

Marshal Sees Possible Compromise, Warns Europe Cannot Wait

(Story in Column 7)

\$75,000 BLAZE HITS DETROIT, ORE.

Stymied Telephone Negotiations Wait In Overnight Halt

Telephone strike settlement hopes dimmed Monday night when Washington negotiations recessed overnight following what federal conciliator described as a "stormy session."

A Bell system official told newsmen, "We are just where we were 10 days ago."



By Charles A. Sprague

I didn't go fishing with the season's opening for two reasons: I couldn't find my pole and didn't have a license. But Sunday afternoon I did go up the Little Northfork to clear away some snags and noted the stream was lined with fishermen. Cars parked on the roadside over the river marked where a fisherman had taken off. At points of rock or out in the riffles men and boys could be seen poles-in-hand, casting for trout. Wives lingered at lunch tables or about cars, "having a wonderful time."

The luck? From reports, none. We did hear of two trout and a sucker being caught. The reason? None that seemed plausible. Water was clear, not muddy; stream relatively low for the season. "Fished out" is the probable answer.

The Little Northfork used to be a prime fishing stream, as did other tributaries of the Santiam. Old-timers tell of the wonderful catches that could be made in jig time. That was before good roads led motorists spill out all along its banks to fish the stream. Small fish have been planted but the catches are uniformly poor, unless perhaps in the upper reaches. The game commission is credited with the view that fish food is lacking. But why should it be lacking now when formerly the stream supported many fish? It still is a good salmon spawning stream.

Perhaps one answer, supplied by one of the residents along the stream is that chub or suckers, a later arrival, are predators, feeding on the small trout. Over-fishing the stream is of course a chief reason for the decline in the catches, but these other and not native fish which have invaded the river may account for failure of the trout to "come back" despite repeated plantings.

The situation is deplorable for the Santiam and its tributaries are most convenient to Salem. They have good water, with riffles and pools which any self-respecting trout would love. It would seem under proper conservation that good fishing could be maintained there. But it isn't, and explanations fill no creels.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 28 (AP)—A grand jury session was called today to consider indictment of John Omar Finson, 28, in the slaying of Delmar E. Rondeau, 32-year-old state patrolman in a gun battle Friday night.

Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson set May 16 as the tentative trial date.

Finson surrendered to a posse at Ordinance. He had hopped a freight train and it stopped there. Wayne Gardner, state police captain, said Finson, a parolee from the Washington state prison, admitted the shooting. He is held in the county jail. Rondeau was shot when he attempted to question Finson about six guns he had just stolen from two Hood River homes.

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP)—Another 7000 acres of Camp Adair is on sale.

Government agencies, state and local governments have priority on the land, with owners of the property at the time the war department took it over listed next. Tracts not sold to priority holders will be offered to veterans before the final day of the offering, July 28.

The Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, Spokane, said another 9000 acres will be offered May 10.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Where have you been, you... you dirty stay-out-all-day?"

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR 12 PAGES Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, April 29, 1947 Price 5c No. 28

300 Find Parking Tickets

Four Salem traffic policemen awarded drivers nearly 300 tickets Monday for overtime and double parking and a few for miscellaneous offenses. Only persons exempted from paying \$1 fine or bail for such minor offenses are those who can show proof that they were in a doctor's office or who have a policeman check and find that their receipt of the ticket was caused by faulty functioning of the meter.

A re-arrangement of working hours for Officers Charles Creasy, jr., Ellsworth Hewitt, Leland Weaver and Kenneth Seipp has eliminated a once-existing condition which left an hour from 5 to 6 p. m. when only one policeman was on duty for enforcement of parking regulation downtown.

Meanwhile two hundred dollars and a few odd cents in pennies alone were counted by the city treasurer's office Monday with the new counting machine which arrived from Portland Saturday.

Some difficulty was encountered with some mutilated coins and slugs, and counting of the nickels was postponed until today.

The complete shipment of 1,163 meters has arrived in Salem now, and all but 50 (over sidewalk vaults and basements and at bus stops) have been installed, City Manager J. L. Franzen said Monday.

Though the final meters were installed about one day after the April 25 deadline, the city manager said that the 25 cents per meter penalty would not be assessed, as the plane which transported the meters here was delayed by weather.

Morse Delays 'Push' on Vote For Labor Bill

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Senate opponents of writing more union restrictions in general labor legislation rallied their forces today for a long debate as Senator Ellender (D-La.) declared the bill as drafted would curb "the most obnoxious evils."

While the Louisiana urged his colleagues to reject proposed amendments to toughen the measure, Senator Morse (Ore.) jolted plans of the republican policy committee to push the bill to a final vote by the week's end.

Morse, a member of the senate labor committee, told the senate it ought to spend "some days" in debate to acquaint the American people with the hardships of administering labor legislation.

Morse also carried to the floor his fight to split the omnibus bill into four separate measures. He has contended that an omnibus bill would invite a veto by President Truman.

Boards Turn Down New School Plan

STAYTON, April 28 — At a special meeting here Monday night the Turner and Aumsville school boards voted against, and the Stayton school board voted for a location for the proposed new union high school to serve the three districts.

The location, 2 1/2 miles from downtown Stayton on the south road, would have served 450 students from this area, but because of the two negative school board votes will not be referred to the people for final action.

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor, said on his return from Europe today that his trip had convinced him "America should shun government ownership of essential industries just as she would some paralyzing plague."

Explaining he had observed varying degrees of a trend toward government ownership in the 16 countries he visited, Stassen said capitalism clearly could lead either to forms of government "if we concentrate on correcting some of the evils of capitalism by retaining its essential strength."

Farm Labor Supply Program Extended

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation extending until Dec. 31, 1947, the government's farm labor supply program, previously scheduled to expire June 30.

Under the program, the government bears costs of bringing foreign workers to this country.

RENT OFFICE TO CLOSE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28 (AP)—The rent enforcement division of the city of Portland will be closed here May 6 and cases handled by the Seattle branch of the office of temporary controls. Tenants may continue filing complaints to the Portland OTC office.

Reports



Secretary of State George C. Marshall, who gave the American people Tuesday night his report and opinion of the recent "big four" conference in Moscow.

Governors Plan To Fight Slash In Basin Funds

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 28 (AP)—Governor Wallgren today urged requested governors of 11 western states to meet in Seattle May 7 to organize a fight against interior department budget reductions.

Governors Snell of Oregon and Warren of California already have indicated they will attend, Wallgren said.

A bill which slashed 47 per cent from the department of interior's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 passed the house Friday.

Approximately 60 per cent of the total reduction was on bureau of reclamation requests, including elimination of \$16,000,000 for the Columbia Basin program.

"There is still the possibility of using our influence," Wallgren said today, "as the bill still has to pass the senate."

Asked whether he would work principally through the state's congressional delegation, Wallgren indicated a negative reply, adding:

"Two representatives from Washington state have talked about strongly supporting reclamation. They voted against returning the bill to committee, which might have resulted in some changes in our favor."

"The two representatives from Oregon voted in favor of the move."

Stassen Decries Federal Owing

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor, said on his return from Europe today that his trip had convinced him "America should shun government ownership of essential industries just as she would some paralyzing plague."

Explaining he had observed varying degrees of a trend toward government ownership in the 16 countries he visited, Stassen said capitalism clearly could lead either to forms of government "if we concentrate on correcting some of the evils of capitalism by retaining its essential strength."

TEAMSTER TALKS PROGRESS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28 (AP)—AFL teamsters and commercial truckers were reported to have made progress today in discussions of their dispute which has tied up hauling here for two weeks.

Weather

Max. Min. Precip. Salem 57 48 16 Portland 57 50 09 San Francisco 61 47 trace Chicago 63 39 50 New York 51 36 50

Willamette river 6 feet

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with occasional showers and little change in temperature. Highest tonight 60. Lowest tonight 41. Agricultural outlook: Occasional light showers accompanied by relatively strong winds will make effective dusting and spraying impossible today.

Palestine Question Hits U. N.

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—The Arabs opened a power drive tonight for full debate on the whole Palestine question in the first special session of the United Nations assembly.

Syria's Faris El Khoury declared after the assembly had completed its organization and selection of leaders that the 55 nations must hear everything about the Palestine issue before they can set up an inquiry group as asked by Britain.

He said most of the delegates were not fully informed on the issue and that it was necessary to have a free and complete debate.

This demand almost certainly will be opposed by the United States and Great Britain. Both have insisted this session must be confined to the mechanics of setting up an inquiry committee.

The firework will pop at the initial meeting of the general (steering) committee scheduled for 7 a. m. (PST) tomorrow at the assembly's headquarters in Flushing Meadows.

Other U. N. developments: The military staff committee completed its report to the security council, with the members reportedly still in disagreement on major sections of that long-awaited document.

The security council arranged to meet Wednesday with the topic likely to be Hungary's letter asking admission to the United Nations.

The assembly named Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, former foreign minister of Brazil, as its president. He received 45 votes of 54 cast on the first secret ballot.

Tax Collecting Plan Prepared For Cigarets

Plans for collecting the two-cent per package cigarette tax, although it does not become operative until July 5, already are in progress by the state tax commission, officials announced Monday.

The tax was imposed by an act of the recent legislative session. Administration will be in charge of Commissioner Carl Chambers, head of the assessment division of the commission.

The cigarette tax bill covers a period of only two years and would be repealed in case the 3 per cent sales tax is approved by the voters at the special election.

Chambers said the commission would print tax stamps which will be affixed to each package of cigarettes by wholesalers. Wholesalers will be allowed 3 per cent of the face value of the stamps to compensate them for placing the stamps on the packages.

One problem facing the commission, Chambers said, is to supply stamps to retailers who obtain their cigarettes from wholesalers located outside of the state.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 (AP)—Northern California was searched in vain today for Frank R. Wallrath, former paratrooper and army deserter who escaped early Sunday from an army psychiatric ward, and for the young orderly Wallrath and his three companions took with them as a hostage.

The three other escapees were caught last night, all with 100 miles of San Francisco.

YOUTHFUL PAROLEE 'JAILS' FIVE OFFICERS; ESCAPE TRY FAILS

EUGENE, April 28 (AP)—A 17-year-old boy turned the tables on five policemen and held them in the Lane county jail here today for nearly two hours.

He was Herbert L. Higgins, who later was caught as he tried to flee the city. He was placed in a cell in the same jail where earlier he held the police.

On parole from the state training school at Woodburn, Higgins first was arrested by a city patrolman while riding a motor scooter reported stolen last week. Taken to the county jail, he grabbed a gun from his pocket

U. N. Session Lacks Glamor

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—The extraordinary session of the United Nations assembly opened today without glamor or incidents.

Many of the big boys weren't here at Flushing Meadows, and the crowd was quick to sense it.

Assembly fans expected a better show after gapping at Molotov, Vishinsky, Bevin and Byrnes at the last "world parliament" in the fall of '46.

Most of the 55 member nations dispatched their ambassadors or ministers from Washington. But there were two princes on hand—H. R. H. Amir Faisal Al Saud of Saudi Arabia and H. R. H. Wan Waihayakon of Siam.

Rate Increases Asked on State Telephone Call

Permission to increase statewide telephone rates for the first time in 25 years was requested Monday by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., in a petition to the state public utilities commission.

Salem's increase in the proposed new schedule would range between 10 and 25 per cent in principal business and residential classifications of telephone service, somewhat higher than Portland area increases. In one of the 11 categories of service of the Salem exchange—suburban business service—a decrease in rate from \$3.75 to \$3.50 per month is proposed.

A P. T. & T. statement to the press made no reference to the telephone strike that was three weeks old Monday, but asserted that "our problem is that pre-war prices are not enough to meet post-war costs."

Receipt of the telephone company petition was acknowledged by Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg, who said no disposition of the request was made immediately. It is expected that hearings on the rate proposals may be held within the next month.

Besides general increases in most services offered by local exchanges, an overall change in long distance rates and procedure is proposed, including slightly reduced long distance tolls to more distant points in the state.

Initial talking period would be reduced from five to three minutes on 15-, 20- and 25-cent long distance calls, and reported charges would be eliminated. Reduction of 10 and 15 per cent in calls to Pendleton, LaGrande, Huntington and similar points would result from the new rate schedule, the company stated.

(Additional details on page 2)

Firemen Fight Cannery Blaze

Two pumps of 1,500-gallon water capacity and a salvage truck battled 2 1/2 hours to the finish of a blaze at the Blue Lake Cooperative cannery in West Salem that caused several thousand dollars damage between 4:45 and 7:15 a. m. Sunday. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

W. E. Ayres, production manager, said most of the damage was to the roof and ammonia pipe insulation, with some water damage. The plant was to be in operation today processing potatoes.

Fire Chief W. P. Roble commended the firemen's work in stopping the fire. He said all the blaze was inside the building except where holes were cut during the fire fighting.

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—The nation's capital laid out its biggest and brightest welcome today for President Miguel Aleman of Mexico.

Aleman is scheduled to arrive at 1 p. m. (PST) tomorrow, aboard President Truman's private plane, the "Sacred Cow." It is a good will visit primarily, but it might result in a loan to aid Mexico's postwar industrialization.

Secretary Hits Red Demands

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Premier Stalin told Secretary Marshall that compromises are possible on the great issues splitting the wartime allies, Marshall revealed tonight.

But the American secretary of state, just back from the Moscow conference which bogged down in disagreement on all main points, warned in a radio report to the nation that the fate of Europe cannot wait on "compromise through exhaustion."

"Disintegrating forces are becoming evident," he said. "The patient is sinking while the doctors deliberate."

Action Soon Is Essential

Without becoming specific, he said: "Whatever action is possible to meet these pressing problems must be taken without delay."

Marshall reviewed the bitter disagreements between Russia and the other allies at the Moscow conference, which was called to draft a peace treaty for Austria and to make a start on writing a blueprint for Germany's peacetime future.

The secretary declared Russia's proposal for a centralized German government and heavy reparations would have resulted "in a deteriorating economic life in Germany and Europe and the inevitable emergence of dictatorship and strife."

He also accused the soviets of "propaganda appeals to passion and prejudice."

Some Progress Made

But he said that some progress was made and "future negotiations can start with a knowledge of exactly what the issues are that must be settled."

Marshall advised that "we must not compromise on great principles in order to achieve agreement for agreement's sake."

But also, he said, "we must sincerely try to understand the point of view of those with whom we differ."

Marshall wound up his report with the advice that "the state of the world today and the position of the United States make mandatory, in my opinion, a unity of action on the part of the American people."

Albany to Keep Mines Station

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28 (AP)—A move to abandon the U. S. bureau of mines experiment station at Albany, Ore., has been halted by Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.).

During discussions on appropriation cuts for experiment stations some members of the subcommittee wanted to abandon the Albany plant, where zirconium experiments are being conducted. The committee cut appropriations for such stations throughout the country a million dollars to \$600,000.

At Stockman's insistence all stations will be retained but will operate on a greatly reduced basis and "only the most important and promising portions" of the program will be continued.

President of Mexico Due in Capital Today

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—The nation's capital laid out its biggest and brightest welcome today for President Miguel Aleman of Mexico.

Aleman is scheduled to arrive at 1 p. m. (PST) tomorrow, aboard President Truman's private plane, the "Sacred Cow." It is a good will visit primarily, but it might result in a loan to aid Mexico's postwar industrialization.

Business Buildings Destroyed

By Mrs. J. A. Wright

DETROIT, Ore., April 28—A spectacular fire wiped out a cluster of business buildings on the south side of the North Santiam highway here early today for a loss estimated upwards of \$75,000.

Only the absence of wind and the arrival of U. S. Forest Service firefighting equipment prevented the flames from spreading to other business structures and to heavily wooded areas but a few hundred yards away.

Sleepers Escape Flames

No one was injured but Mrs. F. L. Noble and her sister, Mrs. O. Ehler of Hollywood, Calif., occupying the former's sleeping quarters above the Detroit Food Market, were awakened barely in time to escape the flames.

The fire, of undetermined origin, started about 2:15 a. m. in the Mir bakery, which opened only a week ago. The partially-completed theatre building being constructed by Frank Wilson. It spread to the market, owned and operated by Mrs. Noble and Raymond Sophie, and to Baldwin's Dry Goods store.

Materials, Tools Lost

The buildings were counted a total loss. Wilson estimated his loss at \$15,000, including construction materials at the site. Destroyed in the bakery was valuable new material, and all tools with the exception of a lathe were lost in Howard Baldwin's workshop at the rear of the dry goods store. Valuable papers and some clothing were removed intact.

The buildings destroyed constituted nearly a third of the town's business district, the rest of which escaped damage, with the exception of the beer parlor and gasoline station across the street from the fire. The latter buildings were slightly scorched. The forest service threw water on nearby structures to prevent their burning.

Nearly all of Detroit's estimated population of 400 turned out to watch the early-morning flames.

Price Cutting Spreads; Many Products Down

By the Associated Press

The Multnomah merchants' program of 10 per cent price cuts on most merchandise was still packing in the buyers Monday and there were reports from other Oregon communities that the idea was spreading.

In Portland, Gill's store advertised a "President Truman sale" and Compton's downtown cafe and a suburban grocer posted 10 per cent reductions of all prices.

The Hartman Hardware company at Tigard, the Multnomah store at Donald, Ore., and the Penner's grocery store at Mt. Angel, announced similar general reductions.

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—Declines in spot commodity prices highlighted the nation's cost of living picture today.

Declines were reported in steel scrap, butter, flour, cocoa, coffee, turpentine, lard, rye, cotton, corn, copra, tallow and grease.

The Associated Press index of the price of 35 commodities, based on 1926 prices as 100, dropped to 171.59 today, 12.75 below the year's high of 184.32 March 25. The year's low was 164.05 Jan. 25.

Declining prices in the food commodities might show up in retail stores within a few days to a few weeks, if the trend remains downward.

Wallace Jokes Off Politics

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace roared with laughter today at a suggestion that President Truman anticipates his support in 1948 and declared "it's too early to say about that."

Asked whether he plans to join with Senator Pepper (D-R.I.) to head a third party in the presidential election, he said that "we'll make a rendezvous next March to see about that. I still hope the democratic party will become the liberal party. If not, there will have to be some steps taken—no doubt about that."

And as to his own political ambitions, if any, he said that "the only question of my running for office would be to benefit peace in the world, and if it would do that I would run as hard as I could."

Silverson, Aumsville Construction Sought

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP)—Charles A. Hoyt, Silverson, applied to the Oregon district construction review committee today for authority to construct a \$18,000 warhouse at Silverton. Other applications: Mary B. Woodcock, one-story hardware store and restaurant, \$31,000, Aumsville.