

# \$475 Billions to Feed Germans Urged by Hoover

## Relief Essential for World Peace, Says Former President

## Amended Sales Tax Measure Readied to End Legislative Lull

By Wendell Webb  
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The 44th legislature was bogged down today in a veritable lull before the storm, and it was certain most of its major work would be done on pay-less overtime -- starting next Tuesday, the 51st day.

So far as major actions of general state import are concerned, yesterday might just as well not have happened.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Refusal of the organized opposition to the through-way bill to agree to a very reasonable compromise leaves the legislature no respectable choice but to pass the amended bill. This is a case where public safety and the interests of the public at large should override the special interests of the operators of roadside business who object to the bill.

When the state at great cost constructs a new highway a swarm of commercial interests quickly fringe it with roadside stands and service stations and motels, to the resulting great hazard of highway travel. They profit by state expenditure, therefore their interests should be subservient to the interest of the highway user whose money has paid for the highway and whose life is in jeopardy from the frequent turns into his line of travel, from or to the roadside.

What is proposed is a new road on relocated portions of old roads or on roads now in thinly populated districts that the privilege of ingress and egress be restricted to a limited number of points where suitable safety provisions for division of traffic may be instituted. The landowners will be fully compensated for any loss of access they might suffer. Parallel service roads may be built to accommodate the public where needed. The commercial units to serve the motoring public will be

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## Carl W. Hogg Elected to Head Salem Chest

New officers for the Salem community chest were elected at a meeting of the board of directors Thursday afternoon. Carl W. Hogg, past president of the chamber of commerce and campaign director for the chest in 1945 was elected president.

Other officers elected were A. C. Haag, first vice president; Charles A. Sprague, second vice president; Dorothey Stausloff, secretary and Leo Page treasurer.

The financial report showed that of \$86,354 pledged in the 1946 campaign all but \$9,142 has been collected. The board authorized President Hogg and Manager L. H. Braden to attend the conference of community chest officials at San Jose next month.

## Portal Pay Ban Expected to Pass

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27--(AP)—Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) called upon his fellow Democrats today to "stand with the working man" and beat the portal pay bill but the house debate made it evident a large group of them will vote with the nearly-solid Republicans to pass it.

The measure, to be voted on tomorrow, would permit employers to plead "good faith" as a defense in suits to recover for overtime pay under the wage-hour law, but suits seeking pay for activities not covered by formal or implied agreements, eliminate double damages, fix a one-year statute of limitations for claims, and permit out-of-court settlements.

## Animal Crackers



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## 7 Vessels Flounder in Atlantic

NEW YORK, Feb. 27--(AP)—Fierce, sporadic storms, with winds up to 60 miles an hour whipping off mountainous seas, swept across the Atlantic today sinking a fishing schooner and imperiling at least seven other ocean-going vessels.

The gales, which have plagued the Atlantic shipping lanes for five days, are expected to continue, the coast guard said.

Nine crewmen on a fishing schooner, "Catherine L. Brown," were taken off the sinking vessel after losing an all-night battle against rising water. The schooner developed a leak in the heavy seas.

The tanker S. S. Calusa radiated the coast guard that it had removed the crew and that the fishing vessel was going down rapidly 80 miles southeast of Cape May, N. J.

The navy tug Mosopelea fought gale winds 230 miles northeast of Bermuda in an effort to take in tow the freighter S. S. Georgia, which sent out an SOS Tuesday after losing her propeller. The tug succeeded in getting one tow line aboard but lost it. The former Chesapeake bay liner President Warfield was taken in tow by the coast guard cutter Cherokee of the Virginia coast.

Also in distress 245 miles southeast of Bermuda was the schooner Winifred Maris. The navy tug Hoist, however, was standing by to aid her although gales prevented the rescue vessel from getting a line aboard at once.

## New Building Permit Asked For Nut Co-op

The Salem Nut Growers cooperative has applied to the civilian production administration for approval of plans for construction of a \$120,000 building at 229½ Chestnut, to replace the nut processing plant and warehouse at 225 Hood st., which were completely razed by fire the night of last November 8.

J. J. Gallagher, manager of the cooperative, said last night that costs of construction and of new equipment would amount to approximately \$200,000.

A 54 by 200 foot structure approved by a board of directors meeting called last week by President A. L. Page of Jefferson will almost double the volume of the plant when new, modern equipment is installed, Gallagher stated. He added that the cooperative would "make every effort" to meet the September 15 deadline demanded by the fall harvest.

## House Stirred By Subpoena

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27--(AP)—A house subpoena was issued today for Secretary of State Marshall but recalled when the state department furnishes the information that was wanted, Rep. Bradley (R-Mich.) rebuked a colleague who started the fuss.

Rep. Weichel (R-Ohio), chairman of a house merchant marine sub-committee investigating the status of 95 ships lent-leased to Russia and not returned, issued the subpoena. It called for Marshall to appear tomorrow with all the correspondence with Moscow on the subject.

But Bradley, chairman of the full committee, stepped in with a crack about headline-hunting and called a halt before the house sergeant at arms could serve it.

Later Bradley formally ordered it cancelled and Weichel said he would issue no subpoenas in future without the approval of Bradley and Speaker Martin (R-Mass.).

## Morse to Call Hearings On Veterans' Legislation

Oregon Sen. Wayne Morse's appointment to head a subcommittee on veterans affairs of the senate labor committee was learned today by The Statesman on receipt of a telegram from Sen. Morse. Of this new responsibility, the senator said, "I hope just as soon as we finish our hearings on labor legislation to proceed with hearings on pending veterans' legislation."

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
Labor union practices bill--(SB 314, 322, 324)--Changed from Thursday to Monday, March 3, following afternoon adjournment, 401, statehouse, before senate labor and industries committee.

Fireworks, medical and cemetery bills--(HB 128; SB 342, 356)--Tuesday, March 4, following afternoon adjournment, room 300, statehouse, before senate judiciary committee.

(Other legis. news page 16).

## New Fire Chief, Battalion Heads Introduced



A new Salem fire chief and two new battalion chiefs are shown above being assured the cooperation of the city in making Salem's fire department "second to none." Announcement of W. P. Roble as the new chief was made by City Manager J. L. Franzen Thursday, and Captains W. D. Eberhard and Robert Mills were named acting battalion chiefs pending civil service examinations. Left to right are Alderman R. O. Lewis, Mayor R. L. Elfrstrom, Chief Roble, Battalion Chiefs Eberhard and Mills, City Manager Franzen. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

## Establishment Of Hollywood Bank Permitted

A measure designed to permit establishment of a state bank in the Hollywood district of Salem held final legislative approval today. It was passed unanimously by the house Thursday and prevented the measure from being sanctioned by the senate.

The bill was introduced by the senate banking committee. In presenting the measure to the house for final action, Rep. Douglas Yeater of Salem explained its purpose, in regard to the Hollywood area, and declared it held the approval of the state banking commissioner.

Specifically, the measure would permit establishment of a state bank or trust company with a paid-up capital of \$50,000 if more than a mile from a city's main postoffice. The present law specifies at least two miles.

The Hollywood Lions club has had the bank proposal under consideration for two years. Al Crose, chairman of the club's special bank committee, said Thursday that negotiations for the financing of the bank are under way, although a site for the structure has not been selected.

## Red Drive in China Slows

NANKING, Friday, Feb. 28--(AP)—Chinese government forces have reported that the red drive in the defense of Changchun and have slowed the communist drive 10 miles from the Manchurian capital, field dispatches reported today.

The rightist newspaper Ta Keng Pao reported the roar of gunfire could be heard in Changchun's suburbs as the communists attacked in that area.

In China proper, a second communist drive was reported to have reached to within 10 miles of Tsinnan, capital of Shantung province.

The Chinese government's central news agency and other pro-government field dispatches said communications between Tsinnan and the port of Tsingtao had been cut. The communist radio at Yen asserted communist forces had captured a 30-mile stretch of the Tsinnan-Tsingtao railway, destroyed seven government divisions and captured a number of generals.

## Why Not Have Some Hospital Bills, Too?

The senate judiciary committee claims it is a coincidence, but next Tuesday afternoon it will hold public hearings on the anti-fireworks bill, the medical bill and the cemetery bill, in that order.

## 1,300 Area Veterans Plan to Build Homes

By Conrad Prange  
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More than 1,300 of the estimated 5,000 World War II veterans in the Salem area would like to buy or build a home this year, but only 400 of them plan to go ahead if prices remain at their present level.

This is reported in a housing survey of the Salem-Albany-Cornvallis area, conducted last November and published today by the bureau of census at the request of the national housing agency.

Only 9 per cent of the 2,800 veterans in the city of Salem indicated they will buy or build a house at present prices.

Although the survey was taken three months ago, Salem real estate men told The Statesman yesterday that approximately the same housing conditions continue to prevail.

For veterans who would buy or build, the average price house they could afford is \$5,000. One-tenth could pay less than \$5,000 and one-fourth more than \$6,000. About four-fifths preferred five- or six-room houses.

Practically all prospective home owners will purchase through monthly payments, the survey indicates, and they consider themselves able to afford gross payments averaging \$50 per month. Their weekly income averaged \$58.

Approximately 420 married veterans in the Salem area are doubled up with relatives or friends or are living in rented rooms, trailers or tourist cabins. One in ten married veterans lives in a dwelling unit which needs major repairs or lacks one or more standard plumbing facilities—running water, private flush toilet and private bath.

The survey indicates that only one per cent of the estimated total of 16,000 private dwelling units in this area are unoccupied, most of them habitable. This figure indicates a substantial decrease in the number of unoccupied units since mid-1944 when a gross vacancy of 3.5 per cent existed. Salem now has a gross vacancy rate of .9 per cent in its estimated 10,000 units as compared with 1.8 per cent in 1944.

Twenty-eight per cent of the married veterans own homes and about half of these purchased their homes after they were discharged. Fifty-seven per cent of the married veterans are renting dwelling units and are paying an average gross monthly rent of \$45. For rented dwellings over Salem as a whole the average monthly rent is \$37, with one-fourth renting for \$28 or less and another fourth for \$46 or more, according to the survey.

Two-fifths of all veterans here are newcomers to this area, with the average earning \$56 weekly. Ninety-one per cent plan to remain in the area this year, the survey discovered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27--(AP)—Herbert Hoover recommended to President Truman today that the United States pay \$475,000,000 for food for German civilians in the 18 months beginning last Jan. 1 as an essential contribution to peace and order in the western world.

Hoover urged that this sum not be "paid in a haphazard expenditure" and that it be stipulated in all peace arrangements that the money be repaid from any future German net exports "before any other payments to other nations of any kind." Such repayments thus would come ahead of reparations.

Hoover made the proposal in a formal report after investigating relief needs in central Europe. He expanded on it by telling reporters at the White House that conditions all over Europe are the worst in 50 years.

"The conditions are still disorganized and that 'everybody is cold' in northern and central Europe, where frozen canals and rivers do not permit shipment of coal even by barge.

**Austrian Report Also Due**

Hoover said he will make another report to relief in occupied Germany next week, on Austrian needs and on how to develop German industries to the point that Germany can pay for food furnished by the United States and Great Britain.

Secretary of War Patterson in a statement praised Hoover as "the world's outstanding food authority" and added:

"The war department is prepared, subject of course to President Truman's approval, to utilize the funds appropriated to it for food relief in occupied Germany in carrying forth Mr. Hoover's full program."

The war department is now operating under a bi-lateral agreement with Britain whereby this country's share for the fiscal year starting July 1 is \$311,000,000. Of this amount, \$227,000,000 is earmarked for food.

The \$111,000,000 figure compares with a Hoover estimate that \$283,500,000 should be the U. S. share for the 12 months. Hoover's figures thus is less by \$72,500,000. However, Hoover's estimate that \$235,000,000 should be spent by the U. S. for food alone in the fiscal year is \$8,000,000 higher than the \$227,000,000 in the bi-lateral agreement.

In a report on his recent economic mission to Germany and Austria, the former president said it may come as a great shock to American taxpayers that, having won the war over Germany we are now faced for some years with large expenditures for relief for these people. Indeed, it is something that we must undertake for the conqueror to undertake. Whatever the policies might have been that would have avoided this expense, we are now faced with it.

"Entirely aside from any humanitarian feelings for this mass of people, if we want peace, if we want to preserve the safety and health of our army of occupation; if we want to save the expense of even larger military forces to preserve order; if we want to reduce the size and expense of our army of occupation; if we want to free our course to meet the burdens I have here outlined."

## Bevin Pledges To Support 4-Power Pact

LONDON, Feb. 27--(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin reaffirmed today British-American solidarity despite "misunderstanding" over Palestine and said Britain would support at the Moscow conference the American proposal for a 25-year four-power pact to insure German demilitarization.

In the only reference to the storm aroused in the United States by his charge that President Truman had wrecked negotiations for a Palestine settlement by issuing a statement during the 1946 congressional election campaign, Bevin told the house of commons:

"While there may have been some misunderstanding over the matter debated in this house two days ago, this is a matter which stands by itself. Of all questions our relations with the United States are of the most cordial character, and we for our part will not allow any wedge to be driven between the two countries to disturb our friendship."

Bevin said also that he hoped the pending British-French treaty would be signed "soon." Reliable reports from Paris said that Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault would sign the pact in a port in the French channel coast next Wednesday.

## Pearl Harbor Dock Razed By Big Fire

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 27--(AP)—An oil-fed fire that swept suddenly over a quarter-mile long wooden dock at Pearl Harbor was brought under control today by 500 sailors and marines after a three-hour battle.

Twenty-five firefighters were overcome by smoke and taken to navy hospital for emergency treatment. News was relayed in serious condition. The dense, oily smoke overcame many others, but they were given first aid on the docks and returned to help fight the flames.

The extent of the damage was not yet known, but it was expected to be heavy. Cause of the blaze was undetermined.

The flames flashed up between the supply ship U. S. S. Oberon and the dock and was only a few yards from the destroyer tender Sierra. The ships' crews quickly got the vessels under way and they were pulled into the channel out of danger.

Within an hour, civilian workers had moved 5,000 tons of supplies out of the danger area.

## Communists Plan Campaign

TOKYO, Feb. 27--(AP)—Sanzo Nooka, Japan's top communist, declared today that the party had 50,000 to 60,000 members who would campaign militantly throughout the Japan in the April elections, with a 10,000,000 yen party fund to back them.

(At the official rate this is more than \$666,000, but it is nearer \$100,000 in actual purchasing power.)

In an interview, Nooka said the communists would nominate at least 200 candidates for the diet and hoped to win 25 to 50 seats, compared with the six they now hold. He declared the party also will seek all sorts of elective seats, from village councils to the parliamentary upper house, which will be elected for the first time to replace the house of peers.

## Speedy Plane Crosses Coast

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Feb. 28--(AP)—The army air force twin-engined P-51B trying for a record 4978-mile non-stop dash between Hamilton and New York reported to Hamilton field today it crossed the California coast at 12:34 a. m. (PST) at a ground speed of 415 miles per hour, seven hours out of Hawaii.

## 5 Killed As Gas Station Explodes

BRISTOL, Va.-Tenn., Feb. 27--(AP)—Five persons were killed and another was critically injured in an explosion of undetermined origin that wrecked a service station today on a busy corner three blocks from downtown Bristol.

The explosion, which apparently came from one of two gasoline storage tanks beneath the service station, sent sheets of flame spurting into the air, hurled huge blocks of concrete several hundred feet, wrecked five automobiles and a pickup truck and shattered windows of several nearby stores and a church.

**ST. PAUL BANKER NAMED**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 27--(AP)—The appointment of Raymond P. Smith as manager of the St. Paul branch of the Commercial bank of Newburgh was announced today.

### Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	58	38	00
Portland	51	27	00
San Francisco	56	44	trace
Chicago	26	13	trace
New York	36	23	trace

Willamette river: 4 feet  
FORECAST FROM U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today, becoming cloudy tonight. Temperature high today, \$5; low, 32.