Work toward construction of a \$2,000,000 two-block retail shopping center, with a new Sears Roebuck e building site along the east side of North Capital and other stores, was underway Thursday at th 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 Capitol at the Center street corner), shoving a huge cedar tree out of the way after pulling it over is Charles Leslie, 940 Plymouth st. buildozer operator for the Ben Otjen excavating company of Salem, sub-contractors to Hoffman. (Photo by Don Dill. Statesman staff photographer).

with my last column, airmailed

Across the country spring is clinging to the folds of the hills future date. West from Springfield the Boston Arab Spokesman and Albany follows the Westfield The Arab office snapped up the river, a dashing mountain stream latter point Speaking for the In Oklahoma field, a town about 20 miles west ment of Springfield that Asahel Bush gon Statesman (which will be 97 years old on Sunday).

disappeared but ground and trees settle the Palestine problem in are still bare, with no green show- their own way." ing Ice still covers the upper Mis- The statement saw Mr. Truman's Okla., and another was fatally in- said. minent. Quite dry in northern ern. Streams and ponds low. A good many cattle in evidence Then we ran into a snowstorm in the Rockies. West of the summit the snow accumulation is quite heavy, assuring good water supplies during the summer runoff It is in the Willamette valley however that spring really is putting on her Easter dress. With face freshly washed from the week-end rains, grass a vivid green and flowering trees of yellow and pink and white bursting into bloom and daffodils flaunting color in dooryards, the valley certainly gave a cordial welcome to the returning

laboratories (and receiving sets the Holy Land. out of the taverns and into the homest and is definitely "on the way" One hears (Continued on editorial page)

### 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.

proved the date. There were indi- less the miners return voluntarily. cations that all parties recognized communist program, were said to be losing ground.

Communist - Premier Klement Gottwald said the elections will be held in the manner specified by law, which provides for a contest Snowfall Clogs among parties.

#### Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



You'll have to sit in the balcony if you want to smoke."

## Truman Calls for Truce in Palestine

Arabs, Jews Express Scorn of Plan

WASHINGTON, March 25-(-P)-President Truman called urgently universal military training and ed seeing a periscope at night at a hearing before the senate sea craft far more advanced than today for a truce in Arab-Jew warfare in Palestine and for a United Nations trusteeship there. The Arabs office here termed his pro- They testified before the senate said identification of the object the senators he was "not prepared war. posal "fantastic. Mr Truman warned that "violence and bloodshed" threaten the Attacks Possible

Home again, almost catching up Holy Land and endanger even world peace The president spoke out at a news conference. Under questioning by reporters he held open the pos-

sibility that American troops, backing the United Nations, might busily relaxing the frozen grip have to go to Palestine this spring To other questions, he said he of western Massachusetts, streams still favors partition of Palestine were running full, fed by snows between Arab and Jew-at some

at this season. It was from West- Arab league, it said in a state-

"No. Mr. President, without came to Oregon to found The Ore- complete renunciation of partition, the Arabs will have no cool-In the midwest the snow has strengthens their determination to planes,

sissippi but rising temperatures proposal as a scheme to get the Jured at Eufaula, Okla. have made it saft, its breakup im- Arabs to accept a UN trusteeship. The army planes were desironuntil it becomes more convenient "fantastic."

"It is ridiculous," it continued, "to expect that the Arabs would, accept a trusteeship intended only to enable the Zionists to flood Palestine with terrorists and

The initial Zionist reaction also was unfavorable to Mr. Truman's proposal A Jewish spokesman in ed. New York said that "partition is the irreducible minimum" which his people demand.

JERUSALEM, March 25-12-1-

Both sides generally like the leg

#### Truman to Seek Coal Wallkout Ban

The cabinet unanimously aphalt the data. The cabinet unanimously aphalt the 11-day-old coal strike un-

Meantime other administration offiicals worked on new orders to railroads. Dimouts of service might follow.

## **Mountain Roads**

The state highway commission Thursday advised motorists to use chains when driving in all Cascade mountain passes as heavy session that despite the strike, the snowfall and winds up to 35 miles nation "will continue to receive

degrees and snowing lightly. There by country and smaller city packwas light packed sniow on the road ers would make this possible. and 136 inches of roadside snow. Highways were icy in the vicinity of Odell Lake on the Willamette highway and Siskiyou sum- Off Demo Victory mit, Sun Mountain pass and Hayden mountain.

Weather

Chicago New York Willamette river 8.1 feet, falling. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bu-reau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today with increasing cloudiness tonight. High today 50, low tonight 36.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to March 26) Year Last Year Av

# Twisters Kill 8.

**Batter Planes** 

By the Associated Press Twisters in Oklahoma killed eight persons yesterday and deing off period. Your appeal only stroyed or damaged 84 army

caught in twisters at Wetumka, enemy than those mentioned," he

was stronger than the one Sat- ations." urday which caused \$10,000,000 damage there.

damaged; 17 PT-19 trainers destroyed, three others damaged eight P-47s destroyed, 35 others

Listed as dead were Mrs Woodrow Stringfellow and her threeweeks-old baby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and three of their daughters, and Donald Shropshire, 17

Mrs. Stringfellow and her baby Palestine Arabs and Jews were were killed when their home about little impressed tonight by Presi- three miles south of Wetumka was fellow suffered a broken arm and day,

idea but neither appears willing to Howard Nix, University of Okgive in on its original demands. Jahoma student, reported from In the words of a man in the Wetumka the Stringfellow's sixstreet. 'All this talk in America year-old daughter, Patricia, was does not seem to be getting us found unhurt in a field near her home. Her clothes had been stripped off by the storm, he said. Mr and Mrs. Harris were burned to death. Watson said, after a barn was blown into their

# WASHINGTON, March 25-129- Meat Walkout President Truman indicated today

CHICAGO, March 25 -(AP)- A and persons conforming to the has been decreed in passenger and today. The next effort to end the freight service on coal burning strike is up to the board and President Truman.

inform the president of its findings. If Mr. Truman decides the report shows an emergency exists, he can seek a court injunction to end the strike for 80 days. During that period new peace efforts are provided under the Taft-Hartley act

An attorney for Swift & Co., told the board at its concluding an hour combined to make roads in excess of 75 per cent of normal meat production." A. C. O'-At the Santiam pass it was 30 Meara said increased production

> WASHINGTON, March 25-(AP)r e presentative President Truman confidently pre- from Marion dicted today a democratic victory county, his home in November and said he's in the for 21 years. race to stay.

He told a news conference he is conducted his not upset over the revolt in party own business in ranks and that rebels will be given Salem since 1933 a chance to walk back into the and has traveled fold before the election.

Chicago have bolted the Tsuman fairs. ranks because of last week's re- Born in Green Bay, Wisc., 41 versal on Palestine partitioning. | years ago, La Roche came to the

# The Oregon Statesman

**NINETY-EIGHTH YEAR** 

The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Friday, March 26, 1948

# Forrestal Asks Age 19-26 Draft

# Soviet Subs Sighted in Pacific Areas

# Russians In Range

WASHINGTON, March 25-(AP)-Top air force officials testified topart of Russia" now and get back to American bases.

Force Symington and General Carl miles from the west coast. Spaatz quickly declared that the the possibility of bombing Moscow were reported. added billions and manpower, about a month ago. The official armed services committee. He told Germany employed during the announced he will send to conarmed services committee.

The secretary said attacks on Churches Start ent B-29. This is the heavy, longrange, four-motored bomber which played a big role in the final victories of the recent war. The present bomber, he said. has "a radius of action of over 2,-

By modern improvement of a refueling technique," the air secretary said, the B-29 "can take off in limited operations from such points as Alaska or Laborador, bomb any part of Russia, and return to American bases such as

the Philippines, Okinawa, Alaska

or Labrador Need Closer Bases "Nevertheless, this would not be decisive, and therefore, it is nec- be held for many Protestant de-Seven of the eight killed were essary to obtain bases closer to the

Nearby bases are required, he The army planes were destroy- continued, "in order to also gain at Tinker field. The short but control of the air over enemy ter-Montana, along the Great North- to force partition. It called this violent tornado hit no buildings ritory, which control is essentialand caused no injuries although it for sustained and decisive air oper-

Symington said that an improved model of the B-29, called the Damage listed yesterday include B-50 will have "far greater" range seven B-29s destroyed, 11 others as will the big B-36 and "other large and comparable ships."

### damaged and three C-47s damag- State Totals Tax Payments

Citizens of Oregon paid \$125,-809,222 in taxes and fees to their state and local governments in the year ended June 30, 1947, the state Army brass band from Vancouver, Television is getting out of the dent Truman's call for a truce in flattened by the twister. String- tax commission reported Thurs-

> The amount, largest in history, was \$24,000,000 more than in the preceding year. It was double the amount collected 10 years ago. Of the total collected in the past school and other local property

Here is where other substantial amounts of revenue came from: Personal income taxes \$19,972,-380, motor vericle fuel taxes \$18,-054,669, corporation income taxes Reports Cash Surplus

(Editor's note: Comments in this

series are made by or for the candi-

dates without restriction, and may or

may not reflect the policy of this

Today's subject:

the state and

county, William

J. La Roche filed

as a republican

La Roche has

**Politics on Parade** 

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

### Subs Reported Near Palmyra Atoll, Program In Aleutians, 200 Miles from Frisco To Total WASHINGTON, March 25 -(A) as a periscope was not positive. to evaluate the significance of

was nothing to stop submarines the Atlantic.

came within its three - mile lim- time design.

coasts.

Marshall Says

ern allies to get out.

ministers as military governor.

on the council," he said.

Chatfield gave this account:

them men charged with the Sweet

Instead of complying, Jailer

Chatfield and a maintenance man,

Ernest Weygand, rushed at the

nation - wide communist - direct-

ed typographers' strike ended to-

Italy Newspaper

Walkout Ends

The other was reported by a Sullivan said Russia has at least

marchant ship in the Johnston- 250 operating subs and that Ger-

Secretary of the Navy Sullivan As for the others, he said: said today that "submarines not One was spotted by an Ameri- "We all recall that an early step belonging to any nation west of can plane in the Aleutians, the is- of the Germans in 1917 and 1941 the "iron curtain" had been land chain between Alaska and Si- was to deploy submarines off our sighted recently "off our shores." beria, ten days ago.

A high navy official said latday that this country's long-range er that there were three cases in present bombers can strike "any recent weeks in which subs, presumably Russian, were reported sighted. All were in the Pacific But both Secretary of the Air and none was nearer than 200

Navy officials in both Pearl that way with existing air power, cific patrols had not been in-Symington bluntly referred to creased since the sub sightings

joined army and navy officials in the official added, came from a said. supporting revival of the draft, merchant ship captain who report- He had told of the sub-sightings engineers, with plans for under-

commencing with Easter sunrise

services on the statehouse grounds

at 6 a.m. under auspices of Salem

#### Thieves Purloin Radio-Active Cow GAINESVILLE, Fla., March 25 U.S. Intends to **Laster Series** (A)-The thief who stole a red

cow from the University of Florida

the date was set tentatively for pie.

Reports made at the Thursday

Committees appointed for the

consisting of Howard Gilbert,

Frank Poeping, Del Looney; rib-

ty fair board, Newell and Gilbert.

Elmer Meadows, western field-

ferson, presided. Looney also an-

lege will be asked to judge.

night meeting, indicated that Polk,

Clackamas, Linn, Benton and Lane

from Hawaii.

campus has two strikes against him. Stay in Berlin If heevades police he is risking Somber Good Friday services in used at the university's nutrition several Salem churches today will laboratory for testing purposes. set the stage for Easter observ- Scientists have been feeding it raances throughout the city Sunday, dio-active minerals.

**Guernsey Club** Ministerial association. Union Good Friday service will nominations from noon to 3 o'clock this afternoon at First Baptist church, North Liberty and Marion streets. Services also will Show in Salem be held during those same hours this afternoon at St. Paul's Epis-Marion County Guernsey Cattle Marshall's statement, which he copel church, at St. Mark's Lutheran church (for its and Christ Lutheran's congregations), and at sponsor the first Spring Guernsey inforced it with another denounc- sal military training program if St. Joseph's Catholic church. Spe- show ever to be held at Salem. ing the Soviet-backed new "Ger- congress approves UMT. cial services at St. Vincent de The show will be open to all

Paul Catholic church are at 8 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Public schools observe a holiday June 12. today, but Catholic schools of the city remain in regular session. Willamette university will have a special chapel service for Good counties will send entries to such Friday at 11 a.m. in First Metho- a show. dist church, with the Rev. Brooks Moore, pastor of that church, speaking and the university a cap-

pella choir singing. bon committee, Ben Newell, and A pre-Easter occasion Saturday will be the visit of the Salvation committee to contact Marion coun-B. C., to play a concert of classic and church music at 4 p.m., weather permitting, and to take part in a Youth for Christ rally man for the American Guernsey

The sunrise Easter service at the on the national convention to be Dynamite Dart cattle club, was present to report in Salem armory at 7:30 p.m. north steps of the state capitol will held at Portland May 16 to 20. lected in the form of county, city, Lesher of Salvation Army and agent's office and Del Looney, Jefmusic by the Nazarene church nounced that the next meeting will Prison Escape

The state liquor commission re-

The commission said it sold \$2 -February, 1947.

### **British Plane Sets Altitude Record**

LONDON, March 22-(AP)-The who called his bluff. Royal Aero club said tonight a Police said the prisoner—Harry British jet fighter has set a new H. Handron, in Rocky Butte counworld altitude record of more than ty jail awaiting trial on larceny 1114 miles.

59.492 feet, the club said. This finement. betters by more than half a mile the world record of 56,017 feet 10 years ago.

#### Woodburn to Vote Willamette valley in 1926. He at-Friday on Taxes tended Willamette university and Mount Angel college. Prior to es-

WOODBURN, March 25 tablishing his business here he held positions as fruit receiver Woodburn voters will ballot Fri- & King department store holdup. except one irate member, comand buyer for Portland and Wood- day, March 26, on the proposed burn firms. During the war he 5 mill tax levy for the mainteworked as a journeyman electri- nance and supervision of city cian on federal housing and the parks and recreational facilities. prisoner and overpowered him. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with voting places at the city hall for West Woodburn precinct and in Lutheran hall on Doud street for East Woodburn precinct.

The tax levy was submitted to vote of the people by the Woodburn city council.

#### Pickets Halt Work on Oregon State Projects

CORVALLIS, March 25 -(AP)-Construction of a women's dormi-Veterans' problems and subver-tory and electrical engineering quickly bought up the first edi-ier in the bill to the White House Earl-ier in the day the house adopted, was stopped today by pickef lines. The building laborers' union dispatched the pickets, contending healthy representation in its law- workers were being paid rates dolfo Pacciardi, and within two house members. from 10 to 25 cents lower than the and a half hours newspapers ap- The present rent control law expeared on the streets. usual scale here.

# these hearings." but added:

By Ed Creagh WASHINGTON, March 25 -(AP)

Palmyra group about 800 miles many, with only about 50 at the The U. S. high command called beginning of World War II, came today for a draft of 19 to 26-Other navy sources said there very near winning the battle of year-olds in a \$3,448,000,000 expansion of our fighting forces so of any nation from cruising the Sullivan, in giving the subma- that they can hit hard if war high seas. This country would have rine report said the Russians have comes.

They named Russia as a possi-United States could not win a war Marbor and Seattle said that Pa- ded, unless a foreign submarine four of them of the latest war- ble enemy. Secretary of Defense no grounds for objecting, they ad- obtained 19 new German subs, Forrestal said peace prospects are In addition, the secretary said, good. But "as a strictly military Sullivan declined comment Russia has the use of Germany's matter," he declared, "we cannot as both he and his chief of staff. The report of this nearest one, when told what the navy officer submarine building plants, and is permit the still-free nations of known to be employing German Europe to fall under soviet domi-Later today President Truman

> gress a special budget message asking about \$4,000,000,000 as a "bedrock" total of new preparedness spending, high government officials reported tonight. To Be Added to Budget That sum, a boil-down of defense proposals from the army,

> navy, air forces and several other agencies, would be added to the budget asked in January for the year starting July 1. The revised request probably will go to Capitol Hill next week.

Forrestal appeared with other WASHINGTON, March 25 - (AP) military chiefs before the senate Secretary of State Marshall made armed services committee, plain today that the United States | Senator Gurney (R-SD), chairintends to stay in Berlin, despite man of the committee, said proa Soviet-led clamor for the west- posed draft legislation called for eventual registration of men up to 45 although only younger men Marshall also served notice that are being considered for actual

if Russia goes on refusing to co- draft calls. operate in the four-power coun- He said there might be sepacil set up to control Germany, the rate registrations of men 19 United States will interpret this as through 25, then men up to 31 a stand against unification of Ger- years, next those up to 38, and finally men up to 45.

Increased Forces Forrestal and the other defense trol comeil on Saturday prompted chiefs asked a 349,500 increase in club voted Thursday might to read at a news conference. He re- another 181,000 to run a univerour regular armed forces - plus man people's congress" as a cruel

Expanding the armed forces, Guernsey breeders in Oregon and deception on the German peothey said, will cost \$3,000,000,000 with an additional \$448,000,000

Gen. Lucius B. Clay has barred for UMT. Forrestal and Secretary of the the German people's congress from the American zone which he ad- Army Royall laid these specific recommendations before the senators:

Marshall said that American 1. Selective service making representatives after nearly three some 3,600,000 non-veterans subshow include ground committee years are still trying to make the ject to call. All but 1,355,000 in allied control council in Berlin an this 19-through-25 agre group, effective agency to run Germany however, would be deferred beas an economic and political unit. cause of dependents or for other "Their efforts have to a large reasons. And only 220,000 might extent been fustrated by the tac- actually be drafted, if enlistments, Harold Ewalt of Oregon State col- tics of the Soviet representatives reach an expected 500,000. UMT Proposal

2. Universal military training for about 850,000 youths 18 and 19 years old each year.

A 349,500 increase in the regular armed forces. The army's strength would be boosted from 542,000 to 782,000, the navy from 397,000 to 460,000, the marines from 81,000 to 92,000 and the air force from 364.500 to 400,000.

### PORTLAND, March 25-(AP)-A British Purge mass jail break with a paper dart and dynamite caps was overpowered today by a pair of jailers Of Government

charges — started a campaign LONDON, March 25-(AP)-Prime Test Pilot John (Cateyes) Cun- last evening for the escape. They Minister Attlee said today the need ningham, 32, war-time night said he created so much disturb- to preserve defense secrets justifighter pilot ace, took the De-Havilland "Ghost" Vampire up to decided to put him in solitary con-communists from security posts. He told the house of commons:

There must be secrets of gov-Moved out of his cell block, the ernment, particularly in relation set by Col. Mario Pizzi of Italy prisoner pulled from his pocket a to defense, and there are other sepaper dart with a warhead of dy- crets as well: and as long as we namite caps.
"Open the door and let the rest are in a world where there is a possibility of war we must have of them out, or I'll throw this," defense and its secrets must be he said. The corridor contained nearly 100 prisoners - among

The security order, announced last week, also applies to fascists, Home bank robbery and the Olds All sides of the house of commons munist Willie Gallacher, united in support of Attlee's program. But the chamber was equally united in demanding that the order should not ride roughshod over Britain's traditional freedom of epinion for civil servants.

### Rent Control Bill ROME, March 25 -(AP)- Italy's Sent to Truman

WASHINGTON, March 25-(A)-Italians, avid for news after the Congress passed today a comprofour - day blackout in the midst mise bill extending rent controls of the biggest story for the coun- one year and giving a federal court try since the end of the war-the final say on lifting the ceilings.

A voice vote in the senate sent proposed Trieste settlement tions of their newspapers.

The printers promptly went back to work after a settlement ure which had been worked out negotiated by Vice Premier Ran- by a committee of senators and

pires a week from today.

#### \$10,921,853, liquor revenues \$9,-601,745, motor vehicle registration fees \$5,392,907, motor carrier fees ported Thursday it has a small and taxes \$3,171,686, insurance cash surplus. A year ago, it had company taxes \$1,693,804, alco- a deficit of \$1,102,000. holic privilege taxes \$1,095,396, inwill have their own candidates. save coal. They disclosed that coal fact - finding board finished its heritance taxes \$1,067,870, and ir- 854,101 worth of liquor in Feb-

Advocates of a single slate of canusing utility plants may be next preliminary study of the nationrigation and drainage assessments ruary, or \$31,000 less than in didates, made up of communists on the list, following the cut which wide CIO Meat Handlers strike \$1,048,479.

The board has until April 1 to

# Truman Confident

widely over the Southerners are rebelling state. He has al- W. J. La Roche against his civil rights proposals. ways pursued a keen, sincere in-Some democrats in New York and terest in local and national af-



He is deeply interested in the present Willamette valley flood control and soil conservation-program and also in the preservation of our rapidly depleting fish, wildlife and natural resources. sive elements, such as communism.

need our very careful attention. Therefore La Roche believes this county deserves a fresh, clear and making bodies.

(Tomorrow: Douglas Yeater)