

Southern Demos Organize to Press Civil Rights Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Rebellious Dixie democrats marshaled forces today for a fight "to the finish" against the administration's civil rights program.

Congressional delegates from 11 southern states formally declared war on President Truman's anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-segregation legislation.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Souquet

The "white collar worker" is the subject of economic commiseration in days of inflation. His wage is more or less stationary. As a rule he belongs to no union organized to obtain higher wages and improved working conditions. He becomes the "forgotten man" in the heap, the one at the bottom of the pile.

Locally the largest group of such workers is at the statehouse and their plight was presented to the state board of control Wednesday. Figures were submitted showing that 63 per cent of state employees receive less than \$199 a month. While many of these may be unskilled, clerical workers, the average compares poorly with wages in private industry.

The unfortunate thing for the state employees is that their chance for relief is slim. The budget for the current biennium was made up in the summer and fall of 1945. Provision was made for wage increases and they have been granted. But the price inflation accelerated faster. Now they must wait until another legislature meets, unless the budget office can find reserves that might be tapped.

The late opinion of the attorney general which holds that income tax surpluses are free for spending is of no avail to hard-pressed

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Rent Control Draft Changed By Republicans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Republican delegates today over terms of a bill to extend rent control to 14 more months.

Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) criticized a section of the new bill which would authorize penalties of up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for willful violations of the proposed regulations.

He said he feared it might be "used as a bludgeon" to force honest landlords to "do dishonest things to avoid the threat of a criminal proceeding."

Senator Cain (R-Wash.), floor manager for the measure, said that such criminal actions could be brought only with the attorney general's approval. Also, he said the provision was adopted by the banking committee instead of the treble damages penalty sought by rent officials in overcharge cases.

There are no provisions for criminal penalties in the present rent control law, which expires February 29. Under the new bill, criminal actions could be invoked for any violation.

Sensors Ives (R-NY) and Baldwin (R-Conn) advocated three other changes in the committee's draft. They objected to ending rent control on non-housekeeping rooms in private homes; demanded that residential hotel apartments be put back under control, and proposed that in lifting rent controls for so-called "luxury" apartments, the line be drawn at places renting for \$400 a month.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"It happens every time I eat out."

The opening engagement in the intra-party battle is set for Monday when 16 representatives of the south—five governors and 11 congressmen—will lay their angry protest before national party chairman Howard McGrath.

Organization of the congressional group was in answer to a plea of support from the southern governors' conference February 8. At that time the governors served a 40-day ultimatum on the national party headquarters to abandon the proposals.

Rep. Colmer of Mississippi, chairman of the Capitol Hill group, announced that the 50-odd congressmen unanimously adopted a resolution to support the southern governors.

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GOP May Call 'Mac' For Talk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—A strong republican move to bring General Douglas MacArthur home in the near future—before main party nominees for president—developed in the house foreign affairs committee today.

Democrats, charging "politics," blocked the move temporarily. But GOP backers of the MacArthur—Washington movement announced they would try again at the earliest opportunity, perhaps next week. And republicans have a majority of the votes.

Rep. Lawrence Smith (R-Wis.) formally moved at a closed session.

MacArthur Hopes to Stay

TOKYO, Saturday, Feb. 21 (AP)—General MacArthur said today the "heavy pressure" of his duties made it "impracticable for me to leave my post" to return to Washington and testify on far eastern problems.

"While I deeply appreciate the confidence reflected in the suggestion I return to the United States to state my views to the house foreign affairs committee on the China relief plan, I hope the committee will not further the idea," he said, citing the present Japanese political situation involving an imminent change of government.

MacArthur was invited here from Tokyo to give advice on aid to China and other far eastern problems. But Rep. Jarman (D-Ala.), one of those charging politics, successfully opposed a vote on the ground that there was not a quorum.

MacArthur has been mentioned repeatedly as a republican presidential possibility. Democrats showed themselves well aware of this.

Czech Coalition Cabinet Splits On Police Rule

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 20 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's many-party government broke down today in a test of communist power.

Three out-and-out anti-communist parties suddenly quit the cabinet after a tense "sit down strike" which left only communists sitting in the cabinet room.

Tonight communist broadcasts proclaimed a "new people democratic national front" and said communist premier Klement Gottwald had demanded that President Eduard Benes allow him to name replacements for the cabinet members who resigned.

The crisis placed Czechoslovakia at the crossroads between east and west.

The resignations were precipitated in a deadlock over alleged communist attempts at police rule of the state. The anti-communists have been saying they were now strong enough to prove that communists were not all-power in Czechoslovakia.

Charter Banquet Inaugurates Service Club for Boys' Work

The "hatching" of Salem's newest service club, a chapter of Optimist International, dedicated to boys' work, was celebrated in a charter banquet Friday night at Marion hotel. Principal speaker was Lucien L. Renault of Miami Beach, Fla., international president.

Kenneth L. Foster, president, and other local officers were installed by Leo C. Lommel, district governor. Gifts were presented by George Thompson, president of the sponsoring Vancouver, Wash., club, and presidents of Portland, Peninsula and Eugene chapters.

Renault urged the new members to make contagious the club spirit of fellowship, boys' work and the Optimist creed. He cited work with the underprivileged as a preventive for delinquency, noting that reformatories are too late to help, since 72 per cent of their inmates return after once released. For work with the underprivileged, he paraphrased the Biblical parable of the prodigal son—altering it to the "prodigal father" who failed to provide real companionship for his son until it was too late.

Past Governor Worth C. Caldwell presided and lauded Extension Counsellor Glenn Loomis of Portland for his work in starting the Salem club. Music was provided by the unusual "Simp-phony" orchestra from Portland club.

Charter members are Foster, Sydney Jary, Dr. Harold E. Poole, Ben Valdez, Willard Friesen, the Rev. Orville W. Jenkins, Floyd Colburn, Merle G. Ward, N. Phil-

50-Mile Winds, Drenching Rain Hit Salem Friday

Heavy rains driven by winds up to 50 miles an hour, left 82 of an inch of water on Salem streets Friday and the U.S. weather bureau at McNary field predicted more precipitation for today.

Heaviest showers fell between 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. when a half-inch of rain was recorded. Winds which started early in the afternoon blew up to 50 miles an hour between 6 and 8:30 Friday night and averaged 32 miles an hour throughout the afternoon and evening.

Salem Grocer Robbed of \$200 At Gun Point

City police early this morning were searching for a masked, tight-lipped bandit who held up a Salem grocer at gun point Friday night and escaped with more than \$200.

Victim of the armed robbery was William Grabelman, owner of the Mission Street market at 1345 Mission st. Grabelman told detectives that a young man of medium height entered the store about 10:30 p.m. while he was working in the back storeroom.

When he heard someone entering the store, he said, he walked to the front to find a young man wearing a mask less than 10 feet away from the cash register. Muttering something which sounded like "ah, ah, ah," as though he were unable to speak, the bandit threatened him with a small pistol as he walked toward the till, Grabelman told police.

Holding Grabelman at gun point, the gunman quickly rung open the register and scooped out all the bills and checks. Then abruptly, he backed out of the store and fled north on 14th street, the grocer said.

Flaxseed Support Price \$6 a Bushel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—The agriculture department today announced levels at which it will support grower prices of 1948 crop flaxseed at various markets, including \$6 a bushel for No. 1 grade flaxseed at Portland, Ore.

The basic price support, set last fall, is \$6 a bushel for U. S. No. 1 grade at Minneapolis. This is equivalent to about 140 per cent of the parity price of flaxseed. Most farm products are supported at 90 per cent of parity.

Support prices for No. 2 flaxseed will be 5 cents a bushel less.

Portland Papers Up Delivery Price

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—Householders who have Portland newspapers delivered to their doors will pay 25 cents more a month, after March 1. Both the Oregonian and the Journal announced the increase. The new rate will be \$1.25 for daily papers, \$1.75 for daily and Sunday.

The price of newspapers sold on the street will remain at 5 cents.

School Boundary Changes Approved

Two school district boundary changes were approved Friday morning by the Marion county district boundary board, with no opposition to the changes appearing at the hearings.

A small tract of land on Jefferson district's northern boundary was added to Looney Butte district, and a strip from Pioneer district was shifted to Brooks district. The change takes effect immediately.

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He spoke to audiences of high school students and townspeople, shook hands and gave his autograph to persons at Stayton, Scio, Lebanon and Sweet Home.

While here he was made an honorary member of the Santiam Fish and Game association and presented with (1) a 26-inch steelhead caught in Clear lake and (2) a piece of "the world's largest strawberry shortcake."

The gifts were made by Ken Mayer of the sportsmen and Warren Hill American Legion post commander.

STAYTON, Feb. 20 (Special)—Harold E. Stassen, aspirant to the presidency of the United States, made a short visit to the Stayton high school gym here a crowd of approximately 400 had gathered this afternoon to see and hear the famous Minnesotan.

Mayor Clifford E. Likes introduced Stassen, Harry Humphreys, local republican committeeman, and A. N. Arnold, superintendent of the Stayton public schools, made arrangements for the reception here.

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World Views Aired as State Tour Begins

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Americans must not surrender "to the insidious whisper" that a third world war is inevitable—then can look forward with hope, optimism and determination, in the opinion of Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, who addressed a public meeting at Willamette university here Friday morning.

"No one can predict the action of leaders in the Kremlin," the former Minnesota governor expressed "sober optimism" that we can find our way through to progress and freedom without war provided America lives up to her responsibilities, realizes the problems and keeps up her strength.

The candidate was heard in Willamette gymnasium by approximately 1,500 students and townspeople.

Stassen was met at Salem airport by local officials and republican leaders. On the platform of the Willamette program, his first Oregon talk on this tour, were Gov. John H. Hall, Mayor R. L. Elstrom, and Willamette President G. Herbert Smith, who introduced the speaker, and student officials.

Following an informal luncheon at the location, with local party leaders, he and his party continued by auto through Stayton, Scio, Lebanon and Sweet Home to Eugene.

Critic Russia in Speech

Soviet Russia figured prominently in the candidate's talk here, as he stated his feeling that the Russian people desire peace and that there is basis for hope that Soviet leaders change their course and begin to cooperate in world reconstruction.

"People whose U.S. must prove, said Stassen, the fallacy of three calculations of the communist government, which appear to be the basis for red recalcitrance—(1) that the U.S. would undergo an economic crisis and collapse soon after World War II, (2) that "our individual freedoms" made us wide open for communist infiltration, (3) that the U.S. would follow the war with immediate military weakening and would not stay strong.

America must show that the way of freedom is still as good a way as ever to meet difficulties, said Stassen, who was an American delegate to the conference which framed the United Nations charter. "Our founding fathers were right—men are meant to be free." The individual freedom he characterized as the best insulation against infiltration of communist principles.

"The skies are much brighter" now than when the Cominform was founded to bid for power and based on his desire for its administration asserted. The communist parties are weaker today, he believes, because "we're recognizing their methods."

Asks Strong Air Force

As military might, the former navy commander called for a strengthened air force, increased reserves, continued research and a minimum strength in standing forces.

The United Nations organization is not strong enough now to maintain peace, so long as it has no police force and is hampered by the veto, according to Stassen. A major convention to rewrite the charter is needed, but the success of that depends on whether the Kremlin is willing to cooperate, he noted. In the meantime, the U. S. should work through the U. N. and not attempt to take unilateral military action.

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Missing Diamonds Found Buried at New York School

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—The disappearance recently of 400 carats of diamonds in a trans-Atlantic flight was reported solved today with the discovery of a secret cache of 200,000 worth of gems at Lakewood, N. J. C. E. Wyatt, supervising customs agent at New York, said the 400 carats which a courier reported he lost on the plane were included in 800 carats uncovered at Lakewood. Two Lakewood men were arrested and charged with conspiring to conceal and transport 800 carats in cut diamonds which they knew had been brought into the United States illegally.

Customs officers said 600 carats were found in a tin can buried under a bridge near the Georgian court school for girls at Lakewood. The remaining 200 carats, they said, were seized in a Lakewood restaurant.

Youth Meeting At Methodist Church Opens

The two-day conclave of the Oregon Methodist Youth Fellowship got under way at the Salem First Methodist church Friday evening with 381 delegates from all sections of the state in attendance at a banquet and worship service.

Dr. Raymond Withey, counselor of religious activities at Willamette university, delivered the opening address of the conference at the worship service, discussing "The Three Ways of Life." Jean Stewart of Portland presided at the service.

Dr. Withey will speak to the conclave again today at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The meeting will last until Saturday night at a banquet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. when the Rev. Brooks Moore of the First Methodist church will speak to delegates.

Four Willamette students, who are executives in the fellowship, are taking part in the bi-annual meeting. They are Ray Fedje, Salem, president of the state conference; Marion Sayre, Brooks, state secretary; and Bill Gusey, Portland, state recreational chairman.

Salem Postoffice Holiday Is Monday

Washington's birthday will be observed as a holiday by Salem postoffice on Monday, February 23, Albert Gragg, Salem postmaster, said Friday. No deliveries except specials will be made by city or rural carriers and the postoffice windows will be closed.

Pickup of outgoing mail will be made on the regular holiday schedule at downtown boxes both Sunday and Monday.

Registration of New Voters Boosts County Election Rolls

Registration of approximately 45 new voters daily is rapidly boosting the election rolls in Marion county, but large numbers of residents in the county have still not made themselves eligible to vote in the May 21 primary, reports at the county clerk's office show this week.

A large number of newcomers is reflected in the new registrations, which also show many persons who have changed address or party affiliation since last voting or last registering and have also re-registered as required.

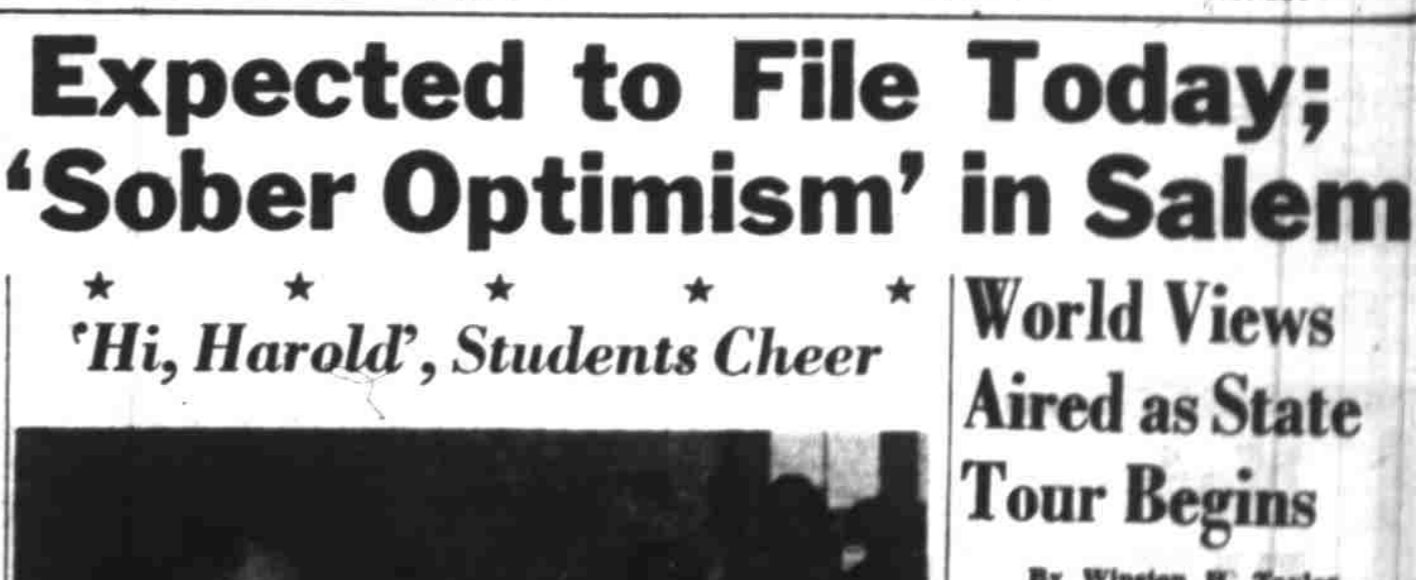
The deadline for signing up, in order to vote in the primaries, is April 20. Those required to register are persons who have moved to another precinct, changed party affiliation, changed name, who have not registered since January, 1946, and did not vote in

either of that year's elections or in last October's special ballot.

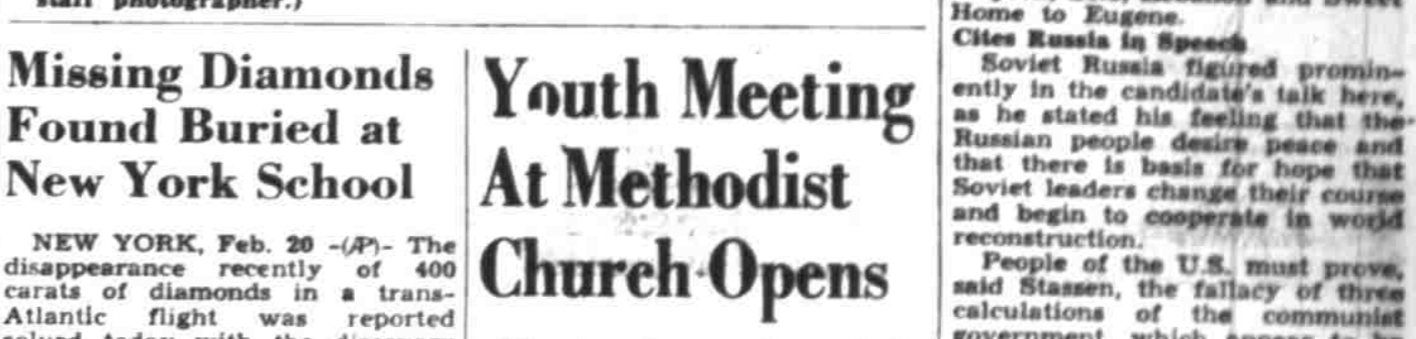
Residents of the new precincts recently added to Salem in connection with the city's annexation territory and subsequent county realignment of voting precincts, and those residents whose precincts were otherwise changed have been notified of changes and their registration requirements by the county clerk.

Mrs. Gladys White, elections clerk, as the rush grows, Alice Ballie, former deputy in the clerk's office, has returned this week.

During the period from February 10 to 19, 307 persons registered, including 217 new, 70 changes and 20 cards submitted from approximately 35 registrars over the county. In the 10 days prior to that, about 450 registered, according to Mrs. White.



Man-sized Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, appears as he spoke Friday morning in Willamette university's gymnasium, the first talk of his current Oregon tour. The 6 foot 3 inch Minnesotan was greeted as he walked onto the platform by a "Hi, Harold" from a small cheering section in the balcony shown above. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)



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These officers for Salem's newly organized Optimist club, a men's service organization specializing in youth work, were among charter members of the club who met for a banquet meeting in the Marion hotel Friday. They are, left to right: K. L. Foster, president; Ben C. Valdez, secretary; Sydney Jary, first vice president; Willard Friesen, treasurer, and Dr. Harold E. Poole, second vice president. Here they were examining membership cards prior to the charter banquet. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Weather

Location	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	47	30	50
Portland	48	31	51
San Francisco	58	40	50
Chicago	33	16	50
New York	38	21	50

Willamette river 7.8 feet, falling.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today and tonight with intermittent rain. High temperature today between 46 and 50, low 26 to 30.

SALMSE PRECIPITATION

(From Sept. 1 to date)

This Year	Last Year	Average
20.68	22.58	20.58