

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The floods on the Columbia have started the advocates of a Columbia Valley authority to croaking, like frogs at the first turn of spring. The inference, if not the claim, is that the flood would not have occurred or not have done the damage it did if we had had a CVA.

There is no basis for such a claim. Hitherto the CVA advocates have put all their emphasis on power development and CVA was thought of as an expedient for public ownership. They said nothing at all significant about flood control. That was natural; few of them had any memories of the last big flood in 1894. It was another of those things that wouldn't happen again. Now that it has happened it is seized on as an argument in behalf of a CVA.

Since 1894 all the irrigation dams in the Yakima valley have been built, dams in Idaho and Oregon on tributaries of the Columbia, on the great dam at Bonneville and Grand Coulee. Yet their effect in holding back flood waters has been insignificant. They were built for other purposes, reservoirs for irrigation water or for power development.

In the Ohio conservancy district where dams were built specifically for flood control the injunction stands that the dams are not to be used for power. To control floods the dams should be empty when the season of heavy runoff comes. For power a full head of water is desired at all times. In the case of the Detroit dam, which was planned originally

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Water of Columbia Receding

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14—(AP)—The disastrous Columbia river flood is receding at all gauge stations tonight but still is battering property and dikes.

The river fell one-tenth of a foot at The Dalles and fractionally at Portland and Vancouver. The great river's hydroelectric dams are gradually boosting power output. Bonneville was down to 150,000 k.w. last night and was at 200,000 k.w. tonight.

Death toll continues to mount in the Columbia and Frazer disaster floods. There were 41 known fatalities. At least 28 others were missing. Property damage was in the uncounted millions. Sixty thousand were homeless.

The turning point came after 24 days of flood. The river crested at 30.2 feet at Vancouver, Wash.,—15.2 above flood level. This equaled the June 1 mark, highest since 1894.

No Further Rise in Sight
For the first time since Monday, no further rise was in sight. The forecast was for a steady fall. A new danger is "sloughing off" of undercut dikes when the water level falls.

The 28 missing were from Vancouver. Ten workmen who have not been seen since the disaster were added today to the previous Red Cross list of 18. Five bodies have been recovered at Vancouver.

In addition the Red Cross listed 200 as not located, but officials believed a large majority of these were not flood victims. These were persons about whose distant relatives have inquired. It was believed many were not even Vancouver residents.

The army engineers sealed up a slough that was feeding flood waters through a breached dike into a ten-mile stretch of land north of Portland. It made easier the task of levee crews working on a secondary dike protecting the large Reynolds Metals Co. aluminum plant.

The river was dropping at all points upstream. On the Snake river the level was down 4 of a foot at Lewiston, Idaho.

Foot Drop Expected
The drop here is expected to amount to a foot in the next three days.

With the river lowering, the Pasco-Kennewick bridge in eastern Washington was re-opened. Wenatchee, Wash., where the city water system was flooded, got one pumping unit back in service.

The drowning of a ten-year-old boy was reported at Hope, B.C. It was the tenth Canadian drowning in the flood zone.

Gottwald New President of Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, June 14—(AP)—Klement Gottwald, stocky 51-year-old communist, today was elected and installed as president of Czechoslovakia.

The former premier became the republic's first communist president in a show of hands vote during a public parliamentary election. He expressed hope for continued peace "despite social and political differences that divide the world."

He said this in response to an address of congratulation by U. S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt, dean of Prague's diplomatic corps.

Dewey Leads Stassen by 9,608; Warren Tops Write-ins for V.P.

An official count of 117,554 votes for Thomas E. Dewey and 107,946 for Harold E. Stassen in Oregon's May republican presidential primary was disclosed Monday at the secretary of state's office. Dewey's lead was 9,608.

For vice-president, Gov. Earl Warren of California polled 2,979 write in votes as compared with 1,779 for Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, 1,436 for Stassen, 638 for Dewey, 455 for Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, and 116 scattering.

Following the final tally for some contests, the office issued certificates of election for republican delegates to the national convention. Only in the second congressional district was the contest close. Official count for other officers is expected to be completed later this week.

With two delegates named in each district, the count was as follows:
First — Mrs. James W. Mott,

Br-r-r, But It Splashes Swell Just the Same



The calendar says it's time to go swimming, but still it took nerve for the kids pictured above to help open Salem's swimming pools and playgrounds season Monday. Shown at Olinger pool hopping in the cool waters to keep warm are, at left, Joann Edwards and at far right her brother Bob, both children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Edwards, 2345 Fairgrounds rd. Between (left to right) are Timothy Campbell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, 1970 Virginia ave.; James Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Clifton of 837 South st.; Vern Lentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lentz, 122 Evergreen ave.; Howard Clemens, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Clemens, 70 Evergreen ave.; and Johnny Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, 1973 N. Capitol St. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Council Asks Continued Drive On Noisy Vehicles; Parking Limit on Cottage Street Asked

Noisy trucks and dirty streets, along with a few knotty zoning problems, were tossed at Salem city council Monday night in its meeting at the chamber of commerce.

The council gave Police Chief Frank Minto a vote of confidence for a number of recent arrests of trucks driving on violating the city ordinance against inadequate mufflers, with the principle stated that the arrests must be a continuing process to solve the problem. Appearing with a plea for "fair sleep at night" and for preventing a tragedy at school crossings where Justice George Rossman, Daniel J. McLelland, George Schwarz and Clayton Jones — concerned with North Capitol and South Commercial streets.

Parking Limit Sought
A petition to limit parking on Cottage street between Court and Chemeketa came from 22 residents of the block, who declared the street there had not been cleaned for over one year, due to constant day and night parking. The city manager was instructed to investigate.

The council passed, as an emergency act, an ordinance to vacate General hospital property where several medical clinics are being constructed.

Referred to the city planning and zoning commission, which may consider it tonight, was a Salem school district petition for permission to build an addition at Bush school. Public hearing was slated for June 28 at 8 p. m.

Correction of an earlier disputed permit for construction of a new building for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is sought in an ordinance amendment bill introduced by Alderman Albert H. Gille. It would void local option zoning permits in six months if construction were not started.

The church was ordered May 24 to cease construction for which it had gained permission in 1941, but which was delayed by the war. On June 7, the go-ahead was given on the basis of an opinion by City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz that no legal action was now possible to halt the erection. (Story also on page 2.)

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to June 15)
This Year Last Year Average
45.91 36.22 36.45

Weather
Max. Min. Precip.
Portland 72 54 Trace
San Francisco 73 57 Trace
Chicago 73 52 0.00
New York 74 58 0.00
Forecaster (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow High today 53, low tonight 52. Weather will be generally favorable (or fair) work except for occasional afternoon winds which will interfere with drying and spraying.

U. S. citizenship papers were granted 10 Marion county resident aliens at final naturalization hearings here Monday.

The final examinations were conducted by naturalization agents from Portland in the courtrooms of Circuit Judge E. M. Page. Papers will be presented to the new Americans at a banquet in the YMCA on June 22 at 7 p. m.

Those who successfully passed their final tests Monday include: Margaret Cecelia Savory, route 5, box 28; Daniel Corpus Flores, route 2, box 326; Harry Merin, 1420 Market st.; Mary Martinez, 1245 Mill st.; Anna Vanjek Drapela, route 9, box 398; Helena Anna Hausfeld, route 4, box 445E; Fulgencio William Carino, 525 Hood st.; and Joseph Hershfeldt, 80 Elma ave., all of Salem; and Pantaleone Obra, Brooks, route 1 box 254, and Eliza Cuturilo, Woodburn box 49.

Congress Approves River Bill

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The senate today approved a record \$573,000,000 money bill for flood control and navigation projects, sending the measure to the White House.

Some of the major items in the measure are:
\$22,000,000 for McNary lock and dam on the Columbia river in Oregon and Washington; \$3,500,000, Detroit reservoirs; \$500,000, Willamette river bank protection.

The bill covers several hundred construction projects in about 40 states.
Other Pacific northwest flood control projects included, Oregon: Detroit reservoir, \$3,500,000; Doran reservoir, \$3,000,000; Fern Ridge reservoir, \$155,000; Lookout Point reservoir, \$5,000,000.

Rivers and harbors — Columbia river at Bonneville, \$500,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver and Portland, \$775,000.
Oregon — Coos bay, \$1,500,000; Yaquina bay and harbor, \$109,400.

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The senate tonight quickly passed a record \$442,179,098 interior department appropriations bill. More than half of the funds are earmarked for western reclamation.

The measure carried \$46,486,507 more than the house voted. It now goes to a conference committee.

The senate adopted an amendment which would have the result of ousting Reclamation Commissioner Michael Straus and Regional Reclamation Director Richard L. Boke of Sacramento, Calif.

The amendment provides that positions of reclamation commissioner, assistant commissioner and regional directors, after next January 31, must be filled by engineers with five years experience. Neither Boke nor Straus are engineers.

The bulk of the reclamation construction funds were allotted by the senate bill to six major projects including Columbia basin, \$45,312,000.

House to Act Today on 19-25 Conscription

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The 19 - through - 25 draft bill was sent to the house floor today. It is practically sure to be passed this week.

The house rules committee cleared the bill for house action after keeping it "bottled up" for five weeks. Chairman Leo Allen (R-Ill.) said the vote was 6 to 4.

House republican leaders already had stamped "must" on the bill and it now is slated tentatively for action tomorrow.

The senate passed a draft bill of its own last Thursday, 78 to 10.

Both bills provide for the drafting of non - veterans 19 through 25 for two years' service. The house bill requires men 18 through 30 to register. The senate bill would register only those 18 through 25 and would permit 18-year-olds to volunteer for a year's training.

Truman Roars Challenge At Congress to Act 'Now'

LOS ANGELES, June 14—(AP)—President Truman roared a new challenge to congress today to get busy "right now" on the peace treaty, housing and a half dozen other "very serious situations."

"They still have time," he said. "And if they haven't time, they ought to take it."

Here in Los Angeles where he received the greatest ovation of his western campaign tour, Mr. Truman ticked off an eight-point program he wants from congress now.

His eight-points:
Price controls, housing, social security expansion, a health program, a restored labor department, education, a farm plan including price supports, a water and flood control program.

Renewing his bid for housing "at a cost which will be easy on the people who have made the bills," the president struck directly, but not by name at Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich) of the house banking committee and Chairman Leo Allen (R-Ill) of the house rules committee.

In Washington Rep. Halleck (R-Ind) retorted the president is asking that congress approve "bureaucratic destroyers of production."
And Senator Taft (R-Ohio), a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, commented: "I think when we get through here the people will be well satisfied with the record of constructive legislation."

Salem to Stay As Air Capital For 6 Months

McNary Field to Get New Equipment; Facilities for Blind Landings Will Be Established; Terminals Planned

By Les Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Salem will be the air capital of Oregon probably for the next six months, and its McNary Field will be developed accordingly, it was indicated by air line officials and the civil aeronautics authority Monday night.

Only flying boats -- if any were around -- could land at the submerged and badly damaged Portland airport from which all air traffic has been diverted. And until water recedes, CAA officials said it was impossible to estimate accurately the time and money needed for its rehabilitation.

A. C. U. Berry, airport manager for the port of Portland, told the Associated Press Monday night a minimum period in which the multi-million dollar airport and its runways could be dry and usable would be three months. But he said this was only a preliminary estimate and actual operational use of the field would depend on condition of the runways now under water. Another aviation spokesman said the field likely would be out of operation for six months.

New Equipment Set
Meanwhile the city of Salem, air lines and CAA were making plans to expand the Salem field into a first-class airport, capable of taking over the Portland operation for a number of years. The city already was improving roads and maintaining parking areas.

A CAA official Monday night said sufficient equipment to make the McNary field control tower a standard operation would be installed before July 1. A long-sought range station to direct instrument (blind) landings will be included, the official stated. He added that it was probable all the new equipment may remain after the Portland traffic is restored, making McNary field a permanent alternate field for any emergency.

Work to make Salem potentially a permanent alternate field will be completed by Jan. 1, 1949, according to the CAA spokesman.

The official described present Salem airport tower facilities as "inadequate but doing the job." Landing fees here have been established on the same basis as Portland's.

Control Unit to Remain
The entire Portland CAA traffic-control unit now operating the Salem control tower will remain on the job until the Portland field is restored and a small crew may stay on permanently if the field is designated an alternate, he stated.

United Airlines, through its Salem manager, Harold Sweeney, announced Monday that construction would be started to expand present passenger-handling facilities.

Sweeney said an addition would be built on the present lobby on the southeast end where the new accommodating hundreds of air travelers. R. L. Dobie, assistant to the vice-president of UAL passenger service, arrived in Salem Monday from Denver and conferred with Sweeney and Lyle Bartholomew, Salem architect, regarding expansion plans.

For government and relief in occupied areas, \$1,325,000,000.
For aid to China, \$460,000,000.
Greek - Turkish aid, \$250,000,000.

International children's emergency fund, \$20,000,000.
International refugee organization, \$70,700,000.

New Terminal Planned
Northwest Airlines, using the west side with Western Air Lines, indicated they would set up a temporary terminal to handle their passengers while the traffic from the Oregon national guard 123rd fighter group is using two old barracks buildings on the west side for headquarters.

In Portland the Chamber of Commerce's aviation committee will meet today to discuss the crippled airline service situation. The CAA also said several high officials would go by coast guard boats to make a preliminary survey of the flooded field.

One high CAA official said that millions of feet of buried wiring at the Portland airport were completely destroyed by the flood water. Replacement of this alone will take four months, he said.

Airline spokesmen in Portland said Monday that a shuttle air service may be established to bring passengers to Portland private fields from Salem, and that it was possible the Hillsboro and Troutdale airports would be used as alternates.

West Salem Tax Meeting Tonight

WEST SALEM, June 14—Taxpayers hearing on West Salem city budget of \$78,167 for the year 1948-49 will be held Tuesday night at the city hall. Because city employees sought an increase in pay after the budget had been adopted May 17, it is anticipated a large group will be on hand for the meeting.

Of the \$78,167 budget, \$38,547 must be raised by taxation and it is \$20,976 in excess of the six per cent limitation.

National Guard Entraining for Camp Today

Salem's national guard company B is among units of the Oregon 41st division which will leave today for Camp Clatsop to undergo a 15-day training period.

The group of 80 men and five officers under the command of Capt. Burt Cox will leave at 9:05 this morning by train. They will take equipment which will consist mostly of individual training and instructions in the use of weapons.

This is the first time since the beginning of the war that the annual national guard camp will be held. Captain Cox said Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, state adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Harold G. Maison, commander of the 41st division, are in general charge of the camp.

80-Day Delay Ordered for Marine Strike

NEW YORK, June 14—(AP)—The threatened nationwide maritime strike appeared off for at least 80 days today after the federal government got three injunctions against it.

The three orders were signed by federal judges in the east and gulf coasts, west coast and great lakes phases of the dispute.

They automatically brought in to play the 80-day cooling-off period provided by the Taft-Hartley law, federal officials said.

Late today officers of the CIO national maritime union, largest of the seven unions involved, directed that the injunctions be obeyed.

Gertrude Atherton Dies After Illness In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14—(AP)—Novelist Gertrude Atherton, 90, died in Stanford hospital here today after several weeks' illness. She was one of the most prolific writers of her time.

Perhaps her best known work was "Black Oxen," published in 1923, which dealt with artificial rejuvenation.

Mrs. Atherton was born in San Francisco Oct. 30, 1857. She eloped at 18 with her mother's suitor, George Russell Atherton, scion of an aristocratic family. Her husband died in 1888. Mrs. Atherton spent much of her life abroad. She lived here in her later years with a daughter.

Animal Crackers



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