

Ex-Oregon Man Chosen to Direct Veterans Affairs

Carl Gray Chosen as Bradley to Step Into General Eisenhower's Shoes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21-(AP)—Four-Star Gen. Omar Bradley was chosen today to succeed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as army chief of staff, and Carl R. Gray, jr., a railroad executive, was named to follow Bradley as veterans administrator.

Bradley's appointment as chief of staff has been anticipated ever since Eisenhower announced his forthcoming retirement from military life to accept the presidency of Columbia University. But the election of Gray to supervise veterans' affairs was a surprise to official Washington.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Steadily we can see the setting up of corporate dominion over substantial portions of our natural resources. Latest acquisition is some 120,000 acres of timber land in the Olympic peninsula from the Polson interests by Rayonier, Inc., which is a large producer of pulp for rayon manufacture. The company has a mill at Shelton, Wash. The lands include 50,000 acres of virgin timber and 70,000 acres of reproduction growth.

Other large corporate interests holding timber lands are Weyerhaeuser, Crown Willamette, Long Bell Lumber Co., Puget Sound Pulp and Timber. Rapidly the small private holder is disposing of his lands, either selling outright or letting the land go for taxes after timber has been cut.

There is a certain inevitability in all this. The individual is not able or willing to carry lands with a prospect of only one harvest in a lifetime. He can't well wait another 40 to 80 or 100 years for a crop. The big corporations that are doing so, that their mills may continue in steady operation. They are launching tree farms to renew the timber. They employ trained foresters, protect lands against fire.

Against this trend in ownership of timberlands is that to state ownership. Oregon now owns around 400,000 acres of timber lands. The area ought to greatly increased both to prevent timber monopoly and to give a larger return to the public. In time the small operator must look to state forests or national forests for his logs. With granting of priority rights to mills with attached land holdings, many mills will be forced out of business.

We are in a transition period. The log-lumber business in the northwest will never be the same after the new pattern is established. It will take a good many years, but eventually the lands will be either in public ownership or in the hands of comparatively few corporations. Also, a larger proportion of the timber cut will go into products other than lumber, a fact which immediately applies to the big purchase by Rayonier in Washington.

Royal Couple Jaunt in Jeep

ROMSEY, England, Nov. 21-(AP)—Britain's royal newlyweds, Princess Elizabeth and her dashing Prince Philip, took a joy ride in a jeep today and then spent many hours alone in the seclusion of Broadlands, their honeymoon mansion.

They were occupied, according to word received in this placid market town, in the pleasant task of reading the thousands of congratulatory messages sent from nations around the world.

Unnoticed by Romsey townspeople, Philip drove the bouncing jeep out the gate at Broadlands while England's future queen sat beside him holding her Welsh Corgi dog, Susan.

For about an hour they toured the 6,000-acre Broadlands estate.

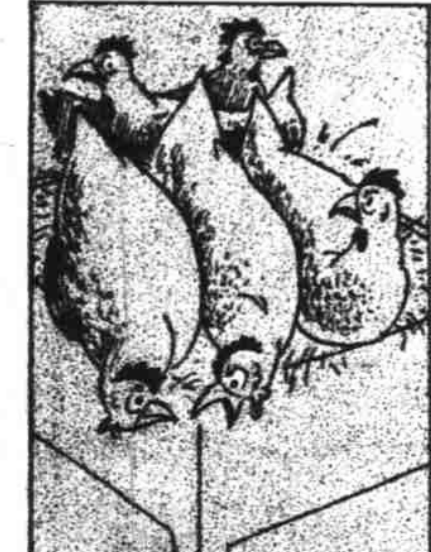
Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
SALEM	49	38	0.00
Portland	49	37	0.00
San Francisco	55	37	0.00
Chicago	48	35	0.00
New York	48	35	0.00
Willamette river	7.5	feet.	

Forecast from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature. High temperature today 50, low tonight 30.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I wish they'd solve this housing shortage!"

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Truman Backs Export of Machinery to Russia

Amity Boy Charged with Murder



Facing second degree murder charges at Dallas is John Earl Peoples, 16, Amity, standing in center with Polk County Sheriff T. B. Hooker, left, and District Attorney R. S. Kresson, right, in front of Peoples' cell in the Polk county courthouse. Peoples is charged with the arson-slaying of Robert J. Armstrong, 78, on a farm north of Dallas last month. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Russ Threaten Split with Iran

MOSCOW, Nov. 21-(AP)—Russia hinted today that she might break diplomatic relations with Iran as a result of the Iranian parliament's refusal to ratify an agreement for oil concessions to the Soviet Union.

Describing Iran's action as "incompatible with normal relations between the two nations," Russia said the middle east country must bear responsibility for the consequences of "treacherous violations, gross discrimination and hostile activity against the USSR."

Judge Rejects Candidacy For Governor Proposal

PORTLAND, Nov. 21-(AP)—Circuit Judge Donald E. Long today publicly rejected proposals that he become a democratic candidate for governor of Oregon.

He said he would seek reelection as judge of the court of domestic relations here.

Burt Snyder Out of Race

LAKEVIEW, Nov. 21-(AP)—Burt K. Snyder, state representative from Deschutes and Lake counties, said today he would not run for election again. Snyder said he had been considering retiring from politics for some time.

Polk Grand Jury Recesses without Decision on Case

DALLAS, Nov. 21-(Special)—The Polk county grand jury recessed today until after Thanksgiving without reaching a decision in the case of John Earl Peoples, 16, referred to the grand jury under a second degree murder charge in connection with the arson-slaying of 78-year-old Robert J. Armstrong.

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The charge against young Peoples was placed by District Attorney R. S. Kresson after the youth allegedly signed a statement admitting kidnapping Armstrong and setting fire to his farmhouse 10 miles north of here September 8. Peoples is in the county jail here.

Stassen Opposes Shipment

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21-(AP)—President Truman said today he sees no reason to halt shipment of U.S. machinery to Russia in the face of congressional demands that the traffic be stopped lest it strengthen soviet military might.

The president made his views known in reply to news conference questions stemming from the disclosure, in department of commerce records, that Russia is importing locomotives, freight cars and other equipment from the U.S. at the rate of \$150,000,000 a year.

Asked about criticism of this export volume, Mr. Truman said the Russians have a purchasing commission here and that it is buying machinery needed for repairing dams and for farm work.

He said he saw no reason to stop such exports now.

Shipment of heavy machinery and other goods which might help the soviet bloc has been assailed repeatedly during congressional hearings on the question of extending economic aid to western European countries.

In Chicago today, Harold E. Stassen, republican candidate for president, said recent shipments of American equipment to Russia "are the kinds of technical material needed for modern warfare."

Legionnaires Charged with Mob Violence

GLENDALE, Calif., Nov. 21-(AP)—Twenty men were named in misdemeanor complaints today as the aftermath of the visitation by a group wearing American Legion caps, at a political meeting in nearby La Crescenta Friday night.

Among those named were 14 members of the Glendale Legion post 127, including its commander, Orville Collins, and Harry C. Burkheimer, publisher of the Glendale News-Press who also was charged with battery. Burkheimer said he was present merely as a newspaperman.

The charges were instituted by Hugh Hardyman, a retired fruit grower, in whose home the meeting was being held. He said it was a meeting of democrats, adding that a spokesman for the visiting group addressed his guests as "members of the Progressive Citizens of America."

The spokesman, he added, told the assembled group to "thank God you live in the United States" and urged them to disperse. The meeting continued, however, with David Luff, a former UNRRA information officer, discussing Greece and Yugoslavian problems.

Franchises, Sewer Rent Provide Storm Clouds for Council

Proposed bus and electric franchises and sewer service rental charges may add up to a stormy session of the city council when it meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday in city hall. Prepared for final action on the heavy council agenda are nine ordinance bills.

Most of the city aldermen had ample evidence by Friday of mounting and controversial public interest in the sewer, bus and electric bills. One alderman predicted the council would have enough to consider to warrant delaying final action on all three matters.

The pending bill to enfranchise for 10 years the Oregon Motor Stages as city bus line on the basis of its present operations already has been opposed by petitions from patrons of Suburban Bus Lines who expressed the fear an OMS franchise might jeopardize the suburban bus operations. It was understood some resentment was felt when OMS recently extended its bus runs into Salem suburbs beyond city limits.

Some riders dissatisfied with OMS service. Also reported as considering a formal protest is a group of residents living near the OMS shop and garage on Front street, who have complained of noise in use of the street for bus parking.

Two bills are before council proposing a franchise for Salem Electric, the cooperative distributor in Salem and West Salem of Bonneville power. A city-drafted bill would grant a revocable franchise limited to the cooperative's operations as of Oct. 1, 1947, at an annual charge amounting to 3 1/2 per cent of the company's gross receipts.

An alternate bill brought in at the request of Salem Electric would provide the cooperative firm with a general franchise for operations within the city for a five-year period, with the city's fee amounting to 3 per cent of gross receipts.

Several downtown merchants have petitioned the council for its authority to enable them to have Salem Electric service and others have expressed themselves unofficially to aldermen that a general franchise for Salem Electric would make healthy competition for Portland General Electric Co. and tend to keep rates at present low levels.

The sewer service rental bill is first part of a \$1,445,500 program of sewer expansion into new city areas and ultimate construction of a sewage disposal plant. The program was recommended by City Manager J. L. Franzen who asked that as a starter, new revenue be raised (at an estimated \$104,000 per year) by charging residents and business firms for sewer use on the basis of water used. (Sewer bill details in Sunday's Statesman).

Although the long range plan for sewer improvements was greeted by generally favorable response, several objections have since been raised. Some householders have complained the rate is inequitable because they would pay the "extra" premium in the summer period of heavy water use. The basic rate of 50 cents per month for 500 cubic feet of water used is increased in all cases by three cents per each 100 additional cubic feet of water consumed.

Other residents voiced complaints to aldermen that they will be paying for sewers going into the recently annexed outlying areas. Opposition is expected, too, from the canneries which as heavy water users would pay large amounts. Cannerymen point out that not all the water they use goes back into the sewers.

Other bills coming before council for possible final action include the watered-down bill to change the names of eight city streets (controversial changes like High to Broadway having been eliminated), temporary residential zoning for recently annexed city areas, 50-foot setback lines for South Commercial street south of Hoyt street, an adjustment of sidewalk line on Hickory street between Maple and 5th streets, and higher charges for reclaiming impounded dogs.

Murder Indictment Given in Vanport Case

PORTLAND, Nov. 21-(AP)—A first degree murder indictment was returned today against Howard Brown, 20, Vanport, whose 15-year-old sweetheart was fatally stabbed two weeks ago.

Brown had maintained the girl, Noel Obey, was accidentally hurt while he toyed with a new knife.

Prices to Rise, Says Anderson

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21-(AP)—A "distressing" shortage of meat beginning in February was forecast today by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

"Meat is going to be distressingly short for February, March, April and May, and possibly June should be added," he told the joint senate - house economic committee.

"We are liable to have higher prices then," he added.

He appeared in connection with President Truman's anti-inflation proposals.

Anderson said, however, that "unless there is a disastrous wheat crop" next year there will be no shortage of food in the United States. His statement took into account the proposed food aid shipments to Europe.

Americans' meat consumption, now averaging some 156 pounds per person annually, will be reduced to about 135 pounds, he predicted.

Meat is likely to be somewhat hard to find in sufficient quantities until next October or November, he said. By that time, grass fed livestock is expected to be reaching the market.

To Watch Wheat Crop Anderson told the lawmakers that if the wheat crop failed, immediate efforts would be made to stimulate the production of potatoes, soy beans and other such foods.

The cabinet officer asked sweeping authority to tighten controls over trading in grain and other foods by raising margin requirements as high as 100 per cent.

He also declared that the authority, which President Truman asked to regulate the grades and weights at which livestock is sold would work without price controls.

To Study All Plans Earlier, senate republicans reported a decision to develop an anti-inflation program of "sound measures" based on a study of all proposals, including those submitted to congress by the president last Monday.

Hours before Anderson testified to the joint economic committee, Mr. Truman had told his news conference that he wants federal authority to control credit margins on the commodity exchanges in the same manner that transactions on the stock exchanges are curbed. The president, however, declined at that time to say what maximum margin percentage should be authorized.

Gov. Hall to Keep Family in Portland

Gov. John H. Hall declared Friday he has decided against moving his family from Portland to Salem. The governor said he would spend three or four days a week in Salem with the rest of the week devoted to travel about the state to get acquainted.

Hall said he felt it would be unwise to move his family to Salem in view of the fact that his term ends in 14 months. His children are now in school in Portland.

9 Men Lost in Crash

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 21-(AP)—Nine navy men were lost at sea in the crash early today of a Lockheed Neptune medium bomber as two survivors were rescued by a submarine and brought to port here. Cause of the crash was not disclosed.

Bomber Overdue

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 21-(AP)—A navy Martin Mariner patrol bomber with an unknown number of persons aboard is overdue on a flight from Alameda, Calif., naval air station to San Diego, the 11th naval district reported tonight.

QUICKIES



"Mary! You know that bear skin rug we got with a Statesman Want Ad—well, Rover is gone now!"

Flying Grandmother Brings Chinaware, Needlework from Germany; Finds Language No Bar to Friendship in U.S.

By Don Dill

Staff Writer, The Statesman

Mrs. Pauline Wendt, 82, is resting today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Wittenberg, 236 S. 17th st., after a hectic week of flying from Berlin, Germany.

Mrs. Wendt, short, plump and hearty, looking like all the good grandmothers of Grimm's fairy tales, was thrilled by the airplane ride. She was a bit apprehensive back in Germany when told of her mode of travel, but took heart when a friend suggested that since God had seen her through the terrors of the Nazi regime and the war, He was not likely to desert her during the flight.

Wanted to Keep Going

Once airborne Mrs. Wendt felt as though she would like to keep right on going, she declares. The only hitch in the flight came at New York and Chicago where her planes were delayed by inclement weather. But even the delays provided her with thrills. In New York a man and woman took her in charge, drove her downtown to see the tall skyscrapers and dined her royally. She still doesn't know who they were, but thinks that America must be a land of generosity. And on the Chicago flight a fellow woman traveler gave her a dollar bill with which to buy coffee at the stops.

Originally scheduled to arrive in Portland at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning, Mrs. Wendt finally saw her daughter, Mrs. Wittenberg, after the plane landed about 1:30 p.m. After the first emotion-stirring meeting with her daughter

Mrs. Wendt was subjected to a whirlwind of activity, including pictures and interviews by reporters and photographers. Dinner was scheduled at her granddaughter's, Mrs. Erna Young, at Aloha, near Portland. Then came the drive to Salem with her daughter and son-in-law. Through the Oregon night Mrs. Wendt saw and marvelled at Oregon orchards, trees and farms. Arrival at Salem touched off another series of greetings and welcomes from relatives Mrs. Wendt had never seen and their friends.

Speaks No English

Friday morning Mrs. Wendt, despite her 6,500-mile trip, was up and ready to catch up on all the happenings of the years she and her daughter have been separated. Speaking in rapid German — she speaks no English — she told her daughter of being caught in the Russian zone, of being smuggled by another daughter to the British zone, and finally of the thrill it was to eat a banana at her granddaughter's.

Thankful for her good fortune to be in America with her daughter, Mrs. Wendt said her plan for the future is to send all the food and clothing she can to her other daughters and relatives back in Germany. Having little clothing to pack she brought instead all the chinaware and needle work she could for her daughter.



Feeling hale and hearty Friday after a flying trip from Berlin, Germany, to Salem, Mrs. Pauline Wendt, 82, center, shows china and silverware and needlework she brought for her daughter, Mrs. Bert Wittenberg (right), and Mr. Wittenberg (left) in their home at 236 S. 17th st. Mrs. Wittenberg will enjoy the gleaming Bavarian figurines, small silver sets and exquisite hand knitted and embroidered dollies and center pieces which were sent to her via her mother by friends in Germany as payment for food, clothing and shoes which she and her husband have been sending since the close of the war. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)