

French Newspaper Reports Russian A-Bomb Blast

Claims Test Model Explosion Achieved At Siberian Town

By Mel Most
PARIS, Nov. 11—(AP)—The rightist newspaper L'Intransigeant today printed a copyrighted dispatch purporting to come from Russia which said the Soviet Union was making atomic bombs and that Soviet scientists had exploded their first test model in Siberia on June 15.

The story was datelined "Prague," Czechoslovakia, and carried the byline of "John Griggs" which the newspaper explained was a pseudonym because the writer was still in Russia.

L'Intransigeant said the author was "neither an American nor British." Associated Press dispatch from Prague said weak tremors were registered on seismological apparatus at Strasbourg, France, Vladivostok, Moscow, Tashkent and Sverdlovsk in Russia, Pasadena, Calif., Alma Ata, Outer Mongolia, and Stuttgart, Germany on June 15.

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Oklahoman to Take Charge At Chemawa

R. M. Kelley, for the past nine years the state superintendent of Indian education in Oklahoma, arrived here this week to become superintendent of the Chemawa Indian school.

Kelley succeeds M. W. Evans, who leaves Chemawa after four years to take over the superintendency of larger Sherman institute at Riverside, Calif.

The new Chemawa superintendent is a graduate of the University of Colorado who took graduate work there and at George Washington University. His 20 years of government service included an assignment with the U. S. office of education and a five-year term as superintendent of the Haskell Indian institute in Kansas before he went to Oklahoma City to supervise the state's Indian education.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley are residing in the superintendent's cottage at Chemawa. Their son, Russell, is a student at Oklahoma A & M, Stillwell, Okla.

Chemawa Indian school reopened in September after a last-minute congressional appropriation in the summer saved it from extinction.

Animal Crackers



By WARREN GOODRICH

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Once the late President Roosevelt played on popular prejudice with caustic reference to the "fine print" on an insurance policy, implying that this seldom read matter took away many of the claims which the policy-holder thought he had.

But the government itself now invokes the "fine print" for its own protection—the "fine print" of the Federal Register.

It seems that an Idaho farmer seeded his ground to winter wheat and insured it with the federal crop insurance agency. Some 400 acres of the crop was winter-killed so the farmer reseeded it to spring wheat. Came a drought and the yield of the 400 acres was cut; then the farmer tried to collect on his insurance.

The government resisted paying the crop insurance on the ground that the land had been reseeded to spring wheat, this in spite of the fact that the county agricultural conversation committee which acted as agents for federal crop insurance had advised the farmer his spring crop was insurable. The government took its defense behind the fact that a regulation had been published in the Federal Register which prohibited insuring spring wheat on reseeded winter wheat acreage.

The Idaho supreme court held the government liable, but the U. S. supreme court in a 5 to 4 decision freed the federal crop agency from the claim. In his dissent Mr. Justice Jackson wrote:

"To my mind it is an absurdity to hold that every farmer who insures his crops knows what the Federal Register contains or even knows there is such a publication. If he were to peruse this cumbersome and dull publication . . . he would never need crop insurance for he would never get time to plant any crops."

The "fine print" is wicked business for private corporations, but at least it appears in the policy which the insured receives. The government though makes valid the "fine print" in a publication which few farmers ever see!

Eclipse Due in Salem Today

When the sky begins to darken this morning it won't be from rain clouds (probably) or the end of the world, but a partial eclipse which will obscure more than one-fourth of the sun's light. The duration, according to Associated Press, will be from about 10:06 a. m. to 12:03 p. m., with the best time to look at 11 a. m. (used smoked glass or a photo negative).

Amount of sunlight eliminated here at the peak of the eclipse will be a "shade more" than Portland's 28 per cent.

CHOLERA DEATHS MOUNT

CAIRO, Nov. 11—(AP)—The death toll in Egypt's cholera epidemic passed the 10,000 mark today, but health authorities said the end was in sight and announced a partial lifting of some restrictions.

Romania Reds Decree Life in Solitary for Opposition Leader

BUCHAREST, Romania, Nov. 11—(AP)—A military tribunal of the communist-led Romanian government today found 75-year-old Julius Maniu guilty of high treason and sentenced him to solitary confinement in prison for the remainder of his life.

Eighteen associates of the former premier, head of the national peasant party, received sentences varying from life at hard labor to one year in jail. Of four tried in absentia, two received life sentences at hard labor.

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AIRLINES GROUND DC-6 FLIGHTS

Census Shows Need For Added Schools

5-Year Plan Studied by School Board

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Anticipated growth of Salem's school population from 6,486 to over 10,000, purely on the basis of present census figures and a continuation of the present birth rate without guessing at immigration, appear to make necessary addition of several new classrooms and other facilities, starting immediately, members of the district school board were told Tuesday night.

Indications were that a tentative five-year program would approximate at least the \$2,000,000 cost estimated recently by school officials.

This picture of population growth, by the time children born in the past year finish high school, was presented by Superintendent Frank B. Bennett in presenting data secured on the district-wide census, all of which has not yet been tallied and classified. The first draft, Bennett said, shows 9,843 or 550 more children in the 4 to 19-year-old grouping than a year ago, with most of the increase on the city's fringes.

Relief in 1948 essential
The superintendent reviewed and discussed with board members various proposals for handling the increase in children, for possible building replacements and for financing. Considerable further action is expected at the next meeting, since relief for several crowded buildings is deemed essential by the fall of 1948.

While junior and senior high school pupil loads are not expected to increase beyond present capacity for at least five years, barring greatly boosted immigration, the grade school group's rise in that time is estimated at 25 per cent. Bennett estimated increases as follows: Grades, now 3,166 enrollment, up to 4,800 by 1960; junior high, 1,660 up to 2,600 by 1962; senior high, 1,660 up to 2,800 by 1964.

Capacities listed
The district's present classroom capacities, on a desired load basis of 25 pupils per room, is 2,600 in the grades, 1,000 in junior high and 1,600 in senior high. Emergency load capacity is estimated at 3,845 grade, 1,785 junior high and 2,000 senior high.

In the census of all age groups through 1948, most year-unit ranges from 500 to 700 as a city total, but in the group which has not yet celebrated a first birthday, the count is 902. Low point is in the 10-year-olds.

In addition, the district has 370 dwellings vacant or under construction. (Additional details on page 2.)

Traffic Light Set at Capitol, Fairgrounds

Traffic signal lights at Fairgrounds road and North Capitol street will go into operation today, state highway department officials said Tuesday night, with the hope that they will ease the congestion and hazards at that heavily traveled, five-street intersection.

Engineers will be on hand today to check the lights' operation under actual conditions and to adjust the timing of the three-phase timer to observed needs.

A separate signal is employed for each entrance, Fairgrounds on the south, Myrtle avenue on the west. The road on the east and Capitol from south and north (Pacific highway). A painted channel will be used to separate south-bound traffic, since cars continuing south on Capitol street will use one signal and those changing to Fairgrounds road will follow another light. Sets of "walk-way" lights are also provided for pedestrians.

The signal installation, to operate from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. daily, cost approximately \$4,200, split evenly by city and state.

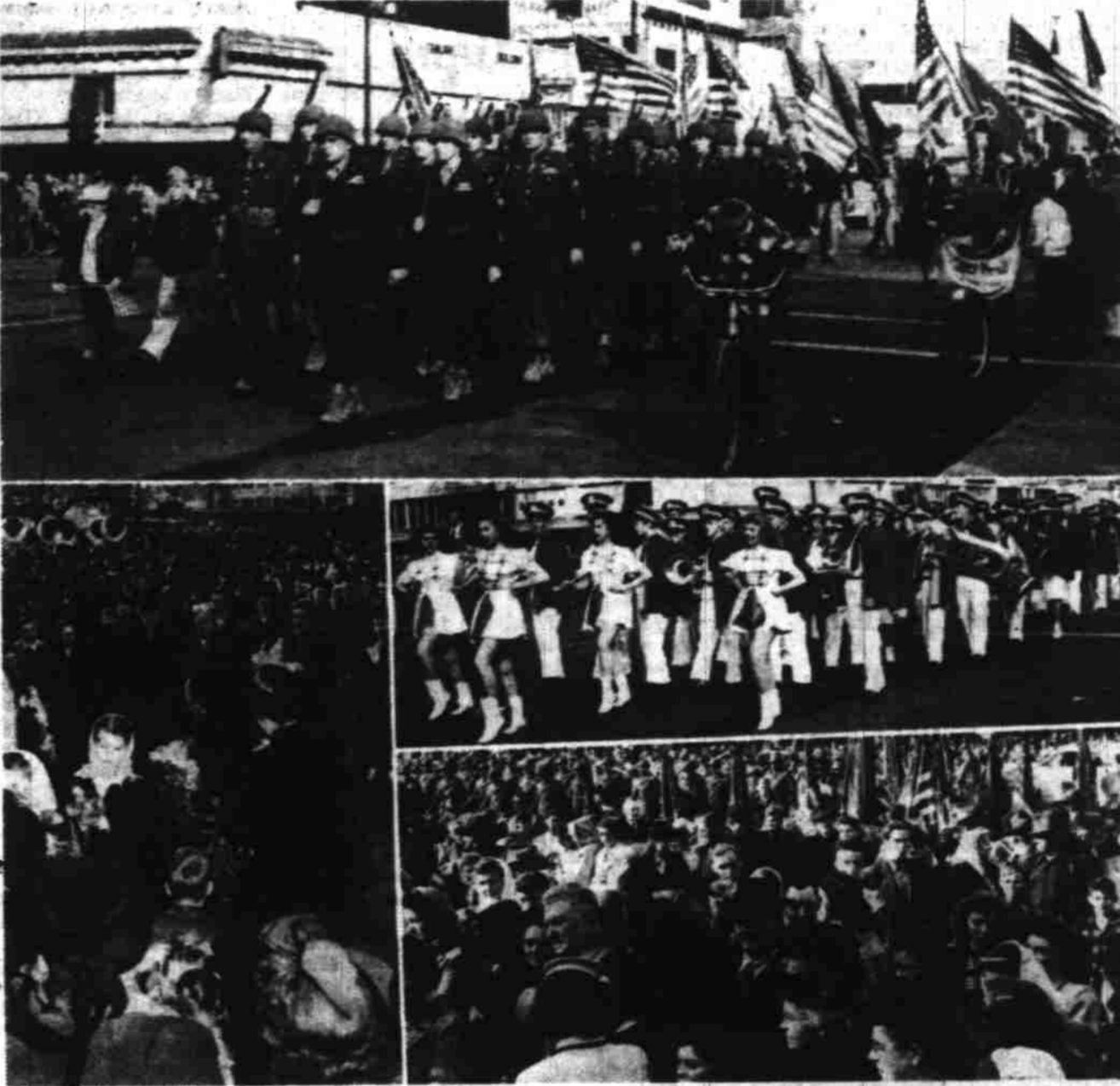
Fishing Equipment Takes Lengthy Detour

MISHAWAKA, Ind., Nov. 11—(AP)—John Harkins had been wondering why he didn't receive the fishing equipment he ordered from a St. Louis hardware store in March, 1946.

Yesterday it arrived, by way of Bombay, India, and London. The last two letters in "Indiana" had been omitted from the address.

Weather
Salem Max. Min. Precip.
Portland 52 46 .06
San Francisco 59 43 .00
Chicago 38 29 .52
New York 37 41 .91
Willamette river 10.3 feet
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today becoming mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with occasional light rain. Highest today near 60, lowest tonight 46.

Throngs Review Salem's Armistice Day Parade



Clearing skies brought out the crowds to review the Armistice day parade Tuesday as it marched through Salem's downtown streets and ended at the county courthouse where traditional ceremonies honoring war dead were carried out. Flanked by volunteer cyclists and small marchers, the only military unit in the parade was the national guard company B (top picture) commanded by 1st Lt. Hurl Cox in the lead. To the rear of the marching guardsmen can be seen the massed colors and standards of patriotic and veteran groups. Another eye-catcher was the Leslie junior high school band (middle right) paced by high-stepping student majorettes. Part of the spectators crowd at the courthouse square ceremonies (lower right) has surrounded the massed colors and the national guard unit along the High street fringe of the block. Women and girls of patriotic and veterans groups are shown (lower left) placing floral offerings at the foot of the War Mothers' statue of the World War I doughboy on the west side of the courthouse block.

Drive Slated as Hospital Spurs Building Plans

The Salem Deaconess hospital announced Tuesday through its board of directors the maturing of plans to raise \$1,000,000 for expansion of its hospital facilities.

Architectural work on designing a new 200-bed ward to be erected on ground across South Winter street fronting the present building is said to be well advanced.

A director for the financial canvass has been secured and will arrive in Salem early in 1948.

The board in its statement referred to recent proposals for a consolidation of the financial campaigns for the Deaconess and Salem General hospital which last week announced its plan to raise \$1,500,000 for a new hospital, and indicated it was agreeable to such a consolidation. For lack of such an agreement, however, the board announced it would make its own appeal for funds.

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Vishinsky Claims U. N. Out of Bounds

NEW YORK, Nov. 11—(AP)—Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Russia's deputy foreign minister, said tonight "a machine majority rounded up" by means of lobby diplomacy, forced the United Nations to consider matters beyond its jurisdiction.

Vishinsky, in an address before the 30th annual dinner of the Foreign Press association, said "The U. N. organization is compelled to deal with questions that are not at all within its jurisdiction and are not provided for by the charter. The Korean question and that of revision of the Italian peace treaty are two of them."

U. S. Blocks Red Anti-Franco Move

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 11—(AP)—The United States opposed today a demand by the Soviet bloc that the United Nations take all possible economic action—short of actual war—to force the fall of the Franco regime in Spain.

Armistice Day Speaker Backs Armed Reserves

By Conrad Prange
Staff Writer, The Statesman
National strength through participation in organized military reserve units was stressed by Maj. Leonard Hicks, commander of Salem's marine corps reserve unit, in an Armistice day address Tuesday on the Marion county courthouse square.

Maj. Hicks' talk climaxed Salem's 29th traditional observance of the end of World War I and in honor of war dead, which included a parade and brief ceremonies at the War Mother's memorial statue at the west entrance to the courthouse.

"Let us honor the men who died in battle by maintaining our military strength so that their sons may live," the major said. Pointing out that this nation's armed forces have been unified "politically," Hicks said that members of the forces who died in battle "had already achieved unity of their organizations through self-sacrifice."

Urging community interest in reserve units, the speaker maintained that "preparing for any eventuality in the best way to preserve our way of life."

Hick's spoke to a large gathering on the courthouse square which had just witnessed the laying of floral offerings at the foot of the memorial statue by auxiliary organizations.

Guard Unit Fires Volleys
As the courthouse clock chimed 11 o'clock, silence was observed as salute volleys were fired by a national guard unit and taps were sounded.

Just as the bugle notes were fading the sun suddenly came out from a cloud bank which had hidden in all morning. The Salem High school band played the national anthem and the Rev. Louis Kirby, pastor of Leslie Methodist church, offered the invocation.

Participants in the parade which left Marion square at 10:20 a. m., lined the High street side of the courthouse square facing the memorial statue. Robert K. Powell, of the Federation of Patriotic Societies, was Armistice day chairman.

Onlookers Line Parade
Led by the grand marshal, Lt. Col. Eugene Laird of the army reserve, the colorful, three-block long line of marchers (complete with bands and prancing majorettes) streamed down Commercial street, turned east on State street and wrapped itself around the courthouse block. Heavy crowds of onlookers lined the path of march.

Airliner Lands in Flames

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—United and American air lines tonight ordered grounded their DC-6 transports shortly after an American DC-6 landed in flames at Gallup, N.M.

United announced in Chicago that its DC-6s will remain out of service "until any possible hazards have been eliminated from the planes."

In New York, American announced suspension of DC-6 flight services effective at midnight. The two companies acted voluntarily.

W. A. Patterson, president of United, said in a statement that "The fire experienced by another air line gives evidence that a fire hazard still exists."

A United DC-6 crashed in flames at Bryce Canyon, Utah, Oct. 24, killing 52 persons. Traced Course of Fire
Patterson said investigation of the Bryce Canyon accident had

United Air Lines schedules through Salem will probably not be affected by the grounding of DC-6s, the Portland UAL office said early today. Slight possibility was expressed that some of the smaller craft on the coast run might be pulled off to make cross-country trips.

made it possible to trace the course of the fire, but not its point of origin.

Both companies announced they would continue operations with two-engine DC3s and four-engine DC-4s.

GALLUP, N.M., Nov. 11—(AP)—Flames which burned a hole in the belly of a big DC-6 airliner dramatically interrupted its eastbound flight this afternoon, but all 25 persons aboard scrambled out safely after an emergency landing at the Gallup airport.

The plane was American Airlines' flagship Wisconsin, flying from San Francisco to New York with stops scheduled at Tulsa and Washington.

Capt. Evan Chatfield of Tulsa, the pilot, said the fire was discovered when he was no more than five minutes out of Gallup, and he quickly circled in from the north.

Partially Blinded by Smoke
Although partially blinded by smoke which filled the cabin and cockpit, he set the big ship down 100 yards to the side of the regular runway. Passengers were praised by the pilot for remaining calm and behaving "beautifully."

Witnesses said Gallup firemen extinguished the blaze with chemicals 15 minutes after it was on the ground. An American Airlines spokesman in New York said there was a "slight fire" in the rear cargo section and the pilot, following instructions, set the plane down when one of its eight smoke warning devices went off.

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Nov. 11—(AP)—The Douglas Aircraft Co. tonight "joined with two major airlines in voluntarily ordering a temporary suspension of DC-6 service."

Barracks Collapse In Florida Tornado

ELGIN FIELD, Fla., Nov. 11—(AP)—Two widely separated tornadoes injured 21 persons and caused severe property damage in northwest Florida today.

At the army's big proving here, 13 soldiers were injured, two seriously, when two temporary wood and tar paper barracks collapsed in one of the storms.

Eight other persons were hurt and a dozen houses leveled in Ebro, a village 40 miles to the east in another gust.

QUICKIES
The food here is awful - but the waitresses get with Statesman want ads!