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5 Marines Die in 4-Hour Chinese Battle

Sales Tax Deadlock Blocks End Of 44th Legislature Until Today



By Charles A. Strayer

Sheldon F. Sackett whose late purchases of newspaper and radio properties have excited wide interest, has many of the characteristics of a genius. As a working newspaperman he has few superlatives. He is fluent and vivid as a writer, has very practical ideas of newspaper and radio operation, and his energy seems never to be consumed. His ambition likewise is limitless and gets periodic release in surges of business expansion. His head above the clouds now, among the Stars and the Sun, judging by reports he has run up his investments or his liabilities by some two million dollars.

He and I were associated in the ownership and management of The Statesman from 1929 to 1939. It was my conservatism and unwillingness to let the Statesman tie in with any newspaper empire that led to the termination of our partnership. While he appears to be playing some long shots like launching a new daily in Portland, continuing and vivifying the Vancouver Sun and Seattle Star I know something of his resourcefulness so do not join with those who predict an early collapse of his adventure into metropolitan journalism. He has great capacity and if the finances hold out he may develop as a new William Randolph Hearst, though he will despise the comparison.

Sackett announced his expansion with a lengthy statement setting forth his philosophy of newspaper operation. He lines up politically as a loyal follower of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. He is a severe critic of the "press." He presents each of his new papers as "The People's Paper," and emphasizes the point that it is owned by the (Continued on Editorial Page)

Choir Plans Easter Tour

Fifty-two Willamette university student members of the cappella choir, will spend half their Easter vacation singing, as they will leave Wednesday on the first university choir trip since 1942, Dean Melvin H. Geist, choir director, announced Friday.

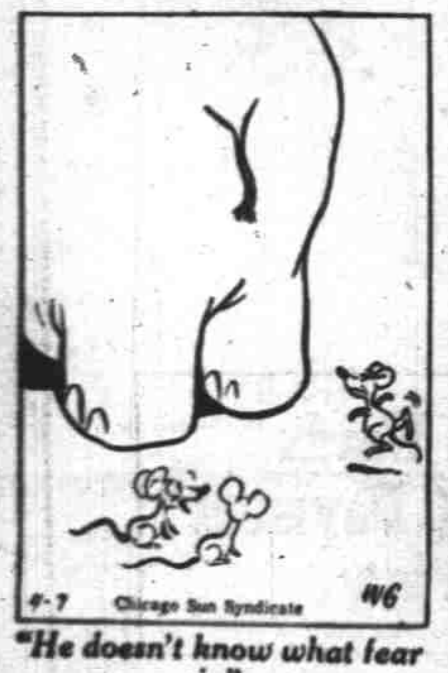
The week-long choir tour will include appearances at Junction City, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Coos Bay, North Bend, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Redmond. Soloists appearing on the program will be Reid Shelton, Salem, Michael Carolan, Grants Pass, and Robert Gwinn, Newberg. Two pianists, Katherine Schissler and Joan Johnstone, Salem, also will appear.

HOUSE PERMITS GRANTED

Authority to construct seven houses for sale in Salem was granted Alton G. Hamilton of Salem by the Portland office of the federal housing administration, according to Associated Press releases yesterday.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"He doesn't know what fear is."

Plans Action



WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—Eugene Millikin (R-Col.) who revealed today that the senate finance committee, of which he is head, will take up the income tax reduction bill shortly with an eye to placing it on the floor of the senate early in May.

Possibility of Big 4 Concord Grows Remote

MOSCOW, April 4—(AP)—Authoritative informants declared tonight that the foreign ministers were so deadlocked on reparations, a major issue upon which settlement of the German problem depends, that the economic committee had given up trying to find a compromise and had ceased to meet.

This disclosure came as Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in answers to a series of questions expressed doubt that President Truman's proposals for Greece would "restore democracy" to that country. Molotov called for a hands off policy in Greece.

B-29 Lands Safe With Prop Missing

FAIRFIELD, Calif., April 4—(AP)—A B-29 weather reconnaissance plane which encountered engine trouble 400 miles south of Kodiak, Alaska, and proceeded on three engines for the duration of its flight landed without incident at this base at approximately 7:30 p.m. (PST) tonight.

Fairfield-Suisun army air base officers said the plane's No. 2 engine on the left side apparently had an internal failure of some kind.

50% Raise in Price Of Eggs Predicted

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4—(AP)—A prediction that eggs might rise 50 per cent in price by year's end was made by some industry representatives today.

The USDA said the normal decline in egg prices at this season might be offset by an anticipated post-Easter demand for cold storage eggs.

Parking Meters Installed On Lebanon Streets

LEBANON, April 4—(AP)—Parking meters are being installed on Main street and on the first blocks of the cross town streets in the business section. Some 200 meters will be set up according to the contract made by the city council.

ETHIOPIAN OIL TEST DUE

CAIRO, April 4—(AP)—A. E. Watts, executive vice president of Sinclair Oil corporation, said today the company hopes to complete its first test well by the latter part of 1948 in its vast Ethiopian oil concession.

Signature On Labor Curb Bills

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman
When to hold the sales tax election (June 24 or Nov. 4), and how to split the revenue if it is passed, were the two big questions blocking adjournment of Oregon's longest legislature today.

Word of an impasse between senate-house conference committees regarding details of the sales tax plans (one of which would require building up a \$12,000,000 school "cushion" fund) arrived on legislative floors in mid-afternoon Friday while both houses were driving toward the hoped-for adjournment last night.

The senate and house proceeded to clean up their calendars, however, in the hope an agreement would permit the biennial Audit Lang Synge this morning. But the odds are against it. Amendment on other issues remained to be ironed out, and the usual last-minute moves to revise old issues and raise new ones were expected to keep lawmakers busy most of today.

Meanwhile, in rapid-fire developments Friday: (1) Gov. Earl Snell signed into law the bill apportioning the \$18,000,000 annual school support fund, and the two so-called labor-cur measures barring hot cargo issues, secondary boycotts and jurisdiction disputes, and requiring secret elections to determine whether valid disputes exist.

Reforestation Vote Passes (2) The senate gave final passage to amended house-approved measures calling for referendum votes on the issuance of bonds up to three-fourths of one per cent (\$7,500,000) of the state's valuation, for reforestation and on letting cities and counties set up new tax bases and restricting application of the 6 per cent limitation to property taxes.

(3) The house, reviving a once-defeated issue, passed and sent to the governor a senate-approved measure limiting to one year all suits for back overtime and premium pay, but not regular wages and salaries, and also overrode final attacks to provide appropriations for the state of the Rev. Jason Lee and Dr. John McLoughlin and other members of the Willamette River basin and postwar readjustment commissions.

Also passed by the senate, subject to house acceptance of amendments, was the bill letting club liquor licenses be issued to local units of national organizations without their having served meals the required two years.

Property Liens Bill Voted Passed by the house and sent to the senate was a measure requiring the state to take liens on the property of old-age assistance recipients.

Re-passed by the house with amendments were bills making the withholding tax on salaries effective next January 1 in event the sales tax is defeated at referendum, and authorizing the attorney general's office to supervise all civil actions involving the state and to step into district attorney's criminal cases if the governor directs.

New Diplomat



WASHINGTON, April 4—Henry F. Grady, California shipping magnate, who will be nominated as first U. S. ambassador to India by President Truman shortly.

Henry Grady To Be Selected As India Envoy

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—Henry F. Grady, trade expert and government "trouble-shooter," has been chosen to be the United States' first ambassador to India, Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson disclosed today.

The 65-year-old California shipping man has been rumored for some time as the man tapped for the job. This will be his first ambassadorial post.

Conference-Laden Governor Escapes Autograph Hunter

A traveler who collects autographs across the country couldn't have picked a worse day to seek Gov. Earl Snell's.

With legislative nearing its end and the governor tied up in one conference after another, autograph hunter George Edwards settled for "next best"—an official Oregon seal for his hobby book, along with Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell's signature.

Edwards also visited the city hall, and there obtained the signature of City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Recorder Alfred Mundt.

NEW MAISH TRIAL SOUGHT

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 4—(AP)—A new trial for Joseph Henry Maish, 16-year-old sentenced to death for the slaying of La Dona Toscas, 17, will be asked in superior court Monday.

\$400,000 in PGE Improvements Set for Marion, Polk Counties

Portland General Electric company will install about \$400,000 worth of improvements in its system in Marion and Polk counties this year, including additional street lighting for Salem.

16 Injured As Raid Beaten off

By John Roderick
PEIPING, Saturday, April 5—(AP)—Five U. S. marines were killed and 16 wounded today in a four-hour battle with "dissident forces" tentatively identified as communists trying to raid a marine ammunition dump near Tangku, 25 miles east of Tientsin.

The attack took place at the village of Hsinho, five miles west of Tangku, before dawn. The attackers were beaten off and dispersed.

First sketchy reports said one marine tank was disabled by a land mine in the early fighting, which was punctuated by several explosions of stored ammunition.

Marine fighter planes raced to the scene but did not go into action as the attackers dispersed.

The ammunition dump was defended by about a company of men from the first battalion of the first marine division.

A heavily-armed convoy was preparing to set out from Tientsin under Col. Julian N. Frisbie, commander of the fifth marines of Peiping, who was flying to Tientsin.

It was the second attack by communists in six months on this installation. About 200 Chinese raided it last October 3, wounding one marine and leaving several of their own dead behind.

\$75,000 Fire In Hood River

HOOD RIVER, April 4—(AP)—Fire caused by acetylene torch sparks destroyed a downtown garage today and temporarily threatened four stores and the city hall.

Four automobiles and a truck in Garbani Brothers' garage burned, and adjacent apartments and stores suffered minor damage. Loss was estimated at \$75,000, covered by insurance.

Italy Said Ripe For Dictator

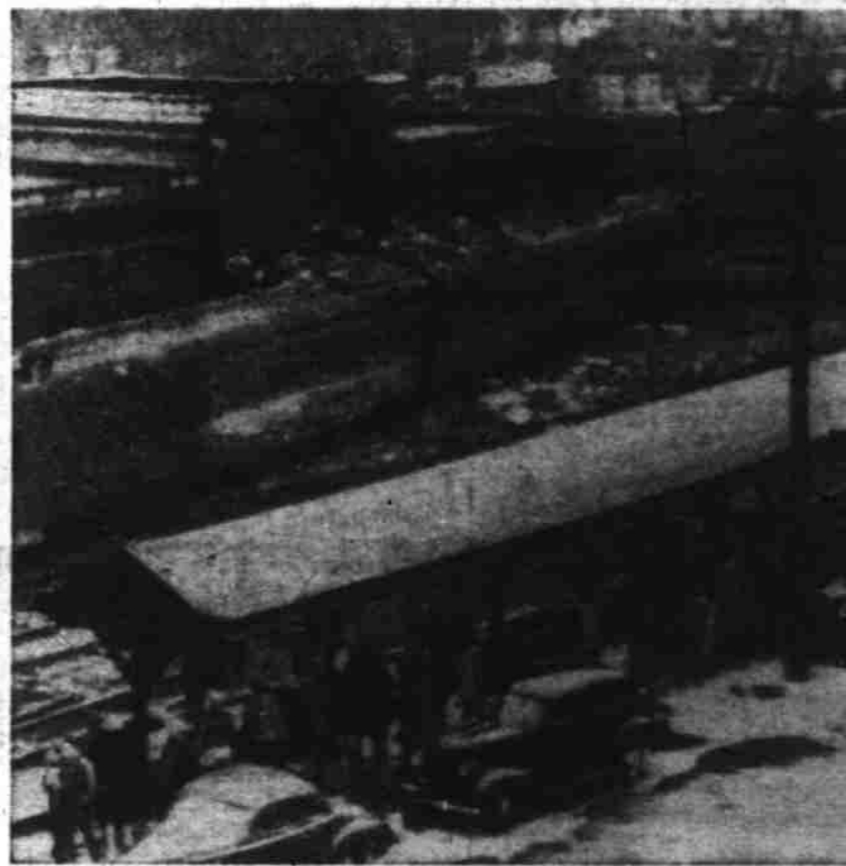
ROME, April 4—(AP)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi, warning that Italy could not struggle out of her current trouble without foreign aid, declared tonight that if the nation's economic crisis deepened beyond control, there might be "no other remedy but dictatorship."

A grip of the strike that rapidly was becoming general. Rome post office workers were out in protest against the high cost of living. The ordinarily mild-spoken premier, his voice betraying deep emotion, pounded the table for emphasis at his news conference as he declared "if things slide beyond control, the people will just turn to anyone and say: 'You take over.'"

Truman to Talk On Radio Tonight

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—President Truman may strike some of the keynotes of the 1948 democratic campaign when he goes on the radio tomorrow night at 7:30 PST.

Zephyr Wreckage at Chicago



CHICAGO, April 4—Wrecked cars of the Burlington railroad's Twin Cities Zephyr lie on the tracks and against the suburban Downers Grove station (center, background) near Chicago. The speeding train hit a tractor spilled from a passing freight and piled into the station, killing two passengers and injuring 34. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Crowds Anticipated at Services Easter Morn

Large crowds of Salem residents are expected to be out early for Easter Sunday services. Sunrise services at Belcrest Memorial park are scheduled for 5:30 a.m., 6:30 and 7 a.m. masses are scheduled at St. Joseph's and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic churches, while St. Paul's Episcopal and St. Mark's Lutheran churches each has a 7 a.m. service scheduled.

The Rev. Louis E. White, pastor of Knight Memorial Congregational church, will give the sermon at Belcrest Memorial park and Salem Youth Center choir will furnish the music.

The move, started several years ago by First Presbyterian church for two identical services Easter Sunday, has gained followers each year as congregations expanded beyond the capacity of the church. This year identical services are scheduled by Presbyterian, First and Jason Lee Methodist churches, First Congregational and First Christian churches while the usual two services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 7 and 11 a.m.

Only change in the regular Sunday schedule of five masses at St. Joseph's Catholic church will be that the 6:30 mass will be a solemn high mass. St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church will have sung masses at 7 and 9 with a low mass at 10:30. The 11 a.m. mass at St. Joseph's is regularly a sung mass.

New First Aid Car Fund Nears Goal

Donations by private business and Salem persons have helped increase the first aid car fund to \$7500, \$2500 short of the needed \$10,000. Herb Barker, Salem Trades and Labor council secretary, said Friday. The fund was begun with a \$1000 check from local 324 of the Salem Teamsters union, and since increased by \$2300 from the March 17 dance, labor union donations, and city funds of \$2500 earmarked for the purpose, Barker said. Business concerns have donated \$712 and donations are being taken by the city, the chamber of commerce and the trades and labor council.

Sales Tax Vote to Cost Near \$6,000

Special election costs to Marion county for the proposed 1948 referendum on the sales tax as approved Thursday by the state legislature would approximate \$5450, according to Harlan Judd, county clerk.

In answering a question brought up by Carl Abrams yesterday, Judd said that this cost would not include miscellaneous items like pens, ink and paper used by the precincts in carrying out the election and thus might reach as high as \$6000.

Japanese Electorate Selects Minor Officials

TOKYO, Saturday, April 5—(AP)—Active balloting was reported today as all over Japan voters turned out to elect prefectural governors, mayors and ward chiefs for the first time in history. By 10 o'clock approximately 26 per cent of all registered voters had cast their ballots in four polling places in Tokyo. The offices to be filled were appointive previously.

4,000 to Walk Out In Oregon

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—The possibility that a nation-wide telephone strike may occur even if the government seizes the industry arose tonight when the union leadership challenged the government's seizure power.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers threatening strike Monday, said Attorney General Clark's opinion that President Truman has legal seizure authority is "contrary to the opinion of our legal counsel."

Beirne left open the question whether the telephone workers will stay on the job if the president takes over the industry on the Sunday midnight deadline.

Clark had ruled earlier that the president may exercise war powers in the federal communications act to seize the industry. Talks to Reporters

After a meeting of the NFTW committee Beirne told reporters: "The attorney general's opinion is contrary to the opinion of our legal counsel. He is stretching the law to the breaking point in handing down such a decision. If seizure is decided upon by the president he will then determine what action is to be taken."

Regarding prospective action by governors of several states to invoke newly enacted state laws banning strikes in key utilities, Beirne issued this statement: "We will resist action of states that deny to us rights guaranteed under federal law. No state can circumvent the federal constitutional guarantees against involuntary servitude."

To Join Rest of Employees
PORTLAND, April 4—(AP)—The United Telephone Workers of Oregon said today its 4,000 members would walk out at 6 a.m. Monday, along with the rest of the nation's phone employees.

A bulletin was sent to telephone employees advising that "union contracts expire at midnight on April 6. No contract, no work."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4—(AP)—Dan Johnston, representative here of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (independent), said tonight the union would not strike against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company if the government seized the company under a lawful ruling of the attorney general.

Police Rests in Washington
"That would be a strike against the government," Johnston explained, but he added that the matter of policy rested with the NFTW headquarters in Washington.

Johnston said the union did not consider Attorney General Clark's oral opinion that the president can seize the telephone industry as a legal ruling.

Meanwhile, four emergency conferences looking toward settlement of the threatened strike against the P. T. & T. system were called for Saturday and Sunday as union leaders made ready to establish picket lines at 6 a.m. Monday.

Mine Safety Probe Begun

By The Associated Press
The task of correcting unsafe conditions in 518 bituminous coal mines was well under way today throughout the nation, and United Mine Workers officials insisted on careful scrutiny of results "for the protection of our men."

As reports trickled in announcing safety certification of some pits, a navy spokesman indicated that at least 25 per cent of the cited mines would "be certified okay" before Monday — end of a six-day mourning period by 400,000 soft coal miners.

Willamina Airman Killed in A-26 Crash

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C., April 4—(AP)—The Myrtle Beach army air field today released the names of five men killed in the crash of an A-26 bomber near Richmond, Va., yesterday on a flight from Myrtle Beach to Washington.

The dead included: First Lt. Wallace L. Sims, pilot, next of kin, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Burdick, mother, general delivery, Willamina, Ore.

Engineer Injured as Streamliner Derailed

KANSAS CITY, April 4—(AP)—The diesel engine of a westbound Rock Island streamliner, the seven-car Rocket, was derailed about 27 miles west of here when it hit a rock slide, O. L. Looney, train dispatcher, said tonight. The only injured was a wrenched back suffered by the engineer.

Parking Meter Posts' Installation to Begin

Installation of first standards for parking meters in Salem will begin Monday. City Manager J. L. Franzen said today. Belief that the Michael-Arts Bronze company would fulfill its promise of complete installation by April 25 was also expressed by the city manager.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	51	41	.11
Portland	56	41	.05
San Francisco	58	43	.00
Chicago	56	37	.00
New York	53	30	—

Willamette river 6.9 feet.
Forecast from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy today with light rain. High today 55. Low tonight 42. Cloudiness and possible showers forecast for Sunday.