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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Following a plan worked out at a meeting of county and school board representatives last Saturday the Salem school board has assumed jurisdiction at the airport and will proceed to set up a school for the 150-odd children who thus far this fall have been denied school privileges. Already six weeks have been lost and more delay is in sight because of the need to install partitions, desks, plumbing and obtain teachers. The school board agrees to continue the school until the state emergency board or the legislature provides the supplemental appropriation needed. In case there is a deficiency the Riecke and Pringle districts agree to share the loss within their boundaries. I feel there has been altogether too great a delay in solving this problem, and that the blame rests with the public authorities. It may start with the federal agents in charge of the colony for slowness in advising the county school superintendent or the school districts that the housing would continue to be occupied. And I think it extends through the school hierarchy down to the school boards.

For at the hearing Saturday I heard about Chapter 398, Laws of 1945, and later looked it up. This is a law which fits this situation like a glove. It provides that where children reside on federally owned and controlled land the children shall be entitled to attend school in ANY adjacent school district. The cost of their transportation, including transportation if needed, above credits received from state and county school funds, is borne by (Continued on Editorial Page)

Burglar Raids 4 Local Homes, Takes Purses

Only small amounts of money were obtained by a burglar who apparently reached through three Salem bedroom windows and walked into a kitchen Monday night in quest mainly, it seems, of purses. The burglary occurred between 8 p.m. and midnight. Sometimes standing on tables and once using a pitchfork to reach his loot, only a few dollars were garnered for all the efforts of the culprit, investigating police reported.

Entering the kitchen door of the Merle D. Travis home at 948 Shipping st., the thief left hurriedly when Mrs. Travis heard him and started in his direction. She did not report seeing him, but recovered her purse later in the backyard. No money was in the purse when it was taken.

About \$6 was reported missing from a purse taken from F. O. Reppine's residence at 1495 N. 16th st., by a thief who reached through a window and pulled a quilt off a bed, in order to bring the purse within his reach.

Mrs. J. C. Lindsey's purse was found in her backyard at 2150 Center st., after it had been taken from her home via a bedroom window. No money was reported taken.

Animal Crackers



"He wants to play a wild game!"

Churchill, in Rebuttal to Stalin, Doubts Figures on Soviet Army

Asks Probe of Occupation Forces' Size

LONDON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, singled out by Prime Minister Stalin as a war "instigator," questioned today whether Stalin had disclosed fully the extent of Russian military might in occupied Europe, and suggested that the United Nations clear up the matter. "Nothing sweeps away suspicions like facts and I consider it my duty to continue to press for facts," Churchill said in a statement replying to Stalin's new declaration on international affairs. He also called for a full report on "all military forces that may cause concern" to any of the war-victorious nations.

Britain's war time leader, who had intimated in the house of commons last week that Russia had 200 divisions under arms in occupied Europe, took note of Stalin's statement yesterday that the correct figure was only 60 divisions. "Even 60 divisions on a war footing would, of course, greatly exceed the British and American forces in enemy-occupied territory," Churchill said in a statement.

Stalin's declaration, meanwhile, evoked mixed reaction around the world. Lincoln White, U.S. state department press officer, said in Washington the Russian prime minister "echoed" statements made previously by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

The British government declined all comment, but there was no apparent opposition in the foreign office to accept Churchill's figures in preference to those given by Stalin.

Churchill expressed "regard and respect" for Stalin and said he welcomed the Russian's statements and those of other officers. "It is not possible to judge the strength of an army unless not only the number of organized divisions is known, but also and at the same time the total ration-strength."

Death Rides in Stolen Plane

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 29.—(AP)—Two boys who wanted to fly took a float plane into the Columbia river today for a joy ride that ended in death for one and a narrow escape for the other.

They were Leonard Cummings, 12, and Robert Lewis Cummings, 7, and their father, who took the plane from a moorage, started the engine and headed into the river.

The plane built up speed and nosed over 100 yards from shore. A coast guard cutter crew hailed Robert to safety just before the plane sank. The coast guard are grappling for Leonard's body.

6 Candidates for 4 Silverton Posts

SILVERTON, Oct. 29.—Six men are candidates for four vacancies on Silverton city council this year. They are Frank Porter, head of the local VFW; Patrick Grogan, former head of the American Legion post; George Christenson and Alvin Legard, accountants; Alvin Legard, Clint Weiby, local businessmen.

Retiring from the council and not seeking re-election are Tom Anderson and Jonas Byberg.

Declaration by Marshal Called Aid to Peace



LEXINGTON, Miss., Oct. 29.—Miss Hazel Brannon (above), comely editor of two county newspapers, was released on a two-year good behavior after being found guilty of contempt of court by Judge S. F. Davis in Holmes circuit court at Lexington, Miss., for discussing testimony with a state's witness in a manslaughter case. (AP Wirephoto)

U. S. Applying Pressure on Romania Vote

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The United States, applying pressure anew in an area under Russian influence, sharply accused the Romanian government today of intimidating political foes in violation of a free election pledge.

Similar charges were made by Britain in a separate note delivered in Bucharest. The language of the U.S. note to the Romanian foreign ministry appeared to approximate at least a hint that this government may withdraw diplomatic recognition unless Romania liberalizes the rules for its election November 19.

The text of the note officially expressing "concern" over the situation, was made public by the state department.

It followed by only a few days publication of a similar exchange between Secretary of State Byrnes and Bulgaria, one of Romania's Balkan neighbors, over the fall-holding retractions wage increases which he alleged they agreed in June to pay.

Elderly Man Hit By Automobile

Sam L. Burke, 84, of 248 Marlon st., incurred two fractures of his lower right leg when he was struck by an auto driven by Edward C. Sproed, route 2, Salem, as he crossed in the middle of the 200 block of Center street, apparently intent on going through the alley to his home, investigating city police report.

A report on his condition was not yet available this morning at Salem Deaconess hospital, where he was taken. No arrest was made. Police said that Sproed stopped his car almost as it struck the elderly man.

Four Corners to Organize Club

FOUR CORNERS, Oct. 29.—A meeting to organize a community club has been called for Friday night, November 1 at the school house by members of the Auburn school board. Members of the school board are Mrs. Roy Krusch, chairman; L. J. Shrake and John Olseon who will act as temporary chairman of the organization meeting.

Mrs. Lawrence Shrake is in charge of the refreshments and O. E. Palmeter will show pictures.

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By Eddy Gilmore
MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Observers in foreign missions here said today that Prime Minister Stalin's latest declaration on foreign affairs should have an immense effect in building peace and in increasing the effectiveness of the United Nations and the foreign ministers' council. Stalin's statement, contained in 31 answers to questions from Hugh Baillie, president of the united press associations, was hailed by Russians as a document which should do much to put down talk of war and give assurance of Soviet Russia's peaceful intentions. From this document Russians learned that Stalin does not agree that Russian-American tension is increasing, that Stalin is still "interested" in a loan from the United States, that Stalin has continued faith in the United Nations as an instrument of preserving peace, and that he lists only 60 incomplete Russian divisions in eastern occupied Europe as against the 200 on a "war footing" which Winston Churchill had suggested was a reliable figure on the soviet forces on watch there. Stalin's answers and the questions were broadcast repeatedly by the Moscow radio today and were spread across the front pages of newspapers.

Negotiations in Coast Seaman Strike Collapse

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Negotiations between the Pacific American Shipworkers' association and the Marine Engineers Beneficial association (CIO), on strike in a dispute over preferential hiring, were stalemated again today when the PASA turned down the hiring formula which brought a close to a similar walk-out on the Atlantic coast.

The break-off of negotiations indicated there might be an indefinite extension of the strike on the Pacific coast. Meantime the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union (CIO) late today filed a damage suit against the Pacific Waterfront Employers' association for more than \$6,000,000.

Harry Bridges, west coast CIO leader and head of the union, charged the employers were withholding retroactive wage increases which he alleged they agreed in June to pay.

Loot Recovered, Police Baffled by False Confession

Loot taken from Barb's sporting goods store, 422 Front street, was located by police at about 3 a.m. Tuesday in a pasture near Kingwood drive in West Salem, where two 12-year-old boys, runaways from Chemawa school, admitted they took the materials from the store Sunday.

Ray Kimbro, 19, of 180 Union st., had previously been arrested by city police, pleaded guilty in justice court Monday and was being held for the grand jury. He could not explain his admission but was cleared entirely of guilt by the two boys' admissions and proof that they stole his motorcycle, which was found at the store.

The 12-year-olds had in their cache in West Salem, 32 and 38 calibre revolvers, a .22 calibre rifle and stocks of ammunition, knives, flashlights, some candy, a tobacco pipe and slightly less than a dollar in change and stamps.

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Business Machines Included

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—OPA greatly expanded its decontrol program tonight by removing restrictions on radios, lamps, small electrical appliances, kitchenware, glassware and many other consumer durable goods.

Previously the agency abolished ceilings on fats and oils used in soaps, paints and varnishes; decontrolled the \$260,000,000 ice business, and opened a way for possible shoe price increases by raising ceilings on calfskin leather.

Effective at Midnight
The decontrol action on the durable goods was made effective at midnight tonight.

The other actions were effective today. All major electrical appliances such as household mechanical refrigerators, washing machines, electric ranges and vacuum cleaners; cooking and heating stoves; floor coverings; bedding products such as springs and mattresses; and all major items of household furniture remain under OPA ceilings, however.

Supply Equals Demand
Items freed on the ground that the supply about equals demand included: Radios and electric phonographs. Small electrical appliances such as heaters, non-automatic toasters, irons, hot plates, electric heating pads and electric shavers.

Also included were household metal articles used in preparation, storage and serving of foods and beverages: Household glassware such as tumblers and dishes, dishpans and wash basins; home-canning jars and tops; metal pails and tubs; coffee makers; portable lamps and shades; shower curtains; farm and garden tools.

Unimportant in Costs
Freed from price ceilings as unimportant in business or living costs were: Luggage; venetian blinds; window shades and window shade rollers; heavy forged iron hand tools; fitted tool cases and kits; tool boxes; wheelbarrows; business machines, including typewriters and adding machines; commercial furniture and equipment; household sewing machines and sewing machine cabinets; household ironing boards; household ice refrigerators and cabinets.

Bathroom and closet fixtures except medicine cabinets; carpet sweepers, hand operated; clothes wringers; boards; heavy forged photographic equipment, accessories and supplies; table flatware and silverware chests; all watches and clocks, imported and domestic; bicycles and accessories; tricycles, velopedes, scooters.

Automobile accessories, miscellaneous household articles such as table cloths, pillow cases, shelf edgings, etc., made of plastic.

Rent Zoning to Get Underway

A rental zoning of Salem will get underway this week, preparatory to overall rent comparisons, was announced Tuesday by Clare A. Lee, manager of the Salem area rent control headquarters for the office of price administration.

To assist in the survey A. Bandettini, regional OPA field representative of San Francisco, arrived yesterday and Jackson T. Moore, district rent director of Portland, is expected to arrive today. The overall comparisons and subsequent adjustments for landlords or tenants cannot be made until a high percentage of landlord registration is completed, Lee said.

Ice Reported in Cascades Passes

Drivers are advised by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoock to use chains when going through eastern Oregon, as ice is reported in the higher elevations and light snows are falling at Santiam Junction, along the Willamette highway and on McKenzie highway. Some freezing temperatures are registering near McKenzie's summit.

A washout in Tillamook county causes one-way traffic near Cloverdale on the Oregon Coast highway.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	48	38	.45
Portland	48	38	.61
San Francisco	58	43	.00
Chicago	77	65	trace

Willamette river, 3 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Occasional showers with decreasing cloudiness in the afternoon, becoming cloudy in the evening. Highest temperature 50, lowest 38.

Child Born in Polio Ward



SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Dorothy Crutcher, infantile paralysis victim, smiles as her daughter Sherilyn Kay, born in a San Antonio, Tex., polio ward, is brought for her to see.

Guard's Standards to Be Returned to State Today

A military father and son combination will lend color to this afternoon's ceremonies marking return of battle standards to the state of Oregon for four fighting regiments back in the national guard after federal wartime service.

Sec. Krug May Refuse to Hear Lewis' Request

By the Associated Press
John L. Lewis prepared Tuesday the unspecified wage-hour demands he plans to make on the government Friday but Secretary of Interior Krug would not promise in advance he was willing to listen.

However, President Truman has stated unequivocally there will be no coal strike and this caused some speculation that a basis for understanding already may have been reached.

A spokesman for Krug told a reporter that the secretary's proposal for a Friday conference meant only compliance with Lewis' demand for a meeting by that date. He pointed out that Krug had not promised to reopen the miners' contract with the government, as Lewis demanded.

In the eight-day strike of AFL pilots, which has grounded planes of Trans World Airlines at home and abroad, the company cancelled a contract to acquire eight Lockheed Constellations from war surplus stocks because of the dispute.

Meanwhile, the CIO disclosed it would seek a 26 cents hourly wage boost for its 123,000 members in the rubber industry.

TAGS IDENTIFY TREES

Aluminum markers, identifying all trees and shrubbery on the statehouse grounds here, were being placed Tuesday under the direction of the Salem Men's Garden club. This information will prove valuable to tourists and others who heretofore were unable to identify many trees and shrubs because of the absence of a marker.

WANT TO CALL JOE?

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—(AP)—You can telephone Marshal Stalin in Moscow now. The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced today all restrictions on radio-telephone calls between Moscow and the United States have been lifted.

U. S. Working Out Detailed Plan For Modification of Veto Power

By John M. Hightower
NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The United States, shunning any show of ganging up with Britain against Russia, is working out a detailed plan for restricting use of the veto in the United Nations security council in at least three different ways, it was learned tonight. Major proposals are: 1. To broaden an existing rule against letting any big five power sit in judgment on council decisions arising from charges against itself. (The U. N. charter allows any one of the five to veto use of force against itself but not vote on non-force measures.) 2. To allow any of the big five voluntarily to abstain from voting without having the failure to vote counted as a veto, as it might be now.

Molotov Asks U.N. For Action

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Soviet Russia, for the second time in history, called tonight for universal disarmament and hurled a fighting challenge to the United Nations assembly to take up the new proposal immediately—tonight.

However, the Russian delegation failed to get the other delegates to sound of in a night session and contented itself with a demand that the long speeches tonight would not be desirable and Molotov finally admitted it was too late to settle the point.

The assembly then adjourned, but all the delegations talked excitedly of the Molotov proposals. Talk started smartly.

Warren R. Austin, chief United States delegate, described Molotov's speech as "smart" and "tough" and said he hoped it would provide a basis for agreement on "positive action for peace and security."

Molotov called for an accounting of the forces of armaments stationed in silent, non-enemy countries, which could include British soldiers in Greece, the Middle East and Indonesia as well as the American troops. He said Russia was completely willing to report, similarly on her own troops.

Litvinov Had Plan
Veteran diplomats recalled when Molotov made his disarmament proposals that another Soviet representative, Maxim Litvinov, in 1927 had proposed to the League of Nations the abolition of the armies and navies of all nations in a sweeping disarmament plan. Nothing came of that proposal, however.

Molotov put this specific plan before the assembly: "1. In the interests of consolidating international peace and security and in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations organization the general assembly considers a general reduction of armaments necessary.

Ban Atom Bomb
"2. The implementation of the decision on the reduction of armaments should include as a primary objective the banning of the manufacture and use of atomic energy for military purposes.

"3. The general assembly recommends to the security council to provide for the practical achievement of the objectives set forth in the above mentioned paragraphs 1 and 2.

"4. The general assembly calls upon the governments of all states to render every possible assistance to the security council in this responsible undertaking, the accomplishment of which conforms to the establishment of stable peace and international security and also serves the interests of the peoples by lightening their heavy economic burden caused by excessive expenditures for armaments which do not correspond to peaceful postwar conditions."

A-Bomb Effect Said Hereditary

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Vice Adm. William H. P. Blandy said tonight poisonous radioactivity unleashed in atomic warfare could affect not only the immediate survivors but, in some cases, "their children and their children's children."

Blandy, who commanded joint task force one in the Bikini bomb experiments, said during a discussion of atomic energy at the Herald Tribune forum: "Experiments with animals have clearly shown that the physical damage to the body from radiation may be transmitted to the second and third generations."

Snow Blankets Rogue Valley

By the Associated Press
The Rogue river valley recorded a rare October snowfall yesterday but the rest of Oregon apparently was escaping the cold spell that moved in over the weekend.

Temperatures rose slightly throughout the state and the northwest corner of Oregon was above freezing. Lakeview had the low mark, 15 degrees above zero. Klamath Falls had 17, Baker and Burns 23, Bend 25, Medford 27, Eugene 35, Pendleton and Roseburg 36, Salem 39 and Portland 40.

The October snowfall in the Rogue valley was the third in recent history. Traces were recorded in October, 1935, and again in 1943.



There are only six days left now to make up your mind how to vote.