

Marshall Flatly Rejects Russ-American Conference

Bevin Backs Stand; Door to Improved Dealings Left Open

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall rejected today any Soviet-American conference aimed at a general settlement between the two great powers. However, he held the door open to greatly improved dealings with Russia in the United Nations and other diplomatic agencies.

Marshall even indicated at a news conference that he suspects the Kremlin may have decided to soften Russian foreign policy. He read a paragraph from the statement which Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov gave to American Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith in Moscow last Sunday declaring that Russia's policy toward the United States has always been and will continue to be "a peace loving policy and one of collaboration."

Marshall said that he considers it a very important statement, which the whole world will be waiting to see fulfilled. He also told questioning reporters that the exchange of notes between Smith and Molotov and their surprise publication by Moscow may have helped the cause of world peace and brightened the prospects for a settlement of outstanding differences.

Marshall said, "The discussion of any proposals in regard to outstanding issues which the Soviet government may have in mind, must as a matter of course, be conducted in the body charged with responsibility for these questions. What we want is action in the fields where action is possible and urgently necessary at the present time."

"I refer to the matters before the security council and other United Nations bodies, such as the situation in Korea, questions before the allied control council in Berlin and the Australian treaty negotiations where the utmost of difficulties have arisen and statements generally resulted."

LONDON, May 12 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the house of commons today he was anxious for a settlement with the Soviet union, but to go into a conference before "the ground has been cleared" would invite failure.

"I suggest that to call a conference on the basis of generalities without precise preparatory work is going to land us exactly where we were with four-power conferences."

The goldfish-bowl method of big conferences has not succeeded. Postwar conferences partake too much of the nature of an athletic contest. The "stars" in the arena pitted against each other, while their partisans are in the amphitheatre cheering them on and resisting any concession. Quiet diplomacy may accomplish better results.

In our past history American diplomats have handled many delicate

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50,000 Salem Tour Folders Await Tourists

Fifty thousand new-type Salem tour folders or more are to greet tourists visiting here this summer in an effort to encourage them to extend their stay.

Salem Chamber of Commerce directors Wednesday night decided to make supplies of the newly-approved folder available to members and other business having contact with tourists. Merchants would be allowed to have their firm names on folders they distribute, provided they help defray expense of the preparation and printing.

Folders would outline four tours of varying length in the Salem area, one each extending east, north, south and west. The folder plan was reported by Committee Chairman Edward Majek.

Agricultural chairman Homer Goulet reported that the farm labor camp operated by Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc., which the chamber helped organize last year to operate housing in the Salem airport area, has just been opened to the season's first five or six families. Migrant workers from points out of the valley are eligible to stay in the camp provided they clear through the office of the state employment service.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

Democrat party leaders of Oregon will meet for an invitational dinner this evening in Salem hotel, preceding the county democratic rally at 8 p. m. in the Salem armory. Gov. Herbert B. Maw of Utah will be honor guest at the dinner and speaker at the public rally.

Finer governor Walter Pierce will introduce Maw at the rally. Among state democratic leaders in Salem for both dinner and rally will be Lew Wallace, state senator and candidate for governor, and Walter Pearson, state senator and candidate for treasurer.

LICENSE PLATES ON WAY
PORTLAND, May 12 (AP)—Secretary of State Earl T. Newby reported tonight the state's 1949 auto license plates already have been ordered and will have black figures on aluminum.

State Employees Given \$20 Monthly Pay Boost

Royalty 'Bonus' To Start On June 1

All state employees will receive a \$20-a-month wage boost effective June 1 under a \$233,320 emergency appropriation approved Wednesday by the state emergency board.

The only workers excluded in the across-the-board are those whose salaries are fixed by legislative law. The appropriation will come from the state emergency fund and will be used along with other available money in various state departments. The "bonus" will continue through December 31, after which the matter will be handled by the legislature.

Under the program, one-seventh of the appropriation will be taken from the emergency fund over the seven-month period. Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, offered this suggestion so that the bonus could be discontinued if the situation should warrant such action.

Gov. John Hall told the board he was satisfied with the action, although he previously suggested that only employees making less than \$400 a month be included in the emergency raise.

Budget Director George Aiken, author of the plan, said between 9,000 and 10,000 employees will be affected by the new wage schedule. More than 5,000 state employees are now receiving less than \$200 a month.

The board deferred for a month action on a request for \$19,936 to employ a staff of workers to inspect private schools giving G I training. There are 87 of these private schools in the state. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, told the board. Inspections previously were conducted through a sort of a cooperative agreement between the state educational department and the federal veterans administration. The veterans administration recently withdrew its support.

Pending another meeting of the emergency board the federal government will be asked to continue at least temporarily the inspection program.

Fransen Calls Bid on Sewer 'Way too High'

"Way too high," was City Manager J. L. Franzen's comment Wednesday on a \$640,594 bid of P. S. Lord Mechanical Contractors company of Portland for a contract to put in an interceptor sewer system and to build a new North Church street bridge over Mill creek.

The lone bid opened by Salem city council Monday turned out to be about 50 per cent above city estimates for the work after Franzen totaled the itemized bid prices at best of the council.

Fransen said yesterday the city could not accept the bid and offer to finance its sewage disposal system as planned—using \$18,000 on hand and an \$815,000 bond issue (including \$600,000 for plant itself) if approved by voters at the May 21 election. The manager added that information received this week by the city indicates additional interested contractors would have bid for the project had not the call for bids conflicted with other cities' projects bids being prepared for calls a few days earlier than Salem's.

Traction Union Rejects Raise

PORTLAND, May 12 (AP)—Some 1,300 Portland Traction company bus and trolley operators here today rejected a company wage offer which would have increased wages 10 to 14 cents an hour.

Alex Bain, business agent for the union, said the workers authorized the union officers to place the wage dispute in arbitration. He said if the issue is arbitrated, a strike vote made April 30 will be rescinded.

The AFL Drivers and Shop Employees have demanded 25 cents an hour increase.

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: Douglas McKay (R) Candidate for Governor of Oregon

Born in Portland, 1893. Married in 1917 to Mabel C. Hill. Three children: Douglas Junior, deceased; Shirley McKay Hadley; Mary Lou McKay. Affiliations: Mason, Shrine, Elk, Eagle, E. E. S. by-terian church.

Combat infantry officer with the famous 91st division during World War I. Douglas McKay and severely wounded in the Meuse Argonne offensive. Served in World War II at Camp Murray and Camp Adair, and discharged with the rank of major. Past commander of Capitol post No. 9, 40 st & 8 in Oregon. Life member of Disabled American Veterans. Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart, Military Order of World Wars, S.A.R. State senator continuously since 1935. No member of the present

senate has served longer. Chairman of the committee on roads and highways since 1937, and member of 1947 legislative interim committee on highways. Member of the executive committee, Port of Portland Development, chairman, Willamette Valley Project committee. Former mayor of Salem.

Past president of Salem Chamber of Commerce. Past state president of Automobile Dealers' association. State director of the American Automobile association. Campaign chairman of the Salem Community chest for four years, past master of Salem lodge No. 4, AF and AM. At various times member of many community boards, including Salvation Army advisory board, Boy Scouts council, YMCA board of trustees of the Presbyterian church. Now serving as state president of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Began his business career as an office boy in the Union depot, Portland, at \$35 per month. Sold insurance and automobiles in Portland, and moved to Salem to establish with borrowed capital the Douglas McKay Chevrolet company. This firm, one of the outstanding dealerships on the coast, last year moved into its own plant covering almost an acre in downtown Salem.

McKay, Hall Catch 'Debate Fever' Dewey-Stassen Forensics Stalled

Aides Argue For 2 Hours; to Continue Talks

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12 (AP)—The date of a proposed debate between Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen as a part of their Oregon campaign still was in the air tonight.

It hasn't been settled — for sure — whether there will be a debate at all.

Aides of the two republican candidates for the nomination for the presidency argued for two hours today. Then they announced that "agreement had been reached on some points." They will meet again Thursday morning.

Stassen delivered a speech on communism here tonight. It was advertised as a debate. But Dewey was at Pendleton in east central Oregon. He will come to Portland Friday. At that time Stassen will be campaigning eastward in the Columbia river gorge. Both men will return to Portland Sunday, and Monday they leave Portland on the last leg of their campaigns. The primary election is Friday, May 21.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland to Quit Throne

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, May 12 (AP)—Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands announced in an emotion-choked voice today that she will abdicate in favor of her daughter Juliana just after her golden jubilee.

The ailing 67-year-old queen, senior of the world's monarchs and one of the thricest, told her subjects in a broadcast that fatigue and the complex problems facing the throne persuaded her to turn over royal authority to younger hands.

The abdication will be on or about September 8. Princess Juliana will become regent for the second time within a year in a simple ceremony Friday.

On August 30, Queen Wilhelmina will rescind the throne for a week's commemoration of her 50 years of rule, and then retire.

Queen Wilhelmina will be 68 on August 31. She ascended the throne on Sept. 6, 1898.

Last October 14 the queen turned over her royal functions to Princess Juliana as regent because of need for rest. She reassumed her role on December 1.

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State Senator McKay of Marion county challenged Gov. John H. Hall to debate a school lands sale issue. The governor quickly replied he would be happy to argue the question publicly.

Both men are candidates for the republican nomination for governor. McKay's headquarters said the topic would be "Shall Oregon's school lands be sold or leased?"

A date has not been set. The Marion county leader has protested sale of a parcel of Coos Bay tidelands to a lumber company. He claims the sale reversed a land board policy of leasing school land instead of selling. McKay added that the sale "opened the door to looting of the state's irreducible school fund" tracts.

Gov. Hall said the state stands to gain because the firm will erect a \$100,000 dock on the tidelands. Taxes, he said, will return considerably more than the lease fee of \$250 and also provide for regional development and jobs.

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AIR TRAVEL INCREASES

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The civil aeronautics board said today that 114,128 trans-Atlantic air passengers cleared in and out of New York City during the last half of 1947, an increase of 42.5 per cent over the total for the first half of the year.

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	60	47	.20
Portland	60	47	.20
San Francisco	60	47	.20
Los Angeles	60	47	.20
New York	60	47	.20

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with occasional showers today and Friday with moderate to fresh south-west winds today. High today 58, low tonight 46. Weather will be poor for farm work including dusting.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to May 13)

This Year	Last Year	Average
64.8	51.6	54.6

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