

## Learning of Aids for Handicapped Children



## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

A decision of great importance to California was rendered Monday. The supreme court held by a vote of six to two that the federal government holds unrestricted title to lands along the seashore from the low water mark seaward for a distance of three miles. Title to these lands had been claimed by California and leases granted to oil companies for operations offshore and substantial royalties collected from oil production. Now California stands to lose these royalties.

Beyond the three-mile limit the federal government previously had asserted title to the 20-mile limit, which was not disputed by the state. The high seas remain international in character.

This case on the California offshore oil lands had important repercussions in politics. Secretary Ickes testified that Edwin Pauley, treasurer of the democratic national committee, tried to hold up the suit on the plea that he could get campaign contributions from oil men. Ickes testimony killed Pauley's chance for appointment as under secretary of the navy, but it also resulted in his own ouster from the cabinet.

So far as is known the decision has little effect in Oregon because no oil has been discovered off our shores. The state has exercised sovereignty over the beaches above the low water mark, but this does not appear to be disturbed. Structures built out into the ocean may now require government approval, but few or none of these are located along the Oregon coast. Presumably the vesting of title to offshore lands does not affect title to lands under the waters of bays and estuaries. If it does, then a lot of trouble will be caused to owners of docks and wharves. These facilities are necessary to commerce, however, and the federal government probably would be as lenient a landlord as any other unit of government.

It may be expected that a fresh drive will be made to obtain legislation divesting the government of title to offshore lands and giving it to the states. Such a bill was vetoed by the president last year. In view of the growing importance of petroleum, congress may be less ready to transfer oil-bearing lands out of its jurisdiction. Conservation for national purposes makes federal proprietorship more desirable.

**All Lamb New Lions District Governor**

All Lamb of West Salem was elected district governor of the Lions clubs at the annual state meeting in Eugene, which ended its third and last day's session Tuesday. Harry W. Scott, Salem, was appointed to his ninth consecutive term as secretary.

**Animal Crackers**  
By WARREN GOODRICH

Classwork began for the Willamette university summer session Tuesday, with enrollment standing at the all-time high of 205 students, as four later-registering students arrived yesterday.

Events on this week's social calendar include a reception Thursday evening for summer school faculty members at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson.

First student event will be a barn dance Friday night in the campus gymnasium. Prof. Lestle Sparks and physical education classes will be in charge, with music by the Mitchell orchestra, and J. Burton (Pop) Cray as caller.

**205 Enroll at WU Summer Session**

**FIRES RAGE IN CANADA**  
TORONTO, June 24—(AP)—More than 26,000 acres of northern Ontario bushland, much of it valuable pulpwood, have been burned over by fires, it was estimated today as 1000 weary fire-fighters fought to bring under control at least six major blazes.

**Beauty Contest Judges Chosen**

Judges for Salem's Miss America contest, entry deadline for which is June 30, were announced Tuesday by Dave Hoss, general chairman of the Capital post, American Legion—Chamber of Commerce sponsored competition.

The four judges to decide on the choice to represent Salem in the Miss Oregon contest at Seaside are Mrs. Josephine Albert Spalding, Mrs. Reginald Williams, Mayor R. L. Elfstrom and Frank Neer. Hoss pointed out that registration for the contest may be made at the Salem Chamber of Commerce until June 30. The winner will be announced at the legion's Fourth of July celebration at the Fairgrounds.

**Special Tax Levies Lead in Portland Vote**

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24—(AP)—Returns from 100 of Multnomah county's 504 precincts tonight gave overwhelming leads for passage of two special tax levies.

One for a special \$1,912,500 public welfare levy was meeting approval, 4,012 to 2,768. The other, voted on by property owners in school district No. 1, for a \$750,000 school levy, held a 3,799 to 1,678 margin.

**'To Save Fat or Not to Save Fat' Housewives Dilemma Unsolved**

By Conrad Prange  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Salem's used-fat salvage campaign has been taking some queer twists lately, according to local markets and commercial dealers in fat Monday.

Although most markets are continuing to buy used fats from Salem housewives, many complain of the problem of disposing of the fat stuff after they get it. A local firm which gathers most of Salem's used fat and purifies, settles and barrels it, offers the same complaint. The firm gathers about 1500 pounds of fat here per week.

The theme of many unofficial sources close to the fat salvage business is that "if there is a critical need for used fats, the fat salvage businesses have a peculiar way of showing it."

One Salem rendering firm which gathers practically all of the city's salvaged kitchen lard, indicated that the market now for used fats is poor and "quite small." They find themselves up against a hard obstacle because the soap companies and soap brokers—the only ones who buy up the fat—have decreased their purchases.

The price of used fat on the open market to wholesalers has dropped in the past three months from 28 cents per pound to about 8 cents. Local meat markets pay housewives from 5 to 10 cents per

pound for the used fat and turn it over to the rendering firm for practically the same amount—with the profit next to nil, they say.

Some markets said Monday that they simply were not buying up used fat because of the disposal problem. Others said they were buying it only as a favor to customers and several stated they were still buying up all fats brought in and were having no trouble disposing of it. Weekly fat intake at these last markets averaged from 40 to 60 pounds per week.

One market said that buying up housewives' used fat is turning into quite a headache. The market accumulates the fat, then can't dispose of it.

However, the American Fat Salvage Committee, Inc., of New York, conducting a program in cooperation with the department of agriculture continues to urge housewives to save used fats. According to the agriculture department, the supply of industrial fats and oils in the nation is expected to continue to be less than the demand.

"In view of the known facts, it seems necessary to ask housewives to continue their efforts to save used fats during the months ahead," the salvage committee advises.

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## Tax Cut Back in Congress

WASHINGTON, June 23—(AP)—The tax issue exploded again on Capitol Hill today as house ways and means Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) reintroduced the vetoed \$4,000,000,000 tax slashing bill.

It contains only one change—to make the cut effective next January 1 instead of July 1.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) told newsmen the measure will be taken up "at the first favorable opportunity."

Asked if this meant action before congress adjourns in July, he said, "we certainly are not closing the door to that." Martin said that since President Truman's tax veto was sustained last Tuesday "a lot of democrats who voted to sustain have come to me and said they were sorry—that they have changed their minds. We are sure now that we have the two thirds in the house. The tax cut is entirely up to the senate."

The house sustained President Truman's veto last Tuesday by a narrow margin of only two votes.

## First Aid Car Drive Reaches Successful End

Enough money to purchase the new first aid car for Salem has been collected, the fund-raising committee of the Salem Trades and Labor council reported at Tuesday night's meeting.

The council's \$5,700 will fully cover costs of the car except for some extra equipment which the city has agreed to purchase.

City Manager J. L. Franzen ordered the car several weeks ago, but no delivery date has been promised. It will be turned over to the labor unions upon its arrival here who will, in turn, officially present it to the city to replace the present emergency vehicle. The old car was bought new in 1937 and was not especially made for its use, as is the new one.

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## Taft Says Bill Insufficient to Meet Mines Crisis; 175,000 Leave Pits

## Bridges Splits CIO Coalition

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24—(AP)—Harry Bridges today pulled his CIO longshoremen out of the CIO maritime committee—a group in which he had shared control with his bitter rival, Joseph Curran of the east coast's National Maritime union.

Hugh Bryson, head of the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, followed suit.

Oliver Treadway, port agent for the American communications commission, said that CIO union also would withdraw. Such an eventuality would leave only Curran's National Maritime union and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association.

The CIO Maritime committee mapped the strategy for the recently concluded negotiations on both coasts with the shipowners.

Bridges' headquarters would make no comment on today's developments other than to confirm the withdrawal and of plans to set up legislative headquarters for the longshoremen and the cooks in Washington. Rumors were current that he intends to set up a new "CMU" on the west coast.

After last year's prolonged maritime strike, Curran had accused Bridges of trying to dominate the CIO.

## U.S. Tankers Transport Oil In Soviet Guise

WASHINGTON, June 24—(AP)—The groundwork for an inquiry into oil shipments to Russia was laid today with a report by the house merchant marine committee.

American tankers flying the soviet flag.

Chairman Weichel (R-Ohio) informed the house that petroleum products being sent to Russia are being provided "by a well known petroleum company in Los Angeles."

He said the ships transporting them are lend-lease tankers for which Russia has failed to pay and which she has refused to return. Weichel asked:

"By what kind of reasoning is this government giving away hundreds of millions of dollars supposedly to preserve the American way of life and at the same time government-owned tankers are carrying gasoline and petroleum products to foster and expand the Russian philosophy of government?"

Czechoslovakia also had asked and been given additional information and the British disclosed that Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland and Italy had taken similar steps to interest themselves in the project.

## Captor Confesses Abducting 'Miss X', Denies Beating

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 24—(AP)—Tiny "Miss X"—the blonde found brutally beaten in Weed, Calif., June 15—was identified tonight as Mary Jane Medlin, 25, Selma, Ore., and Sgt. C. R. Borgman of the state police said he had arrested a man who admitted abandoning her there.

He said the man was Hugh Gilreath, 25, Selma, a sawmill worker who came to Oregon last year from Jelliot, Tenn.

Borgman said Gilreath told him he took the child to Weed on a bus early in the morning of June 15 and left her in a parked automobile. He denied beating her.

Borgman said the child is in a Yreka, Calif., hospital recuperating from chickenpox.

## Non-High School Budget Accepted

Marion county's non-high school district budget of \$134,688 was accepted at the board meeting Tuesday. It is within the 6 per cent limitation and, in accordance with the law establishing the non-union high school districts, a taxpayers meeting was not deemed to be necessary.

Canvass of the vote for three new directors June 16 was made by the board of which Ernest Werner is chairman and Karl Wipper, vice chairman. The canvass showed Wipper reelected by zone 3 for the five-year term; John Plas of Crooked Finger elected for zone 4 for the term expiring in 1951; Bert Bradley was elected by zone 5 for the term expiring in 1949.

First meeting of the new board will be held in July.

## Eisenhower to Become Columbia U. President

WASHINGTON, June 24—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man who led victorious allied armies in Europe during World War II, disclosed today that he has accepted the presidency of Columbia university in New York effective next year.

He succeeds Nicholas Murray Butler, who returned in 1945 and is now Columbia's president emeritus.

## Russ Comment Negative on Marshall Plan

LONDON, June 25—(AP)—Pravda, the communist party newspaper in Moscow, said today that no self-respecting European nation could accept the Marshall aid Europe proposals if it accepted American interference in its internal affairs.

In the first Soviet comment on the European economic reconstruction program since Russia agreed to discuss it with Britain and France in Paris Friday, the newspaper declared in an article broadcast by the Moscow radio:

"If the authors of this plan listened to the counsels of some excessively middle-class American reactionaries and put forward for European countries conditions which put the life of the European nation which respects itself could agree."

"Such aid would mean in fact interference in the internal affairs of European states and in infringement of their sovereignty, with which not a single European nation which respects itself could agree."

LONDON, June 24—(AP)—The British foreign office rushed preparations tonight for the three-power Paris conference on U. S. Secretary of State Marshall's "save Europe" economic plan, and the vanguard of the Russian delegation arrived in the French capital.

The Polish ambassador to the United States, Jozef Winiewicz, announced in Washington his country's willingness to participate in discussions of the plan, and thus became the first eastern European country to follow the lead of Russia.

Czechoslovakia also had asked and been given additional information and the British disclosed that Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland and Italy had taken similar steps to interest themselves in the project.

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**Weather**

Max	Min	Precip	
Salem	85	54	40
Portland	82	51	40
San Francisco	80	51	40
Chicago	80	58	40
New York	80	53	120

Willamette river - 9 feet  
FORECAST (from 7 a. m. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and Thursday with morning clouds. Cooler in the west today over the state Thursday. Highest temperature today 75. Lowest tonight 50. No marked change in favorable farm work weather through Friday.

**MINT ACREAGE HIGH**

CORVALLIS, June 24—(AP)—Oregon's peppermint acreage is up this year and at 18,500 acres is some three times the 1938-1945 average, the Oregon State college extension service reported today.

that figure considerably higher. Meanwhile warnings went out to new areas.

Residents in low-lying areas of Des Moines were warned the Des Moines river would rise to higher levels than in 1944 and inundate parts of the Iowa capital city.

The weather bureau issued a warning to residents along the Platte river from North Bend, Neb., to the river mouth—a stretch of more than 50 miles. The bureau said there was a possibility of rains up to three inches in Nebraska Thursday or Friday.

Such rains, with the sodden ground unable to absorb them, could cause new inundation.

In southeast Nebraska at Rulo the Missouri river boiled up toward an expected new record level.

Missouri battled to strengthen water-weakened levees against the crests coming down "Big Muddy." Col. W. E. Potter, Kansas City district army engineer, said nearly 250,000 acres was under water between Rulo, the Rulo and St. Louis and that the figure probably will rise to 338,000 before a crest expected Thursday.

**Floodwaters Spread Out Over Thousands of Midwest Farms**

OMAHA, June 24—(AP)—Crop and property damage mounted today as Midwest floods, which already have taken a toll of at least 16 lives, spread out over thousands of acres of corn and wheat and washed out railroad lines and highways.

The same flood crests which bore down on new communities were cutting heavily into crop prospects previously described by the agriculture department as bumper.

More rain swept over the Iowa-Nebraska area tonight, adding to the already existing threats of new floods, and making reconstruction work difficult.

The rain ranged up to four inches in northeastern Nebraska but for the most part were much lighter.

Adel, Ia., was flooded when the Raccoon river spilled over its banks, and residents were forced to move to upper stories.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, the army's Missouri river division engineer, said "up to the current floods our preliminary estimate of flood damage in the Missouri basin this year was about \$60,000,000. These floods will boost

## FBI Eyes Source of Shutdown

WASHINGTON, June 24—(AP)—Government officials reported tonight the justice department is investigating the sudden walkout of at least 175,000 soft coal miners to determine whether an injunction could be slipped on John L. Lewis and his union.

Also, the National Coal association said that a full-scale national strike seems to be developing, apparently in "a clear violation of the Taft-Hartley law."

The bituminous coal pits will be under government operation until June 30 and the supreme court's decision of last March left the way open for another injunction against the miners' leader and United Mine Workers if the federal contract is broken by a strike.

**Investigating Walkout**

The federal officials, who asked not to be identified, said the justice department attorneys were looking into the current walkouts to find out whether the miners were idle of their "own volition" or under coaching from Lewis or other union leaders.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said of the coal association's "violation" report that he can see no present violation of the Taft-Hartley law. He said it isn't violated until there has been an injunction against walking out.

The only thing the miners now might be accused of violating, Taft said, is their contract with the government to work until June 30.

Smith said the Taft-Hartley provisions, including provisions for 60-day injunctions to still "national emergency" strikes, is insufficient to meet the situation of a coal strike. "They could stop it only for a comparatively short time," he said.

In addition to the miners, shipbuilders, livestock handlers and other union members over the country were reported leaving work here and there. They were bitter at losing their long fight against the bill.

**Standard Oil Firm Rations Gas in Midwest**

CHICAGO, June 24—(AP)—A shortage of gasoline in the face of growing demand today forced Standard Oil company (Indiana) to allocate its output during June, July and August in 12 of the 15 states it serves, the company announced.

The allocation system, which will amount to approximately a 15 per cent cut in the company's distribution to station operators, who will in turn limit their customers, is the first consumer restriction of its kind since gasoline rationing ended in August, 1945.

The company said it could deliver supplies this summer approximately equal to those delivered a year ago. However, current demand is about 15 per cent above last year, it added.

The shortage was attributed to inadequate pipeline and refinery capacity rather than any shortage of crude oil.

States covered by the allocation plan are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

West coast and southern refineries reported ample supplies of gasoline.

**Summer Heat Covers Valley**

Summer temperatures Tuesday brought Salem thermometers to 87 degrees, the highest this month and only slightly above the mean for the season. The farm inland weather is predicted to continue today, with some lower temperatures Thursday, the weather bureau said.

Only the coast, where the temperatures ranged in the 60s, was cool Tuesday. Medford recorded a high of 82, Pendleton's top was 90. Eugene and Salem each recorded 87.

## July 5 Designated Legal State Holiday

Official proclamation designating Saturday, July 5, a legal holiday in Oregon, was issued by Gov. Earl Sniell Tuesday.

The governor stressed that July 4 falls on Friday and that such a combination of events strongly suggests the designation of the following day as a legal holiday.

The proclamation is applicable to the courts, public offices, banks and such other agencies as are specifically affected by statutory closing requirements as a legal holiday.

Governor Sniell urged that the flag be flown and displayed on both Friday and Saturday.

**Our Senators**

Lost 7-4