

IT SEEMS TO ME  
By Charles S. Squire

Stop worrying about whether the communists will win the election in Italy Sunday. They will not. They'll be lucky to get 35 per cent of the votes.

Stop worrying about the imminence of war with Russia. First, because your worrying will do you no good and do nothing to avert war; and second because war isn't coming. Not now, not soon. The campaign in Italy is rugged, but the result is quite certain. Opposing the communists are the present government, the Catholic church, the army, the United States and the Marshall plan. The U.S. has sent in foodstuffs and supplies and the western allies have made their offer for return of Trieste to Italy. Russia's negative on the last point not only will cost the communists votes in Italy next Sunday, but also probably shows that Russia knows the election is lost. There is a strong communist party in Italy but it draws its strength from the popular resentment against privilege and reaction which helps to keep them impoverished.

It is very doubtful if the USSR poaches on Norway and Sweden. The Finnish treaty was temperate enough to compose some tears in the rest of Scandinavia. Yugoslavia may continue to aid the Greek guerrillas, but not enough to touch off world war.

As for France, the communist threat there is waning. The shift now probably will be to the middle-ground socialists as a foil to both extremes, DeGaulle's Rally of the French People, on the right, and the communists on the left.

At home look for the oozing away of the war psychosis. Congress will put more faith (and money) in the air force, will not go for UMT. Selective service may be put in legal mold and then tucked in the icebox for an indefinite time.

How do I know all this? I don't. I'm merely guessing. But I'm quite willing to have readers clip this column out and refer to it three months from now to see how much error it contains.

## Nebraska Vote Gives Stassen 15,000 Edge

OMAHA, April 14 (AP)—A roaring tide of Nebraska republican votes carried Harold E. Stassen today into the field of top-notch contenders for the GOP presidential nomination.

His smashing victory in yesterday's presidential primary here delivered to Stassen former Mineota governor 13 of the state's 15 votes on the first nominating ballot at Philadelphia.

In a sweep that promised him a final margin of more than 15,000, over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Stassen finished at the top of the popularity standings in this heavily republican mid-western area.

The count, with only 47 of the state's 2,024 precincts missing, was: Stassen 78,610, Dewey 62,444, Senator Robert A. Taft 20,880, Senator Arthur Vandenberg 8,862, Gen. Douglas MacArthur 6,879, Gov. Earl Warren of California 1,772, house speaker Joseph Martin 886.

With this victory wrapped up, Stassen turns tomorrow to campaigning in Ohio. There he is seeking to take away from Taft some of that state's 53 delegates in a May 4 primary.

Taft said in Washington that he was "disappointed" with the Nebraska results but predicted a different outcome in Ohio.

Vandenberg, who rounded up in fourth place in the popularity contest after saying he doesn't want the nomination, thereby remained as one of the leading darkhorse possibilities for the nomination.

The campaign for MacArthur seemingly was washed out here. But in Tokyo the general wouldn't comment.

## U.S. Grants Italians Permit to Buy Coal

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The state department announced today that Italy will be permitted to buy coal in the United States for its gas-producing industry.

The action, four days before the Italian election, came even though American production is still lagging from the recent strike.

## Animal Crackers



"I wouldn't mind the good pay, but those short hours worry me."

# 30 Perish in Pan American Airliner Disaster

## U.S. Plane Crashes In Eire

SHANNON AIRPORT, Eire, Thursday, April 15 (AP)—Thirty persons, 19 of them Americans, were reported killed today in the wreck of a Pan American World Airways Constellation—the "Empress of the Skies."

The plane, bound from London to New York, crashed and burned while trying to land at Shannon airport at 3 a. m. (7 p. m., PST, Wednesday).

Mark Worst, a Californian and manager of the Lockheed Aviation corporation's base at Shannon, was the only survivor. He suffered only shock and saved himself by climbing through a hole in the wrecked fuselage. His wife, waiting here to greet him, witnessed the crash.

In London, Fred Tupper, Pan American public relations officer, said names of the dead will be withheld until next of kin have been notified. That, he said, will take hours.

Crewmen from U. S. Tupper said the 10 crewmen all were from the United States and so were nine of the passengers besides Worst — six men, two women and a year-old boy.

Other passengers he said, were one British woman, five Italian men, one Frenchman, two Indian men, one Pakistan woman and one statesman.

Basil Warnock, American Overseas Airlines stationmaster at Shannon, said weather observers reported three miles' visibility at the time of the crash.

Plane Burns The wreckage of the plane was completely burned out.

According to Worst, the pilot made one unsuccessful attempt to get the plane down on Shannon's main airstrip. Then on the second try the liner struck an obstruction, bumped along the ground for a considerable distance and burst into flames.

SEATTLE, April 14 — Boeing's XB-47 Stratojet, the U. S. air force's radically designed bomber, officially won its wings here today. The newest air force bomber is shown as it zooms skyward almost vertically in a rocket assisted takeoff at Moses Lake air force base in eastern Washington where it has completed the initial phase of its flight test program.

The bomber is assisted on the takeoff by eight-six turbo-jet engines supply normal power. The rockets (jets) are used in heavy load takeoffs and for emergency power needs. Approximately the size of a B-29, the Stratojet can carry more than 10 tons of bombs at a speed exceeding 500 miles an hour. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## Mercury High Despite Rain

A windless Wednesday brought Salem's thermometer up to 68 degrees despite occasional lukewarm showers throughout the day, but the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field predicted occasional showers and cooler temperatures for today and tonight.

Wednesday's humid temperature was the second warmest of the year, only surpassed by 69 degrees registered on March 28.

## Remington to Fill Vacancy

Appointment of Roy W. Remington, employee of the state highway commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Sam B. Gillette in the state purchasing department was announced by the state board of control Wednesday.

Remington, a veteran of both world wars, was assistant purchasing agent to Gillette when the latter was employed by the state highway department from 1924 to 1932. He served as requisition supervisor for the highway division from 1932 until he entered military service.

Following Remington's return he was assigned to the state parks division of the state highway commission. He will have the same duties as Gillette, but will not assume the title of assistant purchasing agent.

## Mooring Basin at Astoria Approved

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—A \$2,500,000 permanent mooring basin at Astoria, Ore., for reserve ships was authorized today by the U. S. maritime commission.

The base, long urged by Oregon congressmen, would be located just above Tongue Point, where the navy reserve fleet is harbored. It would hold 250 reserve merchant ships.

## C. of C. Board Backs Unification Of Fund Drives Under Chest

The question of why numerous fund-raising campaigns operate independently of the Community chest received the attention of Salem Chamber of Commerce directors at a monthly board meeting Wednesday night in the chamber offices.

The board voted to endorse tentatively a plan for consolidating virtually all fund drives under the chest — a plan which is to be threshed out by the Community chest organization at a Spokane meeting in the near future.

Members expressed the opinion that too many fund campaigns face businessmen and other citizens of Salem "every day" and that with the exception of agencies operating under the chest few who solicit charitable funds make public accounting or budgeting of their needs, receipts and expenditures.

# The Oregon Statesman

FOUNDED 1851

## Giant Bomber Streaks Upward



SEATTLE, April 14 — Boeing's XB-47 Stratojet, the U. S. air force's radically designed bomber, officially won its wings here today. The newest air force bomber is shown as it zooms skyward almost vertically in a rocket assisted takeoff at Moses Lake air force base in eastern Washington where it has completed the initial phase of its flight test program.

## U.N. Devises Truce Terms For Palestine

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP)—The United Nations tonight announced terms of a truce plan designed to end fighting and bloodshed in Palestine.

One section would bar all persons of military age — either Arabs or Jews — from entering the Holy Land.

Security council delegates were reported in virtual agreement on most of the provisions of the plan which will go to a council vote tomorrow at Lake Success.

The Jewish agency and the Arab high committee previously have failed to agree on a truce.

The main points included these appeals to the Arabs and Jews: 1—End all military activities and acts of violence, terrorism and sabotage.

2—Refrain from bringing into Palestine armed bands or individuals capable of bearing arms.

3—Halt importation of all weapons and war materials.

4—Stop all political activity pending reconsideration of the partition project by the special session of the general assembly opening Friday.

## Local C. of C. Roll Tops 1,500 Mark

Salem Chamber of Commerce membership is over the 1,500 mark for the first time in its history.

The chamber board Wednesday night received a membership report from Manager Clay Cochran and Assistant Glenn Prather that 18 new members signed in March brought the total membership to 1,507. President James Walton commended Edwin Schreder's membership committee and noted that reports from other chambers indicate, by contrast, that membership is beginning to level off.

## South Salem To Form Club

A community organization for the "betterment" of South Salem will be launched officially at a public meeting at 8 p. m. today in the Clayton Jones upholstery shop, 1145 S. Commercial st., according to Roy Adsett, one of the organizers.

A name for the group, a charter and permanent officers will be voted upon by the 100 persons expected to attend, Adsett explained. All South Salem businessmen and others in that area interested in civic affairs are invited.

Temporary officers named at previous informal meetings are F. H. Weir, president; C. A. Vibbert, vice-president; and H. A. Harrington, secretary.

## Test Set For Tax Surplus

A test suit to determine whether surplus funds from income and corporate excise taxes can be thrown open for general state purposes, rather than be used solely to off-set the property tax as originally provided will be filed in Marion county circuit court today.

The action is being brought by former governor Charles A. Sprague through the Portland law firm of Maguire, Shields, Morrison and Bailey.

It was indicated that action both by the circuit court and the supreme court is hoped for prior to formulation of the forthcoming 1948-49 tax levy (July 1-June 30).

Commissioners Defendants Defendants are the three tax commissioners — Earl L. Fisher, Wallace S. Wharton and Carl Chambers.

The suit seeks to prevent the commissioners from following a recent opinion of Attorney General George Neuner who held that surplus income and corporate excise tax funds could be treated as miscellaneous receipts and go into the state's general fund.

The action asks (1) that the tax commissioners be enjoined from applying any part of the surplus in estimating revenue regarding the 1948-49 state tax levy; (2) that they be enjoined from considering the surplus as "miscellaneous receipts"; (3) that the commissioners be required to certify that a need exists for levying in excess of the 6 per cent constitutional limit for the 1948-49 general fund deficit; and (4) that the state's tax base be regarded as \$7,137,671 (which is 6 per cent over the 1947-48 base of \$6,733,652).

The attorney general in February held that the surplus estimated to be around \$46,000,000 was outside the 6 per cent limitation, and in effect his ruling would allow its use to wipe out a general fund deficit (which today's suit estimated at \$5,862,328).

Regarding the estimated deficit, the suit declares: "The 1947 legislature anticipated there would be such a deficit and therefore imposed upon the (tax) commission the duty of certifying to the secretary of state the necessity of such a levy up to \$8,000,000 outside the limitation in order to give the people the right to determine whether such accumulated property tax relief revenues (income and corporate tax) should be so used."

The commission, unless enjoined, will disregard this chapter of the 1947 laws, the suit says.

The suit also contends that the tax commission, on the basis of the attorney general's opinion and unless enjoined by the courts, will like action constitute an unlawful diversion of public funds to unauthorized purposes, and that the tax burden on property and incomes would be "illegally increased."

It is set forth that the action is brought "for the benefit of all citizens of the state of Oregon similarly situated in regard to owning real property and paying taxes on income."

## Deadline Today For Tax Returns

State tax commissioners warned that today is the deadline for filing 1948 state income tax returns, based on 1947 incomes, without penalty and interest.

Both the Salem and Portland offices of the commission will remain open until midnight. A large staff of accountants will be available to assist taxpayers in making out their returns at the local office in the state office building on Court street.

## Dodd to Head U.N. Division

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The United Nations food and agricultural organization (FAO) today chose a former pharmacist and livestock rancher — Norris E. Dodd — as its second director general.

Dodd is now an American undersecretary of agriculture. He was elected unanimously by the 57-nation international organization to succeed Sir John Boyd Orr, head of the FAO since its creation in Quebec in 1945.

Dodd will take over his new post when congress adjourns.

Dodd was born in Iowa, later moved to Oregon, becoming a livestock rancher. He later joined the AAA crop control programs as local farmer committee man.

He was promoted to regional AAA director, then AAA administrator in Washington, and finally undersecretary of agriculture.

He had been mentioned along with Assistant Secretary Charles F. Brannan, as a possible successor to Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture.

## Local UNESCO Meet Tonight

Constance Roach of the U. S. commission on UNESCO will address a public meeting at 8 p. m. today at the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Her talks on behalf of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization and its efforts toward international understanding are a prelude to the UNESCO conference in San Francisco May 13 to 15.

James T. Brand, Oregon supreme court justice, will preside and Charles A. Sprague, local member of the Oregon committee on UNESCO, will introduce the judge. Dr. Peter Odegaard, president of Reed college and head of the state committee, will be at the meeting.

## Test Set For Tax Surplus

A test suit to determine whether surplus funds from income and corporate excise taxes can be thrown open for general state purposes, rather than be used solely to off-set the property tax as originally provided will be filed in Marion county circuit court today.

The action is being brought by former governor Charles A. Sprague through the Portland law firm of Maguire, Shields, Morrison and Bailey.

It was indicated that action both by the circuit court and the supreme court is hoped for prior to formulation of the forthcoming 1948-49 tax levy (July 1-June 30).

Commissioners Defendants Defendants are the three tax commissioners — Earl L. Fisher, Wallace S. Wharton and Carl Chambers.

The suit seeks to prevent the commissioners from following a recent opinion of Attorney General George Neuner who held that surplus income and corporate excise tax funds could be treated as miscellaneous receipts and go into the state's general fund.

The action asks (1) that the tax commissioners be enjoined from applying any part of the surplus in estimating revenue regarding the 1948-49 state tax levy; (2) that they be enjoined from considering the surplus as "miscellaneous receipts"; (3) that the commissioners be required to certify that a need exists for levying in excess of the 6 per cent constitutional limit for the 1948-49 general fund deficit; and (4) that the state's tax base be regarded as \$7,137,671 (which is 6 per cent over the 1947-48 base of \$6,733,652).

The attorney general in February held that the surplus estimated to be around \$46,000,000 was outside the 6 per cent limitation, and in effect his ruling would allow its use to wipe out a general fund deficit (which today's suit estimated at \$5,862,328).

Regarding the estimated deficit, the suit declares: "The 1947 legislature anticipated there would be such a deficit and therefore imposed upon the (tax) commission the duty of certifying to the secretary of state the necessity of such a levy up to \$8,000,000 outside the limitation in order to give the people the right to determine whether such accumulated property tax relief revenues (income and corporate tax) should be so used."

The commission, unless enjoined, will disregard this chapter of the 1947 laws, the suit says.

The suit also contends that the tax commission, on the basis of the attorney general's opinion and unless enjoined by the courts, will like action constitute an unlawful diversion of public funds to unauthorized purposes, and that the tax burden on property and incomes would be "illegally increased."

It is set forth that the action is brought "for the benefit of all citizens of the state of Oregon similarly situated in regard to owning real property and paying taxes on income."

## Local UNESCO Meet Tonight

Constance Roach of the U. S. commission on UNESCO will address a public meeting at 8 p. m. today at the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Her talks on behalf of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization and its efforts toward international understanding are a prelude to the UNESCO conference in San Francisco May 13 to 15.

James T. Brand, Oregon supreme court justice, will preside and Charles A. Sprague, local member of the Oregon committee on UNESCO, will introduce the judge. Dr. Peter Odegaard, president of Reed college and head of the state committee, will be at the meeting.

## Rivers Flood Ohio Lowlands

CINCINNATI, April 14 (AP)—Two youths drowned and thousands of persons were routed from their homes today as the Ohio river and its tributaries flooded more lowlands throughout the Ohio valley.

The Ohio, already out of its banks for almost the entire 981 miles from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi, continued a steady rise of about 3 feet an hour.

Barring further heavy rains, however, it appeared likely the flood will be only a little more serious than the annual spring raise — not a major disaster. City, state, federal and private rescue agencies are ready for either.

## Lewis Scorns Defense; Judge May Rule Today

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—John L. Lewis, glowing and silent, refused today to defend himself against a contempt of court charge that lays him open to a possible heavy fine or even a prison term.

Lewis may learn his fate tomorrow after the government winds up its effort to prove him and the union guilty. The mine chief called no defense witnesses. His lawyers declined even to enter a formal argument.

The charge: That Lewis and the union disregarded an April 3 court order directing an immediate end to the coal miners' walkout.

Lewis told the miners to stop their "voluntary" work stoppage last Monday — after he reached an eleventh hour agreement in an old age pension dispute.

The government charges that he didn't act soon enough. About half of the 400,000 miners still were away from their jobs today.

The bushy-browed Lewis entered his and the union's plea shortly after 10 a. m. "Not guilty," it said.

Then he sat, impassive and occasionally chomping on a peppermint drop, while the government called witness after witness in an effort to show:

1—That Lewis really ordered the walkout, although he insists he didn't.

2—That the walkout was — in the words of the Taft-Hartly act — a strike endangering national health and safety.

3—That Lewis and the UMW were guilty of contempt for not calling it off immediately when a federal court told them to.

On a bench, affable and some times smiling, was U. S. District Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who fined Lewis and the UMW \$3,510,000 on a similar charge less than two years ago. (The supreme court later cut the fine to \$710,000.)

Goldsborough was plainly surprised when Lewis declined to call witnesses after the government rested its case.

He said he'd hear the government's final review of the case tomorrow (10 a. m., EST). The union lawyers said they'd speak up then, too, if they change their mind, he said.

There was courtroom speculation that the judge might, if the verdict is guilty, impose a suspended jail sentence on Lewis.

## Capitol Street Traffic Signals To Be Installed

Traffic signal lights will be installed at three additional intersections of the Pacific highway in north Salem, City Manager J. L. Franzen was assured Wednesday by the state highway commission.

The commission wrote Franzen that the state will put stop-and-go lights at the D and Market street intersections with Capitol street and the Silverton road junction with the highway, provided the city foot half the cost of the three lights, estimated at a total of \$11,000.

Franzen said city funds for the purpose are available. Salem city leaders have asked the highway commission for traffic lights on the highway, asserting that greatly increased traffic of the past two years has increased accidents at major intersections and made pedestrian street crossing difficult.

The commission did not indicate when lights would be installed. Traffic signals already are operating at the Center and Capitol street intersection and at Fairgrounds road junction (where Tile road traffic also is controlled).

The new traffic light at the Silverton road-Fairgrounds road junction would also control Highland avenue traffic at that point.

## 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: A. C. (Andy) Burk (d) Candidate for Marion County Sheriff

After four busy years in other fields of activity, A. C. (Andy) Burk is again a candidate for sheriff of Marion county, a post he occupied for 12 years from Jan. 1, '33, to the same date in '44.

"It will be remembered that I instituted the present tax collection set-up, which was a great improvement," Burk observes. "However, I have had an opportunity to make additional improvements, and should I be elected this will give me a chance to bring about greater savings and efficiency."

"Since my announced candidacy I have been queried regarding my policy in employing veterans. I have always favored the practice, and where conditions are

## 2 Die, 42 Hurt As Truck Hits Speeding Train

KREMLIN, Okla., April 14 (AP)—A speeding Rock Island streamliner plunged from the tracks here today killing at least two persons and injuring 42 more as it crashed into freight cars on a side track.

The passenger train, the Texas Rocket, was struck by a dump truck as it sped southward at nearly eighty miles an hour. The three coaches of the train, derailed by the impact, careened down the right-of-way, smashed into the freight train and caught fire.

The state highway patrol said two persons were killed and 27 more hospitalized, five of them in critical condition. The patrol said 15 others were treated for less serious injuries and released.

The patrol said the bodies were so badly mangled and burned it was not possible to say for certain whether two or three persons died in the crash.

The left sides of the three coaches were ripped off. Two caught fire. The coach hit by the truck was burned out. It was here the dead and most of the injured were found.

## Mine Union Declines to Argue, Call Witnesses

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—John L. Lewis, glowing and silent, refused today to defend himself against a contempt of court charge that lays him open to a possible heavy fine or even a prison term.

Lewis may learn his fate tomorrow after the government winds up its effort to prove him and the union guilty. The mine chief called no defense witnesses. His lawyers declined even to enter a formal argument.

The charge: That Lewis and the union disregarded an April 3 court order directing an immediate end to the coal miners' walkout.

Lewis told the miners to stop their "voluntary" work stoppage last Monday — after he reached an eleventh hour agreement in an old age pension dispute.

The government charges that he didn't act soon enough. About half of the 400,000 miners still were away from their jobs today.

The bushy-browed Lewis entered his and the union's plea shortly after 10 a. m. "Not guilty," it said.

Then he sat, impassive and occasionally chomping on a peppermint drop, while the government called witness after witness in an effort to show:

1—That Lewis really ordered the walkout, although he insists he didn't.

2—That the walkout was — in the words of the Taft-Hartly act — a strike endangering national health and safety.

3—That Lewis and the UMW were guilty of contempt for not calling it off immediately when a federal court told them to.

On a bench, affable and some times smiling, was U. S. District Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who fined Lewis and the UMW \$3,510,000 on a similar charge less than two years ago. (The supreme court later cut the fine to \$710,000.)

Goldsborough was plainly surprised when Lewis declined to call witnesses after the government rested its case.

He said he'd hear the government's final review of the case tomorrow (10 a. m., EST). The union lawyers said they'd speak up then, too, if they change their mind, he said.

There was courtroom speculation that the judge might, if the verdict is guilty, impose a suspended jail sentence on Lewis.

## Funeral Delay Keeps Bogota Tension High

BOGOTA, Colombia, April 14 (AP)—The government's attempt to end the national crisis arising from last week's bloody revolt was thwarted today by the delayed burial of an assassinated political hero.

The plan to give a state funeral to Jorge Eliecer Gaitan, whose slaying set off the futile insurrection, was held in abeyance when his widow refused to permit his burial until President Mariano Ospina Perez returns.

Gaitan was the leader of Colombia's liberal party. Ospina is a conservative.

The development occurred as the 21-nation Pan-American conference formally resumed its work for the first time since the uprising disrupted the meeting Friday.

Unrest still persisted in the capital. An occasional sniper's shot was heard. Troops sometimes returned the fire to try and drive the snipers from their nests.

## Strike Halts Log Unloading At West Salem

Log unloading at the Oregon Pulp and Paper company's Winona log dump in West Salem is expected to halt this morning as the CIO Oregon - Washington strike continues to close north-west mill.

Karl W. Heinlein, manager of the company's Salem lumber division, said late Wednesday night that 24 boommen employed at the Winona operation were scheduled to join the strike at midnight Wednesday.

Production at the Salem paper plant and mill is expected to continue normally. Heinlein said, by use of logs unloaded by AFL boommen at the company's Miller street dump on the South River road. At the same time Heinlein pointed out the entire Salem operation could be idled within a few days if CIO boommen should picket the AFL operated dump.

AFL workers refused to pass the picket line, the plant would be without logs within a few days, he said.

The Associated Press reported that a total of 6,000 lumber workers had been thrown out of jobs in northwest mills by Wednesday night.

The largest closure came at Longview where about 4,000 men were idled.

Union leaders said the strike was called in support of a \$16 a day wage demand. The scale has been \$12.76.

## Oregon Vets' Bonus Sought

PORTLAND, April 14 (AP)—An Oregon ballot measure that would grant veterans' bonuses up to \$500 is planned by Yank Legion a servicemen's organization.

Attorney T. R. Mahoney, Portland, said he has asked the state attorney general to issue a ballot title for the bill. He said provisions would pay \$15 for each month of domestic service and an additional \$10 for each month of foreign duty. Sale of bonds would be authorized to finance the bonus.