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Union Leader to Propose 'March On Washington'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15-(AP)—Joseph Curran, head of the CIO National Maritime union, said today that "a national work stoppage for a period of time, a mass visit upon Washington" might be utilized by organized labor in manifesting opposition to pending legislation.

Curran, whose union got together at a strategy session here with Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union for the first time since

those two leaders split over maritime policies, made his comment in an interview after the initial meeting.

The NMU, ILWU and three other CIO maritime unions had just completed formation of a committee for the national CIO council on pending labor legislation.

"The committee will probably urge consideration of a policy under which all labor—CIO, AFL and independent—would be called together to consider drastic action," Curran said.

Bridges, whose split resulted in disintegration of the CIO sponsored-committee for maritime unity, was in Portland, Ore., today with other high ILWU officials for a strategy conference, but was expected to fly here to take part in the five-day session.

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Equipment Ready To Fight Oil Fires

Equipment to fight oil and gasoline fires with foam is now in use by the Salem fire department, Chief W. P. Roble announces. This is necessary for effective work against such fires, as water cannot penetrate petroleum film.

Two special nozzle attachments are necessary to make 17½ gallons of foam from each gallon of chemical and water mixture. The foam bubbles of carbon dioxide gas, will lay a blanket several inches thick over an oil fire and thus smother it.

'Neutral' Palestine Board Set

NEW YORK, May 15-(AP)—The United Nations assembly today created a small-nation, "neutral" commission to make an unrestricted inquiry into the complex problems of Palestine and report back in the fall with recommendations for solution.

The extraordinary assembly of the 55 nations then adjourned finally at 1:57 p.m. (EDT) after 18 days of deliberations.

U.N. officials immediately announced that the 11-nation inquiry commission would meet May 26 at Lake Success preparatory to flying to Palestine to begin its investigations on the spot.

The Arab big countries balked against the assembly decision to the end.

The final vote formally setting up and instructing the commission was 46 to 7, with Siam abstaining and Haiti absent. Only Turkey and Afghanistan joined the Arab states—Saudi Arabia, Syria, Legan, Egypt and Iraq—in a final dissent.

In the closing hours, the Soviet Union gave up its long fight to force the Big Five to serve on the inquiry commission and mildly abstained on the section of the resolution naming Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, India, Iran, The Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

The Arabs' opposition to the inquiry commission centered on the assembly's rejection of their demands to instruct the group specifically to consider independence for the holy land.

U.S. delegate Warren R. Austin said at the close that he was "very optimistic" and that the assembly action showed that "the U.N. is workable."

House Hacks at Cabinet Funds

WASHINGTON, May 15-(AP)—The house took some more lusty swings at President Truman's budget requests today, passing an appropriation bill which calls for a 32 per cent cut in his estimates for the commerce department.

Also, it carries a 22 per cent cut for the state department below Mr. Truman's requests and a 20 per cent cut for expenses of the federal judiciary. The justice department got off with a 2.7 per cent nick.

In passing the \$538,976,392 measure, the house upset its appropriations committee in only one item, when it restored \$4,984,484 for operation of air traffic control towers at 151 airports in as many cities throughout the country.

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Solution to Lack Of Parking Spaces

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., May 15-(AP)—Red-faced municipal and police officials tried without success to explain to irate motorists today how to fit seven-foot wide automobiles into six and one half feet wide parking spaces.

During the night a village street crew busily painted new parking area lines. When dawn came, law-abiding but baffled motorists found the designated spaces wide enough only for jeeps and motorcycles.

Village officials placed a rush order for black paint to obliterate the new white lines.

Lewis Cancels Industry-Wide Talk Demands

WASHINGTON, May 15-(AP)—The deadlock over industry-wide bargaining in the soft coal industry was broken today when John L. Lewis agreed to bargain with a group representing 75 per cent of the soft coal tonnage mined by the United Mine Workers.

This development came as no great surprise despite the union's previous insistence on national bargaining. It means that real bargaining over the terms of a new contract will begin tomorrow for the first time since Lewis signed his agreement with the government last May 29.

It was a long step forward, and Navy Captain N. H. Collinson, federal coal mines administrator, said "I think it's grand." Much still remains to be done if a coal strike is to be avoided after June 30, the date when the government must restore to private ownership three soft coal mines it seized a year ago.

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The statement also said "the fact that each operator must pay \$25 per month license would indicate that such evasion (of the law) is anticipated by those financially interested, as revenue from those merely seeking amusement would not be sufficiently large."

Five aldermen, constituting a majority of the city council, introduced the ordinance bill at last week's council meeting. It comes up for third reading next Wednesday at a regular council meeting.

Romney Guilty On 3 Charges

WASHINGTON, May 15-(AP)—Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms for the house of representatives, was convicted in federal court today of concealing for two decades a \$143,863 shortage in his office account.

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3 Perish as Jail Collapses

ELKO, Nev., May 15-(AP)—Twenty prisoners from the city jail got into the ruins of an apartment-business building to ascertain if more than three persons were killed when the two-story brick structure collapsed early today and its roof slid into an adjacent excavation.

It was believed, however, that four persons, including four injured, were accounted for.

Belief that the adjacent excavation had weakened the building's foundation was expressed by Chris Sheerin, editor of the Elko Free Press.

Death Visits Birds In Two-Block Area

OAKLAND, Calif., May 15-(AP)—Dead birds in uncounted numbers toppled from bushes and trees within a two-block distance on Thirty-sixth avenue here last night. Eighteen canaries died in their cages.

A 15-year-old girl complained of a headache and faintness. The cause remained a mystery today.

Oakland police and the health department, University of California scientists, and the Pacific Gas & Electric company cooperated in an investigation. No trace of a gas leakage was found.

Property Owners Reminded to Cut Weeds, Grass Now

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Budget Voted by School Board Exceeds 6% Limit by \$273,350

By Winston H. Taylor Staff Writer, The Statesman

A 1947-48 budget of \$1,633,814, outside of bond needs, was adopted Thursday night by Salem school district's budget committee. The program calls for an estimated tax levy of 28.6 mills or \$700,999, of which voters must ballot on \$273,350.66, the amount outside the 6-per cent limitation.

The vote will be taken at the regular school election June 16. Salem's total levy of 31.4 mills, including bond expenses, up from 25.1 mills for the present year. This is not due to consolidation, members emphasized, but to increased expenses which are being experienced everywhere. The rural area schools added to the Salem district will receive added services and smaller pupil loads in most instances. Some of the former districts had lower and some higher levies than that adopted.

The budget is increased by \$477,859.72 from those of the combined district for the present school year, almost half of the boost being due to salary scheduling which adds \$205,495, average approximately \$750 per teacher.

New employes required add \$98,887.50; supplies \$62,597.22; capital outlays \$136,135, while the emergency fund has been lowered \$25,000.

The general fund budget is augmented by bond fund requirements for three of the districts which now form the consolidated Salem district, and which must continue the bond levies separately. The levies required for this purpose are as follows: Salem, retiring \$50,000 per year, 2.8 mills or \$58,747.50; Liberty, retiring \$1,000, 3.3 mills or \$1,147.50; Swegle, retiring \$1,000, 4 mills or \$1,192.50. Without addition of new issues, the district's bonded indebtedness of \$209,000 would be retired by August 1, 1951.

Supt. Frank B. Bennett told the committee the budget is based on an estimated registration next year of 6,716, including 3,175 elementary, 1,741 junior high and 1,800 senior high school. In view of steady city expansion, he declared the estimates were "on the conservative side." The program calls for 109 elementary teachers. More were said to be needed, but the system lacks sufficient rooms for additional classes. He described the problem of distribution of pupils which was devised to avoid costly building projects this year.

Strikers Vote Salem telephone workers are shown casting their ballots in Thursday's vote of acceptance, 143-4, of a compromise contract between their union and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Left to right are: L. W. Novotny 455 Richmond st., R. Ritchey, route 5, Dalton Fork, Independence, Orville Welsh, Salem, Don K. Crenshaw, union committee chairman, and Lynn Heise, balloting committee member. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

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WU Student Editors Named

Five editors for student publications next years at Willamette university were named Thursday by the publications board of student and faculty members. Two Salem students were named. Warren James, will head the Collegian campus weekly, and Wallulah, yearbook staffs, respectively. James Brennan, Salem, will edit the student handbook of by-laws and Richard Page, Salem, will edit the Fusers telephone guide, both of which are published in the fall. Ray Loter, Portland, has been named publications manager.

Snell Asks Indian School's Retention; Leaves for Home

WASHINGTON, May 15-(AP)—Governor Earl Snell left tonight for Oregon after three days of testifying before the senate subcommittee on interior department appropriations, conferring with government departments and with Oregon's congressional delegation.

Snell said he had urged the Indian bureau to retain the Chemawa Indian school at Salem but told reporters he was not at liberty to discuss details.

He added he also had discussed with Sens. Cordon and Morse plans for persuading the veteran administration to take over Camp White near Medford as a veterans hospital.

Gov. Snell is expected to arrive in Portland tomorrow.

Our Senators Won 6-3

Members of the school board comprise the committee, in addition to E. J. Seclairs, G. H. Grabenhorst, Edward Majeak, W. J. Entress and W. L. Phillips. Phillips was absent due to business out of town. (Additional board business page 2)

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

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