

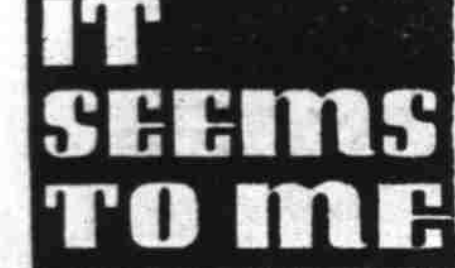
# MISSISSIPPI CRUMBLES FOUR MORE LEVELS

## FRENCH STAVE OFF BIG 3 MEET COLLAPSE

### Sec. Marshall Assails Soviet Charges of Dollar Imperialism

PARIS, July 1.—(AP)—France gave the three-power foreign ministers conference a 24-hour reprieve late today by offering a last-minute compromise proposal on European recovery which averted for the moment, at least, a collapse of the negotiations.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said the new offer represented France's final position in the three-power efforts to implement the aid-Europe plan of 7. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall.



By Charles A. Sprague

It is rather difficult to reconcile the action of the city council in ousting taxicabs from parking space on downtown streets and the proposal of the city manager to allocate a whole city manager's office to a new and costly structure, with use of the parking space adjacent for a depot. Each outfit furnishes transportation to urban customers, and each has long operated through or out of the business district.

This column is still strongly opposed to converting High Street in front of the court house for a bus terminal. It offends public taste by screening the front of one of the most important public buildings in town, one which within a few years will be replaced by a new and costly structure. The county court is definitely opposed to the plan and people in the country, according to reports reaching this writer, back up the county court. The city government ought not to give affront to the county, even though the city may possess full legal authority over the streets.

There is another valid objection to the plan and that is the convenience of bus patrons. Stopping and starting on High Street would mean that the majority of bus patrons would have to walk several blocks on leaving the bus or to reach the bus, where now they walk only a block or so.

It seems to me more practical for the buses to continue to cruise through the business district, just as the street buses do in Portland. They may be permitted to continue to use parking space at corners, and interchange of passengers could still be made with very short walks.

Of course there are objections to any plan, but the above would appear to serve both the company and the patrons and not give long blocks of parking space as at present, or as is proposed for High Street; and would avoid building a permanent structure, at best unsightly, in front of the courthouse.

### June Wettest In Ten Years

The U. S. McNary field weather bureau figures for the month of June show 3.60 inches of rain during the month, the most June rainfall recorded since June, 1937, when 4.61 inches of rain fell.

The rainfall was 2.39 inches above the expected normal of 1.21 inches, with the greatest fall of .65 inches recorded on June 7. The heavy fall brings the year's rainfall total to 17.97 inches, the weather bureau said.

June temperatures were slightly below the expected 61.8 degree mean temperature of former year averages, with a June mean recorded at 60.5 degrees. Average maximum temperature for last month was 71.5, with the highest recorded at 87 degrees on the 24th. The average minimum was 49.8 with the lowest recorded on the 11th at 42 degrees.

The weather bureau figures show that there were six clear days, seven partly cloudy days and 18 cloudy days during the month. Prevailing winds were westerly.

### Animal Crackers



"Poor Grandpa—he's on his last dozen legs."

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## Truman Protests, Signs Appropriation

### City to Get State Aid On Sewer

The state will assist the city of Salem in construction of an interceptor sewer line paralleling the Willamette river as first step toward the long-planned city sewage treatment system.

Board of control members voted Tuesday to provide about \$50,000 toward the interceptor sewer work this summer, stating that such a sewer line would serve several state institutions. The interceptor line is necessary in carrying sewage to the site selected for a treatment plant in north Salem, and is expected to alleviate stench and unsanitary conditions caused by sewage on the river bank at low water periods.

Residents complain the state's decision was prompted by complaints from Salem residents that a sewer line carrying flax waste and other refuse from the state penitentiary to the river caused stench in the vicinity of the sewer outlet. The board called for a survey to determine what can be done to eliminate the nuisance.

At the board meeting, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., proposed that an overall plan to clear the Willamette of pollution be drawn up instead of intermittent sanitary operations along the river.

Situation Unimproved "I recall that the property owners of Portland on several occasions voted funds for the elimination of pollution in the Willamette river," Farrell said, "but as yet nothing apparently has been done to improve the situation."

Action in connection with the state's financial obligation in settling a fire loss involving a warehouse at the University of Oregon was deferred pending further investigation. The fire, resulting in a loss estimated at \$94,500, occurred February 11 of this year.

Members of the board questioned an item of \$15,000 for clearing away debris resulting from the blaze.

### 68 Perish in Explosion of Italian Ship

ROME, July 1.—(AP)—Sixty-eight persons were killed and several others were believed trapped below decks today when the Italian munitions ship Panigaglia exploded at Porto Santo Stefano, near Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, the Italian news agency Ansa reported.

The 643-ton vessel was unloading munitions which she had transported from the former Italian island fortress of Pantelleria when the blast occurred.

Ansa said that 55 crew members, 12 longshoremen and the marshal of the port were known to have been killed. Rome afternoon newspapers reported that the death toll was "more than 70."

Several hours after the blast, rescue workers reported that they heard tappings in the extreme after section of the shattered vessel, and divers immediately went to work with blow torches to cut their way into the hold to determine if there were any survivors.

### Jobless Pay Commission to Return to Salem from Portland

After an absence of almost six years the employment service of the Oregon unemployment commission will be moved back to Salem from Portland.

The office will be lodged with the commission's other departments in the school administration building on North High Street.

Earl Lovell, newly-appointed head of the employment service, is to open the office Monday with three area-supervisors and a staff of 10 office workers. The equipment is to be installed late this week.

The area supervisors are Clark Woodcock, who will have jurisdiction over the Salem office and all of northwest Oregon except Portland and Oregon City, and Guy Long and Eldon Cone. Together with Lovell they plan to move here as soon as they can locate housing.

Return of the service to the commission's Salem headquarters

### Gen. Clark Visits Salem; Sees No Immediate Conflict Danger



"Return when you can stay longer," urges Gov. Earl Snell as he bids goodbye to Gen. Mark Clark, commanding officer of the 6th army, Tuesday after a brief visit of the famous soldier in Salem. Gen. Clark held a short conference with state and Oregon national guard officials, and was guest of honor at a luncheon at the Marion hotel, where this picture was taken. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

### Searchers Rescue Granddaughter of Ex-Congressman

LASSEN NATIONAL PARK, Calif., July 1.—(AP)—Toddling Greta Mary Gale, granddaughter of former Congressman John H. Tolan of California, was found safe early today after a 48-hour search of surrounding mountains areas.

Barely 12 hours before Tolan died of a heart attack induced by the shock of his granddaughter's disappearance.

Dr. R. A. Greenman expressed surprise over her good condition after exposure to 25-degree cold. Investigation during the day, however, served to dispel theories the child may have been held by some one during the period.

The two-and-a-half year old Greta, shivering in just panties in the mountain cold, was located barely a mile from the Tolan summer cabin on the steep boulder-strewn slope of Mt. Harkness.

### Labor Act Authors Call on Truman to Use New Weapon

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—The authors of the Taft-Hartley labor law called on President Truman tonight to invoke the new law to cope with an paralyzing coal strike.

Meantime there were reports of imminent developments in contract negotiations between John L. Lewis and some segments of the soft coal industry. However, Charles O'Neill, a spokesman for the operators negotiating committee, said no announcement would be made tonight.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said now is the time to face the coal problem. He said that if a crippling strike occurs, Mr. Truman should appoint a board of inquiry under the new act.

### City Swimming Pools to Remain Open July 4

Playgrounds at the various Salem grade schools will be closed July 4, but Leslie and Olinger swimming pools will be open on their regular daily schedule, Vern Gilmore, city playground director, announced. Picnic areas at Leslie and Olinger grounds will also be available on that day.

### CLATSOP CAFES CLOSE

ASTORIA, July 1.—(AP)—Culinary workers struck for a \$1 a day wage increase today, forcing closure of most Clatsop county restaurants and night clubs.

### Weather

Salem Max. 83 Min. 51 Precip. 0.00 Portland 83 51 0.00 San Francisco 61 50 0.00 Chicago 81 65 1.88 New York 87 69 1.88 Willamette river 6 feet FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Mostly cloudy today and tonight with some light cloudiness in the morning. High temperature 85, low 85.

### Evacuees Flee from Torrent

(Picture on page 10) ST. LOUIS, July 1.—(AP)—The surging Mississippi river, concentrating its flood waters now on Missouri and Illinois lowlands, burst through four more levees today with the added impetus of a 12-inch rise from torrential local rains. Towns of Dupon and East Carondelet, Ill., were evacuated by their combined populace of 3,100.

Mayor Deimar Valise of Dupon said 80 per cent of the women and children and 50 per cent of the men had left.

The rising waters went over the Prairie DuPont levee along the Illinois Central railroad tracks and by-passed the Missouri Pacific railroad embankment which stalled off the 1944 flood.

### Deplores Slash in Budgets

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—President Truman today told congress his fiscal cutting has damaged federal tax collecting machinery for years to come and will cost the treasury at least \$400,000,000 in taxes this fiscal year.

Signing the \$12,462,485,671 treasury-postoffice appropriation bill Mr. Truman issued a statement deploring a \$20,000,000 reduction in money requested for the internal revenue bureau.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 employees must be dropped and this cannot be done "without weakening the enforcement activities of the bureau" the president wrote.

The bill's total for the year is \$883,000,000 less than Mr. Truman asked, but he centered his criticisms on what he called the "gross inadequacy" of funds for the tax agency, which was given \$188,000,000.

On learning of the president's criticism, House Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana, told reporters that it is "a continuation of Mr. Truman's stubborn resistance to any cuts in his padded budget and to the cutting down of any of the persons on the government payroll."

The bill signed today is one of a dozen required to carry the government through the new fiscal year which started today. The other eleven have not yet passed congress and efforts to put through an interim emergency measure to finance the department on a temporary basis ran into trouble.

An emergency bill passed yesterday by the house, authorizing certain definite expenditures, was rejected by the senate appropriations committee.

### State Provides For Refund of Cigaret Tax

Although all packages of cigarettes sold in Oregon after midnight Friday must bear a stamp showing payment of a two-cent tax, under the cigarette tax law of the 1947 legislature, the state tax commission is making provision to refund the purchase price of the stamps if the threatened referendum is filed and is declared valid, Carl Chambers, commission member, announced Tuesday.

Chambers said stamps are now available at the office of the utility division of the state tax commission in Salem and will be issued to dealers upon payment of their face value less 2 per cent, the amount allowed by the law to dealers for affixing the stamp on each package. He added that a few dealers have placed orders for stamps and these will be forwarded by mail.

Procedure established by the commission, Chambers said, provides for administration of the law in case the referendum cannot be certified by the secretary of state and for the necessary refunds if the petitions are found valid after proper examination.

Dealers are requested not to affix stamps, in view of the possible refund, until after the effective date.

### No Paper Friday

The OREGON STATESMAN will not publish on Friday morning, July 4. The omission — one of the very few to which this newspaper has resorted in its long history — is due entirely to the necessity of conserving paper under present shortage conditions.

The news staff and wire facilities of The STATESMAN will function as usual, despite lack of a Friday edition, and the news department will be open Thursday night to provide information on the Senator - Spokane game and other events.

The business office will be open Friday after 3 p. m.

### Miss America Contestants Announced; Judging Thursday

Salem's American Legion-sponsored Independence day celebration of July 3-4-5 neared Tuesday, with announcement of the four Miss Salem contestants and program for the Thursday night show at the state fairgrounds.

Girls who will compete for the title of Miss Salem and the opportunity to enter the Miss Oregon contest at Seaside where a contestant for Miss America competition will be selected, are: Edith Cook, 265 N. Commercial st.; Joyce Evensen, 971 Union st.; Yvonne Ardelle Gardner, 1490 S. 13th st., and Vivian May Heth, box 394, Salem route 2.

First judging of the contestants is set for the Thursday night show when the girls' appearance in bathing suits and in evening gowns will be rated. Subsequent

### Board Rejects Petition for High School

Petition for the first of Marion county's three proposed union high school districts, that at Jefferson, was denied by the Marion county boundary board at the hearing Tuesday. Denial was based upon the fact that a petition in behalf of one of the districts, Munkers in Linn county, had been filed for the union high school district.

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