

Markets Level Off After 10-Day Plunge

Police Sharpshooters Take Proper Stance



If Chicago-type gangster war ever comes to Salem, the local police should be able to make a few bulls eyes if practice makes perfect. Shown above are four of Salem's officers practicing their marksmanship at the national guard armory under the watchful eyes of M. Sgt. Louis E. Painter, far left, and T. Sgt. George Bartlett, far right, both marine corps veterans now in charge of Salem's marine recruiting station. The officers are, left to right, Capt. Walt Espin, and Patrolmen R. K. Main, Joe Schuts and Charles Cressy. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)



"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"—and reporters for college papers often brashly interview the great or the near-great on ticklish subjects which a saddle-broke reporter wouldn't feel he dared to mention in the "pressence." Such it seems was the adventure of a pair of Willamette co-eds who interviewed Governor John H. Hall shortly after his refusal to commute the sentence of a condemned negro murderer. The interview was made the subject of a talk of one in a speech class and then wound up as a story in the Willamette Collegian. Since it was on the touchy subject of race relations the quotations of the governor's remarks have set off waves of reaction among advocates of "civil rights." Governor Hall later denied some of the quotes attributed to him, but the girls stand by their quotes and submit their notes as "evidence."

Gov. Hall is quoted as saying, "There is no necessity for education on racial tolerance in Oregon; there is no problem that I know of." Subsequent quotes, which the governor denies, would really indicate a great need for education in racial tolerance.

Here is one which, though we let Gov. Hall disown it, has such a familiar ring we may well attribute it to Mr. White Man or Woman in Oregon: "It's negroes like Kaiser brought in that cause trouble. The ones that lived in Oregon before knew their place and stayed where they belonged. You don't have to cup your ears to hear that, particularly around Portland, in white circles. It is undoubtedly (Continued on editorial page)

Democrats Schedule \$100-Plate Dinner

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—Oregon democrats today scheduled a \$100-a-plate dinner here April 7 as part of a political rally in the Jefferson-Jackson centennial.

Details of the observance are to be worked out in a committee meeting here Monday. Party leaders said they expected 150 persons to sign for the dinner.

Animal Crackers



"Why don't you rattle when you crawl up to me? You nearly scared me to death!"

Stassen to Launch Tour Of State in Salem Friday

Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota's avowed candidate for the republican presidential nomination, will address Willamette university students at the school gymnasium Friday at 11 a. m.—his first stop in Oregon beginning a brief campaign tour of the state.

Stassen will land at McNary field by plane at 9 a. m., and is expected to be greeted by supporters with more than enough petitions on hand to put the former Minnesota governor on Oregon's primary presidential ballot in May.

University officials have made arrangements for seating at least 300 persons. Numerous Stassen supporters, young and old, from Salem and all sections of the state are expected to be on hand to greet the energetic Stassen as he launches his Oregon campaign.

Stassen has planned an 18-hour-a-day schedule for his four-day swing through the state. His most important appearance of the campaign will be made before the publishers and editors of the state at the annual banquet of the 29th Oregon Press conference in Eugene Friday night.

He will make other addresses in Eugene, Bend, Corvallis, and will be present at receptions at Stayton, Scio, Lebanon, Sweet Home, Woodburn, Silverton, Albany and Brownsville. Stassen is expected to return to Oregon again before the May primaries for a tour of eastern and central Oregon, with a concluding address in Portland to attempt to line up Oregon's 12 GOP delegates to the national convention.

Truman Signs Vet Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Two million veterans going to school under the G. I. bill of rights will get larger living allowances beginning April 1.

President Truman signed a bill today which raises the subsistence allowance of single veteran students from \$65 a month to \$75, those with one dependent from \$90 to \$105, and those with two or more dependents from \$90 to \$120.

Half of Eligible Voters Registered in Marion County

Only about half of Marion county's estimated 60,000 eligible voters are registered at the office of County Clerk Harlan Judd he reported Saturday.

A total of about 28,500 voters (500 since January 1) have registered to vote, he said. To the remaining 32,000 eligibles Judd sent a warning to register early. "Registration books close April 20, Judd estimates that with his office's limited counter space and time, it would be a physical impossibility to register the 32,000 in anything less than 60 full working days." However, he noted, there are now 18 deputized voter registrars scattered over the county for the convenience of those not living in the Salem area.

Communists Try to Recruit Children

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Attorney General Clark said tonight that communists are seeking converts among American children — "The younger the better."

Clark asserted: "Recently through the federal bureau of investigation, it was learned that the communists in this country have started a campaign to recruit our children to their ideology. The younger they are, the better.

"The communists know, as Hitler did, that if they get the children today, they will have the nation tomorrow."

Inflation Set Back 6 Months

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Some major commodities touched at least a temporary bottom today after an over-all 10-day plunge that pushed the inflationary spiral back six months.

However, soybeans and corn for May delivery continued their record breaking slump and New York stocks did little more than hold their ground at levels near the lowest in eight months.

Retail prices, always lagging behind the markets, still were coming down. Soap joined flour, bread, meat, butter and lard in the list of shopper items marked down in some grocery stores. Prices were down sharply from a week ago in many New York groceries. Shoppers in most American cities have had at least a few cents clipped off their grocery bills.

But downward skid in all wholesale contracts for future delivery halted their downward skid. But trading was the quietest of the week and there was not much disposition for prices to bounce very far back. Prices were going down at the close.

Grains staged a much stronger comeback Monday only to resume their drop until today.

The strongest showing in the comparatively few markets operating on Saturday was made by cotton. At New York, cotton futures closed \$2.15 to \$2.75 higher. The staple went \$1.65 to \$2.50 a bale higher in New Orleans.

Small Advance Noted After suffering the sharpest week to week drop in the 12 years since war first compiled, The Associated Press wholesale index of 35 basic commodities advanced about a quarter of a point to 186.56.

However, the index which covers commodities in general use, including foods, was the lowest at the start of trading today since any time since last Aug. 1. On that date it was 185.37.

Comparisons with other years, however, show how far the cost of living has advanced. A year ago yesterday the index was 169 and two years ago, 113. It hit a peak of 208.14 on January 9.

Distribution Of Rat Poison Claimed Slow

Results of the campaign to give away rat poison in the city's rat control program were disappointing last week, it was reported Saturday by L. M. Cheney, the Salem rodent control officer.

Cheney, after offering prepared red squill type bait to the public (at a different fire station on each of four "rat poison days" during the week), said only 280 citizens called and only 374 pounds of the bait was distributed.

He said the citizens who came in reported a total of 526 rat infested buildings. Biggest distribution of bait was made at the downtown fire station Thursday when 152 pounds went out in half-pound packages.

Disposition of the remainder of the 1,000 pounds of bait already prepared had not been decided Saturday.

Dental Examinations in County Grade Schools to Start Monday

Dental examinations in grade schools throughout Marion county will begin Monday in Silverton's Eugene Field school, the Marion county department of health reported Saturday.

The program is being carried out by joint efforts of the Marion County Dental association and the county health department, and will reach school children through voluntary work of dentists in the areas to be examined.

Quadruplets Born In Pennsylvania Within 5 Minutes

LATROBE, Pa., Feb. 15 (AP) (Sunday)—Quadruplets—three girls and a boy—were born within five minutes to Mrs. Barbara Zavada, 25, early today.

The babies were placed in incubators immediately. Dr. Jack Hamill and Dr. J. Wiley Hartman said "they seem to be doing fine."

The quadruplets were born prematurely by Caesarian section. The first, a boy, was born at 1:32 a. m. (EST). It weighed 3 1/2 pounds. The girls weighed 3 3/4 pounds, 3 3/4 pounds and 3 pounds.

Zavada is the mother of a four-year-old boy by a previous marriage. Her first husband was killed in the Normandy invasion in 1944.

Riley Demands Portland Vice 'Expose' Proof

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Mayor Earl Riley demanded tonight that a Portland city club committee take its charges of vice syndicates operating here with police protection before a grand jury.

The committee of civic leaders today released for newspaper publication a lengthy report in which it charged "gambling, prostitution, bootlegging and other forms of vice had been carried on openly and notoriously" here for several years.

Gambling syndicates were accused of setting up ex-convicts in poker halls, exacting as much as \$1,000 a month tribute, and the committee said some police and officials have received "substantial pay-offs" at \$60,000 a month.

Commenting on a charge that his office had delegated police power and administration to a staff member, Mayor Riley said "there is not one iota of fact to support the statement."

"I take full responsibility and I have not and never will delegate responsibility. If there is any criticism to be leveled at anyone, it should be leveled at me, not a member of my staff," the mayor asserted.

Riley said that if the charges "are true it is the duty and obligation of witnesses who appeared before the committee to take their testimony and proof to a grand jury."

Taft Supports U. S. Air Power

DENVER, Feb. 14 (AP)—The United States should create the greatest air power in the history of the world to promote world peace, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said tonight.

"Not only will that give us the defense which we need, but it will deter any threat of attack from Russia or any other country, far more than any projected plan of compulsory universal military training," the Ohioan said in a prepared text.

Hall 'Willing to Run' For Governorship Position 'If Needed'

Winds Delay Shipping off Oregon Coast

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—Gale winds halted shipping off the Oregon coast tonight as a storm front moved down from the Washington coast.

Two freighters, attempting to put into the Columbia river, were riding out the storm off Astoria. Two others were believed caught farther at sea. Winds at the river mouth were measured at 51 miles an hour with gusts up to 55.

The weather bureau here forecast the southerly winds would decrease after midnight.

The two ships off Astoria were the Dona Antonia, a converted LST with an LCT in tow from Seattle, and the Santa Leonor, a ship of 4,832 net tons, also from Seattle.

Two others due from the Orient tonight were the Victory type Marcus Dale and the Washington, each of 4,380 net tons.

Held in the Astoria harbor for calmer weather were the F. S. Bryant and the Don Anselmo, both bound for San Francisco.

Hopes to Get School Aid Plan on Ballot

EUGENE, Feb. 14 (AP)—Gov. John Hall told interviewers here tonight that he would be willing to run for the governorship this year, but added "I really don't like the life."

Hall made his statement to members of the press after he had talked before a large assembly of Oregon dads gathered in Eugene for the traditional University of Oregon Dad's day festivities this week end.

"I really don't like the life," Hall said. "It's a tough grind and interferes with your normal business and family life, but I do really feel that if I can be of service to the state, I would be willing to run. I'm not even sure I could be elected."

When questioned about filing for his office, Hall chuckled and said: "At least, as long as I hold off filing, people keep wondering what Hall's going to do. If I filed now they'd start wondering about the other fellows."

Hopes for Vote Pausing here in the last lap of a "tour" which has taken him through 20 Oregon counties, Hall told his audience that he hoped that voters in November's election would have a chance to vote on a measure to apply \$120,000,000 of the state's present \$35,000,000 income tax surplus to higher education needs.

"In surveying the many needs which have come with the state's population increase of 40 per cent since 1934, it is necessary that other branches of governmental activity—public schools, counties and cities—require their share of state aid also," Hall declared.

Points to Increase Hall pointed out that enrollment in higher education has jumped 76 per cent—from 9,000 to 17,000—since 1940, compared to the 40 per cent population increase. Between 1930 and 1945, the state appropriated only \$100,000 for higher education buildings, Hall said.

If the \$120,000,000 program is adopted, Hall said, allocations of higher education which has tentatively earmarked \$1,800,000 for a new science building; \$700,000 for a new business administration building; \$100,000 for a new heating plant and other repairs and additions on the Eugene campus. The medical school in Portland would get \$2,500,000 for a new hospital unit.

Rockefellers On Honeymoon

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 14 (AP) Winthrop Rockefeller, and his Valentine bride were honeymooning somewhere in the Miami area tonight as hundreds of congratulatory messages showered upon them from shoppers, social personages and industrialists of many lands.

The Cunderella tinge to the romance—Mrs. Rockefeller, a pretty tilt-nose blonde, was the daughter of Lithuanian immigrants and spent part of her childhood in a "back of the yards" neighborhood in Chicago—created an outburst of public acclaim which Palm Beach likened to the marriage of the Duke of Windsor and Wallace Warfield Simpson.

Robert Fallon, retired navy chief, withdrew his republican candidacy for the office of Marion county sheriff on Saturday and re-filed his declaration of candidacy for the office on the democratic ticket.

Main reason for the change, Fallon said, is that he "has always been a party voter in the democratic party" and his transfer to the navy's retired list last February.

In a statement Saturday Fallon indicated that, if elected, he would reorganize the sheriff's office "for better law enforcement for efficiency and for cooperation with city, state and federal agencies."

Official Silence Reigns on Soviet 'Peace Feelers'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The state department shut up like a clam today on the question of whether a Russian diplomat in Berlin had called an American official there recently and thrown out Soviet "peace feelers."

Informally and privately, officials who are in a position to know about any such development said they did not believe there was anything to it.

The reports of Russian "peace feelers" or efforts to "end the cold war" go back about ten days. Initially, they came from Berlin and coincided with speculation in Washington that Russia might be ready to seek a settlement of outstanding differences with the west.

Wallace Urges Rental Rollbacks

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace today urged extension of rent controls to June 30, 1950, and a rollback of all rents to levels of June, 1947.

In a letter to Sen. Charles W. Tobey (R-NH), chairman of the senate banking and currency committee, Wallace also called for the re-control of all rental units decontrolled under the rent act of 1947.

The third party presidential candidate predicted a general increase of 50 per cent if controls are removed.

Rent Control Compromise Gains Support

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—A compromise 30-day extension of rent controls won important backers in congress today only 15 days before the present federal act dies.

Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.), acting GOP senate leader, told a reporter:

"I have an idea that controls will be extended for at least 30 days and the senate may act on it before the weekend."

Another republican opponent of controls, said recent price drops "have relieved the pressure behind all these controls and increased the need for quick tax reduction."

Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said a recent closed-door session of all republican senators heard predictions by GOP leaders that rents would "double in a short time" if controls ended immediately.

Morse said the group decided an extension is necessary in the public interest.

Gale, Floods to Ease in East

Nature set about yesterday to cure the unruly elements that left 15 dead in West Virginia, Indiana and Mississippi in a two-day onslaught of storm and floods.

Turbulent flood waters still raged in eight states but the heavy rain clouds that produced them were gone. A wave of cold, dry air from Canada's Alaskan areas banished the lowering clouds and brought sunshine to much of the nation.

Brisk, chilly winds swept away a blinding fog blanket over the eastern seaboard and slowly pushed away a rain belt that followed the fog. But before this began to happen, 93 plane flights were cancelled at New York's La Guardia field alone.

Thousands of persons were driven from their homes by the angry flood waters. The torrents surged to record or near-record crests in Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and other states.

Russians Make Excuse for Pact With Nazi Bosses

MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (AP)—Russia said tonight it was forced to sign a non-aggression treaty with Germany in 1939 in a fight against time.

Furthermore, the Soviet Union asserted that Britain and France shared a pre-war aim of starting a war between Russia and Germany, and that the Hitler-Stalin pact was an alternative move.

In the third chapter of their reply to U. S. documents, the Russians also said that the United States had supported in every way the "ruinous" policy of Britain and France.

Timber Management Investigation Sought

BROWNSVILLE, Feb. 14 (AP)—A demand for congressional investigation of federal timber lands management in the west was made here today.

A resolution calling for the investigation was passed by approximately 200 persons at the fifth in a series of meetings sponsored by the Western Forest Industries association.

Keizer Clubs to Protest Beer Tavern License

KEIZER, Feb. 14—Representatives of organizations, including the Parent-Teacher's association, Grange, Community church and various clubs, have scheduled an opposition meeting Monday at 7:45 p. m. at the schoolhouse in connection with a licensing of a beer tavern in the district.