



Work toward construction of a \$2,000,000 two-block retail shopping center, with a new Sears Roebuck building site along the east side of North Capital and other stores, was underway Thursday at this street, between Center and Union streets. Trees, shrubbery and foundations of removed houses of the former residential area are being cleared by crews working for Hoffman Construction Co. of Portland, contractor for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles. Shown above (looking across Capital at the Center street corner), showing a huge cedar tree out of the way after pulling it over is Charles Leslie, 940 Plymouth st., bulldozer operator for the Ben Ojten excavating company of Salem, sub-contractors to Hoffman. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Home again, almost catching up with my last column, alarmed from Boston.

Across the country spring is busy relaxing the frozen grip of winter. In the lovely Berkshires of western Massachusetts, streams were running full, fed by snows clinging to the folds of the hills.

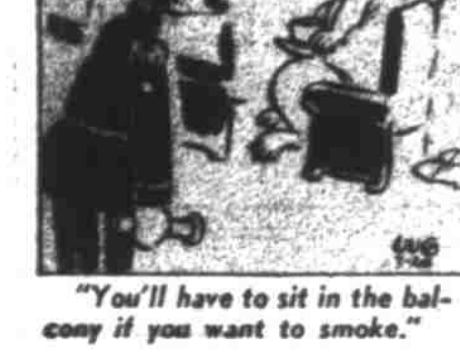
In the midwest the snow has disappeared but ground and trees are still bare, with no green showing. Ice still covers the upper Mississippi but rising temperatures have made it soft, its break-up imminent.

## Czechs to Hold May Election

PRAGUE, March 25 (AP)—The official government news agency announced tonight that a parliamentary election will be held in Czechoslovakia May 23.

## Snowfall Clogs Mountain Roads

The state highway commission Thursday advised motorists to use chains when driving in all Cascade mountain passes as heavy snowfall and winds up to 35 miles an hour combined to make roads icy.



## Truman Calls for Truce in Palestine

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—President Truman called urgently today for a truce in Arab-Jew warfare in Palestine and for United Nations trusteeship there. The Arabs office here termed his proposal "fantastic."

## Twisters Kill 8, Batter Planes in Oklahoma

By the Associated Press  
Twisters in Oklahoma killed eight persons yesterday and destroyed or damaged 84 army planes.

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Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip, and locations like Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.

## Forrestal Asks Age 19-26 Draft

## Soviet Subs Sighted in Pacific Areas

### Russians In Range Of B-29s

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Top air force officials testified today that this country's long-range bombers could strike "any part of Russia" now and get back to American bases.

### Subs Reported Near Palmyra Atoll, In Aleutians, 200 Miles from Frisco

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Sullivan said today that "submarines not belonging to any nation west of the 'iron curtain' had been sighted recently off our shores."

### Program To Total \$4 Billion

By Ed Creagh  
WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The U. S. high command called today for a draft of 19 to 26-year-olds in a \$3,448,000,000 expansion of our fighting forces so that they can hit hard if war comes.

### Churches Start Easter Series Of Services

Somber Good Friday services in several Salem churches today will set the stage for Easter observances throughout the city Sunday, commencing with Easter sunrise services on the statehouse grounds at 6 a. m. under auspices of Salem Ministerial association.

### Thieves Purloin Radio-Active Cow

GAINESVILLE, Fla., March 25 (AP)—The thief who stole a red cow from the University of Florida campus has two strikes against him.

### Marshall Says U.S. Intends to Stay in Berlin

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall made plain today that the United States intends to stay in Berlin, despite a Soviet-led clamor for the western allies to get out.

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Marion County Guernsey Cattle club voted Thursday night to sponsor the first Spring Guernsey show ever to be held at Salem.

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