

Solons Favor Rent Increase

Stock Market Declines as New Inflationary Reports Mount

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-(AP)—A senate subcommittee voted today to raise rents 10 per cent, while soaring commodity prices brought talk of "dollar bacon" in Chicago and scored the New York stock market into a decline.

At Chicago today, record marks were reached in commodity prices with hogs selling for \$30 a hundred pounds. Cotton got as high as 35.02 cents a pound before it broke and wheat futures for a high were at a 30-year high of \$2.39 a bushel.

Philip B. Fleming, head of the office of temporary controls, told the senate appropriations committee he sees a danger of sugar going as high as 30 cents a pound. He said this could well happen unless congress grants some \$16,000,000 of funds slashed by the house from OPA and other control agencies.

U.S. Told Trustee Plan Fair

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-(AP)—In a surprise move, Russia has stamped its cordial approval on a plan for American control of 623 Pacific islands wrested from Japanese mandate, Secretary of State Marshall disclosed today.

A Moscow note took the position that United States control would be entirely fair because the islands had been British.

The note, contrasting so sharply with Russia's frequent disagreements with this country, set the capital buzzing with speculation about possible motives.

Russian-American affairs on the eve of next month's Moscow peace conference of the Big Four foreign ministers dominated a series of announcements and comments by Marshall, which included:

Marshall considered as closed the diplomatic quarrel resulting from Undersecretary Dean Acheson's comment that soviet foreign policy was "aggressive and expanding."

The United States "profoundly hopes," Marshall said in a formal statement, that India will accept the "challenge" of the British offer of self-government by 1948 and proceed to analyze the impasse between the congress and the Moslem league.

TOKYO, Feb. 25-(AP)—Interior Secretary Krug and Gen. MacArthur today advocated a speedup of democratization processes for American controlled islands of the Pacific and for Japan.

Krug, on a tour of Pacific islands administered by the United States, said the natives should be given "a measure of the freedom we have at home."

MacArthur told Rep. Paulsen (R-Calif.), Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) and Delegate Farrington (R-Hawaii), all of Krug's party, that a formal peace treaty should be signed quickly with Japan which has become a more thorough democracy than Germany.

Hubbard Man Gets Homestead Chance

KLAMATH FALLS Ore. Feb. 25-(AP)—Ten more veterans, including Amos Bierly of Hubbard, bid the government jackpot today, drawing farms in the rich Tillamook division of the Klamath reclamation project.

They replaced ten others eliminated by the reclamation bureau from the original list of 86 who held lucky numbers in a drawing last December. The bureau said eight were rejected because they lacked farming experience; one for owning more than 160 acres of land on an irrigation project, and one for having unpaid reclamation debts.

Accidental Shot Wounds Salemite

Raymond Kelley, 30, route 6, box 336, Salem, was treated Tuesday by city first aid men and Salem Deaconess hospital for a frontal scalp wound apparently caused by the accidental discharge of a 22 caliber rifle which Kelley held, according to first aid officers. They said the bullet did not enter Kelley's skull and the man was released from the hospital after examination. Neither city police nor the Marion county sheriff's office was called to investigate the shooting.

Weather

Station	Max	Min	Precip.
Salem	58	31	0.00
Portland	58	31	0.00
San Francisco	62	42	0.00
Chicago	31	22	0.00
New York	41	25	0.00

Williamette river, 1.1 feet
FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Continued fair weather today and tonight with light to steady breeze. Maximum temperature high today, 60; low, 31.

Freeway Dispute in Deadlock

By Wendell Webb
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Hope of a once-talked compromise on proposed freeways faded Tuesday when L. R. Roelst of Milwaukie, leading opponent of the plan, told the senate roads and highway committee his group would accept nothing short of outright defeat of the bill authorizing their construction.

The committee did not indicate what it intended to do. But the legislature still faced plenty of work otherwise.

Tax Bill Entered

Proposals for the long-heralded 1 per cent withholding tax, and abolition of justices of the peace in Salem, Eugene and Oregon City, highlighted new introductions in the house Tuesday.

The 16 new introductions—including a plan to have the state fair start on the last Monday in September (instead of at the discretion of the agricultural department) and a memorial seeking state acquisition of the Chemawa Indian school if and when the government abandons it—far outweighed in potential controversy the 14 bills passed and sent to the senate.

Among the latter were measures setting up an Oregon-Washington-California compact for the conservation of off-shore fishing and appropriating a \$165,000 revolving fund for the acquisition of surplus property.

In the senate, new introductions included a joint resolution to authorize the establishment of an alcoholic rehabilitation clinic under the educational advisory committee of the liquor commission, and four bills including those to give the state game commission the duties of the fish commission and abolish the latter.

The house Tuesday adopted a senate joint resolution providing for a legislative committee of five to confer with similar groups in other states regarding aviation control and coordination. Named to the Oregon committee were Sens. William Walsh and Paul Patterson and Reps. William B. Morse, Frank Van Dyke and Harvey Wells.

The proposed withholding tax, under the plan offered by the county committee on assessments and taxation, would be applicable to all incomes of \$50 monthly or more, with such deductions to be applied toward state income taxes.

District Judge Sought

The plan to abolish justices of the peace in the three county seats constituted part of a house bill instituting the Clackamas county delegation. It would provide for a \$4500 district judge to be named by the county court in each county, with concurrent rights to the circuit court up to sentences of a year in jail and \$3000 fine.

Also introduced in the house were measures requiring the periodic inspection of school buses; altering the grading requirements of walnuts and filberts; providing a method of registering (for voting) by mail, and exempting beef cattle from Bang's disease and tuberculosis tests except under county court order or unless beef cattle are pastured adjoining dairy herds.

Salary Bills Passed

A series of 16 county salary bills were passed by the senate Tuesday, eight of which were sent to the governor and eight others, including the proposed Marion county salary boosts, to the house. The only other bill passed by the senate (SB 301) permits county offices to open at 8:30 a. m. instead of 8 a. m. on week days.

The senate, by a 17 to 13 vote, accepted yesterday's proposed bill which would have exempted the state game commission from the state "thing" act under which self-supporting boards and commissions contribute 10 per cent of their income to the general fund.

Body Found in Wreckage at Basketball Game



LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 25-(AP)—Rescue workers pull a sheet over the body of one of two students killed when bleachers collapsed at half time during a basketball game between Purdue and Wisconsin. (AP Wirephoto).

County Salary Bills Approved In Senate Vote

The senate approved salary increases for 11 sets of county officials Tuesday, including those for Marion, Polk and Benton counties.

Final action was taken on the Benton county bill. The Marion and Polk county proposed increases were sent to the house.

The officials and their salaries include:

Marion county — Judge \$2500 to \$3840; commissioners \$2400 to \$3600; treasurer \$2100 to \$3600; clerk \$2400 to \$3600; assessor \$2400 to \$3600; school supt. \$2100 to \$3600.

Polk county: Judge \$2300 to \$3600; commissioners \$7 to \$8.50 a day; treasurer \$1800 to \$2400; clerk \$2400 to \$3000; sheriff \$2700 to \$3500; assessor \$2100 to \$2700; an school supt. \$2100 to \$2700.

Benton county: Clerk \$2500 to \$2700; assessor \$2500 to \$2700; school supt. \$2300 to \$2400; treasurer \$1800 to \$2100; judge \$2600 to \$3000; commissioners \$7 per day to \$2400 a year, sheriff set at \$3000.

Salary increases for the Salem justices of the peace and constable also were included in bills passed by the senate and sent to the house Tuesday. The justice of the peace salary would be raised from \$3000 to \$3600, the constable from \$2400 to \$3000.

B-29 Missing Over Alaska

ELMENDORF FIELD, Alaska, Feb. 25-(AP)—A B-29 plane on a training mission from Elmendorf field has been overdue since early this forenoon and was last reported near Bruin pass, on the Alaska peninsula, Brig. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson, commanding general of the Alaska air command, announced late today.

The Bruin pass location is about 100 miles southeast of Nalkeik, in western Alaska, he said.

The plane's gas supply should have lasted only until about 8 or 9 a. m. All Alaska air search agencies have been alerted but weather hampered the search activities late today, General Atkinson said.

9 Remain Critical After Collapse of Purdue Bleachers

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 25-(AP)—Purdue university engineering experts set out today to learn the cause of the collapse that tumbled 3500 basketball fans into a tangled heap from which two persons were taken out dead and 250 others injured.

Of the injured 142 remained in two hospitals and the university infirmary, and at least nine of them were reported in critical condition.

The bleachers fell last night at the halftime intermission of the Purdue-Wisconsin basketball game as the fans arose to cheer the home team, which held a one-point lead over the Badgers, leaders in the Big Nine race.

Purdue officials will make the final decision whether the school's basketball game with Wisconsin will be replayed, it was decided in Chicago today by Kenneth L. Wilson, Western conference commissioner.

Office Opened, Quotas Fixed By Red Cross

Red Cross drive headquarters for 1947 were opened Tuesday in Warner Motor company. The 1947 drive to raise the Marion county quota of \$49,000, of which Salem's share is \$31,500, will start unofficially late this week.

The headquarters are in charge of Mrs. Blanche A. Arntsen and Elsie Holman, who will be at the office at all times during the day.

The official kick-off meeting will be held Monday at Salem Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon when Walter Mails, public information officer for the Red Cross and former Pacific Coast baseball player, will speak.

Fred G. Starrett is county chairman of the 1947 drive and P. H. Schnell is rural chairman. Division chairmen and their quotas are:

Automotive, John Stark, \$2000; contractors, R. B. Hynd, \$2000; general gifts, George Kingan, \$2800; governmental, Carl D. Gabrielson, \$4000; educational, E. A. Carlton, \$1200; industrial, H. D. Robertson and Joe Dodd, \$3800; mercantile, James R. Beard, \$4500; professional, Edward O. Stadler, Jr., \$3200; residential, J. M. Clough, \$1000; utilities, Mrs. Custer Ross, \$6200.

City Renames Appeals Board

Robert L. Elstrom, Salem mayor, announced Tuesday he was reappointing present members of the city appeal board which acts on appeals from decisions of the city engineer and building inspector. The members are E. E. Hatterman, Lyle Bartholomew and G. R. Boatwright.

Hearings to Start on Newsprint Shortage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-(AP)—A senate small business subcommittee, appointed to study the general newspaper situation, decided today to concentrate at the start on the newsprint shortage. Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) said that as the hearings proceed, newspaper producers and consumers will be heard, along with interested government officials.

Train Wreck Kills 178

DOMAGAWA, Japan, Feb. 25-(AP)—A government inspector said at least 178 persons were killed and 350 injured today when the last four cars of a six-car train broke loose and plunged down a 30 foot embankment.

Palestine Row Laid To U.S.

LONDON, Feb. 25-(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin declared today that President Truman had "spoiled" Britain's negotiations on Palestine by insisting on issuing a statement during the United States congressional election campaign last fall calling for the admission of 100,000 Jews into the Holy Land.

Bevin told the house of commons that he had "begged" James F. Byrnes, then U. S. secretary of state, "that the statement should not be issued, but I was told that if it was not issued by Mr. Truman a competitive statement would be issued by Mr. Dewey."

"I really must point out that in international affairs I cannot settle things if my problem is to be made the subject of local elections," he said.

The foreign minister said Britain was still willing to make one more try to settle the Palestine problem before referring it to the United Nations. He also asserted that Arabs could be persuaded to allow 100,000 Jews to enter the Holy Land if future immigration "was to be determined by the elected representatives of the people of Palestine."

Winston Churchill, originally scheduled to lead the conservative party's rebuttal, was absent because of the death of his brother. Instead, Oliver Stanley, former colonial secretary, criticized Bevin for offering no specific recommendations to the UN.

Cannery Fat Fryer Burns

An oil fire which broke out in the deep fat fryer of the Blue Lake cannery, West Salem, at 5:45 p. m. yesterday, was extinguished after some difficulty by cannery workers and Salem firemen using foam and foam-chamber chemical apparatus. Thick smoke attracted crowds to the fire scene.

The fryer, used for French fried potatoes which are later frozen, is electrically operated. Officials of the cannery said they thought the fire may have started from the oil, which was being drained hitting the hot bottom of the tank. Little damage was reported by officials last night.

Salem firemen yesterday morning extinguished a kitchen wall fire at the home of George B. Richter, 1056 Rural ave. The fire started, Richter said, from a box of wools that caught fire close to a cook stove while the family was away.

Washington Names A G. Chief of 41st

OLYMPIA, Feb. 25-(AP)—Gov. Wallgren today appointed Lt. Col. Ensley M. Llewellyn, 41, Tacoma, as state adjutant general, succeeding Maj. Gen. Maurice Thompson, 68, resigned because of illness.

The governor also revealed that he will recommend to the war department that Col. Clarence A. O'Rourke, Spokane attorney, be appointed major general in command of the 41st division.

Trailways Wins Bus Permit; New Salem Terminal Planned

Competitive bus service on the Pacific highway and a new bus terminal for Salem appeared assured Tuesday as the public utilities commission granted West Coast Trailways an intrastate service permit, ending the long fight by the Pacific Greyhound Lines against such a move.

The Trailways permit, to start March 15, supplants their present franchise which prohibits them from selling tickets between any two Oregon points.

Production of Milk Growing In Valley Area

A healthy growth in milk production in mid-Willamette valley was indicated in reports at the annual business meeting of the Salem unit of the Dairy Cooperative association Tuesday night at the association building. While dairymen were optimistic, the feeling that some preparation should be made for lower prices, in keeping with reduction in other farm product prices, was expressed.

Salem uses more milk in August than any other month in the year, and less in November and December, reports showed. The transient harvest help was given as the reason for the heavier season.

Reports further showed that in January of this year the Co-op distributed 12,050 quarts of milk daily in the corporate limits of Salem and West Salem, while in October, 1944, when the local unit opened its milk bottling division, only 4000 quarts were distributed daily in this area. There are now 750 producers in the Salem unit.

Officers elected in 1946 will hold office until 1948, with Floyd Bates as unit president and Ralph Shepherd as secretary.

Speakers were Will Henry, general manager from Portland; Arthur Hulbert, division manager at Salem, and Ray Hobson, director. A musical program was brought from the Vancouver unit by P. C. Poe, head of the field department, Portland.

Union Merger Plan Stymied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-(AP)—Speakers for an immediate merger of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations virtually vanished today when the AFL took the position that the CIO had rejected its unification proposal.

AFL President William Green, in a letter to CIO chief Philip Murray, said he deeply regretted that the CIO had "declined the request" to meet "for the purpose of creating a united organized labor movement on a sound and permanent basis."

Murray had told Green in a letter Feb. 18 that "organic unity could be discussed eventually, but that the first step was to cooperate in fighting off unwanted legislation in congress and state legislatures."

Cruiser Pensacola Due At Bremerton Yards

BREMERTON, Feb. 25-(AP)—The cruiser Pensacola, which took part last night in the Bikini atom bomb test and has been studied for deactivation of radioactive concentration, should arrive here in a few days, Comdr. Bert Creighton, Puget Sound naval shipyard public information officer, said today.

VET BONUS BILL KILLED

OLYMPIA, Feb. 25-(AP)—The senate military and naval affairs committee tonight "indefinitely postponed" action on a proposed veterans' bonus, in effect killing the senate measure.

OREGON AUTHOR DIES

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 25-(AP)—Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, 91, author of several books on early Oregon, died here in a convalescent home today.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Method of selecting assessors—(SB 348)—Thursday, February 27, 1 p. m., room 401, statehouse, before senate assessment and taxation committee.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

At the chamber of commerce Monday, Supt. Frank Bennett gave a very lucid and fair statement of the educational problems confronting the Salem school district no. 24 and the adjacent districts of Marion and Polk counties.

In short, that program is the growth of the population beyond the housing of the adjacent districts and sometimes beyond their financial capacity to provide. Statistics show an increase in school population in the area of about the equivalent of a new grade school each year. And this growth shows no sign of stopping.

Bennett made it plain that schools both inside and outside the city will cost more money because of the rising level of salaries. Consolidation will not stop that. There is some chance for economy in capital outlay because if the area can be treated as a big unit the existing schools may be continued for the smaller pupils and the older pupils transported to say, two junior high schools. Also, the Salem school district could.

Guarantee of Pay Endorsed By Advisors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-(AP)—President Truman's reversionary advisory board endorsed the guaranteed wage today as one of a number of tools which, when employed together, may build up national economic stability.

The board of industry and labor leaders reported unanimously to the president that the wage guarantee idea should be correlated with other stabilizing factors such as social security, minimum wages, and tax policies. It said the guarantees should be worked out between workers and employers through collective bargaining, without any national legislation.

The guaranteed wage is an employer's pledge to his workers of a fixed amount of work over a given period, often a year. The idea is to promise workers in advance they can expect to have so much work to do at so much money.

Advocates of the plan—a number of wage guarantees have been in effect for some time—maintain it tends to regularize production and remove, partially at least, a fear among workers of imminent loss of work. But many industrialists contend that guarantees would commit them to spend a great deal of money in wages to idle workers at some period of slackened demand.

Animal Crackers



"Ugh! The place is full of bed bugs!"