necessary.

A specially trained force of OPA agents will take the field Monday to press the drive in cooperation with more than 550 local OPA rent offices.

The announcement came as Senator Wiley (R-Wis) of the senate judiciary committee released correspondence with Attorney General Clark and Price Administrator Forster questioning the right of OPA agents to carry arms and make arrests.

Porter cited a statute which he said gives the agents the power to make arrests and added that "the right to carry weapons for defense necessarily flows from that power. Clark promised his reply later.

Reporting that a "substantial number of complaints of violation" already had been received, an OPA official told a reporter the drive will be OPA's first step in taking over enforcement duties recently delegated to it by the national housing agency.

"We do not have a flood of complaints," he said. "But we have had a substantial number, especially in certain areas."

Complaints already received, the official added, include charges that some builders have overpriced new houses, offered houses for sale or rent in return for side payments, and violated regulations giving veterans first preference in purchase or rental of new homes built with the aid of government priorities for materials.

8 Escape as Plane Crashes

NEW CASTLE, Del., Oct. 12 (AP)—Trans-world airlines reported tonight that a Constellation type ship had crashed and burned near here.

In New York, Otis F. Bryan, vice president and general manager of TWA's international division, said all eight crew members escaped unhurt. He said the plane was on a ferry flight from New York without passengers and preliminary reports indicated the pilot made a normal approach to the field and that weather conditions were normal.

Delaware hospital at Wilmington reported Charles A. Sylvester, 37, of Wilmington, was brought there and treated for shock and cuts and abrasions.

An attendant quoted Sylvester as saying he was driving along a highway when the large plane crashed into his automobile.

Grand Champion Cow Brings \$21,000 Price

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 12 (AP)—The All-American Jersey cattle show's grand champion cow, Golden Dreading Girl, was auctioned in a "sale of stars" today for \$21,000—a new record price for a Jersey.

George Waite, Williamsville, N. Y., farmer, bought the prize dairy cow from Mr. and Mrs. Max Gordon of Lynn, Ind., for \$3,000 above the previous record price, set in 1923.

In spite of the fact that the fall months are reportedly the greatest meat dealing months of the year, butchers were unanimous in their gloomy predictions of a low meat supply this year. They state that meat on the hoof is plentiful in this area but "that it just stays home on the range."

47 State Legislators to Face Serious Financial Problems

Oregon's 1947 legislature will face financial problems perhaps "the most serious in the history of the state," it is generally agreed by members of the state emergency board.

The state finances came in for discussion at a sidelight to the board's Friday consideration of the \$75,000 appropriation for operation of the Klamath Falls marine base as a state vocational school. The board made the appropriation over the objections of two members, Sen. Dea Walker of Independence and Rep. Burt Snyder of Lakeview.

Citing the Klamath school appropriation as one of the many new demands on state funds, board members went on to discuss state finances. Two or three members said they doubted that the governor's tax study commission would be able to recommend acceptable means of increasing state revenues to meet all new demands for funds.

Walker commented that state boards and other activities once established usually operate indefinitely, even if they were created as a temporary measure, and predicted a substantial state deficit in 1947 unless the legislature takes "drastic action."

Budget Director George Alken, partly substantiating Walker's prediction, asserted that only wholesale reduction in appropriations requests would bring about a balanced budget. He singled out the state board of higher education's proposed request for \$1,000,000 per year for two years for construction as "in for hard sledding."

At Walker's request the emergency board went on record favoring a study of all state and federal activities, dealing with problems such as rehabilitation, to determine whether there is duplication of supervision. Walker made it plain that it was not his desire to weaken the existing law but merely to investigate the supervisory setups. The study would be conducted by the ways and means committee of the next legislature.

U.S. Sends Bill For \$11 Billion To Russians

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—The United States has sent a note to Moscow requesting Russia to wind up its \$11,000,000,000 lend-lease account, informed government officials disclosed tonight.

Russia was asked to send a financial mission to Washington to begin discussions as soon as convenient, these officials said.

The American note was reported to have been sent several weeks ago but no reply has been received. The United States furnished Russia \$11,141,000,000 in lend-lease as of Dec. 31, 1945. Russia's reverse lend-lease contributions for the same period totaled \$2,213,000.

The American note to Moscow divorces the lend-lease discussions from a \$1,000,000,000 loan to Russia. This change of procedure reflects the American government's growing belief that the Soviet would not accept the conditions for the credit laid down by the United States.

Russia requested the loan nearly a year ago but has not agreed to American suggestions for an agenda which would include expansion of economic conditions in eastern Europe.

Further negotiations are stalled because of a third note on the subject sent about three months ago. The American officials who disclosed the lend-lease note said the decision was reached because of a desire to speed settlement of such accounts as requested by congress.

On Saturday's Gridirons

- Oregon 34, Montana 0
- Washington 21, WSC 7
- California 20, St Marys 13
- Navy 6, Duke 21
- Ohio State 7, Wisconsin 20
- Northwestern 14, Minnesota 7
- Illinois 7, Indiana 14
- Iowa 21, Nebraska 7
- Purdue 6, Notre Dame 49
- Columbia 28, Yale 20
- Cornell 13, Colgate 9

Gil Lieser to Start Paper in West Salem

Forthcoming establishment of a weekly newspaper in West Salem was disclosed Saturday by Gil Lieser, director of publicity for Willamette university and former sports editor of The Statesman.

Lieser and his wife Jean have formed the Kingwood Publishing Co. which will locate a newspaper plant in a new building to be erected in the 600 block of Edgewater street in West Salem. They plan to commence publication of a weekly to be called The Challenger early next year.

Lieser said Saturday that his resignation, submitted some time ago to Willamette university, has been accepted, effective October 31.

Lieser's new plant will be built by Robert Forster, local contractor, of punice stone building materials manufactured by a new West Salem industry. Construction is to get underway early in November, Lieser said. Transactions for a printing press, paper and some equipment already have been made, according to Lieser who with his wife will make a two weeks' equipment buying trip to California next month.

Publication of the Salem Pleasure Guide will be continued by the Liesers, the printing to be done after this year in their own plant, it was announced.

Work Ends on Hungary Pact

PARIS, Sunday, Oct. 13 (AP)—The peace conference completed its work on the Hungarian peace treaty today after rejecting the plea for the United States for a \$100,000,000 reduction in the amount of reparations that nation must pay Russia, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

In the course of completing its deliberations on the list of the treaties for the Balkan satellites of Germany, the conference voted to free the Hungarian section of the Danube to commerce of all nations, as it had done earlier in the Romanian and Bulgarian treaties.

After a recess today, the conference will convene tomorrow, under the chairmanship of President Georges Bidault of France, to finish its work on the treaty with Finland.

Monmouth Man Elected To OCP Student Council

MONMOUTH, Oct. 12 (AP)—In class elections at Oregon College of Education, Richard Smith, Monmouth, was named freshman representative to the student council; Jan Mattison, Wendling, junior representative to the women's student council, and Allen Petersdorf, Wendling, president of West house, men's dormitory.

Stoves, Sinks Now Available in Miniature

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Hey kiddies! Guess what Santa Claus is bringing this Christmas! For good little girls, he's going to have some new dolls which can laugh, as well as cry or go to sleep. And there will be toy irons and cook stoves that run on real electric current, just like mother's do, an enameled sink with running water.

And of course there will be lots of games, bookboards, doll houses and things.

Some lucky boys will get mechanical shovels which lift real dirt, and trucks, road scrapers, earth haulers and concrete mixers built to scale. There also will be workable telephone sets, and new stream-lined trains, velocipedes and airplanes.

Santa passed the information along to the commerce department today, saying he is doing more this year than ever before to give the children toys that look and work like the real things.

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State Parole Board Increases Meetings

Because of the increasing number of convicts in the Oregon state penitentiary, the state parole board is now holding seven meetings monthly instead of four as previously.

Prison officials said the convict population is now nearing a new high record with a large percentage of the incoming prisoners under 25 years of age.

Survey of Hospitals Reveals Salem Facilities Below Needs

A statewide survey of Oregon hospitals to determine what claim this state may make against the federal hospital construction funds appropriated by the recent session of congress is nearing completion.

Partial results of the survey work indicate that although hospital distribution in Oregon is good, nearly every hospital is in need of additional bed capacity and other facilities, it was stated Saturday by William Gahlsdorf, business manager of Salem General hospital, who has been made available by the local hospital board to the state to conduct the survey.

Gahlsdorf said Oregon anticipated passage of the federal measure by establishing a state hospital survey commission at the last state legislative session and hence is one of the first states to conduct its survey. Dr. Charles Holman of the University of Oregon medical school is chairman of the commission.

Defense Fund To Be Raised

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Grants Pass builders who are defying civilian production administration orders began raising a defense fund today for the first two of their number cited to court.

The Citizens Protective association voted unanimous support of the A. K. Wilson Motor Co. and Will H. Jones, ordered federal court to show cause Oct. 18 why they should not be restrained from further building.

The association signed a resolution that "The citizens of Grants Pass will continue to build regardless of the issuance of a stop work order against them by the civilian production administration, until court injunction is brought against them."

Earl Schweitzer, chairman, declared the group was defying only the "maladministration" of housing laws, not congressional legislation.

Report Says U. S. Sold Reds Uranium Ore

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Journal American says in a copyrighted story that 500 pounds of black uranium oxide, described as a product used to make the atom bomb and "the most closely-guarded and precious metal in the world," was sold to Russia by the United States in 1943.

The Journal American said it learned today that "this sale was made with the approval of administration authorities over the protests of men involved in the production of the atom bomb at a time when less than 100 persons knew of the Manhattan project."

The newspaper said the sale was made through the Russian purchasing commission, which had requested the refined product to use in Soviet medical and non-military scientific research. The uranium oxide was delivered to Col. A. N. Kalkov of the Russian commission in Montana on May 13, 1943, the paper added.

Housewives to Boycott Dairies

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 12 (AP)—Olympia housewives who say they will boycott local dairies until the present milk price of 20 cents a quart is cut, today laid plans to discontinue purchases Monday.

Prison officials said the convict population is now nearing a new high record with a large percentage of the incoming prisoners under 25 years of age.

This, he explained, is the case because Oregon shows a good distribution of hospitals, because Oregon is "one of the healthiest states," and because the state shows the fourth highest per capita income in the country.

To Reveal Decision Via Radio

Carroll Reece Terms President Action 'Too Late'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—President Truman tonight prepared a decision on the meat control question for broadcast to the nation Monday night while the GOP commented "better late than never."

Mr. Truman will deliver his solution to the meat-buying controversy in a broadcast at 10 p.m. (EST) Monday over all networks.

Scarcely had this been disclosed when Carroll Reece, republican national chairman, issued a statement that "it will not suffice to pull a political rabbit out of the hat. One rabbit is a scanty diet for 140,000,000 people."

"Mr. Truman has in the past demonstrated an ability to do the right thing too late," Reece continued.

"It is, however, to be hoped that in attempts to solve this problem Mr. Truman and his administration will approach it from the viewpoint of what is best from the long-range viewpoint. To provide a feast now at the expense of an inevitable famine later would be an exhibition of cheap politics which would inevitably be repudiated by the American people."

In announcing the arrangements, President Truman will discuss meat as part of the "stabilization program."

That generated new speculation on how far the chief executive might be willing to go in adjusting the administration's line against inflation to get its roots into dining tables and rid the democratic candidates of political hot spots.

Arguments Presented
The decision was the president's alone. His advisers had laid before him their arguments for one line of action or another. The problem had been thrashed over thoroughly in cabinet meetings and other high-level conferences.

Today Mr. Truman weighed the case for such a complete control, modified control, or no control. He worked all day in his study, with no outside callers.

Price Administrator Paul Porter, who said last Saturday the choice was between stinks and stabilization, was silent on the meat question in his weekly broadcast today. He discussed housing.

One thing appeared certain — that Mr. Truman would announce some kind of action, and not confine himself to mere discussions of the scarcity of meat and the dangers of inflation.

Gen. Carlson to Settle in State

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, retired commander of the marine raiders of Makin Island fame, said today he was settling in the Mount Hood mountains after touring the nation for the best spot to live.

Wallace to Edit New Republic

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace, fired from President Truman's cabinet for his foreign policy views, accepted today the nomination of the New Republic, a weekly magazine in which he can express them as he pleases.

His appointment is effective in December. Wallace said it will not interfere with his plans for a democratic campaign tour.

The ousted secretary of commerce said in a statement issued through the Washington office of the magazine:

"I shall have the opportunity of saying exactly what I think at a time when a bi-partisan bloc mauling the phrase 'one world' is really driving the world into two armed camps."

The Weather

Station	Max.	Min.	Feeling
Salem	56	49	56
Portland	54	47	54
San Francisco	79	68	79
New York	72	54	72
Chicago	71	54	71

FORECAST: (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Increasing cloudiness today and tonight with occasional light showers this evening. Highest temperature today 56. Lowest temperature tonight 49.