

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

BOSTON, Mass.—When I got off the train in Boston I found that summer was still here—temperature 88, with high humidity. The paper says the cumulative, above normal for the month is 99 degrees and for the year 509, so the natives are entitled to say this is above normal. Shortly after noon Boston's famed east wind got to working and the temperature dropped 22 degrees to levels more comfortable to an Oregonian. I had a little business over in Quincy, and my son-in-law and daughter, who are domiciled here for a year, drove me over. It is one of the substantial cities which make up Greater Boston, and was the home of the famed Adams family. The Fore River shipyard, which I had visited in 1941, is there and has a great record for production of warcraft for Uncle Sam's navy. While in Quincy I noticed a sign "Hingham" on a bus and recalled that my immigrant ancestor, shortly after coming to this continent in the early 17th century, had settled in Hingham. As it was only about six miles away we drove down and found it a quaint town at the head of a small cove, full of houses and other buildings which betray great age. The distinguished feature of the town is the "Old Ship Church" which stands on a little knoll. Erected in 1681, it has the distinction of being the oldest structure in the United States in continuous use. It gets its name from the fact that it was built by shipbuilders who

Butter Price To Drop Cent In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—(AP)—Butter prices will drop one cent a pound at the wholesale level here tomorrow, the first retreat in the steady climb began last spring. Trade sources attributed consumer resistance and sharp declines in eastern markets. Wholesale prices will be 88 cents for grade AA and 82 cents for grade B. The retail prices here have ranged from 90 to 96 cents the past few days. Hogs at the north Portland livestock market dropped 50 cents to \$31 per 100 pounds today.

By The Associated Press The government cut sharply Wednesday its grain and flour exports to shortage areas abroad, while consumer resistance to soaring living costs spread to more cities at home. The agriculture department set November export allocations at 788,800 long tons -- or 29,514,000 bushels -- of wheat, flour in wheat equivalent and grain sorghums. This is 35 percent below October allocations and 43 percent under the July-October monthly average.

Earlier, Senator Aiken (R-Vt), chairman of a special senate agriculture subcommittee, forecast food prices would remain at present levels or go higher until next summer. He predicted an increase in milk prices and told the affiliated milk committee, composed of producer, consumer and distributor, the grain market and labor situation has forced cost of producing dairy goods to an all time high.

Light Frost Due In Valley Areas

Frost is expected to blanket lower sections of the Willamette valley tonight, the weather bureau predicted Wednesday, although the thermometer will only dip to 38 degrees. The frost will be general over the entire state as a cold wave continues to move southward from Washington, according to the forecast.

Greeks to Ask U. S. Prior To Increasing Army

ATHENS, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The size of the Greek army will be increased from its present strength of 130,000 subject to the approval of the United States, it was announced officially tonight. The number of men to be added was not disclosed, but the council recently was reported to have decided on an increase to 180,000 or 200,000 to guard Greek borders against guerrilla attacks.

Animal Crackers



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120 mph Winds Cripple Florida Area

2 Die; Gale Sweeps Into Gulf

MIAMI, Sept. 18.—(AP)—(Thursday)—Florida millaires and farmers alike with their holdings were left badly buffeted and shaken today by a vicious week-old hurricane that lashed 150 miles across the lower peninsula and into the Gulf of Mexico. The howling storm struck the rich east coast resort area between Miami and Palm Beach about noon yesterday. It raged through the productive citrus and vegetable growing interior to the west coast with winds up to 120 miles an hour. It left an aftermath of at least two deaths and millions of dollars in property damage. Devastation, however, apparently was less than had been feared. Communications Cut Communications generally were shattered by the great winds and full reports of its effect were lacking. One man was electrocuted at Palm Beach. Another was shot to death by Miami police to stop looting of storm-beaten stores. Six others were arrested. Nine persons were reported missing in two boats off the Gulf coast. After slashing the west coast city of Fort Myers beginning around 8:30 p. m. (EST) with winds up to 100 miles an hour, the center of the terrifying blow swept into the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico before midnight. Curves Unlikely Weather forecasters at New Orleans said it was unlikely to curve inland again. It was the mightiest storm to strike Florida in a decade. It came from the Caribbean sea, birthplace of deadly winds, and was first detected a week ago. Conditions "deplorable" Although 2,050 casualties were reported, conditions were described as "deplorable" in the Lake Okechobee vegetable growing area in a report radioed from Miami by Havana and New York. The communication, the first for hours to the outside from the east coast metropolis also said that two luxurious estates and a large casino at Pompano on the east coast "disappeared into the ocean" at the height of the storm.

Marshall Proposes Veto Limit in 'Rebuilt' U.N.

Russians Surprised By Move

By Francis W. Carpenter NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall, making a slashing attack on Russia, seized the initiative today in the United Nations assembly with a bold new plan to rebuild the deadlocked U.N. peace machinery. To the obvious surprise and confusion of the entire Russian delegation, Marshall proposed a curb on the big power veto and creation of a "little assembly" commission to maintain everlasting vigilance over world peace. The second Marshall plan—for the world—hit the assembly with tremendous impact. It was the first crack in the firm stand of the five great powers—Russia, the United States, China, France and Britain—against repeated outcries of the small and medium nations for revision of the U.N. charter. Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Soviet deputy foreign minister and chief Russian delegate in the absence of Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, was obviously caught off-base by the tough pronouncement from Marshall. Vishinsky had a copy of the Marshall text before the speech was delivered—and just before the assembly began word got around that Vishinsky had cancelled his policy statement set for this afternoon. The Russians refrained from joining the burst of applause which greeted Marshall at the end of his 25-minute talk. The assembly called off its afternoon meeting to give the delegates of 55 nations time to study the American pronouncement which was delivered with the full blessing of President Truman. (Additional details on page 2)

Style, Safety in Vogue at Schools



Bobby soxers at Salem senior high school (top photo) have taken the long dress style to their hearts, and almost to their ankles, as shown above by Martha Osborn, route 2, left, and Beverly Stewart, route 7, both juniors. Registering their disapproval in typical male fashion are, left to right, Allan Gilchrist, 2148 S. Cottage st., junior; Jim Sandifer, 1380 Center st., and Earl Esheleman, 494 S. Winter st., both sophomores. Incidentally, new male fashions decree men's trousers to be at ankle length, such as Esheleman is displaying. On a more serious side of the changes wrought by the beginning of school, motorists have been warned to exercise increased caution at school crossings. Shown in the lower picture are first and second graders of Bush school crossing 12th street at Mission streets Wednesday noon. Acting as traffic monitor at far left is Barbara Allen, 1315 S. 15th st., who is in the sixth grade. (Photos by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Reds Wait For Stalin Comment

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky said today he would soon answer Secretary of State Marshall's slashing attack on Russia in the United Nations assembly. He apparently is waiting for direct instructions from Generalissimo Stalin. Informed observers believed the Kremlin line would produce charges that the United States was violating the U.N. charter with an attempt to usurp the powers of the veto-bound security council. These sources expected Vishinsky to hurl back at Marshall a sweeping accusation that the Washington government was trying to create "a second security council" without the veto and thus force Russia to accept majority decisions without recourse. The Russians were said to feel that Marshall was putting forth the "baby assembly" plan as a test and should that fail the U. S. then would be prepared to pump full force for strict limits on the veto. French Foreign Minister Bidault and British Minister of State McNeil withheld comment until they consult their governments. A British spokesman said that the speech required thorough study.

Architects Oppose Trading Center Site

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architects was on record today as opposing construction of a shopping center near the state capital group in Salem. The architects voted disapproval of the proposal last night. Robert Fritsch, chairman of the public relations committee, said the resolution opposed encroachment of the shopping center on the edge of the proposed six-block capitol group. Copies will go to the Salem city council and the state board of control. Fritsch said the architects have been watching for all such commercial encroachments on civic centers and park areas and recommending changes to prevent deteriorating the value of such projects as the capitol group area. There were no Salem representatives at the meeting. Walter Church, Portland, is president, and Frank Rohr, the secretary.

The Salem shopping center which an Oregon architects' group in Portland criticized this week is planned as a \$2,000,000 business development from Capitol street toward 12th street east between Center and Union streets. The space is to be occupied by a large Sears Roebuck store and other retail stores, as well as a large parking area. The 27 houses now in the area are to be moved or razed in the next two months, according to Grabenhorst Bros., realty firm which handled the recent acquisition of the property by a California concern undertaking the development of the retail center there.

AFL Union Files T-H Act Test Case

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The AFL Brotherhood of Electrical Workers disclosed today it had filed with the National Labor Relations Board a formal "test case" on the non-communist affidavit issue. The case is the first preceding challenging the ruling of the Board's general council, Robert N. Denham. Denham ruled that all top national officers of the AFL and the CIO must sign affidavits saying they are not communists. Unions in both the AFL and CIO have protested the ruling.

Turkey Raisers Elect Colton Man at Annual Meeting in Salem

By Lillie L. Madson Farm Editor, The Statesman W. T. Geurts of Colton was elected president of the Oregon Turkey Improvement association at its eighth annual meeting held at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms Wednesday, and closing with the annual banquet Wednesday night at the Marion hotel, with Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, as speaker. N. L. Bennion, Corvallis, was re-elected secretary-treasurer with directors to include Loren Johnson, Scappoose; C. H. Coyle, St. Paul, and Paul McDowell, Sherwood. Unfair freight rates, turkey market outlook and the mid-west's development of its own egg and poultry business were the high interest points of the day-time meeting. Efficiency in poultry production will determine the future for turkey production in the west, said Marlin H. Simonson, Des Moines, Iowa, of the Norbert Turkey Growers association, adding that the midwest was developing its own poultry and egg production center. Resolutions passed at the meeting included one asking the state department of agriculture to rescind the regulation requiring that all poultry shipped into Oregon have a certificate from Newcastle disease. Other resolutions asked the government to raise the margin in grain futures trading to 50 per cent of the value in the transaction; opposing the sales tax as a production tax on feed supplies used in production of all poultry produced; thanked Senator Wayne Morse for his efforts in behalf of the turkey industry in obtaining an increase in support price for turkeys last January; and asked that directors appoint a turkey marketing committee for promotion of Oregon turkeys. (Additional story on page 6)

Rise Predicted In Milk Price

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Milk industry representatives were told today to take the leadership in any move for higher prices and not place the blame for such action on the Oregon milk control board. Dr. D. L. De Loach, professor of agriculture economics at Oregon State, said the milk board duty was to fix minimum price policies protecting the producers. He predicted an increase in milk prices and told the affiliated milk committee, composed of producer, consumer and distributor, the grain market and labor situation has forced cost of producing dairy goods to an all time high.

La Guardia Said 'Slightly Worse'

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The condition of former Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, 64, was reported "slightly worse" tonight by his physician, Dr. George Boehr, who said "there have been no indications of improvement." Dr. Boehr said: "Mr. La Guardia has remained in a deep sleep with only occasional brief lucid moments during which he took little nourishment. His pulse has grown somewhat weaker. There have been no indications of improvement and it is not expected that he will regain full consciousness."

Unions to Cut Food Costs By Quantity Purchases

DETROIT, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Forty Michigan locals of the CIO United Auto Workers joined today in a cooperative plan for carlot purchases of food and other commodities for sale to members at cost in what union officials called an all-out fight against inflation. President Walter A. Reuther said locals would be asked to authorize loans of one dollar a member.

MAN SUCKED INTO JET PLANE

MUROC, Calif., Sept. 17.—(AP)—Maurice G. Bricks, 37, an airplane mechanic, was drawn head-first into the air intake of a 0-85 jet plane at the army air field here yesterday and killed. Officials at the field said Bricks was standing four feet from the huge plane when he was sucked into the intake during an experimental test.

Forrestal Takes Oath of Office as Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—James V. Forrestal took the oath today as the nation's first secretary of defense without awaiting President Truman's return to Washington -- and Mr. Truman explained that he had directed Forrestal to do so because of the international situation. The president, enroute home from South America on the battleship Missouri, did not elaborate on this remark but aides quickly explained that he did not have anything particular in mind, just the general international situation. By taking the oath, Forrestal assumed direction of the army, navy and a separate air force, as provided in a law passed at the last session of congress.

First Snow of Season Hits Wallowa Mountains

PENDLETON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A light snow—first of the season—fell at Meacham and through the Blue and Wallowa mountains today, and the thermometer dipped to its lowest point since last April. Pendleton recorded a 45 degree minimum early this morning and was told by the weather bureau to expect a 35 to 39 minimum tonight.

NO CLUES IN ESCAPE

EUGENE, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Two escaped Lane county prisoners were still free tonight and Sheriff C. A. Swarts reported there were no clues leading to any route taken by the young men. Frederick Hendricks, 27, and Melburne E. Jenks, 27, overpowered the night jailer last night as he opened a cell door.

Food Cost Survey Leaves Consumers Eying Past Wistfully, Future Warily

By Marguerite Wright Staff Writer, The Statesman Breakfast, lunch and dinner, the average Salem family is spending around twice as much this month for the same food it bought in pre-war Septembers. These approximate figures, brought out in a special congressional investigation into living costs last week, plus a flood of price comparisons by the press associations, find harried housewives and national leaders scratching anew for explanations and solutions—with no solution in sight. Although actual comparison is hazardous because of the variety of brands, and the normal spread of prices in various stores, the current tags on 12 common food items in Salem would seem to bear out the statistics recorded nationally: Cheese was 29 cents a pound in 1939, it's 60 cents today; brown

sugar, 6 cents, now 11 cents; cocoa, lb., 12 cents, now 25 cents; coffee, lb., 20 cents, now 41 cents; corn flakes, large box, 9 cents, now 15 cents; gelatin, package, 5 cents, now 15 cents; mayonnaise, pint, 20 cents, now 40 cents; oleomargarine, lb., 11 cents, now 32 cents; peanut butter, lb., 10 cents, now 29 cents; rolled oats, lb., 4 cents, now 11 cents; salad oil, pint, 20 cents, now 45 cents; tea, lb., 45 cents, now 84 cents. Butter and steak at \$1 a pound and eggs at \$1-a dozen have not yet appeared on local store counters. But, if predictions by Salem dealers prove accurate, it may not be long before peak eastern rates are affixed to price tags here. Surveyed briefly, the reasons for the current local tariffs for butter, eggs and meat all lead back to one basic cause: The wheat and corn situation—short crops, large exports, and extensive speculating on the grain market.

The status of wheat and corn on the Chicago exchange is felt by the Marion county farmer buying feed for his cows, the creamery who pays him 94 cents a pound for premium buttermilk, and the shopper who shies at 93 cent butter. Speculators who bought wheat at 72 cents three months ago and are now selling it at current prices are another factor to reckon when tracing the rising price tag. What is true for butter holds for eggs and meat. Higher priced laying mash means a markup on retail eggs. The farmer who has to pay \$5 for 100 pounds of chicken feed should sell seven dozen eggs of all grades to equal costs. At the current rate of 68 cents a dozen for top grade eggs many farmers feel they cannot make it. Consequently, local poultrymen already are trying to dispose of their chickens faster than a healthy balance can allow. If the farmers' chickens become

frayers the supply of eggs decreases, and, failing to meet the demand, forces prices up. This leaves the consumer no alternative but to grit his teeth and fork over more for his omelet . . . or do without. Salem consumers are paying from less than 80 cents for short ribs to over 80 cents for the higher priced cuts of beef and pork. They are eating less meat and buying it with a wary eye on the family budget, local butchers report. Last fall people were still meat-hungry after the war's lean diet; they bought roasts with little concern for prices. Today, women are shopping for meat by the dollar instead of by the pound. There is no such thing as "cheap" meat. Not so very long ago butchers were giving away sweetbreads to customers who owned pets. Now sweetbreads are a delicacy as expensive as pork chops—around 80 cents. Pork will continue in the upper

brackets and go higher because it is corn-fed, a Salem meat dealer predicted. Beef will tend to remain more stable, he said, but expensive grain feed may mean there will be little fed beef available by next spring. Grass-fed beef should stay in price ranges obtainable to the average customer, he forecast. The local outlook is paralleled by national prospects which have evoked statements from men like Senators Taft (R Ohio) and Kilgore (D W. Va.). Kilgore, in a gloomy report to congress last week, said it was no longer possible to depend on the law of supply and demand to keep prices at reasonable levels. He recommended the government restore price controls unless industry takes action to anchor the floating costs of living. Commenting upon suggested price controls, a Salem creamery man said such a program would bring about the most extensive

black marketing the country had ever known. As proof, he cited examples of black market prices offered for butter during the war. Joining Kilgore in supporting restored price controls, CIO's Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, is also promoting a national buyers' strike "to smash the profiteers." Senator Taft's answer to the cost of living problem is: "Eat less and eat less extravagantly." Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman agrees with Taft that consumers themselves are at fault since they "bid against each other for food." Other observers, like Business Week magazine, point at Washington and claim that government buying of grain is the basic cause for high prices. The government's Commodity Credit corporation probably is the biggest buyer of wheat on the Chicago board of trade; it has

purchased 3,242,588 bushels between August 29 and September 5. Not only as the biggest buyer, but because the government agency lays down the law for the exchange of grain futures in Chicago, the Commodity Credit corporation could force prices down, some commentators claim. Prices could be limited by limiting margins and increasing gross minimums, thereby decreasing credit, they say. Suggestions that the government stop buying wheat for export are judged unsound by many economists and politicians who say that food provided by the United States can help starving nations remain independent. Reason, explanations and protests aren't helping much right now, however, and it would not be at all surprising if Mr. and Mrs. Willamette Valley reverted to the Victory Garden psychology of wartime and start raising every bit of food the law allows.

Weather Max. Min. Precip. Salem 79 42 .01 Portland 80 50 .04 Astoria 82 52 .02 Chicago 82 51 .06 Willamette river -3.9 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fairly cloudy throughout the morning with clearing skies in the afternoon and evening. High temperature, today 70, low tonight near 38. Light frost is expected in the lower valley tonight. Winds tomorrow afternoon.