

By Charles A. Sprague

Travel Letter No. 4

BOSTON — When President Truman gave his address to congress on Wednesday, Mehitable and I were taking lunch in a New York restaurant. The radio was on but owing to the hum of conversation and the noise of the service we could catch only part of what he was saying. Even those near to the loudspeaker appeared to be paying no attention. I cannot help wondering if that reflects a popular attitude toward Mr. Truman and what he says.

For here was an address obviously broadcast in two directions—to the American people to arouse them to the dangers of Russian aggression, to Europe to warn the U.S.S.R. of our determination to defend free countries and to encourage the latter to keep up the fight. I have an idea Mr. Truman's address will be studied more intently in Moscow than in Washington, in New York, in Salem.

For Americans lack confidence in President Truman, I doubt even though they have a deep concern over Russian aggression.

This leads up to this comment, which is based on very fragmentary observation, that the American people will not return Mr. Truman to the White House next November. While some comment is offered in the east that Truman's supporters hope to ride the crisis to...

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Present Use Of Parochial Schools O. K.

There is nothing in the recent United States supreme court opinion—banning religious training on public school property—to prevent public school classes in parochial schools, provided space in such structures has been leased by the school districts. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, declared Monday.

This situation, according to Putnam, particularly involves public school classes conducted in parochial schools in Mt. Angel and St. Paul, both in Marion county. In both of these communities, Putnam declared the school district boards have obtained space in the Catholic schools for classes to accommodate students who desire the public school education.

"Our department feels that conducting of public school classes within parochial schools is entirely within the law so long as religious training is not given to pupils during school hours", Putnam continued.

Office Building Given Permit

Salem Federal Savings and Loan association received a permit Monday to start construction of a new office building at 560 State st. at a cost of \$25,000.

Salem Federal and the Becke and Wadsworth insurance firm will occupy the one-story building. Both firms were displaced by the Guardian building fire and have been in temporary quarters in the former First National bank office of the T. A. Lawley building.

Construction probably will be started early this week. Alan Siwert, Salem contractor, is in charge of the project. Lyle P. Bartholomew, Salem architect, made the plans.

VFW Chooses Kenneth Frad

Kenneth Frad was elected commander of Marion post 861, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the organization's annual election of officers in the VFW hall Monday night.

Other new officers are M. E. Clemens, senior vice-commander; C. W. Creighton, junior vice-commander; C. F. Hagemann, quartermaster; Charles J. Jens, judge advocate; and Bud Parks, chaplain.

Frad announced that the new officers and recently elected auxiliary officers would be installed in a joint ceremony at the post next meeting, April 4.

Animal Crackers



"I'm getting out of condition—this is too easy."

Senate Votes to Cut Tax; Overriding of Veto Held Assured

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—The senate voted 78 to 11 today to cut income taxes \$4,800,000,000. The overwhelming vote was far more than enough (two-thirds) to override a veto—if the lineup remains unchanged.

Thirty democrats joined 48 republicans (including Senators Cordon and Morse of Oregon) in voting for the GOP-backed measure. No republicans voted against it. Eleven democrats did.

The bill now goes back to the house, which voted 297 to 120 on February 2 for a \$6,500,000,000 tax slash.

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), chairman of the house ways and means committee, has predicted the house will skip the usual conference on differing bills and accept the smaller senate figure.

The house expects to act Wednesday. If it takes the \$4,800,000,000 senate version, the next move would be up to President Truman, who has made it pretty clear he would veto such tax bills.

GOP leaders expressed confidence the margin would hold after the expected veto, but democratic foes are counting on Mr. Truman to write a veto message they hope would cause some present supporters to change their minds.

Several senators in today's debate suggested that any cut might not last long.

Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) said he had decided "somewhat reluctantly" to vote for the bill, mainly because of its income-splitting community property provision.

OVERPAYMENTS TO BE REFUNDED NEXT YEAR. WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—Uncle Sam's withholding "take" from your income tax would shrink May 1 under the bill the senate passed today.

The house had proposed to start its bigger cut April 1.

The tax cut in either case is retroactive to January 1.

But no matter which bill goes through—if either becomes law—you don't get back until next year any extra money withheld in early months this year.

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Three-way fighting described by observers as the "heaviest since partition" still raged in battered Haifa. Six Arabs and a British constable were killed there. British tank crews dispersed. Arabs threatening a Jewish transport.

Sniping breaks out. An explosion wrecked the thickly populated Iraq street in the center of the Arab section of Haifa. Police attributed the attack to an attempt to halt the developing battle. British troops fired at Jews and Arabs alike. Sniping broke out throughout the city.

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Seaside 'Enjoys' Whale of a Time In Scented Wind

SEASIDE, Ore., March 22 (AP)—Seaside awoke today to find a 32-foot dead bottlenose whale washed ashore in its beach-front.

City officials investigated cautiously, then retreated to city offices where—after closing the windows, of course—they looked up maps and announced the whale was 40 feet outside city limits.

Meanwhile a heavily laden breeze paid no attention to city boundaries and warded the news down to the school yards. The kids—city crossed—said their parents did not—rushed for the beach at day's end and when they returned home, mothers all over town joined in demand for action.

City council called a special session tonight to discuss ignoring the statute as a county problem.

Later, however, Chief of Police H. A. Kemmerer said two rendering companies had offered to remove the whale—for nothing—and turn it into fats, oils and fertilizer.

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State Unable To Bar Cattle From South

State Director of Agriculture E. L. Peterson reported Monday that Oregon can not erect a barrier around the state to prevent importing of cattle from drought-stricken areas.

He was answering demands of stockmen's associations, afraid that livestock from California may carry hoof-and-mouth disease.

Peterson said Oregon required entry permits for the animals. He said if the cattle meets livestock health requirements, the question of available pasture must be determined by ranchers who receive the animals.

The state director, noting that Oregon was an exporting state, said to "erect a fence around the state" would invite similar measures by neighboring states.

Forgery Case Goes Over to Grand Jury

Raymond Wilson Kelley, 38, Salem route 8 who city police say cashed more than 100 forged checks here since early January, is in the county jail today awaiting grand jury action.

Kelley appeared in Marion county district court Monday, waived preliminary examination and two separate forgery charges and was bound over to the grand jury. He is being held in lieu of \$1,250 bail.

Police said Kelley admitted using more than 25 aliases to pass about 100 worthless checks on Salem merchants for a sum totaling in excess of \$1,000.

Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates without restriction, and may or may not reflect the policy of this newspaper.)

Today's Subject: Paul Hendricks (r) Candidate for State Representative

Experience includes two full terms and a part term on Salem city council; four terms as Salem city attorney; service in last two sessions of the state legislature as a member of house. Was elected these eight terms in Marion county.

Born in Salem Nov. 2, 1892. Parents born in Aurora and Dallas. Attended local schools, state university and Willamette law school. Numerous occupations as coach as newsboy and paper routes, teamster, commercial fishing, survey, building trades, appraiser for insurance companies, state of Oregon and federal land bank.

Coched athletics at Salem high

Paul Hendricks

1921-1922. Lieutenant and captain National Guard infantry company of Salem for several years after World War I.

In first World War served as enlisted man in infantry and machine outfits, mostly overseas, and discharged as 1st sergeant of M. Co. 162nd infantry, of 41st Div. Commander Salem Civilian Defense corps and U. S. government appeal agent from Oct. 22, 1940 until 1947. Has small farm. Lives and practices law in Salem.

In past two sessions, has opposed giving power dams to private firms, larger trucks and buses and sales tax.

Supported numerous bills in public interest; more and better fire escapes and general fire prevention, supervised fireworks, etc. simplified voting, photostat and micro-film of public records; for increase of compensation for injured workmen, for aged, all the veterans bills, military training, department of justice bill. A total of 25 bills carried his name; only two other members sponsored more.

Has made no threat or promise. Advises organizations to check past public and voting records of all candidates.

(Tomorrow's Boy Hour)

Tension Rises at Border

ROME, March 22 (AP)—The American military government in Trieste announced tonight that shots had been exchanged at the tense border separating the Yugoslav from U. S.-British zones of the Trieste free territory.

The incident involved police patrols in the two zones. One policeman was wounded. He was a member of the party on the British-American side of the line.

Trieste Election Issue. Announcement of the outbreak came as the Italian government accepted with satisfaction the western powers' proposal to return the entire 400-square mile free territory at the head of the Adriatic to Italy.

The fate of Trieste has become an issue in Italy's crucial parliamentary election of April 18—an election being fought out on the issue of communism.

Because the original Trieste proposal came last Saturday from the United States, Britain and France it was believed to have boosted the strength of Italy's anti-communist parties. Italian sources have suggested that the western powers bear Russia to the draw on announcing the plan.

Strike Closes Papers. Italians were deprived of newspaper accounts of the Trieste developments by a nation-wide printers' strike called by a communist-led union.

High government sources said they believed the strike was designed to obstruct the holding of the election. They pointed out that among the strikers are printers who prepare the nation's ballots and other electoral forms.

AMERICANS BLAMED FOR USE OF POISON GAS. LONDON, Tuesday, March 23 (AP)—Moscow radio, quoting the communist "Pravda" newspaper, said today American officers are responsible for the use of poison gas by Greek government soldiers against guerrillas.

In Washington, a member of the staff of Secretary of Defense Forrestal described the Moscow report as "nonsense."

In Athens, Minister of War George Stratos said Greek troops have scored a smashing victory over guerrillas in the region of Mount Olympus and Mount Pieria in the past month.

SCHOOL FOR SABOTAGE LAID TO COMMUNISTS. VIENNA, March 22 (AP)—A highly placed Austrian said today the communist party in a Russian occupied suburb of Vienna is conducting a sabotage school.

Officials of the Austrian interior ministry admitted knowledge of the school but said they had no detailed information on what was being taught.

The informant said large stocks of explosives and some ammunition were being built up.

PADLOCK PROMISED ON SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA. WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—The gate will be double padlocked against shipment to Russia in any American goods that could increase Soviet military or industrial power, a commerce department official said today.

The only gap in the fence now, he said, is one which permits exit of goods which already were on their way to port when new export rules were put in effect on March 1. When those shipments are cleared, he said, there won't be any more.

Union Rejects Proposal for Coal Accord

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—John L. Lewis' representatives tonight tentatively rejected a government proposal for ending the soft coal shutdown.

The terms of miner pensions is the issue.

Should Lewis himself formally turn down Cyrus Ching's suggestion tonight or tomorrow, the conciliation chief told reporters:

"The next step will be to report the fact to the White House."

The national emergency machinery of the Taft-Hartley act presumably then would be put in motion. That consists of appointment of a board of inquiry, followed by an appeal to a federal district court for injunction to halt the mine walkout.

Weather

Table with columns: Location, Max, Min, Precip. Rows: Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.

Willamette river 4.7 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, Albany, N.Y.): Partly cloudy today and tonight with occasional showers of rain mixed with snow. High today 46, low tonight 32.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to March 23)

Table with columns: Year, Last Year, Average. Rows: 1947, 1946, 1945.