

Record Vote Expected Today to Climax Campaigns

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Arabs Claim Victory Near in Jerusalem

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

"The tumult and the shouting dies,
The captains and the kings depart."

When? What a campaign! It will take old Oregon two years to catch its breath.

The campaign is one for the history books, not only of this state but of national politics. There never was anything quite like it—candidates for president running like candidates for constable.

And the captains—Stassen and Dewey—when they write their memoirs the May 1948 story will read like narratives of generals writing their military campaigns. The battle for Coos Bay, the skirmish at Cascade Locks, the race for Baker, the strategic mistake (for Dewey) at Corvallis, the poor intelligence at Woodburn, and the great climax in the debate at Portland (with Dewey's claim his opponent "surrendered").

The "businessmen for Dewey" pouring out their dollars on billboards and ads. The young "amateurs" in politics backing Stassen with all their energy and enthusiasm.

And the public left with minds awhirl to decide which one should be voted for president. Some what wearily the people last night said to each of the candidates, "Here's your hat, what's your hurry?"

Honestly this is the presidential primary at its worst. Interesting and novel as the experience has been it ought not to be repeated. It puts the presidency, the highest office in the world, on the level of a local office. It has been a pleasure to see and to hear these eminent men; but obviously they could not repeat this performance in 48 states. To do it in one or a few states distorts the pre-convention test. Oregon's 12 delegate votes do not merit such intensive campaigning.

When the sound and fury of this campaign die down, attention will turn to the republican national convention where nominations will be decided. Even there the atmosphere will be electric and deliberation will be diluted with craft and emotionalism. But for years the country will be talking about the 1948 Oregon primary.

Stores to Observe Memorial Day on Monday in Salem

Salem's Retail Trade bureau Thursday decided that local stores will close on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. The holiday falls on Sunday this year, but will be observed legally on the Monday following.

President Tinkham Gilbert of the board said the closing action was taken after a survey of leading stores throughout Salem showed them in favor of observing the holiday Monday.

TIME CHANGE BILL OFFERED

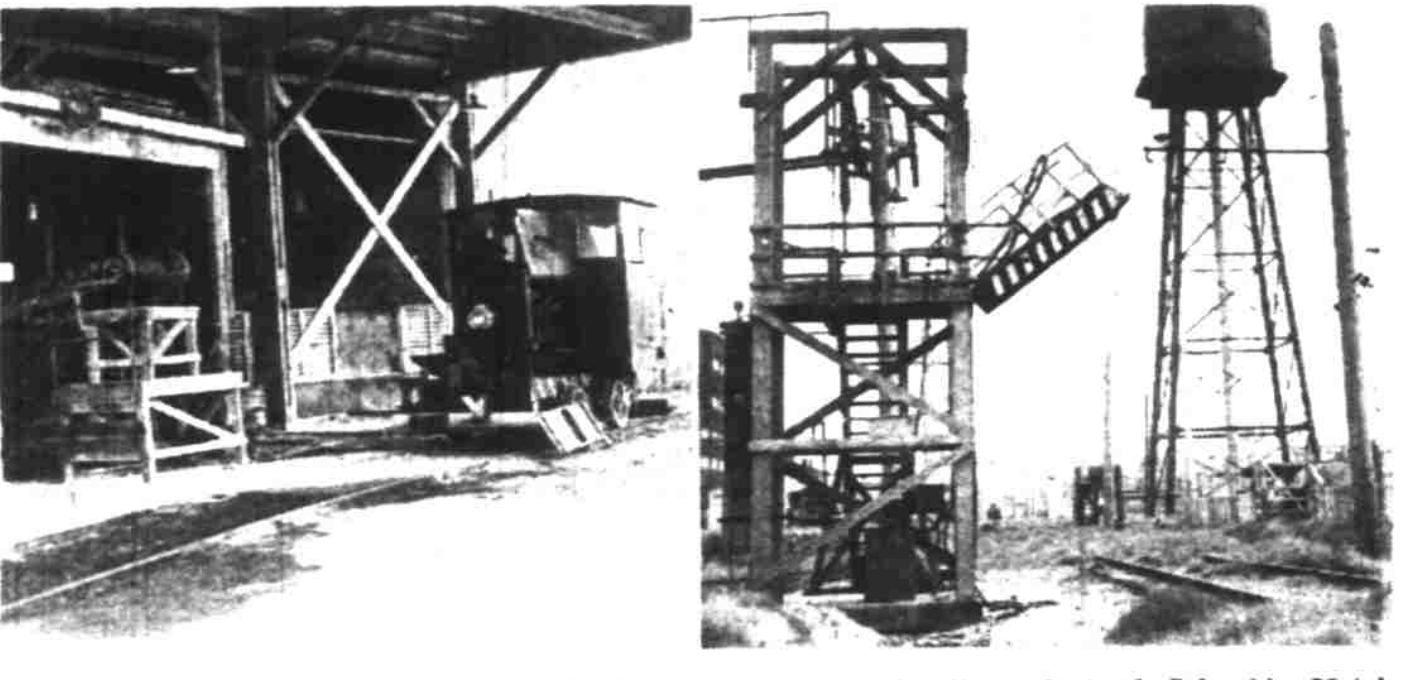
PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—An emergency ordinance to place Portland on daylight saving time was introduced into the city council today by Commissioner Kenneth L. Cooper, and will be voted upon May 27.

Animal Crackers



"Will you excuse me—I've got a luncheon engagement."

Idle Plant Gives Proof of Ammonia Lack



Now idle but expected soon to resume production is the Salem fertilizer plant of Columbia Metals pictured above in its semi-deserted state. The Cherry avenue plant has been closed over two months for lack of anhydrous ammonia, but local chamber of commerce efforts have resulted in pending congressional action to earmark some of the army's supply for western fertilizer plants. The above scenes from the Salem plant show, left, the loading platform and the idle switch engine used to shunt the freight cars. At right is one of the siding stations used in unloading the tank cars of anhydrous ammonia, and the siding with weeds growing over ties and tracks. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Fertilizer Plant Supplies Drive Shows Progress

Excellent prospects of restoring ammonia supplies needed by western states to reopen fertilizer plants, including Salem's, were reported from Washington, D.C., Thursday to local chamber of commerce and fertilizer plant officials.

Clay Cochrane, Salem Chamber of Commerce president, who has been in the nation's capital this past three weeks, today will give his final testimony before a congressional committee in support of a bill to make available from government stocks the anhydrous ammonia needed by Salem, Salt Lake City and Oakland plants since eastern suppliers stopped shipping the material here three months ago.

Eastern producers began using the entire output other than the U.S. army supplies for making fertilizer for foreign use.

The plan to relieve the fertilizer shortage resulting from the shutting down of western plants was drafted by Cochrane with the aid of other chamber officials of western states, then endorsed by a conference of 11 western states governors and presented to congressional delegations from the west.

Bills to accomplish the plan are now pending in both house and senate, Cochrane reported from Washington in a telephone call to James Walton, Salem Chamber of Commerce president. Cochrane will leave on his return trip here today, following his last committee appearance.

Cochrane has cited the need of such rich western agricultural areas as the Willamette valley for more nitrogen type fertilizer, as a principal reason for congressional action to help resume fertilizer production in the west.

Blood Type Note Proposed for Drivers Licenses

Blood type information on driver's licenses was proposed Thursday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury as one means of preventing deaths in emergency accident cases involving Oregon motorists.

The state official said his suggestion was prompted by a report of a death caused by a delay in determining a patient's blood type.

He suggested that license cards might be prepared to include a space for blood type information to be filled in by permit holders who desire to do so.

GRADY MAY GO TO GREECE
WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Ambassador Henry F. Grady, American envoy to India, was reported tonight to have been chosen as the next American ambassador to Greece.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	73	48	Trace
Portland	75	47	Trace
San Francisco	56	47	23
Chicago	83	44	30
New York	70	50	00

Willamette river 41 feet.
FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today with light morning fog, clearing this evening. Partly cloudy Saturday with widely scattered showers. High today 76, low tonight 45. Weather will be generally good for farm work except for moderate north-westerly winds.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

(From Sept. 1 to May 21)

This Year	Last Year	Average
45.96	33.15	35.41

Israel Planes In Air; Arabs Board U.S. Ship

By The Associated Press
Fighting in Jerusalem neared a climax last night as Jewish troops and Trans-Jordan's Arab Legionnaires battled in the narrow streets for the Holy City that controls Palestine's main highways.

The Arabs claimed to have gained the upper hand in the struggle in and around the ancient walled area. They estimated they had taken 80 per cent of the old city and said they were mopping up remaining Jewish strongpoints there. A Trans-Jordan communiqué said the legion's artillery dispersed a concentration of Jews forming up for a counter-attack in the northwestern quarter of Jerusalem.

Israel's air force made its first strike, bombing Arab positions beyond the Sea of Galilee, a Tel Aviv announcement said. Arab planes attacked with cannon fire three Jewish settlements in the northeastern tip of Palestine.

Egypt announced that her troops occupied Beersheba and captured two strong Jewish positions on the Palestine coast beyond Gaza.

The Lebanese government announced the arrest of 69 Zionists, including 41 Americans, en route to Palestine aboard the American ship Marine Carp. It said those held were sent to a concentration camp because they were able to bear arms.

A Jewish source in Haifa said more than 100 armed Arabs boarded the Marine Carp and forced 61 passengers to land. The state department revealed in Washington that the removal was carried out over the objections of the American minister in Lebanon.

43,300 Seek Jobs in Oregon

Some 43,300 persons in Oregon were job hunting at the first of May, figures compiled by the state unemployment compensation commission showed Thursday.

Commission officials said new jobs for Oregon unemployed were fewer than expected in April because of bad weather, the boomers' strike and continued heavy immigration. The unemployment total was slightly above the April 1 mark in the Portland area, it was reported, but lower by some 4,000 in downstate areas.

U.S. Reveals Air Advances

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Two striking advances in long-range air power were notched today by U.S. fighting arms as Russo-American "peace exchanges" locked on dead center.

The navy disclosed that one of its P2V Neptunes—the plane that holds the 11,235-mile world's distance record—has been launched successfully from a 45,000-ton carrier.

The air force reported that a huge six-engine B36 bomber had made what is probably the longest flight in history with a payload. It shuttled 8,000 miles between Texas and California, carrying a "sizeable, useful load of dummy bombs" which were dropped about midway of the flight.

6 Miners Die As Roof Falls

DANTE, Va., May 20 (AP)—Six miners were killed tonight when a roof section in the No. 2 mine of the Clinchfield Coal company here collapsed, burying them under tons of coal and earth four miles underground.

Four other miners were slightly injured in the collapse. Mine dispatcher J. M. Smith said the accident was caused by the collapse of a ceiling weakened by over-exhaustion. He said there was no gas explosion. The mine is located in Russell county of southwest Virginia.

Mercury Sets Season Mark In Salem Area

Fair weather throughout Oregon today will bring a record vote in the primary election, Dave O'Hara, state election registrar, predicted Thursday. (List of candidates appears on page 4.)

At least 80 per cent of the state's record 635,631 registered voters are expected to go to the polls in one of the most important primaries in history.

Thursday's bright sun brought the thermometer in Salem to 73 degrees—the warmest day since 76 degrees last October 3—and the mercury is expected to remain in the low 70s again today.

Harold E. Stassen, foe of Thomas E. Dewey in the preferential primary for the presidency, is at least one candidate not expected to be favored by the sunshine. Some observers believe rain-plagued farmers known to favor Stassen, may take advantage of the good weather and remain at work instead of going to the polls.

In Salem and throughout the state, all banks, state, county and city public offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Salem liquor stores will be shut and Salem taverns that remain open will be unable to dispense liquor over the bar.

A number of high state officials, including Gov. John Hall and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, will spend election day in Portland where they will cast their ballots. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury left Thursday for his home in Ashland where he will vote. Hall said he will not return to the capital until Tuesday.

Flood Dumps Mud on Tracks

WENATCHEE, May 20 (AP)—A sudden cloudburst sent a flash flood over a 500-foot cliff near the Columbia river today, causing a slide that buried Great Northern railroad tracks and state highway No. 10 under 15 feet of mud and rocks.

The slide occurred about 300 feet below Rock Island dam, on the east side of the Columbia, only a few minutes after a westbound Great Northern passenger train passed the area.

State highway department officials reported 100 feet of railroad track was torn out or buried. They said the cloudburst occurred on a high plateau above the road, about 1 p.m. water was running over the highway several hours later.

Soviet Protests as U.S. Retaliates to Publications Rules

BERLIN, Friday, May 21 (AP)—The Russian military administration today protested as illegal an American action banning Russian-sponsored publications from the U. S. zone of Germany and demanded its immediate revocation.

The Americans announced their embargo Wednesday and said it would remain in force until the Russians guaranteed to stop interfering with the circulation of American-sponsored newspapers and other publications in the soviet occupation zone.

The U. S. military government charged that hundreds of thousands of such publications had been confiscated on Russian orders in violation of four-power agreements for a free exchange of information throughout Germany. Repeated protests proved fruitless, U. S. officials said.

Commencement, School-Closing Plans Laid for Local District

Commencement and promotion speakers and other activities for the year's closing days in Salem public schools were disclosed Friday as classes entered the final two weeks.

Salem high school's commencement address will be given by Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university. The program will be at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 3, in the school auditorium for the 600 graduates. Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, May 30, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, with the Rev. Dudley Strain of First Christian church bringing the message.

Four Perish in Head-on Collision On 99E at Halsey

ALBANY, Ore., May 20 (AP)—A head-on collision killed all four occupants of two cars at the south city limits of Halsey tonight.

Deputy Coroner John Summers identified the dead as Ellis William Snyder, 47, Klamath Falls; Robert Paul Fraser, 26, Cottage Grove; Fred Earl Jackson, 27, Creswell; and a woman believed to be Mrs. Frances E. Dooley, Cottage Grove.

Snyder was driving south in his car, and the other three were driving northward in the other. State Police Officer Everett Hockema said it was not certain who was driving that car. It was owned by Jackson.

The cars were completely demolished.

Meat Strikers May Vote to End Walkout

CHICAGO, May 20 (AP)—The director of the CIO meat strike tonight predicted that striking workers would vote to return to work at all struck plants except Wilson and Co.

Some 100,000 CIO Packinghouse workers voted throughout the country today and tonight at mass meetings whether to end their nine weeks' old strike—on company terms.

Herbert March, UPWA strike director, said the vote would be close for returning to work at Swift, Cudahy and Armour plants, but that the union was urging Wilson workers to vote no. He said the voting was being conducted company by company.

March said the workers were voting on these proposals: Acceptance of a nine-cent hourly wage hike.

Retention of all seniority rights. Arbitration with the company on possible discharge of those workers accused of unlawful acts. March said that Wilson and company's proposal "would mean destruction of our union."

Wilson Proposal: He said that Wilson and company proposed: "1. That the company can re-hire who they want to regardless of seniority rights.

"2. That the company reserves the right to re-employ all strikers.

"3. That all members of our union who have fought to preserve our union, the company reserves the right to fire them."

Portland Man Falls 4 Stories, Lives

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Harry Witham, 48, fell four stories from his hotel window today and survived.

An arm was fractured, some ribs possibly broken, but he was alive when taken to a hospital. He said he leaned out of a window for a whiff of fresh air and lost his balance. He hit a water pipe, breaking it and flooding a club in the hotel building.

State Contests Play Important Role in Election

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20 (AP)—A record republican vote is in prospect for tomorrow's primary election on which Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen are staking much of their presidential hopes.

Election interest reached an unprecedented pitch today in the closing hours of the slam-bang primary campaign.

In most qualified quarters, the Dewey-Stassen tussle for Oregon's republican presidential preference and its 12 GOP convention votes was rated about even. What odds were in evidence—and they were few—ran 6-5 and take your choice.

Oregon democrats, meanwhile, enjoyed the spectacle from the sidelines. President Truman was unopposed for the democratic preference and his designation was just a formality.

Overshadowed by the presidential performance, a full slate of state offices also comes up in tomorrow's primaries.

Paradoxically, the state races are doubly important this year. Oregon will choose nominees for all three top state offices—governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer—for the first time since 1916. The total of state and local contests is unsurpassed in Oregonian history.

The governorship, up for election this year because of the plane crash of the late Gov. Earl Snell, leads the state contests. (Complete list of candidates on page 4.)

With Lew Wallace, democratic national committeeman, unchallenged for the democratic nomination, the key race is for the contest of Gov. John H. Hall and State Sen. Douglas McKay for the republican nomination to the governorship.

The secretary of state post will offer the only major state race with contestants in both parties. Earl T. Newbury, the incumbent, and George H. Flagg vie for the republican nomination to secretary of state; Byron G. Carney and M. A. Silverman for the democratic nomination.

Three-Way Struggle The state treasurer republican nomination poses a close three-way struggle among Ormond R. Bean, former state public utilities commissioner; State Sen. Howard Belmont, and Sigrid Unander.

The five Oregon congressmen whose jobs are up for election this year anticipate little opposition in tomorrow's primary. Sen. Guy Cordon is unopposed for the republican nomination; the four representatives have political novices for opponents.

The big stars of the Oregon political show meanwhile end their three weeks of campaigning on an acrimonious note.

Stassen accused Dewey of teaming up with Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio in an "eastern combination" to stop him, and spending \$250,000 in the process.

Dewey Retorts The New Yorker retorted that Stassen was "degrading" the campaign with "reckless and flagrantly untruthful statements," and "desperate irresponsible eleventh-hour tactics."

From Washington today, Senator Taft got into the act by saying flatly that "no Taft committee or supporter has spent one cent in Oregon nor have we participated in any other way in the Oregon campaign."

Both Stassen and Dewey continued their campaign activity right up to the final hour tonight, when both broadcast last appeals over state-wide radio networks.

Stassen arrived early this evening following a full day's junketing through nearby lower Willamette valley towns and Portland suburbs. The grand finale was a Stassen torchlight parade through the Portland business district at 10 tonight.

Dewey today visited the Shrine hospital, the famed sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, the University of Oregon medical college, and a meeting of Young Republicans.

PRICES STILL RISING WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP) Living costs as measured by the bureau of labor statistics rose to an all-time high during April. The BLS' consumers' price index rose 4 per cent during the month to a record 169.3 per cent of the price average of 1935-39 period.

