

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Congress is busy this week passing bills which will provide over \$13 billion for the army, navy and air force. This is very near the peak for a peacetime year. The 70-group air force and the huge carrier authorized by congress will cost a lot of money. At the same time the house appropriations committee has voted a cut of 26.7 per cent in appropriations to carry out the European recovery plan.

Isn't congress going at things the wrong way? Sure, we need to have an effective military establishment, but 11 billions ought to give us a pretty good set-up. And isn't ERP designed as an investment in world peace which would reduce the necessity for vast armaments? Would we not be wiser to increase our contributions to Europe's recovery (which has the effect of building up a strong ally) rather than reduce it?

The military has made good use of the communist scare to drive through very large appropriations. Congress which is forever looking under the bed to find communists was putty in the hands of the agitators for military and naval expansion. In some respects it even exceeded the program which Secretary Forrestal laid out.

One does not have to be a pacifist to decry the trend toward the military state. And one doesn't have to be a blind optimist for peace to question whether the expansion that has been voted has been necessary even in the face of unsettled world conditions. The bitter competition between the navy and the air force has proven costly. There has been no effective consolidation of the defense establishment, and that is costly. So the country will probably pay and pay and not get the efficient defensive or striking force which it needs.

The decision of the house appropriations committee to reduce the amount for ERP (by extending the term of the expenditure from 2 to 15 months) is not final. The senate which uniformly has shown more intelligence than the house may restore the original program for ERP. That may yield us better returns than a few extra warships.

Woman Hit by Automobile at 99E Junction

Mrs. Mary Randstaff, 58, Green City, Mo., was in critical condition in Salem Memorial hospital early this morning from injuries suffered when struck by a car at 9 p. m. Friday on highway 99E near the 12th street junction, state police said.

Salem first aid attendants who took Mrs. Randstaff to the hospital said she was suffering compound fractures of both legs, head injuries and possible internal injuries.

Police said she was struck by a car driven by Daniel Harding Ross, 787 Cross st., while walking across the highway a few hundred yards south of the junction.

Witnesses said the accident occurred shortly after Mrs. Randstaff returned from the store to the home of Mrs. Mamie Black, Salem route 4, where she is visiting. While her husband and Mrs. Black awaited in front of the home, Mrs. Randstaff crossed the road to get a paper from a box.

Police said she apparently became confused, hesitated as she ran into the car's path. No arrests were made, officers stated.

HIROHITO HORSE KILLED

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 4 (AP)—Hatiushimo, white Arabian stallion which had been exhibited as the former steed of Emperor Hirohito of Japan, was put to death today because he was suffering from cancer.

GRANGE TO HOLD MEETING

PORTLAND, June 4 (AP)—The Oregon state grange will open its annual state convention at Astoria Monday, despite the flood.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Ball... er, ah, strike... er, now let me see..."

Electricity Shortage Stressed

WASHINGTON, June 4 (AP)—Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) urged a senate public works subcommittee today to authorize now the installation of power equipment at the Detroit reservoir dam on the North Santiam river in Oregon.

Congress thus far has appropriated \$5,427,000 toward construction of the \$46,347,000 reservoir. Estimated cost of power equipment is \$19,030,000.

Cordon wrote the subcommittee that it will take two or three years to build the power machinery and urged that its purchase and installation be authorized immediately so that it will be ready when the dam is completed.

He said there is an acute shortage of power in the northwest and the additional production of Detroit reservoir is needed as soon as it can be obtained.

If authorization for the power equipment is delayed until the dam is completed, he said it might be several years before it could be manufactured and installed.

Beauty Contest July 4 to Select Miss Salem

Salem's entry in annual state beauty contest at Seaside will be chosen at Waters park July 4, when Capital post 9 and Salem post 336, American Legion, present a fireworks display, baseball contest and beauty pageant.

Miss Salem selected that night will carry the title of Miss Oregon at Seaside in September. The state winner will go to Atlantic City, N. J., to compete in the Miss America contest.

Charles Jens, chairman of the contest for the posts, said contestants must be not less than 18 years of age before September 1, and not more than 28. They must be single, never have been married, divorced or have had a marriage annulled.

During the judging, contestants must display talent at singing, dancing, dramatics, playing a musical instrument or give a three-minute talk telling about the career they plan to pursue.

The two Legion posts will pay the winner's expenses to Seaside and will provide a chaperone. Applicants may be sponsored by any club, business or institution, Jens said. Persons who wish to enter may apply by contacting Jens in his offices at 321-322 Oregon building.

Committeemen serving on the beauty pageant committee under Jens are Charles Creighton, George Donaldson, Coburn Grabenhorst, Earl Lyons, Gene Malecki, Clinton Standish and Bud Wood.

Baum Mayor Of Jefferson

JEFFERSON, June 4 (Special)—Councilman Cecil Baum was elected mayor and three new councilmen appointed in a special council session here last night.

Baum replaces E. S. Gleason who resigned at last week's meeting. The new councilmen are Gilbert Looney, mayor-elect, and Oliver Stevenson and Francis Phelps, both councilmen-elect.

They replace Wes Barnes and Ivan Sutton, whose terms also terminated this week.

The temporary officials will start on the elective terms in the first meeting in January.

The President Heads West



WASHINGTON, D.C., June 4 — President Truman waves from the rear platform of his special train at Washington, D.C., union station just before starting westward on an 8,500-mile trip through 18 states. He planned on visiting Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and California before heading back home. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.) (Story above.)

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FIRST VANPORT BODIES FOUND; RIVER TO TOP PREVIOUS CREST

Truman Prods at Congress

CHICAGO, June 4 (AP)—President Truman said tonight congress can throttle communism in America by providing a greater "abundance" for the people.

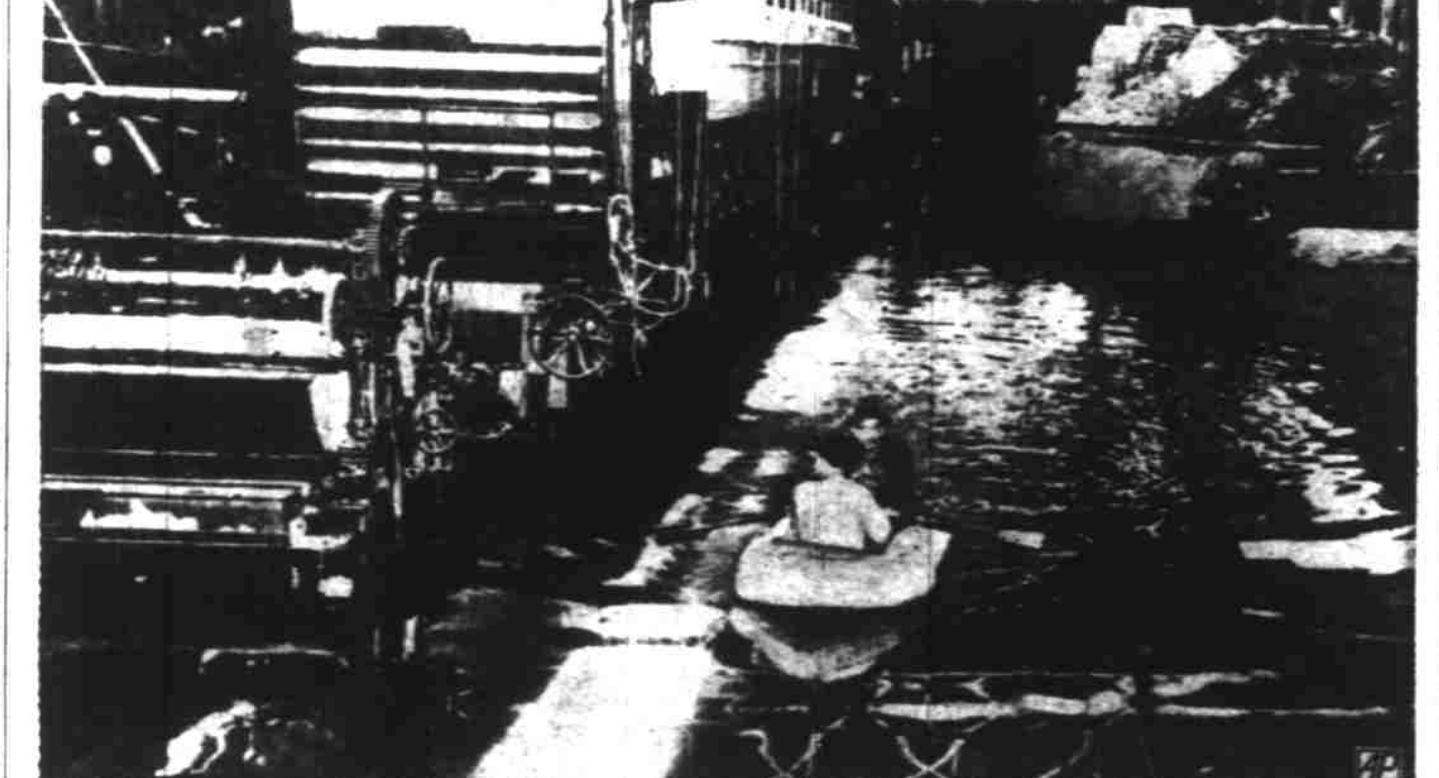
All it has to do, he said, is pass laws to assure Americans good homes, schooling, security, good jobs, fair wages and "a brake on inflation."

It was the president's first, tailored-in-advance speech on a stump tour into the west. It was made to a crowd that packed Chicago stadium, where Mr. Truman walked off with the democratic vice presidential nomination four years ago.

Today, along the route of his special train from Washington, Mr. Truman cultivated support for four more years in the White House.

All along the way, he jabbed at congress. He repeated he wants a draft law and universal military training. He laid responsibility for high living costs on congress. He accused it of serving the "men who have all the money" instead of the common people.

Officials Use Raft to Inspect Paper Mill



PORTLAND, June 4 — Mill officials row a rubber raft through the Columbia River Paper Mill at Vancouver, Wash., to survey flood damage. Many industrial plants in the Vancouver and Portland area have been flooded by the Columbia river. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Thousands Eat Lebanon Strawberry Shortcake

LEBANON, June 4 (Special)—A 2 1/2-ton strawberry shortcake was served to thousands of Strawberry festival visitors here Friday, and the Lebanon Elks club won the sweepstakes award in the parade.

The two-day celebration will close Saturday with a children's parade at 10 a. m. and a street dance at night.

Queen Marilyn Musgrave of Albany reigned over a crowd estimated at 25,000. Opening day events of the 36th annual festival included a strawberry exhibit and a flower show, both at IOOF hall, open house at Crown-Zellerbach paper mill, and a platform program presented by Albany Chamber of Commerce. The shortcake measured 12 by 15 by 6 1/4 feet.

Division winners in today's parade were: Commercial—Station KWIL, Albany, 1st; Britton's store, 2nd; Stanley Home Products, 3rd; Groves hardware, 4th.

Comic and walking—Elks club, 1st; Crowfoot Cannibals, 2nd; Oregonian carriers, 3rd.

Fraternal—Royal Neighbors of Woodcraft, 1st; Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, 2nd; Rainbow Girls, 3rd; Rebekah lodge, 4th.

Industrial—Long-Bell Lumber Co., 1st; Crown-Zellerbach Paper Co., 2nd; Pittinger Equipment Co., 3rd; State Forest Products, 4th.

200 Meet at Deaf School

The opening sessions of the Oregon State Association for the Deaf meeting were held at the state school for the deaf in Salem today with more than 200 delegates attending.

Visitors from all parts of Oregon and others from Washington and California began registering at the school at 2 p. m. Stuart Turnbull, Hood River, association president, presided over the evening conference. Marvin Clatterback, deaf school superintendent, was the featured speaker.

Today's sessions will include a business meeting and election of officers in the morning and a banquet at the Marion hotel in the evening. City Manager J. L. Franzen will represent Mayor R. L. Eilstrom at the banquet to officially welcome the visitors.

Church services Sunday morning and a picnic Sunday afternoon, both at the school, will close the convale.

'All or Nothing at All', Asserts Gov. Dewey

BOSTON, June 4 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said flatly today he was shooting for the republican presidential nomination or nothing.

The New York governor told a news conference: "I have made it entirely clear that I would not accept the nomination for vice-president if it was tendered to me."

30.5 Feet Predicted at Portland Tuesday; Two Children Found

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4 (AP)—The drowned city of Vanport gave up its first bodies tonight while the Columbia river, working up to a new and higher crest, added to the death toll upstream.

Salvage workers recovered two bodies at Vanport, a city of 18,700 until the flooding Columbia roared in Memorial day to shatter it under 15 feet of water.

Upstream the Columbia's tributaries again were rising fast, threatening the devastated lower river areas with a crest at least a half-foot higher than this week's flood, costliest in history for the area. Five bridges were washed out in Idaho. A truck driver was swept to his death.

This, plus the Vanport bodies, increased the toll in floods throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada to 26.

The bodies recovered at Vanport were identified as Sally Butcher, 11 months, and Michael Butcher, 2 children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Butcher. The parents said the flood waters had torn the children from their arms as they tried to escape Sunday.

Officials feared there would be more. The Red Cross said an incomplete list shows 13 persons not located.

The river's new crest is expected to reach the Portland-Vancouver, Wash., area next Tuesday.

May Not Be Tops Elmer Fisher, river forecaster, said the 30.5 feet at Portland and 30.8 at Vancouver, Wash., may be the crest. He said he lacked information to go beyond Tuesday in his forecast.

This blow to the hopes of thousands of weary dike workers was part of a vast flood picture spreading from Montana's western edge to the sea and extending from the Columbia north to Canada's roaring Fraser river.

No one could say what the new high level might mean. Dikes have been critical for days. Water was so close to the top at Clatskanie, Ore. yesterday that a stiff wind put it over in rivulets. Men are tired. Upriver it has been a fight for two weeks and more. Downstream around Longview, Wash., today marks a full week of emergency, day-and-night work to save the barriers holding back the river.

British Columbia's Fraser river cracked a dike last night on Barnston island and in a night-time evacuation by army and navy personnel, 320 residents were moved to safety.

All Dikes Critical As the new flood moved down the river the army engineers said "We consider all dikes critical, due to softening." Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, had no statement on what might happen to the dike that guards the \$43,000,000 Reynolds aluminum plant east of Portland or to the many others from there down to the sea.

Housing of the Vanport survivors was planned in three stages: 1—Some were moved today to Swan Island barracks which in wartime housed shipyard workers, and others will go to Portland air base and similar quarters; 2—trailers were ordered from through out the west to aid as stop-gap housing; 3—Plans were talked for permanent housing.

In Private Homes Meanwhile, hundreds still lived in private homes, churches and schools—fed by the Red Cross, Salvation Army and friends. The Salvation Army, which had distributed tons of clothing, appealed for pots, dishes, chairs and beds for the refugees to resume housekeeping.

Railroad service between Vancouver, Wash., and Spokane was resumed today. By Sunday, officials hoped to complete a trestle enabling Spokane trains to come in to Portland.

The Seattle-Portland rail line can not be restored until the flood subsides from Kalama, Wash. Trains from Seattle go to Kelso, 50 miles north of here, and send passengers on by bus to Portland.

The Columbia river a tways was still closed at three points.

President to Land Here after Viewing Flood

President Truman will land at McNary field Friday, June 11, shortly after a special plane takes him on a tour of the flooded Columbia area, but it was unknown Friday whether he will speak in Salem.

After arriving in Salem the president is scheduled to drive to Portland for a brief speech sponsored by the Red Cross.

Kenneth Bayne, chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee, said his group has not been advised of the president's plans in the capital city.

Bayne, one of Oregon's delegates to the national democratic convention, is scheduled to leave Salem for the session on the same day President Truman arrives.

Rose Festival Parade Moved To East Side

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4 (AP)—The city council today supported in part Mayor Earl Riley's stand against allowing the full five-day Rose Festival program to be held at this time of flood.

The council told the festival association to move its scheduled floral parade from the downtown area to the southeast district, where there is little traffic congestion. The association also promised to cancel the parade entirely should a flood crisis arise.

The council overrode Riley and City Commissioner W. A. Bowers in a 3-2 vote to allow the limited parade and the rest of the June 9-13 festival program.

Meanwhile some organizations dropped from the program. Vancouver, Wash., and two Portland organizations said they would not enter floats, announcing that the floats' cost would be used for flood relief.

Court Insists Lewis Confer

WASHINGTON, June 4 (AP)—Judge T. Alan Goldsborough dropped another injunction around John L. Lewis today, and as a result, negotiations for a new national soft coal contract will start up again Monday.

Goldsborough ordered Lewis and his United Mine Workers to sit down and dicker with the Southern Coal Producers association.

This time Lewis lost no time in obeying — or rather, he announced through his lawyer that the union would comply. He didn't say he would be there in person. Thus a question mark remains. It is an important question mark, for Lewis alone has authority to speak for the miners.

A meeting with coal operators from all regions was quickly arranged for Monday morning. The talks had flown apart two weeks ago because Lewis refused to include the southern association.

Argentina Expresses Sympathy Over Flood

Martin Luis Drago, charge d'affaires, Argentine republic, Friday telegraphed Gov. John H. Hall:

"Please accept our deepest sympathy and our sincere hope that the city destroyed by flood will emerge again under the able leadership of the authorities of the state of Oregon."

Mihai, Princess Meet in Geneva

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 4 (AP)—Former King Mihai of Romania and Princess Anne of Bourbon Parma met here today for the first time in three months.

Mihai said their marriage plans were "still indefinite," though aides had indicated the pair may fly to Greece next week for the ceremony.

Immigration Issue Said Bar to Palestine Truce

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., June 4 (AP)—Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator for Palestine, reported tonight that the question of Jewish immigration alone was holding up a cease fire in the Arab-Jewish war.

Weather

Salem Max. 71 Min. 49 Precip. .00

Portland Max. 71 Min. 54 trace

San Francisco Max. 71 Min. 54 trace

Chicago Max. 71 Min. 54 trace

New York Max. 76 Min. 58 .00

Willamette river 2.6 feet

WIRECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight. High today 70, low tonight 50. Occasional brief afternoon winds will hinder dusting and spraying; otherwise weather will be good for all farm work.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to June 5)

This Year 45.26 Last Year 34.40 Average 28.59

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