

By Charles A. Sprague

"Our telegram had gone around by Baker City, Sumpter and Canyon City; thence had been relayed by telephone to Burns."

So wrote Dallas Lore Sharp some 35 years ago in an article from "Bend to Burns" which appeared in the Atlantic Monthly and later in his book "Where Rolls the Oregon." Communication by telegraph and telephone between these two cities has been similarly circuitous ever since; but now we note in the papers that line crews are constructing a telephone line to connect Bend and Burns. Progress has come to the high desert.

High since though the highway was improved over what it was when Sharp made the trip by auto stage, which took all day. The 132 miles of surfaced highway can be covered in just a few hours. Riding the auto stage in 1912 was a thrilling experience for the Harvard professor and naturalist.

The stage he wrote: "The best bucket of the Pendleton Round-up is but a rocking-horse in comparison."

Those who have traveled the good highway of today between Bend and Burns, with its long stretches of straight road and easy grades and curves, will not recognize the road which Sharp describes.

The trail takes account of every possible bunch of sagebrush and greasewood to be met with on the way. It never goes over a bunch if it can go around a bunch; and as there is nothing but bunches all

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Occupied Zone Merger Nearer For 3 Powers

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Convoking a three-power conference to merge the American, British and French zones of Germany appeared a possibility tonight as the foreign ministers conference staggered from disagreement to disagreement amid a flood of Soviet attacks against the western powers.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov again devoted most of today's two-hour and 50-minute session to portraying Russia as the only defender of Germany against the "imperialistic" western countries who want to turn the beaten nation into a helpless "colony" conference sources said.

Minor agreements were reached on peace treaty procedural matters without touching on fundamental issues. One agreement provides the big four foreign ministers will write the treaty itself, taking into consideration both the two-thirds votes and the majority votes of all the allied nations attending the peace conference. A similar provision was used in preparing the treaties for Germany's satellites.

Failure of the four powers to agree thus far on fundamental issues appeared to lend added significance to a statement earlier today by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, that if this conference fails, France may merge her zone with the economically United American and British occupation areas.

Gun Collector Shoots Self

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—Donald Beckman, 26-year-old gun collector, shot himself fatally tonight. Deputy District Attorney W. G. Harrington said, in remorse over what he believed the death of his wife, Audrey, 27.

Harrington said he was told that the young couple were examining an old pistol in the bedroom of their home when the weapon went off, the bullet piercing Mrs. Beckman's diaphragm.

Beckman ran across the street to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beckman, telephoned for an ambulance and the police. Upon returning and seeing his wife lying in a pool of blood, he apparently supposed her dead and shot himself in the head with the same weapon.

The younger Mrs. Beckman was taken to the Portland Sanitarium where her condition was given as critical.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Ah, ah—meatless Tuesday!"

Senate Okehs \$597 Million Foreign Aid As Strikes Plague France, Worry Italy

Reds End Assembly Sitdown

By Louis Nevin
PARIS, Tuesday, Dec. 2 (AP)—Paris subways resumed operation early today after police had cleared sitdown strikers from six power plants in the Paris area.

Simultaneously a republican guard ousted communist deputy Raoul Calas from the national assembly after he had occupied the speakers' rostrum for more than 10 hours in defiance of a vote of censure decreeing his expulsion.

Fifty other communist deputies, who had staged a sitdown in the chamber in connection with their campaign to kill the government's stringent anti-strike bill, filed out peacefully with Calas.

The communist sitdown in the assembly chamber began last night after a tumultuous session which Herriot finally was forced to suspend because of the uproar raised by the leftwingers.

The suspension postponed action on the government's anti-strike bill until tomorrow, when the assembly will resume debate on the bill at 3 p.m. (6 a.m. PST).

The power plant strikers' refusal to work halted Paris subways yesterday, darkened many Paris homes, crippled other public utilities and closed down theatres and movie houses.

Communist deputies occupied the chamber after one of them refused to accept a vote of censure for "inciting the army to revolt" which would expel him temporarily.

A creeping industrial and transportation paralysis, caused by a wave of strikes which have left more than 2,000,000 idle, gripped the nation.

The streets of Paris went unswayed by the strikes, which have left the streets of Paris unswayed for the third day because of a walkout of municipal employees.

Parisians ate cold suppers because of a lack of gas.

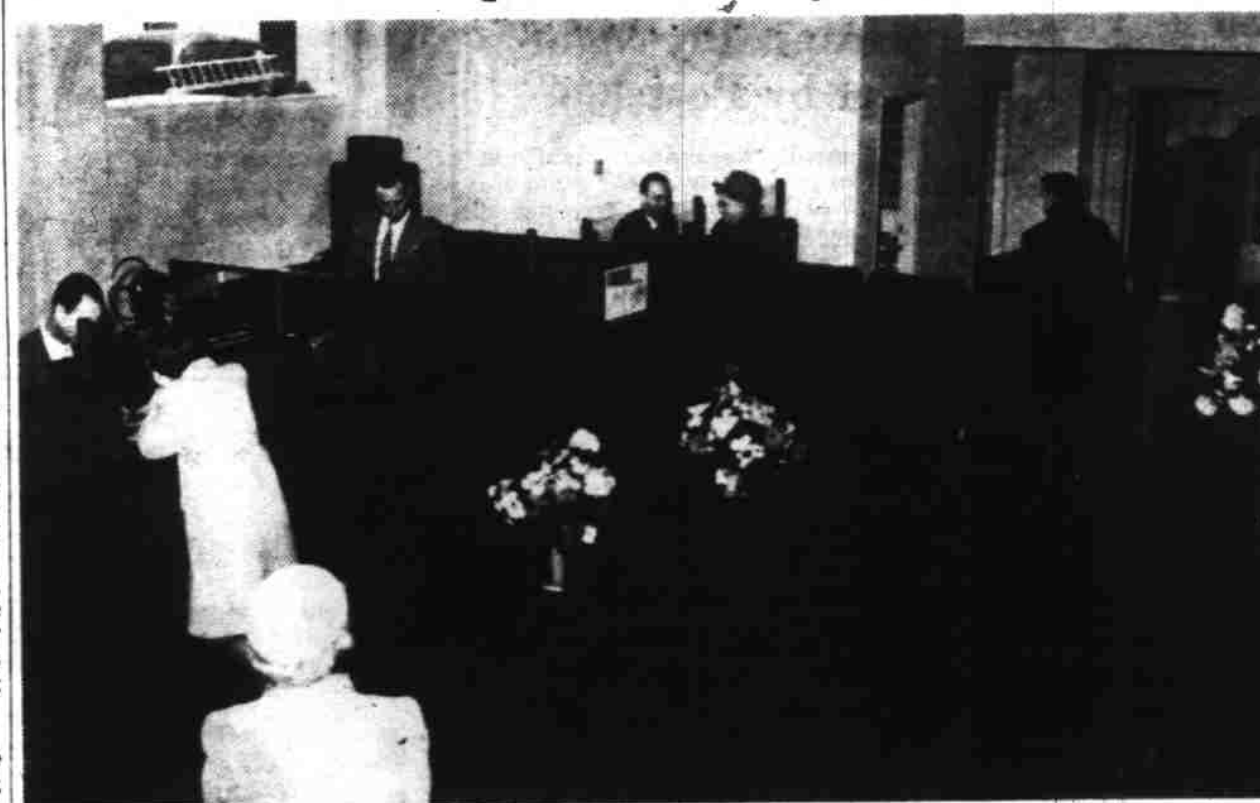
Sabotage continued. The Paris-Lyon express train was derailed near Bourg-en-Bresse—the second such incident in that area in the last three days.

Italy Strike Ousted
ROME, Tuesday, Dec. 2 (AP)—A nation-wide strike of city employees, set to begin later this morning, was averted early today when the Italian government agreed to furnish the municipal governments with sufficient money to allow promised wage increases.

The city employees' national federation, announcing the government action, directed its members to continue work "until further notice."

The decision to call off the strike eased some pressure on the national government of Premier Alcide de Gasperi.

New Bank Opens in Hollywood District



First day of business at the Willamette Valley bank in the Hollywood district Monday was devoted to opening of new accounts and renting of safety deposit boxes. Shown at tellers' windows are left to right, Al Flicker, cashier; Harry Ewing and Alfred Domogalla. The bank is located at 1990 Fairgrounds rd., at the Hunt street corner. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Plane Brakes Blamed as 8 Die in Crash

SEATTLE, Dec. 1 (AP)—Hydraulic brakes that failed to hold were blamed today by Pilot James E. Farris, 37, of Seattle for the Alaska Airlines transport plane crash at the Seattle-Tacoma airport yesterday which resulted in the death of eight persons. Two others are in critical condition.

The pilot said the big DC-4 coming in from Anchorage, Alaska, landed at a speed of approximately 100 miles an hour.

When he tried to apply the brakes, Farris said they didn't hold, he failed in an effort to "ground-loop" the plane and it "rolled like it was on a bed of ball-bearings" until it leaped a 60-foot embankment at the end of the airport runway.

The transport crashed into an automobile on the highway below, killing a blind woman in the car. Then the plane caught fire.

In Washington, the civil aeronautics board ordered Alaska Airlines to show cause by December 15 why it should not be required to stop scheduled operations between Anchorage and Seattle. The board said its enforcement section asserted the carrier was providing scheduled service between points not on its established routes and particularly between Seattle and Anchorage.

Farris advanced possible reasons for the brake failure. He said that water might have gotten into the hydraulic lines and froze while the transport stood in the rain at Yakutat, Alaska for 48 hours as 42 spark plugs were changed.

The dead:
Jonas E. Johnson, 44, of Palmer, Alaska; Gordon Johnson, Johnson's 21-month-old son; Fred Smith of Tacoma, Wash.; Leslie Howe, 33, Seattle; and Spokane, Wash.; Ole Ring, of Edmonds, Wash.; Mrs. Virginia Stitworth, 33, of Tacoma; Mrs. Stella Pearl Jones, 45, Seattle blind woman; Reba Monk of Santa Monica, Calif., the stewardess.

Weather
Salem Max. 54 Min. 40 Precip. 0.00
Portland 55 46 .06
San Francisco 57 46 trace
Chicago 37 13
New York 39 23 .00
Willamette river 2 feet
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight. High today 55, low tonight, 35.

Year's New Building in Salem Nears \$6,000,000 Aggregate

Valuation of new construction within Salem city limits this year neared the \$6,000,000 mark, as 11th month totals were tabulated Monday in the office of City Engineer J. H. Davis.

With city building permits issued in November for projects valued in aggregate at \$341,575, the total so far this year rose to \$6,592,495 in the city's record of local construction—almost double the 1946 record for an entire year's building, amounting to \$3,451,878.

Only new building authorized with more than \$2,000 valuation during November was the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company garage building for which a \$53,500 permit was issued. Thirty new

House Ponders Reduction

By Ed Creagh
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—A bill authorizing \$597,000,000 in emergency aid to France, Italy and Austria was passed, 83 to 6 by the senate late today but the house foreign affairs committee voted soon afterward to hold the amount down to \$500,000,000 and add China to the list of countries to be helped.

Supporters of President Truman's full program of helping Western Europe through the winter as one means of fighting communism appeared certain to press for raising the house figure to the full \$597,000,000 for France, Italy and Austria alone.

Truman Gratified
Immediately after he learned of the senate action, Mr. Truman telephoned Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich) and Barkley (D-Ky) to congratulate them and to thank them for the large part that they had in bringing about this result.

Members of the house foreign affairs committee said they hoped to bring their bill before the house Wednesday or Thursday.

No Funds Voted Yet
The measure was adopted by the senate without major change. An amendment by Senator Taylor (D-Iowa) which would have turned U. S. relief funds over to the United Nations for distribution was shouted down by voice vote.

Neither the senate nor the house committee version carries any actual cash. An appropriation bill must be approved later.

The six senators who voted "no" today were: Langer (R-ND), McClellan (D-Tenn), Moore (R-Okla), O'Daniel (D-Tex), Robertson (R-Wyo), and Taylor (D-Idaho).

Test Grounds Underway for Atom Weapons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Construction of atomic "testing grounds" is underway on the faraway Pacific atoll of Eniwetok, the government disclosed today in an announcement worded as to raise the possibility that the U. S. has some new weapon in addition to the A-bomb.

A three-paragraph announcement from the atomic energy commission spoke of atomic weapons in the plural. Government officials said security reasons prevent an explanation of whether this means the existence of an atomic weapon other than the bomb. One spokesman said "you can draw your own conclusions."

The announcement hinted that the tests will be on a major scale for it said Eniwetok was chosen, among other reasons, because "it is isolated and there are hundreds of miles of open sea in the direction in which winds might carry radioactive particles."

Lt. Gen. John E. Hull, Pacific commander of the army forces, is coordinating the work of the army, navy and air force in the program. These experiments will not be confined to weapons alone, but also to peace-time uses of atomic energy.

Eniwetok atoll is in the Marshall Islands group, roughly halfway between Hawaii and the Philippines.

Worth of Franchises Mulled in W. Salem

By Marguerite Gleeson
Valley News Editor, The Statesman
WEST SALEM, Dec. 1—Just how good is a city franchise, how much dependence may Oregon Flax Textile Co. place in the permanence of its access to the low cost power upon which it banked in building the West Salem plant and upon which it hopes to build its future?

This was the question which Clyde Everett, manager of the firm, posed to the West Salem city council at its meeting here tonight.

Everett referred to the 20-year franchise recently granted Salem Electric cooperative, a local distributor for Bonneville power. The franchise was one of several such granted West Salem utilities in anticipation of a vote to merge the municipalities of Salem and West Salem.

Elmer Cook, city attorney, when asked for an opinion, said that nothing could touch the franchise which a city has granted but neither could one predict what the courts might rule in case the franchise was attacked in the courts.

Mayor Walter Musgrave said it was his understanding that users were fully protected under the franchise and that if he had any information to the contrary he would certainly not favor the merger of the two towns.

Everett said his company was concerned for the future of its operations here, the permanence and expansion of which is predicated upon the low cost power which is available. Members of the council joined Mayor Musgrave in intimating that they had felt the franchise was good and the users were safe in banking upon it.

In conversation with councilmen after the meeting Everett made no secret of his personal attitude toward the matter and was overheard to say that, if there seemed any danger that merger meant an end to the low cost power, he personally would oppose it.

25 Seek Position As Board Attorney

Approximately 25 applications for the position of attorney for the new state liquor control commission, appointed Saturday by Gov. John H. Hall, have been received at the executive department.

Governor Hall emphasized that the appointment would be made by Attorney General George Neuner under a new law of the 1947 legislature. William B. Henderson, Portland, is the current attorney for the liquor control commission but was expected to resign within the next few days.

Missing Plane Thought Found

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 2 (AP)—The U. S. air force said today it believes a C-47 transport plane missing since Friday with 20 persons aboard has been definitely located in the French occupation zone of Germany.

The airport here reported receiving a message from the plane, said to be west of Kaiserslautern, presumably in the Saar, near Saarbruecken.

An air force search plane reported this morning that it had radioed for a light signal and received it from a position on the ground where it thought the missing plane was located.

Gurske Keeps Board Position

Reappointment of Paul E. Gurske as a member of the state industrial accident commission was announced Monday by Gov. John H. Hall. His new term becomes effective January 6, 1948. Gurske represents labor on the commission.

Palestine Fracas Spreads; Arabian Strike on Today

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (AP)—One Jew was killed and four other Jews and two Polish Christians were wounded today as Arab bands, seeking reprisal for the United Nations decision to partition Palestine which they opposed, roved through city streets and the Holy Land countryside, punctuating their protests with gunfire and bomb blasts.

The latest communal clash occurred tonight in border streets between the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv and all-Arab Jaffa as Palestine authorities prepared for further outbreaks of violence tomorrow when a three-day Arab general strike is scheduled to begin.

Four Jews were wounded, one seriously, by an Arab band in Tel Aviv-Jaffa. Jewish sources said the Arab group, containing between 200 and 300 persons, was repulsed by a Jewish fighting force.

Arab Strike Today
The general strike was called by the Arab higher committee in protest against partition. Arab informants said a huge demonstration would form inside the old city of Jerusalem at the outset of the strike tomorrow and they predicted "there may be trouble."

The violence today brought to eight the death toll in Palestine since the United Nations announced its decision Saturday night. Demonstrations continued in Damascus, where four persons have died in riots. They occurred also in Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt, and in Beirut, Lebanon.

Sir Alan Cunningham, the British high commissioner, summoned Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Arab higher committee, to government house to remind him the British intended to maintain law and order until their intended withdrawal "before Aug. 1, 1948."

2 Americans Menaced
Two American citizens, including two news correspondents, were menaced by Arab mobs in Amman, Trans-Jordan, where gangs attacked oil company offices and burned the contents.

Phil Potter of the Baltimore Sun and Charlotte Ebener of the Women's National News Agency, were rescued by a British major from one mob and were taken to Zerqa, north of Amman, in protective custody.

The premiers and foreign ministers of the 12 Arab states will meet in Cairo, Egypt, in about 12 days to take steps for fighting the partitioning, the secretary-general of the Arab league said last night.

U.N. Machinery Begins Action For Partition

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 1 (AP)—Top United Nations officials moved swiftly today to put into effect the general assembly's decision to partition Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab countries.

The Palestine question was taken up at a private meeting of Secretary-General Trygve Lie's chief assistants, along with other problems to be referred to the secretary by the assembly. These problems included sending a special commission to Korea and moving the 1948 session of the assembly to Europe.

These quarters said that measures already were being taken to choose personnel and arrange transportation for the special five-nation U.N. Palestine commission.

Non action was taken to bring the current Palestine disturbances to the attention of the security council, although that body will have the Holy Land problem before it officially in the week on the Indonesian issue.

Parent-Teacher Formation Slated

KEIZER, Dec. 1—Organization of a unit of the Parent-Teachers association is planned for a community meeting Tuesday night at the Keizer school house.

Mrs. Ralph Sippel is chairman of the organizing committee and parents and all persons interested are asked to be present. Mrs. C. A. Fratke of Independence, president of the Polk county PTA, will be the principal speaker and will be accompanied to the meeting by Mrs. Leslie Morris of Salem, president of the Marion county PTA, and Mrs. James H. Turnbull of Salem, state PTA historian.

Corner Bought by Bishop's

One of the largest Salem real estate transactions in recent years was disclosed Monday with the filing of papers showing that Bishop's Clothing and Woolen Mills Store, Inc. had purchased the Bligh building on the northwest corner of Court and High streets.

Revenue stamps affixed to the deed showed the consideration to approximate \$175,000.

The property, as shown by the recording of the deed with County Recorder Herman Lanke, was purchased from Abe Eugene Rosenberg, trustee for Jane Bishop Reville, William H. Bishop and Thomas B. Bishop, children of Roy Bishop.

Ralph H. Cooley, manager of Bishop's Clothing and Woolen Mills store at 145 N. Liberty st., said last night the purchase of the Bligh building "will not have any effect on the store's present location or upon the tenants of the purchased property."

The tenants of the Bligh building, a one-story structure with an 81-foot frontage on Court street and a 118-foot frontage on High street, include: Lee W. Ohmart, real estate; Larsen's Beauty studio; Clark's Sandwich shop; Oscar D. Olson, florist; Beck's confectionery; Seamster's cleaners; Edward's shoe repair and W. L. Habernicht, real estate.

Cooley said the transaction completed "a part of the long-range program of the (Bishop) store laid down by its founder, the late C. P. Bishop. Mr. Bishop always had a great deal of confidence in the future of the Court and High street location, and the trend of developments of business in that section of the Salem business district has borne out his vision."

Railway Rate Boost Flayed At Hearings

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—Proposals for higher railroad rates had the support at an interstate commerce commission hearing here today of the Pacific coastwise conference of steamship operators.

C. R. Nickerson, San Francisco, secretary-manager of the Pacific coastwise conference, said the depressed railroad rates have forced the coastwise ships out of service and that only an upward adjustment of rail rates can restore coastwise shipping operations.

Opponents included Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, who said today the proposed increases of 28 to 38 per cent would be a further burden to the Pacific northwest. He said the region already is at a disadvantage with other areas in competing for eastern markets.

Roy A. Ward, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers association, objected to any increases, asserting that freight charges come out of growers' receipts and cannot be passed along to the consumers as with some products.

He added that the center of the wool industry in Oregon had shifted from east of the Cascades to the Willamette valley.

Borleske Wins Vote As Walla Walla Mayor

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 1 (AP)—Graying, 60-year-old Raymond Vincent Borleske, Whitman college graduate manager, athletic director and coach for 32 years until his contract was terminated last June, today was elected mayor over Herbert G. West, incumbent the past six years.

The unofficial vote was Borleske 3415, West 781.

LAMB SELECTED
A. F. Lamb, 1920 N. Summer st., was elected chairman of the north Pacific regional division of the National Agricultural Cooperative's committee at a meeting of the organization in Seattle Monday. The Associated Press reported Lamb is assisting general manager of Blue Lake Producers Cooperative in West Salem.

'Produce More and Spend Less' Taft Formula to Break Spiral
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1 (AP)—An anti-inflation program calling on the American people to produce more and spend less was proposed tonight by Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio).
Taft said the administration is relying on a return to controls and this "at least raises the question whether it is in good faith in its denunciation of high prices."
Taft, who heads the senate republican policy committee and is an announced presidential candidate, told the St. Andrew's society in an address that "if we don't want high prices, we and our government will have to spend less."
As his solution to the cost of living problem, Taft laid down the following proposals:
1. Conduct a campaign to increase productivity per man through improvement of machinery, methods and "better individual work by the men," conditioning any wage increase "on a more complete day's work."
2. Cut government expenses and taxes.
3. Limit exports to countries outside of western Europe to balance the imports from them and confine aid to foreign nations "to specific fields which we know can be effective."
4. Restrain the increase in bank credit.
5. Reduce the percentage of government guarantee on housing loans.
6. Limit consumer credit.
7. Carry on a campaign to discourage spending and encourage saving, particularly reducing the purchase of scarce foods "by those who can afford to waste less and eat less."
8. Carry out the congressional obligation to support farm prices "with discretion."

20 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS