



Transportation of school children in Salem will be aided with the use of the new 59-passenger GMC school bus delivered to the Salem public schools this week. Interior view of the bus shows pupils of Washington school ready for the ride to their four corners homes as driver Paul Walrus, 456 N. 18th st., standing at rear, makes a last check. Lower photo shows the bus as children enter. (Photos by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Ever since the accounts were published of the battle of Leyte gulf, in late October, 1944, I have been curious as to why Admiral Halsey took all his fast battleships and the big carriers north to attack the northern prong of the three-lined Japanese attack and left only a few escort carriers with a destroyer screen to guard the mouth of San Bernardino strait where another Japanese fleet had been known to be heading. Fletcher Pratt in his report of the battle glossed over this diversion but evidently it has been a subject of controversy ever since. This is brought right out in the open in an article by Gilbert Cant in LIFE magazine for November 24.

This battle, says Cant, was "by all odds and any conceivable standard, the greatest naval engagement in all history." The Japs threw everything they had into the attempt to knock out the MacArthur beachhead on Luzon. When the three-day battle was over, Japanese naval power was virtually destroyed. That it turned out that way was not due to the battle tactics of Admiral Halsey but to the stupidity of the Jap Admiral Kurita who commanded the San Bernardino fleet and broke off fighting and turned in retreat when he had knocked out the feeble force left behind by Halsey and had the gulf of transports, supply vessels and the beachhead virtually at his mercy.

It will be recalled that the southern prong of the Jap attack (Continued on editorial page)

Truman Prods Campaign to Conserve Food

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (AP)—The Truman administration announced an expanded and intensified food saving program today, with the twin aims of saving grain for European relief and of checking spiraling prices at home.

The cabinet food committee, acting at the direction of President Truman, announced the creation of a special group to carry forward an expanded program initiated by the citizens food committee October 1 including meatless Tuesdays and eggless Thursdays.

James A. Stillwell, of Chickasha, Okla., special assistant to the secretary of state, was named executive director of the voluntary food conservation program.

As the first steps in the drive the cabinet food group announced that:

1. The distilling industry will be invited to meet here shortly to map plans for continued and intensified conservation of grain after the 60-day voluntary shutdown ends December 25.
2. Brewers will be asked to continue their curtailed use of wheat and corn beyond the termination date of Feb. 1, 1948.
3. The public was requested to save at least one slice of bread a day.
4. State and local citizens committees are requested to expand their efforts to grain community support of the conservation program.

TOOTHPICK MILL BURNS

STRONG, Me., Dec. 4. (AP)—The principal mill of the world's largest toothpick manufacturers was destroyed by an explosion and fire tonight with a loss of \$1,000,000.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Sometimes I worry about the future."

Auditorium, Ballroom in Memorial Building Plan

Specifications for the proposed Salem war memorial building were read at a meeting of the Salem War Memorial association Thursday night by William Baillie, building committee chairman.

The report was a preliminary progress chart made on basis of conclusions reached from contacts made to date with other cities.

GOP to Devise Own System to Beat Inflation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (AP)—Brushing aside President Truman's program for anti-inflation economic controls, republican leaders moved today toward an economic program of their own which may be topped by a new call for a \$4,000,000,000 (billions) tax reduction.

Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich) of the house banking committee told reporters after a closed-door session of top GOP senators and representatives "We expect to have our own program."

Fog Shrouds Plane Search

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 4. (AP)—The sixth day of search for a missing American airplane transport with 20 persons aboard ended tonight with all search planes grounded by fog and the withdrawal of ground rescue units.

Air force officials said the aerial search would resume tomorrow, weather permitting. They said U.S. constabulary and military police units were withdrawn because they had "worn themselves out" in climbs over the rugged, snowy terrain and needed rest, hot meals and dry clothing.

Yuletide Garlands Decorate Streets

Work of decorating downtown streets in Christmas colors began last night as a group of Portland decorators hung lights and garlands along Liberty street north from Ferry street.

82 Groups on U.S. Official 'Subversive' List

General Power Strike Halts Activity in Paris

Marshall Calls Molotov on Aid-Scuttling Plan

Russ Term Aid To Austrians 'Enslavement'

By Joseph E. Dynan
LONDON, Dec. 4. (AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov traded direct verbal blows for the first time in the present foreign ministers meeting today and the council stood deadlocked on the Austrian treaty, conference officials reported.

Contractor Turns Gold Prospector

BAKER, Dec. 4. (AP)—H. E. Rush, whose name may be prophetic, settled down to full-time gold mining today.

Ice Storm in Midwest Cuts Phone Lines

By the Associated Press
A severe ice storm, reported to be the worst in 75 years in some sections of Kansas, was centered in southwestern Iowa Thursday night and moving northeastward toward northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

Asset Deal

Marshall recalled that for nearly two years the four powers had been trying to reach agreement on a treaty for Austria and that the "greatest obstacle to progress has been our failure to agree on what assets in Austria are German and thus subject to transfer" to Russia under the Potsdam agreement.

Device to Cut Truck Noises

PORTLAND, Dec. 4. (AP)—An invention which will stop the thundering noise of heavy trucks was described by the National Motor Transport association's equipment and maintenance committee chairman today.

Arabs Speed Recruit Drive

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (AP)—Acceleration of the Arab world's recruiting campaign for soldiers to fight the partition of Palestine was reported tonight as armed riot and destruction spread through the Middle East from the Mediterranean to the Arabian sea.

U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Collects \$462.69 from Russia as Award Fund

SEATTLE, Dec. 4. (AP)—A naval reserve officer said today that he had collected \$462.69 from the Russian consulate in San Francisco for coupons he received in connection with a wartime convoy award.

2 Men Killed as Police Fire on French Rioters

PARIS, Dec. 5. (AP)—Factories, subways and all electric lighting stopped in Paris at 8 a. m. (2 a. m. EST) today, apparently as a result of a general power shutdown occurring as a strike call to 1,200,000 state public service workers began to take effect.

Sewer Rental, Bus Franchise Draw Interest

Citywide interest generated by two pending Salem ordinance bills — proposing sewer service rental charges and a franchise for Oregon Motor Stages — has necessitated a move of Monday night's city council meeting to the Salem Chamber of Commerce hall, city officials announced Thursday.

Boys Snatch Purse in Salem

Salem city police are investigating two Wednesday night robberies in which victims lost a total of \$47.

Grand Jury Hears Film Writers Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (AP)—A federal grand jury turned its attention today to contempt of congress citations against 10 Hollywood writers and directors stemming from the recent house committee probe of communism in the movie capital.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	50	32	.00
Portland	50	35	.00
San Francisco	52	45	.04
Chicago	43	32	.50
New York	50	43	.00

WILMAMETTES RIVER, 9 foot.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, becoming cloudy with light rain tonight. Highest temperature today, 50 degrees; lowest tonight, 35.

'Unloyal' List Shorter than Anticipated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (AP)—The government's official list of "unloyal, fascist, communist or subversive" organizations appeared tonight, with far fewer names on it than had been generally expected in Washington.

Truman Asked Check

Attorney General Clark prepared the list during the last several weeks under authority of an executive order from President Truman.

Communist Party on List

The Communist Party in the United States and its predecessor, the Communist Political Association, appears on the list with the following affiliates and committees:

Citizens Committee of the upper west side, New York City.

Committee to Aid the Fighting South.

Dennis Defense Committee.

Labor Research Association, Inc. Southern Negro Youth Congress. United May Day Committee. United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

The list also includes the Ku Klux Klan, the Proletarian Party of America, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and many others.

Also included on Attorney General Tom Clark's list were American Youth for Democracy, the Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including Civil Rights Congress for Texas and Veterans against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York.

The Columbians, the Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense, National Committee to Win the Peace, and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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'TYPED' PAPERS CONTINUE

CHICAGO, Dec. 4. (AP)—Chicago's six major newspapers continued to publish typewritten, photo-engraved editions today as a strike of AFL typesetters, which began November 24, remained in force.

17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

