Fireworks, 'Flying Discs' Compete for Attention Across Oregon

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Cigaret Tax Stalled As Petitions Filed; Delfel Caught Here

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

While UNRRA performed an invaluable service in alleviating suffering abroad, and while the grants from our government continue to help people in Europe and Asia to live, these gifts are quite impersonal in nature. Many people still want to make gifts to people in need in other lands. It gives them more of the thrill of sharing with the impoverished and more of a feeling of sacrifice than when they pay their taxes.

Those who wish to send packages directly to persons abroad may do so, provided they comply with regulations. Shipments by parcel post, the most convenient way, are limited to 11 lbs. for Eire, France, Greece and Italy, 22 lbs. for Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Austria, Romania, and Turkey; 44 lbs. for other countries of Europe.

Parcel post food packages are limited in size to 3½ feet in length and 6 feet in length and girth combined. A manifest or customs declaration must be made with each parcel, as well as instructions for its disposition in case the addressee cannot be located.

Foodstuffs most practical to send or most needed are fats, oils, meat, flour, rice, sugar, coffee, tea, powdered milk or eggs, chocolate. Soap is badly needed and American cigarets are welcomed though they may not be sent to the U. S. zone of Germany.

Clothing also is greatly needed and may be sent along with foodstuffs or in separate parcels under the same limits.

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Mine Owners Ponder Pact

WASHINGTON, July 4.-(AP)- The southern coal industry was undecided tonight whether to grant John L. Lewis the fat one-year contract offered by northern operators or risk a soft coal strike next Tuesday.

"We've reached no decision," said a spokesman for the Southern Coal Producers association, which met for three hours and then recessed until 3 p. m. (EST) tomorrow.

The tentative agreement between Lewis and the northern owners sets up a 44½ cent hourly basic wage increase and an employer-paid levy of 10 cents a ton for the miners' welfare fund.

Ike Says 'No One Has Asked Me To Be President'

VICKSBURG, Miss., July 4-(AP) General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower cited as an object lesson for world cooperation here today the history of this ancient citadel of the south, whose last conquering general 84 years ago became president of the United States.

As honor speaker at the carnival of the confederacy in Vicksburg, Eisenhower attributed failure of the cause of the south in the civil war to isolation from the remainder of the world.

In answer to questions at a news conference as to his "possible political aspiration," the general said:

"I wouldn't have the effrontery to say I wouldn't be president of the United States. No one has asked me." He followed immediately with a reiteration of his previously-expressed position that he has no political aspirations.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"Sure it's just puppy love, what did you expect?"

Sun Aids Salem's Fourth

By Eric Bergman
Staff Writer, The Statesman

In all the glory of a beautifully warm Independence Day, Salem peacefully celebrated the 171st anniversary of the birth of the nation at home, at the city parks and at the Oregon state fairgrounds in most part safely and sanely.

City swimming pools teemed with youngsters and grownups. At Olinger park group picnics predominated, the largest being the annual reunion of the Wiley family and at Leslie park, the Bethel Baptist church held their annual Fourth of July picnic with all the trimmings. Many families picnicked in their own backyards with the idea of staying off the highways and celebrating safely in their own home town.

With Col. Carle Abrams as master of ceremonies, patriotic ceremonies led off events of Fridays part of the three-day American Legion sponsored celebration at the Oregon state fairgrounds.

Rev. Swift Speaks

Invocation at the ceremonies was by the Rev. George O'Keefe, St. Vincent de Paul catholic church. Rex Kimmel, commander of Capital Post 9, American Legion, read the introduction to the Declaration of Independence. The Rev. George Swift, rector of St. Pauls Episcopal church, delivered the patriotic address, stressing "efficient and successful government at home and education of our citizens and peoples of the world as to the merits of the greatest nation in the world.'

Said Rev. Swift, "May God grant that our country will always maintain for itself freedom of opportunity, freedom to develop spiritually, culturally and materially, and to be an instrument in Gods hands to make possible for all the peoples of the world the same blessings that we enjoy.

Musical Numbers

Musical numbers during the services were provided by the Salem municipal band, under the direction of Maurice Brennen, and by Corydon Blodgett, who sang "Invictus and "The Lords'" Prayer."

Night entertainment at the fairgrounds at which an estimated 5,000 persons jammed the grandstand to witness vaudeville acts, and music played by George Bruns and his orchestra, was a high spot in Friday's American Legion sponsored activities at the fairgrounds.

At Thursday night's grandstand show, the Salem High school band under the direction of Vernon Wiscarson provided the music and the Four Flats, Pacific Northwest championship barbershop quartet, entertainment.

Miss Salem Entries

Both Thursday and Friday night, the four Miss Salem candidates were introduced by Dave Hoss, as master of ceremonies. Jerry Owen, Portland showman, was master of ceremonies on Friday night's show and introduced the Cherry Festival queen, Martha Durette, Gervais, and her nine princesses. Acts on the show included the Olypians, acrobats; the twin Bonnell sisters, singers; Mel Ory, juggler, and the Glamourettes, five girl tumblers and trapeze artists.

Climax to Fridays fairgrounds celebration was a brilliant display of fireworks on the Lone Oak race track and a dance in the grandstand pavilion with George Bruns and his Music.

Today the American Legion announces another day of entertainment at the fairgrounds beginning with motorcycle races at 1:30 p. m. and followed by entertainment on the midway, band concerts and concluded with another stage show at 7:45 p. m., at which the final winner of the Miss Salem contest will be announced. On the stage show, George Bruns will play and Jerry owens will be master of ceremonies. A dance in the grandstand building will end the 1947 celebration of which Rex Kimmell and H. C. (Hub) Saalfeld have been general chairmen.

(Legion show racing award winners on page 5)

Felton to Be Sworn in As District Judge

Joseph B. Felton, justice of peace, will be sworn in as Marion county district judge Monday at 9 a.m. by Circuit Judge E. M. Page in the latter's courtroom. Legislation by the recent session of the state legislature created district courts for certain areas of Oregon, and Felton's former justice court will now be a district court.

B-298 ASSIGNED TO COAST

WASHINGTON, July 4-(AP)-A second group of B-29 Superfortresses is being deployed on the west coast. The new group has been ordered to the Spokane, Washington, army air field.

Saucers Stage Show Over Portland Area

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4.-(AP) -The "flying saucers" - - or maybe they were something else - - staged a wild Fourth of July celebration today that aroused more hullabaloo than 10 years of firecrackers.

Scores of citizens - - including every branch of police in the area - - reported seeing what they thought were silver discs sporting madly about overhead.

The reports came shortly after a flight of B-29 bombers, followed by P-80 fighters, passed over the city.

The first saucer reports came from southeast Portland, where residents said flying discs were sporting above the Oaks amusement park. Two police patrol cars said they saw these, too, "up by the sun, going east."

A few minutes later Sheriff Martin T. Pratt's deputies reported seeing "20 in a line going like hell to the west." Officials of the state police, the Vancouver, Wash., sheriff's office, and the Vancouver city police said they, too, saw shiny, flashing discs flying very high.

Mrs. G. R. Graen, 3115 D st., reported at 6 p. m. Friday that she and her husband had seen what they believed to be a "flying disc" passing over Salem. She said tnat the object was traveling south at a terrific speed and appeared to be oblong in shape when directly over them but quickly became a mere round speck as it passed out of sight in the southern sky. She and her hnsband estimated the object's heighth to be about 10,000 feet.

BOISE, Idaho, July 4.-(AP)- Capt. E. J. Smith, United Air Lines pilot, radioed the CAA traffic control tower here tonight that he and his copilot, First Officer Stevens, had sighted from "three to five" flying discs at an altitude of 7500 feet 15 miles southwest of Ontario, Oreg.

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Fire-Makers Jimmy Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benson of 1497 Elm st., West Salem, watches two "Vesuvius" fire-makers erupt as he celebrated Independence day. In his hands is a sky rocket which later added its brilliance to those of others streaking through Salems skies in the first real postwar observance of the Fourth. Fireworks dealers reported that many youngsters, twelve years old and younger, did not know what many of the various fire fountains, pin wheels or flash bombs were because of the six war years' lack of fireworks. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Nation's Accident Toll Climbs to 125 Fatalities

By The Associated Press

The nation's violent death toll climbed to 125 Friday night, including two fatalities from the Fourth of July fireworks, as the first day of the three-day holiday drew to a close.

Traffic accidents, for which the national safety council predicted 275 deaths by Sunday midnight, accounted for 51 of the 125. Drownings were second with 47 miscellaneous mishaps, including plane crashes, totaled 25.

The first two fireworks deaths reported resulted from an explosion fo skyrockets at a family reunion in Elkton, Md. The dead were Ann Cameron, 8, and Ruth Anne Holmes, 2.

The tabulation did not include 10 deaths caused by a tornado in North Dakota and Minnesota. Most spectacular was the death in Decorah, Ia., of Miss Marge Hurlburt of Painesville, O., worlds champion speed flyer, whose plane crashed before thousands of spectators in an air show.

Commercial railroad, bus and airplane travel was expected to hit record proportions for the three-day period. An estimated 30,000,000 automobiles were on the roads.

Ernest Bevin Cites Russ Provocations

LONDON, July 4 -(AP)- British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, discussing Britain's desires for peace, warned Russia tonight against provocations and carrying provocations "too far."

In an address before the American society, he said that "a lot of our friends in the world seem to think that the British obsession for peace entitles them to make provocations."

"They must not be surprised—and indeed the evidence of the last two struggles indicates—that you can carry provocation too far."

$500,000 Fire In Columbus, Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., July 4 -(AP)- Eleven Columbus fire companies still were on duty tonight at the smouldering ruins of the seven-story Gwinn Milling company where fire early today destroyed property valued at $500,000.

Reconstruction work from a fire which did an equal amount of damage 20 months ago, was still incomplete but new machines recently stored in the warehouse were destroyed.

Marion County Office Hours Change Monday

All county officers remain closed today for the holidays, with the exception of the sheriff's office. Beginning Monday the county offices will open at 8:30 a. m. instead of the usual 8 a. m. due to the new 40-hour week. New hours will be 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily during the week and 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon Saturdays.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	46	.00
Portland	82	50	.00
San Francisco	65	53	.00
Chicago	88	61	.00
New York	81	64	trace

FORECAST, (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and Sunday with scattered showers. Highest temperature today 75, low 55. Weather favorable for all farm work except for winds which may interfere wfth dusting.

2 Holiday Deaths in Oregon

Only two violent deaths were attributed to the Independence day holiday in Oregon by late Friday night though traffic was reported by state and city police to be the heaviest in years.

At Junction City, Associated Press reports that William Henry Kincart, 79, whose truck was struck by a Southern Pacific train was fatally injured, and at Florence, Donald Bruce Bonar, 5 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. O. Bonar, Eugene, met death by suffocation while within the family car.

In Salem one traffic injury, only two minor accidents, and very little complaint attributed to fireworks was reported by city police. The fire department extinguished only two blazes Friday in the city, neither directly attributable to Independence day celebrations. First aid men, though busy, had only two cases of fireworks burn, both of minor nature.

Automobile Accident

Joyce Sealey, 5, 904 Jefferson st., a pedestrian, was reported by hospital officials Friday to be "in good condition" at the Salem General hospital after an automobile driven by E. Merle Rhoten, 1845 S. Church st., struck her Thursday at 5 p.m., police said. Police reports said that the little girls had been sitting on a curb in the 1600 block on North Summer street when she suddenly jumped up and was struck by the Rhoten car.

Other minor accidents involved cars driven by James Edward West, 1650 Yew st., and a parked car owned by Gerald Tucker, 356 Union st., which collided in the 1500 block of North Capitol street, and cars driven by an unknown driver and Charles William Hedges, 2330 Hayden st., which collided at South 12th and Hines streets, police said. Both accidents, police added, occurred Thursday night, and Melvin Charles Whiteside, route 5, Salem, posted $10 bail in municipal court on a drunk charge in connection with the latter accident.

Blaze in Parked Car

City firemen extinguished a blaze in a parked car in the 500 block of Center street and a minor damage roof fire at 1190 Norway st., both on Friday. The fire in the car was on undetermined origin and was confined to the upholstery, firemen said. Employes of the Columbia Metals corporation extinguished a grass fire which started on Cherry avenue and spread through a fence on the company property, according to company officials.

First aid treatment rendered by the Salem first aid squad Friday included: Frederic Roberts, Portland, minor fireworks burn; Lee Weaver, 255 Park ave., minor fireworks burn; Richard Chambers, 843 Market st., steel particle under finger nail; Alvin Meschelle, Turner, for a lacerated foot while swimming in Mill creek; Bill Roth, 640 S. Capitol st., burns on face and hands from gasoline fire; and A. C. Miller, 100 Highway ave., for lacerated fingers received while working on a dump truck.

SURPLUS FALSE TEETH

WASHINGTON, July 4 -(AP)- The war assets administration soon will offer for sale 1,958,982 false teeth, declared surplus by the army. Dentists and their suppliers are the only likely buyers, as the teeth are to be used in making sets.

POST-OPA HIKE NOTED

WASHINGTON, July 4 -(AP)- The agriculture department reported today that meat animal prices averaged about 50 per cent higher during the first half of 1947 than under price ceilings of a year earlier.

Sheriff Captures Realtor

Charles Delfel, Salem and Portland realtor sought since early June, was in the custody of the Multnomah county sheriff's office today after having been arrested near Salem late Thursday by Sheriff Denver Young of Marion county. He is to be brought back to Salem for arraignment Monday before District Judge Joseph Felton on a charge of larceny by bailee, with bail set at $3,500.

The arrest was made near the penitentiary annex at 11:30 p. m. Thursday after Young said he recognized the occupant of a Chevrolet panel truck as Delfel, whom he had known 20 years ago, despite the man's insistence that he was Everett Tillman of San Francisco and never had heard of the Oregon realtor.

With him in the truck, bearing a California license, was a woman who showed a driver's license issued to Lois Tillman, the sheriff said. The woman was driving. The man carried no identification.

Admitted Identity

The man, Young said, admitted he was Delfel after being brought to the courthouse by the sheriff and Deputy William Duvall who aided Young in the arrest. The woman drove the truck back but was not held.

Although Delfel was reported to have given no satisfactory explanation for his return to Oregon, the Associated Press said he told Portland reporters he had come back to surrender. "I had hoped I could straighten things out and avoid the crash," he said, "when things got too tight, I decided to take a vacation and see if I couldn't round up some new capital to square things away. When I left Portland I had not thought of staying away so long . . . I would have surrendered Monday if I hadn't been arrested."

Climaxed Watch

The arrest climaxed a long watch on the home of Mrs. Delfel's sister on South 12th street, Young disclosed. He said the panel truck had stopped at the house Thursday evening for about 15 minutes and that the occupants picked up clothing and two sleeping bags before proceeding east out Hoyt street and the old Turner road to the annex. When the truck was stopped, however, Young said, the officers were told that Delfel and the woman knew no one in Salem and had not stopped in this city. They were quoted as saying they were en route to Breitenbush to find work.

Delfel was taken to Portland early Friday on a warrant charging larceny, embezzlement, with bail at $15,000, but will be brought back here Monday for arraignment on the local charges based on a justice court warrant issued on a complaint involving property belonging to Walter Brackhahn valued at $4300. It is reported that prosecution here may then be deferred pending outcome of the Portland case.

Salem Youths Win Model Competition

Jim Noakes and Jim Uebelman, jr., of Salem shared honors Friday as they placed high in the Oregon state model car and model coach contest sponsored by the Fisher Body Craftsmans guild, at San Francisco.

Noakes, 18-year-old resident of 1388 N. Cottage st., won second place in the senior division for his model.

Uebelman, 19, of 175 N. High st., tied for third in the senior division of the model car contest. All first places were won by Portland youths.

Truman Attacks 'Fallacious' Arguments Against Aid Plan

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 4.-(AP)President Truman pleading for barriers down among all nations of the world, took Russia to task in vigorous and unmistakable terms today for "fallacious" arguments against Secretary Marshall's plan for economic recovery in Europe.

Without mentioning the soviet union by name, Mr. Truman left no doubt of his meaning when he declared in an Independence day address:

"Certain nations are withholding their support of reconstruction plans on the ground that this would mean interference by some nations in the internal affairs of others.

"This is as fallacious as the refusal of a man to enter a profitable business partnership on the ground that it would involve interference in his private affairs."

Coupled with this evident reference to Russia's withdrawal from the Paris economic conference - - called to discuss Marshall's plan for U. S. aid on a basis of European self-help - - Mr. Truman declared in solemn and measured tones:

"I appeal to all nations and all peoples to break down the artificial barriers that separate them.

"I appeal for tolerance and restraint in the mutual relations of nations and peoples. And I appeal for a free flow of knowledge and ideas that alone can lead to a harmonious world."

Speaking from the steps of historic "Monticello," the home of Thomas Jefferson, Mr. Truman declared his belief that "organized mistrust" leads the world "away from peace and unity."

22 Nations Asked To Join England, France in Aid Talk

PARIS, July 4-(AP)-Twenty-two nations of Europe were asked by Britain and France today to decide within six days whether to join in drafting the continental reconstruction program under the Marshall proposal and officials of five governments promptly announced their acceptance.

No official replies had yet been submitted, but announcements of acceptance of the invitation were made in Denmark, Greece, The Netherlands, Portugal and Italy, while official comment in Eire, Switzerland, Turkey and Belgium strongly indicated their representatives also would be present.

A British foreign office spokesman, however, warned Russia, who had previously "warned against the consequences" of such action, against "influencing" any state in their free choice in the matter.

Canada Border Tornado Takes Eleven Lives

GRAND FORKS, N. D., July 4 (AP)- A score or more farm families in the upper Red River valley of North Dakota and Minnesota spent the Fourth of July picking over debris left by a tornado that took eleven lives and enjured an estimated 30 others as it dipped and rose in a grim game of hopscotch late Thursday.

The tornado struck an area estimated at 80 miles long, running from Windy Gates, Manitoba, on the Canadian side of the border, about 100 miles north of Grand Forks, to Oslo, Minn., 20 miles northeast of Grand Forks.

Seven of the victims were killed when the twister leveled a two-story house in a grove of cottonwood trees near Auburn, N. D.

Exact assessment of the damage caused was difficult because of the nature of the storm which levelled farm buildings, ripped trees clean of leaves, and in one instance ripped a 20-foot steel bridge over the Forest river, about two miles east of Minto, N. D., from its concrete foundations. Twisted girders from the bridge were plunged into the ground, softened by recent rains.

Jury Convicts May, Garssons

WASHINGTON, July 4 -(AP)- A federal jury Thursday convicted Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky) and his two co-defedants, Henry and Murray Garsson, on bribe conspiracy charges involving May's role as wartime chairman of the house military committee.

The jury deliberated one hour and 50 minutes in reaching its verdict of guilty on all three counts against each of the trio.

Maximum penalty would be six years in prison and $30,000 fine for each defendant.

May, in tears as the jury foreman intoned the word "guilty," subsequently told newsmen:

"I'm still not daunted—we'll appeal it."

Proposals for Use Of City Land Asked As Leases Expire

Due to the expiration of leases on city property located in a half block area at the southwest corner of Trade and Liberty streets, the city will receive proposals for lease or rental of that property up to July 15, Alfred Mundt, city recorder, announces.

The property, under supervision of the water department and originally granted for water department use, is now occupied by the Knight-Pearcy nurseries and a parking lot operated by E. W. Stripling. The city council has mentioned the property in connection with a possible terminal for city buses and also made proposals of using it for a downtown public parking lot.

GRANDSTAND COLLAPSES

WILDWOOD, N. J., July 4-(AP)- At least 40 persons were reported injured, two seriously, in the collapse tonight of a grandstand in front of Convention hall where hundreds were watching a display of fireworks, closing feature of an Independence day celebration.

GOV. DEWEY ON TOUR

ALBANY, N. Y., July 4.-(AP)- Gov. Thomas E. Dewey left tonight on a four-week western tour during which he is expected quietly to enlist increased support of his prospective candidacy for the 1948 republican presidential nomination.

Signature Check-Up Remains

Completed petitions in opposition to the 1947 legislature's cigaret tax law and house bill 99 amending the state hydroelectric commission law were filed in the state department Thursday and Friday to meet required deadlines.

The petitions to kill the cigaret law were filed at noon Friday, five hours in advance of the deadline, and may void the tax plan for the time being.

The petitions, containing 13,237 signatures as against the 11,826 required by law, were filed by R. A. Bradlee, Portland, representing wholesale and retail cigaret dealers. If the completed petitions are found regular, rejection or approval of the cigaret tax law will go before the voters at the special election October 7. Pending such election the law will be inoperative. The tax would be nullified in any event if a general sales tax is approved October 7.

To Check Signers

Secretary of State Robert Farrell said the signatures would be checked formally Monday, but appeared valid.

Members of the state tax commission refused to comment on the referendum Friday. The commission previously had purchased 11,000,000 cigaret stamps and had notified dealers that the law would become operative today.

Two other laws of the 1947 legislative session are slated to go before the voters at the special election — the 3 per cent sales tax law and establishment of a boys' camp near Timber.

Laws Effective Today

All other laws of the 1947 legislature, excepting those previously in effect by virtue of the emergency clause, become effective today.

On Thursday petitions attacking the state hydroelection commission law to eliminate the present right of the state to take over private hydroelectric projects on payment of "far cost" were filed.

The petitions contained 17,557 signatures as against 11,856 required by law.

The petitions were brought to Salem by Morton Tompkins and Bertha J. Beck, master and secretary, respectively, of the Oregon State Grange, and Ronald E. Jones and Wendell Barnett of the Oregon Farmers Union. Jones is president of the Farmers Union. The name of State Representative Lyle Thomas, Polk county, secretary of the Farmers Union, also appeared on the original petition.

Fire Destroys 50 California Homes

LOS ANGELES, July 4-(AP)-A holiday outburst of brush and forest fires, in the midst of record July Fourth travel, spewed smoke over much of southern California tonight, brought property damage in excess of a half-million dollars and left 150 or more homeless.

Biggest property loss was in the Chatsworth Manor section, in the foothills above the San Fernando valley, where wind-aped flames last night destroyed 50 houses. The flames, thought controlled overnight, flared up again.

A larger blaze, still confined to undeveloped territory, was in its fourth day in the Laguna Mountains east of San Diego.

Woodburn Guard Unit Reactivated

The Anti-Tank company, 186th infantry regiment, Woodburn, is the 21st ground unit of the Oregon national guard activated up to this time in the reorganization plan.

The inspection for federal recognition was made Wednesday night with Col. John W. Thompson, Fort Lewis, Wash., serving as inspecting officer. Oregon national guard officers assigned to the unit so far are Capt. Robert E. Renn, commander, and First Lt. James J. Anderson, platoon commander, both of Woodburn.

Our Senators

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