

IT SEEMS TOMORROW

By Charles S. Stroup

The United States was the beneficiary of the UNRRA which dispensed billions for the relief of peoples of liberated countries. Its decision to withdraw further support means that UNRRA will wind up its affairs within a few months. But this termination will not end the need of these peoples for supplies furnished from outside to supplement what foodstuffs and goods they are able to produce at home. To help meet this need President Truman recommends the appropriation of \$350,000,000 for expenditure by officials of our own country in liberated lands. Relief in enemy lands, like Germany and Austria, is handled out of military appropriations.

It would not be surprising for Americans to say we have poured relief on these people because the war is well over, that we should look after our own and therefore should end these gratuities. The answer is that this amount is a substantial reduction from the billions expended through UNRRA, and may well represent a minimum both of need and of generosity. Another answer is that this is a contribution not only to meet dire human need for food and medicine and clothing, but a contribution toward a stable world order. Occasionally one reads of a family left homeless by fire, when the neighbors rally and provide the family with emergency shelter and food and furnish them with needed clothing. With this tidings over they

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Senate Bloc To Minimize Military Cuts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—A powerful group of congressmen of both parties appeared in position today to hold any reduction in army-navy funds to about \$750,000,000.

The group will constitute an unquestioned majority in the senate when it votes, possibly Monday, on a proposal to pledge a \$33,000,000,000 ceiling on total spending for the year beginning July 1.

This promised limitation—\$4,500,000,000 under the figure proposed by President Truman but \$1,500,000,000 more than the house voted—allows only comparatively minor cuts in the \$11,200,000,000 Mr. Truman said would be necessary for national security.

Supporting the military funds in the senate are leaders of both parties, including Sens. Vandenberg of Michigan and Taft of Ohio on the republican side and such influential democrats as Sens. Tydings of Maryland and George of Georgia.

Some congressmen predict that when army and navy appropriations bills, which determine the amounts the services actually will get, come before the house there will be the strongest kind of resistance to any major slash.

If it's Hollow, Then Rent it

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—During the war, this saying gained circulation among the GIs: "If it moves, salute it. If it doesn't move, pick it up. If you can't pick it up, paint it."

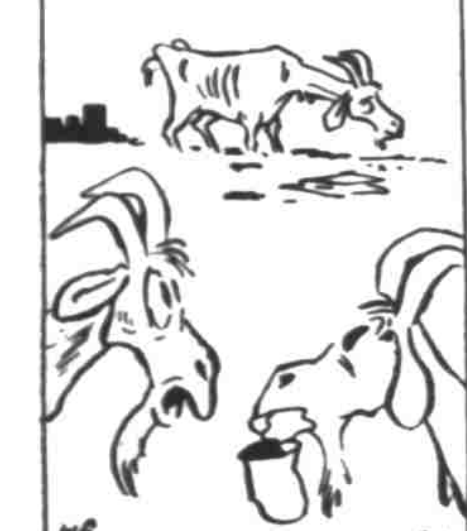
The shift to peacetime family concerns, Attorney General Tom Clark told a Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting tonight, has changed the advice to this: "If it moves, change it. If it's on wheels, buy it. If it's hollow, rent it."

No New Snow Noted On Oregon Highways

Road conditions continued to improve in virtually all sections of Oregon Saturday, with no new snow reported in eastern or central Oregon, state police announced. Clear weather prevailed in all parts of western Oregon, but there were some spots of ice and snow in the higher elevations, officials said.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Poor kid—he was raised on OPA reports."

Decrease in Building Costs Predicted for This Year

Shortage Of Labor Expected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Housing Expediter Frank B. Creedon predicted today that the 1947 building effort will find building costs lower but may hit a "major bottleneck" in a shortage of labor.

Creedon, in a final report on the 1946 housing drive run by his predecessor, Wilson Wyatt, said 1,003,600 new dwellings were started, 861,900 completed, and the housing industry almost completely reconverted "to a peacetime basis."

Million New Homes Seen
For 1947 he predicted 1,000,000 new homes started and an equal number completed in a "big construction year" marked by continued improvement of the materials shortages.

There should be further relaxation of building controls, Creedon said, adding "It is expected that lower building costs will result from greater efficiency in construction and production." "It is generally expected that labor requirements this year will outstrip last year's demand considerably. The result will probably be more numerous and more serious craft shortages than in 1946."

2 1/2 Houses Permanent Type
Of the 661,900 completions last year, two-thirds were new permanent houses and apartments. The record:

New permanent units—670,900 begun; 453,800 completed; federal temporaries—191,000 begun; 101,900 completed; trailers—48,000 begun; 48,000 shipped; temporaries financed by schools and local government—29,200 begun; 12,900 finished; conversions of existing structures—64,500 begun; 45,300 finished.

Average sales price of new houses last year was \$7500 and the average monthly rental \$59. Creedon said, adding "A large portion of new housing was too expensive for many veterans."

Holiday Noted By Dignitaries

MT. VERNON, Va., Feb. 22—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson recalled to the nation today the advice of George Washington to keep the United States so strong that "belligerent nations... would be unable to hazard giving us provocation."

Universal military training is the answer, Patterson said, in ceremonies commemorating the 215th anniversary of the birth of Washington.

President Truman, bareheaded in a chilling wind, stood silently as a bugler sounded "taps" at the snow-mantled tomb of George and Martha Washington. When the last note faded away the president walked into the red brick vault and laid there a wreath of red carnations.

Russia Rejects Marshall Reply

LONDON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has sent a second note to Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. secretary of state, which described as "not convincing" Marshall's explanation of a statement concerning the Soviet Union attributed to Dean Acheson, under-secretary of state, the Moscow radio said tonight.

The radio said Russia's second note, dated Feb. 20, answered Marshall's reply of Feb. 18 to the original Soviet note, which charged that Acheson displayed a "hostile attitude" toward Russia.

Lilienthal Hearing Ends This Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—A Wednesday deadline was set today for hearing additional witnesses on David E. Lilienthal's testimony to head the atomic energy commission and the fight headed to the first-round bill.

Two more national figures—former Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York and Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick of New York, religious leader—gave public support to Lilienthal today in telegrams to Senator Wagner (D-NY). Two more democratic senators—Chavez of New Mexico and Taylor of Idaho—announced they will vote to confirm Lilienthal.

Stanford White Slayer Dies at Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 22—(AP)—Harry K. Thaw, 76-year-old millionaire playboy, died at his Miami Beach home about 8 p.m. tonight of coronary thrombosis. Thaw, who began life the son of a railroad tycoon, and subsequently inherited close to \$400,000,000 after his father's death, died in peaceful surroundings after a turbulent life during which he had shot and killed Stanford White, noted architect, and spent seven years in an insane asylum.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Feb. 22—(AP)—Howard B. Taylor, 86, became Portland's 12th traffic fatality of the year today. Police said he was struck while crossing a street.

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'Let's Look Our Best, Dollie'



NEW YORK, Feb. 22—Dressed in Norwegian costume, 3-year-old Karen Bettum pretties her doll at a pie here after arriving from Oslo, Norway, with her mother, Mrs. Leif Bettum, to join Karen's father in Brooklyn. (AP photo.)

Salem Food Prices Continue To Rise; Menus Unchanged

By Ed Lewis
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Marked increase in food prices is noted in the Salem area, contrary to U. S. department of agriculture's January predictions for the first two months of 1947, a Statesman survey of grocers indicated Saturday.

Merchants said their prices reflect freight rates and wholesale prices but Salem Restaurant association officials say that no menu price increase has taken place this year.

Rising prices are recorded for cereals, meats, milk, cheese, flour, coffee, vegetables and potatoes. Grocers report that butter and eggs have taken their usual seasonal drop and that prices of some canned citrus fruit juices and other items have been down since the first of 1947. Other canned fruits of B grade are lower than at the turn of the year, but popular brands have held steady, merchants said. Canned milk is being sold by some dairies without profit, they report.

After a 50 per cent increase last year, soap prices have also gained. One well-known soap flake product went from 25 to 35 cents per package and some bars of soap have increased up to 7 cents per bar.

Sugar increases amount to about a half cent per pound, as retailers now pay 44 cents more per hundred. Sugar distribution control still irritates some storekeepers.

While surplus potatoes sell for \$6 per ton for cattle feed, potatoes for human consumption have increased up to 20 cents a hundred pounds, wholesale, causing retail rises slightly higher than that figure.

Higher Teacher Salaries Noted

PORTLAND, Feb. 22—(AP)—Higher salaries for Oregon teachers appear in prospect for the 1947-48 year, the Oregon Education association said today.

The association reported a widespread acceptance of \$2400 as an annual minimum, as recommended by the state and national education association. Among the schools adopting the \$2400 or better minimum are Redmond high, Sweet Home high, Salem, Astoria, Pendleton, Hillsboro, Lebanon and Cottage Grove schools.

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Marshall Urges America to Lead

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 22—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall said today that "a strong lead and definite assistance from the United States will be necessary" if "democratic processes in many countries are to resume their functioning."

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200 Cars Isolated By Snow

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22—(AP)—An army rescue team moved out tonight to help state road crews and police battling through snow drifts to an estimated 500 stranded motorists in the north of Baltimore.

Some 200 motor vehicles were blocked, state police said, and two large rotary plows were moving ahead foot by foot through ten-foot drifts, still five or six miles from some of the snow-bound people.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—(AP)—The snowstorm that lashed most of the east and cost 52 lives turned on northern Maine today as thousands of other communities continued to battle through drifts.

Skies were clear over a large part of the blanketed area but in the northeast bitter winds tumbled over drifts and hampered road travel.

The storm whipped the eastern area for nearly 24 hours before abating yesterday. Its center swept over the North Atlantic but the edge of the storm hit northern Maine today and headed for New Brunswick.

Twelve thousand men attacked piles of snow in New York City today. La Guardia field reported 662 flights cancelled over a three-day period. Ships were delayed in reaching New York because of heavy seas.

The nation's metropolis had a 11 1/2-inch fall. In some New England and midwest areas, the snow was as much as 17 inches. Dickinson county, Va., had 27 inches.

Coast guard cutters off the New England coast were busy shepherding small vessels in distress to safe waters.

Numerous industrial plants throughout the east were still hampered by absenteeism because of road and weather conditions. Clear but cold weather was in prospect for most of the area.

Train accidents and over-exertion in shoveling snow were responsible for most of the deaths. The toll by states: New Jersey, 13; District of Columbia, 3; Pennsylvania, 18; New York, 4; Connecticut, 9; Massachusetts, 2; Delaware, 1; Maine 1; Kentucky 1.

NLRB Gives Strike Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Reversing an earlier decision, the national labor relations board tonight renege its policy that strikers forfeit their "protection" under the Wagner act when their walkout is "unlawful."

An unlawful strike, the board said, is one where unionists strike to obtain recognition of their union when the board has certified a different union as the collective bargaining representative.

Specifically, the board held that 11 members of the CIO United Automobile Workers, accused of leading a brief strike at the Detroit plant of Thompson Products, Inc., machinery producers, in 1942 were not entitled to reinstatement. At the same time the board dismissed charges of unfair labor practices against the company.

COLLISION REPORTED
City police reported a collision of cars operated by Benjamin F. Dodge, Jr., route 1, Silverton, and Paul R. Henton, route 1, Sheridan, at the intersection of Portland road and Lana avenue last night. No injuries and only minor car damage were reported.

METER STOLEN FROM CAR
J. J. Albrecht, 88 Fairview ave., reported to city police last night that a light meter, valued at \$17.50, was taken from his car parked at Court and Front streets yesterday afternoon.

Cities Win Right to Arrange Off-Street Parking Lots

Legislature Legalizes Dancing in Schools; House to Act Monday on Education Apportionment Bill; Session Far from End

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman
Oregon's cities held permission of the legislature today to acquire property for off-street parking and levy taxes for its improvement, but a bill to allow condemnation proceedings went down to defeat.

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Reduced Speed Limits Sought Under New Bill

Reports were current at the statehouse Saturday that opponents of the so-called throughway bill were drafting a measure fixing a maximum speed for passenger automobiles on state highways at 45 miles an hour and trucks and buses at 40 miles an hour. Present limit is 55 miles an hour.

Proponents of the bill declared speed and not side roads was responsible for the increasing death toll.

Several members of the senate roads and highways committee were known to oppose the new plan.

Another bill under consideration would provide more severe penalties for persons in traffic accidents where liquor is involved, and require that drivers having two accidents resulting in property damage of more than \$300 be placed on a year's probation. A companion bill would provide for compulsory insurance.

Young Lobby Assailing Ban On Fireworks

The Young Legion of Legislative Lobbyists had additional recruits today from the younger set.

Led by 11-year-old Billy Walsh, son of Sen. and Mrs. William Walsh of Coos Bay, the new lobbyists were conducting a determined effort to have the 30-man senate defeat a house-approved bill barring fireworks from all parts of the state.

The youngsters were not quite tall enough to really buttonhole a senator, but they were trying. The group in addition to Walsh included John Hall, Jr., 10, son of Speaker of the House and Mrs. John Hall of Portland; Jessica Dunn, 8, daughter of Sen. and Mrs. Austin Dunn of Baker, and Jerry Burns, 10, son of Zylpha Burns, chief clerk of the senate.

Young Walsh said "I have 10 votes for sure, but I'm still not sure of my daddy."

Atomic Energy Planes Bared

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—(AP)—The first attempt in this country, and probably in the world, to use atomic energy to propel aircraft was started last July and is now well under way, the New York Times says.

The work, says the Times, is being carried out by the NEPA project (nuclear energy for propulsion of aircraft), and is a combined effort of the federal government, the national advisory committee on aeronautics, the army air forces and a number of private firms.

"That the first atomic-powered aircraft will be a pilotless plane is considered a certainty by those who understand atomic energy," the Times says. "To shield the pilot from the deadly radiation would require a weight that would make the plane of little use."

The speed of atomic-power aircraft, says the newspaper, would be limited only by the strength of materials in the plane or missiles, since one kilogram of plutonium or uranium 235 potentially could generate 30,000,000 horsepower.

EXPULSED FOR GAMBLING
SEATTLE, Feb. 22—(AP)—The Post-Intelligencer said tonight one of the University of Washington students had been expelled and another suspended over charges of "crooked gambling" in the dormitories.

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Monmouth Publisher Heads State Press

EUGENE, Feb. 22—(AP)—The annual Oregon press conference closed today following election of R. B. Swenson, publisher of the Monmouth Herald, to succeed President P. L. Jackson, Oregon Journal publisher. George S. Turnbull, dean of the University of Oregon school of journalism, was named secretary, and Verne McKinney, co-publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, representative at large of the Eric W. Allen memorial fund.

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Festival at Lebanon To Mark Centennial
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Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	62	37	.00
Chicago	40	27	.00
New York	29	18	.00
Willamette river	2.3		

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with increasing cloudiness tonight. Temperature high today 60, low tonight 40.

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Car Scarcity Hits Industry

Boxcar Shortage Considered Critical
(By the Associated Press)
The worst boxcar shortage in 20 years slowly tightened its throttling grip on American industry Saturday as representatives of the nation's railroads, steel companies, rail car builders and government agencies sought some solution to the critical situation.

The consensus in most quarters was that more cars are needed to bring any real relief. And railroad spokesmen predicted the situation would get worse before it improves.

Although the boxcar shortage is felt in all parts of the country, no important shutdowns or critical freight pileups are as yet reported in the Pacific northwest and several other areas.

Chairman Reed (R-Kan.) of a senate commerce subcommittee, which has been holding hearings on the shortage, called a conference of industry executives and government officials in Washington for next Wednesday in an attempt to work out a plan to obtain 10,000 new boxcars a month.

The railroads have ordered 88,000 cars which still are undelivered. They claim cars are wearing out and being retired at the rate of 2,500 to 4,000 a month. Only 2,408 cars were produced in January. Under a previous arrangement worked out with steel companies, box car makers and the civil production administration, this output was scheduled to swell to 7,000 cars by April.

Railroad spokesmen in Chicago point to expanding industrial production and a record winter wheat crop harvest expected in the spring and summer as further prospective rail burdens.

The almost unprecedented demand for steel is the crux of the boxcar shortage. Some railroad sources contend that, at the expense of the rail car makers, the steel mills have concentrated on filling demand for high grade steel for automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines and a mass of other consumer goods.

Meanwhile, the effects of the boxcar shortage are being felt in a pyramid. From many sections of the country come reports of cuts in manufacturing output and employment, overflowing warehouses, shutdowns of flour mills and drastic curtailment of newspaper advertising space because of a newsprint scarcity.

British Gas Firms Limited

LONDON, Feb. 22—(AP)—The government ordered gas companies to slash coal consumption 10 per cent for 10 weeks today and announced that restrictions on use of gas in homes similar to those on electricity may be ordered next week.

Some gas plants may be closed altogether, it was announced, as a result of renewed blizzards which have blocked coal supplies to the plants and threaten a breakdown of the gas industry.

Sir Guy Nottbower, spokesman for the ministry of fuel and power, said 40 coal ships were snow-bound in northern ports and fuel stocks at big gas plants have dwindled to a "very dangerous point."

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Instead, American delegate Warren R. Austin was said to be ready to let the proposal stand once it has officially reached the floor of the security council and gone on the agenda. However, the United States will make it clear that it intends to remain on the islands.

The American request that the vast chains of Marshall, Carolines and Marianas be designated a strategic area under U. S. administration was before the council next Wednesday.

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