

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The situation in Palestine is fast degenerating into civil war. The British have advanced to May 5 their departure date; and the Jews and the Arabs are not waiting for that event to engage in warfare. Last week Jewish forces seized Haifa, most important coast city, and this week they have launched attacks on Jaffa, another port city. Arabs are pointing toward the seizure of Jerusalem, occupying Alamein on its southern edge.

Meantime, the rest of the world looks on helplessly, deploring though it does this resort to blood-letting and realizing as it does the dangers that arise whenever armies get on the march. The United Nations has debated the Palestine problem in general assembly and security council; and today its trusteeship council will again take up the question. The French may submit a plan for protection of Jerusalem. The United States has proposed a UN trusteeship to enforce peace, but it has met with a cool reception so far. Both Jews and Arabs reject overtures for a truce. All in all the situation is about as hopeless as one could well imagine.

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Work on Bridge To Begin; Polk Approval Won

By Conrad Prange Staff Writer, The Statesman

Final obstacle to constructing a Willamette river bridge at Independence was hurdled Monday and work is expected to begin early this summer.

Polk county court agreed to bear its share of the cost of the bridge. The action was taken at a meeting here Monday of the state highway commission and Marion and Polk county courts.

Marion county had already agreed to pay one-fourth of the estimated \$979,931 total cost. Polk county had balked at the high costs. The state highway department will foot one-half the expenses.

State Highway Engineer Baldeck told the courts it would take about 18 months to complete the 2,214-foot span. It is hoped to begin installing concrete piers early this summer. The bridge will replace the ferry 11 miles upstream from Salem.

A low bid of \$845,900 has already been received by the commission and contract will probably be awarded soon, Baldeck indicated. To this figure must be added engineering costs, some steel bought, surveys and fills, Marion County Commissioner Ed Rogers said after the meeting.

Polk county will finance its cost share on a 2-year plan. Marion county will advance its share whenever the highway department wants it, Rogers said.

In addition to the over-all three-way expenses involved in the bridge, each county will have to build its own earth-fill approach. On the Marion county side this will cost about \$20,000 while Polk's will come to between \$500 and \$1,000.

The eastern (Marion) approach will consist of a substantial rise to meet the bridge end. It is to include a "cloverleaf" traffic separation system. Marion county is beginning condemnation proceedings to acquire title to the right-of-way lands for its approach. Polk has already acquired the necessary right-of-way property.

The two counties are to maintain and repair the bridge when needed, sharing the cost. Each will maintain its own approach.

Commissioner Rogers indicated Monday that Marion county would construct its own approach with county crews and equipment and would not contract the job.

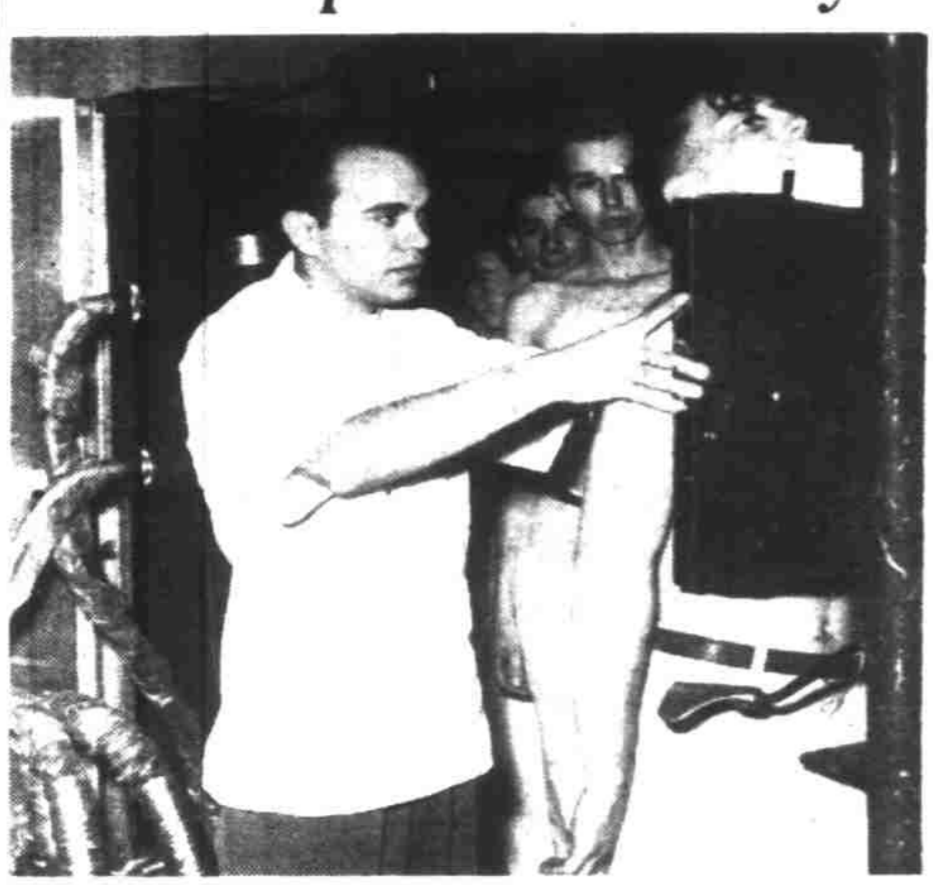
Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Employment agency? I'm afraid the sitter you sent won't do."

Salem Pupils' Chests X-Rayed



Salem junior and senior high school students are being X-rayed this week by the Marion County Public Health association-sponsored mobile X-ray machine now set up at Salem high school. Shown above is Dale Herr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Herr, 30 Shuman ave., being X-rayed by Technician Jack Hamilton of Portland. Approximately 1,200 students will be "shot" as well as teachers and parents who wish the service. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Fry, Lewis Resign City Council; Taxi Fare Bill Adopted

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman

City Aldermen Daniel J. Fry and R. O. Lewis resigned from the Salem city council Monday night, both because of address changes.

Besides accepting the resignations during its meeting in Salem Chamber of Commerce, the council voted city taxicab fares revised and took steps toward banning prefabricated housing in Salem.

Councilmen decided to delay appointment of successors to Fry and Lewis until the May 10 council meeting, in order that citizens of affected wards may recommend appointees. However Alderman Albert H. Gille proposed that Fry be retained on the council as alderman from Ward 4 by filling Lewis' vacancy. Fry is moving this week from his present residence on ward 6 to 606 S. High st., which is in ward 4.

Lewis is ineligible for further service as he is moving out of the city to a new home north of Salem, off North River road. Alderman James Nicholson proposed that Tom Armstrong, a former city council member, be considered for appointment to Fry's vacancy. In the last election, Fry defeated Armstrong for the council post.

The pro-tem aldermen appointed by the council would serve until the November election this year when city voters will fill the alderman terms, both of which expire Jan. 1, 1951.

Taxi Fares Adopted
In enacting the taxi fare bill which had been long pending, with the bill on taxi meters and stands which was adopted at the April 12 meeting, the council amended the proposed fare schedule to a rate virtually the same as present rates but considered better adapted to meters. The new rate will be 30 cents for the first two-fifths mile and 5 cents for each additional one-fifth mile. Charges of 5 cents for each minute of waiting time and 10 cents for each additional passenger also were approved.

The new fare structure compares with the present rates of 30 cents for the first half mile and 10 cents for each additional one-third mile. The new rates first proposed by Salem Taxi service and some of the aldermen before changes made last night were 25 cents for the first one-third mile and 10 cents for each additional one-fifths mile.

Prefab Housing Hit
Opposition to city approval of prefabricated house erection under a temporary easing of zone code restrictions last year was voiced last night by City Engineer Neuner held Monday.

Neuner also ruled that school boards are without authority to neither a school bus for operation outside the local school district or to groups for use other than for school purposes within the school district. Such operations would bring the operations within the purview of the state motor transportation law, Neuner said.

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Churches May Use Schools

A school district board has authorized to grant permission to denominational groups to use a school building for church purposes, provided such action does not interfere with school activities, Attorney General George Neuner held Monday.

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Court Dismisses Cycling Charge

A charge of riding two on a bicycle against two young Salem boys was dismissed in municipal court Monday.

The boys were arrested in downtown Salem by city police Saturday and cited to appear in court. The charge, brought under one of the oldest city ordinances, has not been pressed since the days when horses and buggies and bicycles were the popular modes of transportation.

Greeks and Guerrillas Battle Above Athens

ATHENS, April 26—(P)—A general staff communique said today Greek army troops and 1,600 communist-led guerrillas were locked in a decisive battle in the upper Mornos river valley 90 miles northwest of Athens.

This was the first indication the guerrillas were making a stand against 30,000 army troops passing an offensive in south central Greece.

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Meat Up In Smoke At Market

INDEPENDENCE, April 26 (Special)—A fire which started from an explosion in the curing room of Green's Cash market here Monday night completely destroyed the rear of the building and several thousand dollars worth of meat.

Donald Green, who purchased the property two months ago, was trimming meat outside the curing room about 8:30 p. m. when the explosion tipped over the room. The fire spread so rapidly Green was forced to crawl out of the building on his hands and knees to escape. He was uninjured.

Volunteer firemen battled the blaze for two hours before bringing it under control. The entire rear of the establishment, including a cold storage room, the curing room and a storage compartment, were completely destroyed. East action by the fire fighters prevented the fire from spreading to the front of the store.

About half of the \$6,000 worth of meat stored in the rear was destroyed, firemen said. The other half, stored in lockers in the front, was undamaged because the fire put the building's refrigeration unit out of commission. Cause of the explosion was not determined.

Green, who purchased the market after arriving from California, had just completed a complete renovation of the building.

Healthiest Pair In County Will Lead 4H Parade

Joanne Nichols, 10, of Mt. Angel and Gerald Waldrop, 12, of Cloverdale were pronounced Marion county's healthiest girl and boy following examinations by the county health department Monday at Mayfield.

The two will lead the 4-H club health parade Friday morning through Salem streets. Others placing in the competition for healthiest boys and girls were Troy Plummer, 15, and Phyllis Roberts, 12, both of Woodburn's Washington junior high school; second place, Raymond Kimlinger, 14, Mt. Angel, and Wanda Hampton, 11, Keizer, third, Billy McClaren, 14, Aurora, and Rose Kerber, 13, Mill City, fourth, Millard Henry, 12, Phoenix, and Louie Lee Braxton, 13, West Spring, fifth.

The 4-H club spring show will be held during the week concluding Friday with a health parade in the morning and a style revue and general assembly in Legion hall.

Judging of the show exhibits will start at Legion hall this morning. Club demonstrations and various club contests will be held today, Wednesday and Thursday in the Portland Gas and Coke company kitchen, 109 S. Commercial.

These are open to the public and will be under way continuously from 8:45 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Twenty-seven girls will demonstrate baking cakes today, while six will take part in the bread baking contest Wednesday morning.

(Additional details on page 4)

Crash Victims Said Improved

Two Salem men injured when their car was struck by a passenger train at Chemawa Saturday night were still in serious condition, but "slightly improved" in Salem General hospital Monday night.

They are Arlie DeHut, 21, of 2199 Broadway st., and Phillip Smith, 20, Salem route 8. DeHut, the most seriously injured, is suffering from internal injuries and was still unconscious. Smith sustained multiple cuts of the face and body and back and chest injuries.

Their car was completely demolished when struck by a speeding Southern Pacific passenger train in front of the Chemawa Indian school about 6:30 Saturday night.

Unspringlike Weather Drops Snow on Salem

Salem, like the rest of the Pacific northwest, shivered Monday when snow fell shortly after noon and the mercury dropped to freezing.

Little relief was in sight as the U. S. weather bureau predicted continued cold weather along with scattered showers today and fair skies Wednesday.

Only twice before has snow come to Salem so late. In 1922 a trace fell on May 7 and 8, and in 1929 there was a touch of snow on May 4.

Brief snowfalls occurred widely over the northwest Monday.

Stassen Would Outlaw Red Party McKay Assails 'Wide Open' State

Vote on Oleo Tax Assured in House By Queer Lineup

WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—Northern city republicans today teamed with southern democrats and struck a blow for oleo.

When the tumult died away in the house oleo had won a major round over butter, 235 to 121.

The debate included a proposal that margarine should be put in trucks for automatic parking, to make sure that the purchaser knows he's getting oleo.

Officially the house voted to discharge its agricultural committee from further consideration of bills to repeal federal taxes on oleo. This means that the committee no longer can shelve the bills.

The south had its interest center on oleo's softness and its effect on margarine.

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The breakdown showed 139 democrats, 95 republicans and two American labor party members supporting the oleo cause.

Against it were 112 republicans and nine democrats.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 26—(AP)—Voting today against McKay for a six-month trial on repealing the oleomargarine tax were republican Representative Ellsworth North and Stockman of Oregon, while Representative Angel voted for it.

By Carter L. Davidson JERUSALEM, April 26—(AP)—The regular armies of Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt will launch an invasion of Palestine by Saturday, advisers reaching Jerusalem tonight said.

A dispatch from Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan, said King Abdullah personally will take the lead against the Jews at the head of the armies of Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Moving with him will be Egyptian army units which will cross the Holy Land's southern frontier in a co-ordinated action.

Arab informants in Cairo said Iraq and Saudi Arabia also have decided to throw their regular military forces into the fight to prevent the Jews from establishing a state of their own in the Holy Land.

Arab leaders reportedly are alarmed by the extent of recent Jewish military successes.

An invasion of the Holy Land by regular army troops would defy the British mandate which is not scheduled to end until May 15 and the United Nations security council which has ordered a truce in Palestine.

The accounts telling of the massing of Arab armies on Palestine's boundaries came as 500 Arab volunteers rushed into strategic Alamein camp on the southern edge of Jerusalem and occupied it without firing a shot, as the last elements of the British Suffolk regiment pulled out.

Vandenberg Warns 'No Surrender' To Conspiracies

WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said tonight he wants to tell Premier Stalin that "underlying everything else we shall not surrender to communist conspiracies in the United States."

Vandenberg, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, made an unexpressed speech at a Michigan congressional dinner.

His comments followed a proposal by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) that a test case be brought to determine the legality of the communist party in America.

"We are suicidal fools if we do not root out any treason at home which may dream of bringing world revolution to the United States," Vandenberg said.

While reiterating the nation's desire for peace, Vandenberg said "We are realistic. We do not propose to be isolated in a world that has been communized by force."

EXPORT FIGURES UPPEP WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—The government today boosted the United States' grain export program for this crop year to 577,000,000 bushels—a record yearly volume for this or any other country.

Candidate for Governor Hits Rival's Record

PORTLAND, April 26—(AP)—State Sen. Douglas McKay told a radio audience tonight his bid for the republican gubernatorial nomination was a campaign against those who would make Oregon a wide open state for liquor and gambling interests.

The Salem legislator struck directly at his principal opponent for the party nomination. He said Gov. John Hall, who seeks election to the post he succeeded to last year, had been the author of a bill to legalize slot machines.

He said Hall's legislative record as a legislator and speaker of the house, was completely opposite from his own. He asserted that Governor Hall, as a legislative member, was one of the leaders in the fight to prevent passage of the present Krum liquor control law. He said this was in 1933.

Senator McKay said "Law enforcement depends upon men upon leadership and upon public opinion that sustains that leadership."

He said McKay said "The office of governor represents law enforcement raised to highest level of authority and responsibility."

"I invite the people of Oregon to help me in creating an administration to stop the drift toward a wide open state where men and women and children pay income and juvenile delinquency for the greed of a few," he added.

By Francis W. Carpenter LAKE SUCCESS, April 26—(AP)—Creation is reported sponsoring the formation of a heavily-armed volunteer National State police corps to safeguard Jerusalem. The proposal is said to have tentative approval of Jews and Arabs as well as a number of delegates.

The 500- to 800 man force as suggested might include at least 100 New York police volunteers, but no Russians in the western powers could exclude them.

Others could be drawn from among London bobbies, British Palestine forces, French mobile guards, and trained police from other countries around the globe.

The proposal was said to be ready for action by the U. N. trusteeship council tomorrow at 10 a. m. (EST).

The second special U. N. assembly on Palestine formally directed the trusteeship council today to consider what can be done to safeguard the Holy places of Jerusalem.

MRS. ROXAS AILING MANILA, Tuesday, April 27—(AP)—Mrs. Trinidad L. Roxas, widow of the Philippine republic's late president, is under treatment for a nervous breakdown, it was learned today by the Manila Times. Roxas died April 15 of a heart ailment while visiting Clark field.

Fatal Blast Wrecks Building in Brooklyn NEW YORK, April 26—(AP)—At least two persons were killed today and five others injured in a series of thunderous explosions and fire which destroyed a three-story gas company building in Brooklyn.

Early reports were that as many as four had died. Exact cause of the blast was not immediately determined.

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: T. B. Hooker (r) Candidate for Polk County Sheriff

T. B. Hooker, a native Oregonian, and a Polk county taxpayer for 40 years, was first elected sheriff in 1924, after being chief deputy. He is now serving his sixth term, and is a candidate for re-election.

He is an ex-president of the Oregon State Sheriffs' association, and a member of the National Sheriffs' T. B. Hooker association. He also is the oldest sheriff in the United States, from point of service.

Educated in the public schools of Polk county, and attended Oregon State college, a graduate from business college; a bookkeeper by profession; perhaps the only sheriff in Oregon, that does all his own bookkeeping, with a great volume for this or any other county.

does not use extra help during tax collection rush.

During World War I, was clerk of the local draft board without pay, his contribution to his government.

His family consists of his wife, a son, superintendent of his Klamath Machine & Locomotive works, Klamath Falls, one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Rogers, Seattle, Wash., and another son who served in the United States navy during World War II, now a student at Oregon State college.

Member of board of directors of the Polk county Federal Savings & Loan association, member of Dumas Chamber of Commerce for 22 years, an active member of several lodges and service clubs, and very much interested in all civic activities.

Known as one of the outstanding sheriffs of Oregon; better known as a square shooter with everyone he comes in contact with. I do not know of any valid reason to quit being sheriff, my health is good, I am not lazy, but believe that my training and experience qualify me for re-election, and it is in that position I can be of greatest service to the citizens of Polk county.

On page 4, Dr. H. J. Anderson, (Tomorrow: Delbert Price.)

Mosquitoes Feared Here when Summer Comes Back—Brrr

On one of Salem's coldest April nights, the city council Monday took up the subject of mosquito control.

Stiffing a shiver in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms, Alderman Howard Maple moved that the city manager renew this year a mosquito control program for spraying sloughs and ditches.

Manager J. L. Franzen said the city is seeking equipment so its own workmen can do the spraying this summer. He noted, however, that public education will be necessary as mosquitoes also breed in clogged caves, backyards and other places right around home.

Immminent War Threat Doubted By Forrestal

WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Forrestal said today that he doesn't think war is imminent. If it were he said he'd be asking \$25,000,000,000 from congress instead of \$3,481,000,000.

The head of the nation's defense establishment found himself in the odd position of arguing against giving the military more funds than the lower figure.

He borrowed an old figure of "speed or extreme preparedness" if you leave it to the military, they'll fortify the moon.

Forrestal testified before the senate appropriations committee in support of a program to increase the air force from 50 to 66 groups. The house has voted for a 70-group force.

He added, however, that the smaller force, balanced with army and navy power, is designed to get "the best military results if our budget is to be limited."

The \$3,481,000,000 figure would be on top of the \$11,000,000,000 armed forces budget for the year beginning July 1.

Forrestal said that in view of inflation perils, military expenditures must be limited unless congress slaps controls on prices and supplies.

He said he did not want to leave the impression that war is near but "I do think we are in a state of tension which may last many years."

Gen. Omar Bradley, army chief of staff, said in confidence testimony which was made public Sunday that the chance of war with Russia has increased since the first of the year.

Ask 'Manpower Program' To Counter that Stassen invite other countries to establish a "collective security association" within the U. N. which would act against any aggressor.

In his own appearance here during a 36-hour flying visit to launch his bid for support in Oregon's primaries May 21 primary election, the 41-year-old Minnesota also outlined his stand on domestic issues. He recommended:

1. Instead of universal military training and selective service, a "manpower program" in which the young men would register, with congress to decide how many should be called each year.

2. Restriction of consumer credit in boom times, a major public works in recession periods, Amendments Proposed.

Hartley law to allow union sponsored publications to support candidates, easing the restrictions on union shops, requiring union officers to sign non-communist affidavits only when they are accused of communism.

4. Adjusting farm parity prices to meet the higher current costs; supporting an entire crop at 90 per cent of parity in normal times, or a 70 per cent in years of over-supply — with the surplus that a family-sized farm would always be assured of 90 per cent.

5. Quick establishment of large peace-time atomic energy plants.

6. Assurance of civil rights for all citizens and fair employment practices.

The crowd cheered his call for outlawing the communist party. Salem Talk Planned.

Stassen will fly to Minnesota tomorrow morning. Except for tonight's speech, his time here went to planning the Oregon campaign which he will wage from May 16 to 20, when he probably will speak in Salem.

The Oregon primary is the only far west ballot test and more crucial than this state's 12 nominating votes would indicate. It will be the final test between Stassen and New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey before the republican convention. Both plan intensive grass-roots tours here; Dewey from May 1 to 10. The latter also will speak in Salem.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Previp.
Salem	48	38	41
Portland	52	42	45
San Francisco	57	48	40
Chicago	78	68	81
New York	72	62	75

Willamette river 6.1 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McKay field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with scattered showers this afternoon; continued cold; fair Wednesday. High today 56, low tonight 33.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to April 27)	This Year	Last Year	Average
41.51	32.84	33.60	