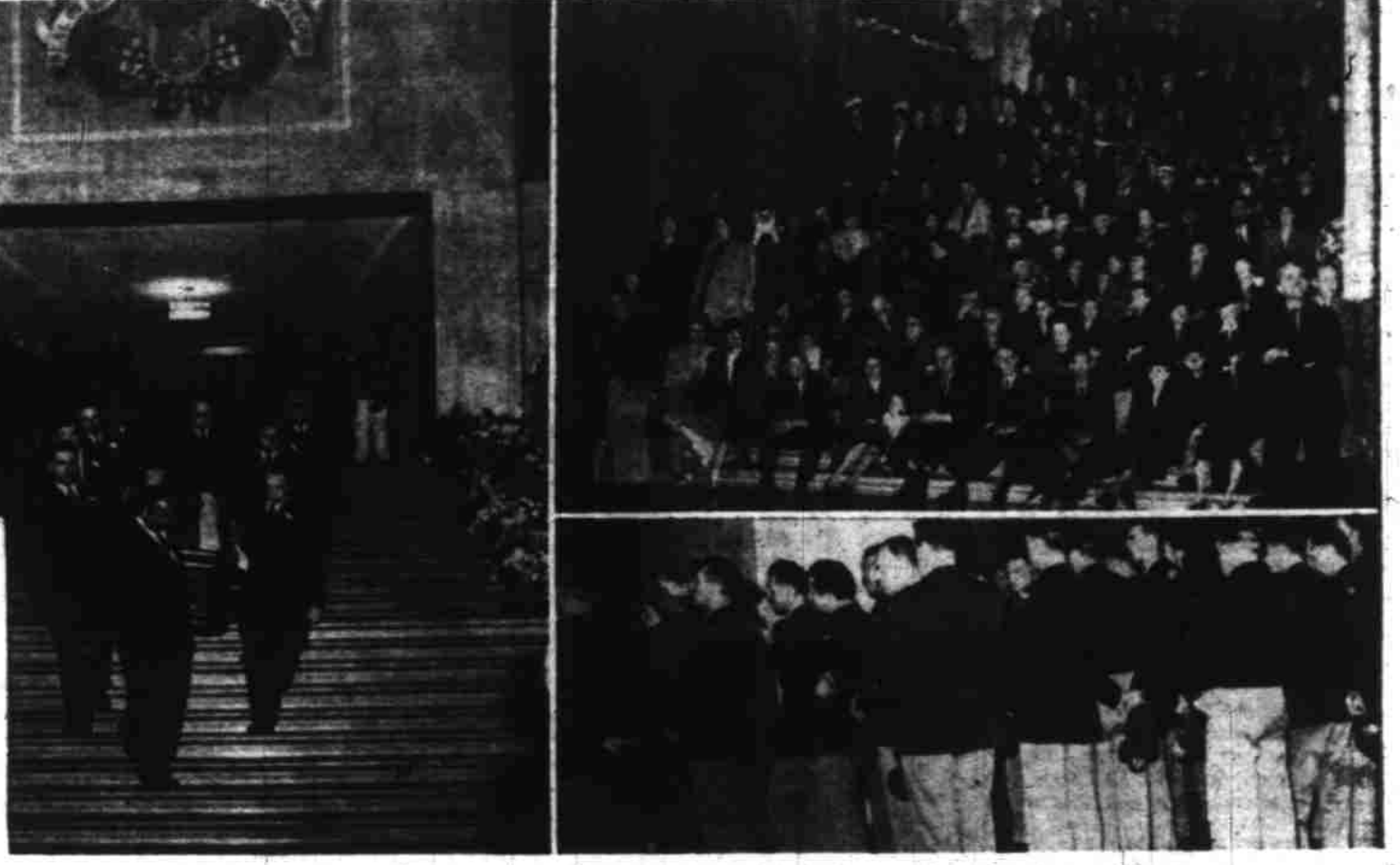


The flag-draped caskets of Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., and Senate President Marshall Cornett are shown in front of the rostrum in Oregon's house of representatives Monday afternoon, just as the Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson of the First Baptist church in Salem began the invocation. Above picture shows Governor Snell's body being brought down the statehouse steps. At the far right, a portion of the crowd stands on the stairs on the east side of the rotunda and, below, the military pays its tribute. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).



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Fire Wipes Out 30 Local Offices

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

Faces in state offices are new today, but responsibilities are the same. The whole state paused yesterday for the last rites prior to the entombment of three well loved state officials. Today, with new hands in command it resumes its tasks. The business of government must go on.

On Governor John Hall the burden is heavy. Thrust suddenly and unexpectedly into the office of chief executive he assumes office under the shadow of a great tragedy. The promotion is not of his seeking and certainly not of his desire in the manner in which it came. He is not without experience in state affairs however, for he has served in several sessions of the legislature and as speaker of the house in one, so he has an intimate knowledge of state politics. With an alert mind he should be able quickly to grasp details of administration.

In making his selection as secretary of state Governor Hall showed a desire to pick a man of standing and competence. Senator Newberry is a very successful orchardist in Jackson county, is a man of clean character and has the added advantage of legislative experience.

While it doubtless is the intention of Gov. Hall to adhere as closely as he can to the policies of Governor Snell he is too vigorous and positive an individual just to let things coast along. We may expect him to assert himself in the conduct of state business. He appears fully conscious of his responsibilities that attend his high office. The people now should accept his leadership and give him support in the heavy duties he now assumes.

Aiken, Budgeter' Has Heart Attack

George Aiken, state budget director and executive secretary for the late Governor Earl Snell, suffered a heart attack here Monday and was taken to Salem General hospital where he was reported as resting comfortably, but under an oxygen tent.

Aiken previously suffered a heart attack during the 1947 legislative but returned to his office in May after being hospitalized for several weeks. His physician said the latest attack was not as serious as the previous one.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



\$500,000 Estimated Damages

Salem's largest downtown fire in many a year burned to a shell the five-story Guardian building Monday morning, wrecking most of the approximately 30 business and professional establishments at a loss estimated at nearly \$500,000.

Three firemen were injured, none of them seriously, and no other persons were directly endangered. The fire broke out at about 7 a. m.

Fire Chief W. B. Noble said the fire started, of cause as yet undetermined, in the basement store-room below the Quisenberry Central pharmacy on the east side of the building.

At midnight last night, a hidden smolder ignited into flame in the stairwell below the second floor but was put out in a few minutes.

The blaze broke into a light-well shaft and roared up to the top floors and roof before it was brought under control about 11 a. m.

City firemen and the state fire marshal's office are investigating the cause of the fire.

The Guardian building, on the southeast corner of State and Liberty streets, housed two of Salem's principal medical clinics, a medical laboratory, optical concern, pharmacy, printing plant, savings and loan association, 14 doctors (including those in clinics), four dentists, five attorneys and 13 other business and professional firms.

Mrs. Paul W. Morse, trustee of the B. L. Steeves trust which owns the building, indicated it would be rebuilt as soon as possible. The building manager, Thomas A. Roberts, said the loss was insured and estimated replacement would cost at least \$200,000.

The pharmacy and several other places were virtually a total loss. By contrast, the ground floor offices of Salem Federal Savings and Loan association and other concerns were evacuated in time to almost eliminate loss. These offices were moved to the vacant bank quarters in the First National Bank building, and arrangements were made for establishing in the Nelson building on Chemeketa street and in Salem General and Deaconess hospitals the two medical clinics. (Details on page 4.)

Salem Chamber of Commerce announced its Liberty street office, phone 9229, would be used as a clearing point for phone calls for information, vacant space offers and other details of aiding the burned-out offices in their re-establishment.

Battalion Chief Robert Mills, who answered the call, said that when he arrived at 7 a. m. the smoke was so thick in the building and basement that it was impossible to see even with masks on. He radioed the second alarm which brought all equipment from the central station (including five pumps and the ladder truck) and about 45 firefighters from Salem's four stations.

Firemen first extinguished the basement blaze and then worked on the roof of the building.

Firefighter Lamar Shepherd incurred a sprained knee while attempting to lodge falling debris. Minor injuries also were sustained by Battalion Chief Walter Eberhard, whose hand was cut, and by Capt. Fennimore Baggett, who injured an eye.

The fire was discovered by D. L. Cummins, 1060 Mill st., janitor at the building, at about 7 a. m., shortly after he came to work.

Polish Peasant Leader In London to Stay Alive

LONDON, Nov. 3—(AP)—Stanislaw Mikolajczyk reached refuge in London today after a dramatic flight from Poland that included a dash through Soviet-occupied Germany. He said he fled because the present communist-led Polish government planned to kill him and two of his associates.

"I did not want to be shot and killed like a sheep," he said.

Britain had promised sanctuary for the anti-communist leader, and the house of commons rocked with cheers when it learned he had arrived.

The leader of the opposition national peasant party arrived in a royal air force plane from British-occupied Germany.

The Polish leader who left his country on October 20 said he received news the day the present Polish parliament opened that immunity would be taken away from him, Stefan Korbowski and Kasimir Bajinski, members of the party that fled with Mikolajczyk.

He said he had no immediate plans for the future.

One of Board Ready to Quit

PORTLAND, Nov. 3—(AP)—State liquor control Commissioner Hugh R. Kirkpatrick had no comment tonight when advised that Governor Hall has asked for the resignations of the three Oregon liquor commissioners.

But Dr. E. B. McDaniel, reached in Washington, D. C., by telephone, told the Oregonian, "I had not heard about it at all. If he asks for my resignation, he'll get it." McDaniel is due back in Portland November 11.

Commissioner George P. Lilley of Baker could not be reached.

Suicides



CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 3—(AP)—John G. Winant, former ambassador to the court of St. James and once head of the social security board, who committed suicide tonight by shooting himself in the head. He was 58 years old. (Story on page 2.)

BUTTER PRICE RISES

PORTLAND, Nov. 3—(AP)—Butter prices are expected to advance a cent a pound on the wholesale market here tomorrow, but eggs will drop one cent a dozen on medium sized grade AA and A.

MAIL ROUTE BIDS UP

Bids will be received all this week until 5 p. m. Friday in the office of Postmaster Albert Gragg for the carrying of mail from Salem postoffice to the airport and return, four times daily. Gragg announced Monday. Forms are available at the postoffice.

War Talk Gets UN Censure

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—(AP)—The United Nations assembly approved unanimously tonight a world condemnation of propaganda that might threaten peace. This final action was taken only after Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky declared it was a "half-way" measure that did not name "those countries where war propaganda is particularly widespread."

Just a week ago, in a surprise move in the assembly's 57-nation political committee, Russia withdrew charges that the United States, Greece and Turkey were carrying on "criminal war propaganda."

Meantime, a French-Swedish proposal to hold the 1948 session of the general assembly in Europe was referred to the budgetary committee for examination of financial aspects.

Ask British Ouster

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 3—(AP)—The Soviet Union today demanded that the British terminate their rule over Palestine by January 1 and turn interim administration of the turbulent Holy Land over to the security council pending partition into independent Jewish and Arab countries.

Russia also called for withdrawal of all British troops from Palestine no later than May 1, 1948, and official establishment of the two new nations by Jan. 1, 1949.

The Russian proposals were based on the assumption that the United Nations would approve partition, which is bitterly opposed by the Arabs.

Hundreds Pay Final Tribute To Three Oregon Officials In Flower-Banked Statehouse

Sec. of State



EARL T. NEWBERRY

Newberry State Secretary: Liquor Unit to Be Ousted

State Sen. Earl T. Newberry, state legislator since 1939, was sworn in as Oregon's new secretary of state at 3 p. m. Monday, a few minutes after his appointment was announced by Gov. John Hall.

The appointment constituted Governor Hall's first official act, other than to declare Monday a day of mourning. He also made known that he expected resignation of the state's three liquor control commissioners of whose administration he had been critical.

Newberry, a republican, succeeds the late Robert S. Farrell, jr. He took his oath from Judge George Rossman, chief justice of the Oregon supreme court, in the secretary of state's office. Around 50 political leaders and other friends were witnesses.

The new official said he contemplated no changes in his office staff. Assistant Secretary of State is Harry Schenk, who was not a candidate for the higher post. The office, which has been marking time because no official business could be transacted while the department was without a legal head, will reopen full time today.

Newberry, 47-year-old Ashland fruit grower, now will serve with

Oregon bade farewell to its three top officials Monday in simple state rites in the flower-banked house of representatives. Mourners from all walks of life, in all phases of dress, of all ages, jammed every seat in the hushed chamber, sat in row after row in the corridors, filled the senate across the rotunda, stood against the walls in the hall and overflowed outside on the austere statehouse steps. Special floral pieces also graced the senate.

The only reserved seats were for members of the families and for high state officials, including the governors and their aides from four western states, former governors of Oregon and persons high in the official life of this state from every part of the commonwealth.

In a row in front of the rostrum were the flag-draped caskets of Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., and Senate President Marshall Cornett. Floral pieces were banked high on and around the platform. Many others were hung from the balcony and still more were draped around the corridors, along the wide stairways and in the rotunda.

The state funeral lasted less than 30 minutes, closing with a eulogy by the Rev. George Swift of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Salem, who termed the victims of last Tuesday night's plane crash in southern Oregon "executives of outstanding ability; men of character, honesty, integrity" who gave "loyal and unselfish service to the people of the state."

The setting for the ceremonies was the same in which Governor Snell and Secretary of State Farrell once wielded their gavels as speakers of the house, where Senate President Cornett presided at joint sessions, and where four years ago last January Governor Snell was escorted to the rostrum for his intugural by former Rep. Stella Cutlip of North Bend, who attended Monday's rites, and the late Rep. A. Jennie of Corvallis.

Of the governor, the Rev. Mr. Swift said "no man could be more popular, more sincerely liked. He was honest, sympathetic and a hard worker. His loss is a serious blow."

Secretary Farrell "had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He spread sunshine and good will wherever he went. He was an able executive, a loyal and true friend."

Senate President Cornett's friends "were legion," the pastor said, and all "testify to his ability, integrity and sincerity."

"In Oregon annals, these men will be immortal."

Three Ministers Aid

Two other Salem ministers assisted in the service. The Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist church, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Brooks Moore, pastor of the First Methodist church, read the 23rd Psalm and the 14th chapter of John. Thus there was a minister representing the faith of each of the men.

Sigurd Nilsen, Eugene, sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied on the organ by W. W. Alton, also of Eugene.

Private committal services at Belcrest Memorial park, in charge of the Rev. Brooks Moore, were held for Governor Snell immediately after the state funeral, with several score close friends attending.

The body of Secretary of State Farrell was returned to Portland for interment. Private rites were held last Saturday.

The body of Senate President Cornett was taken to Riverside Abbey mausoleum in Portland by the W. T. Rigdon company and placed aboard a train for Burning Springs, Ky., his birthplace. Mrs. Cornett was to accompany the remains.

Governors at Monday's rites include Earl Warren of California, Vail Pittman of Nevada, C. A. Robbins of Idaho and Mon Wallgren of Washington. State representatives and senators represented most of Oregon almost 100 per cent.

Flowers Distributed

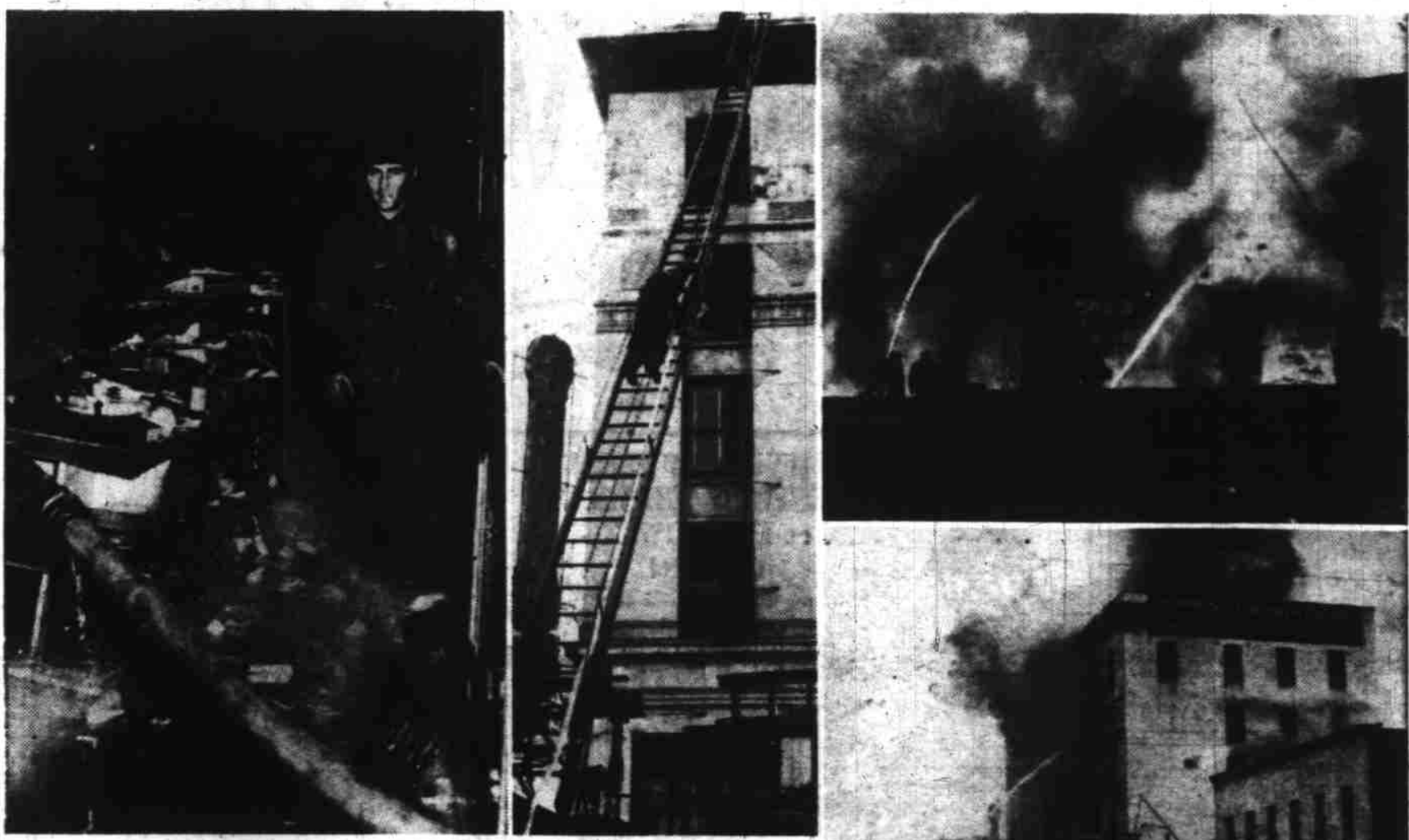
Members of the Governor Snell family sat behind drapes on the north side of the house floor, the families of the other two honored officials on the other two honored sides of the statehouse.

Many of the floral pieces accompanied the bodies of the three men to their interment, and many others were taken to the World War memorial on the courthouse lawn and to various institutions.

Meanwhile, business paused all over the state for the funeral of the three officials. Salem schools were closed in the afternoon and most stores halted business during the hour of the ceremony. The day was declared a legal holiday for mourning by Gov. John Hall. All Oregon navy recruiting stations observed a minute of silence at 1:30 p. m.

(Additional photos page 12)

Morning Blaze Wrecks Stores, Offices



These photos of Monday's Guardian building fire show (at left) Fireman Pete McCaffery inside burnt-out Quisenberry's pharmacy; (center) ladder crew at northwest building corner where patch of fire broke out after most flames subsided about 10 a. m.; (upper right) firefighting at the east wall from adjacent building within two hours of the 7 a. m. fire discovery in basement; (lower right) fire as it appeared from Liberty street about 8 a. m. (Statesman photos by Don Dill, staff photographer).

Vandenberg Aid Okeh Qualified

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3—(AP)—Qualified endorsement of the Marshall plan by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) heartened the administration today as lines were drawn tighter for an expected major clash over European aid when congress returns November 17.

The Michigan senator, presiding officer of the republican-controlled senate, said in a speech at Ann Arbor, Mich., that he is in agreement with Secretary of State Marshall's foreign aid program providing there be:

1. A frank canvass of American resources.
 2. A sound administration with adequate cooperation.
- But, he said, he wants to know the "total bill," and he cautioned: "We cannot indefinitely underwrite the world."
- The "bill" for next year was set at from \$6,000,000,000 to \$7,000,000,000 this weekend by government officials.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	42	trace
Portland	53	42	00
San Francisco	62	48	00
Chicago	53	45	trace
New York	57	48	trace

Willamette river 67 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McBarry field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. High temperature today 55, low tonight 42.