

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The United States has developed its own system of government by a question period. Under the English system members of the cabinet have seats in the parliament and are subjected to queries from members on the floor of the house of commons. The cabinet member quizzed, or the prime minister quizzed, the questions however relate to governmental questions and the answer may be deferred or the question sidetracked if the government is not ready to make a commitment. Here we have the press conference. This has been a product of evolution. In the past a president might make a few reporters his intimates or favorites, breaking news to them. The press conference gave all accredited correspondents the chance to quiz the "chief." Now we have the question-answer period extended to political campaigns. Wayne L. Morse tried this method successfully in his campaign in 1944. Harold Stassen and then Thomas E. Dewey used the same technique in their recent Oregon campaign. In the case of the press conference, reporters shoot questions at the one holding it. In the political campaign, questions are invited from the audience. In the latter case the questions tend to fall into a pattern, and the speaker can come back with a prepared answer almost before the questioner is through speaking his piece. There is a danger in this questioning. The one interrogated may make commitments which on reflection he learns are wrong. It is fine to have candidates who are interested in our affairs.

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Dr. Bates New State Hospital Superintendent

Dr. Charles E. Bates, member of the Oregon State Hospital medical staff here for many years, will become superintendent of the institution August 8, the state board of control announced Wednesday. Dr. Bates will succeed Dr. John C. Evans, who will continue on the hospital staff as a consultant. Dr. Evans has been on sick leave for several months, with Dr. Bates in charge of the hospital. Dr. Evans has been superintendent for 11 years and has been on the institution staff for more than 40 years. He served as assistant to the late Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner for many years. It was expected that Dr. Evans would devote considerable time to supervising and placing the buildings now under construction at the hospital in operation.

C of C Talks of 99-E Detour

Salem Chamber of Commerce directors Wednesday night considered the problem of Highway 99-E detour and its effects on Salem, and turned over the matter to A. C. Haag's highway committee for study. Several chamber members have voiced their opposition to state highway department's advice that motorists should use Highway 99-W, stating this causes loss of business in the Salem area. The highway work near Oregon City has resulted in a secondary road detour from New Era to Oregon City. The chamber also decided to sponsor the local appearance of Lucile Cummins, radio and stage singer and native of Salem, who is to sing for the final night's pageant for Salem's Cherryland festival July 18.

SP TRAINS COMBINE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2-(AP)—The Southern Pacific's two chief Portland-bound trains, the Beaber and Cascade—were combined into one section tonight to lessen switching operations in the Portland area.

TO DEDICATE TELESCOPE

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN, Calif., June 2-(AP)—Builders of Palomar observatory and its "giant eye," the 200-inch telescope, will dedicate the world's greatest astronomical facility tomorrow.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Oh, that's that stingy janitor turning down our heat control."

City to Advance Clocks at Midnight Tonight

New Time Spreads In Valley

Salem will go on daylight saving time Friday. The city council in special session last night voted unanimously to put the faster time in effect here from 12:01 a. m. this Friday until 2 a. m. September 26. Although the city council action officially covers only official city business and city office and other working hours, the rest of the city is expected to follow suit immediately.

Daylight saving time changes also were made by neighboring Silverton and Independence in city council actions Wednesday. Independence goes on daylight saving time today. Silverton's action is effective at 12:01 a. m. Sunday. Followed Pressure Salem's action followed increasing pressure for the change from local business firms and residents. Mayor R. L. Elfstrom said calls to his office were preponderantly in favor of going on daylight saving time, although a few labor groups opposed the change. Other aldermen were called on the subject. The Salem Retail Trade Bureau conducted a survey showing 276 merchants in favor of time changing and only 31 opposed. To effect the change here—which follows the lead of Portland and other Oregon cities in decreasing faster time for the summer months—city clocks will be set an hour ahead after midnight tonight.

Move Clocks Ahead A Salem citizen conforming to the change will set his watch and clocks ahead one hour after midnight tonight and, in effect, report to work an hour earlier Friday, provided his place of employment follows daylight saving time. A local youth warned to be here by midnight tonight will find himself a whole hour late if he doesn't "get in" within a minute of his deadline.

Pope Places Emphasis on Social Reforms

VATICAN CITY, June 2-(AP)—Pope Pius today put the weight of the Catholic church behind social reforms in the post-war world. The pronouncement was an advance over the famous "rerum novarum" (of new things) encyclical of famed Leo XIII in 1891 which proclaimed a modern social outlook for the 19th-century old church. Today Pius warned the world's rulers they must heed the cries and go to the rescue of "wayward and embittered hearts" which have gone astray in the "ruin and revolution of the war and its aftermath." The "urgent need," he said, is "to provide the poorer classes with housing, bread and work." "Merely distributing the products of social economy more equitably," he added, is not the sole answer. Bound up with that requirement, he continued, especially in view of the destruction of war, are "the prudent organization of production," the inter-relation of agriculture and industry in individual nations' economies, and the share of each nation in world markets.

Navy to Train Crews To 'Demob' Fleet

SEATTLE, June 2-(AP)—The navy disclosed plans today for the training of northwest men for the job of getting the "mothball fleet" out of storage in a hurry in case of emergency. Volunteer crews will be formed from the naval reserve, the report said.

FORD UPS PURCHASES

NEW YORK, June 2-(AP)—Ford Motor Co. will buy more than \$27,000,000 of materials on the west coast this year compared with an annual rate of less than \$15,000,000 early in 1947. Victor G. Lottman, director of the company's purchasing research department, said today.

Jews Revoke Cease Fire Rule; U.N. to Establish New Deadline

CAIRO, June 2-(AP)—The Israeli government revoked its cease fire order tonight. It ordered its troops to resume fighting on all fronts in Palestine where bombing, artillery and infantry attacks were reported in a half dozen sectors. The Jewish government said the order which, it claimed, caused its soldiers to withhold all unprovoked fire since 6 p. m. (EST) Tuesday, was issued under a mistake. The United Nations security council asked Arabs and Jews to notify it by 6 p. m. Tuesday whether they would abide by a U. N. appeal for a four-week truce. The Jews said they mistook this deadline—and accepted it—as the actual time for ceasing fire. The Arabs replied the U. N. had not set a specific deadline for halting the three-week-old war

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DP's Bill Approved By Senate

WASHINGTON, June 2-(AP)—The senate, after more than 11 hours of continuous debate, tonight passed legislation to admit to the United States up to 200,000 European war refugees in the two years starting July 1. The bill, one of three tagged "must" legislation by senate and house republican leaders today, now goes to the house. A similar bill has been approved by the judiciary committee there.

Fifteen-dollar monthly pay increases were approved for all regular city employees Wednesday night when the Salem budget committee approved a 1948-49 city budget.

In scouring City Manager J. L. Franzen's recommended budget for funds to finance the raised budget committee members gave the axe to a long-planned downtown Liberty street widening project. The budget meeting was held at a Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The committee also raised City Manager Franzen's own salary from \$7,500 to \$9,000 annually, a recommendation of Mayor R. L. Elfstrom who said this would make the manager's salary comparable with the pay level in other cities. The increase would come from the self-sustaining city water department, as Franzen spends about 20 per cent of his time in problems relating to that department, Elfstrom said.

Salary changes over the city manager's budget recommendation will require a redraft of the budget. Annual taxpayers' meeting was called for 8 p. m. Wednesday, June 30, just prior to beginning of the fiscal year July 1 and the deadline for city council's formal approval and report of the budget to the county July 15.

The budget will add up to about \$1,370,000, exclusive of the water department's \$725,000 separate budget. Of the total, the general tax levy will be about \$307,000, a few hundred dollars within the 6 per cent increase limitation under state law. Last year's budget totaled \$1,091,984. (Additional details on page 2.)

Airport Traffic Forces Delay In Air Show

The Jaycee Air Show became an indirect flood casualty Wednesday when Junior Chamber of Commerce officials announced that the event, scheduled for Sunday afternoon at McNary field had been postponed. Increased air traffic at the airport occasioned by the transfer of airline operations from the flooded Portland airport was cited as the cause. The show has been tentatively rescheduled for June 20, Gordon Keith, Jaycee president, said, adding that all tickets sold for the Air Show would be honored at that time. Mayor R. L. Elfstrom ordered postponement of the show after conferring with airport officials, CAA representatives and officials of the Air Show. The group agreed that the conducting of air circus stunts on the same field with heavy airline travel would prove hazardous. The Jaycees will continue work on the show, which will feature "Swede" Ralston's air circus, starting with a general membership meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

'Hams' to Aid In Flood Area

Three Salem "ham" radio operators went to Portland Wednesday to operate equipment donated by the Salem high school radio shops after flood officials sent out a plea for additional operators in the stricken area. The equipment was loaned by C. R. Lindstrom, radio and electricity instructor at the high school shops. The operators are Ray Moore, owner of the Moore Radio service in Salem; Don Shelby, an employee of Will's Music store and Charles Austin, a high school student and amateur operator. Moore used his truck to take the group to Portland and will supervise operations, Lindstrom said.

7 GERMANS HANGED

LANDSBERG, Germany, June 2-(AP)—Four German doctors and three SS (elite guard) officers were hanged today for killing and maiming thousands of people in medical experiments on nazi concentration camp inmates.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	86	59	.00
Portland	88	62	.00
San Francisco	88	53	.01
Chicago	85	55	.00
New York	94	67	.00

Willamette river, 2.5 feet. Forecast from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field (Salem): Mostly cloudy today with morning fog, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. High today 78, low tonight 52. Weather will be favorable for all farm work today except for afternoon winds which will interfere with dusting operations.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to June 3)	This Year	Last Year	Average
	45.80	34.14	35.90

New Flood Crest Rising in Upper Columbia City Employees Given \$15 Monthly Pay Boost

Board Cancels Liberty Street Widening Plan

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

The senate passed the bill after beating down 50 to 27, a substitute offer by Senator Kim (R-Mo) which would have cut the two-year admission figure to 140,000 and would have charged them against regular immigration quotas.

The vote was 63 to 13. (Both Oregon senators favored the bill.) The bill the senate passed is designed to admit war refugees over and above the immigration quotas, providing one-half the persons admitted agricultural pursuits and one-half come from Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and eastern Poland.

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State Issues Right to Search For Oil, Gold

The board granted an option to lease 7,640 acres of grazing lands in Harney county to the United Company of Oregon, Inc. for oil drilling. The option would run for two years for which the company will pay the Land Board 15 cents an acre or an annual rental of \$1,146. If oil is found in commercial quantities the company binds itself to ask for a lease from the land board and to pay a royalty of 12 1/2 per cent. The board also voted to issue a two-year, 5 per cent royalty permit to L. M. Peden, Portland, to mine for gold on the Columbia river just above Umatilla rapids. If gold is found in commercial quantities Peden likewise would seek a lease from the Land Board. Gov. John H. Hall and Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry voted for granting the option and permit. State Treasurer Scott protested, charging that in neither instance was the state's rights fully protected.

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Louglas Galloway, 905 Leslie st., suffered a painful arm injury and bruises Wednesday afternoon when struck by a car while riding his bicycle in the 800 block of State street, city police reported. Officers said Galloway was struck by an auto driven by Leonard T. Cain, 875 N. 20th st., about 4:15 p. m. Cain said Galloway rode his bicycle directly into the path of the car, and he was unable to avoid the accident. No arrests were made, police said. Galloway was taken to Salem General hospital by the city first aid car and dismissed after treatment for severe left arm laceration and minor laceration and bruises.

Graduation Tonight; Seniors Recount 'Farewells' at Banquet

Salem high school's 596 seniors who will be graduated in commencement tonight said "good byes" at the annual senior Farewell Banquet in the school cafeteria Wednesday night. Theme for the occasion was "Stairway to the Stars," with senior class President Mike Glenn presiding during the program. E. A. Carleton, high school principal, offered his congratulations to the upper classmen, and presented the annual Soroptimist club award for outstanding work in science to Jane Backstrand, who also won the Bausch and Lomb company science award this year. Mary Ruth Schlegel received an \$80 scholarship at Linfield college for her outstanding scholarship. Jim Williams spoke on events of the sophomore class under the title "At the Foot of the Stars." A discussion of junior class activities was given by Jean Brown

Nine-Foot High Azalea Ablaze with Blooms



One of the largest native Oregon azalea bushes in Salem is the 21-year-old plant belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rinderman of 2255 N. 4th street. With azalea is Mrs. Rinderman. The bush was brought from the Rogue river area as a one-stemmed plant, and has been in the same spot at the Rinderman residence ever since, growing to its present nine foot height. (Other flower picture on page 10.) (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Sol Boosts Salem Mercury to 86

A warm sun and partly cloudy skies Wednesday brought the mercury in Salem to 86 degrees—the warmest day since last September 21, the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field reported. The bureau said slightly cooler temperatures will prevail today with some fog expected in the early morning and moderate winds in the afternoon.

House Passes Mammoth Peacetime Arms Budget

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Snake River Up 6 Inches, Heat Forecast

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2-(AP)—Another Columbia river flood was rising in the upper valley tributaries tonight while the crest of one now pounding the dikes of the lower valley on its way to the ocean. The Pacific northwest still reels under blows of its greatest disaster—and tonight there is no promise it will let up for weeks. The new flood warning brought the weather in the snow-packed mountains and thundershowers in eastern Washington, Oregon and Idaho into focus as a new menace. The forecasts are for Thursday and Friday. Water also is pouring out of Grand Coulee dam at a greater volume tonight than for the past three days. Warning of the new flood came from Lewiston, Ida., where the great Snake river—a major tributary of the Columbia—has risen half a foot today. The flood now rolling through the lower valley built up identically—from snow run-off waters in the great river basin. "It does—Portland and Vancouver look out!" Fisher added that he could not forecast beyond Sunday—which he said will bring a 29-foot level in Portland—because he has yet to receive reports from other tributary streams at the headwaters of the Columbia. The crest now leaves downstream from Portland has left a thousand miles of destruction in its wake. Dikes Wearing Away Dikes along the heavily populated area from just east of Portland to the sea—on both the Oregon and Washington banks of the river—are wearing away but holding. The flood battering through the valley the past two weeks came early. Now comes the normal annual freshet—piling up on top of the region's great disaster. Far upriver, at Pasco, the port dock washed away. The village of Atlatia was isolated. To Restore Traffic In Salem, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said traffic on Union and Denver avenues, damaged by flood waters Monday, will be restored within 10 days or two weeks. Baldock said contractors started Wednesday to repair the two gaps. The roads are the only approaches to the interstate bridge across the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver and accommodate 35,000 cars daily. Baldock said the two gaps cover about 1,300 feet. On Union avenue the gap will be closed by a small temporary bridge and a fill. The Denver avenue break will be closed by a larger permanent bridge and fill, he stated. The contractors will operate on a 24-hour-a-day basis until the work is completed. Ships in Service Two hospital ships were being taken from the "mothball" fleet at Astoria to house 1,500 of the homeless there. Twenty six truckloads of food arrived here from Texas for the flood victims. A mounted horse patrol kept south Kelso residents back from the lands and houses which still might go under. Several hundred men, working in line from sand truck to dike like an old-fashioned bucket brigade, reinforced the earthen walls. Woodland was at the bottom of a lake. Throughout the long sweep of waterfront there are only workers. Everyone has been evacuated. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, chief of the corps of engineers, arrived today and said adequate funds would be available to repair damage of all levees in the Columbia basin. Finished by Spring Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, said the work would be completed before next spring's flood season. The Multnomah county coroner, still not knowing what to expect when the waters go down in three or four weeks, made plans for a receiving depot at Vanport. There is no list of missing to hint at how many bodies are there.

Goldsborough Delays Verdict

WASHINGTON, June 2-(AP)—Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, saying another coal strike would be a "national tragedy," tried Wednesday to settle the dispute. Meanwhile, railroad union leaders said White House efforts to settle the rail labor dispute had "failed completely." Judge Goldsborough postponed until Friday a decision on whether to issue a government requested order directing John L. Lewis and his United Mine workers to bargain with the Southern Soft Coal Producers association. When he called lawyers for the association and union into his chambers, he said they should be able to patch up their differences before Friday. The conference was brief and results were not announced.

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Israel Recognized

LONDON, June 2-(AP)—The Russian news agency Tass reported tonight the Hungarian government had recognized the new state of Israel. BALKAN FRIENDSHIP PACT BUCHAREST, Romania, June 2-(AP)—Romania and Hungary today exchanged documents ratifying the new Romanian-Hungarian treaty of friendship and assistance.

OUR SENATORS

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