

# SALES TAX BEATEN 3-1; CIGARET TAX FAILS

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### Salem Restaurants to Comply With Truman Save-Food Plan

#### Rail Freight Rates to Jump 10%; 'Meatless Days' Off to Slow Start

Salem restaurants will begin official compliance with President Truman's save-food program Thursday when eggs and poultry dishes will disappear from the menus.



By Charles A. Sprague

Every little while one reads in the paper of a death attributed to an "overdose of sleeping tablets."

Aimee Semple MacPherson was one famous person who went out that way. So the questions easily arise: What are these sleeping tablets? Are they on general sale? Why does their use end fatally so often?

The modern sleeping tablet is a barbiturate—there are more than 100 barbituric acid compounds. The drug acts to depress the central nervous system and so is relaxing. Since sleeplessness is often due to some nervous tension the drug's soothing effect helps induce sleep though it is not strictly a narcotic.

If one takes too many of these barbiturate pills he may act as though he were intoxicated or he may incur other effects, such as complicating kidney trouble or skin allergy—or he may go to sleep and never wake up. Doctors disagree about the habit-forming characteristics of this drug, but recognize the dangers from repeated or heavier dosages. Federal law requires affixing a label "May be habit-forming" to each package of barbiturates.

Because of the observed evil effects of promiscuous use 36 states have put the sale of barbiturates under regulation. Oregon is one, and has had a good law on the subject since 1935. This year the state board of pharmacy and the state board of medical examiners issued a joint bulletin to pharmacists and doctors to emphasize the importance of strict enforcement of the Oregon law.

In this state no barbituric acid compounds may be sold except on prescription of a physician, and a prescription may be refilled only once, except that phenobarbitals may be refilled subject

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### Comintern Revival Displeases Bevin

LONDON, Oct. 7—(AP)—The British foreign office declared today that Europe's communist leadership had officially revived the comintern and said the step represented "a clear deterioration of the international situation."

The foreign office confirmed at the same time that the Soviet Union had accepted November 25 as the date for the big four foreign ministers to resume their work on peace treaties for Germany and Austria.

### Tornado in Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 7—(AP)—Seven persons were taken to hospitals tonight for injuries received when a freak wind, resembling a tornado, struck the suburban North Shores section. None of the injured was believed seriously hurt.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Ahm tellin' ya, son, ah oughta know tobacco... been in it all my life."

### Union Leaders Freed from Anti-Red Rule

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—(AP)—Top AFL and CIO leaders are not required to sign non-communist affidavits, the National Labor Relations board ruled today. The 4 to 1 decision overrode the board's general counsel, Robert N. Denham, and broke a big logjam of labor cases.

Bowing to the decision, Denham told reporters: "I expect to follow it."

Denham had interpreted the Taft-Hartley act to mean that all unions affiliated with AFL and CIO would be barred from taking labor relations cases before the NLRB unless all leaders of the two federations swore they were not communists.

But the NLRB majority declared that such a policy would play into the hands of "dissension-seeking communists." I decided that a union can qualify to do business with the board if its own officers sign the loyalty pledges, regardless of the stand taken by any federation with which the union is affiliated. (The AFL and CIO are federations of many unions.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7—(AP)—The National Labor Relations board took most of the heat off quarrelling AFL leaders tonight by ruling that they don't have to disavow communism in order to give affiliated unions access to the board.

Vice-President John L. Lewis refused to sign an affidavit disavowing communist connections, touching off a rapidly-growing rift among the top AFL officers who wanted to sign and make their member unions eligible to use protective facilities of the NLRB when necessary.

### Northwest Gifts For Elizabeth

SEATTLE, Oct. 7—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth will receive wedding gifts next month from a group of northwest women.

It's in line with the custom at royal weddings, through which the bride receives either money or gifts which she in turn passes on to the needy people of her country. Col. Edith M. Bates, of the Salvation Army's western division, explained today.

The northwest division of the Salvation Army ladies' home league will raise \$250 for such wedding gifts, along with their various other projects to help the needy, leaders said.

### 'Guilty' Willamette Freshmen



Upperclassmen lined the bank and freshmen filled the Mill creek Tuesday on the Willamette university campus, following the year's first kangaroo court conducted by lettermen to punish freshmen shortcomings. All freshmen were found guilty. Although the freshmen shown above as he was hurried into the creek was not identified, the already-dunked youths in the foreground are Jack Gunn of Eugene (left) and Richard Bennett of Salem. Upperclassmen on the bank, from left, are Don Douris, Bruce Barker, Don Preiss, Chuck Patterson, Jim Fitzgerald, Mill Baum, Lowell Yeager and Kurt Kamal. (Statesman photo by Don Dill, staff photographer.)

### Kangaroo Court Convicts, Punishes Willamette Freshmen

Many were called and none found innocent. That's the report of Willamette university lettermen Tuesday after they conducted the year's first kangaroo court for freshmen, most of whom ended in Mill creek (men) or the mud and under the garden hose nearby (for the women).

Two young freshmen males who probably envied their classmates in the creek were sentenced jointly with two of the girls who were blindfolded and ordered to sew patches on the men's trousers.

A girl whose unavailing defense lay in a university official received a raspberry pie in the face, and many of the girls were marked more heavily than usual about the face with lipstick. Paddles were wielded freely on the campus.

The court during chapel period was presided over by Judges Hank Ercolini, Dale Bates and John Slanich. Prosecutor was Dale Bates.

A former Salem newspaperman, now a Willamette freshman, took double penalty—two dips into Mill creek—when a former colleague's news camera flash bulb failed to flash on the first try.

### Portland to Get Auto Phones

PORTLAND, Oct. 7—(AP)—Portlanders can sit in their automobiles and phone business acquaintances tomorrow.

Thirty three customers begin receiving mobile telephone service at about 20 calls for \$22 a month. The mobile phone service, which enables a motorist to be connected with any regular phone—local or long-distance— as long as he drives within a 25-mile radius of Portland, was given the final testing today.

### Woodburn Ready For 'Dawn to Dusk' Chest Campaign

WOODBURN, Oct. 7—The "dawn to dusk" community chest campaign here will be started Wednesday with a "kick off" breakfast at 7 o'clock at Laurel cafe with an expected 75 workers in attendance. Dr. Chester Hamblin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salem, will be the speaker and M. D. Woolley, president of the Woodburn Community chest, will preside at the breakfast.

## 5 Areas Annexed to Salem By Vote, Lone Zone Says 'No'

### Salem, County Join State in Anti-Tax Votes

Marion county and Salem joined the rest of Oregon in decisively defeating the sales tax and cigarette tax programs Tuesday, and Salem became 415 acres larger by virtue of annexing five of six areas which had petitioned to become a part of the city at the special election.

The 56 precincts outside of Salem gave an even larger percentage against the tax programs than did the city's own 33 precincts. None of the county's 89 gave the sales tax a favorable vote, and only 10 Salem precincts and 3 outside the city favored the cigarette levy (Turner, Salem Heights and Union Hill).

(County and city tallies appear in an adjoining column and the precinct-by-precinct vote on the sales tax is on page 2, as is a state-wide county-by-county sales tax vote. A map showing annexed areas is on this page.)

The total vote for 87 out of Marion county's 89 precincts (including Salem) on the sales tax, as recorded by The Statesman, was: yes 3,620, no 12,065; on the cigarette tax: yes 6,548, no 8,823. Increase Acquire

The five new city districts increase the acreage within Salem city limits by 9 per cent, from 4,608 to 5,023 acres. Estimated population gain is 300, although no census of the annexation areas was made.

Only annexation issue to lose out was the largest of the proposed six—a 620-acre area extending south of Hoyt street and generally between 12th and 25th streets, known as territory "E." Voters of the area itself rejected coming into the city by a 35-61 vote, although Salem city voters were favorable to all proposed annexations by a wide margin.

The vote in five areas on the proposal to annex themselves to Salem was as follows:

Territory	YES	NO
Territory "A"	36	7
Territory "B"	26	7
Territory "C"	5	1
Territory "D"	5	1
Territory "E"	35	61

No vote was needed in territory "F" in the Laurel Springs district to the southwest, the annexation petition being unanimous in that area.

The Salem vote to accept the territories into the city was as follows:

Territory	YES	NO
Territory "A"	447	79
Territory "B"	331	75
Territory "C"	321	84
Territory "D"	433	84
Territory "E"	513	81
Territory "F"	497	71

Areas "A," "B" and "C," all north of the city limits, will extend the city's northern boundary between the Willamette river and the Valley Packing Co. property as far as the south property line of the gravel company, and west of River road as far north as Stark street, to take in site of the proposed Salem sewage disposal plant.

"D" Area Defined  
The "D" area, a 25-acre tract south of Hoyt and east of Summer streets which was part of an annexation area rejecting city inclusion at a special annexation election last year, centers on the Leonard Judson property.

The total Marion county vote was estimated at about 54 per cent of registration.

### Ship Poultry to Europe—Morse

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—(AP)—Senator Wayne L. Morse recommended today that the government ship poultry abroad rather than urge the public to eat less of it.

Declaring that cold storage houses are bulging with poultry, Morse urged shipping of poultry to Europe.

"That," Morse said, "will produce more food from hatcheries and farms of America than will be conserved by all the meatless days put together."

### Special Election Vote-at-a-Glance

OREGON (1339 out of 1856 prcts.)	
	Yes No
Sales tax	54,455 147,675
Cigaret tax*	82,918 112,351
MARION COUNTY (Outside of Salem) (54 out of 56 prcts.)	
	Yes No
Sales tax	1,466 6,840
Cigaret tax	3,174 4,945
SALEM (33 out of 33 prcts.)	
	Yes No
Sales tax	2,154 8,225
Cigaret tax	3,374 3,878
CITY ANNEXATION	
Salem voted to accept all of the six territories petitioning for annexation.	
Four of the six territories voting favored coming into the city (territories "A," "B," "C" and "D."). One territory ("E") petitioned 100 per cent and did not have to vote. Territory "E" declined to be annexed.	
*1319 precincts	

### Arbiter Orders Los Angeles Port Reopened

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7—(AP)—Waterfront Employers announced tonight they would reopen the port of Los Angeles at midnight as directed by Arthur C. Miller, the Pacific Maritime Industry's new arbiter.

The Association of the Pacific coast is requesting its members to return to work at midnight tonight in accordance with the award of Arthur C. Miller, impartial chairman, the WEA statement said.

"But in doing so," it continued, "they cannot concede that it is any violation for the employers to resist strike action of the Longshore union to compel the industry to recognize that union as the bargaining agent of walking bosses and thus deprive the employers of their right under the Labor-Management Relations act of 1947."

Los Angeles and Long Beach waterfronts have been closed since October 1 as result of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union effort to force recognition as bargaining agent for the dock foremen.

### Shinwell Out as Attlee Revamps British Cabinet

LONDON, Oct. 7—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee tonight demoted his much-criticized fuel minister Emanuel Shinwell, and dropped five other senior members from the government.

The London Star called the large-scale shake-up a slight "movement to the right," but government informants denied there was any ideological significance in the shift.

The official announcement from No. 10 Downing street, official residence of the prime minister, said the five leaving the government were John Wilmot, minister of supply; F. J. Bellingier, secretary of state for war; J. B. Hynd, minister of pensions; Lord Inman, lord privy seal, and Joseph Westwood, secretary of state for Scotland.

The shakeup, involving 30 posts within the government and bringing in several young laborites as junior executives to infuse "new blood" into the direction of affairs at a time of economic crisis, did not touch Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, a leader of the labor party's left wing, nor Food Minister John Strachey, another left winger.

Shinwell, who bore the brunt of criticism for last winter's fuel crisis, was dropped to the position of secretary of state for war, a non-cabinet post.

In Cushman, Ore., home of Rep. Earl Hill, author of the original draft of the sales tax bill, voters turned thumbs down on both the sales and cigarette tax, the Associated Press reported.

### Legal Attack On Income Tax Boost Talked

By the Associated Press  
Oregon voters overwhelmingly rejected a sales tax and a cigarette tax in a special election yesterday.

Incomplete but conclusive returns showed the sales tax snowed under nearly 3 to 1 and the cigarette tax 4 to 3.

With 1339 of the state's 1856 precincts reported, the vote stood: For the sales tax: 54,445; against: 147,675.

With 1318 precincts reported, for the cigarette tax: 82,918; against: 112,351.

Percentage of the vote opposed to the sales tax was running almost exactly equal to that of the 1944 sales tax election—73 per cent. Greatest opposition in the five times the measure has been on the Oregon ballot was 85 per cent in 1936.

Effect of Tax  
Effect of the sales tax defeat—barring successful legal attack which already is being talked—is this:  
A withholding tax of 1 per cent on all wages and salaries above \$50 a month will become effective Jan. 1, 1948 (on salaries earned after that date). This is not an additional tax but by capturing revenue from transient and occasional workers, is expected to increase the state's income by as much as \$1,000,000 annually.

Income tax exemptions will be lowered Jan. 1, 1948, effective on 1947 incomes. Exemption of the head of a family will be cut from \$1500 to \$1000 and of a single taxpayer from \$750 to \$500. The exemption for dependents—\$300 will be unchanged.

Stanley Earl, state CIO executive secretary, said tonight that Rep. Manley J. Wilson, Wauna, will ask attorney general tomorrow night for an opinion on constitutional validity of the income tax exemption cut.

Legislators were told at the time the law was passed that its constitutionality was open to challenge, Earl said, adding that the CIO will press the legal attack.

The first scattered returns to come in were an accurate indication of the trend. Opposition to the sales tax quickly jumped into a 2 to 1 lead and held near that point. The cigarette tax was a little slower to fall into its pattern, running only slightly behind for nearly an hour of state-wide counting, but the tally then moved to 4-3 against and the ratio stayed there.

Incomplete returns showed Hood River, Benton and Morrow counties favoring both proposals. All other counties' incomplete totals were opposed to both. (Latest county-by-county totals on page 2.)

### Food Coupons Suggested as Welfare Aid

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—(AP)—Congress in the future should grant food subsidies or take other steps to assure low-income families of a good diet, the agriculture department said today in urging a long-range farm program upon congress.

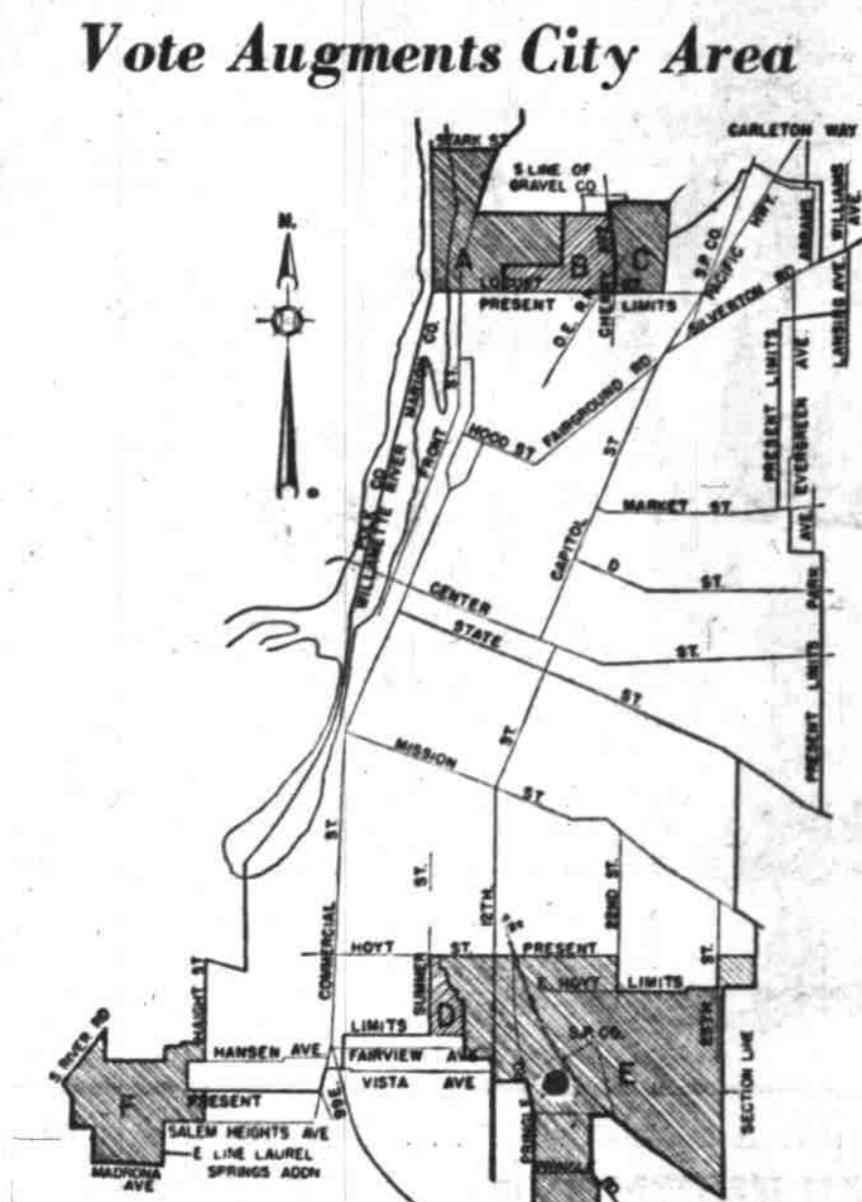
The program also called for "modernization" of the farm program, which is used by the government in preventing prices of farm commodities from falling below a certain level.

(Parity is a complicated formula designed to give the farmer the same purchasing power he had in some past favorable period.)  
Looking beyond the present food shortages to a return of price-endangering surpluses, the department called for a "floor" under food consumption, using food stamps or other means. Food stamps were formerly issued to needy persons enabling them to buy food at cut rates, with the government making up the difference.

The suggestions were laid before a joint session of house and senate agriculture committees studying national farm policy for the future.

### 'Yes, School Will Resume as Usual Today at Parrish'

Parrish junior high school students—and some parents—besieged The Statesman Tuesday afternoon and evening with telephone calls to inquire if their school would reopen Wednesday after a Tuesday morning surprise closing for lack of heat.



Salem was 415 acres larger today by virtue of Tuesday's annexation election which saw five new sections accepted into the city limits. The sixth also was given a favorable vote within Salem itself but voters in the area affected refused to become a part of the city. The above map shows the areas added to Salem (territories "A," "B," "C," "D" and "E") and the area which refused to join the city (territory "E"), with the red dot.