

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Due chiefly to the ballyhoo of the Portland Journal and Senator Lew Wallace enough signers to a petition were obtained so a measure will go on the November ballot requiring the state to take over Camp White hospital and use it as a state institution, presumably for the mentally ill.

The agitation was based on reports of conditions at the present state hospitals which are being corrected as rapidly as workmen can put up the buildings which were authorized starting as far back as 1941.

The objections to state acquisition were so overwhelming that Governor Snell vetoed a take-over bill in 1947. A special committee of very competent persons investigated the project and gave a strong adverse report. In spite of the report Senator Wallace rode his hobby and did the Portland Journal, and now the people will vote on whether to take on this big white elephant which the state doesn't need and can't use without heavy expense or not.

Though it is owned by the government, the veterans administration has resisted taking it over for a domiciliary institution because of the expense required in making it suitable for such purpose. Oregon senators are trying to force it on the VA and may succeed. But let the government keep it; don't hang it on the state. Located in the middle of a noble desert it is most unattractive.

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## Dewey Stassen Aides Haggle Over Debate

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13—(AP)—The proposed debate between Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen came no nearer reality today despite a series of meetings between sides of the presidential aspirants.

The candidates agreed earlier this week to debate, but aides said "fundamental differences" still exist over terms of the debate. The Dewey camp insisted on a radio debate on the question of outlawing communism. Stassen headquarters demanded a public platform debate on all issues of the campaign "in the best traditions of the Lincoln-Douglas debate."

Dewey representatives said in a prepared statement that the Stassen demand was a "campaign trick to cover Stassen's contemplated refusal to debate" the communism issue.

The Stassen camp took a similar view of Dewey's stand, and said, "We hope Governor Dewey will reconsider his position."

They left the way open for further meetings tomorrow.

## Segregation Clash Averted

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—A dramatic 38 to 37 senate vote today shelved the bill to give congressional approval to a southern plan for regional universities.

The vote was to send the message back to the senate judiciary committee for further study. It was on the motion of Senator Morse (R-Ore) who said he wanted to prevent segregation of negroes in the proposed schools.

When the roll call was first tallied, the count was 37 to 36 against the bill. But during the recount, Senators Capper (R-Kans) and Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo) arrived in the chamber with two "aye" votes. They swung the decision.

## Candidates Invited To Talbot Meeting

An open meeting for all political candidates will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Talbot schoolhouse, sponsored by the Sidney-Talbot Farmers' Union and with Mrs. Ernest Freeman as chairman of the committee in charge. All candidates will be introduced. Refreshments will follow the program.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Five minutes more, children—then we're got to go."

# Jews Ready to Proclaim Free State Today

## Arab Armies Move To Border; British Cease Rule Tonight

TEL AVIV, Palestine, May 13—(AP)—Moshe Shertok, Jewish agency spokesman in the United Nations, said tonight he knew of no force which could prevent the birth of the Jewish nation in Palestine.

Shertok has been designated foreign minister in the new provisional Jewish government.

Although there has been no official announcement, a high Jewish source said today the Jewish state would be proclaimed at 4 p.m. Friday (6 a.m., PST).

Proclamation of the state, ends all the mandates, and the mandate will be made for two reasons.

1. The Hebrew rabinate has insisted there should be no ceremonies or observances to violate the Jewish sabbath, which extends from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

2. As Shertok put it, "We will not allow a vacuum for one minute, nor for one split second, between the mandate and the creation of our state."

Invasion Predicted  
DAMASCUS, Syria, May 13—(AP)—The armies of four Arab nations were reported closing in tonight toward the Palestine frontier 24 hours before the British surrender their Holy Land mandate.

Political Syrian circles predicted an invasion of Palestine early Saturday. Military sources said a "state of siege" is expected to be declared in Syria tomorrow.

Firemen in Damascus conducted air raid drills. Blackout curtains were suggested for public buildings. Unconfirmed rumors circulated that the Jews were moving a large number of planes and building air strips all over Palestine.

Mayor for Jerusalem  
LAKE SUCCESS, May 13—(AP)—Urgent efforts to save Jerusalem from harm were made tonight in the United Nations assembly.

Less than 24 hours before the British give up their mandate rule over Palestine at 2 p.m. (PST) Friday, these steps were taken in the U.N. here:

1. The U.N. announced an American Quaker, Harold Evans of Philadelphia, had been agreed upon by Jews and Arabs for appointment as neutral mayor of the holy city.

2. An assembly sub-group approved a temporary U.N. regime to protect the holy city, particularly its most sacred places.

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## Phone Union Strike Looms

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—The CIO union of long-distance telephone operators laid plans today for a coast-to-coast strike. The date of the walkout remains to be set.

The union, which is headed by John J. Moran, claims 25,000 long-distance workers in 42 states and the District of Columbia. It doesn't represent workers in Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware, Oregon, Montana and Washington.

The union demands that the American Telephone and Telegraph company grant a wage increase of 30 cents an hour, reduce the work week from an average of 37 1/2 hours to 35 hours, and provide larger pensions. The average pay is now about \$121 an hour.

Representatives of the union and the A.T.&T. came here yesterday for talks with conciliators of the federal mediation service. They were unable to reach an agreement.

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## Fist-Swinging Meat Strikers Fell Police

## Camp White Plan to Receive Ballot Spot

Completed petitions for an initiative measure to determine whether the voters of Oregon want to acquire Camp White hospital for use as a state institution were filed in the state elections bureau Thursday.

The petitions, brought here by State Sen. Lew Wallace of Portland, contain approximately 25,000 signatures as against 18,969 required by law. In event the signatures are sufficient the measure will go on the ballot at the November general election.

The proposal directs the state board of control to acquire the abandoned army installation for use as a mental hospital. The property is owned by the war assets administration. Legislation is now pending in congress which would transfer the hospital, located near Medford, to the federal veterans administration.

The proposal is similar to a bill approved at the 1947 legislature but later vetoed by the late Gov. Earl Snell.

Gov. John H. Hall and Secretary of State Earl Newby, who supported the vetoed bill in the legislature, recently telegraphed Oregon's delegation in congress to support the legislation transferring the plant to the veterans administration.

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## Attempt To Crack Line Fails

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13—(AP)—Police and sheriff's deputies battled with CIO packing-house workers today in an unsuccessful attempt to open picket lines around plants strikebound since March 18.

Several of the 17 officers were struck and two were knocked down by pickets' fists when they attempted to go through lines blocking the entrance to the Swift & Co. plant. Several hundred persons milled in front of the gate.

The pickets had been told earlier via loudspeakers that they must reduce their number to 10 persons between curb lines and four on each sidewalk. A court injunction issued yesterday set this limit and prohibited mass picketing.

When the pickets did not comply, Sheriff Norman Dieter, Chief of Police Louis Fuller and some of their men began to walk toward the crowd. There were boos. Then pickets and police began to shove and fists flew. The officers retired. Chief Fuller said he would not try further to open the lines when he had so few men.

## Utah Governor Levels Attack On GOP Policy

By Lester Cour  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The avowed objective of the republican party to destroy every remaining phase of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal will doom the west if the GOP is swept into power in this year's election, Herbert Maw, democratic governor of Utah, predicted in a Salem speech Thursday night.

Maw leveled a strong attack on the republican party in a 90-minute address before a large crowd including number of democratic candidates at a pre-primaries rally in the Salem arena. He was introduced by State Senator Lew Wallace, Portland, democratic candidate for Oregon's governorship. Luis Martinez-Lally, Salem 6th precinct committeeman, conducted the session.

"Regardless of campaign promises to the west," Maw stated, "all republican candidates will destroy the gains made by the New Deal. Western reclamation and hydro-electric projects—largely a product of the New Deal—will be virtually halted if the republicans keep their word."

The present republican congress, Maw said, has shown the party is not what it promised. Many reclamation projects, he said, have practically been stopped by recent congressional slashes. "The republicans will destroy the New Deal and with it the prosperity of the west," Maw warned.

"If we do not have reclamation and irrigation, we do not have prosperity in the west," he asserted. "We must have dams for irrigation and power. The republicans are effecting a false economy; the government has never lost money on any power or reclamation project—they have paid for themselves. Should this continue, I fear for the future of the west." (Additional details page 2)

## Stassen Adds To Saturday's Salem Agenda

Harold E. Stassen will make at least three public appearances during his Saturday visit to Salem.

Collins, Stassen manager in Salem, announced Thursday night. Stassen will arrive by plane at 2 p. m., and will make a public address from the steps of the Marion county courthouse at 2:15 p. m.

He will go by special bus to Independence where he will speak at 4:15 and then to Dallas for a 5:30 appearance.

Returning to Salem, Stassen will dedicate the new flag pole in front of the new home of Capital post 915. The dedication ceremony, on the lawn of the former Normandy Manor on South Commercial street, will be followed by an outdoor reception in which Stassen will meet the public and legion members. Commans to Lt. Osterman will be master of ceremonies.

Stassen will make his final appearance of the day in a brief visit at Salem Thor lodge. Sons of Norway, where Norwegian independence day celebration will get underway at 8 p. m.

Of Norwegian ancestry himself, Stassen will partake of coffee, krumkake and fattigman, Norwegian delicacies.

## County Accepts \$60,500 Federal Aid To Start Field Training Center Health Department

By Winston H. Taylor  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Acceptance of a proposed \$60,500 grant to establish a field training center in connection with the Marion county health department was announced Thursday by County Judge Grant Murphy.

The grant would be made over a five-year period by the Kellogg foundation. To it would be added a fund from the state health department. These funds would be used to train nurses in public health work, following their graduation from nurses training. Their apprenticeship would be closely coordinated with the work of department nurses.

The decision followed approximately a year of negotiations between the county court and the foundation, whose inspections have reportedly caused it to regard Marion county's department with high favor.

The foundation's grant would start at \$25,100 for the first year and increase to \$3,600 in the fifth, while the state would start at \$1,000 in the second year and rise to \$4,000 in the fifth.

A desired annual budget level of \$100,585 set up by the foundation would be reached and passed by the grants combined with the county's share, according to Judge Murphy. At the time the five-year grant passed, the county would be in a position to continue the program at that level (with state aid) by increasing the health department's budget not more than the legal 6 per cent each year.

Using as a base the current health budget of approximately \$85,000, Murphy said expenditures for the first year of operation with the grant would be \$113,482, including \$25,100 from the foundation and the proposed \$88,382 (still to be approved by the budget committee) contributed by the county and other already-participating groups, such as Salem and the Salem school board.

The Kellogg grant would include \$7,500 the first year and rise to \$11,482 in the fifth year. Salaries would be \$15,800 and travel \$2,000 for a director of public health nursing and four public health nurses. In following years only personnel and travel expenses would be included, \$14,100, \$10,600, \$7,100 and \$3,600.

The state would provide \$1,000 during the second year of the program and add \$1,000 annually to a limit of \$4,000, which would then be maintained. Both state and county portions are subject to "budgetary limitations" according to the agreement already signed by the county court and which Murphy said the state board had approved.

## Huge Log Goes on Display

This huge section of a Douglas fir which was logged in Clatsop county is being set up in the state forestry grounds on east State street as a sample of Oregon timber for display to tourists. Pointing to the heart of the nine-foot section is Nelson S. Rogers, state forester. A concrete foundation has been laid and a canopy will be erected over the section to protect it from the weather. Estimates place the age of the fir at more than 500 years. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

## 2 Salem Families to Sail Own Ketch to South Seas

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Trade winds, bright lagoons and exotic beaches of the southwest Pacific islands will be tourist attractions for two Salem families sailing their own ketch to Tahiti and Hawaii this summer.

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The Lewises have sold their home at 650 S. Liberty st. and purchased a 35-foot ketch, "Frieda," of Los Angeles. The yacht, acquired last December, was formerly the "Sea Wolf" and has had many colorful cruises since being built by Capt. Mathew Turner of San Francisco. At one time it was used in the China trade and was named the "Smuggler."

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## Council Permits Campaign Banners Across Streets

Gov. John Hall's campaign banners may be strung over Salem streets along with those of opponent Douglas McKay of Salem, the city council decided Thursday.

A permit to install the banner signs must be authorized by the city council. City Attorney Chris Kowitz said Thursday, and pointed out that McKay supporters received a permit from the city council in last Monday's meeting.

Hall forces drew up a resolution Thursday and submitted it to the city council members individually, who signed the "round robin" measure necessary to permit Hall banners over Salem's streets.

The unorthodox procedure was necessary, Kowitz said, because the council will not meet again until after the primary election.

## WAA Recalls Planes

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Details of the adventure have been leveled on for years by the Lewis' and final plans call for leaving Los Angeles June 5. Three weeks of favorable sailing should land the party in the rarely visited Marquesas islands about 3000 miles southwest of the U. S. mainland. Special permission to stay more than a few days at the Marquesas had to be obtained by Lewis from the French governor of the large group of small islands in that area. The Marquesas are out of the regular trade lanes and usually only watering stops are permitted.

Another 1,000 miles of favorable sailing will take the party to the Society islands and their destination of Papeete, Tahiti. These colorful islands lie about 2,000 miles northeast of New Zealand, just above the Tropic of Capricorn, and belong to France. On the return trip they will sail to the Marquesas islands and then northwest to Hawaii, which is about 2,000 miles to the north and 20 degrees longitude west. From Hawaii the Frieda will circle on a northerly course to the mainland, and home in time for the two girls to resume their schooling in the fall.

The Lewises will take up their residence in the Belmont Heights area of Long Beach where Justine will enter Jefferson junior high school. Richard Noidurt is employed by the Portland General Electric Co. in Salem; and his wife, Mary, a cousin of Marvin Lewis, is a laboratory technician for Dr. Marian Pollis Mayo. Although Lewis plans to go into business in Long Beach he will retain his business interests here in Salem with Elbert Hart and Dale Worthington operating the Lewis Petroleum Co. and M. R. Vanzant operating the Lewis Cold Storage plant, both on Wallace road in West Salem.

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WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—President Truman came out today against outlawing the communist party.

Splitter parties, he told a news conference, do no harm. He added that if there is plotting to overthrow the government, we have laws to take care of that.

Earlier he expressed the view that the "peace" exchange with Russia had not actually advanced the course of world peace.

Mr. Truman said he feels now just as he did two months ago, after the communists took over Czechoslovakia. He said then that his faith in the attainment of world peace had been somewhat shaken, but still believed in eventual peace.

## Stassen Wins 4 Florida Delegates

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 13—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen has picked up four of Florida's 16 delegates to the republican national convention.

Thomas E. Dewey got one. Official returns from last week's elections showed Stassen probably would receive the support of a fifth delegate. The other 10 delegates elect ran as uncommitted candidates and expressed no choice.

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Portland	57	45	24
Clatsop	57	45	24
Chicago	57	45	24
New York	57	45	24

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, May 13): Clear, with scattered showers today becoming fair Saturday. High today 64, low tonight 56. Precipitation will experience little interruption during the next 96 hours around \$11,000,000,000 in defense and fresh westerly winds.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to April 30)

This Year	Last Year	Average
66.9	81.1	81.0