

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Portland Journal has bought a helicopter and has it flying around the country, taking in the Indian spring root-feeding and the rural round-ups and then lighting like a pigeon at the Journal's new building on the Portland riverfront. It must be quite a plaything.

The name itself is intriguing. "Helio" might come from the Greek "helios" meaning sun. That would be appropriate, reminding one as it does of the flight of the mythical Icarus. He flew too close to the sun and his wings melted the wax by which his wings were fastened to his body, so he fell into the sea and was drowned. Hence the name "Icarian sea," part of the Aegean sea west of Samos.

Since the helicopter uses no wax to make its wings stick on, its flight ought to be safe from the experience of Icarus. Anyhow the root of the name under discussion is not "helios."

According to the dictionary, "helicopter" breaks in two thus: "helico" and "pter." The latter derives from the Greek "pteron" meaning wing, which is to be sure an essential part of an airplane. "Helico" is a Greek root meaning "spiral," like helical gears. So now we have the meaning: "spiral wing" which certainly fits the helicopter. Its wings rotate and raise or lower the craft as it were on the spiral.

The "helico" family is quite numerous in the dictionary. There was Mt. Helicon in Greece, favorite seat of the muses. The (Continued on editorial page)

House Group Heaps Charges On Red Official

WASHINGTON, April 9-(AP)—A double contempt action against Eugene Dennis, communist party secretary, was voted unanimously today by the house committee on un-american activity.

Conviction could mean as much as three years in jail and a fine of \$10,000 for him.

Dennis disobeyed a committee order to appear today for a hearing.

So the members: Voted to cite him for contempt of congress. The house itself has to approve, then the case goes to a U. S. district attorney and a grand jury. The maximum punishment upon conviction is a \$1000 fine and a year in jail.

And voted to ask the justice department to prosecute Dennis for "conspiracy to commit contempt," for which the top penalty is \$10,000 fine and two years in prison.

3. Heard Committee Investigator Louis J. Russell, an FBI agent for 12 years, testify that Dennis had a police record.

Polish Border Talk Blocked

MOSCOW, April 9-(AP)—Britain and the United States proposed tonight that an international commission be created to work out details of a compromise German-Polish border which would allow Poland to retain control of industrial Silesia but return to Germany some agricultural lands now occupied by the Poles.

The proposal, made in the four-power council of foreign ministers, was immediately blocked by V. Molotov of Russia. He argued that Poland should retain all of the 40,000 square miles of eastern German territory -- including Silesia and the farm lands -- which were placed under her administration at Potsdam.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Now I've seen everything!"

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Lilienthal Selection Approved

WASHINGTON, April 9-(AP)—David E. Lilienthal was confirmed by the senate, 50 by 31, today as chairman of the atomic energy commission which has vast unprecedented authority over atomic power for peace or war.

The balding former head of the Tennessee Valley authority thus emerged victorious from bitter, 11-week fight in which he was praised as a believer in true democracy and blasted as a "soft man" towards communism.

The senate also confirmed by voice votes the other four commission nominees and the commission's general manager, Carroll Wilson.

The other commissioners are: Dr. Robert F. Bacher, 41, Cornell university physicist; W. W. Waymack, 58, editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune; Sumner T. Pike, 55, of Lubec, Me., former member of the federal securities commission; L. L. Strauss, 50, of New York, retired rear admiral.

The commission will: 1. Own in the name of the United States all this country's atomic production plants and fissionable materials.

2. Control virtually all U. S. research and development in atomic energy.

3. Have the power to force any American to stand trial for his life if he discloses atomic energy information.

Lilienthal, 47 years old, issued this brief statement tonight:

"The important thing now is to get on with this job. It is an urgent job. It demands for success a wholehearted team work of the entire American people, of science, industry, the armed forces and the government."

Oregon's senators were split over the appointment, Morse favoring the Lilienthal selection, Gordon voting "No."

Roble Asserts Hospital Needs Fire Escapes

Salem Fire Chief W. P. Roble's first report on his inspection of the Oregon state hospital recommends that outside iron stairway type fire escapes replace the present inside circular wooden staircases in the main building.

A report of Roble's inspection of the main hospital building was sent to the state board of control. Inspection of other hospital buildings will be continued as soon as possible, the chief said.

Chief Roble's report also urged construction of other fire escapes, replacement of all worn and broken fire hose, changing outer doors to swing outward, removal of used wax and polish rags from closets under stairways, replacement of old wiring and installation of "fire stops" in all vertical openings which lead to upper sections of the building and elimination of oiled floors.

Warehouse in Portland Burns

PORTLAND, April 9-(AP)—Huge stocks of furniture, refrigerators, soap, whiskey and other goods were destroyed today in a \$250,000 warehouse fire that caused minor injuries to eight firemen.

The warehouse, owned by Union Pacific and leased by Rudie Wilhelm Transfer company, apparently caught fire during the night and smoldered unnoticed until workmen arrived this morning. Twenty minutes later flames burst through the roof.

Firemen battled an hour and a half before controlling the blaze.

British Planning To Send Negro Children to U. S.

LONDON, April 9-(AP)—The Negro Welfare society of London and Liverpool said today it planned to send 5,000 children of British girls and American Negro soldiers to the United States to be reared by the fathers they have never seen.

The society said the step awaited the approval of the British and U. S. governments.

The announcement added that 5,000 other such children remaining here would be reared in a special boarding school soon to be opened in Liverpool.

52 Die in Texas Tornado

Housewives Scan Homemaking Exhibit



More than 300 women attended Marion county's 4th annual Homemakers festival Wednesday at Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, Hood street. Putting last minute touches on East Salem unit exhibit, "furniture arrangement," are, left to right, Mrs. Glen Larkins and Mrs. William Hartley, Swegle; viewing exhibit are Mrs. E. Jennings, West Woodburn, Mrs. Drew Michaels, Edina Lane, and Mrs. Ralph Hein, East Salem. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.) (Story at bottom of page 1.)

Steel Walkout Threat Clouds Labor's Sky

PITTSBURGH, April 9-(AP)—Apprehension over a possible strike in the steel industry grew today and the gloom was generated by reports that U. S. steel's contract talks with the CIO-United Steelworkers had deteriorated.

These were additional factors which stirred anxiety: 1. Philip Murray, president of the CIO as well as the 800,000-man steelworkers union, has called meetings of the union's executive board here April 19-20 and the 170-member general wage policy committee April 21. Top industry spokesmen hinted that he would discuss a strike should the present April 30 deadline pass without an agreement.

2. A union source said there had been "no talk" of further extending the present contract.

3. The steel union filed a strike notice last January 15 which precludes the necessity of any further action under the Smith-Connelly act.

4. Spokesmen for both principals insist that wage increases have not even been discussed.

DETROIT, April 9-(AP)—The Ford Motor company and the Foremen's association of America served notice of contract termination today as the union of shop bosses threatened a strike in 30 days.

Cabinet Talk Ends Same Price Control Solution

WASHINGTON, April 9-(AP)—A special cabinet meeting on inflation today produced this single definite policy statement: The administration has no present plans for federal intervention to curb rising prices. Secretary Charles C. Ross told reporters that Mr. Truman "did a lot of listening."

300 Homemakers Hear Talks, See Exhibits at Annual Festival

By Marguerite Gleeson
Statesman Valley Editor

(Picture elsewhere on page 1)
Culmination of the year's planned work by 23 Marion county home extension units made up the 4th annual Homemakers festival held here Wednesday in which more than 300 women took part.

The festival was held in Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Hood street.

Exhibits illustrated in various ways the projects studied during the year by each group including nutrition, landscaping, decoration and furnishing of the home and the "extras" like corsage making, flower arrangement and the civic contributions such as 4-H club leadership and taking part in international relations through membership in the Country Women of the World by letters.

The day's program was one of the most completely planned as to details held in Salem and Marion county in many a day. It was directed by the county extension committee of which Mrs. Floyd Fox of Silverton is chairman. She presided at all of the sessions, taking over full responsibility because of the illness of Mrs. Rex Hartley, vice chairman.

Other members of the county committee are Mrs. Glen Bridwell, Silverton; Mrs. Roy Kuns, West Woodburn; Mrs. R. E. Chittenden, Roberts; Mrs. Verne Scott, Union Hill; Eleanor Trindle, county home demonstration agent, and Constance Hampton, assistant club agent, were the instructors for the units in many cases during the year, assisted by the more than 200 local project leaders to whom the tribute was paid by Azalea Sager, state leader, who outlined aims of home extension work in a talk to the assembly.

Entertainment included several numbers by Salem high school choir under direction of Lena Belle Tartar; a skit by Hubbard extension unit illustrating extent to which the women rely upon the library for information on countries and peoples of the world. Bishop Bruce Baxter spoke to the group in the afternoon.

Marion county home extension group is setting the pace for others in the state. W. A. Schoenfeld, director of extension, told the women when he was introduced. With Mrs. Schoenfeld was a visitor at the festival throughout the day. Guests at the luncheon and program were members of the Marion county court, Grant Murphy, Roy Rice and E. C. Rogers.

'Muscles' Sinatra Fells Columnist in Street Fight

HOLLYWOOD, April 9-(AP)—Swoon-Crooner Frank Sinatra, butt of many a joke because of his supposedly fragile physique, was charged with battery today by Lee Mortimer, New York columnist, after a midnight flurry of fistfights on fashionable Sunset Strip.

Sinatra quickly surrendered, pleaded innocent, demanded a jury trial and was released on \$500 bail by Justice Bert Woodard. His trial was set for May 28.

From appearances, Sinatra won the fight. He walked into court smiling and unscratched. The columnist, however, was noticeably bruised about the cheek, had a swelling behind his left ear and a bruised wrist.

Says Frankie Had Gang
But Mortimer, who went to a hospital for \$17.50 worth of X-rays, claimed that it took Sinatra's gang of "four men" to do it.

The crooner was caressing a microphone at a radio studio rehearsal when officials, carrying a battery warrant, interrupted and escorted him to a Beverly Hills justice court. "I plead not guilty," the crooner announced in a firm voice, "and wish a jury trial—sometime late next month."

Judge Woodard set the trail for 10 a. m. May 28.

The crooner's attorney, Albert Pearlson, said Frankie was called "a nasty name" by Mortimer, and:

"Frankie told him to mind his own business. Mortimer made a lunge for him and Frankie let him have it."

War Hinges on U. S., Red Relations: Wallace

LONDON, April 9-(AP)—Henry A. Wallace declared today that "World War III is inevitable" unless the United States and Russia reach an understanding, and said Europeans were watching the two countries "getting ready for a death struggle."

Wallace arrived here yesterday for a two-week speaking tour of Britain, Scandinavia and France.

C. of C. Requets 'Keep Up or Shut Up' Restrooms

Closing of Salem's public restrooms, if they can't be properly taken care of, was recommended to the city council last night by the chamber of commerce board of directors.

The proposal was moved by Frank Doerfler, who advocated "locking up or filling up" the underground rooms at State and High streets because of their "disgraceful condition."

Councilman Albert H. Gille, who appeared as Mayor R. L. Elfstrom's representative, said the city lacked sufficient funds to provide care and protection for the facilities.

Incorporation Vote Asked in Mill City

ALBANY, April 9-(AP)—Mill City Commercial club has asked the Linn county clerk to call an election for Mill City residents to decide whether they will incorporate under a new law passed by the 1947 legislature.

The law would authorize incorporation of towns whose city limits reach into two counties. Mill City is in both Linn and Marion counties.

Spencer Tracy, Cagney Seek Aid In Crippled Yacht

LOS ANGELES, April 9-(AP)—Film Actor James Cagney radioed the coast guard for assistance tonight, saying his 125 foot yacht, the Swift, with Actor Spencer Tracy aboard, had encountered engine trouble about a mile off Abalone point, near Laguna beach, and that it was unable to make harbor under its sails.

The coast guard cutter Perseus was dispatched from San Diego waters to tow the Swift to port.

"Engine disabled off Laguna beach," the message read. "unable to make harbor by sail. Request help."

4 Towns Feel Blast Of Winds

CANADIAN, Texas, April 9-(AP)—A tornado raked four Texas and Oklahoma towns tonight, killing an estimated 52 persons and injuring hundreds.

A report from Enid, Okla., said that at least 12 were killed at Woodward, Okla., largest of the towns struck. A section of the residential section there was swept away and first reports were that the death toll would range higher.

Vincent Lockhart, Canadian newspaper man, estimated that 20 were killed at Higgins, Texas, on the western Oklahoma border, where fire broke out in the business district on the heels of the storm. Fire also followed the storm at Woodward.

Village Levelled
Lockhart said that 20 persons also were killed at Glazier, Texas Panhandle village leveled by the twisting wind.

Hospitals here and at Shattuck, Okla., were filled to overflowing with the injured. Ambulances were sent from Enid to carry back injured from Woodward.

Nine bodies from Glazier were brought to a funeral home here and one was taken to Pampa. Eleven bodies from Higgins were in funeral homes at Shattuck.

Hospital Crowded
At Shattuck, Okla., Mrs. Carl Mason, Red Cross official, said that 150 persons injured at Higgins and vicinity crowded the 50-room Shattuck hospital. Six physicians were treating the injured.

Townpeople at Shattuck ranged the countryside around Higgins in automobiles, seeking out injured and dead.

C. of C. Hears Local Housing Project Plans

Housing, present and potential, for a growing Salem occupied a large role in the Salem Chamber of Commerce board of directors' meeting Tuesday night, and cooperation in outlined projects was approved.

W. J. Braun, city housing commission chairman, reported locations for new housing projects in the city were available but the main difficulty is in persuading people to build. He told of a Yakima plan under consideration here to obtain cooperation of contractors and suppliers in keeping prices from soaring, which he said resulted in a \$4,750 house. The chamber is to appoint a member to work with the commission in study of the plan.

Salem's supply and demand for housing is approximately the same as a year ago, according to Charles Bayliss, Eugene, federal housing authority field worker, and W. C. Wernstedt, Seattle, of the FHA regional office, who reported availability of materials has improved.

Elected to the board to succeed Roy S. Keene, who moved from the city, was Clair Brown, manager of the Salem Navigation company.

Following his appearance to urge a survey as to the benefit of the municipal airport to the community in general, Wesley Stewart was appointed by Pres. Keith Brown as chairman of a chamber airport committee.

Cherry Fete Meet Friday

Salem civic organizations will send representatives to a meeting at 7:30 p. m. Friday to organize a Salem Cherry Festival association which would renew the former local custom of a summer-time cherry celebration.

The meeting in chamber of commerce rooms has been called by the Salem Cherrians. Each organization was asked by mail this week to send its president and one other delegate to the session.

Graham Sharkey and William C. Dyer, jr., of the Cherrians noted in their letter the mounting enthusiasm among Salem businessmen and other citizens for re-establishing the festival as a permanent annual event to center attention on the business, industry and other attractions of Salem.

Stassen Chats With Joe Stalin

MOSCOW, Thursday, April 10-(AP)—Harold Stassen, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, had an 80-minute conversation with Prime Minister Stalin last night. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov also was present.

"We had a frank discussion of the two economic systems," Stassen said without elaboration. Stassen said Stalin carried on a very alert discussion and smoked an occasional cigarette.

British-Albania Row Sent to World Court

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 9-(AP)—The United Nations security council decided today, with Russia and Poland abstaining, that the British-Albanian mine-field dispute should be judged by the international court of justice.

It was the first case directed to the court by the council since the contemporary Hague tribunal was organized under the U. N. charter.

RENT CONTROL LOOSENED

WASHINGTON, April 9-(AP)—The office of temporary controls today revised its rent regulations to allow tourist homes to qualify for decontrol of transient rooms. The agency also announced that small hotels with at least 15 living units may be classified as "transient."

Pact Goes To Policy Directors

WASHINGTON, April 9-(AP)—Long distance workers and the American Telephone and Telegraph company agreed tonight on a basis for settlement of their part of the nationwide strike, offering new hope for a general agreement soon.

The basic agreement still must be submitted to the policy committee of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, which is directing the strike of those and other telephone workers over the nation.

President John J. Moran of the American Union of Telephone Workers, long distance lines affiliate of the national federation, emphasized that the over-all policy committee still must pass on the proposals.

The announcement renewed general settlement hopes that had been dashed earlier in the night by the collapse of negotiations between the NFTW and the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, biggest A. T. and T. affiliate, which also had been moved here.

The long distance agreement was praised by Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren, who expressed the hope that the "steady and tedious progress made in that phase of the negotiations will carry over into the many other bargaining sessions going on all over the country."

The NFTW, whose more than 300,000 members across the nation have been on strike since Monday morning, has scheduled a meet of its policy committee at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Despite Moran's emphasis on the idea that the agreement applies only on long lines, government officials took encouragement from the fact that a long line settlement laid the groundwork for heading off a threatened strike last year.

Phone Bill Delay on Brighter Side of Strike

One public advantage of the telephone strike is that no bills will be sent during the work stoppage, due to a shortage of help. Associated Press reports, Harry V. Collins, Salem district manager, said last night that manual telephone users in Salem rural areas still had service, but that it was not always up to the pre-strike standard.

Picketing in the Salem district continued yesterday without change, union leaders said.

Lewis Allots Welfare Fund

WASHINGTON, April 9-(AP)—That bitterly-debated welfare fund for coal miners started operating at last today, and John L. Lewis grimly gave notice that it must continue from now on.

Trustees of the fund, as their first major business, announced a \$1,000 death benefit for every one of Lewis' bituminous miners who has died since last June 1, from any cause. Lewis said the AFL-United Mine Workers "have no intention of signing any contracts that don't continue a welfare fund."

Furthermore he said the present five cents a ton royalty paid into the fund isn't enough. It ought to be 10 cents.

Meter Posts Miss Elfstrom's Store—But Temporarily

"What! No parking meters in front of Elfstrom's?"

That question on Salem lips got an answer when the din of meter standard installation downtown yesterday, when city officials said drilling in front of Mayor R. L. Elfstrom's store and other business places with basements under the sidewalk awaits only the necessary reinforcement materials beneath the sidewalks.

And Bank Manager Guy Hickok, asked if he had any special meter "angles" for in front of the First National bank, jokingly proposed piping the nickels through meters and standards direct to the bank vaults.

21 Survive Crash Of Army Transport

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 9-(AP)—No one was believed dead when an army C-47 transport, carrying 21 passengers, crashed near Kelly field tonight. All available San Antonio and army ambulances were rushed to the scene, carrying off the victims before the army crash investigators could determine the number injured or possibly dead.

SLIDE ON COLUMBIA

ASTORIA, Ore., April 9-(AP)—Railroad service was halted today and Astoria communications temporarily cut off when a land slide pushed 300 feet of track, telegraph lines and a \$40,000 power shovel into the Columbia river.

ROUNDPIN IN BERLIN

BERLIN, April 9-(AP)—The four allied powers opened a city-wide roundup of criminal elements and allied army deserters in Berlin tonight as part of a plan to combat the city's high crime rate.

MRS. HOLBROOK DIES

PORTLAND, April 9-(AP)—Mrs. Stewart R. Holbrook, one-time actress and wife of a northwestern author, died in a hospital today after a long illness.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	54	41	.13
Portland	56	41	.05
Chicago	48	38	trace
New York	48	41	.06

Willamette river 7 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with frequent light showers throughout the day, becoming more scattered tonight. Highest temperature today 55. Lowest tonight 48.