

# 'Who Gets Debate Laurels?' Both Speakers Claim Victory

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18-(AP)—The big question debated by Oregonians today was "Who won the debate?"

The Oregon primary issue of outlawing the Communist party was taken over enthusiastically by the man in the street as Harold E. Stassen and Dewey Dewey, republican presidential aspirants, deserted the rostrum for the road once more.

After an hour-long radio debate last night—Stassen in the affirmative, Dewey the negative—the issue was as hot as ever.

Dewey interpreted his opponent's stand as a "complete surrender." Stassen declared Dewey "sort of walked around" the issue.

The candidates differed widely

on one point—whether the communists were outlawed in Czarist Russia. Both apparently were right.

A spokesman of the Soviet consulate in New York said today there was no specific decree outlawing the old Bolsheviks—predecessors of the present Communist party.

But Vassily A. Tarasenko, delegate of the Soviet Ukraine to the United Nations, said Russian Communists actually were outlawed and "worked underground."

Historic fact is that there was no Communist party as such in the Russia of the Czars. This and other features of verbal clash, however, served only to add fuel to discussions which raged in the wake of the debate.

The nation's newspapers had plenty to say, but few of them passed judgment on which presidential candidate won the discussion.

The Baltimore Evening Sun said, "Millions of Americans at least had an opportunity to clarify their thinking and size up the performers."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch—Dewey "had sounder arguments" than Stassen.

The Minneapolis Star—Stassen has succeeded in arousing the nation to a new interest in definite problems of government."

The Washington Evening Star—"An excellent debate. It suggests the advantages of more of them."

(Additional details of Dewey, Stassen activities on page 2).

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## Congress Debate on Draft Due

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)—The congressman who was expected to block the draft bill predicted today that the house rules committee probably will approve the measure and send it to the house floor next week.

The prediction came from Rep. Leo E. Allen (R-Ill.) chairman of the rules committee which began hearings today on the draft bill previously approved by the house armed services committee.

Two defense measures were approved by the house armed services committee today. They were:

1. A bill to let the department of defense hold on to about 200 surplus World War II plants as a reserve.
2. A measure to authorize the navy to stop work on 13 unfinished warships in order to start building the world's largest ship—a giant 65,000-ton aircraft carrier. The bill carries other construction changes. A subcommittee okayed it yesterday.

Allen, despite his prediction on the draft bill passage, still contends the army has never given voluntary enlistments a fair trial. "Brass hats just want this draft, that's all," Allen said. But he added the bill probably will be approved by his committee anyway.

## U.S. Snubs Stalin's 'Peace-Feeler' House Refuses to Kill Anti-Red Bill

### Backers Drive For Passage Of Plan Today

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)—By a shouted vote, the house refused today to kill a bill designed to put tight restraints on communist activities.

Supporters got behind a drive to pass the bill tomorrow. The start of today's debate had been held up by a mass of routine business.

Rep. Miller (R-Conn.) made the motion to kill the bill by striking out the enacting clause. He said the main effect of the legislation would be to "drive underground the dangerous elements."

Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.), co-author of the bill, replied. He said the measure which he and Rep. Mundt (R-D.) drew up would strike "only at the subversive activities of communism in the United States and not at communism as an idea."

Passage Certain

House passage of the bill appeared certain. Rep. Douglas (D-Calif.), who opposes it, estimated that not more than 40 votes would be cast against it. But she also predicted that the senate never will accept such legislation.

The Mundt-Nixon bill, which was approved by the house committee on un-American activities, would make it a crime to try to set up a foreign-controlled totalitarian dictatorship in the United States. Penalties would range up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Requires Registration

The measure also would require the communist party to register its membership annually with the department of justice, failure to register, or registering falsely, would be punishable by from two to five years in prison and a fine of \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Communists would be barred from non-elective federal jobs and would not be granted passports. Communist propaganda, written or oral, would have to be labeled as such.

Groups affiliated with the party—so-called communist front organizations—also would have to register.

### Peek Through A-Curtain Shows Improved Bomb

By Leif Erickson

HONOLULU, May 18-(AP)—The recent atomic tests at Eniwetok proved "how bombs now under development by the United States would work" and their efficiency.

Lifting the curtain of secrecy every so slightly, Lt. Gen. John E. Hill, commander of the joint task force, said today: "We got our answers. We liked the answers."

It was implied strongly that the new weapons are a vast improvement over the Hiroshima bomb and those tested at Bikini.

Hull and his staff returned by plane from the remote, closely-guarded atoll where three improved atomic weapons were tested.

None of the tests was under water, said General Hill in one of several statements issued at a news conference. Nor was there an air drop, said Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, air force deputy with the task force.

Navy Capt. James S. Russell dropped the pointed hint of the efficiency of the weapons. Said he:

"The first Alamogordo (New Mexico) test bomb, the Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini bombs were about on par. They were a war-time weapon."

"It (the bomb) had only to work. It needed not to be too efficient. America's preeminence in the field of atomic weapons is not a static thing. It depends upon achievement—day to day, year to year, and test to test achievement."

"One of the most gratifying results of the entire operation has been the confirmation of a large body of ideas, theories and methods which have grown out of an analytical and experimental work done since the war at the Los Alamos scientific laboratory."

### Proposal Said 'Propaganda', 'Encouraging'

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)—The United States tabbed Premier Stalin's latest peace statement as "encouraging" today, but put the blame for world tension on soviet hold-outs at international council tables.

It again ruled out, as it had done last week, any idea that great world problems can be settled by the United States and Russia alone.

In a formal statement, the state department declared that these issues are matters in which many other countries have an "intimate and compelling interest."

Officials noted that the latest move in Stalin's "peace offensive" took the form of comments on a peace program put forward by Henry A. Wallace, third party presidential candidate. They said they suspected the Stalin statement was a propaganda stroke designed, among other things, to depict Russia as a foremost lever of a peace and to build up Wallace politically.

Moscow Broadcast

The newest round of exchanges in the conflict between Moscow and Washington over how the cold war might be brought to an end began last night when Moscow broadcast the text of Stalin's comments on Wallace's open letter.

Wallace, one-time secretary of commerce who was ousted from President Truman's cabinet in 1946 because he split with Secretary of State Byrnes over foreign policy, called for settlement of the whole range of major world issues. He named, among other questions: Armaments and atomic control, German and Japanese peace treaties, withdrawal of troops from occupied countries and international reconstruction of war devastated lands.

'Concrete Program'

Stalin praised the Wallace letter as setting forth "a concrete program for peaceful settlement of the differences between the U.S.S.R. and the United States."

Officials here said they saw no indication in Stalin's statement of any basic change in soviet foreign policy.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The great debate between Dewey and Stassen on the question of outlawing communism got off on something of a sidetrack over the Mundt bill, whether it did or did not outlaw communism. Stassen said that was what he wanted. Dewey claimed "Stassen has surrendered" and quoted authorities to prove the bill doesn't outlaw communism. Both were "agin" communism, that much was clear.

Now let's get back to the business of indicating a preference for the republican nomination. Having known Harold Stassen rather well and admired him I have been favorable to his candidacy and remain so although I did not vote at all enthusiastic about his idea of outlawing the communist party. After this primary is over I may discuss the subject which is presented by the Mundt bill.

What I like about Harold Stassen is his sincerity in trying to make a contribution of leadership in these perilous times. He followed the farmer-laborer reign as governor of Minnesota and gave that state a splendid administration. The great loyalty of his home people to Stassen is one of the most convincing appeals offered in his favor. He made a good record in the navy during the war. Then he went at the business of politics, with an eye on the presidency, very seriously. He studied political questions, traveled over this country and abroad, met leaders in public affairs. And he has been frank and forthright in his discussions.

Stassen has had the courage to express himself on public questions and at times to lead out with new ideas. He is strongly in favor of increasing international controls for peace, even with concessions of national sovereignty. Sometimes his proposals may have seemed extreme or premature; but at least they

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## Preparations For Wallace's Speeches Laid

John Bollinger of Salem, former president of the Farmers union livestock association of St. Paul, Minn., will be luncheon toastmaster and Prof. John Rademaker of Willamette university will be public meeting chairman Monday when presidential candidate Henry Wallace appears at two Salem functions.

The progressive party candidate will speak at 11:30 luncheon in the Marion hotel and at 1:30 p.m. open meeting in Waller hall on the Willamette university campus. He is due to arrive with his staff and press correspondents by chartered plane at the local airport at 11 a.m. He will fly from here to Portland for an address Monday night in the Portland armory.

Wallace's appearance here will be his first in Oregon on his present nationwide speaking tour.

## Animal Crackers



"Let's go—I don't think they're going to feed us."

## Arabs Train Heavy Guns on Jerusalem Jewish Hold on Holy City Cracking

By The Associated Press

King Abdullah's Trans-Jordan Arab legion turned its heavy guns on Jewish positions in Jerusalem Tuesday and the Jewish hold on the Holy City was being broken.

Tel Aviv, capital of the new state of Israel, underwent its worst air attack when a dive bombing plane—identified as Egyptian—hit a civilian bus terminal in midtown. The dead may number 20.

Associated Press Correspondent Daniel De Luce, writing from within the old city of Jerusalem, said Hagannah positions in the Jewish quarter of the old city and on the slopes of adjoining Mount Scopus have been under heavy, accurate attack of legion howitzers.

He said the legion launched its attack about 4 p.m., and shelling which ceased at dusk was virtually certain to resume Wednesday.

Arabs of the old city who were subject to heavy mortar attack from the Jews at midday were almost tearful with joy over arrival of legion air support.

The bomb attack on Tel Aviv occurred at the early evening rush hour. Civilians in the street said a fighter bomber bearing Egyptian green markings dived five times to within a thousand feet of the crowded square and unleashed a fragmentation bomb each time.

It was the third raid of the day and the deadliest in four days of successive air attacks on Tel Aviv.

The Jews said their Hagannah fighters had forced the unconditional surrender of Arabs in the port city of Acre 12 miles north of Haifa in the climax to three days of street fighting. It was the only major victory claim of the day from Israel.

Moshe Shertok, foreign minister of Israel, protested to the United Nations security council at Lake Success that the entry into the old city of Jerusalem by the Arab legion was a violation of a cease-fire agreement.

A pooled dispatch from American correspondents in Jerusalem dated Monday said the Jews in the old city faced annihilation—and that the deadliest in four days of the legion took up the attack.

## All Police Slugs Not in Pistols

DIXON, Ill., May 18-(AP)—A driver for a soft drink concern, Earl Webb, told the police chief he is going to remove one of his automatic vending machines because of losses.

The cash box is short some nickels and a number of slugs have been found. Webb told Chief Harry Fischer.

Webb has a little reluctance to bring up the subject. The machine is in the Dixon police station.

## Taft Sides with Dewey on Reds

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)—Senator Taft of Ohio declared tonight "We cannot outlaw communism" but should drive it into the open and expose it.

The republican presidential aspirant spoke on America's Town Meeting of the Air, broadcast over ABC from Constitution hall.

Without committing himself on the merits of the Mundt-Nixon anti-communist bill now in the house but approving its announced objectives, Taft said he fears that a too-strict definition of communism, coupled with the bill's registration requirements, might have the effect of driving communists underground.

## Ex-Governor Wins Acquittal

NEW ORLEANS, May 18-(AP)—Former Governor James A. Noe was acquitted today of charges of conspiring to influence a federal jury, but three co-defendants were convicted.

William T. Burton, Lake Charles oil millionaire; former State Senator Joe T. Cawthorn of Mansfield and Marcel La Branche of New Orleans were convicted.

The charges grew out of the trial in June 1945, of Burton on charges of evading \$135,000 in income taxes. Cawthorn was Burton's attorney in the trial and La Branche was a member of the jury which failed to agree. A mistrial was declared.

## Top Man



TEL AVIV, May 18 — Dr. Chaim Weizmann (above), senior statesman of Israel, has been elected president of the council government—a post tantamount to provisional president of the new Jewish state. Election took place at the first meeting of the 37-member state council. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

## Seattle Firm To Build State Office Building

The state board of control Tuesday awarded a contract for construction of the new state office building here to the Sound Construction and Engineering company of Seattle on a low base bid of \$1,592,592, plus \$7,315 for the use of bronze sash instead of steel sash. The total is \$1,600,000.

It was originally estimated that the construction would cost approximately \$1,900,000. W. R. Johnston and R. H. Lukens, manager and vice president, respectively, of the construction company appeared before the board and indicated that building operations could be completed within 18 months.

Both Gov. John H. Hall and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott urged that the contractors purchase a substantial quantity of the construction materials in Oregon as well as place their insurance covering construction with insurance agencies in this state. The contractors said actual work would start as soon as materials can be assembled.

Funds required for construction will be borrowed from the state irrevocable school fund and be repaid out of rentals. The building will be occupied by a number of state activities, including the public utilities commission, state police, board of control and the unemployment compensation commission.

The structure will be five stories high, with marble facing. The fifth floor will be set back approximately 20 feet. The building will be located in the block directly east of the state library and face on Summer street.

The Sound Construction and Engineering company is now erecting two buildings at the Oregon state hospital here.

## Accident Fatal To Member Of Road Crew

Ben F. Jackson, 55, of Portland, died in a local hospital Tuesday afternoon three hours after suffering crushing injuries of the chest when struck by a gravel truck.

City police reported that he was "spotting" one truck of gravel when another he did not see struck him. The driver was Edwin Arvora Claus, Salem route 8, box 582, who said he did not see Jackson but felt the impact. The wheels did not pass over Jackson, but he suffered extensive chest injuries and a leg fracture.

The incident occurred just before noon on a private road under construction alongside the Oregon Electric railway tracks just north of the Cherry avenue crossing. Jackson was employed by Warren Construction company. He was taken to the hospital by city first aid men.

Survivors are the widow, Myrtle Jackson, 3968 S.E. Mall st., Portland; son, Chester A. Hickok, Portland; daughters, Mrs. H. E. Hansen, Portland, and Mrs. Bertie Myers, Sacramento; and two grandchildren. The W. T. Rigdon company is in charge of funeral arrangements.

## China Red Officials In Path of Bombs

NANKING, May 19-(AP)—The government today announced one of its planes bombed a building in Tze-Tung and 200 other Red leaders were conferring.

The announcement, by Lt. Gen. Teng Wen-Yi, said 80 were killed or wounded by the bomb, dropped at Fapin in western Hopeh province on May 13.

## John L. Lewis Woos Newsmen With 2 Press Rooms, Hires 8 Press Agents

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)—Something new has been added.

John L. Lewis often is so uncommunicative that by comparison a sphinx would sound like a giggling Bobby Soxer.

But the coal negotiations started today, and to be held.

Came the mighty Lewis, with eight press agents.

Nobody knows why Lewis suddenly decided to play footsie with the press. But he certainly has gone whole hog.

In addition to the eight press agents, two enormous press rooms have been set up. One contains typewriters, the other telephones. This isn't all.

The coal mine discussions are being held in a Shoreham hotel bar room. In front of the speakers' stand, a press table has been set up.

It is covered with immaculate table linens, there is room for 48 members of the working press, and nine pitchers of ice water are located at strategic positions.

The newspapersmen showed up for these elaborate preparations.

So, roughly, we have nine tenths of a pitcher of water and eight tenths of a press agent to each reporter. So far the water pitchers have been the most useful.

One impressed newsmen showed up, surveyed the impressive scene, and asked:

"Where can I get some plain, ordinary writing paper?"

Much face-falling by assembled Lewis' press agents.

Oh, well, he can't have everything.

Tongues got twisted twice during the session.

Harvey Cartwright of Terre Haute, Indiana, "a distinguished Hoosier," was elected conference chairman.

Lewis, in turning the chair over to Cartwright, said he was glad to give it to "a distinguished Hoosier."

Cartwright stumbled, too. Truman E. Johnson of Fairmont, W.Va., got the job as assistant treasurer. Said Cartwright:

"Mr. Truman has been elected."

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## Blaze Mars Holland Palace

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, May 18-(AP)—The big ballroom and the private apartments of Queen Wilhelmina in Noordeinde palace were burned out today.

The queen, who is to quit her throne after her golden jubilee in September, was not endangered. She was at her summer residence, Het Loo.

The fire, which burst from the roof while painters were burning off old paint, raged for about an hour before it was brought under control.

Fire Chief C. W. Otten estimated damage at about 250,000 guilders (nearly \$100,000).

## Some Civilian Defense Branches May Resume

PORTLAND, May 18-(AP)—Some branches of civilian defense may resume soon, Mayor Earl Bjely was notified today by the Washington, D. C., office of civilian defense.

He described the plan as merely part of general preparedness, not a hint of war. Programs for fire protection, policing, evacuation, and medical treatment—as needed under a modern atomic attack—probably will be set up.

## Truman Appoints Board To Probe Phone Dispute

By The Associated Press

President Truman acted Tuesday to stave off one of two major strikes threatening the nation.

Asserting a wage dispute between the American Telephone and Telegraph company and certain long lines workers threatens the nation's health and safety, Mr. Truman appointed an emergency board to investigate. The dispute involves some 25,000 long distance operators in 42 states.

The move drew a quick protest from the union lines department of the company.

Bartlett T. Miller, vice president of A. T. & T.'s long lines department, issued a statement saying the company is "wholly at a loss to understand" the president's order.

"The company's opinion was not sought," he said. "The employees affected comprise less than 5 per cent of the total employees in the telephone communications industry and we find it difficult to believe that any emergency exists that imperils the national health and safety."

Talks to Continue

"Neither the union nor the company had broken off negotiations and the company expected to continue negotiations with the union tomorrow."

The second major strike threat came from the CIO United Auto, Mobile Workers. The union notified the Michigan State Labor Mediation board that a strike "is pending" for 225,000 General Motors employees. The union already has some 75,000 Chrysler workers out in a wage dispute.

Dismisses Conviction

In Washington, Judge T. Alan Goldsborough dismissed a federal civil contempt conviction against John L. Lewis as new contract negotiations got under way between the United Mine Workers and the soft coal industry.

However, Lewis threatened to end the contract talks if the operators insist on including Joseph E. Moody, president of the Southern Coal Producers association. The southern operators refused to budge from their demand that they participate in contract negotiations. The showdown may come Wednesday.

Lewis said that Moody isn't eligible to participate as his group did not sign the present contract which expires June 30.

## Blast Kills 10, Leaves Plant In Wreckage

KEARNY, N. J., May 18-(AP)—A sudden, blinding explosion and fire at the Koppers tar and chemical division killed 10 men and left a section of the sprawling plant a mass of twisted wreckage today.

The victims were trapped by the flashing flames within a service unit of the yards at the change of a shift shortly before midnight last night.

A dozen other men reportedly inside the structure escaped. Nine bodies, burned almost beyond recognition, were found in the building. A tenth man died today of burns.

The company speculated that a 37,500-gallon tank of tar distillate 75 feet from the two-story brick building overflowed. Some of the inflammable distillate was carried by a high wind against hot pipes on the outside of the building.

A company statement said damage was estimated at \$150,000.

## Chinese Reds Capture Stores

NANKING, May 18-(AP)—One-eyed Gen. Liu Po-Cheng, communist scourge of central China, won a major victory today in the rich Han River valley which supplies food to the big government base of Hankow.

He captured Laohokow with its huge stores of food and gasoline and thereby cut Han river traffic to Hankow, 200 airline miles southeast.

With possibly 25,000 soldiers at his back, Liu was free to strike south to the Yangtze—river lifeline of central China—-or westward into Szechwan province with its wartime capital at Chungking.

Report from central China said the way to the Szechwan border, about 100 mountainous miles southwest of Laohokow, was undefended.

The route to the Yangtze was blocked only by small groups of local militia, according to the best information available in Nanking.

## Vaccination Not Sure Cure for Bang's Disease

PORTLAND, May 18-(AP)—The American Guernsey Cattle club convention was told today not to count upon vaccinating as a sure control of Bang's disease.

A panel of 12 men agreed that the vaccination of calves against the disease needs further testing, and warned that many farmers harbor too optimistic an idea of the method.

LARSON TO HEAD WAA

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)—Jess Larson of Oklahoma was confirmed as war assets administrator by a voice vote in the senate today.

## 99E Detour To Start Today

Traffic will be halted today over the New Era-Oregon City section of the Pacific highway, which is to be made a four-lane route.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said passenger cars can use the county road between Oregon City and New Era, with trucks routed to the detour on the Salem-Silverton-Oregon City road. Baldock recommended, however, that these detours be avoided where possible by using route 99W, the Willamette cutoff and the Salem-Dayton route.

The present Oregon City-New Era section of the Pacific highway is now carrying approximately 10,000 vehicles a day, Baldock said. Officials said the new construction probably would be completed by November 1.

The state highway engineer said it would be dangerous to use the Oregon City-New Era route during construction because of falling rocks resulting from blasting operations.

## Communist Party To Answer Debate

NEW YORK, May 18-(AP)—The communist party said today it has asked for radio time to reply to last night's debate by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen.

At the same time the Mutual Broadcasting system announced it had granted the communists time from 10 to 10:30 p.m. (6-8:30 p.m. PST) on the "Opinionaire" program, to answer the presidential candidates' statements about the party.

A party spokesman said Mutual's offer had been accepted but it had not been decided who would speak.

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